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## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will be held in the Large Hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, on Saturday, the 1st proximo, when, as there is happily no business of a seriously controversial character, the proceedings will, doubtless, be both brief and satisfactory. The number of vacancies to be declared will be 21, and the list of candidates will be announced as containing the names of 46 girls, of whom 33 remain over from the last October Election, and the remaining 13 have been since approved and accepted. Notice also has been given of a motion, the precise terms of which will be found in our advertisement columns, and which will in all probability command the general, if not the unanimous, consent of the Court. The motion relates to the Centenary Memorial Hall, and it is to the effect that all lodges, chapters, and other Masonic bodies which contributed to the Centenary Festival, shall enjoy, as far as circumstances will permit, the privilege, on payment of the sum (£13), which is necessary to cover the cost for erection, of placing a memorial of its contribution to that brilliant anniversary in one of the lights of the windows, or on the wall framing, of the said Centenary Memorial Hall, and shall further, in consideration of such payment, be entitled to two votes in perpetuity or to four votes in the event of its being a Vice-President of the Institution prior to the time of such payment. It is reckoned that there were about 800 lodges, chapters, and other bodies which contributed out of their funds to the Festival in question, and to them alone the privilege will be accorded. The hall will be lighted by six windows, each of which will be in nine compartments, and, therefore, capable of including nine memorials. This will allow of 144 of the contributing bodies being accommodated, while the wall framing will furnish the rest of the space that will be needed. Of course the idea is that the Masonic bodies will use their arms and the memorials of their association with the Centenary, and if this is carried out the effect of the stained glass windows filled with richly coloured armorial bearings, will be very fine. However, it is necessary the proposition should be agreed to first, and we do not imagine there will be anything like appreciable opposition to its acceptance.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

There will no doubt be a very full attendance of Governors and Subscribers at the Boys' School Quarterly General Court, which will be held in the large Hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, on Friday next, the 31st instant. There is a very full programme of business, and several of the questions to be discussed are certain to arouse a strong feeling of partisanship. The most important matter of all will be the question of Bro. BINCKES'S retirement from the Secretaryship and the amount of pension to be awarded to him; and there is also a motion to award a sum of £450 to Bro. Dr. MORRIS in consideration of the services he has rendered to the School during the 14 years of his Head Master-ship. As regards the first of these questions, we have written about it at such length and so often that it is hardly necessary we should do more than place the circumstances as they are before our readers, so that they may know what has been done and what it is proposed to do. It will be in their recollection that at the Quarterly Court in October a resolution, proposed by Bro. RICHARD EVE, Past G. Treasurer, on behalf of the Provisional Management Committee, to the effect that a pension for life of £350 a year should be awarded to Bro. BINCKES on retiring from the Secretaryship after 28 years' service, was car-

ried by a bare majority of seven votes, the tellers returning 220 votes in its favour and 213 against it. Since then, the Provisional Committee finding the opinions of the Governors and Subscribers so evenly balanced, and being anxious, no doubt, that whatever is done in recognition of Bro. BINCKES'S long and meritorious services should be as nearly as possible the act of the whole Court, have themselves reduced the amount in their original proposal from £350 to £250 per annum, and this latter is the pension which, on Friday next, it will be proposed to give the Secretary for life on retiring from office. In what form the new resolution will be brought forward is not clear, but it appears to us that the best plan will be for a member of the Provisional Committee, on the question of confirming the minutes of the last Court being raised, to propose, as an amendment, the substitution of "£250" for "£350" in the resolution as passed at that Court, and if that is agreed to, there will be an end of the matter, and there will be no need to discuss the motions of which Bros. HAWKINS and GREATBATCH have severally given notice. That this amended resolution of the Provisional Committee will be carried is most probable and certainly most desirable. There is no doubt as to the greatness of the services of Bro. BINCKES, and the amount of the reduced pension—being £100 short of the half of the emoluments he has been receiving during the last dozen years or more—is by no means excessive. As for the scheme, which has been sanctioned by the Provisional Committee and of the nature of which our readers are probably already aware, it will not come before the Court in an official form, but the knowledge that a plan has been formed which will secure Bro. BINCKES his annuity and, at the same time, relieve the Institution of its annual charge of £250, will certainly act as an incentive to the Governors and Subscribers to bring the present deadlock to an end.

The motion of Bro. Major A. DURRANT to vote £450 out of the funds of the Institution to Bro. Dr. MORRIS in recognition of his services as Head Master, also has our sympathy and we hope it will be carried. It is not a very large sum—only a year's salary as Head Master and Chaplain—and it is admitted on all hands that under Bro. Dr. MORRIS'S guidance the reputation of the School as an educational establishment has been greatly enhanced. There are also several other notices of motion relating to the laws affecting the eligibility of candidates for the Secretaryship (Bro. J. LEWIS THOMAS, P.A.G.D.C.) and the election, suspension, or removal of the Secretary (Bro. GREATBATCH). As for Bro. THOMAS'S proposal, we see no reason for raising the maximum limit of age for candidates from 40 years to 45 years. The law as it stands excludes a good man of 41 years, but the law as he proposes to amend it, would exclude a good man of 46 years. Perhaps the better course would be to have no limit at all. As for Bro. GREATBATCH'S proposal for a new rule placing the election and removal of the Secretary in the hands of the Provisional Committee, it is absurd on the face of it. The Committee's name indicates that its services are only temporary, and when it has completed the task with which it was entrusted in the summer of last year and delivered its final report, it will, *ipso facto*, cease to be. But it strikes us that these proposed amendments to the laws relating to the Secretaryship, if it is desired they should take effect at the election of a successor to Bro. BINCKES, will be useless. The idea is that Bro. BINCKES should retire as soon as the question of his pension is settled, while any alteration in an existing law which may be agreed to at the Court on Friday next, must be confirmed before it can take effect, that is, at the April Court.

### PLANTING THE SPRIG OF ACACIA.

The lesson taught in the planting of the sprig of acacia lasts with the life of a thoughtful Craftsman, and its moral imprint is associated with every act of his eventful life. The revelations and the beauties of Masonry are gifts to man from his Creator, and the green sprig typifies the existence of an immortal soul. In this view, Free and Accepted Masons greet the sprig as a constant reminder, so to speak, of man's grave responsibilities to the author of his being, whose watchful, all-seeing eye is never closed. To follow this line of thought is but to be led by the hand of divine mercy toward the treasures that are to be found in the little symbol we are wont to call a green sprig. To the human eye it is bright in colour, and of trifling value save to answer the purposes of sorrow, then its plaintive story is told in a melody that inclines our hearts to the great unknown hereafter. From time immemorial this sprig has associated with the labours of Masons, and, when following the remains of a departed brother to the silent grave, we display it on our bodies, and to the dust we consign it with an exclamation of sorrow. The profane world can, if so inclined, witness the performance of this sad duty, but of the hallowed associations clinging to that ceremony they are ignorant; and so, too, are other men ignorant who have learned of the lesson taught by the little green sprig, but refuse to make a timely application of its teachings to their perverse hearts. By the act of depositing the sprig in the grave of a deceased brother the living Mason bears witness to his faith in the immortality of the human soul, the power of the Creator, and man's dependency upon His divine will. So, too, does this little green sprig guide the Mason into a rebirth. It takes him from the darkness of ignorance into the light of a pure life, and when mortal cares beset our path it whispers sweet consolation to us, and tells us of the glories of another world. Yes, the green sprig from a Masonic standpoint is very precious. It never leaves us. In joy or sorrow, it is at our side and in our hearts. It sings songs of pleasure in the haunts of grief, and when man has served his stewardship on earth, it returns with him to the dust, to share in the joys that are only found at the home of our Creator.—*Liberal Freemason.*

### THE ROYAL ARCH.

The following oration was delivered at a recent consecration of a Royal Arch Chapter by Bro. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G. Chap.:

"There are two leading thoughts—running like a golden thread through every part of the Royal Arch ceremonies—which should specially force themselves upon the mind of every companion to-day; the one is the perfection of God, the other the imperfection of His creatures. These are the principles upon which the Degree stands as its basis. Every earnest soul has longed after perfection, admired it, and felt the need of having *some* power upon which it could rely amidst so much that is changeable and unsatisfying. Many have been the false lights after which man has wandered. The philosopher has tried to put intellect in God's place, to find only that it was fallible, and that the most perfect system devised by the human brain contained inconsistencies, and did not meet the practical wants of life. The great incomprehensible phenomena of the natural world have at times absorbed the devotion of their votaries. Men have almost worshipped nature, believing in it as a power guided by fixed immutable laws, have tried to reduce life to a mathematical problem; but nature has revolted against this misapplication of herself, to convince us that she is but the handmaid of something higher and better. There have been those who have centered their faith in *man* himself. Man, in the plenitude of his strength has done so much. Mere force of will has overcome so many obstacles. What is there that can resist patience, courage, and honesty? But one after another human idols have fallen from their pedestals, and we have seen their flaws. So we are driven to something greater than intellect, greater than nature, greater than man. That something is God. The lesson which that pedestal teaches us is that He alone is the power which is perfect and self-contained, for of Him, and through Him, and to Him are all things, to whom be glory for ever.—Amen. The contemplation of God's perfection leads us *naturally* to a sense of our own imperfection. The more we grasp His power and greatness, the more we realise our own weakness and littleness. The man who trusts God most distrusts himself most completely. The whole tenor of our Royal Arch ceremony points in this direction. We confess our own utter incapacity for any good, and attribute to its true source all human virtue and honour. But what is the practical course of action to which this truth should lead us? Not most assuredly to despair or

inaction. Nay, rather with nothing of our own to depend on—with no light from below, we lean more thoroughly on Him, and seek more resolutely the light which is from above. We admit that He requires our service. We know that He will enable us to give it, and so we seek from Him the power and ability to do work which He will accept. And so we establish a golden charm between man and his Creator, between earth and heaven. Man ever seeking—God ever giving. There is no end, no limit to this. So human nature humbling itself is raised and enobled by God. The circle is complete. All good comes from God and returns to him. The interlaced triangles are equilateral. From the highest point comes the true light—sanctifies the whole base and returns to its origin. From the broad base of God's love His justice and mercy descends upon each individual soul in a double stream of sanctity, and dedicate that soul to Himself, to guard and preserve it amidst all the dangers of life. So realise, my companions, in your own darkness and weakness, the true light and strength of Him who is F. W. and S."

### A MASON'S GRAVE.

The *Penetanguishene Herald* (Ontario) says: "Captain Hoar of the Royal Navy of England, in many respects one of the most remarkable characters of his day, and long known in the history of Penetanguishene, breathed his last recently at the age of 79 years. Captain Hoar was born in Devonshire, and at an early age enlisted in the British Navy, and in this capacity visited all the naval stations on the globe, and took part in some of the memorable naval battles of the early part of the nineteenth century. He received an honourable discharge, and with his wife went to Canada in 1845, and to Penetanguishene, where at the earnest solicitation of the authorities, he rejoined the service, and was afterwards appointed keeper at the Christian Island Light, which position he held till superseded by his son. He was a Mason, and gave directions that his apron be laid upon his coffin and carried to the grave. He erected a private lodge room at the back of his dwelling, on either side of which a grave had been prepared for him and his aged wife, and in one of which his remains were deposited. These tombs were of walled masonry, and prepared under his direction last year, 1888. His casket was of white oak, manufactured under his personal supervision, and kept in his private room during the last 15 years."—*Liberal Freemason.*

THE GRAND MASTER AT BOURNEMOUTH.—The Prince of Wales, accompanied by Prince George of Wales, visited Bournemouth on the 16th inst., and opened the Royal Victoria Hospital, erected in honour of the Queen's Jubilee at a cost of £8000. In the pleasure gardens facing the square a large marquee covering about 10,000 square feet of ground had been erected, and in this the addresses of welcome from the Bournemouth Improvement Commissioners, and the Masonic lodges were presented in the presence of about 1500 persons. In replying to the latter address, the Prince of Wales said: Worshipful Masters, Wardens, and Brethren,—I thank you very warmly for your address and for your fraternal greetings on the occasion of my visit to your town. I highly approve of the truly Masonic sentiments which you express, and I assure you that I rejoice to be able to take a leading part in a ceremony having for its object the inauguration of a building which has been erected for the relief of the sick and suffering poor, relief and Charity being the two cardinal virtues in our Craft. I am proud to have an opportunity of meeting the members of a lodge which can boast of so ancient a story as your mother lodge, Hengist, and I appreciate very sincerely your kind reference to the Queen and to the Duke of Sussex, my great uncle, and a predecessor in the distinguished office which I have now had the honour of occupying for so many years. Amid repeated cheers along the line of route, his Royal Highness and party then drove through the town to the hospital, where the Royal party were received by the medical officers of the institution. His Royal Highness said that he had much pleasure in acceding to a request that two of the wards of the hospital should be named Albert Edward and Alexandra. Two public banquets were given in the evening.

NAPLES.—The history of Freemasonry in Naples began before 1751, because, July 10th that year, the King, Charles III., forbade the meeting of Freemasons. But the accounts of it are very hazy, and so to say pre-historic. In 1754, despite the Royal order, some brethren met under a warrant from a lodge at Marseilles, probably the so-called "Mère Loge," and in 1760 are said to have received another warrant from Holland, and in 1763 a third from England. Though these statements are also doubtful, it appears that the lodge called itself a National Grand Lodge until 1764, under the name "Del Zelo;" and had at one time eight lodges under it—four in Naples—"Victoria," "Uguglianza," "Pace," and "Amicizia;" and four others—one at Messina, one at Catania, one at Gaeta, and one at Caltanissetta. There were also two lodges in Naples professing to have English charters, which acted independently. At one time the Neapolitan G. Lodge was flourishing, as it boasted 170 members, including officers, among whom were 30 members of princely houses, and Prince George of Mecklenburg-Strelitz. In 1775, September 12th, Ferdinand IV. issued another rescript against the Freemasons, under which, as the Grand Lodge said, Freemasons underwent "les plus étranges accidents, et la persécution la plus cruelle." But at this time Queen Caroline, the wife of Ferdinand IV., daughter of a Freemason, the Emperor Francis I., took the Freemasons under her protection, and stopped the persecution, as well as in 1785. A certain minister, Fanucci, seems to have been most bitter against the Freemasons. In 1777 the High Grades (Strict Observance) appear on the scene; and, as usual, we have to confront many divisions and much confusion,—so much so that gradually Freemasonry became in a languishing and dormant state. In 1809 Freemasonry revived under Murat, and a Grand Orient at Naples was formed, and a Supreme Council the same year—only to be suppressed in 1816, and again in 1821. At present we believe that there is a Grand Council at Naples, and a Grand Orient (Rit Ecosais) in Sicily.—*Kenning's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry.*

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The Board of Benevolence held its regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday evening. In the absence of the President, Bro. James Brett, P.G.D., Senior Vice-President, occupied the chair, while Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, acted as Senior Vice-President, and Bro. Henry Garrod as Junior.

The Board having confirmed grants at the December meeting to the amount of £380, proceeded to consider the petitions of 41 applicants, hailing from London, Cheshire, Berks and Bucks, Cornwall, West Lancashire, Bombay, West Yorkshire, Nottinghamshire, and other provinces. Of these 41 cases, one was dismissed, four deferred, and 36 relieved with grants amounting in the aggregate to £775, namely, three with grants of £50 each, three of £40, seven of £30, five of £20, five of £15, 11 of £10, and two of £5 each.

MASONIC CONCERT AT LURGAN.

One of the largest and most fashionable concerts ever given in Lurgan was held on Friday, the 17th inst., in the Town Hall, under the auspices of the Acacia Lodge, No. 24. The hall was beautifully decorated, and reflected the greatest credit on the officers of the lodge, viz.: Bros. Thomas Fallon, W.M.; J. W. Moffett, S.W.; J. H. McCann, J.W.; A. S. Lynn, P.M., Sec. and Treas.; Alex. Moorehead, S.D.; J. Parke, J.D.; and Thos. Elliott, I.G.

The entertainment was under the patronage of the Right Hon. Lord Lurgan and Messrs. James Malcolm, D.L., George Green, J.P., High Sheriff; and Claude Brownlow, J.P.

A most select and varied programme was executed, and every item was presented in a masterly manner to an audience of critical taste and judgment.

Amongst the performers were such talent as Messrs. R. Dempster, E. Lee, W. E. A. Reilly, J. Dixon, R. Hill, W. S. North, St. G. J. Braddell, G. McLeary, J. North, C. Campbell, Miss Lily Rosa, Miss Bayley, and others, and amongst the audience were the elite of Lurgan and the County Armagh.

OPENING OF A NEW MASONIC TEMPLE AT NEWTOWN, NORTH WALES.

Special interest was attached to the regular meeting of the Cedewain Lodge, No. 1594, held on Thursday, the 16th inst., because on that occasion the brethren of this prosperous and well-conducted lodge met for the first time in their new home. Last summer the lodge purchased an iron church, with furniture complete, also a portion of land for a site. Ever since then the work of erection has been going steadily on. The necessary internal alterations have been most successfully carried out, and everything has been done to make the temple suitable for the requirements of the lodge. New polished oak pedestals have been generously presented by Bro. A. D. Dawson, W.M. Altogether the rooms presented a very handsome appearance, and at the same time are thoroughly commodious and comfortable. The idea of purchasing such a building first originated in the mind of that energetic Mason, Bro. Evan Humphreys, I.P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. Bros. T. M. Taylor, P.P.S.G.D.; J. Danily, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Forster, P.M., Sec.; and R. Jones, S.W., Treas., also agreed to the scheme, and assisted to the utmost of their power. The lodge in general must be congratulated on having become the owners of such valuable property. On the opening night the brethren met at six o'clock p.m., and as soon as possible a procession was formed by Bro. W. Francis, D.C.

After the opening hymn Bro. Rev. D. D. Peirce offered up a dedicatory prayer, and read the ancient charges from the Book of Constitutions, in the absence of the Chaplain, Bro. Rev. J. Pryhe Morgan, who was unfortunately kept away by illness. Next came the hymn "Lord of heaven, and earth, and ocean," after which Mr. Thomas Williams was initiated in an able manner by the W.M. The ceremony was very interesting and impressive, Bro. Williams being the first candidate. Appropriate music was interspersed at intervals, and added to the solemnity of the proceedings. Bros. Milnes and Buckley successfully performed their duties as Deacons. On account of the extra opening ceremonies Bro. John W. Jones agreed to the postponement of his passing until next lodge.

Before the lodge was closed Bro. J. Danily received a hearty and unanimous vote of thanks for his care and attention during the erection of the temple. Similar votes were given to the W.M. for his munificent gifts towards furnishing the lodge rooms, and also to Bro. Clement Norton, I.G., for the very successful manner in which he had carried out the arrangements for the Masonic ball. Bro. H. Chapman, Org., accompanied in the musical portions of the service.

A capital supper was served up in the banquet hall, after which the W.M. gave the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," and "The Initiate."

Bro. WILLIAMS responded in a neat speech, and thanked the lodge for the honour they had conferred upon him—the first to be received into Masonry in that new temple. It is to be hoped that lodges of instruction will be started at the earliest possible date, and that every effort will be made by the officers and brethren to support the W.M. in carrying out the work of the lodge to the highest state of perfection.

Bros. Edward and J. Owen, of 998, were among the invited guests.

HUGHAN'S "APOLLO" LODGE.

The history of Freemasonry is mainly comprehended in the history of lodges, hence the importance of examining old minute books and similar Masonic records, and making known their contents to the Craft.

Bro. Hughan, one of the two foremost Masonic historians of England, has just performed this work for the *Apollo Lodge, at York*, and has had the results published in a handsome volume of 128 pages, octavo, with a fine frontispiece representing the George Inn, with its curious engraved front, in Coney-street, York, where Apollo Lodge met from 1773 to 1776.

All lodge histories of the last century are interesting, and this one especially, as Apollo's early mention of the "Sublime Degree," its appointment of Chaplains, and the numerous "Masters' Lodges" it held, are, as Bro. Hughan says, suggestive, and deserve consideration. This lodge is now extinct, but its minutes are in the archives of the Humber Lodge, No. 57, of Hull.

York is both traditionally and historically the most interesting Masonic city in England. Our Pennsylvanian warrants all refer to it, and the Grand Lodge of all England, at York, was once an important body, although it arose from a single lodge. The lodge existed in 1705, and became a Grand Lodge in 1725.

Apollo Lodge, York, was warranted by the "Moderns" Grand Lodge of London in 1773. The next year it had "a Masters' Lodge." Out of about one thousand lodges chartered by the "Moderns" up to 1813, only 36 were "Masters' Lodges." In 1774, we also read, that "Bro. Volans was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason," this being the earliest instance of the use of this now familiar term with which Bro. Hughan has yet met in England. In the lodge at Joppa, Maryland, however, the term is found as early as 1765. In this matter, at least, we appear to have preceded our English brethren in the use of appropriate Masonic phraseology.

This lodge evidently had a lending library of Masonic works, since there are memoranda of gifts and loans of books.

Bro. Hughan gives a sketch of Royal Arch Masonry from 1744 to 1830, in its relations to Apollo Lodge. The Royal Arch Degree was evidently worked in York, London, and Dublin "about 1740 in a systematic manner." Dunckerley tells us "he was exalted at Portsmouth in the year 1756," which must have been in a "Modern" lodge. The "Ancients" were not the originators of the Degree, they only amplified it and emphasised it. In 1762 there was a Royal Arch lodge at York, and Bro. Hughan says: "One fact is patent, the ceremony at first was wholly under Modern auspices."

We conclude our notice of Apollo Lodge with several noteworthy quotations from the by-laws of 1773 and 1779.

We close our review of this interesting history of Apollo Lodge, York, with thanks to its historian, Bro. Hughan, for his excellent sketch of its career. It is a valuable contribution to the history of the universal Craft.—(From the *Keystone*, U.S.A., 28th December, 1889.)



Bro. G. A. Sala has lately been bewailing the demise of the old-fashioned pantomime, but if he goes to the Surrey Theatre he will there find it still in its prime in the form of "Dick Whittington." We made our annual visit to the old house over the water, which to the general run of theatrical folk, although within a shilling cab fare of Charing Cross, might be a provincial theatre. Here we have fun and frolic of the good old sort, lots of knockabout business, and puns, without the elaborate processions so much in vogue of late years in the West end. Mr. George Conquest reigns supreme here, and caters well for his patrons, and is ably assisted by Miss Moxon, Mr. Spry, Messrs. F. and A. Conquest, and the Albert and Edmunds Troupe. We always enjoy our Surrey pantomime, and this year is no exception to what we have found there as the bill of fare.

The circus at Covent Garden, under the management of Bro. Augustus Harris and Mr. Freeman Thomas, is still drawing good houses, and it certainly is the best circus we have witnessed for many a long day. The clowning is very droll, but the chief draw is the trained equestrian lion. Gou Gou and his trained pig is another amusing feature in the circus. The porker is not as we ordinarily see him, but quite a dainty animal, and has more sense than he is usually given credit for possessing. The pantomime "Cinderella," played by 200 children, is well done. From every part of the house one can see well, and altogether a very enjoyable evening or afternoon can be spent at Covent Garden Circus.

The Royalty is the smallest theatre in London, and will rarely accommodate all who wish to see its new pieces on their first production. Like many others, we were shut out when "Tra-la-la Tosca" was brought out, but that was rather an advantage as Bro. Arthur Roberts has now thoroughly learned his part, and it now goes as merrily along as its author can wish. Mr. Burnand is now our only writer of true burlesque, for

of late years this word has been misused when applied to extravaganzas and variety pieces. The Royalty play exactly mimics the Garrick one, and takes off all the weak points, and turns into fun all the parts capable of being so construed. "Tra-la-la Tosca" is quite equal to "Paw Clawdian" "Stage Dora," and "Airey Annie," which so well burlesqued "Claudian," "Fedora," and "Ariane," and after the original has been seen the burlesque ought to be visited. In Miss Ayrton we have an actress of extreme cleverness. She has copied the voice, dress, appearance, walk, gestures, and all the mannerisms of Mrs. Bernard Beere. Bro. Roberts, though made up to resemble Mr. Forbes Robertson, soon leaves him for himself, and is still Arthur Roberts. Miss Agnes Delaparte and Miss Liddon add to the effect of the perversion which is conceived in the true vision of burlesque. A very amusing farce, "The Opera Cloak," precedes "Tra-la-la Tosca," and is worthy of being there early to see.

Mr. Pinero having laid down a sort of a challenge, Mr. George Edwardes has taken it up and is trying to level-up the music hall stage. Every Christmas, for some years past, the principal artistes of the music halls have been in much demand for the theatres, but it is rare that an actor reverts to the music hall. Bro. Chas. Collette is almost the one exception. But Bro. Edwardes has induced a well-known actress to appear at the Empire, and for the last two weeks Miss Amy Roselle has been giving in costume recitations of a serious character. We think the Poet Laureate's "Rizpah" a bit too dry to sandwich between the performance of Mardiaeili, the man serpent, and the ballet of "Wealth," and we understand that Miss Roselle has latterly recited his "Charge of the Light Brigade" and Mr. Clement Scott's "Woman and the Law." We suggest that she should try some of Mr. G. Sims' poems—"Ostler Joe" and "The beautiful Countess May"—amongst her repertoire. At any rate, it is a step in the right direction. The Empire has started—who will follow?

In the smaller provincial towns when a manager is hard up for a play it is always safe to put up "East Lynne." In London, when in doubt, "The School for Scandal" is sure to draw. Some years ago this fine old English comedy was put up at the Vaudeville as a stop-gap, and it ran, much to the astonishment of the lessees, Messrs. James and Thorne, for 400 nights. It has just been revived at the same theatre pending the production of Mr. Buchanan's play "Clarissa" from Richardson's novel, and is likely to have another good run. This time its chief feature is Miss Winifred Emery's rendering of Lady Teazle, which is the best that has been seen for a long time. The cast includes Bros. J. Maclean, F. Thorne, and Cyril Maude, and Misses Mary Collette, Owen, and Hanbury. "The School for Scandal" is a play for all time, and its present production is not likely to make it less popular than it has been for a century past. Lovers of the play never get tired of the wit and sarcasm contained in this old English comedy. We think Mr. Buchanan's new piece will not be required just yet.

Apart from its musical charms, its brilliant stage-mounting, and *tout ensemble*, "Marjorie" is sure to draw, because Miss Agnes Huntington is in the comic opera. The management of the Prince of Wales' are in luck's way by having engaged this talented lady for their theatre. Miss Huntington is the only lady we can call to mind whom we admire in man's costume. Outside of pantomime and burlesque, where we suppose it is necessary that the gentler sex should don male attire, we always think women are only seen at a disadvantage. But Miss Huntington is so exceedingly delicate in her action that she looks well in such characters as Paul Jones and Wilfred. Messrs. Clifton and Dilley have constructed an ingenious plot for "Marjorie," rather above the average of comic opera stories. Bro. W. C. Slaughter has composed much charming music to the lyrics, and a particularly able company have been selected to sing the melodies, so that "Marjorie" bids fair to have a successful run. Miss Camille D'Arville's song, "In the still silent night," a duet, "My pretty maid, don't hold aloof," and a trio, "King of our road the Earl shall be," seemed to us to be perhaps the prettiest of many tuneful airs. Miss D'Arville, Mr. Hayden Coffin, Miss Huntington, and Madame Amadi well sustain the singing parts, and Bro. Henry Ashley, Mr. Albert James, and Mr. H. Monkhouse may be relied on for the comic dialogue. The two latter ladies we mentioned have one great feature about their singing—that they are always so distinct that every word of their songs can be heard. Miss Phyllis Broughton is given, as usual, the solo dances, and, of course, acquits herself of her task in her very graceful manner. We would suggest that a number of lines of Miss Broughton's part should be cut out, which bear a strong allusion to certain affairs in a *cause célèbre* of which she has lately been the heroine. Possibly the authors did not write them specially for this lady, but as she has to deliver them they seem to be personal, and in bad taste. Our lady readers will be glad to know that Mr. Coffin, as the Earl of Chestermere, has a good part, which he renders very effectively. Bro. Augustus Harris, who is a partner in the Carl Rosa Opera Company, is responsible for the stage production, which it is needless to say is done in that elaborate and perfect manner which he has made his own. "Marjorie" has started well, and as long as Miss Huntington is in the cast the opera is certain to go.



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NOTICE OF MOTION—

By Bro. CHARLES HAMMERTON, P.G.S.B., Hon. Patron,  
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"To alter the existing Law No. 71—in the third paragraph thus—'No Candidate shall be eligible for the office of Secretary unless he be a Master Mason and under the age of forty-five years, &c.'"

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3.—By W. Bro. J. H. HAWKINS, Life-Governor—

"To reconsider, and if thought necessary or expedient, to rescind the resolution as to Pensions declared to be carried at the last Court."

4.—By W. Bro. E. V. GREATBATCH, Life-Governor—

"That in Law No. 35, page 9, in the Book of Laws, the words 'elect, suspend, or remove the Secretary' be rescinded."

5.—"That the whole of Law 71 (page 18 in Book of Laws) be rescinded."

6.—"That a new Law, No. 71, as under, be made, viz:—'That the election and removal of the Secretary be vested in the Provisional Committee.'"

7.—"That the Provisional Committee are hereby empowered to give Bro. Binckes such honorarium as they may deem expedient, not exceeding the sum of £1000, out of the funds of the Institution, on his retirement from the office of Secretary."

To consider, and, if approved, to adopt a recommendation from the General Committee—

"That 30 Boys be elected at the Quarterly General Court, to be held on Friday, 25th April, 1890, from an approved List of 68 Candidates, subject to the decision of the Court on two cases deferred for final consideration."

The chair will be taken at Four o'clock in the afternoon, precisely.

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195, 319, 359, (Vice-Pres.), 394, 551, 1112, 1869,  
2208, 2068, 574, 1002, 236, (Vice-Pres.), 312, 1330,  
1461, 1592.

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1461.

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BRO. BASKETT'S COMMITTEE wish to express their thanks for the very numerous and influential promises already received, and to ask any other Brethren and Voters who are willing to support Bro. BASKETT to send in their names as soon as possible to

W. DOUGLAS DUGDALE,

17th December, 1889.

Hon. Sec.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

TO THE PATRONS, VICE-PATRONS, VICE-PRESIDENTS  
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## To Correspondents.

We are again compelled to omit several lodge reports and  
other communications of interest in consequence of con-  
tinued pressure on our space.



SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 1890.

## Masonic Notes.

We regret to hear that Bro. James Terry has been  
compelled by a somewhat severe cold to absent himself  
from his duties, but we trust his indisposition will not  
be a protracted one, and that he will be able to resume  
his attendance at the offices of the Benevolent Institu-  
tion at an early date. We hardly care to contemplate  
the effect which his prolonged detention at home might  
have on the approaching Festival. Bro. Terry works  
so hard to obtain the services of brethren as Stewards,  
and wherever he goes makes such stirring and success-  
ful appeals for support that it will be almost a calamity  
if he is obliged to be away for long. It unfortunately  
happens also that Bro. John Mason, the collector, is laid  
up with some kind of bronchial attack, so that no help  
can be expected from that quarter just now, when all  
the assistance that can be obtained is required.

For instance, more Stewards are needed. Bro. Terry  
has had the satisfaction of enlisting the support of more  
brethren, so that the Board of Stewards is now 216  
strong; but this time last year the 1889 Board com-  
prised quite 270 members, so that there are still  
50 additional Stewards needed to place the two on an  
equality.

We must remind our readers that the Committee of  
Management of the Benevolent Institution will re-  
sume the meeting which was adjourned from the 8th  
inst., on Wednesday next, the 29th inst., when they will  
take into consideration the present position of the  
Charity. There are at present 158 approved candi-  
dates on the lists for the election in May next, namely  
72 men and 86 widows, while, including in each case  
the three deferred annuities, as matters stand just now,  
it will be possible to elect only 17, namely, 10 men and  
seven widows. It is most probable that between now  
and the third Friday in next month, more vacancies  
will be created by death, that the number now to be  
elected is doubled; this will still be 158 less 34, or 124  
old men and women, for whom there is not the  
slightest chance of the Institution being able to make  
any provision for at least another twelvemonth. No  
wonder, then, that the Committee is anxious that steps  
should be taken to make the present position of things  
less unfavourable for the candidates.

An idea exists that one of the most likely proposi-  
tions to be made at this adjourned meeting will be for  
raising the limit of age at which brethren and the  
widows of brethren become eligible to receive the  
benefits of the Institution. These limits, at present,  
are in the case of brethren 60 years, and in the case of  
widows 55 years, and as we remarked in a former article  
on the subject, if these were raised to 65 years for men,  
and 60 years for widows, we have no doubt it would  
have the effect of reducing the list, and bringing it  
within more manageable compass. As this appears to  
be the change which will do the greatest amount of  
good with the least possible disturbance of the existing  
Rules and Regulations, we trust that whatever change  
is made will be in this direction.

Meantime, it will be as well to point out to our  
readers that the fact of there being at the present time  
only 11 immediate vacancies, and six deferred, avail-  
able for the May Election, while the number of candi-  
dates is 158, is an overwhelming reason why the total  
of the donations and subscriptions at the Festival next  
month should be on as large a scale as possible.

The number of vacancies which is announced for  
declaration at the Boys' School Quarterly Court, on  
Friday, the 31st instant, is 30, and the number of candi-  
dates is 68. And as we state elsewhere, that in the  
case of the Girls' School, there are 21 vacancies, and  
46 candidates, it is clear that the Schools are not quite  
so seriously placed as the Benevolent Institution. It is  
impossible, indeed, that they should ever experience  
quite the same serious degree of pressure in this direc-  
tion. In the case of the Girls' School, the limit of age  
for the children leaving is 16, and in that of the Boys'  
School 15, so that there is always certain to be a fair  
amount of proportion of vacancies every year, if not at  
every election. In the case of the annuitants, they  
remain till death.

The present year commences the 21st year of the  
Mary Commandery, No. 36, of Masonic Knights  
Templar of Philadelphia, and the membership is to be  
congratulated on the unprecedented success that has  
attended it from the beginning. To Bro. Charles E.  
Meyer, who has been identified with it from the first,  
and to whose skilful pilotage the commandery owes so  
much, we offer our special congratulations. To quote  
the last notice issued by the recorder "may the future  
be as successful as the past, and may God's richest  
blessings be with every one connected with her by  
membership or kinship, and with all her friends and  
fraters throughout the Templar world."

The *Brisbane Evening News* for December 5th is  
responsible for the following: "Those of our readers  
who have taken interest in matters Masonic will remem-  
ber that some months ago there was an important  
agitation in favour of the establishment of a Grand Lodge  
of Queensland. A meeting was held at the Masonic  
Hall, Alice-street, at which the question was debated at  
length, and nearly all of the speakers favoured the  
proposition. So far as the English Constitution is  
concerned, that view does not seem to be very popular  
with the various lodges working under it. Circulars  
were addressed to each of the 33 English lodges at  
present in existence in the colony, and replies have been  
received from 28 of these. It appears that 24 lodges  
have determined to remain loyal to the Grand Lodge  
of England; four have elected in favour of the Queens-  
land Grand Lodge, and it is believed that the five  
remaining to be heard from will adhere to the old  
Constitution."

A gratifying announcement comes from Scotland.  
Her Majesty the Queen has graciously consented to  
become a Patron of the Grand National Masonic  
Bazaar, to be held at Edinburgh at the end of this  
year, for the purpose of raising the sum of £10,000  
towards the extended scheme of Scottish benevolence.  
The arrangements of the bazaar are being carried out  
under the direction of the Grand Master, Sir Archibald  
Campbell, Bart., and the Hon. Lady Campbell.

The last instance of American Judaism fairly beats  
the record (observes one of the Jewish journals). The  
corner-stone of a new synagogue was to be laid at  
Providence, Rhode Island. The ceremony was to be  
in accordance with Masonic rites, and the Most  
Worshipful the Grand Master was to perform the  
ceremony. All went well till the presiding official  
came out with the following declaration: "To the glory  
of God, and under the patronage of the holy saints  
—Saints John the Baptist and the Evangelist—I declare  
this stone to be well formed," &c.



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.]

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

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have all along deprecated entering into any discussion with Bro. R. W. Moore, either in the local papers or the *Freemason*, for reasons that must be obvious to all who have read Bro. Moore's letters in the *Cumberland Packet* and the *Freemason*, which primarily partake of a personal character, rash assertions, insinuations, and mis-statements, which I cannot allow to pass unnoticed, more especially those in your issue of the 11th inst.

1st. I have never made an attack on the Grand Lodge of England nor the Past Masters of Lodge No. 119.

2nd. I am not responsible for creating this discussion.

3rd. It is absolutely untrue that I objected to the members of Lodge No. 119 wearing a centenary jewel; in fact, I was not aware that lodge possessed a warrant till the close of the meeting, held at Keswick on the 15th October last. Nor am I in any way responsible for the report of said meeting that appeared in the local press.

I pass over the rest of Bro. Moore's charges in silence, and respectfully decline further correspondence.—Yours fraternally,

January 18.

GEORGE J. MCKAY.

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

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The Permanent Committee of this lodge will be obliged by your publishing in the next issue of the *Freemason* the following copy of a letter which has been received from Grand Lodge.—Yours fraternally,

THOS. ALLINSON, I.P.M. 119,  
IN THE CHAIR.

[COPY.]

United Grand Lodge of England,  
Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street,  
London, W.C.  
13th January, 1890.

Sir and Brother,

With reference to your letter of the 13th November, requesting information as to the actual antiquity of Lodge No. 119, Whitehaven, respecting which a serious question has recently been raised.

In the first place, I have to refer you to the centenary warrant, granted to the lodge by the M.W. Grand Master in the year 1885, wherein you will find the actual history of the lodge and its date of formation; and, in the second place, I have to inform you that having, in consequence of the controversy which has arisen, carefully reviewed all the facts of the case, and having consulted the records of the Grand Lodge, and the old minute book of your lodge, no doubt whatever remains in my mind as to the fact that, as recorded in the centenary warrant, the present lodge is the same that was established in the year 1763, and that the old lodge was not erased and the warrant handed to a new lodge in the year 1807, as alleged.

I am returning your minute book to-day.

I am, Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

(Signed) SHADWELL CLERKE, Col., G.S.

The W. Master, Sun, Square, and Compasses Lodge, No. 119, Whitehaven.

[With this emphatic declaration from the Grand Secretary, the correspondence is closed.—ED. FM.]

A LODGE PRESENTATION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Your leaderette of this day's date on "A lodge presentation," deserves my prompt recognition, for there is nothing so gratifying to anyone actuated by a sincere desire to serve the Craft, as to find himself so well understood, that the *essence* of his communication with that object, is deemed of sufficient importance by the Editor of the *Freemason*, to merit special notice. As you so very ably put it, the point may be said to lie rather in the acquiescence given by silence, when a "harmless" but nevertheless clear breach of discipline is committed, than in the magnitude of the offence. This is very often the "loose screw" on which law-breakers work, and by which, (if successful), they succeed. Then the precedent comes up when wanted for future occasions, and if some conscientious brother who has the nerve to protest, does so, he finds himself as unpopular as men usually are, who cannot endorse the sins of their elders. But I say Past Masters should never sin by *silence*, though such may be pardoned in junior (I mean young) Masons. I find that on the occasion referred to, a Past Master *did* protest against the terms of the presentation, but as I understand the case, although he had personally warned the offenders of their informal proceedings, he was told that they had "high authority" for the course pursued, and should persist in it. I am glad to state, however, that the protest led to calm reflection (though not without much unseemly altercation) and at the next regular

meeting, when it appears the "presentation" was left out of the minutes, that portion was modified and added in a new form. Whether the latter is quite satisfactory (for I know such rarely are), I am unable to say; but in any case the "testimonialized" brother, (even if he has been ignorantly an aider and abettor of the informal proceedings), cannot so regard his position. Why should he have been thus dragged through the mire, by any section of a lodge, whether composed of old or young members?

I am assured that some of the oldest Past Masters of the lodge would have gladly subscribed under proper conditions, and yet, notwithstanding their names were used effectively in order to obtain subscriptions, they were never asked, nor was the least intimation conveyed to them of the proposed testimonial until the legality of the proceedings had been questioned.

I could say a good deal, perhaps make a sermon, on this fulfilment of my predictions (in mind) when penning the letter to which you refer, Bro. Editor. But I refrain; firstly out of consideration for and your valuable space; and secondly out of consideration for myself:—every man to his profession.

After thanking you for the prominence given to a failing (in itself creditable) by which "harmless" or apparently trivial matters may, with good motives, be sanctioned in lodges, but which are in the highest Degree antagonistic to their prosperity, I may, in justice to the worthy brother who at the moment occupied the chair, state that he had only just previously been installed, when at the close of the lodge meeting this matter was brought forward. His exceptional position may therefore well be understood.—Yours truly and fraternally,

January 17th

WEST YORKSHIRE.

LODGE MUSIC.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I should be very glad if some of my brother Organists would kindly inform me what service is used at their lodges during the musical portions of the ceremonies. I have by me Dr. Baker's Service, and Dr. Spark's "Liber Musicus." I am anxious to know if there are any others in use, and where they can be obtained. Any information will be very acceptable to—Yours fraternally,

A COUNTRY ORGANIST.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Temperance Lodge (No. 169).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 16th inst., at the White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, the following being the officers for the ensuing year: Bros. John Davies, W.M.; G. L. Moore, P.M., S.W.; Walter Sanderson, P.M., J.W.; G. Bolton, P.M., Treas.; G. F. Neeld, P.M., Sec.; J. Johnson, S.D.; T. J. Wallis, P.M., J.D.; G. Brown, P.M., D.C.; G. Dale, P.M., Stwd.; and A. Goddard, P.M., Tyler; nearly 100 brethren being present.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Vivian Hosking was raised. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, consisting of 26, and Bro. John Davies was duly installed into the chair by the outgoing W.M., Bro. Robert Jackson, who gave the addresses in a most able manner, eliciting considerable applause.

After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed. The brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, after which the W.M. gave the usual loyal and grand toasts.

The W.M., in responding to the toast of his health, expressed his extreme satisfaction at being placed in the dignified and honourable position of Master for the 10th year of the lodge's existence, and pledged himself to promote the welfare and harmony of the lodge as far as lay in his power, trusting he would leave the chair with the unanimous good wishes of the brethren. He thanked the I.P.M. for his kindness in upholding the dignity of the P.M.'s by installing him as his successor in so admirable a manner as to elicit such commendation from so large an assembly, not only of Past Masters of the lodge, but of many eminent brethren who had passed the chair in their own lodges, and as he had kindly rendered him that service, he was now enabled to tell the brethren that was the moment he had been looking forward to since he sat at the immediate right of the then W.M., Bro. Monk, and was the proudest event in his Masonic career, and it afforded him much gratification at being the channel of presenting him, on behalf of the lodge, with a handsome Past Master's jewel, and hoped he would long continue to wear it as a mark of the appreciation of the brethren for his services during the year, and for the able manner in which he had carried out his duties as ruler of the old Temperance Lodge.

Bro. Jackson, I.P.M., who replied in somewhat emotional but deeply grateful terms, concluded by recommending the brethren to support Bro. Davies in his Stewardship for the R.M.B.I., and send him up with a list worthy of the lodge he would represent.

In giving the toast of "The Visitors," the W.M. complimented the lodge on having so numerous an assembly of eminent Masons and workers, amongst whom were Bros. G. Read, W. H. Chalfont, H. Dehane, Milbourne, W. Martin, A. Williams, E. Austin, H. P. Gilbert, R. Josey, Rawley Cross, R. Gore, James Sims, L. Cox, G. W. Higginson, F. Woodward, H. Cotton, J. Cruttenden, W.

Hillier, T. Jobson, F. Craggs, the brothers Kifford, and many others, coupling with the toast the names of Bros. Read, Dehane, Sims, Williams, Martin, and Gilbert, all of whom replied.

The toast of "The Charities" was responded to, in the absence of Bro. Terry (who was unavoidably prevented from being present), by Bro. G. Read, who, in the course of a speech full of useful information regarding the Schools and the coming R.M.B.I. Festival, appealed to the brethren for their support, re-ulting in upwards of £50 being there and then placed on the W.M.'s list.

The other toasts that followed were "The P.M.'s" and "The Officers," the Tyler's toast concluding a most agreeable evening, which was enlivened by a musical programme of exceptional merit.

Lodge of Sincerity (No. 174).—The 122nd anniversary meeting of this comfortable lodge was held on Wednesday, at the Guildhall Tavern, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. William James Higgs. There were 53 brethren present. The Past Masters were Bros. Charles Lacey, Treas.; C. H. Webb, Sec.; A. Haig-Brown, Jas. J. Fraser, George Jones, E. J. Moore, W. C. Barlow, Jno. Bulmer, J. Newton, Wm. Wells; and the Visitors were Bros. Herbert Davies, 1793; W. G. Wishaw, 1716; J. Talbot Barnes, 2184 and 226 (S.C.); J. W. O. M. Knight, P.M. 95; Milner Jutsum, P.M. 95; H. Massey, P.M. 619, and 1928; F. S. Ballard, P.M. 553; J. W. Gomm, 1679; W. T. Abnett, 1981; Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; W. Hirsts, 1996; Chas. Mansfield, 21, P.G. Stwd.; F. H. Cheesewright, 907; Orton Cooper, S.D. 211; S. Morley, W.M. 1853; A. H. Robinson, 1010; J. Terry, P.G.S.B.; I. Oxley, W.M. 1306; J. W. Mann Grey, 55; J. Pracy, 1662; Jas. R. Large, P.M. and Treas. 1607; Hy. Parkin, 1319, Chas. Chilly, 2005; and Jas. Budd, 101. After the report of the Audit Committee, which was as usual highly favourable, had been received and adopted, the W. Master worked the opening part of the ceremony of installation, Bro. Henry Magee, J.W., being the W.M. elect. At the Board of Masters Bro. George Jones, P.M., presided, and performed the ceremony of installation. After the new W.M. had been saluted by the Board and heartily congratulated on the high distinction to which he had attained, the remainder of the ritual was gone through, and the following brethren were invested as officers for the year: Bros. W. J. Higgs, I.P.M.; H. Jay, S.W.; T. A. Starnes, J.W.; Chas. Lacey, P.M., Treas.; C. H. Webb, P.M., Sec.; W. Phillips, S.D.; W. Butcher, J.D.; W. G. Norman, I.G.; Wm. Harvey, D.C.; J. J. Whiting, Stwd.; and James Very, Tyler. Bro. George Jones delivered the address to the W.M., Bro. A. Haig-Brown the address to the Warden, and Bro. John Newton the address to the other brethren. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M., Bro. Higgs, after which the brethren unanimously voted 10 guineas to the W.M.'s Steward's list for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, in addition to 10 guineas previously voted. This was supplemented, as will be seen below, by a further sum of 20 guineas given by Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., one of the visitors.

After the closing of the lodge the brethren adjourned to a beautiful banquet, served under the care of Bro. John Marcham, superintendent of the Guildhall Tavern. The customary toasts followed.

After the toast of "The Queen and the Craft" had been given and honoured,

The W.M. proposed "The M.W.G.M.," and said that he had never had the privilege of hearing his Royal Highness perform his Masonic duties but he was quite sure that when he did so he did it with the same enthusiasm as he did his other duties.

The W.M., in proposing "The Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," said there were two Grand Officers present. Bro. Frank Richardson was one, and wherever Freemasonry was known under the English Constitution the name of Frank Richardson was always drunk with enthusiasm. He would not allude to Bro. Terry at present, but he was there. He might be wrong in alluding to Bro. Terry as a visitor at that lodge, but he was present, and he had always been received as a member by the brethren of the lodge.

Bro. Frank Richardson, in responding, said he was sure Bro. Terry would join with him in saying that they considered it a very great honour indeed that their names should be coupled with the names of the Earl of Carnarvon and the Earl of Lathom. The Pro Grand Master was known in the country as one of the finished orators. His lordship had been the means of bringing about a unity of Masonic feeling in Australia, in place of the condition of things existing when he (Bro. Richardson) was there, which was no less than in Melbourne and Sydney, of different jurisdictions working heart and soul against each other. The Earl of Lathom was one of the most polished Masons of England, one of the best Masons they had, who could do his work well when he presided in Provincial Grand Lodge. Among the Grand Officers were hard-working men, and he did not know that there was such a hard worked man as Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, the Grand Secretary, who began his work at 10 o'clock in the morning, and did not leave off till 10 or 11 at night. Masons were fortunate enough to have the example of other Grand Officers, some of whom, perhaps, were born to greatness, but some achieved greatness, and others had greatness thrust upon them. In whatever position they were, however, they did their duty to the utmost of their ability.

Bro. Higgs, I.P.M., in proposing "The W.M.," said the brethren were to be congratulated on having such a brother as their head, and he wished him a happy and prosperous year of office.

The W.M., in acknowledging the hearty way in which the brethren had received the toast, said he should endeavour to do his duty, and he should take the good advice given him in lodge to hand over the Mastership unreservedly to his successor. It was very kind of the brethren to elect him to that honourable position. He could assure them that when the time came when he should vacate the chair he would be received by the Past Masters with the same cordiality that they had received other Masters among their ranks.

The W.M. next gave "Success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution," and said he had had the privilege of visiting the Institution at Croydon, and the pleasure it gave him would last as long as he lived. He knew a little about alms-houses and their inmates, but he never saw any people in benevolent institutions more happy and comfortable than the aged people at Croydon. Any brother would have enjoyed himself there as much as he had. The Institution was in want of funds, and he asked every brother who

was going to give five guineas to make it 10. Let the Lodge of Sincerity this year be well represented at the next Festival of the Institution as it was every year. He might mention that this was the first time Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., had visited this lodge; he wished Bro. Richardson had been there before; but he might tell them that Bro. Richardson had placed 20 guineas on his (the W.M.'s) Steward's list. This was a splendid example to set the other brethren, and he hoped it would be followed by them, and that they would send up a list that the Lodge of Sincerity might be proud of.

Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., in reply, asked the brethren to take to heart the example the lodge had set of doubling its intended subscription, and hoped the W.M.'s list would be one that had never been surpassed in the history of the old Lodge of Sincerity, although when he looked at Bro. John Bulmer, three or four years returning the longest list of any in London, and up to £300 or £400, he could not hold saying the lodge had set itself a task. To talk to the brethren of the Lodge of Sincerity of the advantages of the three Masonic Institutions would be simply to paint the lily. As long as he remembered the lodge—and it was 27 years—he had never known it to allow a year to pass without sending a Steward to the Benevolent Institution Festival. In that time its Stewardships for the Institutions had amounted to nearly £2000. That was highly creditable. It was impossible for him to tell the brethren all the good the Institutions had done. The Girls' School from its first establishment had been the pet Institution. Bro. Frank Richardson, one of the House Committee, was perhaps the most active member of that Committee, for he took the position of a parent, supervising and controlling, and taking the leading part, and he could tell them the good that Institution accomplished. The Boys' School followed next with 264 boys. It had been under a slight cloud; let them hope it would pass away, and sunshine dawn upon it. The Benevolent Institution, when it closed its list of candidates, that day week found 158 upon it. At the present time there were only 13 vacancies. This was an appalling and terrifying state of things. The last Festival realised £13,000. The Institution paid £14,800 in annuities. He asked the brethren, therefore, as there was such a large amount of distress to give largely. If other lodges would follow the example of the Lodge of Sincerity, the Institution would be able to alleviate a large amount of this distress. The Lord Mayor of London would preside at the next Festival, and a week ago, in that very room, he made a strong appeal to the members of the Alliance Lodge to support him. He hoped that they would have a most successful Festival.

Bro. George Jones, P.M., replied to the toast of "The Installing Master."

Bros. Mansfield, John Knight, and Milner Jutsum responded for "The Visitors."

The Worshipful Master announced that Bro. C. H. Webb, P.M. and Sec., had been round the room with the list, and he had the pleasure of saying that it now amounted to £162. He trusted that before the list closed it would be £200. He sincerely thanked the brethren for so generously responding to his appeal.

The other toasts followed, and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a closed.

Under the direction of Bro. Herbert Schartau, Prov. G. Org. Middx., a selection of music was performed, the executants being Bros. Schartau, Henry Parkin, Charles Cillix, and John Budd.

**City of London Lodge (No. 901).**—This excellent lodge held its annual installation meeting at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., on Monday, the 20th inst. There was a large attendance of members and visiting brethren, who were well rewarded by excellent renderings of the Third Degree and the installation ceremony, and by receiving that bountiful hospitality for which this lodge, together with good working and generous benevolence, is noted. The members present included Bros. W. R. Haylock, W.M.; R. Pittam Stevens, I.P.M.; J. Hoddinott, S.W., W.M. elect; Alfred Prince, J.W.; J. Hughes, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, Treas.; C. Beaumont, P.M., P.P.G.D. Essex, Sec.; G. Rubardt, S.D.; E. Venner, J.D.; R. Gillard, D.C.; G. M. Gross, I.G.; W. Venner, Stwd.; Alfred Ginger, P.M.; H. McClelland, P.M.; F. Harbord, P.M.; David Hughes, P.M.; Daniel Hughes, P.M.; and about 40 lay members. Visitors: Bros. R. W. Forge, P.M. 1793, P.P.G.D.C. Middx.; A. H. Hickman, P.M. 224; W. Elliott, 1693; J. Taylor, 323; C. Daniel, P.M. 1755, P.P.G.S. of W.; A. Elbam, P.M. 511; H. Johnson, W.M. 1805; James Stevens, P.M. 1216, 1426; R. D. Cumming, P.M. 2168; F. Hurdle, 548; W. T. Warner, I.G. 1297, D.C. 2222; A. C. Everett, 172; J. P. Fitzgerald, I.P.M. 2168; F. G. Spencer, P.M. 73; B. Mann, W.M. 1446; D. A. Mostyn, 2168; A. Heald, P.M. 163; W. Thomas, P.M. 2168; C. F. Bennevit, 2030; G. S. Miller, 2264; G. F. Knott, 503; W. Lane, 2222; Jeffries, 1744; W. Dowling, W.M. 2012; G. F. Hughes, 781; J. Hooper, 1515; A. Kenningham, and W. W. Lee, 1897.

Lodge being opened, and the minutes confirmed, the Auditors' report, showing balances to the credit of the General and Benevolent Funds of £116 5s. 7d. and £63 12s. 6d. respectively, was received and adopted. Bros. Nind, W. H. Haylock, and Oliver were then impressively raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. Bro. J. P. Hoddinott having been presented as W.M. elect, was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year by his immediate predecessor, Bro. Haylock, I.P.M. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. A. Prince, S.W.; G. J. C. Rubardt, J.W.; J. Hughes, P.M., Treas.; C. Beaumont, P.M., Sec.; E. Venner, S.D.; G. M. Gross, J.D.; A. F. Austin, Org.; R. Gillard, I.G.; F. Eade, D.C.; A. Ginger, P.M.; W. Venner, Barwell, and Rogers, Stewards; and Turbfield, Tyler.

The customary addresses were delivered by the Installing Master, Bro. Haylock, I.P.M. The newly-installed W.M. Master having signified his intention of representing the lodge at the next Festival of the R.M.I. for Girls, the sum of 20 guineas was unanimously voted, on the proposition of Bro. Harbord, I.P.M., seconded by Bro. Jno. Hughes, P.M., Treas., from the general fund. This lodge, which is already Vice-Patron of the R.M.I. for Boys and Vice-Patron of the R.M. Benevolent Institution, is rapidly completing a Vice-Patronship of the third Institution, which is a highly creditable record for a lodge bearing the name of the City of London.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall, where an excellent repast was well served.

The preliminary toasts having been disposed of,

Bro. Haylock, I.P.M., gave "The Health of the W. Master," whom they were pleased to see occupying the chair of the lodge. From the able manner in which the W.M. had discharged his duties that night, the brethren were convinced he would fill his office to the satisfaction of all.

Bro. J. P. Hoddinott, W.M., thanked the brethren most heartily for the very cordial manner in which they had drunk his health. It had been a great pleasure to him to preside over them for the first time. It had always been his ambition to occupy the chair, and that was one of the positions a man must accept and take with the only idea of doing good. He thanked them all heartily for their kindness, and before resuming his seat would like to refer to the Charity supported by the lodge this year. Having become V.P. of the Boys' and Old People's Institutions, they were now aiming at becoming V.P. of the Girls' School. He need hardly say how important and necessary it was for them to support those Charities, for they were in accordance with the principles of Masonry. The girls in the School were the daughters of Masons who had been ambitious, like themselves, to bring them up in the right way, and it was the finest thing in the world for the Institution to thus take the dearest part of a family to support when distress arose. The cordial manner in which they had drunk his health led him to hope that they would send him up with a substantial amount. He should like to appeal to them to show that feeling which was characteristic of a Freemason's heart—to do their best to send up a good list, so that they might, in some measure, lessen the sum of human misery.

In response to the appeal of the W.M. the handsome sum of £55 was at once subscribed on behalf of the R.M.I. for Girls.

The Worshipful Master then said he had to propose the principal toast of the evening—"The Installing Master." Those who knew Bro. Haylock, I.P.M., knew how well he had filled the various offices he had held. During the past year all had gone on harmoniously, and the lodge had prospered. He need not refer to the almost perfect manner in which the I.P.M. carried through the installation ceremony, for that splendid ceremony was rendered as well as he had ever heard it in their lodge, and he hoped in some measure to emulate that working. It was the usual custom to present the I.P.M. with a jewel, but out of the number so presented, there was none more thoroughly deserved than the one he was about to present to Bro. Haylock. He had great pleasure in presenting Bro. Haylock with a Past Master's jewel, kindly voted by the lodge as a mark of the esteem and respect of the members. There was another duty he had to perform which was somewhat of an innovation. The officers were so impressed with the cordial manner in which the I.P.M. had discharged his duties, and with the efforts made by him to advance the interests of the lodge, that they decided to present him with a Past Master's collar. On behalf, therefore, of the officers, he (the W.M.) had to present the I.P.M. with a Past Master's collar as a mark of their appreciation of the help afforded them by Bro. Haylock during his year of office.

Bro. W. R. Haylock, I.P.M., in reply, said he was quite at a loss for words to thank them for their kindness. As regarded the installation ceremony, he had done the best he could to emulate those who had gone before, and was glad his efforts had been so well received.

Bro. James Stevens, P.M. 1216, responding for "The Visitors," said he was at a loss to imagine why he had been put into the van of this honourable army of visitors. He found himself surrounded by those he had not seen before, but a lengthy connection with the Great City Lodge had induced the W.M. to honour his name before the others. He should not think of returning thanks for the whole of the visitors, for he was sure the members would be delighted to hear some of them speak for themselves, but he should, in a general sense, express the thanks of the visitors, and his own particularly, for the entertainment, both as regarded work in the lodge and at the banquet table. Two things had struck him that evening as an old Mason. One was the excellent manner in which the installation ceremony had been performed by the I.P.M., who—if he might use the expression—had run it off the reel, and the other was the admirable way they had supported the Charities. The vote of the lodge was highly proper and very creditable, and the still more important contribution made spontaneously around the table was a good commencement of what he trusted would be a list which would place the lodge in a foremost position at the forthcoming Festival.

Bro. R. W. Forge, P.P.G.D.C. Middx., congratulated the W.M. on the high distinction he had attained, and the lodge on obtaining the services of so efficient a Mason as he knew the W.M. to be.

Bro. H. Johnson, W.M. 1805, having briefly replied,

Bro. W. Thomas, P.M. 2168, said the brethren of the City of London Lodge must be tired of hearing him respond to this toast. As the visitor who had probably more frequently visited the lodge than any other brother present, he could say, and he said it with all sincerity, that during the eight or nine years he had had the pleasure of being amongst them, he had never visited a lodge in London or the provinces where the working had been carried out so well. The great charm had been that every officer had been able to do his work well and perfectly, and from the way the W.M. performed the investiture of the officers that evening, it was a good augury that the work during his year would be done with the same credit to the lodge that had characterised the efforts of previous Masters.

Bros. Dowling, W.M. 2012; W. Lane, 2222; and Hickman, P.M. 224, also responded.

Bro. J. Hughes, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, Treas., on behalf of "The Past Masters," returned sincere thanks to the W.M. for his kind acknowledgment of their services, and to the brethren for the way in which they had coincided with all he had said. The Past Masters of this prosperous lodge had its best interests at heart, and it was a matter of extreme gratification to them to see the younger officers, who had served them in minor offices, coming forward and making such good occupants of the chair. The eulogium passed by the visitors on the Installing Officer had not been misplaced, for he had profited by those who had gone before, and had proved that there was still talent in the lodge. With reference to the W.M.'s list for the Girls' School, he thought that this being the first night of appeal to the lodge there was every reason to congratulate themselves.

Bro. H. Harbord, P.M., also responded.

"The Officers" was next given by the W.M., who con-

gratulated the lodge and himself on the efficient staff of officers.

Bros. A. Prince, S.W., and Rubardt, J.W., replied in suitable terms.

The Tyler's toast then closed a happy, profitable, and pleasant evening, which is characteristic of the gatherings held by this prosperous lodge.

Bro. Austin, Org., arranged an excellent programme of music for the enjoyment of the brethren, and was assisted by Miss Kate Fusselle, Miss Dora Barnard, and Bro. Alfred Kenningham.

**Maybury Lodge (No. 969).**—The installation meeting of this well-known lodge took place on Wednesday, the 15th inst., at the Inns of Court Hotel, and was unusually interesting from the circumstance that the brother installed was nearly the oldest member of the lodge, attaining on that day his 21st year of membership, but never yet having taken the chair. There were present Bros. Ernest Turner, W.M. elect; Ernest Van Tromp, S.W.; J. Woods, M.D., J.W.; B. H. Van Tromp, Treas.; Geo. Lister, P.M.; F. Wolfe, P.M.; W. Smallpiece, P.M.; Lennox Browne, P.M., Prov. S.G.W. Essex; Forbes, S.D.; Massey, J.D.; Haurott, I.G.; and the following distinguished visitors: Bros. Sir John Monckton, P.G.W.; Edward Terry, G. Treas.; Parkinson, P.G.D.; Peter de Lande Long, P.G.D.; Thrupp, P.A.G.D.C.; E. Monteuuis, G.S.B.; C. F. Matier, P.G. Std. Br.; J. R. Trendell, W.M. 2108, P.G. Steward; Admiral Inglefield, W.M. 2127; C. Moses, P.M. 2108; S. H. d'Avigdor, P.M. 1615; Wm. Jessop, S.W. 1897; A. Miller, J.W., W.M. elect 2108; F. W. J. Kennedy, S.D. 263; Emil Behnke, S.D. 2108; A. W. Orwin, S.W. 1491; G. R. Kennedy, 263; R. Kershaw, 2256; H. J. N. O. Hill, 2343; A. Saxon, Mount Carmel, Mass., U.S.A.; and J. B. Sharland, Winslow Lewes, Mass., U.S.A.

The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. George Lister, Bro. J. C. Parkinson giving the addresses to the Master, Wardens, and brethren. The officers appointed were the same as the previous year, with the exception of Bro. George Bassett, P.M., who was appointed Secretary, and Bro. Lennox Browne, D.C. On the Master rising he received "The Hearty good wishes" of the visitors, and Bro. Lennox Browne reported that anxious to do honour to so interesting an occasion, he had invited several distinguished Masons to be present as his guests, and was happy to know that several had accepted. He thought, however, it would be of interest to the lodge to learn that one and all of those unable to attend had expressed great esteem for the lodge, a recollection of many happy evenings in its early history, and "Heartiest good wishes" for its renewed prosperity, under its present Mastership. Amongst those who had so written he would especially name Bros. Shadwell H. Clerke, the Grand Secretary; F. A. Philbrick, G. Registrar, and D.P.G.M. for Essex; Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; and Augustus Harris, Grand Treasurer nominate.

After the banquet, in giving the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," the W.M., referring to the story of the lady who concealed herself in a clock case in order that she might discover the secrets of Freemasonry, said that although the Queen would never seek to learn anything not intended for her ears, she was nevertheless perfectly acquainted with the principles of Freemasonry, and had in various ways and on frequent occasions expressed her sympathy with the objects of the Craft.

The W.M. next proposed "The M.W.G.M.," and said it had been his privilege to attend two of the most interesting ceremonies recorded in the annals of Freemasonry. The first as S.W. of the lodge at the installation of the Grand Master, the second as Special Steward when the Prince moved an address of congratulation to the Queen in her year of Jubilee. The impressive nature of those ceremonies he graphically described, and paid a tribute of respect to the Prince's ability in the performance of his Masonic duties.

Bro. Sir John Monckton, in responding for "The Grand Officers," alluded to a third interesting ceremony, at which her Majesty assisted, namely that at which she received the deputation, headed by his Royal Highness the Grand Master and his brother the Duke of Connaught, to receive the loyal address of the Craft on the occasion of the celebration of her Jubilee. He also alluded, in feeling terms, to the pleasant evenings he had passed in that lodge in the days of Benjamin Webster.

Bro. Lister, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," who suitably responded, and in proposing "The Past Masters," the W.M. called attention to the well-known names on the banner, and spoke feelingly of the friendship he had enjoyed and the sorrow he felt that so many had now joined the great majority. He complimented the I.P.M., Bro. G. D. Lister, on the ability with which he had ruled the lodge for two years, and whilst investing him with a special jewel, said that the fact of his having been in office for two years was sufficient proof of the esteem in which he was held by the brethren. Bro. B. H. Van Tromp was next alluded to as the oldest member of the lodge, and one who as Master and Treasurer had contributed much to the enjoyment of the members by his genial manner, his amiable qualities, and his musical gifts.

The W.M. proposed the toast of "The Visitors," to which Bro. Admiral Inglefield, W.M. 2127, responded in an interesting speech, and related how he had been led to become a Mason 40 years ago by witnessing in St. Helena the kind way in which the Craft had behaved to a petty officer, who being lame was unable to get back in time to his ship, after visiting Napoleon's tomb, and consequently was left on the island.

Bro. Parkinson also made a suitable reply, and added interesting remarks regarding the origin of the Maybury College and Club, with which the name of Benjamin Webster was also associated.

The last toast was that of "The Officers," with which was coupled the names of Bros. Ernest Van Tromp and Lennox Browne.

The speeches were short; but a pleasant evening was quickly passed, enlivened as it was by excellent music and recitations from Bros. Saxon, Sharland, Emil Behnke, and Mr. Hirwen Jones.

**Emblematic Lodge (No. 1321).**—On the 16th inst., this lodge met at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, for the transaction of a heavy paper of business, under the presidency of its W.M., Bro. Henry Esling. There were present, besides the W.M., Bros. W. B. Fendick, P.M., Treas.; R. G. Cooper, P.M., Sec.; W. J. Forrest, P.M.; H. S. Hunter, P.M.; R. A. Kirk-



caldy, P.M.; and Fredk. Edgington, P.M. Visitors: Bros. Wesley Marshall, W.M. 1298; Charles H. Lawson, P.M. 913; W. Hamlyn, P.M. 1622; Alfred B. Deakin, I.P.M. 117; J. D. Hunt, 15; James Pain, P.M. 1339; G. H. Lovett, P.S.G.W. New South Wales; James S. Fraser, P.M. 174, 2096; J. W. Sparrow, 1689; Charles Sargent, 1261; Francis T. Ridpath, P.M. 2096, P.J.G.D. Surrey; J. W. Cooper, W. G. Scovell, S.W. 2096; J. R. Cleave, 1135; James P. Fitzgerald, I.P.M. 2168; Fred. Cambridge, 2096, P.P.G.D. Surrey; Alfred Mackey, S.D. 1572; N. Pearce, P.M. 1572; H. M. Hobbs, P.M. 2096; James C. Hayes, P.M. 619; D. A. Mostyn, 1708, 2168; Wm. Thomas, I.P.M. 2045, 2168; Ryland Tucker, P.M. 1899; Joseph Greenway, J.W. 1360; H. Massey, P.M. 619, 1928; F. Smith, 1963; R. Pierpoint, P.M. 177; J. J. Churchill, 1507; Samuel Johnson, 1319; William Truman, 957; Alex. Reid, 1287; W. H. Allcorn, 27; A. Freeman, 1614; James Everett, S.W. 1343; F. G. Liery, 231; G. F. Fry, 1507; E. D. F. Rymer, 86; Robert T. Cummings, P.M. 2168; Joseph D. Langton, P.M. 1673, P.P.S.G.W. Surrey; and Alfred Edwards, 2148.

The lodge met, shortly after which Bro. Henry Esling, W.M., installed Bro. J. H. Price as W.M. for the year, performing all the work in admirable style. The officers appointed to assist the W.M. were Bros. F. J. Potter, S.W.; W. G. Kent, J.W.; W. B. Fendick, P.M., Treas.; R. G. Cooper, P.M., Sec.; W. J. Harris, S.D.; G. E. Grimes, J.D.; A. A. Barnes, I.G.; J. Wheatcroft, W. H. Pain, and C. H. Theiss, Stwds.; E. Beeson, D.C.; H. Matthew, 1st A.D.C.; W. O. Welsford, 2nd A.D.C.; T. M. Clark, Org.; and G. Austyn, Tyler. Immediately after the ceremony had been completed, the W.M. commenced his duties, and the brethren had the pleasure of seeing six gentlemen initiated, a dispensation having been obtained for the sixth. The event was almost unique in London, such an occurrence not having taken place in the Metropolis it was said for 31 years. The candidates were Mr. George Herbert Carter, Mr. Thomas Price, Mr. Arthur Nicholls March, Mr. Robert Woodger Bowers, Mr. Thomas Whitford, M.A.; and Mr. Francis Frederick George Bates, these gentlemen having previously passed the ballot successful. Next came another interesting ceremony, which was the presentation of handsomely engrossed and illuminated vellums, in gold frames, one to Past Master Englefield, and the other to Past Master Bro. Henry Esling, congratulating each of them on having attained the fiftieth year of his age during the period he occupied the Master's chair, which in the case of Bro. Englefield was March, 1887, and in that of Bro. Esling, October, 1889. The brethren afterwards voted 10 guineas to the W.M.'s list as Steward for the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, which was personally superintended by Bro. Pearce (Pearce and Son, proprietors of the Bridge House Hotel.)

The toasts were afterwards given as follows:

The W.M., in giving the toast of "The Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," said that all the Grand Officers were worthy and tried men, and from them Masons took their direction. Certainly none could complain of the way in which they had directed the Craft up to the present.

Bro. Henry Esling, I.P.M., next gave "The Health of the W.M.," which, he said, must be acknowledged by every brother to be the toast of the evening. They would agree with him that the Worshipful Master whose health they were going to drink was the principal brother in the room. He would, therefore, ask them to be upstanding and drink the health of the W.M.

The W.M., responding, said he thanked the brethren most cordially for the way in which they received the toast. It had been very gratifying to him that night to see so many good friends around him—friends one loved to see about him, and especially where they could entertain them at the hospitable board. There were a great many present who had been known to him many years, and those he had not known so long; but he hoped that that would not decrease their good opinion of him. He could assure the brethren both of his own lodge, the Emblematic Lodge, and the brother visitors, that it was a pleasure to him to do anything he possibly could for the welfare of that lodge, and he was quite certain that the fact of having so many good, kind friends in the form of visitors, would enhance their pleasure enormously. He thanked the brethren of the lodge and the visitors most cordially for the way they had drunk the toast.

The W.M. next said he had now one of the most pleasing duties a W.M. could have to perform in proposing "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Esling." It was on the list as a single toast, but it was in fact a double-barrelled toast: "The Installing Master and the I.P.M." The brethren would admit that to be an I.P.M. was an important thing, provided one had carried through the duties of the year of office as Bro. Esling, P.M., had done. Those who had been present at the installation would confirm his opinion. He never was installed before, but he was deeply impressed by the manner in which he had been installed. There were many things about that evening he should never forget. Among them was the manner his esteemed friend and P.M. installed him in the chair of K.S. His lasting gratitude was due to Bro. Esling, and he tendered it to him before the whole body of members and visitors. The members and visitors who saw the installation must have been gratified. He had a little lustre to add to that toast by asking the I.P.M. to allow him to pin on his breast a Past Master's jewel which had been voted to him by the lodge for the distinguished, careful, and really and truly perfect manner in which he had performed his work during the year he had been in office. With the greatest pleasure, on behalf of the lodge, he pinned that jewel on Bro. Esling's breast, hoping he might live long to wear it.

Bro. Esling, I.P.M., in replying, said it was a very pleasing duty for him to have to respond for the very kind manner in which the brethren had drunk his health. All he could tell them was that he was very pleased. As he had said before, it was the pleasantest evening he had spent for many a day. He had to thank the brethren from the very depths of his heart. He was never a speech maker, because he was never brought up to it, and, as the time of the evening was far advancing, the less he said the better. He gave the brethren his best thanks; he hoped to be long with them, and perhaps some day he might have the opportunity of installing another Master in the chair if he was wanted to do so; but if through his humble endeavours he had given the brethren satisfaction, that was satisfaction

enough to him. He hoped the W.M. would be like a farmer; after about six months' quietude of the land—the land was at rest. Then there came a good crop. The W.M. was the farmer, who had witnessed the I.P.M.'s land at rest, had a crop of six sprouts that night. He hoped that the little rest of his the I.P.M.'s year of office might yield a better crop than was ever expected.

The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the Initiates," and said there was a little peculiarity about it that evening, because instead of proposing three, four, or five initiates, they had had an event which, he ventured to say, was unique. They had six initiates that evening, and he felt sure they would do honour to the lodge, and would be of advantage to the Craft in general. Bro. Carter, who was proposed by a brother of the lodge for whom they had the greatest regard, would be a true and hearty Mason. Another one was a great and valued friend of his own, who had taken him by surprise, who had always chaffed him about Freemasonry, and had said there was nothing in it. But the day of repentance came, and the friendship was so strong and powerful that the brother could not help himself and did him (the W.M.) the honour of accepting the mysteries of Freemasonry on the night of his (the W.M.'s) installation. That brother was Bro. Whitford. Next he had Bro. March, another old friend, who would do no discredit to the Emblematic Lodge. Then there was Bro. Bates, of whom he could say exactly the same; he was a true and virtuous man. Consequently, now he had the opportunities which Masonry afforded to well extend his virtues and his good wishes. Next they had his (the W.M.'s) brother in the flesh, Bro. Thomas Price. They must all understand that it must be a peculiar pleasure to him to initiate his own brother on the night of his own installation, and he felt it very much, and thanked him for the honour. Then there was Bro. Bowers, who was not related to him, but to his brother. They had in Bro. Bowers one who had made his way in many different walks in the parish and district in which he resided. He had made his voice and talents to be recognised in his own locality, and now he had come into Masonry he would make those talents felt in it. The six initiates they heartily welcomed, and invited them to display all their virtues and their charitable desires, and he was quite sure none of them would be lacking in making true and hearty Masons.

Bro. Carter, in reply, said if they expected him to make a speech they would be disappointed, as he was not built that way. He was proud to be initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry; he contemplated it months ago, though he had not up to that night taken the step. If he could devote any attention to the interests of the lodge, he should be pleased to do so.

Bro. Bowers was so deeply impressed with the solemn service through which the initiates had recently passed that the brethren must not expect from him anything like a speech. He was very grateful to the W.M. for having done him the honour to propose him as a brother of the ancient and honourable Order of Freemasonry. Some 25 years ago he read a book on Freemasonry. It told him this much—the great and beneficent efforts put forth by the general body of Masons. He made up his mind that if he ever grew rich he would become a brother of that honourable body. So intense was his desire to become a brother that he somewhat anticipated matters, for, although he had not grown rich, he had come among Masons. He was pleased to be able to be one, and he hoped the kind words the W.M. had spoken to him would be fully exemplified in the future. Of course, they heard a good deal of the possibility of what they might expect, and then might conceive what his nervousness was when he thought what might take place in his unworthy career. He felt that it was good for him to be there, and he was sure with his further acquaintance with Freemasonry would he strengthen and fortify that feeling. Might the present toast which now united them be severed only by death.

Bro. Price said he must endorse all that the other initiates had said. He heartily thanked the brethren for the kindness of their reception, and he felt sure that as far as he was concerned, that the Craft would never suffer by any action of his.

Bro. Bates said it had been a privilege to know several men who were good Masons, and he believed them to be good men. From that it had been his desire for the last two or three years to become a Mason, and by what he had seen and gone through that night he had come to the conclusion that Masons were good men, and he was very proud to have become one of them. He thanked the brethren for the kind, enthusiastic, and cordial way in which they had received him.

Bro. Marsh thanked the brethren most sincerely for the very kind and cordial reception to the initiates. He sincerely trusted that he should never be unworthy of being one of them. It would always be his utmost endeavour to be what he called a really good Mason, and that meant a great deal—a very great deal. He was proud, indeed, to have joined a body and to have met with such a cordial reception as he had. He trusted he should in the future prove himself one of the best of Masons in the whole world—a really good Mason.

Bro. Whitford said he had an advantage which he owned to. The fact was, the W.M., very often, on their meeting together, gave him some of his ideas of the beauties of Freemasonry, and he saw so much personal improvement in the W.M. himself, that he thought it was enough to lead him to repent, and, therefore, he thought he would like to join the Craft. The I.P.M. had made allusion to the initiates as sprouts, and he (Bro. Whitford) hoped that they would sprout and sprout, and that they would have a race of the five and himself till they sprouted into the chair. When they sprouted into the chair he hoped they would be able to occupy it properly.

The W.M., in proposing "The Visitors," said, personally, he was delighted to see such a goodly number present, and he spoke the voice of the lodge when he said it gave the visitors a hearty welcome. It had been the desire of all the brethren that the visitors should be made as comfortable as possible. The Emblematic Lodge was desirous to treat its visitors well, and the W.M. was only carrying out their wishes when he offered them hearty and Masonic friendship. He hoped the visitors would in the future honour the lodge by their presence. There were 41 visitors that evening, but he would only call on a few of them to respond.

Bro. Cambridge, P.P.G.D. Surrey, in reply, said he had lately had the pleasure of welcoming the W.M. as a joining member of the lodge of which he (Bro. Cambridge) was the Master, and from the specimen of the work he had seen

from him that evening he thought that his (Bro. Cambridge's) lodge had something good in store for them.

Bro. Lovett, P.S.G.W. N.S.W., said he was very grateful to the Master and brethren for their kind reception of him, a brother all the way from Australia. He happened to be P.S.G.W. of the district of which Lord Carington was Grand Master—who was spoken of very highly as a Mason. The Grand Lodge of New South Wales was not more than two years old as a Grand Lodge, and perhaps some brethren there thought it not advisable to become a Grand Lodge. There had been a number of District Grand Lodges in the last 17 years, and of course the old Masons disliked leaving the Grand Lodge of England. He had visited another lodge here, and he was much pleased with the installation ceremony as given that night by the I.P.M., and with the way in which the W.M. initiated the brethren. He hoped, if the opportunity should ever occur, he might see some of the brethren as visitors in Australia.

Bro. Deakin said it had been to him a very great pleasure to witness a very old friend of his receive at the hands of that lodge the highest honours it had to confer. The other visitors would agree with him that the brethren had shown very good taste in selecting such a brother to preside over them, and they all joined in the sincere hope that his year of office might be full of success for the lodge.

Bro. Ridpath said he had known the W.M. as a worker and a thorough enthusiast in Masonry, but he was not prepared for the manner in which he had performed the ceremonies. It was not often a W.M. gave himself the trouble to initiate members as soon as he was installed. The manner in which he did it must inspire the brethren with confidence in his ability to conduct the affairs of the lodge. At some future date Bro. Price might perhaps receive honours from the lodge at Croydon (the George Price) which he had joined. If he did, he (Bro. Ridpath) hoped that the same support might follow him as followed him in the Emblematic. The officers too, whom the W.M. had selected to help him, had shown by their readiness in acting at the very first meeting at which they had the opportunity, by their earnestness, and by their example, that they were at any rate influenced by the pattern the W.M. had set them, and he was sure that every officer of the lodge would do well to follow and copy the same.

Bro. Joseph D. Langton said it would ill repay the kindness of the brethren to inflict on them a long speech. He regretted he was not present at the working of the lodge, but the W.M. would forgive him when he told the brethren that it was work in connection with the Boys' School, of which he had the honour to be Secretary to the Provisional Management Committee, which kept him away. He hoped some day to see Bro. Price installed in the lodge of which he (Bro. Langton) was first W.M.

Bro. Hobbs hoped that the W.M. would not initiate all his friends in the Emblematic Lodge, but that he would save some of them for the George Price Lodge.

Bro. Tucker, P.G.S.B. Berks and Bucks, also replied. The W.M. next gave "The P.M.'s" and "The Treasurer and Secretary."

Bro. Fendick, P.M., Treas., said he tried to look after the brethren's personal comforts as far as he could, and if he succeeded he was only too glad.

Bro. Cooper, P.M., Sec., and Bro. Edgington also replied.

The toast of "The Officers" followed, and the Tyler's toast brought the evening to a close.

The musical artistes were Master Charles Steward, Mr. Ager Grover, Bros. James Budd, J. W. Cooper, and W. J. Harris, who, under the direction of Bro. T. Merton Clark, Organist of the lodge, performed a pretty programme of music for the delectation of the brethren.

**Highgate Lodge (No. 1366).**—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Gate House Hotel, Highgate, on the 13th inst., when there were present Bros. J. Lugg, W.M.; F. Ashton, S.W.; A. Cook, J.W.; J. Terry, P.G.S.B., P.M., Treas.; C. Sheppard, P.M., Sec.; J. Yates, S.D.; E. Wareham, J.D.; F. Cracknell, I.G.; J. Cussans, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. Herts; Galer, P.M.; Collier, P.M.; Daines, P.M.; Underwood, P.M.; Gregory, P.M.; E. L. Shelton, P.M.; Foxall, P.G.P.; Culverwell, Lewis, Walkden, Mattock, Cross, Stafford, Medrington, Coxen, Luxton, Speller, Wheeler, Eyes, Dixon, Stonnie, Harry Wilks, Pragnell, Pizzey, Watkins, and J. J. Marsh, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. G. J. Reed, S.W. 1910; and W. Helle, P.M. 704.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. Bros. Medrington and Lewis were raised to the Degree of M.M. Bros. Wheeler and Dixon proposed and seconded Mr. Ludwig Henry Stehr for initiation. The resignation of a member was accepted with regret. Nothing further offering the lodge was closed.

After the usual loyal toasts had been duly honoured, the W.M. proposed "The Health of Bro. J. D. Collier, P.M., and former Secretary," and presented him with a very handsome silver salver, which had been subscribed for by the lodge and its members in recognition of his invaluable services as Secretary for 12 years.

Bro. Collier suitably acknowledged the gift, and in the course of his remarks reviewed his connection with the lodge for the past 17 years.

Other toasts were proposed and responded to, and the brethren separated after spending a most enjoyable evening.

**Temple Bar Lodge (No. 1728).**—Bro. H. J. Rolls, W.M., presided at the last meeting of the above lodge, which was held at Anderton's Hotel on Monday last. The W.M. was supported by all his officers and Bros. G. S. Recknell, P.M.; Richard Kilmington, P.M.; A. Roger Carter, P.M.; and John Rexworthy, P.M. The visitors were Bros. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C.; C. F. Bonner, D.C. 59; R. H. Stimpson, S.W. 59; H. L. Brown, 169; S. C. Kaufman, J.D. 1766; Walter S. Harris, J.D. 1260; F. Clark, Steward 28; Henry Massey; J. W. Hall, 45; T. G. Hawkins, 2063; A. F. Thomson, 617; E. C. Crouch, 857; C. Bolton, S.W. 1671; H. Blanchard, J.W. 1275; E. Moore, W.M. 2077; W. Duckett, P.M. 1670; F. Morgan, P.M. 1155; E. C. Robinson, 1365; M. Angel, 2021; Geo. Jones, 599; W. H. Jones, I.G. 2077; and C. F. Matier, P.G.S.B.

The W.M. first initiated Mr. Alexander Dalgety. He then, before leaving the chair, presented the lodge with three beautiful gavels for the use of the Master and Wardens, and a vote of thanks was therefore moved by Bro. Recknell, P.M., seconded by Bro. Carter, P.M., and carried unanimously, for the handsome gift. At the W.M.'s request

Bro. Carter, P.M., took the chair, and installed Bro. George J. Garland, S.W., and W.M. elect, as W.M. for the ensuing year. The brethren invested as officers for the year were Bros. Herbert Rolls, I.P.M.; Frederick Cleak, S.W.; James J. Stedman, J.W.; Richard Kimpton, P.M., Treas.; George S. Recknell, P.M., Sec.; Benjamin T. Kimpton, S.D.; William Henry W. Graham, J.D.; W. H. Kinsley, I.G.; Edward Angel, D.C.; Robert J. Pitt, Org.; Alfred E. Yeoman, and W. H. Harris, Stwds.; and Lackland, Tyler. A valuable Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Herbert Rolls, I.P.M.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a grand banquet, after which they honoured first the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," and next "The M.W. Grand Master."

Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G. Std. Br., being called upon to reply to the toast of "The Pro G.M., the Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," said that when he came to the lodge he thought there was not the slightest possibility of his being called upon to do anything more than the work of being the Installing Master's Director of Ceremonies. They knew that the king could do no wrong, therefore the W.M. could do no wrong; but certainly he thought he had a good cause of complaint against him for calling on him to respond, being a very humble member of the hierarchy of the Grand Officers, when they had so distinguished a brother present as the Past Grand Chaplain, Bro. Simpson. But having been called upon to respond, the honour was distinctly more on him to have the pleasure of doing so, and on behalf of the Grand Officers he had to thank the W.M. very much. The Grand Officers were always well received in every lodge throughout the whole of the Constitution of England, and they trusted that this Temple Bar Lodge would flourish for ever and for ever.

Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., proposed "The Initiate," and said he was glad that Bro. Matier returned thanks for the Grand Officers. No one was more fitted than he, especially of those present, particularly as the lodge was indebted to him for the part he so admirably took in the installation ceremony. The toast of the initiates was the most important in regard to the prosperity of Freemasonry. The character of all the officers, the character of the W.M. in the chair, the character of the Grand Officers of Grand Lodge, explaining two or three of the great heads, was dependent upon the merit which was introduced into Freemasonry in the shape of an initiate. The initiate was the germ of Freemasonry. As the home was the germ of English society, so the initiate was the germ of Freemasonry. If the germ was worthless, if by any mistake troublesome, noisy, unMasonic kinds of men got into the Order, they were not a disgrace to Freemasonry, but they had more or less the effect of introducing a black sheep into the lodge, and the great difficulty of getting such a black sheep out had once or twice been exhibited. It was therefore of importance that men of high character should be introduced. They had introduced a brother that night in the Temple Bar Lodge. No doubt the initiate was as deeply impressed as his (Bro. Simpson's) son was impressed a fortnight ago by the beautiful ceremony; but there was something more for him to look forward to when he would become a Master Mason, and graduate as several brethren had that evening. That evening the initiate had put his foot upon the first rung of the ladder, by which he would climb to the position of W.M. of the lodge. As an old Mason, he could tell him that he would find verified those words of the old song, which he was sorry to find was not always sung on the occasion of initiation—"There's naught but what's good to be understood by a Free and an Accepted Mason." The initiate, if he did his duty as a man, as a citizen, as a member of this great Empire, as a loyal subject, or in any other capacity, would find himself fortified by the principles and tenets of Freemasonry; for God, for our country and our laws, he would find Masons the high and true advocates of order in a day when, alas, there was a want of reverence for constituted authority and an absence of a love of order, which characterised Englishmen of former days. In Masonry he would find men of high social influence, of high character, heads of families, men holding position in the State, banded together, and who were really and truly based upon the principle of order and reverence for the laws, without which no State could long exist. He trusted Bro. Dalgety that night had made his first step in Freemasonry, and that he would not repent of it. He (Bro. Simpson) had lived many years in Masonry, and the longer he lived in it the more he regarded it with, not only respect, but affection. He was present at the birth of the lodge, and he was delighted that the brethren remembered him on every installation, and he thanked the W.M. for again appointing him as Chaplain. The Chaplain ought to be a man who loved peace, and looking back on former events in the lodge, he might, to parody Shakespeare, say—"Now is the winter of our discontent, made glorious summer by the sun of peace, and all the clouds that lowered on our house, are in the deep bosom of the ocean buried." He rejoiced at it with all his heart, for he believed that if they were in any way to carry out the glorious principles and tenets which Freemasonry laid down they must be carried out not merely by acting their part in life as true, noble, and honest men, but by that brotherly and good feeling which must submit among all members of a constituted body. He hoped Bro. Dalgety would find that that brotherly love did continue, and that all the members of the lodge would enjoy a very happy New Year, nay, many happy New Years, and when old men like himself (Bro. Simpson) had sunk to sleep, the Temple Bar Lodge might flourish and abound in all that was just, pious, loyal, and good.

Bro. Dalgety, in replying, said that was a part of the performance he had not bargained for. He assured the brethren he had had very great pleasure in joining that noble Order, and he had been not only very much impressed with the ceremony, but also with the remarks of the Past Grand Chaplain, which he had listened to most attentively. He should endeavour to get on in the Order. If he took a thing up he always wished to go on with it. He intended to do so in Freemasonry, and he hoped when the proper time had gone by he should have gone through the different grades, and have arrived at a higher stage than he occupied at present.

Bro. Herbert Rolls, I.P.M., in proposing "The W.M.," said the brethren all knew the W.M., who had fulfilled his duties right clean away, from the lowest position in the lodge, till he had attained his present high position. They had had no brother who had performed his duties in a more exemplary manner than the W.M. The W.M. was one of the earliest initiates of the lodge. It was in 1880, a long

time; but after those 10 years, it was a pleasure to see Bro. Garland in the chair. He hoped he would make a good Master. He had not the slightest doubt that he would, for as a personal friend, he was a rattling good fellow.

The Worshipful Master was afraid the I.P.M. had indulged in just a little bit of flattery, and had eulogised him to the skies. However, he had to thank him very much indeed, as well as the brethren. He (the W.M.) was an early initiate in the lodge, and when he joined it was his aim and ambition to get on in Freemasonry. He had got on, and had had the pleasure of holding every office up to the chair. If he had performed his duties in those offices to the satisfaction of the brethren, he was more than pleased. He was also pleased that he had the support of the brethren, and he was sure his year of office would be a success from beginning to end. He fully felt his responsibilities, and he should endeavour to discharge them.

Bro. A. R. Carter, P.M., responded to the toast of "The Installing Master," and in doing so said he had always striven to do his best for the welfare of the lodge, but stated that in the ceremony of installation he was greatly assisted by Bro. Matier, P.G. Std. Br., who acted as D.C.

The W.M., in giving "The I.P.M.," said the brethren all knew how Bro. Rolls had carried out the duties of the chair during his year of office. He thought he might say he had carried out those duties second to none in the annals of the lodge. They had never had a more prosperous year, or a year when the feelings of the brethren towards each other were heartier than they had been during Bro. Rolls' year. He regretted he was not more of a speaker in order that he might better express his feelings; but he hoped that Bro. Rolls would take what he had said as the sincere feelings of his heart.

Bro. Rolls, in reply, said he was out of the chair now, and thanks to all the brethren, he had had a very happy time of it during his year, for they all helped him in every possible way, and they had had a fairly prosperous year. Thanks were wholly due to the brethren for the kind way in which they supported him, and turned up on every occasion when they were wanted. The officers of the lodge during the past year had done everything, and he thanked them for their kindness. In the future he hoped to be among them many years, and they would see the younger members of the lodge gradually work their way up, and ultimately sit in the chair which their worthy Bro. Garland now occupied. Nothing but perseverance would enable them to get on. There was little for him to say now except to say that he was extremely pleased and thankful to all the brethren for the handsome jewel they had presented him, and he should always wear it, and think that it was in the Temple Bar Lodge, and in one of the best years—1889—that he had the jewel presented to him, in which he performed the office of W.M. He thanked them very much for their gift.

The toasts of "The Visitors," and "The Officers," &c., brought a pleasant evening to a close.

**Earl of Lathom Lodge (No. 1922).**—The installation meeting of this successful lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Monday, the 13th inst. The lodge was opened by the outgoing W.M., Bro. Charles Sims, supported by his officers as follows: Bro. W. G. Cannon, I.P.M.; John Milsted Spencer, S.W., W.M. elect; John G. Albert, J.W.; A. Runacres, P.M., Treas.; R. J. Taylor, P.M., Sec.; L. C. Shipton, S.D.; S. W. S. Burridge, J.D.; R. Clare, I.G.; J. W. T. Chapman, P.M., D.C.; A. J. Clarke, A.D.C.; G. W. Evans, P.M., Org.; W. C. Codman and A. Blenkarn, Stwds.; and T. Bowler, Tyler. There were also present Bros. R. J. Evans, P.M.; J. Cooper, P.M.; J. Beale, R. Caley, J. German, R. M. Gatliff, J. K. Boddy, H. Gill, F. H. Mathews, F. Moss, jun., F. Byrne, R. Peachey, E. J. James, J. A. Gaze, and W. F. Fletcher. Visitors: Bros. E. Wills, P.M. 144; R. Barham, P.M. 144; E. G. Horne, P.M. 227; W. Wingham, P.M. 25; J. H. Stunt, P.M. 1641; F. Hilton, P.M. 1475; W. J. Höbern, 1158; G. Treacher, 1475; T. J. Kinsley, I.G. 144; G. E. Muddyman, 1558; W. A. Smith, 1669; J. Start, I.G. 1742; G. Phillips, 157; and Rushton Odell, Org. 2077.

The minutes of the regular meeting were read and confirmed. The I.P.M., Bro. W. G. Cannon, at the request of the W.M., occupied the chair, and in an able manner installed the W.M. elect, Bro. John Milsted Spencer. Bro. Spencer appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bro. J. G. Albert, S.W.; L. C. Shipton, J.W.; A. Runacres, P.M., Treas.; R. J. Taylor, P.M., Sec.; S. W. S. Burridge, S.D.; R. Clare, J.D.; W. C. Codman, I.G.; J. W. T. Chapman, P.M., D.C.; A. J. Clarke, A.D.C.; G. W. Evans, P.M., Org.; A. Blenkarn, and R. M. Gatliff, Stwds.; and T. Bowler, Tyler. The three addresses were then given by Bro. Cannon, P.M., in a manner showing that this brother is well acquainted with the ritual, and is an excellent worker. The ballot was then taken for Bro. Henry Thomas Gill 1599, as a joining member, which proved unanimous in his favour. A ballot was also taken for the admission into Freemasonry of Mr. Alfred F. James and Mr. Henry Cundall, which proving unanimous, and they being present, were duly initiated by the new W.M., whose working proved him to be a most efficient brother, and speaks well for the future of the lodge, and his being able to worthily follow his predecessors in the chair, this lodge being noted for the excellency of its working. We may mention that the founders of the lodge having now severally passed the chair, Bro. Spencer is the first initiate who has occupied the same. A letter from Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M., was read regretting his inability to attend in consequence of his having a prior engagement, also similar letters from Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; N. G. Phillips, P.G.D., &c.; and other brethren.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet table, when the usual toasts were duly given and responded to.

A very handsome Past Master's jewel, with a diamond centre (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning), was presented to the outgoing W.M., Bro. Charles Sims.

A selection of music was performed by Bro. Rushton Odell, assisted by Madame Florence Venning, Madame Morton Clarke, Mr. Townsend Clarke, and Bro. J. K. Boddy gave a recitation.

**London Rifle Brigade Lodge (No. 1962).**—This lodge met at Anderton's Hotel, on Friday, the 17th inst., when Bro. James Curtler Tilt, W.M., presided, and passed Bros. Page, Wrightson, and Kes-sav-jee Bud-wat-tee, 1607. He afterwards installed Bro. Henry Francis Bing, S.W. and W.M. elect, as W.M. for the ensuing year.

The brethren appointed to office were Bros. John Geen, S.W.; George Gregory, J.W.; A. McDowall, P.M., Treas.; W. C. Claridge, P.M., Sec.; H. H. Nuding, S.D.; W. G. Lowe, J.D.; C. Stein, I.G.; A. Haig-Brown, P.M., D.C.; H. L. Thomas, A.D.C.; D. McNish and S. W. Morris, Stwds.; and J. S. Lackland, Tyler.

A vote of thanks proposed by the Secretary, Bro. Claridge, P.M., seconded by Bro. A. Haig-Brown, P.M., was unanimously carried to Bro. Tilt for performing the ceremony of installation under the great difficulty of his being very unwell. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Tilt by the W.M., who stated that during the time Bro. Tilt occupied the chair of the lodge, he had performed the duties of W.M. in a manner that must be a great encouragement to all the brethren who might follow him.

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

The toasts followed, those of "The Queen and Craft," "The M.W.G.M." The Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," leading to the usual compliments bestowed on those who hold the respective distinguished ranks.

Bro. Tilt, I.P.M., in proposing "The W.M.," said it needed no words from him to insure the toast a hearty reception. Let them hope that his year of office would be a happy and prosperous year, and he was sure all the brethren would do their best to make it a pleasant one. The members of the London Rifle Brigade Lodge might congratulate themselves on having a brother who, as J.W., was ready to step forward and take the position of W.M. without interfering with the course of promotion. Bro. Bing was a P.M. of another lodge, and he worked up to the position of J.W. of the London Rifle Brigade Lodge. The office of W.M. came unexpectedly upon him, but when it came there was no hesitation on his part. When the S.W. was not able to come forward, consequently on his going abroad, Bro. Bing was there quite ready, and they could not have found a better man to fill the chair of W.M.

The W.M., acknowledging the flattering terms used, said he considered it the duty of any Warden to be prepared to be pushed on to the chair. In his case it was certainly unexpected. They were sorry that Bro. Geen's business arrangements obliged him to go abroad. Bro. Geen was an initiate of the lodge the same as the I.P.M. He (the W.M.) was very proud to occupy the chair of the lodge; it had been a part of his ambition to occupy the chair of the lodge which took its name from a regiment in which he had passed many happy years, of which he was a member many years, and in which he made many friends. The formation of the lodge gave an opportunity of making fresh friendships. Every new member that came into the lodge seemed to be an old friend, but they were all new friends at the same time. He should do all he could to keep up the old reputation of the lodge, and when he went out of the chair he hoped the brethren would not say he had been found wanting.

Bros. Carpmeal, Gillard, and Hermann responded to the toast of "The Visitors."

The W.M. announced that the charity box resulted in a collection of £2 15s.

Bro. Bud-wat-tee responded as a visitor, and expressed his great delight at the friendly and fraternal reception he had met with.

In giving "The Health of the I.P.M.," the W.M. said Bro. Tilt had passed through the chair with credit to the London Rifle Brigade Lodge and to himself. The I.P.M. had been suffering a great deal that evening; but he (the W.M.) thanked him very much for the splendid rendering he gave of the ceremonies. Bro. Tilt not only worked the ceremonies, but he felt them. He had been so ill for a week that he ought not to have been away from home that night, and therefore he deserved an extra hearty reception.

Bro. Tilt, I.P.M., said he quite agreed that he ought not to have been there, but he always had been received by the brethren in working up with a great amount of kindness, and he thought it his duty if he possibly could to be there. Another reason was a great many brethren knew that to install took a great amount of working up. He went through it, and thought it was all right, and he said he should do it right enough. But then came along this confounded Russian plague, and days and days passed without his going through the ceremony, and he was afraid he had not been able to discharge his duties with perfect satisfaction to himself. However, he had done his best.

The W.M., in proposing "The Past Masters," said it had pleased the G.A.O.T.U. to lay his hand on that small company. Bro. McDougall, who was one so taken, was a genuine and true brother, and they all felt his loss. The company of Past Masters was, though small, very solid. They had all been through the Master's chair in other lodges besides the London Rifle Brigade Lodge, therefore, the lodge rested on a solid foundation. There were none of them but would help the Master in the chair whenever required. Bros. McDowall and Claridge, the Treasurer and Secretary, were always ready and willing to render assistance.

Bro. McDowall said the Auditors who attended year after year at his office would testify to the amount of work that had to be done. Without saying what amount of money was in hand, he would say that no bill was left unpaid more than a month. He was glad to be in that position. They were now accumulating funds, and though those funds were not large, the lodge was in a much better position than it was last year, though they had more than they had the previous year.

Bro. Claridge, P.M., Secretary, said among other things that the Benevolent Fund of the lodge was growing. They had £50 in the Post Office earning money, besides sending a handsome amount to the Charities. Since the lodge had been established they had sent up £1133 all told, and next year they would have a Steward at one of the Institutions' festivals who would increase that amount. Therefore, they were progressing. All that Masonry required was that they should go on. When a lodge ceased to have new members it was stationary, or rather it was going back. But when they considered that the London Rifle Lodge drew its members purely and solely from the members of the Brigade they could look forward to receiving those men as brothers among them whom they knew, and had known in years past, and the quality of the members would not be a lottery. Bro. Tilt did the installation ceremony as well as any Mason ever did; but had had a grand year of success in the shape of the number of initiates, and he believed the present year would be equally successful.



The W.M., then gave the toast of "The Officers," who, he said, would support not only him, but the reputation of the lodge. The J.W. was going to represent the lodge at the Festival of the Benevolent Institution, and he hoped all the brethren would help to make his list a good one.

The J.W. responded, and advised the brethren to belong to the Charitable Association in connection with the lodge, which would only cost 5s. a month.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

The Past Masters present were Bros. W. McDowall, Treas.; W. C. Claridge, Sec.; Neville Green, L. V. Walker, Arthur H. Sandle, and A. Haig-Brown; and the visitors were Bros. Henry Nuding, P.M. 1924; Robert Manuel, W.M. 1196; R. T. Godfrey, 141; H. Massey, P.M. 617 and 1923; T. H. Hicks, W.M. 1597; Keshavji S. Budhbhatti, 1584; Walter W. Jones, 228; John Hernaman, P.M. 1329; G. Nelson MacLean, 197; Geo. P. Gillard, P.M. 657; Dranston Carpmael, W.M. 1524; H. Gardiner, 1604; Thomas Thomson, P.M. 1597; W. Sandle, 1536; H. T. Bailey, I.G. 1719; Alfred Wood, 1719; W. Henry B. Scott, 1670; J. J. Berry, P.M. 554; V. J. Day, 862; R. J. Harnell, I.G. 2021; J. Margetts, 1598; H. E. Cooper, P.M. 1298; W. A. Tinney, P.M. 1319; Hy. Coard, 2242; G. F. Burroughs, 1963; Alf. G. T. Kent, 134; and J. E. Llewellyn Jones, P.M. 1670, P.P.G.D. Middlesex.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BATTLE.

**Abbey Lodge (No. 1184).**—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 16th inst., at the Masonic Hall, when there were present Bros. R. T. Davison, M.D., W.M.; W. A. Raper, S.W.; J. B. Foster, J.W.; the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, D.D., P.M., Prov. G. Chap., Chap.; H. G. F. Wells, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; R. Hughes, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; W. J. Pepper, S.D.; D. White, J.D.; J. Fielding, Org.; B. H. Thorpe, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., D.C.; T. W. Avis, I.G.; C. Leary, as Tyler; W. T. Jordan, I.P.M.; W. Lamborn, P.M., P.P.G.P.; H. Druce, r, T. J. Walder, J. Chance, F. W. Hotham, J. Hodson, J. Belchamber, C. J. Honisett, and others. Bro. Archibald E. Young, 1842, was a visitor.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, and communications read, the W.M. proceeded to pass Bro. W. J. Newman to the Degree of a F.C., after which the I.P.M., at the request of the W.M., assumed the chair, and raised Bro. L. F. St. John to the Degree of a Master Mason. Both ceremonies were performed most carefully and impressively, fully maintaining the prestige of the lodge. An interesting discussion then ensued as to a circular from the Langton Lodge of Instruction propounding a scheme for raising the proposed pension to Bro. Binckes, Secretary of the R.M.I. for Boys, and ultimately Bro. Hughes, Sec., gave notice that at the next meeting of the lodge he would formally propose that the lodge agree to the suggestions made in the circular.

After the transaction of some further business, the lodge was closed.

BEAMINSTER.

**Beaminster Manor Lodge (No. 1367).**—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held at the White Hart Hotel, on Tuesday, the 14th instant. The brethren present included Bros. C. Toleman, W.M.; R. Toleman, I.P.M.; H. Maunder, S.W.; R. R. Samson, J.W.; Rev. E. G. Austen, Chap.; Jas. Andrews, P.M., Treas.; A. Hann, Sec.; O. M. Beament, S.D.; W. Oxley, I.G.; S. Cox, P.M., and A. Butler, P.M., Stwds.; J. Keech, Tyler; J. S. Webb, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; S. R. Baskett, P.M., P.P.G.R.; C. Hann, P.M.; Rev. A. H. Crick, G. Roberts, and H. A. P. Genge. Visiting brethren: Bros. W. E. Brymer, P.M. 417, D.P.G.M.; W. H. Kerbey, P.M. 665, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. M. Cooper, P.M., New Zealand; S. Pile, P.M. 1181; G. A. Samson, W.M. 707; T. Giles, P.M. 707, P.P.G.S. of W.; and E. Cox, 707.

The minutes of the last regular lodge and of the lodge of emergency having been read and confirmed, Bro. H. A. P. Genge was passed to the Second Degree in a very efficient manner by the W.M. Bro. J. S. Webb, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., having been presented by Bros. Baskett and Andrews, a Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Webb was installed (for the third time) into the chair of the lodge in a very able and efficient manner by Bro. C. Toleman, the retiring W.M. The Board of Installed Masters was then closed, and the newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. C. Toleman, I.P.M.; H. Maunder, S.W.; R. R. Samson, J.W.; Rev. E. G. Austen, Chap.; J. Andrews, Treas.; A. Hann, Sec.; O. M. Beament, S.D.; R. England, J.D.; S. R. Baskett, P.M., D.C.; C. G. Purkis, P.M., Org.; W. Oxley, I.G.; S. Cox, P.M., and A. Butler, P.M., Stwds.; and J. Keech, Tyler. The addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren were then most impressively delivered by the Installing Master. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the D.P.G.M. for his presence on that occasion. Bro. Brymer, in returning thanks, congratulated the lodge on the excellent attendance, and complimented the officers on the efficient manner in which the work of the evening had been performed, and stated that from what he had seen of the working of the lodge both then and on a former occasion, it stood second to none in the province. The W.M. then presented a very handsome Past Master's jewel to the I.P.M., Bro. C. Toleman, in the name of his brother and brother Mason, Bro. R. Toleman, which graceful act was duly acknowledged by the I.P.M. Bro. C. Hann, P.M., read the report of the Audit Committee, which showed that the funds of the lodge were in a prosperous condition. In response to a communication from Bro. J. D. Langton, Hon. Sec. of the Provisional Management Committee R.M.I. for Boys (on the proposition of Bro. S. R. Baskett and the W.M.) the sum of £2 10s. was unanimously voted from the funds of the lodge towards the "Pension Indemnity Fund, R.M.I. for Boys."

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. G. Squire, in the course of which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and duly honoured, and altogether a very pleasant and harmonious evening was spent.

BIRMINGHAM.

**Howe Lodge (No. 587).**—The installation meeting of this distinguished lodge was held at the Masonic Hall New-street, on Monday, the 13th inst., when

the out-going W.M., Bro. A. Waugh Young, most ably installed his successor, Bro. Thorley, the several addresses being admirably and impressively delivered by Bro. Geo. Jones, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. The newly-installed W.M. then appointed and installed his officers as follows: Bros. W. A. Bindley, S.W.; J. H. Dent, J.W.; H. Denne, M.D., P.M., Treas.; R. J. R. Mackenzie, Sec.; Rev. G. W. Barnard, Chap.; C. A. Rolleson, P.M., S.D.; L. H. Elkington, J.D.; D. Docker, I.G.; C. F. Rowe, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Charity Steward; and A. W. Young, I.P.M. The W.M. then, in the name of the lodge, presented Bro. Young with a very handsome Past Master's jewel, in recognition of his valuable services during his year of office.

The lodge was then closed, when the members and visitors adjourned to the dining hall, where the installation banquet was served.

In addition to those above named, there were present Bros. Montgomery Hooper, P.M., and P.M. 1584; E. Wren, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; H. Weiss, P.M., P.S.G.D.; J. W. Martin, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; S. Walliker, P.M., P.S.G.W.; Lieut.-Col. C. A. Cooper, P.M. 2098; and A. Hammond. Visitors: Bros. J. T. Collins, J.P., Deputy Provincial Grand Master; the Rev. W. H. Richard, P.M. 794, Prov. G. Chaplain; W. F. Tollanday, W.M. 1180, P.D.G.D.C.; A. R. Gaul, P.M.; C. F. Vachell, W.M. 794; A. Shackelford, W.M. 887; W. Thomas, P.M. 887, P.P.J.G.W. Worcester; J. Candelant, P.M. 739; W. H. Turner, P.M. 2000; W. H. Sambidge, W.M. 938; H. H. Campion, P.M. 1031; G. Milward, P.M. 1163; S. G. Johnson, P.M. 779, P.P.J.G.D.; W. H. Reynolds, S.D. 925; and H. W. Webb, 925.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts, and those of "The W.M.," "The I.P.M.," "The Officers and Past Officers," "The Visiting Brethren," and others were duly proposed and received with all honours, the enjoyment of the brethren being enhanced by excellent vocal and instrumental music, Bros. Tolleday and Campion with songs, and Bro. Gaul with piano solo and accompaniments.

One of the events of the evening was the rendering of a new Masonic song—"The Corner Stone"—words by E. Oxenford, composed by Bro. A. R. Gaul. It met with so hearty a reception that it will certainly be popular for Masonic gatherings, and with great pleasure we reproduce the words:

With life so brief, can man afford,  
To waste its hours in hate?  
'Gainst harmony to draw the sword,  
And peace lay desolate?  
Ah no! in sweet fraternal love  
All men on earth should live,  
And teach their hearts, all things above,  
'Tis manly to forgive!  
So let the heart of man build up  
A fortress of its own,  
With walls that discord cannot scale,  
And Love its corner-stone.

Chorus—So let the heart, &c.

From those distress and sore in need  
Should man avert his ear,  
And turn aside from the e that plead  
With many a sigh and tear?  
Ah no! he should with tender word  
Assuage their pangs of grief,  
And with a hand by pity stirr'd  
Afford their wants relief!  
So let the heart of man build up  
A fortress of its own,  
With walls that discord cannot scale,  
Relief its corner-stone.

Chorus—So let the heart, &c.

The fairest gem that ever shone,  
Since earth was in its youth,  
Will find its lustre dimm'd and gone  
Beside the light of Truth!  
Ah yes! its rays the brightest are  
That shine Creation o'er,  
And it should be the beacon star  
Of man for evermore!  
So let the heart of man build up  
A fortress of its own,  
With walls that discord cannot scale,  
And Truth its corner-stone.

Chorus—So let the heart, &c.

BOLTON.

**St. John's Lodge (No. 221).**—The annual festival in connection with the above lodge, and the festival of St. John—one of the most flourishing in the Province of East Lancashire—the mother lodge of the late Bro. G. P. Brockbank, P.G. Std. Br. of England, took place at the Masonic Hall, on January, the 15th inst., when there was a large and distinguished gathering, including the following visiting brethren: Bros. J. Barratt, I.P.M. 146, P.M. 1723 (Mayor of Bolton); E. G. Harwood, 37, P.M. 1723, P.P.J.G.W.; E. W. Irving, 2156, P.P.G. Stwd.; J. K. Ibberson, P.P.G. Reg. West Yorkshire; W. Wilson, W.M. 1102; T. Lang, P.M., Treasurer 1102; J. W. Beaumont, J.W. 1102; H. Heard, Sec. 1609; W. W. Downs, W.M. 146; J. Rogers, P.M. 1219, W.M. 2324; J. T. Voce, P.M. 146; W. Long, Sec. 146; J. Binns, Org. and I.G. 146; J. Booth, P.M. 37, Org. 2322; F. W. Brockbank, Stwd. 37; F. W. Broadbent, 37; T. Murphy, 37; Will Townsend, 1723; Atkinson, 146; W. Greenwood, 348; and Walter Morris, 1723.

The lodge having been opened by Bro. R. Cuerden, W.M., the Past Masters present proceeded to the installation of Bro. William Forrest, S.W. and Worshipful Master elect of the lodge. This was performed by Bro. James Walker, P.M., the presentation being made by Bro. Thomas Morris, P.M. of the lodge, and one of the oldest Freemasons in the town. The proclamation was by Bro. J. W. Taylor, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., who also presented the working tools to the W.M. elect. The investiture of the officers was performed by Bro. J. Boothroyd, P.M., and the addresses to the officers and brethren were given by Bro. Crompton, P.M. Bro. J. Dykes, Stwd., presented the Auditors' report, and Bro. J. Walker, P.M., was appointed Charity Representative.

The lodge was closed, after which the brethren and visitors sat down to a *recherché* banquet, provided by Bro. J. Walker, P.M.

The W.M. elect, Bro. Forrest, presided, and proposed "The Queen and the Craft" and "The Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales."

The S.W., Bro. J. W. Draycott, proposed "The Pro G.M., the Dep. G.M., and the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. Rutter, P.P.G.R., proposed "Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, Prov. G.M."

Bro. C. Crompton, P.M., proposed "Bro. Geo. Mellor, D.P.G.M., and the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," which was responded to by Bro. E. G. Harwood, P.P.J.G.W.

The toast of the evening—"The Worshipful Master"—was entrusted to Bro. J. W. Taylor, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., who gave an interesting account of the history of the lodge since its establishment in 1797.

The Worshipful Master responded in an able and happy address.

"The Installing Officers" followed, and Bro. F. Dykes proposed "The Past Masters," which was responded to by Bro. Cuerden, I.P.M.

"The Visitors," proposed by the J.W., Bro. Halliwell, was responded to by the Mayor of Bolton, Bro. J. Barrett, P.M., and Bro. Ibberson, P.P.G.R. West Yorkshire.

The W.M. proposed "The Officers of the Lodge," which was responded to by Bro. Draycott, S.W.

Bro. J. Walker, P.M., gave "The Masonic Charities," the brethren practically responding with a gift of over £10 to the East Lancashire Systematic Fund.

The toast list was brought to a close with the Tyler's toast, proposed by Bro. Higson, P.G. Tyler.

During the evening songs were given by Bros. Elliston, Lang, Stevenson, Townsend, Binns, Heard, Walker, Higson, and J.W. Taylor, the last-named brother acting most efficiently and energetically, and with commendable musical discretion, as D. of C.

The festival was highly successful, and will long linger in the memories of the "brethren of the mystic tie" who were privileged to be present.

DEVIZES.

**Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity (No. 663).**—

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Friday, the 17th inst., when there was a good attendance, amongst the visitors being Bros. W. S. Bambridge, P.M. 1533, P.P.G.O.; J. Pocock, P.M. 632, P.G.P.; and A. F. Brereton, W.M. 1271. The out-going W.M., Bro. H. J. Johnson, opened the lodge, and after the usual preliminaries installed his successor, the S.W., Bro. Frederick Sloper, the whole of the ceremony being conducted in a very impressive manner. The newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. H. J. Johnson, I.P.M.; Rev. W. Humphreys, S.W. and acting Chap.; B. W. Crees, J.W.; F. S. Hancock, P.M., Treas.; T. C. Hopkins, P.M., Sec.; J. P. Martin, S.D.; F. G. Bidingham, J.D.; H. Howse, P.M., D.C.; H. H. Baker, Org.; F. Reynolds, I.G.; W. Young and D. Owen, Stewards; and C. R. Barnes, Tyler.

After the usual routine business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the annual banquet at the Bear Hotel, which was supplied in first-class style by Bro. Reynolds, and to which Bro. Watson Taylor had, as usual, sent a supply of venison.

HASTINGS.

**Derwent Lodge (No. 40).**—The installation

meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 13th inst., at Castle Assembly Rooms, when there were present Bros. Rev. J. Puttich, P.G. Chap., W.M.; W. S. Allen, S.W.; F. C. Edwards, J.W.; F. Rossiter, P.P.G.D., Treas.; J. Pearce, P.M., Sec.; G. Randell, S.D.; R. Walmsley, J.D.; C. W. Duke, P.P.S.G.W., D.C.; G. H. Gage, I.G.; F. C. Ticehurst, Stwd.; W. Leslie, Tyler; Markwich, I.P.M.; Plowman, P.M.; Russell, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; Hennah, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Botley, P.M.; Lamborn, P.M., P.P.G.P.; Norris, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Muscat, Jukes, Heaphy, Cooper, Whitehouse, Dengate, Cornish, Jones, Rodda, and Marshall. Visitors: Bros. Wright, W.M. 1303; Noel, 1826; King, 36; Chance, 1184; Treehurst, 1184; Hughes, 1184, P.P.G.S.B.; Jordan, P.M. 1184; Jenkins, W.M. 341; Avis, 1184; Rev. E. Currie, P.M. 1184, P.G.C.; Sargent, P.M. 1184; Rev. McDonald Maugham, P.G.C. Kent; Hollands, W.M. 1797; Freeman, P.G.D., Prov. G. Sec.; Crawford J. Pocock, W.M. 732, P.S.G.W.; Clowes, W.M. 2201; Howard, W.M. 1110; Stone, W.M. 311; Dowell, W.M. 2187, P.P.G.D.; Smithers, 1804; Humphrey, P.M. 1842; and Wilson, 1842.

A letter from the Prov. Grand Secretary was read, stating that a Provincial Grand Lodge would be held on Saturday, the 1st of February, for the purpose of installing Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott as Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and the investiture of Bro. Crawford J. Pocock as Prov. S.G.W. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., has been deputed by H.R.H. the Prov. Grand Master to perform the ceremony. Messrs. Foord and Tyrrell were elected and initiated by the outgoing W.M., who afterwards installed the W.M., Bro. Allen, in a very impressive manner. Bro. Markwich gave the addresses. The following were appointed and invested as officers: Bros. F. C. Edwards, S.W.; Randell, J.W.; Rev. J. Puttich, Prov. G.C., Chap.; F. Rossiter, Treas.; J. Pearce, Sec.; Walmsley, S.D.; Gaze, J.D.; C. W. Duke, D.C.; Muscat, Org.; Ticehurst, I.G.; and Jukes, Steward. Bro. C. W. Duke was re-elected Charity Steward. The first pleasing duty the newly-installed W. Master had to perform was to present a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Rev. J. Puttich for his efficient services during the past year. Bro. Puttich suitably acknowledged the honour. The retiring W.M. stated that it was his intention to have undertaken the duties of Steward at the Festival of the Benevolent Institution, but ill-health prevented him, and their Secretary, Bro. Pearce, P.M., had kindly consented to represent the lodge on that occasion, and he hoped the brethren generally would help him all in their power. He gave notice of motion at the next meeting that five guineas be given to the Institution, and that it be placed on Bro. Pearce's list. The Secretary thanked the brethren, and expressed a hope that he should be well supported. It was resolved, on the motion of Bros. Pearce and Botley, that the *Freemason* be taken by the lodge, and that it be sent to the W.M. for the time being.

The brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was served up by Bro. Boyce in an admirable style, and gave general satisfaction.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. The musical arrangements were carried out by Bro. Russell.



## FERSEY.

**Mechanic's Lodge** (No. 245).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Thursday, the 16th inst., at the Masonic Temple, Stopford-road, when the following members were present, viz.: Bros. W. H. Hambly, W.M.; Quartermaster-Sergeant J. W. Hamling, R.A., S.W., W.M. elect; J. C. Barratt, J.W.; T. Dunell, P.M., Treas.; O. Dodge, P.M., Sec.; J. Woodsford, S.D.; Harris, J.D.; A. Currey, I.G.; G. Rogers, P.M.; Tyler; W. Pugsley, P.M.; T. Stone, P.M.; P. Blampied, P.M.; T. Leat, sen., P.M.; John Gray, P.M.; T. Leat, jun., P.M.; G. Long, P.M.; and others. Visitors: Bros. Carlos Leslie de Vine, of the Grand Orient of Peru; W. W. Richardson, W.M. 491; E. Kelley, P.M. 491; G. Baker, P.M. 491; S. Gilley, P.M. 491; F. Hatton, P.M. 491; J. Godsmith, P.M. 491; E. Bree, W.M. 590; E. Le Bas, W.M. 958; J. Durell, P.M. 244; E. Oldridge, W.M. 1003; P. G. Hamilton, P.M. 1003; F. Vincent, P.M. 1003; Sergt-Major G. Priestwood, R.A., J.W. 980; and others.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. J. Hamling was then presented to a Board of 20 Installed Masters, and was duly installed in office by Bro. Hambly, the retiring W.M., who discharged this important duty with conspicuous ability and success. The following were then appointed and invested as officers for the ensuing year, viz.: Bros. W. H. Hambly, I.P.M.; J. C. Barrett, S.W.; J. Woodsford, J.W.; T. Dunell, P.M., Treas. (for the 23rd time); O. Dodge, P.M., Sec.; Harris, S.D.; A. Currey, J.D.; Midgley, I.G.; and G. Rogers, Tyler.

There being no other business the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, when about 60 sat down to a banquet which was well served and provided by Bro. Rogers, the Curator of the temple.

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

An excellent programme of vocal and instrumental music was sustained by Bros. W. Fentum, A. McKee, G. McKee, G. Baker, A. Currey, Wright, Bisson, and Jones with marked ability and success, so that this installing meeting will always be deemed worthy of remembrance by those who had the good fortune to be present, the Tyler's toast bringing a very pleasant evening to a close.

## LIVERPOOL.

**Walton Lodge** (No. 1086).—On Wednesday, the 15th inst., at the Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Bro. G. G. Coope was duly installed as W.M. of the above lodge for the ensuing year. The members present included Bros. J. Pennington, W.M.; J. Unsworth, I.P.M.; J. Ewart, P.M.; G. G. Coope, S.W.; W. Wilkinson, P.M., Treas.; T. Garret, J.D.; J. B. Jones, Org.; J. M. A. McLean, I.G.; J. Lawson, G. Young, and J. Wild, Stwds; and E. Watson, Tyler. Among the visiting brethren were Bros. Alfred Cross, P.P.S.G.D.; C. Bargery, P.P.G.D.; J. F. Booth, W.M. 1299; J. Molyneux, W.M. 1756; W. Forrester, W.M. 1035; W. Savage, P.M. 1609; George Wynn, P.M. 1325; J. Galloway, P.M. 203; Lewis Peake, P.M. 1035; P. Blackburn, P.M. 1380; W. Addison, P.M. 1035; R. Bulmer, S.W. 1035; P. Sword, S.W. 1380; C. Johnson, S.W. 1756; W. M'Gaughey, S.W. 1570; Edward Pritchard, J.W. 2215; Joseph Croxton, Treas. 1756; and John Bain, Sec. 2114.

After his installation Bro. Coope proceeded to invest his officers as follows:—Bros. Dr. W. Crozier, S.W.; Isaac Evans, J.W.; Francis Ewart, P.M. Treas.; Thomas Garrett, Sec.; John Miller, S.D.; Joseph Lawson, J.D.; George Young, I.G.; Joseph Wild, Edward Johnston, and John Richardson, Stwds.; and J. B. Jones, Org.

The brethren subsequently partook of the installation banquet, and an enjoyable musical evening was spent.

Vocal items were contributed by a quartette consisting of Bros. D. L. Stephen, C. Salisbury, S. Howard, P.M., and J. Jack, and other members of the lodge and visiting brethren.

## MARYPORT.

**Perseverance Lodge** (No. 371).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 13th inst., the following brethren and visitors being present: Bros. John H. Raven, W.M.; S. Bettoney, S.W.; Jos. Nicholson, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; P. de E. Collin, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; Thomas Carey, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; Thomas Mandle, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; E. B. Penrice, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; Joseph Abbott, I.P.M., P.G.S.; E. G. Mitchell, P.M.; Jos. Ward, Jos. Simpson, R. Leach, W. T. Woon, P. Wedgwood, 2285; T. Atkinson, S.W. 1002; Jos. Read, Sec. 371; and John Messenger, Tyler 371.

The lodge was opened, and, after a ballot had been taken for a candidate, which resulted in his favour, a pleasing incident occurred. The W.M., Bro. Raven, being about to leave this part of the country, and reside in Essex, the brethren, as a token of remembrance and esteem, resolved to present him with a small testimonial, which was in the shape of a handsome marble clock, suitable for a side-board or chimney-piece. On it was a silver plate, with the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. J. H. Raven, W.M. 371, by a few of his Masonic brethren, as a mark of their respect and esteem. Maryport, Jan., 1890." Bro. P. de L. Collin presented it to Bro. Raven, and also bore testimony of his not only being a good Mason, but also a good citizen, and hoped that the change he was about to make from the north to the south might be both profit and pleasure. Bro. T. Caney also made a few suitable remarks, as also did Bro. J. Dickinson. Bro. Raven, in reply, thanked Bro. Collin for the manner in which he had made the presentation, also the brethren generally for their kindness and liberality. He was sure that it would always be looked up to by him and his family, and constantly remind him of the many pleasures he had enjoyed in Masonry during the past 17 years.

The lodge was then closed, and all present adjourned to the ante-room, where, after partaking of light refreshment, a very pleasant evening was spent in proposing Masonic toasts, harmony, and conviviality.

## PLUMSTEAD.

**Nelson Lodge** (No. 700).—The usual monthly meeting of the above excellent lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Mount Pleasant, on Wednesday, the 15th inst., Bro. W. Webber, W.M., presiding, supported by the following officers, visitors, and others: Bros. S. Southgate, S.W.; J. McCollough, J.W.; J. H. Roberts, P.M.,

Treas.; J. Warren, P.M., Sec.; G. F. Taylor, S.D.; W. Lawson, J.D.; H. Roberts, Org.; H. Tufnell, I.G.; G. H. Porter, Stwd.; T. Butt, P.M.; C. Sweeting, P.M.; J. Sanderson, P.M.; W. Long, Trodd, W. Chambers, Benstead, Harris, A. Mitchell, W. Marfleet, Capt. W. Ward, Edwards, Bryant, and others. Among the visitors were Bros. G. Davis, P.M., N. Brown, P.M., J. Bell, S.W., Brenner, and W. Davis, all of 13; J. Farrier, 913; C. Jolly, P.M., Sec. 1472, P.M., Sec. 2184; and others.

The lodge having been opened, the ballot was taken for Bro. W. A. Betts, 556, New South Wales, 1428, Portsmouth, and proved unanimous. The ballot was then taken for Mr. G. A. Grant, B.A., and, also proving unanimous, that gentleman was duly initiated into Freemasonry. Bro. McKnight was then passed, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren then partook of an excellent supper, after which the usual loyal, Grand Lodge, and personal toasts were honoured, and some excellent singing and reciting served to pass a few hours away pleasantly.

## TAUNTON.

**Unanimity and Sincerity Lodge** (No. 261).—The festival of St. John, in connection with the above lodge, was celebrated on Wednesday, the 15th inst., when Bro. the Rev. T. W. Aveling, S.W., was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed by Bro. R. C. Else, D.P.G.M. of Somerset, and the newly-installed Master afterwards appointed and invested the following officers:—Bros. G. C. Strawbridge, S.W.; W. H. Wake, J.W.; J. Showers, Treas.; A. Hammett, Sec.; H. S. Hume, Chap.; T. H. Chaffin, S.D.; R. W. Hartnell, J.D.; J. Lewis, D.C.; C. Barrett, I.G.; F. W. Baker, Org.; F. W. Roberts, W. Potter, J. G. Loveday, E. Goodman, and C. Bere, Stewards; and T. Tidbury, Tyler.

## TORQUAY.

**Jordan Lodge** (No. 1402).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 14th inst., when there were present Bros. T. H. Wills, W.M.; J. McKellar, S.W.; John Taylor, J.W.; Jno. Chapman, P.M., P.P.G.D., Sec.; Jno. Dodge, P.M., P.P.G.T., Treas.; T. Prust, P.M., Chap.; T. W. Morgan, I.P.M.; Jno. Lane, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; and F. E. Reafray, W.M. 1529, P.P.G.P. South Wales (W.D.).

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last and emergency meetings were read and confirmed. Bro. Chapman then gave an interesting summary of Masonic events in connection with Freemasonry in general and the lodge in particular for the year 1889. The indefatigable Secretary read his review in regular order. The Grand Lodge of England, under the direction of its distinguished ruler, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.V.G.M., had made rapid progress. One important event had been the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Victoria, which had removed a number of lodges from the roll of the Grand Lodge; yet there are still nearly 2000 lodges flourishing under its jurisdiction, 43 of which had been added during the year. The great Central Charities had obtained a fair amount of support, the three Institutions receiving nearly £50,000 in all, the private and provincial charities being also well maintained. Masonic literature compared favourably with that of previous years. In the report of the "Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076," it was stated that 20 books had been issued by the members and "Correspondence Circle" of that distinguished lodge. In Ireland his Grace the Duke of Abercorn, M.V.G.M., continues to rule over that constitution with geniality and success. His efforts are ably seconded in promoting the interests of the Irish Masonic Charities. Scotland, during the year, has been under happy and prosperous circumstances and, although like England, has lost some of its lodges through the formation of the Grand Lodge of Victoria, yet it holds up its head well, and is proud to see its offspring able to walk unassisted. In America, under the "Stars and Stripes," the progress of the Craft may be noted with un-mixed pleasure; and in Canada, too, he (Bro. Chapman) was happy to say there is unmistakably a very bright and happy future. In India the benign influence of Freemasonry is rapidly removing the blight which caste has for centuries cursed that populated part of the world. In Bombay was witnessed the grandest Masonic gathering ever held in that presidency, when H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, P.G.W., Dist. G.M., was appointed Honorary Past Grand Master of all Scottish Freemasonry in India; various shades of caste and religion happily blended upon that occasion, under the banner of Freemasonry. Australia is also making rapid Masonic strides, and during the past year the Grand Lodge of Victoria has been fully recognised by our Grand Lodge. Passing from events in general to those of the lodge in particular, it is gratifying to be able to record its conspicuous vitality. We believe there never has been so many successful Masonic efforts crowded into the proceedings of our lodge in any preceding year of its history. The first item of interest was the conferring of honorary membership upon Bro. Alfred Greenham, P.M. 1884, and originator of the Shanklin Masonic Exhibition. The lodge will not soon forget the able and eloquent speech in which that zealous brother expressed his appreciation of the honour, and his gratification upon receiving the framed certificate of membership duly presented to him. The delivery of Masonic lectures must also be noted; one on "an old 3° tracing board and an old lecture on the Degree" was by Bro. J. Chapman, another by the highly esteemed Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D. England—"A glance at Freemasonry during the last five centuries"—and a third by Bro. Jno. Lane—"On some ancient Masonic obligations and modes of recognition"—making three interesting and instructive discourses. The formation of the lodge library is an event of more than passing interest; the appointment of the able Bro. Jno. Taylor, J.W., as Librarian, and the opening of the library with some 100 volumes (many of them rare and valuable), being one of the happy events of the year, which will doubtless provide needful stimulus to the brethren. The remarkable distinction that the Jordan Lodge has attained during the year in the literary efforts of three of its members is almost unique. With the exception of the literary lodge (Quatuor Coronati), he (the Secretary) was not aware of any lodge where three of its members had each published a work on Freemasonry during the year save in No. 1402, Bros. Hughan, Lane, and Chapman having thus achieved that distinction. The new engraved plate for the circles having the valley of the river Jordan depicted

thereon, has been pronounced a most faithful representation, and a valuable work of art. The financial state of the lodge under the management of our excellent Treasurer, Bro. John Dodge, P.P.G.T., is in a most flourishing condition. The Masonic Charities have been amply supported, both central and provincial, the contributions to which have given the lodge a voting power it may well be proud of. In addition, the Benevolent fund of the lodge has been dispensed in a liberal and unstinted manner, to meet the pressing needs of the poor widows and orphans of our deceased brethren. There were 16 meetings during the year, with an average attendance of 26 members, a statement proving the deep interest the brethren have taken in Freemasonry. There are now 50 subscribing members. In closing this condensed review of the events of the past year, "let us express our gratitude to the G.A.O.T.U. for favours already received; may he continue to preserve our lodge, cementing and adorning its members with every moral and social virtue." The thanks of the lodge were given to the esteemed Secretary for his able review, and after an interesting address from Bro. Remfrey, W.M., 1529, the lodge was closed.

## URMSTON.

**Urmston Lodge** (No. 1720).—The installation of Bro. G. A. Myers, S.W., W.M. elect, took place, and the festival of St. John was celebrated at the Victoria Hotel on Monday, the 13th inst. There was a large assembly of influential brethren of this and neighbouring provinces, amongst whom were the following: Bros. G. R. Lloyd, W.M.; G. A. Myers, S.W.; J. Bowers, J.W.; E. L. Littler, P.P.G.P., Treas.; R. Swindells, Sec.; H. H. Smith, S.D.; J. H. Marsh, J.D.; W. H. Jolliffe, I.G.; J. Walton, jun., Stwd.; N. Jones, Tyler; T. W. Bone, I.P.M.; W. Goodacre, P.G.S.B., P.G. Secretary; J. Slyman, P.P.G.D.; and P. Heaton, P.M. Visitors: W. Webster, P.P.S.G.D.; J. M. Sinclair, P.P.G.D.; W. Bowden, P.P.G.D.; J. Chadderton, P.G.S.; Geo. S. Smith, P.M. 1170, J.W. 1134; C. P. Dunkerley, 1147; W. Brocklehurst, 317; S. Smart, 1219; A. Grice, P.M. 992; H. Rowlands, 1345; and W. A. Rothwell, 1814.

The lodge was opened by Bros. Geo. R. Lloyd, W.M. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The Auditor's report was submitted and adopted; the lodge being in a very satisfactory financial position, having a considerable balance in the bank, and not a single liability. The W.M. spoke in the highest terms of the great ability and indefatigable energy displayed by the Treasurer, Bro. E. L. Littler, P.P.G.P., as it was mainly due to his great exertions that such a satisfactory result had been obtained. Bro. E. L. Littler was re-elected Charity representative for the ensuing year. The chair was taken by Bro. William Goodacre, P.G.S.B., P.G. Secretary, as Installing Master, who appointed the following distinguished brethren as Installing Officers: Bros. J. Slyman, P.P.G.D., as S.W.; W. Webster, P.P.G.D., as J.W.; and E. L. Littler, P.P.G.P., as I.G. Bro. S. A. Myers was presented to the Installing Master by Bro. G. R. Lloyd, W.M., and after the usual formula was inducted into the chair of K.S., who invested the I.P.M., who was addressed by Bro. Heaton, P.M. The working tools were presented by Bro. E. L. Littler, and the officers for the ensuing year were invested by the W.M., the respective addresses being delivered by Bros. G. R. Lloyd, J. Slyman, and T. W. Bone, P.M. The addresses to the Master and Wardens were delivered by Bro. W. Goodacre. It will be seen by all our readers from the above talented brethren who took part in the ceremony we have frequently had occasion to speak of the high merits of each individually, we shall content ourselves on this occasion by observing that the whole proceedings, from the commencement to the finish, was an example worthy to be copied.

The lodge business being concluded, the hospitality of the brethren was testified by an elegant banquet which had been prepared by Bro. John Walton, the proprietor. The tables were profusely decorated with ferns and flowers, which gave the banqueting hall a very brilliant appearance.

The W.M., in giving the toast of "The Queen," said her Majesty's virtues were so well known to the brethren that it was quite unnecessary to enumerate them.

The other loyal toasts were given and responded to.

Bro. G. R. Lloyd, I.P.M., next proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and said that evening they had a W.M. who was thoroughly a child of the lodge, he being initiated directly after the consecration of the lodge in 1878, and from that moment he had been one of them, and it was an immense pleasure to see him installed into the chair he so worthily filled that evening. Every office he had filled he had done with credit to himself and honour to the lodge, and he hoped the brethren would do all they possibly could to support him in his office, and wished him a very happy and prosperous year.

The W.M., in reply, said that during the year he should occupy the chair in the lodge he need not tell them he should do his utmost to maintain the high reputation the Urmston Lodge had always held by carrying out the duties of Master to the best of his ability, and he would do his best to hand over the character that had been entrusted to him that evening unsullied to his successor.

Other toasts followed, which were briefly but heartily responded to.

During the evening a handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. G. R. Lloyd, I.P.M., which was accepted with a most graceful reply. The above jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, of Manchester and London.

Bro. Alderman Sir James Whitehead, Bart., has caused it to be made known that there is no truth whatever in the report that he is a candidate for the position of Alderman of the London County Council.

The Prince of Wales, who has returned from his visit to Lord Wimborne in Dorsetshire, the Princess of Wales, and the Princesses Victoria and Maud, are staying at Sandringham, among the guests on a visit to their Royal Highnesses being the Russian and Danish Ambassadors and Bro. Lord Charles Beresford.

Dr. Nathan Adler, who was installed Chief Rabbi of the united Jewish congregation of the British Empire as far back as 1845, died at Brighton early on Tuesday morning in the 88th year of his age. It is expected that he will be succeeded by his son, Dr. Hermann Adler, who has acted for his father and borne the title of Delegate Chief Rabbi for the last 10 years. The deceased Rabbi was held in the highest respect by men of all classes and religious sects.

**Royal Arch.**

**St. Thomas's Chapter** (No. 142).—A meeting of this chapter was held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Saturday, the 18th inst. Present: Comps. J. A. Gartley, P.Z., as Z.; R. M. Jones, H.; J. Glass, J.; C. F. Hogard, P.D.G.D.C., S.E.; F. W. Levander, P.Z.; G. Motion, P.Z.; A. V. Haines, P.Z.; R. Martin, P.Z.; and Comp. J. Lichtenfeld, P.S. 205, as a visitor.

Many of the members were unfortunately unable to attend owing to serious indisposition, amongst the regretted absentees being Comps. W. J. Nicholls, M.E.Z.; J. W. Lambert, P.Z., Treas.; and A. Gravatt, Asst. Soj.

Comp. J. Glass having very kindly offered to represent the chapter at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the sum of five guineas was placed on his list from the Charity Fund of the chapter. Comp. R. Motion called attention to a circular which had been issued by the Provisional Management Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys asking for subscriptions to the Pension Indemnity Fund, with the view of raising a sum of £2500 in lieu of granting a pension to Bro. Frederick Binckes, the object of which is to relieve altogether the Institution from any charge on its funds, and at the same time to recognise the very valuable services of Bro. Binckes and provide some means for his honourable retirement from the office of Secretary after upwards of 28 years' service, and he moved that the sum of £2 10s. be voted from the general funds of the chapter towards that purpose. This having been seconded by Comp. Gartley, the acting M.E.Z., was carried unanimously.

The chapter having been closed, the companions partook of a banquet, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

**MANCHESTER.**

**Trafford Chapter** No. 1496.—The installation meeting of this chapter was held on Wednesday, the 15th inst., at the Western Hotel, Moss Side, when there were present Comps. Geo. Burslem, M.E.Z.; W. Biggs, J.; J. C. Gillman, P.Z., P.P.G.J. West Lincs.; H. P. Jones, P.Z., S.E.; G. Hunt, P.Z.; S. D. McKeller, P.Z., P.P.A.G.S., P.S.; D. Johnson, P.Z.; C. W. Maybury, S.N.; T. H. Thomason, A.S.; A. Jacobson, J. Kershaw, T. Carter, F. Long, Org.; W. Battersby, J. J. Wills, J. Rathbone, and W. Riddell, Janitor. Visitor: Comp. J. Barker, P.Z. 1345.

The chapter has had the misfortune to lose by death, within a week of each other, two esteemed companions, each of whom had attained the rank of Principal, and the members of the chapter therefore wore emblems of mourning. A balance sheet of a very satisfactory character was presented and passed. Comp. Hunt then undertook the duties of Installing Principal, and, assisted by the P.Z.'s present, duly installed Comps. Gillman, Biggs, and Maybury, as First, Second, and Third Principals respectively. The other officers of the chapter were invested as follows: Comps. G. Hunt, P.Z., Treas.; H. P. Jones, P.Z., S.E. (re-elected); J. Rathbone, S.N.; T. H. Thomason, P.S.; A. Jacobson, 1st A.S.; J. Kershaw, 2nd A.S.; S. D. McKeller, P.Z., P.P.A.G.S., D.C.; F. Long, Org. (re-elected); and W. Riddell, Janitor. Comp. Jones, S.E., referred to the loss sustained by the chapter in the lamented deaths of Comps. J. McGrath, and George Johnson, and moved that a vote of condolence be passed with their relatives. Comp. Burslem seconded the resolution, which was supported by Comps. Walter Biggs, H., and G. Hunt, P.Z., Treas., and carried *nem. dis.*

After the transaction of some further business, the chapter was closed, the Organist playing the "Dead March" from *Saul*.

The companions partook of an excellent repast, provided by the host.

Subsequently, "The Health of the Newly-Installed First Principal" was proposed in felicitous terms by the I.P.Z., Comp. Burslem. He referred to the valuable services rendered them by Comp. Gillman—"the father of the chapter"—and to the fact that he was now installed in the chair of M.E.Z. for the third time. He expressed the hope that the M.E.Z. might long be spared to give counsel and advice to the members of the chapter.

The toast was honoured with much enthusiasm, and Comp. Gillman, in eloquent terms, returned thanks. He had watched with great gratification the progress made by the chapter, and he trusted that it would continue to increase and flourish.

In proposing "The Health of the Immediate M.E.Z., Comp. Burslem," the I.P.Z. paid a well deserved tribute to the perfect manner in which he had conducted the working of the chapter.

Comp. Burslem, who, it may be stated, has occupied the First Principal's chair two years in succession, responded.

The toasts of "The Second and Third Principals," "The Visitors"—responded to by Comp. Barker—"The Newly-Invested Officers," &c., were given and responded to, and the companions, in silence, drank to the memory of their two late colleagues, whose untimely deaths they deplored.

**Mark Masonry.**

**TWICKENHAM.**

**Sir Francis Burdett Lodge** (No. 181).

—This flourishing lodge met at the Albany Hotel, on the 15th instant. Among those in attendance were Bros. W. Bailey, W.M.; W. J. Porter, jun., S.W.; W.M. elect; Simmonds, J.W.; Davis, S.O.; Woodruff, J.O.; W. Fisher, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.G.S.B., Sec.; H. Von Joel, P.G.S.; S. D. Meacock, I.G.; E. Hopwood, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; J. T. Briggs, P.M., P.G. Std. Br.; H. Higgins, P.M.; C. H. Köhler, P.M.; George Everett, and Conway. Bro. Marshall, 333, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. Bro. Capt. Walls then took the chair and installed Bro. Porter, jun., as W.M., assisted by Bros. Hopwood, S.W.; Higgins, J.W.; Briggs, D.C.; and W. Fisher, I.G. The following appointments and investitures took place: Bros. Simmonds, S.W.; Thomas,

J.W.; Davis, M.O.; Woodruff, S.O.; Von Joel, J.O.; W. Fisher, Treas.; Capt. Walls, Sec.; G. Everett, R. of M.; Meacock, S.D.; Bonny, J.D.; Chumley, I.G.; Westley, D.C.; Conway and Baker, Stwds.; and Harrison, Tyler. The I.P.M. having been elected to represent the lodge as Steward to the next Mark Festival, the Secretary gave a notice of motion—"That the sum of five guineas should be voted to head the Steward's list." A Past Master's jewel having been presented to Bro. W. Bailey, I.P.M., letters from absent brethren were read, viz.: Bros. R. H. Thrupp, P.G.J.O.; W. Taylor, P.M.; Chumley, I.G.; and W. W. Westley.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. The W.M. presided most ably.

The long lists of toasts was duly gone through, and some excellent speeches were made, notably those of Bros. Hopwood, Briggs, and Marshall.

The proceedings were enlivened by the instrumental and vocal efforts of Bros. Porter, Bailey, and others.

**Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.**

**JOPPA LODGE** (No. 188).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 21st inst., at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C. Present: Bros. S. Dancyger, W.M.; B. da Costa, S.W.; J. Dancyger, J.W.; H. Saqui, Sec.; B. Cohen, S.D.; London, J.D.; E. Ansell, I.G.; Emanuel, P.M.; Dewsnap, P.M.; Rosenberg, A. Cohen, Lockstone, Friedlander, Franks, Poppmacher, L. Isaacs, Marks, Samuels, Singer, and J. Abraham. Visitors: H. Lichtenfeld, Munley, Holbrook, and Harris.

The lodge was opened, and the Fifteen Sections were worked by the following brethren: First Lecture: Bros. H. Saqui, H. Lichtenfeld, Emanuel, B. da Costa, and J. Dancyger. Second Lecture: Bros. Saqui, J. Dancyger, B. da Costa, and L. Simmons. Third Lecture: Bros. B. da Costa, J. Dancyger, and H. Harris. The following brethren were made members of the lodge: Bros. Samsen, D. Walter, B. Cohen, L. Simmons, H. Goodwin, and A. Jacoby. The proceedings terminated with a hearty vote of thanks being recorded on the minutes to the W.M., S.W., J.W., and brethren who had assisted with the Sections.

**PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE** (No. 753).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 21st inst., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Hill. Present: Bros. J. Page, W.M.; W. J. Stratton, Treas., S.W.; A. Pozzati, J.W.; G. Wood, Preceptor; J. J. Thomas, Sec.; A. G. Boswell, S.D.; W. Chapple, J.D.; S. Marks, I.G.; C. J. Biorn, P.M.; R. E. Cursons, and J. R. Hill. Visitor: Bro. R. J. Rogers, 733.

The lodge was opened in *due form*, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Cursons having answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, was duly entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Cursons candidate. The lodge was called off and on. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The 1st Section was worked by the Preceptor, and the 2nd by Bro. Cursons, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Rogers was elected a joining member. The S.W., Bro. Stratton, was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed the officers in rotation. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed. The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed on Tuesday, the 28th inst.

**CRESCENT LODGE** (No. 788).—This highly successful lodge held its usually weekly meeting on Thursday, the 16th inst., at the King's Head Hotel, Twickenham, when Bro. Frank Chapman rehearsed in a most creditable manner the ceremony of initiation, being followed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. W. J. Porter, W.M. 1793, who installed into the W.M.'s chair Bro. J. P. Hoddinott W.M. elect of 901. The investiture of officers was performed very efficiently. Bro. R. W. Forge, Sec., was elected to represent the lodge at the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and a sum of six guineas placed on his list from the lodge funds. A vote of money was also granted to the widow of a brother recently deceased.

**RANELAGH LODGE** (No. 834).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 17th inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Hammer-smith, when there were present Bros. E. Lucas, W.M.; W. G. Coat, S.W.; T. Jobson, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Preceptor; D. S. Long, Sec.; F. Craggs, S.D.; McCrow, J.D.; A. Williams, I.G.; and T. H. Barth.

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. McCrow being the candidate. Bro. McCrow having given proofs of his proficiency, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed, Bro. McCrow being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The lodge was closed in the Third Degree, and resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. having risen, Bro. Coat was elected W.M. for the next meeting. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**MONTEFIORE LODGE** (No. 1017).—A meeting was held at St. James' Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., on the 16th inst., when there were present Bros. S. A. Rothchild, W.M.; F. Harding, S.W.; F. Jameson, J.W.; E. Salomon, Treas.; S. Lichtenfeld, Sec.; W. Rooke, S.D.; J. Trenner, I.G.; N. P. Valentine, P.M.; J. Grumbaum, Van Dyk, Oakshott, W. Lord, Sichel, Lyon, J. de Solla, H. R. Hughes, 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. Scherer acting as candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Lyon acting as candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first and second times, and the S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

**HYDE PARK LODGE** (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 20th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. C. G. Wetzlar, W.M. 141, W.M.; W. Hillier S.W.;

J. H. Taylor, J.W.; W. H. Chalfont, Asst. Preceptor; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; J. C. Conway, S.D.; T. Middleweek, J.D.; A. Toley, I.G.; H. Campbell, Steward; W. J. Hakim, I.P.M. 141; J. Cruttenden, and H. Windeatt.

The lodge was opened in *due form*, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the First. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Hakim candidate, after which the ceremony of initiation was also rehearsed, Bro. Windeatt being candidate. Bro. Hillier was elected W.M. for next lodge meeting—officers to be in rotation. A communication from Bro. George Read was read. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**ISLINGTON LODGE** (No. 1471).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 21st inst., when there were present Bros. S. Napper, W.M.; J. M. Scarlett, S.W.; H. B. Harding, J.W.; W. Hancock, Preceptor; John Petch, P.M., Treas.; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; A. Cox, S.D.; C. G. Gray, J.D.; T. Williams, I.G.; R. W. Nicole, C. Isler, R. Loomes, J. Duncan, and A. Fearnhead.

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. Nicole being the candidate. Bro. Duncan answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Duncan being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. then rehearsed the investiture of officers, Bro. Petch acting as D.C. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Scarlett was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. Nothing further offering, 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. Fruen, W.M.; S. Morgan, S.W.; Bolding, J.W.; M. Spiegel, P.M., Preceptor; J. C. Morgan, Sec.; Pettit, S.D.; Linsley, I.G.; Baldwin, P.M.; Hill, Williams, Golding, and Vickers.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. The lodge was opened to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The lodge opened to the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed; the W.M. gave the traditional history in a very able manner. Bro. Morgan was elected W.M. for next week. The annual dinner was arranged for the third Thursday in February, viz., the 20th. Several letters of apology were received for non-attendance on account of influenza. After "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

**EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE** (No. 1642).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 17th inst., at the Earl of Lonsdale Hotel, Archer-street, Bayswater, W. Present: Bros. R. C. Green, W.M.; J. H. Taylor, S.W.; H. D. Smith, J.W.; G. Davis, P.M., Preceptor; W. J. Mason, Sec.; A. F. Scholding, S.D.; G. Gardner, J.D.; H. Armfield, I.G.; E. Rogers, P.M.; F. L. Chandler, P.M.; J. Powell, H. H. Barrington, M. Roxenberg, and H. Foxkett. Bro. C. W. Francis was a visitor.

The lodge was opened in *due form*, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W. Master vacated the chair in favour of Bro. W. J. Mason. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. F. L. Chandler having answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, was duly entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Chandler being the candidate. The chair was then occupied by Bro. R. C. Green. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. J. Powell being the candidate. Bro. C. W. Francis was elected a member. Bro. J. Powell was elected W.M. for the next meeting. It was proposed by the Preceptor, seconded by Bro. E. Rogers, and carried unanimously—"That on Friday, the 31st inst., we move to the Kensington Park Hotel, when the Fifteen Sections will be worked by the brethren of this lodge of instruction." It was proposed by Bro. Scholding, seconded by Bro. H. D. Smith, and carried unanimously—"That the Preceptor take the chair on the evening the Fifteen Sections are worked." After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**KENSINGTON LODGE** (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 14th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W., when there were present Bros. W. Hillier, W.M.; J. Cox, S.W.; J. Wiggins, J.W.; George Read, P.M., Preceptor; R. H. Williams, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. Middx., Treas.; F. Craggs, Sec.; J. H. Neville, S.D.; P. J. Davies, J.D.; F. A. Barth, I.G.; James Sims, P.M.; W. C. Williams, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. Middx.; Nathaniel Foley, and others.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. R. H. Williams acting as candidate. Bro. Foley offered himself as a candidate for the Second Degree, was put through the preliminary examination, and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the passing ceremony rehearsed, at the conclusion of which Bro. R. H. Williams gave the Lecture on the tracing board. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree, and Bro. Cox was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The bye-law Committee brought up their report, and their recommendation was received and adopted, and the lodge was closed.

**ST. AMBROSE LODGE** (No. 1891).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 15th inst., at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. Present: Bros. G. McCrow, W.M.; Joseph Cox, S.W.; F. Thomas, J.W.; J. Collings, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, Sec.; J. Morrish, S.D.; L. Nathan, J.D.; R. Ambler, I.G.; and Thomas Jobson. Bro. W. Hilton, 1714, was a visitor.

The lodge was opened in *due form*, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed in a creditable manner, Bro. Jobson acting as candidate. Bro. McCrow vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Jesse Collings. A brother offered himself as a candidate for passing, and, after examination, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree, and Bro. McCrow resumed the chair. Bro. J. Cox was duly elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

**CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).**—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 18th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. T. W. Biggs, W.M.; J. Cox, S.W.; R. H. Wimpey, J.W.; J. Brown, Sec.; A. Williams, S.D.; W. W. Williams, J.D.; W. Hillier, I.G.; E. Ayling, P.M., Preceptor; D. Stroud, P.M.; J. H. Wood, P.M.; J. Sims, P.M.; F. Cragg, F. Fox, and H. W. Dyne.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. W. W. Williams, candidate. The W.M. rehearsed the traditional history. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Dyne answered the questions leading to the Second Degree. On the usual rising Bro. J. Cox was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing else offering, the lodge was closed.

**TORQUAY.**—**JORDAN LODGE (No. 1402).**—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall on Wednesday, the 8th inst., when there were present, with others, Bros. Ino. Lane, as W.M.; J. H. Wills, S.W.; S. Wills, J.W.; J. Dodge, Preceptor; J. Taylor, Sec.; G. West, S.D.; W. Thomas, I.G.; J. E. Newton, Tyler; T. Prust, W. J. Nosworthy, E. Henley, V. Lauzell, and Conroy Couch. Visitors: Bros. C. Williams, 1847; and W. Bennett, 699.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of former meeting confirmed. The lodge was then open and closed in the Third Degree, when many points in the working of the several Degrees and ceremonies were minutely explained and fully demonstrated by Bro. John Lane. The demonstrations given by Bro. Lane were such as were opened by him at the Emulation Lodge of Improvement for M.M.'s in London. The brethren tendered their cordial thanks to Bro. Lane for the instructive information he had given them. After apologies for absent brethren, and the "Hearty good wishes" of the visitors, the lodge was closed.

**HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).**—A meeting was held on Friday, the 17th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland Gardens, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. T. C. Edmonds, Z. 1509, M.E.Z.; J. Davies, J. elect 733, H.; W. H. Chalfont, J. elect 975, J.; John Davies, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; J. Cruttenden, 779, P.S.; and J. Smith, P.S. 890, 1st A.S.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The historical and mystical lectures were given by the M.E.Z. and J. Comp. T. C. Edmonds was elected M.E.Z., and appointed officers, for the ensuing fortnight. After "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

**NORTH LONDON CHAPTER (No. 1471).**—A convocation was held on Monday, the 20th inst., at the Grosvenor Hotel, Grosvenor-road (opposite the Canonbury Railway Station). Present: Comps. A. F. Dixie, M.F.Z.; R. A. Homan, H.; J. McLaren, J.; J. E. Sheffield, P.S.; and several other companions.

The chapter was opened, and the ceremony of exaltation was rendered in an admirable manner. The chapter was then closed after a very enjoyable evening.

## Knights Templar.

### Mount Calvary Encampment (D).

This old encampment met at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's-Inn-Fields, on the 10th inst. Among those present Sir Knights Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.P., &c.; Capt. F. J. Stohwasser, E.C.; H. J. Lardner, 1st Capt.; W. Paas, P.G.B.B., P.E.C., Almoner; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.G.C. of Gds., P.E.C., P.E.P., Reg.; L. Steele, Capt. of Lines; C. Slater, 1st Std. Br.; N. Prower, M.A., 2nd Std. Br.; Thomas, 1st Herald; W. Maple, 2nd Herald; J. H. Dodson, I.P.E.C.; F. W. Driver, M.A., P.E.C.; and J. H. Hawkins. Among the visitors were Sir Knights Lieut.-Col. Haldane, P.G.P. of Kent; E. Letchworth, P.E.P., &c.; W. Ganz, G. Org.; H. H. Shirley, M.A., P.E.P.; and Molesworth St. Aubyn.

The minutes of the previous encampment having been read and confirmed, Comps. W. Hale-Hilton, of Chapter 1623, and Oscar Berry, of Chapter 569, were most impressively installed as Knights of the Order. Sir Knight Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Great Sub-Prior, having assumed the chair, then installed Sir Knight H. J. Lardner as E.C. for the year ensuing. The following investitures then took place: Sir Knights Capt. Stohwasser, Prelate; Wood, 1st Capt.; Sir Love Jones-Parry, Bart., 2nd Capt.; W. Paas, Almoner; Capt. T. C. Walls, Reg.; L. Steele, Expert; C. Slater, Capt. of Lines; N. Prower, 1st Std. Br.; Thomas, 2nd Std. Br.; W. Maple, 1st Herald; G. J. Bell, 2nd Herald; and Frater Rawles, Equery. During the ceremonies, Sir Knight W. Ganz presided most effectively at the organ. A P.E. Commander's jewel having been presented to Sir Knight Capt. Stohwasser, a vote of thanks to the Installing Officer was carried by acclamation. The G.S.P. having briefly acknowledged the compliment, the Registrar reported the death of the wife of Sir Knight G. Graveley, P.E.C., whereupon a vote of condolence was passed. Among those who sent apologies for non-attendance through illness and other causes were Sir Knights F. Binckes, P.E.C.; J. B. Glenn, P.E.C.; G. Graveley, P.E.C.; T. Wood, 1st Capt.; Capt. W. J. Freer, P.E.P.; William Kelly, P.E.P.; Capt. N. G. Phillips, P.E.P.; Frank Richardson, P.E.P.; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., P.E.P., G.C.; and others.

The encampment was then closed, and the sir knights adjourned to an admirably served banquet.

Upon the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal toasts were honoured.

Sir Knight Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, in responding to the toast of "The Great Sub-Prior and the rest of the Officers of Great Priory," expressed the pleasure it had afforded him to be present that day. The officers of Great Priory were always gratified in attending preceptories, and assisting in the work when required. He regretted that the Order of the Temple was not quite so flourishing as its supporters would like it to be. He believed that matters connected with the future of the Order would be discussed at the next Convent General. It was thought by some that something might be done to render introduction into the Order easier than at present, but there were others, especi-

ally members of the Order in the North, who thought otherwise. He was pleased to hear that the Mount Calvary was in so sound a condition. As an honorary member of it, he was gratified to witness the very excellent working of Sir Knight Captain Stohwasser, and he was also pleased to hear from the Auditors that there was a balance in hand of upwards of £70. This satisfactory state of things no doubt was due to a great extent to the fostering care of the Treasurer and Registrar. In conclusion, he said that the Mount Calvary was an old and distinguished body, but he could not claim for it so high an antiquity as its Registrar did. The present warrant, bearing the signature of his late R.H. the Duke of Sussex, was dated 1842, and it was claimed by three members therein named to be the Early Grand Encampment of England. Unfortunately, nothing was quoted on the said warrant of confirmation to substantiate that claim, and he was afraid that the members would not be able to get a centenary warrant.

"The Health of the Eminent Commander" was proposed in flattering terms by the I.P.E.C. He said that Sir Knight Lardner was an expert worker in all Degrees in Masonry. He was exceedingly charitable, and a good fellow all round. He believed that the E.C.'s year of office would be a most pleasant and instructive one.

This toast having been heartily drunk, the E.C. replied. In the course of his remarks he spoke of the difficult matter it was for him to equal the efforts of his predecessor. Sir Knight Capt. Stohwasser's year had been a most brilliant one. The members had been most hospitably entertained, instructed and delighted with the most charming music, thanks to the kindness and ability of the Immediate Past Commander. He (the E.C.) would do his best to give the members every satisfaction, as he considered it no light honour to be the chief of so old and interesting an encampment.

Sir Knights Hilton and Berry acknowledged the toast of "The Newly-installed Knights."

Sir Knights Lieut.-Col. Haldane, E. Letchworth, H. H. Shirley, W. Ganz, and M. St. Aubyn spoke in very flattering terms in response to "The Health of the Visitors."

Sir Knights Capt. Stohwasser, Driver, and Dodson responded to the toast of "The Past Commanders;" Sir Knight Capt. Walls for "The Treasurer and Registrar;" and Sir Knights Prower and Maple for "The Officers."

An excellent programme of instrumental and vocal music was carried out by Sir Knight W. Ganz, whose personal efforts on the pianoforte were brilliantly effective and enhancing.

## Ireland.

### COOKSTOWN.

**Green Lodge (No. 470).**—On Wednesday, the 15th inst., the brethren of this lodge, with some friends, dined in the Masonic Hall, after the installation of the following officers: Bros. Wm. Leeper, J.P., W.M.; C. H. P. D. Graves, M.D., S.W.; H. N. Raphael, J.W.; W. J. R. Knight, S.D.; Wash Kinley, J.D.; Rev. Wm. Glenn, Chap.; J. T. Donaldson, Treas.; and Alfred Mann, Sec.

The usual Masonic toasts were heartily responded to, and "The Masonic Charities," to which a very handsome amount was subscribed by those present at the close, received able treatment at the hands of Bro. Donaldson, the Treasurer.

A number of songs and recitations were given, and a hearty vote of thanks to the ladies who had assisted in laying the dinner terminated a most enjoyable re-union.

### INNISKILLEN.

**St. John's Lodge (No. 891).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held in the Town Hall on the 3rd inst. Bro. William Ritchie was presented as W.M. elect, and impressively installed by the retiring Master, Bro. W. Purdon, C.E. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. John Murray, S.W.; J. L. Caison, J.W.; Rev. Abbott, Chap.; W. Feele, J.P., Treas.; F. W. Jones, Sec.; S. Richardson, S.D.; W. Duncan, J.D.; and J. Coalter, I.G.

After the installation of officers the brethren adjourned to the usual substantial dinner, after which the customary toasts were heartily honoured.

When we say that during the past year this lodge brought 11 good men and true into the Masonic fold, and worked 32 Degrees, it speaks volumes; but when it is pointed out that all this work fell on the shoulders of Bro. F. W. Jones, his services to this lodge and the Craft in general cannot be over-estimated.

"The Health of the W.M." was heartily received, and in his response (itself an oration of no mean importance) he said how pleased he was to occupy the position of W.M. in such a lodge as No. 891, and with such a good list of officers, particularly the J.W., who had made the history of Masonry, its jurisprudence, and symbolism, a study, and possessed a Masonic library second to none in the province.

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by the W.M. 473; the W.M. 205; Bro. O'Teman, 205, P.S. G.W., and others, and a pleasant evening terminated.

## Obituary.

### BRO. W. WIGGINGTON.

This brother died on the 8th inst., at his residence, Buckhurst, Forest Hill. He was the son of the late Mr. W. L. Wigginton, Professor of Astronomy, and was born at Eton 22nd August, 1826. He was educated at Eton, and was in the same form with the late distinguished Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Shrewsbury, the father of the present peer. He was trained as an architect, and was for nearly 30 years a Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects. Among the buildings he designed and erected were St. James' Church, Vicarage, and Schools, Hampton Hill; St. Paul's, Bethnal Green; St. Barnabas Vicarage, Bow; St. Paul's, Charlton; Christ Church, Clapton; Christ Church, South Hackney; St. John the Baptist, Islington; St. James', Halford, Berks; Almshouses for the Dutch Church, Charlton; and a wing to St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington. At the commencement of the

Volunteer movement, our late brother became one of its most ardent supporters, and after serving many years in different positions, eventually was gazetted lieutenant-colonel of the 1st Tower Hamlets' Artillery, and on several occasions he was appointed and served on the staff at various reviews. In 1874, he sought Parliamentary honours, and was the accepted candidate in the Conservative interest for Hackney. After a very successful canvass, in the course of which he expended considerable time and money, he was induced to withdraw his candidature in favour of a Mr. Gill, who, however, did not win the seat. He was initiated as a Mason in December, 1852, in St. Paul's Lodge, No. 43. Shortly afterwards he joined two lodges, then known as Nos. 313 and 730. He also resuscitated the Vernon Lodge, then distinguished as No. 819. He acted as Secretary for some years to both Nos. 313 and 819, and became S.W. in each. For his Masonic services in Worcestershire he was respectively appointed Prov. G.S.B. and P.G.D.C. In 1862 he founded and was W. Master of the Tower Hamlets' Engineers Lodge, now the Burgoyne Lodge, No. 902. In 1868 he founded and was W.M. of the Royal Standard Lodge, No. 1298. In 1874 he founded and was W.M. for two successive years of the Francis Burdett Lodge, No. 1503, and held the office of Secretary till 1884. He was shortly afterwards appointed P.G.S. of W. Middlesex. He was exalted, we believe, as a Royal Arch Mason in Chapter No. 43. He was the founder and first M.E.Z., in 1878, of the Francis Burdett Chapter, 1503, and was appointed P.G.S.N. of Middx. He was advanced to the Mark Degree in the Macdonald Lodge, No. 104. He founded in 1875 and was first W.M. of the Francis Burdett Mark Lodge, No. 181. He was also the founder and first W.M., in 1879, of the Prince Leopold Lodge, No. 238. His late Royal Highness the Duke of Albany, K.G., took a great interest in this particular Mark lodge, and Bro. Wigginton was summoned to Claremont on one occasion to see him on matters connected with the lodge, and was the recipient of the Prince's photograph and autograph. Bro. Wigginton was a P.G.S. of W., and P.P.G.S. of W. Middx. and Surrey, in the Mark Degree. He held the office of Secretary to No. 238 till the year 1886, when failing health compelled him to resign. The deceased brother was, in his palmy days, an expert worker in the Craft, Arch, and Mark Degrees. Nature had given him an excellent voice, and his delivery of the various lectures on the tracing board, and installation addresses were marked by elocutionary power of no common order, and he was an adept in impromptu speaking. His early Masonic tastes were fostered by his uncle the late Bro. John Wigginton, who died in 1881, aged 91 years, and who was considered the patriarch of Masonry, as he claimed to be the oldest member of the Craft in the United Kingdom. A short service was held on the 11th inst., over the body of Bro. W. Wigginton, in St. Saviour's Church, Brockley-road, Forest Hill, and the remains were subsequently interred in the family vault at Dudley. The brethren of the Sir Francis Burdett Lodge, No. 1503, of which he was a subscribing member to the day of his death, sent a beautiful wreath, bearing a card upon which was written—"From the members of the Sir Francis Burdett Lodge, No. 1503, as a token of respect to departed merit." This *memento mori* now rests on the coffin within the vault at Dudley. He had been a helpless invalid for months, suffering from softening of the brain and general paralysis of the body. During his illness his wife and two daughters, who resided with him, were unremitting in their attentions. His family consisted of three sons and four daughters, all of whom survive him.

### BRO. W. R. PULLEN.

This brother died on the 11th inst., aged 49, a Grosvenor Villas, Ealing, and was buried at Finchley on the 15th inst. He was in good health till the 3rd inst., when he was attacked with influenza; complications ensued, and he died of acute pneumonia. He was the eldest son of the late well-known Bro. Hyde Pullen, P.G.S.B., 33, &c. For many years he resided in the Isle of Wight, and took an active part in the local volunteer regiment. He was also an amateur athlete, running, swimming, boxing, and rowing taking up a great deal of his spare time. He spent some years abroad, and on one occasion volunteered to actively superintend some diving operations in the Danube. These were successfully carried through, although attended by considerable risk to himself in consequence of the dangerous state of the river. He was a very clever draughtsman and penman. These accomplishments he appeared to inherit from his late father, who was *facile princeps* in drawing and calligraphy. The subject of this brief memoir possessed other natural gifts; he was an authority on chemistry and engineering, and had inventive capacities that should have brought him into prominence. He was initiated into Masonry when quite a young man in the old East Medina Lodge, No. 175, and although he took no active part in its councils, yet he subscribed to its funds to the last. He was also a Rose Croix Mason. At Ealing and in business and private circles in London he was universally respected. He was most unassuming in manner, gentle in speech, and kind-hearted to a degree. A good son, husband, father, and friend. In our small coterie in particular the writer of these lines can sincerely state that his sad loss has created a hiatus which can never be filled. He has left a wife and a little daughter to lament his premature decease. His mother, an octogenarian, and his only brother, Bro. E. P. Pullen, 18, also survive him.



MASONIC MEETINGS (Metropolitan)

For the week ending Saturday, February 1, 1890.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25.

CRAFT LODGES.

1679, Henry Muggeridge, Anderson's Hotel. 1706, O'pheus, Holborn Restaurant.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30. Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, at 7.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

1329, Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall.

MONDAY, JANUARY 27.

CRAFT LODGES.

4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall. 26, Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Barnato, Victoria Hotel, 25, Charterhouse-street, at 6. Beconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall. 188, Joppa, Guildhall Tavern.

MARK LODGE.

4, Prince of Wales, 8a, Red Lion-square.

RED CROSS.

2, Plantaganet, 68A, Regent-street.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28.

Audit Committee Girls' School, at 4.

CRAFT LODGES.

14, Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall. 46, Old Union, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8. Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Kingston Hill, at 8.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

21, Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street. 2-8, United Strength, Guildhall Tavern.

ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES. 16, Stewart, 8a, Red Lion-square. KNIGHTS TEMPLAR. 128, Oxford and Cambridge University, 33, Golden-square.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29.

CRAFT LODGES.

898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-place, Poplar. 1768, Progress, Freemasons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Jurgoyne, Essex Head, Essex-street, Strand, 6 to 8. Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 7 till 9.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

13, Union Waterloo, New Masonic Hall, Plumstead. 435, Mount Lebanon, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30.

General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.

CRAFT LODGES.

23, Neptune, Guildhall Tavern. 1524, Duke of Connaught, Anderson's Hotel.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Burdett Courts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8. Clarence, Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham-court-road.

MARK LODGE.

211, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31.

Quarterly Meeting Boys' School, at Freemasons' Hall, at 4.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Albion, The Mitre, 125, Chancery-lane, at 7. All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

26, Faith and Fidelity, Cannon-street Hotel. Metropolitan (T.I.), 8a, Red Lion-square.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1.

Quarterly General Court Girls' School, at 12. General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.

CRAFT LODGES.

142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-street Hotel. 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tavern.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.

MASONIC MEETINGS (Provincial)

For the week ending Saturday, February 1, 1890.

MONDAY, JANUARY 27.

CRAFT LODGES. Bridgend... 1752 Knutsford ... 911 Birmingham ... 43 Okehampton ... 1753 Altrincham ... 1045

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Birmingham ... 74 Huddersfield ... 521 Alford ... 1600 Southampton ... 130 Ventnor ... 551 Bromley ... 1694

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28.

CRAFT LODGES. Liverpool ... 1609 R.A. CHAPTERS. Derby ... 253 Brighton ... 1639 Nottingham ... 47

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Newcastle ... 24 Aylesbury ... 591 Redcar ... 1244 Whitehaven ... 119 Lee ... 704 Waterloo ... 1380

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29.

CRAFT LODGES. Manchester ... 1083 R.A. CHAPTERS. Winchester ... 76 Jarrow ... 1119 Penzance ... 121

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Chatham ... 20 Haverfordwest ... 464 Sowerby Bridge 1283 Ryde ... 175 Newbury ... 574 Bromley ... 1805

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30.

CRAFT LODGES. Hyde ... 1166 Kendal ... 129 Exeter ... 39 Southport ... 1313 Heywood ... 256

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Canterbury ... 31 Maidstone ... 503 Hatfield ... 1590 Plymouth ... 70 Twickenham ... 788 Leyton ... 1045

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31.

CRAFT LODGES. Nottingham ... 1435 MARK LODGES. Skipton ... 810 Cowbridge ... 1822 Bath-Royal Cun-berland.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1.

CRAFT LODGES. Bristol ... 1388 Manchester ... 1458 Brighton ... 1465 Plymouth ... 1550

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The Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will be held in the Board Room of the Freemasons' Hall on Saturday, the 1st prox.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held on Saturday, the 1st prox., at 4 p.m., at Freemasons' Hall.

The Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held on Friday next, the 31st instant, in the Large Hall of Freemasons' Tavern. The chair will be taken at 4 p.m., and a full programme of business will be considered.

The installation meeting of the Gladsmuir Lodge, No. 1385, will be held at the Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, on Friday next, the 31st instant, when Bro. J. H. Baxter, J.W. and W.M. elect, will be installed in office. A full meeting is expected.

Lady Brooke, wife of Bro. Lord Brooke, M.P., P.G.M. Essex, who has been laid up at Easton Lodge with influenza, is now convalescent, and as soon as she is able will start for Beaulieu, where she and Bro. Lord Brooke will receive the Prince and Princess of Wales next month.

On the 16th inst., there was a large gathering of the Craft at the Town Hall, Trowbridge, for the purpose of installing into the chair of K.S. Bro. W. R. Brown, S.W. 643, a W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Sir Gabriel Goldney, Bart., P.G.W. England, D.P.G.M. Wilts, assisted by Bro. G. L. Palmer, P.M., P.S.G.W. Wilts.

A very successful Masonic ball took place on Thursday night, the 16th inst., in the Agricultural Hall, Bridgnorth, Bros. Sir Offley Wakeman, Prov. G.M., A. F. Godson, M.P., and other brethren giving their patronage. The list of stewards was a fully representative one, and comprised brethren from Shrewsbury, Kidderminster, Wolverhampton, Madeley, Ludlow, Broseley, Newport, Cleobury North, Stourbridge, Monkhoppton, and Bridgnorth.

Owing to the gratifying reception accorded to Madame Carotte's first work, "My Mistress, the Empress Eugénie," which is now in its third edition, Messrs. Dean and Son have purchased the English rights of that lady's second volume of "Intimate Recollections of the Court of the Tuileries." The authorised translation will be published immediately, under the title of "The Eve of an Empire's Fall."

The Woodhouse and Rawson United Electric Light Company announce an interim dividend for the half-year ending 31st December, 1889, in respect of profits realised since the formation of the company, at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum on the preference shares, and of 15 per cent. per annum on the ordinary shares of the company. The Directors naturally congratulate the shareholders on the prosperous condition of the company, and express a confident belief that the results of the present year will fully confirm the anticipations put forward on the formation of the company.

**CYCLES AT CRYSTAL PALACE.**—The 13th Annual Exhibition of Bicycles, Tricycles, and Accessories, which will this year take place at the Crystal Palace, opens to-day (Friday), and promises to eclipse all its predecessors in point of number of machines to be shown. Not only will the entire floor of the palace and courts be covered by exhibits, but this year the large Concert Hall has had to be thrown open to this use. Even then the space appears insufficient, as many manufacturers have been compelled to curtail their exhibits. Amongst the most notable exhibitors this year will be the Armstrong Company, Limited, who as cycle manufacturers show for the first time.

At the installation meeting of the Covent Garden Lodge, No. 1614, on the 14th inst., when Bro. Samuel Hewitt was installed in the chair, there was a large meeting, the Board of Installed Masters numbering 26, the number of visitors 51, and amongst them Bro. Thomas M. Waller, Ex-Consul-General of the United States of America. Unfortunately 26 visitors could not attend, many suffering from the influenza epidemic. The W.M. invested and appointed Bro. George Reynolds, I.P.M., Secretary, with the hearty approval of the brethren. The report of the meeting this week is postponed for want of space.

The funeral, with full military honours, of Field-Marshal Lord Napier of Magdala, who died last week in the eightieth year of his age, was solemnised in St. Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday. Proceedings commenced in the early morning with the removal of the remains from the deceased officer's residence in Eaton Square to the Tower, of which he was the Constable, the coffin containing them being borne on a gun carriage, covered with the Union Jack, under an escort of the 12th Lancers, and accompanied by several mourning coaches and one of the Queen's carriages. On arrival at the Tower the remains lay in state for a short period in the Church of St. Peter, and, on being removed and again placed on the carriage, were conducted with all military pomp and circumstance, and to the strains of funeral music, to the Cathedral, where the service for the dead was held, and the mortal remains were lowered into the crypt, where they lie beside those of Wellington, Nelson, and other departed warriors. Amongst those in the Cathedral to pay their last respect to the deceased general were the Prince of Wales, Prince George of Wales, the Duke of Cambridge, Prince Christian, the Duke of Teck, the German Ambassador, Bros. Lord Wolsley, Sir Evelyn Wood, Sir Redvers Buller, and most of his old comrades of the Punjab, the Mutiny, China, and Abyssinia. Wreaths in great number covered the coffin, among them being those sent by the Queen, the Emperor of Germany, the Empress Frederick, the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Cambridge, and the Duke of Connaught.

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

Mr. H. M. Stanley is announced to deliver his fifth lecture in London, under the auspices of the Central Young Men's Christian Association, Exeter Hall.

Bro. W. L. Jackson, M.P., Financial Secretary to the Treasury, has left London for the purpose of taking a short holiday in the south of France.

Bro. Sir Francis Knollys, Secretary to the Prince of Wales, has resumed his duties after the severe attack of influenza which prostrated him for nearly a fortnight.

Bro. the Earl of Zetland, Viceroy of Ireland, returned to Dublin early in the present week from the North of Ireland, where he had been on a visit to the Marquis and Marchioness of Londonderry, at Mount-Stewart.

The Queen has sent presents of game to St. George's Hospital, and the Cancer Hospital, Brompton, and a quantity of cast-off linen and some pheasants to the Samaritan Free Hospital for women and children.

The Vitruvian Lodge of Instruction, formerly held at the Bridge House Hotel, now meets at the Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto Road, St. Katherine's Park, Hatcham, S.E., about two minutes' walk from Nunhead Junction.

By invitation of Bro. Edward Terry, G. Treas., the girls who had no homes to go to for their Christmas holidays from the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls witnessed the performance of "Sweet Lavender" on Saturday afternoon last at Terry's Theatre.

Bray Church, in Berkshire, has received an addition to its stained glass, of a window, from the studio of Mr. Taylor, of Berners-street, in memory of the late vicar, with the subject of "St. Michael and Jacob's vision of the angels."

The Court has been ordered to wear mourning for 10 days from Tuesday, the 21st inst., out of respect to the Duke of Aosta, for a few years King of Spain, and brother of the King of Italy, who died on Saturday last, after a brief illness.

The second annual ball of the Duke of Cornwall Lodge, No. 1529, was held at the Assembly Rooms, Red Lion Hotel, St. Columb, on Friday, the 10th inst. There was a good attendance. Dancing, which commenced at half-past eight, was kept up till about three o'clock.

We regret to hear of the death of Captain Horace Drummond Wolff, eldest son of Bro. Sir Henry Drummond Wolff, her Majesty's Minister to the Shah of Persia. The deceased had served with distinction in Egypt, and had never quite recovered from the wounds received during the campaign.

On Wednesday, the 5th inst., a meeting of the brethren of the Norman Lodge, No. 1334, was held in the Masonic Hall, Durham, for the purpose of installing Bro. William Sanderson, Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. There was a large attendance of brethren, and the ceremony was impressively performed by Bro. James Laidler.

On Wednesday, the Mayor of Reading, Pro. J. T. Dodd, solicitor, was installed as W.M. of the Union Lodge at the Masonic Hall, in the presence of several Grand Officers, Provincial Grand Officers, and a numerous body of members and visitors. The ceremony was performed by Bro. R. C. Mount, P.M.

The annual Masonic ball was held in the Public Hall, Barnsley, on Wednesday, the 15th inst., and was well attended. The ball, which is promoted by the officers of Lodge Friendly, No. 1613, was in every way a success. The hall was neatly decorated. Supper was served in the Assembly Room, and was supplied by the King's Head Hotel Company. Messrs. Burnett's band officiated, and supplied a capital programme of dance music.

A Masonic funeral service was held on Sunday afternoon, at St. Mary's Church, Beswick, under the auspices of the Ashbury Lodge, No. 1459, in memoriam of the late Bros. George Wells and N. C. Underwood. An excellent address was given by Bro. the R. v. E. Bigoe Bagot, Prov. Grand Chaplain of East Lancashire. The musical part of the service was rendered by a few friends of Bro. B. Hopkinson, S.W., who presided at the organ, and played as opening voluntary, "O rest in the Lord," and at the conclusion the "Dead March" in Saul.

Notwithstanding all reports to the contrary, Miss Cissy Grahame will be the sole lessee of Terry's Theatre during Bro. Terry's eight months' absence, and will commence her season about February 1st with a new three-act farcical comedy by Jerome K. Jerome, in which Messrs. W. S. Penley, W. Lestocq, F. Kerr, Oscar Adye, Mesdames Gertrude Kingston and Cissy Grahame will appear. The above will be Miss Grahame's own venture, and she has secured the services of Bro. H. J. Brickwell to look after her business interests.

The fourth Masonic Invitation Ball, under the banner of the Foresters' Lodge, No. 456, was held at the Town Hall, Uttoxeter, on Thursday, 16th inst., in aid of the Masonic Charities, under the patronage of Bro. Col. Foster Gough, Prov. G.M. Staffordshire. The ball was in every way successful, though, in consequence of several balls taking place the same evening, the attendance was not so large as on some former occasions. The arrangements, which were in the hands of Bros. Dr. W. J. H. Fletcher, S.D., Uttoxeter, R. T. A. Hardy, and George J. Hardy, who acted as hon. secretaries, were everything that could be desired. The hall was tastefully dressed for the occasion with Masonic and floral devices, the arrangements being as usual in the hands of Mr. James Lasbrey. The supper was provided by Bro. Chas. Bunting, and was laid in the large room at the Cross Keys Hotel, which adjoins the ball room. The orchestral band which supplied the excellent music was provided by Mr. H. Drury, of Derby. Dancing commenced soon after nine o'clock, and was continued with much enjoyment until 3 a.m. The brethren appeared in Masonic clothing, which added considerably to the general effect.

**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.

A course of free lectures is announced to be delivered at Carpenters' Hall, London-wall, on Wednesday evenings, on "Matters connected with Building."

"The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar, Diary, and Pocket Book" for 1890, includes a mass of information that will prove interesting to brethren of the Masonic Craft.—Graphic.

On the 16th inst., in the presence of a large number of brethren, the new Masonic Hall at Crediton, which has recently been completed, was opened with full Masonic rites by Lord Ebrington, M.P., Prov. G.M. The building, which was designed by Bro. B. Berry, is of domestic Gothic style, and is a valuable addition to the general architecture of the town. We hope to give a full report of the proceedings in our next.

**PROPOSED LIVERPOOL MASONIC LITERARY SOCIETY.**—A meeting was held at the Adelphi Hotel, on Saturday, the 18th inst., for the purpose of forming a society having for its object the giving of lectures, reading of papers on Masonic, archaeological, and other kindred subjects, and the formation of a library. Bro. Joseph Hawkins, P.M. 216, presided. There was a fair attendance of brethren. Rules were formed, and a Provisional Committee appointed, and it was arranged to hold the first annual meeting on the 1st February, at the Adelphi Hotel.

It is officially announced that applications for space for exhibits at the forthcoming Exhibition of Agriculture and Forestry at Vienna, in 1890, will still be entertained for space in special buildings (*pavillons*), which may be erected by the agents of foreign countries. It is required that these buildings shall be finished by May 10th next at the latest.

The Committee of the Royal Humane Society on Wednesday awarded three silver medals—the Society's highest honour—in two cases of exceptional bravery in saving life. In the first case the medal is given to Richard Smith, a boilermaker, for rescuing one man and attempting to rescue another at the Sattley Gasworks, near Birmingham, on the afternoon of the 1st December. The two other silver medals are awarded to Aaron Williams and David Jones, colliers, for saving the life of Thomas Roberts at the Dynevor Colliery on the 6th inst.

The ceremony of re-laying the foundation stone of the Airdrie Parish Church, which has undergone extensive alterations and additions, was performed on the 17th inst., under the auspices of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Middle Ward of Lanarkshire, by Bro. Alexander Whitelaw, of Gartshore and Woodhall, acting Depute Provincial Grand Master. The various lodges of the district assembled in the Olive Hall, and a processional march was then made to the scene of the ceremonial. Here there was a very large gathering of the public. Bro. Whitelaw having been presented with a silver trowel by Bro. A. McGregor Mitchell, the architect, the full Masonic ceremony was gone through in laying the foundation-stone. A choir and band provided the music.

The remains of Bro. John E. Jackson, for many years manager of the business of Mr. Thomas Jones, Mount Pleasant, were on the 19th inst., interred at Anfield Cemetery, and the large gathering of Masonic and private friends, as well as employés of the firm, showed the deep respect in which he had been held. The gathering numbered something like 200, the great majority of whom were Freemasons, the deceased having been at one time P.M. of the Alliance Lodge, No. 667, P.Z. of Chapter Mariners 249, and P.G.S. of W. West Lancashire. Besides the relatives of the deceased, there were present, representing the Alliance Lodge, Bros. J. Lees, W.M.; T. Mason, I.P.M.; D. Lloyd, P.M., Treasurer; J. Bowyer, S.W.; J. Proctor, Secretary; A. Parkin, Stwd.; T. Sayers, P. Whittle, and T. Ockleshaw, P.M. H. H. Smith, P.M., 1505, P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. Jacobs, 1609; T. Saxon, 2290; Wm. Rawsthorne, S.W. 1182; John Rawsthorne, 1325; A. Woolrich, P.M. 1356; Lewis Peake, P.M. 1035; W. Vines, P.M. 1299, P.P.G.D.C.; J. N. Hounsell, P.M. 203; Saml. Fraser, P.M. 1264; P. Smith, 1264; C. Buchannan, and J. B. Jeffery. The coffin was covered by a great number of splendid wreaths, one of these having been sent by the employés of Mr. T. Jones, and another by the officers and members of the Alliance Lodge.

The Installation of the Lord Mayor as Master of the Drury Lane Lodge is fixed for the 11th February, and will take place at the Mansion House, by special dispensation of the Prince of Wales. The educational requirements of the age are being conscientiously met by Mr. Augustus Harris, and the hundreds of children employed by him in "Jack and the Beanstalk" are regularly instructed by competent teachers within the walls of Old Drury at Mr. Harris's expense. The Masonic Temple and its approaches are converted temporarily into class rooms, and the leaders of the Drury Lane Lodge might have been placed in a difficulty as to the great meeting of this year had it not been for the princely generosity of the Lord Mayor, who, as Master-elect, asked permission to entertain the Lodge at the Mansion House, offering to convert its state ball-room into a Masonic Temple for the ceremonies, and to receive the members and a select number of distinguished Masonic guests at dinner afterwards in the Egyptian Hall. The laws of the fraternity are, however, very stringent, and under ordinary circumstances no lodge is allowed to meet elsewhere than the place for which its warrant is granted. The peculiarities of the case was submitted to H.R.H. the Grand Master, who, on its being made clear to him that no inconvenient precedent would be created, the circumstances being altogether exceptional, generously granted the necessary dispensation, and the assembly at the Mansion House on the 11th February will be in every way noteworthy and remarkable. The installation ceremony will be performed by Mr. J. C. Parkinson, whose services to the Drury Lane Lodge as Installing Master on former occasions are gratefully remembered.—The World.

**HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.**—Coughs, Influenza.—The soothing properties of these medicaments render them well worthy of a trial in all diseases of the respiratory organs. In common colds and influenza the Pills, taken internally, and the Ointment rubbed over the chest and throat, are exceedingly efficacious. When influenza is epidemic, this treatment is the easiest, safest, and surest. Holloway's Pills purify the blood, remove all obstacles to its free circulation through the lungs, relieve the engorged air tubes, and render respiration free without reducing the strength, irritating the nerves, or depressing the spirits; such are the ready means of escaping from suffering when afflicted with colds, coughs, bronchitis, and other chest complaints, by which the health of so many is seriously and permanently injured in most countries.