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OF MANY FOREIGN GRAND LODGES.

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## UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The meeting of Grand Lodge on Wednesday passed, as was generally expected, quietly and without incident of a character to call for any lengthened remarks on our part. Indeed, about the only duty we have to perform in relation to it—and it is one we perform with the utmost pleasure—is to tender our hearty congratulations to Bro. AUGUSTUS HARRIS on his election to the important post of Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year. It is only during the last few years that Bro. HARRIS has made his name in Freemasonry; but in those few years he has done in connection with the Drury Lane Lodge so much more than is ordinarily done for the promotion of Masonic interests, that we think it will be admitted on all hands that the honour which he received on Wednesday, and which will be perfected by his investiture at the approaching Grand Festival, has been well deserved and is, therefore, well and worthily bestowed. We must also congratulate Grand Lodge on having acquired the portrait we referred to last week of Bro. Sir JOHN B. MONCKTON, P.G.W. A gallery of Masonic worthies of such eminence would be a great acquisition, and we trust that other gifts of a like character may follow in the wake of Bro. Sir J. B. MONCKTON'S presentation.

## THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The various reports which have at different times been presented to the House Committee of the Boys' School by the new Head Master, and which were read for the information of the General Committee at its meeting on Saturday last, show unmistakably that the School is very far from being in the condition in which the friends and supporters of the Institution hoped it would be found by the Rev. H. HEBB on taking up his appointment. No doubt the Report of the Investigation Committee must have prepared them for most of the shortcomings enumerated in their statements, but nevertheless it is the reverse of pleasant to find Bro. HEBB drawing attention to the insufficiency of class-room accommodation; to the comparative worthlessness of a considerable portion of the library; and the want of tone and character among the boys generally; and then concluding his series of reports by stating, without qualification of any kind, that to effect a real improvement and place the School on a higher level as regards manners and habits, "will take a long time and hard work," and that he does not expect "any great results for a couple of years." We had been told already that the system in force at Wood Green under the late *régime* was faulty, and responsible therefore for most of the ills that existed, but we were hardly prepared for such an estimate as Bro. HEBB has given us of the time and labour which will be required in arousing among the boys such a state of feeling as should characterise an Institution of this class. However, it is better, when a fresh start is being made, that we should know what has to be done; and Bro. HEBB deserves the thanks of the Governors and Subscribers, not only for the energy with which he seems to be grappling with the difficulties he has to surmount, but also for his clear exposition of the defects which it will chiefly devolve upon him to endeavour to remedy. We trust the Committees will heartily support him and allow him that comparative freedom of action which it is necessary a man in his very trying position should have if the reforms which are so urgently needed are to be carried out thoroughly and well.

## ATTENDANCE OF PAST MASTERS.

We are of opinion that "IGNOTUS" in his kindly criticism—which appeared in our correspondence columns on the 22nd ult.—of our article on the "Attendance of Past Masters," has not quite seen the point at which we were driving. The text for that article was a certain motion by a Past District Grand Officer of the Eastern Division of South Africa to the effect that the

Secretaries of lodges, in making their annual Returns to District Grand Lodge, should be required to include amongst them one in which was set forth the number of attendances of each Past Master at the several stated and emergent meetings of his lodge during the year; the object of such motion being to enable the District Grand Master to know more about the qualifications of the various Past Masters in his District than he could possibly know under the present system. To this motion we stated sundry grounds of objection; but, in expressing our satisfaction at its defeat, we carefully abstained from saying or suggesting anything in the nature of an encouragement to Past Masters to neglect the duties of the lodge. We certainly said that "the absent Past Masters have done their share of work . . . and very naturally leave the bulk of the work to be done by the younger brethren;" but a little further on we said "we like to see Past Masters supporting their lodges by their attendance as well as by their subscriptions." We are of this opinion still, notwithstanding the arguments which "IGNOTUS" has been at the pains of laying before us. We are always well pleased when attending our own, or visiting other lodges, to see the Past Masters numerously represented. We believe their presence in considerable numbers—supposing the lodge is old enough to have many of them—acts as an incentive to the younger brethren to acquit themselves well in the performance of their duties; while we know, as we said in our former article, that "there are lodges which suffer by the apathy of their Past Masters." Yet, though we recognise the force of the earlier proposition, and admit the truth of the latter, we still hold that Past Masters, having, so to speak, borne their part in the heat and burden of the day, should be free to attend or not, as it pleases them, and without rendering themselves liable to be placed on a kind of "black list" as regards District or Provincial honours in the event of their not proving themselves good attendants. In the first place, mere regularity of attendance on the part of Past Masters who have no allotted duties to perform is about the lowest criterion of merit in selecting for the honours of the purple which could be devised. The most incompetent brother that ever passed the chair of his lodge, if his health permits him and his professional or business duties do not stand in the way, may prove himself a very paragon of regularity, and yet be of no use whatever to the lodge in a real difficulty; while another, who was careless in his attendance or prevented by his avocations from attending often, might be able to render the most important services to his lodge at a pinch, because he happened to possess the requisite ability, tact, or judgment. In the second place—and this was our principal, though not our only, contention in our former article—anything in the nature of a restriction upon the freedom of Past Masters to attend or not to attend their lodges is most objectionable, and, in our opinion, would do more harm than ever it could do good. In nearly all lodges that are old enough to have three or four Past Masters on the roll of members, the important offices of Treasurer and Secretary are almost invariably held by Past Masters, and to them must be added the I.P.M. These may generally be relied upon to attend in their respective places and render to the W. Master any assistance which he may require in the performance of his duties. In the older lodges where the body of Past Masters is more numerous the office of D.C. is very often held by a P.M., and that of Steward—or Senior Steward, if more than one are appointed—likewise. As far as our experience goes, there is always a sufficiently numerous attendance of Past Masters at our lodge meetings, both in town and country, to ensure that the work is well done, and on the rare occasions when the work has been indifferently done, or done in a slipshod, happy-go-lucky sort of fashion, it certainly has not been for lack of Past Masters. But, after all, we are content to rest our opposition to any law requiring such a return as the District Grand Lodge of the Eastern Division very properly declined to adopt, on the ground that in Freemasonry all restrictions on the freedom of the brethren, whether Past Masters or simple members, except such as are imposed by the Book of Constitutions and of the Lodge By-Laws,

are objectionable. No one can honestly assert that as a rule our provinces and private lodges are not well and fairly governed. Even in the case cited by "IGNOTUS" of the Provincial Grand Master who bestowed Provincial honours on "brethren who had only then recently passed the chair," and, in one case, on a brother who was still in the chair, though there were "many old and still active Past Masters" who were "still undistinguished by provincial rank," he does not venture to say that it was the custom of this particular Prov. Grand Master to overlook the claims of the older and still active Past Masters, or that the preference shown by him for the particular Past Masters and W.M. he appointed to Provincial Office was not justified by the superiority of their qualifications. But even if we accept his case without question, we must remind "IGNOTUS" that rules are not intended to meet exceptional, but general cases. The rule we have objected to would undoubtedly have been general in its application, but we fail to see that its chief advocate and those who supported him were successful in establishing a general necessity for its adoption.

## UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

The Quarterly Communication of the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M. for Hants and the Isle of Wight, presided; Bro. Sir Edmund Lechmere, M.P., Prov. G.M. for Worcestershire, acted as Deputy Grand Master; Bro. Thomas W. Tew, Prov. G.M. for West Yorkshire, as Past Grand Master; Bro. Lieut.-Col. Orde Powlett, P.J.G.W., as S.G.W.; Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C., D.P.G.M. for Suffolk, as J.G.W.; and there were also present some 500 brethren.

The GRAND SECRETARY having read the minutes of the Quarterly Communication of 4th December, 1889, they were put and confirmed.

The GRAND SECRETARY then said it would be in the recollection of Grand Lodge, that, at the meeting of September last, a vote of congratulation was passed by Grand Lodge on the occasion of the marriage of her Royal Highness the Princess Louise of Wales with his Grace the Duke of Fife, which vote was ordered to be engrossed. Owing to the illness of the artist who was employed to engross and illuminate that address, it was unfortunately somewhat delayed in its presentation, and, therefore, the acknowledgment from the M.W.G.M. was only received a few days after the meeting of Grand Lodge. With the permission of the M.W.G.M. in the chair, he would now read the gracious reply from the M.W.G.M. to that address, which was as follows: "Sandringham, Norfolk, 9th December, 1889.—To Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Sir,—I am directed by the Prince of Wales to acknowledge the receipt of a loyal and fraternal address from the United Grand Lodge of England, and, in reply, to request you to be so good as to express to its members his Royal Highness's best thanks for their kind wishes on the occasion of the marriage of her Royal Highness the Princess Louise of Wales with his Grace the Duke of Fife, Provincial Grand Master of Banffshire.—I am, Sir, your obedient servant (signed) Francis Knollys."

Sir E. LECHMERE moved that the reply be entered on the minutes.

Bro. THOMAS W. TEW seconded the motion. He was sure the motion would receive the approbation of every member of Grand Lodge.

The motion was put, and carried unanimously.

Bro. Sir HENRY AARON ISAACS, Lord Mayor of London, W.M. Drury Lane Lodge, then said: Most Worshipful Grand Master in the chair,—I rise in pursuance of the nomination I had the privilege to make at the previous meeting of this Grand Lodge to move that his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, our M.W.G.M., be elected our Most Worshipful Grand Master for the ensuing year. (Applause.) I apprehend, sir, that this Grand Lodge will go with me when I say that it is our desire to elect as the head of our Fraternity the most popular member of that Fraternity. (Cheers.) I will not hesitate to say that in the person of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales we have not only the most popular member of our Order, but the most popular gentleman in all her Majesty's dominions. ("Hear, hear," and cheers.) One of our writers has described an ideal prince as "he who meditates the noblest purposes such as may benefit the public's weal and closer knit the ties of social man in blessed concord and sweet sympathy." I venture to think that that description of an ideal prince is a grand portrait of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, whom I have now the greatest pride and pleasure of moving to be our Most Worshipful Grand Master for the ensuing year. (Applause.)

Bro. JOHN AIRD, M.P., W.M. 259: Most Worshipful Grand Master in the chair and Brethren,—I have the greatest possible pleasure in seconding the resolution which has been proposed by Bro. Sir Henry Isaacs; and in doing so I desire to say but a few words so unnecessary is it to speak of the merits of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales in an assembly of Masons. At the same time I crave permission to record the fact that this is the 15th year that the Masons will have had the great honour of asking H.R.H. to be their Grand Master for the year. I feel very proud to think that on the 15th occasion the good fortune has fallen upon me to second the resolution which has been placed before this Grand Lodge. I have the greatest pleasure in seconding the motion, Most Worshipful Master in the chair.

The motion was put, and carried unanimously, and the Prince of Wales was proclaimed by Sir ALBERT WOODS (Garter), G.D.C., as duly elected M.W.G.M. of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England for the year ensuing.

Bro. BEACH then announced that the next business was the election of Grand Treasurer, but as there was no other candidate proposed but Bro. Augustus Glossop Harris, P.M. 2127, he declared Bro. Augustus Harris elected Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The following report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, was adopted:—

A brother of the Lodge True Friendship, No. 160, Rochford	£50	0	0
A brother of the Union Waterloo Lodge, No. 13, Woolwich	50	0	0
A brother of the Royal Lancashire Lodge, No. 116, Colne	50	0	0
A brother of the Forest Lodge, No. 1852, Mansfield	50	0	0
A brother of the Constitutional Lodge, No. 55, London	50	0	0
A brother of the Great City Lodge, No. 1426, London	60	0	0
A brother of the Clerkenwell Lodge, No. 1964, London	75	0	0
A brother of the Pythagorean Lodge, No. 79, Greenwich	70	0	0

The following report of the Board of General Purposes was taken as read, ordered to be received, and entered on the minutes:

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board have to report that they have had under their consideration the rate of salary at present received by Brother Adam John Berry, fifth clerk in the Grand Secretary's office, who has served them for 14 years, and arrived four years ago at the maximum rate of £200 a year—as fixed for all the junior clerks by Grand

Lodge in the year 1874—and whose age renders his prospects of future advancement very remote.

It appears to the Board that under the circumstances some small addition might fairly be made to his present rate, and they therefore recommend the following arrangement for the approval of Grand Lodge:—

"That the salary of Brother Adam John Berry be raised to £225 from the 1st January last."

The Board have further to report that R.W. Brother Sir John Braddick Monckton, P.G.W., has offered for the acceptance of Grand Lodge a portrait of himself, painted by Brother B. S. Marks, and which was presented to him some years ago by the Buckingham and Chandos Lodge, No. 1150. The Board are much gratified that an opportunity should occur of placing in some honourable position, the portrait of the eminent brother who presided over the Board for a period of 10 years with such distinguished ability, and have great pleasure in recommending that it be accepted with thanks by Grand Lodge, and placed on the walls of the Board Room.

(Signed)

THOMAS FENN, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,  
18th February, 1890.

To the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts, at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 14th day of February inst., showing a balance in the Bank of England (Western Branch) of £5319 14s. 5d., and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £100, and for servants' wages £100, and balance of annual allowance for library £23 8s. 11d.

Bro. THOMAS FENN, President of the Board of General Purposes, said there were two propositions arising out of the report which it was his duty to make, but he thought they required only a few words from him in support of what had already been reported before. The first was the recommendation for the addition to the salary of Bro. Adam John Berry, fifth clerk in the Grand Secretary's office, who had given, he could say, from his own personal experience and observation, very great assistance to their Grand Secretary, more particularly in the arrangement of his correspondence. He was sure that small addition to the salary of Bro. Berry could not possibly meet with any opposition. He therefore begged to propose that the salary of Bro. Adam John Berry be raised to £225 from the 1st of January last.

Bro. ROBERT GREY, President of the Board of Benevolence, seconded the motion. The motion was put, and carried unanimously.

Bro. THOMAS FENN then said the next proposition was with reference to the portrait of their esteemed Bro. Sir John Monckton, and he could quite anticipate that the Grand Lodge would be glad to adopt the Report of the Board of General Purposes and receive the portrait as a present from Sir John Monckton. The brethren would also agree with him that it could not be placed in a better situation than on the walls of the Board Room, where Sir John Monckton's abilities were most conspicuous. He moved that the portrait be accepted with thanks by the Grand Lodge, and placed on the walls of the Board Room.

Bro. ROBERT GREY seconded the motion, which was carried *nem. con.*

On the motion of Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G.S., the Report of Bro. John Smith, Auditor of the Grand Lodge accounts, of receipts and disbursements during the year 1889, was taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes. Grand Lodge was then closed.

## CONSECRATION OF THE SIR WILLIAM HARPUR LODGE, No. 2343, BEDFORD.

It is well on to half-a-century since the Stuart Lodge, of good renown for work, was consecrated in Bedford, and the event which was so successfully completed last week naturally excited deep interest on the part of the Craft, not only in the town of Bedford, but throughout the province. Some two months since the first steps were taken to carry into effect the long and well-thought ideas of some of the younger brethren of the Stuart Lodge, and from the first the project has swam easily to port.

The new lodge was unanimously named after the greatest benefactor the borough ever had, and its place of meeting fixed for the Assembly Rooms, where a most appropriate and convenient suite of rooms has been secured, with a noble entrance from Harpur-street, and immediately facing the world-renowned Bedford Schools founded by Sir William Harpur.

The brethren assembled in the lodge room soon after 4 p.m., and, at the request of the Prov. G.M., Bro. Col. W. Stuart, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., assisted by Bros. Mark Whyley, P.S.G.W., as S.W.; Jas. Gladwell, P.J.G.W., as J.W.; the Rev. Dr. Poole, P.G.C., as Chap.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as D.C.; R. B. Stafford, as I.G.; and Thurley, as Tyler, opened the lodge, and were accorded Grand honours.

The lodge having been opened in the Three Degrees,

The CONSECRATING OFFICER addressed the brethren, and said they had met for an object that must be deeply interesting to all who had the welfare of the Craft at heart. It was a particularly fitting coincidence that the Sir William Harpur Lodge, which they had met to found, should be consecrated on that very day, which was the 317th anniversary of the death of that generous man, to whose gift the town in which they were met owed so much. He had no doubt that with the brethren named in the warrant as its first officers the new lodge would achieve an honoured and honourable position.

The usual formalities having been observed, the PROV. G. CHAPLAIN gave an oration, and said:

He observed that it was the custom on these occasions for the Chaplain to offer a few remarks on the nature of the Institution, but, as the ceremony was necessarily a long one, he would make those remarks as short as possible. The antiquity of Masonry was beyond all question, and the Chaplain traced it through the earliest times, from the reign of King Solomon onwards, remarking upon the great works of the Middle Ages fostered by the Craft guilds, and suggested that possibly some of the great arts of practical Masonry had been lost, such as the means for raising into position the enormous stones found in ancient buildings. He then proceeded to point out that Masonry in the present day was not practical, but speculative—a system of morality, veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbols—that taught by it man lives a life of rectitude and honour, and is finally received into the Grand Lodge above. He next observed that the greatest of Masonic virtues was Charity, and that to be taken in two senses. First, in the sense of love or friendship, in which each man thought of the interests and good name of his fellow man, and endeavoured to share with him his troubles or difficulties; that thus true Masons were joined together by a bond which nothing could discover, and that if all mankind were Masons the time would come, prophesied by our laureate, when

"The war-drum throb'd no longer, and the battle-flags were furled,

In the Parliament of man, the federation of the world;

There the common sense of most shall hold a fretful realm in awe,

And the kindly earth shall slumber, lapt in universal law."

Then again, he pointed out that Masonry carries on a wonderful system of Charity in its ordinary sense, educating boys and girls, and providing for the aged and infirm; that there was something singularly appropriate in naming this the Sir William Harpur Lodge, as, if not a Mason in outward form, he certainly was one at heart, as was evident from the munificent charities with which he had endowed his native town; that no more fitting day could be found for opening a lodge in his name than that, as it was the anniversary of his death, which took place 317 years ago; and that this event seemed to show that the truly charitable should never really die, but be handed on from generation to generation as the benefactors of the human race. He concluded by expressing a hope that the lodge called after Sir William Harpur would flourish and prosper, and richly abound in all Masonic virtues.

The lodge having been duly consecrated and constituted, the Consecrating Officer installed Bro. Chas. E. Prior, M.D., P.M., as W.M., and, that brother having been saluted by a Board of Installed Masters, some 30 in number, invested his officers as follows: Bros. F. W. Webb, W.M. 540, as S.W.; T. B. Nichols, J.W.; H. Thody, P.M., as Sec.; H. Young, S.D.; A. Hill, J.D.; Rev. Paul W. Wyatt, I.G.; and H. H. Frodsham, Stwd.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE then gave the addresses in his usual manner, and resumed his seat amidst applause.

Bro. A. HILL proposed—"That the hearty thanks of the lodge be accorded to Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke and Bro. Richardson for their services and for the instruction they had given to the brethren; that the same be entered on the minutes, and that they be made honorary members of the lodge."

Bro. the Rev. W. PAUL WYATT seconded, and it was carried with applause.

The GRAND SECRETARY expressed thanks for himself and his colleague, who was always ready to serve the Craft.

A number of candidates and joining members were proposed, and a Committee framed to draw up by-laws, and the lodge was closed.

Founders: Bros. Charles Edward Prior, P.M. 540, Prov. G. Sec.; F. W. Webb, W.M. 540; T. B. Nichols, 540; R. P. Jarvis, P.M. 540; H. Thody, P.M. 540; H. Young, 540; Augustus Hill, 540; Rev. Paul Wyatt, 540; P. W. Barker, 13; and H. H. Frodsham, 1509.

Upwards of 70 brethren were present at the consecration.

A large number of brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet at the Swan Hotel, when Bro. E. E. Pricket excelled himself in catering.

Bro. Prior, W.M., presided, being supported by Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; Rev. R. B. Poole, D.D., P.G.C.; Col. E. R. Green, Mark Whyley, P.G.S.W.; J. Gladwell, P.G.J.W.; Kipps, 2332; H. R. Rose, 2000; Joshua Hawkins, 2030; and others.

After "The Queen and the Craft" had been duly honoured,

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER gave "The Health of the Grand Master," remarking that when his Royal Highness accepted that honoured position 20 years ago the Craft was not in the position it is now, with 2343 lodges.

Bro. RICHARDSON responded to the toast of "The Grand Officers," and said he knew that the Pro. Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master were both patterns of what Masons should be, and devoted an enormous amount of time to Masonry; in fact it was the case with all who were honoured with the purple that they endeavoured to do their duty. It had been a great pleasure to Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke and himself to come and assist that day, and render the little Masonic services they had. They were, too, happy to see the new lodge start in such a prosperous manner, and whilst thanking the founders for the honorary membership they had conferred on them he hoped some day they would be able to come down and see them again, and see how very prosperous they were.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER gave "The Health of the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Col. Stuart," and said how pleased they were to see him at the ceremony in the afternoon, and also the Deputy P.G.M., Bro. Col. R. H. Lindsell.

To this toast Bro. WHYLEY responded in a humorous manner, and said he and the other Provincial Grand Officers were pleased to have been able to assist in the ceremony of that day.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE proposed what he said he would not call the toast of the evening, but the most important among those they were honouring that evening. He asked his brethren to drink "The Health of the Master of this New Lodge," and coupled with it the prosperity of the lodge itself. He often had the honour to propose the health of the Master of a new lodge, and frequently pointed out that it was a higher honour than the Mastership of a lodge which has been in existence for some years. In the latter case the brother arrived at the chair in the natural course of things and by seniority. But with a new lodge it was not so; then there were many energetic, zealous, and competent brothers, who would any of them make good men, but they choose out one man and say "This is the very best man to preside over us for the first year," and that was the position in which the distinguished brother on his right now stood. There could be no doubt of his fitness for the post, remembering his long Masonic life, and how four and a half years ago, on the formation of the province, he gave up a large share of his valuable professional time; he could well understand that such a man was one whom his brethren would desire to honour, and he congratulated the lodge that Bro. Prior had accepted the position, and at the same time Bro. Prior ought to feel highly honoured in being placed in such a distinguished position. Bro. Col. Clerke believed it was just 17 years since the last consecration of a lodge in that province, and he was glad that there was now another on the roll. He asked all the brethren to drink prosperity to the new lodge over which Bro. Prior was about to preside, and which, they could not doubt, under his fostering care would attain to the successful position which its mother lodge, the Stuart, had held for 43 years.

Bro. PRIOR thanked the brethren for the reception given to the toast and to himself. Speaking of the lodge he hoped it would go on as it had begun; his experience told him that if a lodge was to do well it should be characterised by good Masonic feeling and good working. For many years the Stuart Lodge, from which that might be said to be an overflow, had been characterised by its excellent working, and that when working was not so generally good as it is in these days. He hoped too that the new lodge would give good subscriptions to the Charities and then it would prosper. When the post of W.M. was offered him by his brethren (for he did not seek it) he felt it was due to himself as Provincial Grand Secretary to do what he could for the Craft, and he felt bound to take it. He was associated with such an excellent band of brothers that he looked confidently for their support. He could not look to them for experience, but he could happily consult other experienced Masons in the town, but he hoped and believed they would have no collisions. New lodges might start from various causes, sometimes because brethren who could not advance as rapidly as they desired, and sometimes from class feelings. But in that case it was not so, the town was increasing largely in numbers and in wealth, and he thought the time had come for a second lodge, and he regarded that as an overflow of the Stuart Lodge, for of the ten signatories to the petition eight were members of the Stuart Lodge. He assured the brethren that no exertion of his should be wanting to ensure its success, and when it became his duty to hand on the gavel to his successor he trusted he might find the lodge well consolidated and established, and well reflecting the best memories of its excellent mother, the Stuart Lodge. Our worthy brother was loudly cheered as he sat down.

Bro. PRIOR rose again to propose "The Health of the Consecrating Officer," and said if it had not been for the kind help of Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke they would have fared very badly indeed. He thought the brethren in Bedford might flatter themselves on having on two occasions within four-and-a-half years had the Grand Secretary to conduct such like ceremonies, when lodges much nearer London had not been so fortunate. No one could have been at the ceremony that afternoon but must have been deeply impressed, and he hoped the Grand Secretary and Bro. Richardson were satisfied with the preparations made for the duties they had undertaken on that occasion. It was no light thing for a lodge to be started as the Sir William Harpur had been. Everything had been well thought out, and when the Grand Secretary of England took the ceremony they knew there was no other man who could have done it with greater dignity and effect. In the name of all his brethren, Bro. Prior tendered the Grand Secretary his most sincere thanks for his rendering of the ceremony, and for the counsel he had given them. He trusted they would continue the work of the lodge in a manner to reflect credit on those who opened it, and now that he was a member of the lodge he believed he would ever feel an additional interest in its welfare.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, who was enthusiastically received, sincerely thanked them for the very kind and fraternal manner in which they had referred to the very small services he had been able to render that afternoon. As he said in lodge, it had given him very great pleasure to find himself able to come down and perform the ceremony. It was a most extraordinary coincidence by which he fixed that day for the ceremony, the anniversary of the death of Sir William Harpur; it was one of those extraordinary things one could not explain. Bro. Richardson and he had been entirely pleased; everything was prepared in a most excellent manner; all the arrangements were exceedingly good, and they found no difficulty in carrying out the work when they arrived. He should be ungrateful if he did not thank the local brethren for their assistance, and when Bro. Richardson had the wand of office in hand there was sure to be no difficulty. It was a great pleasure to come to those occasions to promote the good of Masonry in the various provinces; and he always looked back on those occasions with very strong feelings of regard; he generally found that the lodge had been successful, and he was sure in that case there would be no exception to the rule, and he believed, as time rolled on, that lodge would take a high position among the lodges of Bedfordshire and of England, and he was quite sure he would never be sorry to have been one of the means of starting that lodge. He thanked the brethren for their kind fraternal welcome that day, and also that of four and a half years ago, when he installed the Prov. G.M. Not being very well, perhaps he had not done the work very perfectly, but he hoped they would accept his services, for he did what he could.

Bro. Col. GREEN proposed "The Health of Bro. Dr. Poole, the Chaplain," who had given them such an excellent address. He congratulated the new lodge on the successful way in which it had been inaugurated, and, judging from the list of candidates and joining members read out, it seemed as if the Sir William Harpur would soon rival the Stuart Lodge. He asked all to drink health, life, and happiness to their worthy Bro. Poole.

Bro. Dr. POOLE said he felt himself utterly unworthy of that toast, for he had done very much less than he ought to have done for Masonry. But his duties tied him up very much, and he could not be with them when he would; he had the strongest feelings for and the deepest interest in Masonry. He had seen the consecration of a lodge at Bristol, but he would say he never saw anything so well done as the ceremony of that day by Bro. Shadwell H. Clerke. He felt very strongly the brotherly bond of Masonry between all people, and he felt convinced that the more they could promote that feeling the better it would be for the human race. He hoped all lodges would try and teach it every day; what he was teaching every day was really nothing but Masonry, and, though they did not know it now, some day, if those boys became Masons, they would find that it was so.

Bro. S. KILPIN, P.M., gave "The Charities," and Bro. the Rev. PAUL WYATT "The Visiting Brethren," which was acknowledged by Bro. J. B. EMMERSON, 803.

Bro. PRIOR gave "The Officers of the Sir William Harpur Lodge," to which the SENIOR WARDEN responded, and the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

The musical arrangements of the day were most efficiently directed by Bro. H. R. Rose, and songs and duets were given by Bros. Allen and Cookson.

## CONSECRATION OF THE UNIVERSITIES' LODGE, No. 2352, DURHAM.

Saturday, Feb. 22nd, 1890, will be long remembered in the annals of Freemasonry in the Province of Durham. In a great measure owing to the exertions of Bro. Dr. Hill Drury, it was decided, in the month of December last, to apply to the Most Worshipful Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, for a warrant to establish a new lodge, to meet in the City of Durham, the membership to be restricted to graduates of a British University. The scheme, which was heartily supported by Bros. Canon Tristram, D.D., D. Prov. G. Master; Canon Kynaston, D.D., P.S.G.W. Gloucestershire; and other distinguished brethren, received the hearty approval of Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson Bart., Provincial Grand Master, and in due course the warrant was received from Grand Lodge.

The assembly in the Durham Masonic Hall, on Saturday, the 22nd ult., was one of the most brilliant gatherings of north country Masons which has ever been witnessed. The hall was crowded; every lodge in the province was represented by some of its most ardent members, while the neighbouring Provinces of Northumberland, Yorkshire, and Cumberland and Westmorland sent representatives.

Shortly after half-past three o'clock the brethren rose to receive Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., P.G.M., and the officers accompanying him. In the unavoidable absence of the D.P.G.M. of Northumberland, Bro. R. H. Holmes, P.G.D. England, the northernmost province was represented by Bros. Faraday Spence, P.S.G.W.; Rev. T. B. Nichols, M.A., P.P.S.G.W.; W. Davidson, B.A., P.P.S.G.W.; and F. H. Corder, B.A., P.P.G.D. The Province of North and East Yorkshire was represented by Bros. A. P. Purey-Cust, D.D., the Dean of York; and T. B. Whytehead, P.P.S.G.W.

Bro. Sir H. Williamson, Bart., P.G.M., was the Consecrating Officer, and, in addition to the above supporting him, were Bros. Victor Williamson, P.G.W. of England, acting Deputy P.G.M.; Rev. Hartley Jennings, M.A., and Rev. H. Becher, M.A., Chaplains; R. Hudson, P.G.S.B. England, Prov. G. Secretary; G. W. Bain, P.G. Reg.; J. M. White, P.J.G.W.; R. W. Halfnight, P.G. Treas.; W. Logan, P.G.D.C.; J. R. Pattison, P.A.G. Sec.; the founders of the new lodge, wearing their academic gowns and hoods of their respective University degrees, to whose names their designated offices are attached, viz.: Bros. H. B. Tristram, D.D., F.R.S., Canon of Durham, D.P.G.M., P.G.C., W.M.; Herbert Kynaston, D.D., Canon of Durham, Professor of Greek, University of Durham, P.P.S.G.W. Gloucestershire, S.W.; R. Luck, M.A., LL.M., P.P.G.R., J.W.; R. H. Yeld, M.A. (Vicar of Birtley), P.P.G.C., Chap.; J. Forster, M.A., P.P.G.R., Treas.; C. D. Hill Drury, M.D., Ch.M., Sec.; James Lawrence, M.D., S.D.; Lionel Booth, M.D., P.P.S.G.W., J.D.; T. Randell, B.D. (Principal of Bede College), P.P.G.C., I.G.; Ed. Jepson, M.D., Steward; Wm. Proctor Swaby (Vicar of St. Mark's, Mirfield), B.D., P.P.G.C.; and J. R. Short, M.A., Fellow and Tutor, Hatfield Hall, University of Durham.

There were also present—

Bros. C. H. Backhouse, P.P.J.G.W.; James Monks, P.P.S.G.W.; Rev. W. C. Harris, P.P.G.C.; J. G. Wilson, P.P.J.G.W.; Rev. E. Collier Biggs, P.P.G.C.; M. J. Wheatley, P.D.G.D.C.; Thomas Atkinson, P.A.G.D.C.; W. Coxon, P.P.G.S.B.; R. W. Simpson, P.J.G.D.; E. R. Hurworth, P.G.O.; W. Dawson, P.G.P.; S. Wilson, P.P.S.G.D.; C. S. Lane, P.P.G.D.; W. T. Tate, P.P.G.W.; J. C. Moor, P.P.G.D.; R. Singleton, P.P.G.D.; J. Robinson, P.G. Std. Br.; J. J. Athey, P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. F. Hiller, P.P.G.O.; D. Whitehead, P.P.G.O.; C. Rowlandson, P.P.J.G.W.; Robert Hauxwell, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Wright, P.G. Steward North and East Yorks; G. W. Hudson, W.M. 566; J. H. Penney, P.P.G. Steward; Geo. Craven, P.G. Steward; A. M. White, P.G. Steward; C. M. Forbes, 236; Wm. Mitford, P.M. 111; W. J. Brown, B.A., S.W. 1274; C. F. Sutcliffe, I.P.M. 240; Thomas Dunn, I.P.M. 124; W. Brotherhood, W.M. 2135; John Hudson, P.P.G. Steward; B. Swain, Tyler 949; B. R. Smith, P.G. Tyler; T. G. Garrick, P.M. 94; J. T. Ross, W.M. 1790; and others.

The lodge was opened by the P.G.M. After prayer by the P.G. Chaplain, the Masonic anthem, "Hail, Eternal," was sung by the choir, Bros. G. Leatham, D. Whitehead, J. Nutton, and F. Martin, by whom the musical portion of the ceremony was rendered, Bro. E. R. Hurworth, P.G.O., being Organist.

The Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. R. HUDSON, read the petition, and afterwards the warrant, signed by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., for the new lodge.



The following oration was given by Bro. the Rev. H. JENNINGS, P.G. Chaplain:

May I ask for that indulgence which is usually claimed by, and usually granted to, those who make a speech or oration for the first time under altogether altered circumstances. In the presence of so many distinguished Masons it would be altogether a work of supererogation on my part to enter minutely into the mysteries or principles of Freemasonry. I am in the presence of those who could instruct me and put before me a standard of life to which I have never reached, but to which by perseverance I hope to attain. Although I shall not expatiate at any length on our principles, seeing that you are already familiar with them, yet I must say that those principles are but the embodiment of those principles which have guided the world through the greater part of its history which were promulgated on the Mount of God, even on Sinai; and which, rightly regarded and observed, are the very salt of the earth. Divine laws lose nothing of their force or power for good by frequent repetition. I may, therefore, remind you that our principles are:—1, to obey the Great Architect of the Universe; 2, to love, to care for, and watch over the interests of our brethren; 3, to use those talents which God has entrusted to us. At the very beginning of the world's history the question was asked, "Am I my brother's keeper?" To this Masonry replies *yes*, and so re-echoes the voice of God; and this answer is given, not by those who are murderers, but by those who have cared for the fatherless, the widow and the orphan—not by those who merely feel sympathy, but by those who have shown sympathy in a practical form by giving substantial help to the needy, by training and clothing the young, and by giving hope and encouragement to those who form the more needy class amongst us. I know that certain subjects may not be touched upon in our lodges, but perhaps the words I may now speak, coming from one in the position of a Christian minister, may have the greater weight; and I do say, and say most emphatically, that outside the volume of the Sacred Law, you do not find any principles so calculated to ennoble life, to ennoble conduct, to ennoble man, as are to be found in those laws by which a Mason should be guided. Masonry is a powerful and almost universal agency in the renovation of man; and I must say that I feel thankful that Masonry exists in those places and countries where those principles have never reached, from which the principles of the Craft have received their greatest strength and power. For what are the principles of Masonry? 1, *Charity*; 2, *fidelity*, or the careful observance of our promises; 3, *integrity*, to be upright in word and action; 4, *loyalty* to the powers that be; 5, *industry* in our several callings; 6, *self-control* so that our life's words and deeds may go up unpolluted to the throne of God; 7, *reverence* for the law of God; and, further, we are taught to be always truthful and merciful to one another. Those who study the grand principles of Masonry are sure to become educated. 1, socially; 2, morally; and 3, religiously. 1, *socially* in that we learn our duty to our neighbour; 2, *morally* in that we learn self-control and purity; 3, *religiously* in that we learn how to live and how to die. Every man who is a good Mason must be a good man, a good father, a good husband, a good brother; and he will always be kind, charitable, considerate, sympathetic, and helpful to others. We shall search in vain in our books for any principle or precept which is contrary to the Divine law—nay, rather, Divine law and Masonic law perfectly harmonise, and in matters common to both speak with one voice. But principles are often taught which are not carried out, and then those principles, however good, are useless. The powers and energies of steam long lay dormant in nature; it was only when the principles, which regulate these powers, were applied that they became so useful to man, and added to the convenience, to the pleasures, and amenities of life. So also the principles of Masonry are useless unless used in the regulation of our life's conduct. We should all remember that there is labour, as well as refreshment; self-sacrifice, as well as enjoyment; duty, as well as pleasure. Again and again we are reminded of these things in the charges given in our lodges. Masonry should not be whittled down into refreshment, nor should refreshment usurp the place of Masonry. Let us all endeavour to carry out in daily life the teaching we receive in our respective lodges. The lodge we purpose consecrating to-day is one in which those will meet together who have many opportunities of studying the great laws of the Architect of the Universe; and, in prosecuting their researches, they will find in those laws perfect order, beauty, and symmetry. May they be reminded by their discoveries to adorn their own lives by every Masonic grace. May every brother who enters within these sacred walls carry out in his daily life the principles of the Craft; and, by doing this, he will become a better member of society, a more loyal subject, more able to battle with life's difficulties, and more ready to die.

The acting Deputy P.G.M., Bro. Victor Williamson, presented the collars and jewels of the new lodge to the Prov. Grand Master.

The W.M. designate, Bro. Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., was then presented to the P.G.M., who congratulated him, and said that the founders could not have made a better choice.

Bro. the Rev. Canon Tristram in turn presented his officers designate to the P.G.M., who congratulated the new lodge on having so distinguished a list of officers to conduct its affairs.

The ceremony of consecration then took place according to the ritual of the Order, the dedication and other prayers being offered by Bro. the Rev. H. Becher, M.A., P.G. Chaplain.

The D. of C., Bro. W. Logan, declared the Universities' Lodge, No. 2352, duly constituted.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then called upon the Dean of York to install the W.M. designate as the first W.M. of the new lodge.

The Dean was very heartily greeted, and performed the ceremony, with much grace, in the usual form.

The addresses to the W.M., his officers, and brethren were given very effectively by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.P.S.G.W. York.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER then invested his officers, with appropriate address to each, and in placing the collar of Secretary on Bro. Hill Drury, said that it was at his initiative and in a great measure due to his energy that the lodge was formed. The brethren had wished to see him occupy one of the Warden's chairs, and he felt that the highest office was due to him, not only for the part he had taken in the establishment of the lodge, but from his position as a most indefatigable and distinguished Mason, but he (Bro. Hill Drury) felt that he could be more useful to the lodge during the early stages of its existence in the position of Secretary, and had declined the higher honour, and he now had the greatest pleasure in investing him as Secretary.

On Bro. Hill Drury going to the Secretary's desk he was received with loud and hearty applause.

The Rev. Canon TRISTRAM acknowledged the encouragement they had received, in the formation of the lodge, from the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, and thanked the Dean of York and Bro. Whytehead for their presence and help that day. He hoped the new lodge would have a vigorous and prosperous existence. He then proposed—"That the V.W. Bro. the Very Rev. the Dean of York, P.G. Chap., be elected an honorary member of the Universities' Lodge."

This was seconded by Bro. Canon KYNASTON, and carried unanimously.

Bro. the Dean of YORK acknowledged the kind welcome he had received. It would always give him great pleasure to do anything in his power to help the Universities' Lodge. He was glad they were establishing that lodge in Durham, which would be a great benefit to those in residence. He could look back over many years to the Apollo Lodge, Oxford.

Bro. Sir HEDWORTH WILLIAMSON, P.G.M., addressed a few words to the members of the new lodge and to those assembled. It afforded him great satisfaction to see Canon Tristram in the chair of the new lodge. He might say regarding his friend, Canon Tristram, *Eheu fugaces postume, postume labuntur anni*. It had given him the greatest satisfaction, joy, and pleasure to see one who had so loyally helped him in the government of the province so worthily appointed W.M. He also spoke of the high position occupied in the University by the Rev. Canon Kynaston, and to the ability and position in the Order of Bro. Richard Luck. He might continue his remarks with respect to every member of the lodge, each of whom were good Masons and men of note in their respective walks in life, but he must specially express his satisfaction in seeing Bro. Hill Drury among them, for he was a most energetic Mason, and in his secretarial hands he had no doubt the

lodge would prosper. He expressed his thanks to all the officers who had assisted him in the ceremony that day, and wished the new lodge every prosperity.

A large number of letters of congratulation were received, including one from Bro. W. J. Hughan, and another from the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Northumberland.

Two candidates were then proposed for initiation, and seven brethren as joining members, and "Hearty good wishes" having been offered by the representatives of the visiting lodges, the lodge was closed.

Each officer presented to the lodge his collar, with silver jewel attached, which had been manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

## ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE GRAND IMPERIAL CONCLAVE OF THE RED CROSS.

The annual assembly of the Grand Conclave was held at the Masonic Rooms, 16a, Great Queen-street, W.C., on Monday, the 3rd inst. Baron de Ferrieres, M.E.G. Viceroy, and Deputy Grand Commander of St. John, presided; and was supported by Sir Knights E. H. Thiellay, G.J. Gen.; C. F. Hogard, G. Recorder; Dr. W. R. Woodman, P.G.V., Grand Treasurer; J. G. Marsh, P.G.S. Gen., and P.G.A.; Capt. T. C. Walls, G.A., Deputy Int. Gen. Middx.; John Mason, P.G. Gen.; Thos. Cubitt, P.G.S. Gen.; G. Powell, P.G.S. Gen.; Belgrave Ninnis, Junior Gen.; H. H. Shirley, H. C. Heard, C. E. Keyser, P.A., Almoner; H. J. Lardner, P.G.S.B.; H. J. Penfold, Dist. Int. Gen. Kent; Geo. R. Cobham, G. Herald; A. W. Bateman, Dist. G. Recorder Kent; W. G. Lemon, P.S. 122; M. Haynes, West Lanc.; T. Graham Robinson, W. Lake, Nelson Prower, J. K. M. Pierrott, and W. W. Lee.

The Grand Conclave having been opened,

Baron DE FERRIERES said that before they proceeded to business he had an unpleasant duty to perform in informing the sir knights that their M.I. Grand Sovereign, Col. Sir Francis Burdett, could not attend on account of illness, and had therefore authorised him to act in his absence.

The minutes were read and confirmed, and the annual report of the Executive Committee was read and adopted, including a recommendation that, as the Grand Sovereign was to preside at the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, the sum of ten guineas should be placed on his list.

Sir Knight DR. WOODMAN, G. Treas., proposed Sir Knight Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., for re-election as M.I. Grand Sovereign, observing that Sir Francis had ruled over them for so many years in peace and harmony, and he hoped he would continue to do so for many years to come.

Sir Knight MARSH seconded the proposition, which was carried with acclamation.

Sir Knight W. G. LEMON, in moving that Baron de Ferrieres be re-elected to the position of Grand Viceroy, said they knew his energy and zeal in everything he undertook, his high character, and the esteem in which he was held, and therefore the name of Baron de Ferrieres had but to be mentioned to procure their unanimous suffrages.

Sir Knight DR. WOODMAN, G. Treas., seconded the motion, and testified to the active and zealous desire of Baron de Ferrieres to do his duty in every office he filled.

The proposition was carried *nem. con.*, and the Grand Herald proclaimed Baron de Ferrieres Grand Viceroy for the ensuing year.

Sir Knight Baron DE FERRIERES sincerely thanked the sir knights for the great compliment paid him in re-electing him to the office of Grand Viceroy.

Sir Knight DR. WOODMAN was re-elected Grand Treas., and returned thanks for the honour.

The following sir knights were appointed members of the Grand Council by Baron de Ferrieres, on behalf of the M.I. Grand Sovereign:

Sir Knight the Earl of Euston	...	...	...	G. Senr. General.
" Capt. T. C. Walls	...	...	...	G. Junr. General.
" Rev. S. Maude	...	...	...	} G. High Prelates.
" Rev. A. W. Oxford	...	...	...	
" J. S. Cumberland	...	...	...	G. High Chancellor.
" W. R. Woodman, M.D.	...	...	...	G. Treasurer.
" C. F. Hogard	...	...	...	G. Recorder.
" Lewthwaite	...	...	...	G. High Almoner.
" Dr. Mickley	...	...	...	G. Chamberlain.
" C. H. Driver	...	...	...	G. Architect.
" W. G. Lemon	...	...	...	G. Marshal.
" H. H. Shirley	...	...	...	G. Orator.
" J. Moon	...	...	...	G. Historiographer.

The following were appointed members of the Senate:

Sir Knight H. J. Lardner	...	...	...	G. Preceptor.
" H. Venn	...	...	...	G. Examiner.
" C. E. Keyser	...	...	...	G. Prefect.
" R. Berridge	...	...	...	G. Sub-Prefect.
" A. H. Bateman	...	...	...	G. Vice-Chancellor.
" George Reading	...	...	...	G. Asst. Recorder.

Sir Knight Baron DE FERRIERES was appointed by the M.I. Grand Sovereign President of the Executive Committee, and Sir Knight J. Lewis Thomas, member.

The following sir knights were nominated and declared duly elected Grand Senators, and were appointed to office as under:

Sir Knight Fred Graves	...	...	...	G. Sub-Almoner.
" H. C. Heard	...	...	...	G. Insp. of Regalia.
" H. Penfold	...	...	...	} G. Std. Bearers.
" B. Ninnis	...	...	...	
" A. Williams	...	...	...	G.S.B.
" G. R. Cobham	...	...	...	G. Organist.
" J. A. Gartley	...	...	...	G. Preceptor.
" W. O. Robinson	...	...	...	G. Vice-Chamberlain.
" T. Le Sulleur	...	...	...	G. Asst. Marshal.
" W. Lake	...	...	...	} G. Heralds.
" J. H. Thompson	...	...	...	
" Roberts	...	...	...	G.D. of C.

Sir Knight Gilbert was re-elected G. Sentinel.

The Executive Committee was appointed as under: Sir Knights C. F. Matier, J. Mason, T. C. Walls, W. G. Lemon, and G. Powell; and the following were elected to the Grand High Almoner's Committee: Sir Knights Dr. Woodman, H. H. Shirley, and H. Venn.

A notice of motion by Sir Knight Belgrave Ninnis, seconded by Sir Knight Penfold, respecting the rank of Intendant Generals, was, after discussion, referred to the Executive Committee.

Sir Knight Bateman, D.G. Recorder Kent, moved a notice of motion respecting the increased publicity of the Annual Meeting of the I.G. Conclave, and it was resolved that it be left to the Grand Recorder to send a sufficient number of summonses to the Recorders, for transmission to individual members likely to attend.

Another motion by Sir Knight BATEMAN, with reference to the mode of election to the electoral offices in Grand Senate, was discussed, and it was understood that the substance of the motion should be brought before the Executive Committee.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Sir Knight George Kenning for his kindness in allowing the use of a room for the office of the Grand Recorder.

Numerous apologies for non-attendance were received, and the Grand Conclave was closed in Imperial form. A banquet was subsequently held at Freemasons' Tavern in conjunction with the Premier Conclave.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION  
FOR BOYS.

The General Committee of this Institution met last Saturday, at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Richard Eve, P.G. Treas., in the chair. There were also present Bros. Geo. Corble, J. Glass, J. E. Le Feuvre, Albert Escott, Robt. W. Bourne, George Everett, H. Bevir, James Brett, C. H. Watts, David D. Mercer, Stanley J. Attenborough, George E. Langley, J. S. Cumberland, William Smith, W. Masters, F. Egerton Bennett, H. Massey, James Blyth, George Motion, Joseph D. Langton, W. H. Saunders, G. P. Gillard, Wm. Stiles, W. A. Scurrah, Edward Hobbs, and F. Binckes, Sec.

The following reports of the Head Master were read to the brethren.

The first was a report of the 17th January, and it stated that he has selected the following gentlemen as Assistant Masters and requests the Provisional Committee to ratify the appointments: Mr. J. J. Shakspeare, Mr. J. H. Freeman, Mr. A. E. Salter, Mr. B. Hartland, Mr. S. Elford, and Mr. A. J. Shirley. The report proceeds: "I may add with reference to the above gentlemen that I have very strong recommendations of them from private friends. I believe them to be men of the highest character and disciplinarians. I strongly recommend them to the Committee. The total salary promised them is £430, which is £70 less than the amount allotted by the Committee. Of course one post is still vacant. In the place of the serjeant who has left I beg to recommend a serjeant of the Grenadier Guards. He is one of the army instructors in gymnastics, a total abstainer, and strongly recommended by his colonel and other officers in the regiment. He will be in receipt of a pension (I believe) on his retirement from the army." As to the Mistresses the Head Master reported, "I am in correspondence with several ladies, but have not at present anyone to recommend. But I trust that a few days will enable me to select three ladies. In this connection may I bring before the Committee the fact that Miss Cotton is the sole survivor of the late Head Master's staff. She did not send in her resignation with the rest, and will naturally return in due course. May I respectfully ask if this is the wish of the Committee? I find that a certain sum has hitherto been voted for periodicals for the use of the Masters and boys. May I apply for a grant of this year of £12? It will be necessary to expend a small sum in printing (a) school rolls, (b) forms for the weekly reports, and (c) a report book of the work and conduct of the boys to present to the Committee each month. I estimate that the total cost of this will be considerably under £2. Would the Committee be so good as to direct where I shall get this work done? A few school books will be wanted also for the Cambridge Local Examinations. Is there an appointed school stationer who supplies these at the proper rate of discount? (These books are the special French and Latin authors set for this year.) The Head Master went on to say that in the School list there were the names of boys "educated out of the establishment." He had no information at all concerning them. Was it part of his duty to examine and report on such boys at stated periods? The report then pointed out the want of certain accommodation in class rooms, that the Head Master had no class room at all, and that six class rooms were required, each holding 36 boys, besides a large reading room. This large reading room was wanted for the use of the boys after school hours, on wet days, and winter evenings to read in, write letters in, play chess, draughts, and other quiet games in. He laid great stress on the existence of this reading room, because he felt sure that care of the boys in out-of-school hours would save them from all kinds of disorder and evil habits. He had talked over the matter of the class rooms with the Sanitary and Works Committee, and he thought he might say that they would agree with the statements he had put forward. He trusted that the Provisional Committee would not delay in providing them with sufficient class rooms; but in a few weeks' time, when he had been at work in the building, he should probably be better able to help in the discussion of the matter. He might add that with the question of class rooms was associated the arrangements for cleaning boots. The present room was very unsatisfactory; it was far away out of doors, and, beyond a small stove, there was no arrangement for drying the boots. He felt that he ought to bring these matters at once before the Committee for consideration. In conclusion, the Head Master said, "Will you permit me to thank you for the great honour you have done me in electing me as your Head Master, and to assure you that I will not spare myself in any way if only I can carry out your wishes, and make this a school of which every Mason will be proud." Another report, of the 31st January, stated that the Head Master had arranged with three ladies to teach and supervise the boys in the Preparatory Department, and respectfully requested the Committee to confirm the appointments. The ladies were Miss Waller, Miss Shakspeare (no relation to the Mr. Shakspeare on the staff), and Miss Meacock. The Head Master said he had agreed to give £50 a year to each of these ladies, though it was more than the sum allotted by the Committee, yet it was the minimum sum for ladies of skill and experience, and he might add that he was yet a good deal below the total sum allowed for the whole staff, as he was doing with one master less, and should save on the drawing and drill arrangements. He begged to ask for leave to engage a carpenter at a weekly salary of not more than 30s. He wanted to use him to teach the younger boys in the evenings, and in the day time some of the older boys who had not much chance of success in any public examination in books. He believed (judging from the amount of repairs and alterations wanting to be done) that a carpenter would pay his own way in the building. But a large part of his wages could be at once provided for out of the wages of the assistant porter. He did not think that they required two house porters, and in any case he would ask for leave to dismiss one of them in due course. The playing field was quite insufficient for the games of the boys. He would suggest, therefore, that a part, at all events, of the ground now devoted to kitchen garden in the front field be turfed over and added to the field. He asked for this now as it would soon be too late in the season to turf down. A good deal of turf could be got from the edge of the upper field, and, if they began at once, most of the laying could be done by their own gardeners. Three footballs formed the stock of material for winter games. Might he ask for £10 to be spent gradually, as it was wanted to provide material

for outdoor and indoor games. The Head Master then appealed to the Committee or their friends for puzzles, draughts, dominoes, and other games that their children had grown out of to give to the small boys of the Institution. Dealing with the Head Master's house, the report went on to say: "There seems, unfortunately, no chance of the Head Master's house being ready for some time. The repairs have not yet been begun, owing to the work at the infirmary. There seems, then, nothing for it but that I should reside for some time in the main building. I can't say that I like this arrangement, but considering the circumstances of the School, it seems the only thing to do." The last paragraph of the report states that the medical officer recommended the re-engagement of the trained nurse who had already served in the infirmary for three months. He (the medical officer) thought highly of her. The engagement would be a weekly one, and at the former rate of £40 a year. The report of the 21st February stated that there were 243 names on the list, of these 12 were absent from various causes, leaving 231 actually present at School. Seventeen new boys arrived that day. The whole number is divided into nine forms, six in the main building, and three in the preparatory. Owing to the late arrival of the new boys, he had not been able to print a school roll in forms, but he hoped to forward a copy in the course of a few days to each member of the Committee. A time table of work was appended to the report. It was (the Head Master said) anything but perfect; he hoped to make it much more "modern" in its range after Midsummer. There were 37 boys learning the piano under Mr. Dutton. Edward Tilderly had been appointed carpenter at a salary of 30s. per week, on a monthly engagement. As the Committee had wished, he had interviewed the Drawing Master, Mr. Silvester, and he did not recommend that he should be retained after Midsummer. There was a silver cornet presented to the Institution. The instrument was missing, and he had twice applied to the late bandmaster, but had received no answer. The Head Master asked the Committee to instruct him as to the next step in the matter. He begged to acknowledge the gift of tale books from Bro. Langton and a box of games from Bro. A. E. Austen, of South Africa, through Bro. Langton. I am sincerely obliged for these gifts, and have already found them very useful and much appreciated by the boys. Furniture was required for the Assistant Master's sitting room, the late occupants having damaged or destroyed a great deal, and there was a good deal wanted in the infirmary. They suffered a good deal of inconvenience, and lost a good deal of time, through the arrangements for the return of the boys at the beginning of terms. He asked would it not be better for the circular which arranged the time for return, and which should give a good deal of other information, to be issued from the Institution. The report then went on as follows: "I should like to bring the case of a boy named Richardson before the Committee. He stammers dreadfully, and cannot take much part in form work. He is so defective in other respects that he has to sleep in the infirmary. He is fortunately leaving at Midsummer, but I question very much if he ought ever to have been allowed to enter this Institution. Surely he is a fit case to be educated outside the Institution. I have had forwarded to me Mr. Cooper's valuation of the books and stationery, with a list of both. It is very misleading in this respect—it values the books in the library and store at £1208. I presume he means they cost that sum. The actual value of the books is very small indeed, because—1., a large number are thoroughly antiquated, and (educationally) are so much waste paper; they have not been used for years; 11., of many only single copies, or very few copies exist; 111., there are such numbers of systems in each subject as to make it impossible to use the majority of them; 1V., in many cases there are a few copies of quite new books, which have apparently never been introduced into the School at all, and we can find no used copies of the same works; V., some are utterly unfit (and must always have been unfit) for use in such a School as this. I should recommend the Committee to nominate some of their number to investigate the whole matter—to get rid of the clearly useless books, to try and exchange or sell those in good condition which we shall not use. It is clear that we must use up as far as possible the books we have got, even if our teaching suffers a little from it; weed out the multitude of systems, so as to avoid adding to bad stock, and gradually to work towards a single system in each subject running throughout the School. But clearly the first step is to get rid of the undoubtedly worthless stock which fills our shelves, in some places eight deep, and gathers dirt of all kinds. Of course there are hundreds and hundreds of good books—French, German, Latin, and English authors, &c.—which should be carefully preserved, as no doubt they will one day be used again. I beg to ask for payment of a bill to Shoobred's, as stated in the accompanying account book. I hope the Committee will forgive the irregularity of my ordering the articles without leave. But I am sure the Committee will understand that the case was urgent, and that owing to the freshness of my arrival here, I could not foresee the want. The bills are for brooms for the boys to sweep the playgrounds with, nail and clothes brushes, and waste-paper baskets for the class rooms. There is a bill for sundry articles used by the engineer. I trust that the additional class rooms will be put in hand as soon as possible, as the School is suffering a good deal from the want of them. The bath room and the lavatories up and down stairs are, I believe, under present consideration. The tailor has delivered the new suits, but a large number have been returned for alterations, a not surprising result, seeing that the measurements were taken six months ago. The new boys will require a suit of clothes each. Would it be possible for them to have these under the new contract, so as to start the change in style of clothes, and avoid getting any more of the present suits? I have said nothing about the condition of the boys or the general arrangements of the Institution. There are many matters which I am considering, for there are many bad practices and arrangements. I am sure the Committee would prefer me to wait quietly, and improve these slowly, after I have thoroughly investigated the whole system. I make these remarks only to show that I am quite aware of grievous faults, such as, amongst boys, waste at meals and of clothes, and, amongst the staff, waste of gas, waste of water, and waste of labour, and to say that it will take a considerable time to effect much change in these things. In the same way, to excite a better tone amongst the boys, to reduce the listlessness in play and work, the fear (which has led to a general untruthfulness), the slovenliness of manners and dress—all this will take a long time and hard work. I do not expect any great results for a couple of years, but I hope we shall

show you some improvement every month. My staff of Masters and Mistresses have worked splendidly so far, and they all seem excellent teachers and disciplinarians.

A short discussion ensued on the reading of these reports.

Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND raised a question on the subject of the Head Master ordering articles without the authority of the Committee, and then as to two new boys not being up to the required standard.

The CHAIRMAN explained that the articles ordered by the Head Master were absolutely necessary; among them were brushes. When the Head Master got there there were no brushes to brush the boots with.

Bro. CUMBERLAND said it was the system he objected to.

Bro. BINCKES said with regard to the two boys who were not up to the required standard, one was from the Isle of Man, and one was from West Yorkshire. The information of what standard they were to be up to was sent to their friends, and the answer was returned, for the boys were not able to comply with the requirements.

Bro. CUMBERLAND again intervened, and said that he objected to the present system of placing children on the lists. Answers had to be given before a child was placed on the list that the boys were qualified, and they were not qualified if they were not up to the standard which these boys were not up to even after they had been elected.

Bro. C. H. WEBB suggested that other boys should be taken in in place of these two boys.

Bro. BINCKES said in the case of the boy from the Isle of Man, the lodge was going to send him up for the 21st March; they resented the interference of the mother.

One boy was placed on the list for October, and £5 was granted as an outfit to a boy who has left the Institution.

Bro. MASTERS wanted to know what was going to be done about the missing silver cornet? That was not the first thing that was missing. He thought some action ought to be taken.

Bro. BINCKES said the cornet cost £20. It had been in the bandmaster's charge along with the other instruments. He had written a sharp letter to the bandmaster that day, telling him that if the cornet was not forthcoming, he must put up with some action being taken.

Bro. SCURRAH said he had presented a cornet which cost £5, and that was missing too.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT  
INSTITUTION.

The following lists, or additions to what have been already announced, have been received since our last issue:—

LONDON.			
UNATTACHED.			
		£	s. d.
Bro. William Archer	...	10	10 0
„ James Stephens	...	10	10 0
Lodge			
1 Bro. Col. Fred Gadsden	additional	5	5 0
(raising his list to £72 9s.)			
14 „ Gordon Smith	...	21	0 0
90 „ F. W. Prior	additional	1	0 0
(raising his list to £126 18s.)			
1321 „ J. H. Price	additional	1	1 0
(raising his list to £44 1s.)			
1366 „ J. W. H. Lugg	additional	0	10 0
(raising his list to £63 10s.)			
1716 „ Robt. H. Harland	...	45	3 0
1719 „ H. J. Davis	additional	1	0 0
(raising his list to £32 10s.)			
PROVINCES.			
KENT.			
1414 „ Alfred Lawrie	additional	1	1 0
(raising his list to £29 6s.)			
SURREY.			
1616 „ J. H. Strong	additional	1	1 0
(raising his list to £25 13s.)			
1872 „ John Hodgkin	...	10	10 0
SUSSEX.			
1416 } „ H. E. Price	additional	0	1 0
2201 }	(raising his list to £42.)		
TOTAL			£108 12 0

EXTENSIVE THEFT OF MASONIC  
JEWELS.

Edward Jones, 36, tailor, residing in Royal Oak Entry, Foregate-street, Chester, pleaded "Not guilty" to a charge of stealing one coat, umbrella, and handbag, containing a quantity of Masonic jewels and clothing, valued at £50, the property of Charles Kenny Benson, grocer, Wrexham, on the 27th ult. There was a further charge of stealing on the same day an overcoat, hat, and handbag, the latter containing Masonic clothing and other articles belonging to Bro. Thomas Beech Barton, colliery agent, Wrexham.

Mr. D. A. V. Colt Williams prosecuted, and prisoner was undefended.

The RECORDER, who characterised the offence as a most impudent robbery, backed up by three or four days of falsehood and deceit, said he would not be doing his duty if he did not pass a sentence of six calendar months, with hard labour.





## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

### ELECTION OF SECRETARY.

21, Delahay Street, Westminster, S.W.,  
February, 1890.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

I have the honour to offer myself as a Candidate for the office of Secretary of the above Institution on the retirement of Bro. Binckes, and I hereby beg to solicit your vote and support.

I have recently retired on a pension from the Army Service Corps, after upwards of 20 years' service at home and abroad, and I am now 42 years of age.

During the period of my service I have held several acting Colonial appointments of considerable trust and emolument, including that of Auditor-General of the West Africa Settlements. I served throughout the Ashantee War, 1873-74, under Bro. Sir Garnet (now Lord) Wolseley. In 1881, I was on the Special Staff of Bro. Sir Samuel Rowe, K.C.M.G., Governor of the Gold Coast Colony. I was afterwards employed for five years as Head of the Commissariat Department and Acting District Paymaster in the West African Command, and latterly at Newcastle-on-Tyne.

The duties performed by the Army Service Corps (late Commissariat and Transport Staff) in connection with Barracks and Military Hospitals, are in many respects analogous to those performed by the Secretary in connection with the School; amongst others, the charge of buildings and the provision (by contract, purchase, or otherwise), and the accounting for all Food, Fuel, Light, Bedding, Furniture, Medical Comforts, and Hospital Clothing.

I, therefore, venture to think that the experience of office detail and the knowledge of accounts which I have acquired, might be of considerable advantage to this Institution; especially as I am led to understand that some improvement in the system of accounts is desirable.

I attach a statement of my Masonic record, and beg to add that I am a Life-Governor of the Institution.

I am,

Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

F. EGERTON BENNETT, Lt.-Col.  
P.M. No. 773, etc.

### MASONIC RECORD.

CRAFT—Initiated, 6th January, 1870, Gold Coast Lodge, No. 773; Installed W.M., 27th December, 1876, Gold Coast Lodge, No. 773; Installed W.M., 27th December, 1879, Gold Coast Lodge, No. 773; Member of Emulation Lodge of Improvement.

ROYAL ARCH—Exalted, 2nd July, 1872, Caledonian Chapter, No. 204; Member of Royal York Chapter of Perseverance, No. 7; Member of Domestic Chapter of Instruction.

ORDER OF THE TEMPLE—Installed K.T., 12th July, 1872, St. Joseph Preceptory; Knight of Malta, 1878, Blondel Preceptory.

NOTE.—The supporters of Bro. Egerton Bennett are requested, on receiving their ballot papers from the Institution, to please fill them up and to forward them to Bro. W. ALFRED DAWSON, P.M., P.Z., the Secretary of his committee, 21, Delahay-street, Westminster London, S.W.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

### ELECTION OF SECRETARY.

TO THE PATRONS, VICE-PATRONS, VICE-PRESIDENTS,  
AND LIFE GOVERNORS.

Committee Rooms,  
Evershot, Dorchester.

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,  
AND LIFE GOVERNORS.

BRETHREN desirous of supporting the Candidature of Bro. ALFRED CRAVEN GREENWOOD, Assist. Prov. Grand Secretary, Surrey, in the event of a vacancy in the Secretaryship, are respectfully solicited to forward their Names to Bro. CHARLES GREENWOOD, P.M., P.G. Reg., Prov. Grand Secretary, Surrey, 12 Serjeant's Inn, Temple, E.C.

THE friends of Bro. EDWIN STORR, P.M., &c., will kindly note that in the event of a vacancy he will be a Candidate for the Secretaryship of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

Robey Villa, Hornsey, N.

February 19th.

SECOND APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION.  
MAY ELECTION, 1890.

## TO THE GOVERNORS OF THE ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR INCURABLES, WEST HILL, PUTNEY HEATH.

Your VOTES and INTEREST are earnestly solicited on behalf of

MARY LOUISA BRIND, SINGLE, AGED 50,  
Who is suffering from Chronic Rheumatic Arthritis. This has reduced her completely helpless and unable to walk or even stand for 31 years. She has been supported by her father (aged 74, who now lies in a hopeless condition), and she will be entirely without means at his death. Applicant has a twin sister, who has been similarly afflicted for the last four years. The father has been for 40 years in business in the City of London, and in good circumstances, but all has been lost through illness and misfortune.

*This sad and deserving case is strongly recommended by*

Sir HENRY PEEK, Bart., 20, Eastcheap, E.C.  
\*Major G. B. BATES, M.P., 62 & 63, Mark-lane, E.C., and Chestnut House, Plaistow, E.  
\*C. G. EDMONDS, Esq., L.R.C.P. Lon., M.R.C.S. Eng., 88, Bellingbroke-grove, Wandsworth-common, S.W.  
Rev. THOMAS D. C. MORSE, LL.D., Vicar of Christ Church, Newgate-street, E.C.  
Rev. R. WHITTINGTON, M.A., Rector of St. Peter's-upon-Cornhill, E.C., and Prebendary of St. Paul's.  
\*Rev. R. W. B. MARSH, M.A., late Vicar of Plaistow, E., Aldboro'-road, Ilford, Essex.  
\*Rev. E. P. HENDERSON, 10, Park-road, Plaistow, E.  
T. B. CROSBY, Esq., M.D., F.R.C.S., 13, Fenchurch-street, E.C.  
F. CLARK, Esq., M.R.C.S., 13, Fenchurch-street, E.C.  
J. L. SAYER, Esq., C.C., 4, Lower Thames-street, E.C.  
\*W. READ, Esq., 14, St. Mary-at-Hill, E.C.  
GEORGE KENNING, Esq., Upper Sydenham, S.E.

*Proxies will be thankfully received by those marked \**

The friends of MARY LOUISA BRIND take this opportunity of thanking all those Subscribers who so kindly supported her at the last Election, and earnestly appeal for their assistance again in May next.

*Applicant's Father is now deceased. This renders the case more distressing.*

## THE ASYLUM FOR IDIOTS, EARLSWOOD, RED HILL, SURREY.

### THIRD APPLICATION.

TO THE GOVERNORS AND SUBSCRIBERS.

Your VOTES and INTEREST are earnestly asked for  
EDITH CHARLOTTE MOORE,

Aged 7 Years,

One of Four Children, daughter of E. H. MOORE; who, as the result of a serious illness, has become a Candidate for the above Institution.

*The Case is strongly recommended by—*

Rev. J. THOMAS, The Vicarage, Wood Green.  
Rev. Dr. SAVAGE, 11, Park-avenue, Wood Green.  
Mr. GEORGE KENNING, Little Britain, E.C.  
*Proxies will be gladly received by the above, or by*  
E. H. MOORE, 9, Nightingale Villas,  
Nightingale Road, Wood Green.

## A PRESENTATION Past Master's

Jewel was lost at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The owner will be much obliged if the finder will kindly leave it with the Editor of the *Freemason*, Great Queen-street.

WANTED.—Second-hand Furniture and Clothing for Royal Arch Chapter.—Address, J. FLETCHER, *Freemason* Office, 2, Monument-place, Liverpool.

Price 2s. 6d.—Fifth Edition.

GEORGE KENNING'S  
ILLUSTRATED CATALOGUE OF MASONIC  
CLOTHING AND JEWELS. 389 Illustrations.

## To Correspondents.

Several communications unavoidably stand over.



SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 1890.

## Masonic Notes.

The news just received as regards the results of the Cambridge Local Examinations in December last shows that the Girls' School candidates have acquitted themselves exceptionally well. There were 18 pupils from this Institution sent up, and all of them passed; five being placed in Class II. Honours, and five in Class III. Honours, while the remaining eight satisfied the examiners. Moreover, two of those placed in Class II. are marked as having specially distinguished themselves in Religious Knowledge. This is a better result than has ever been obtained before, and as 31 out of the 37 candidates who entered for the College of Preceptors Examination were successful in obtaining certificates, it is clear the School well maintains its prestige. We congratulate Miss Davis and her staff on these latest evidences of the excellence of their training.

We are glad to find that Miss Meacock, one of the new School Mistresses recently appointed to the Preparatory School of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, is a former pupil of Miss Davis's, and for some time after leaving the Girls' School held the appointment there of pupil teacher.

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It will be seen from the particulars we furnish in another column that sums amounting together to £108 12s. have been received at the offices of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution since the Returns were published in our issue of last week. This raises the total thus far subscribed from £13,095 1s. 6d. to £13,203 13s. 6d., and as there are still some 14 more lists to be accounted for, we dare say our forecast of last week will be realised, and that the total will ultimately reach the £13,500 of last year.

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By the way, there are two trifling mistakes of last week which we take this opportunity of correcting. In the first place, the sum announced by Bro. Terry on the 26th ult. was slightly in excess of not somewhat less than the total in 1889. In the next place, Comp. Shurmur was Steward for the Islington Chapter, No. 1471, which gave 50 guineas to the Boys' School last year, and is justly proud of the achievement. In the returns last week, Comp. Shurmur figured as representative of Chapter 1411, which does not exist.

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The establishment of the Cornish Dinner Club has revealed the presence in London of a large number of Cornishmen who are Masons, and acting on the suggestion of a well-known brother, a few representative Craftsmen met on Wednesday evening to consider the advisability of establishing a Cornish lodge in the Metropolis. The resolution was unanimous that a petition should be forwarded to the Grand Secretary, and should the M.W. Grand Master see fit to grant a warrant, we feel sure, from what we know of the fraternal zeal of Cornish Masons, the lodge will not only prove a success in itself, but will be a valuable addition to the already large roll of London lodges.

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A meeting of the Lodge of Australia Felix, No. 1 Victorian Constitution, was held on Monday evening, January 13th, at the Freemasons' Hall, Melbourne. The Committee appointed for the purpose of formulating some scheme to celebrate the jubilee of the lodge and the existence of Freemasonry in Victoria, presented their report, which was adopted. It recommended that an institution similar to the one in London, called the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, be established. Further, that the Lodge of Australia Felix donate the sum of £100, and the members promise to subscribe a sum of not less than £1 1s. per annum. This report will be submitted to the Board of General Purposes at their next meeting.

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Bro. Lord Brooke, M.P., P.G.M. of Essex, has fixed Wednesday, the 12th inst., for the consecration of the Mistley Lodge, No. 2339, at Manningtree, and Wednesday, the 19th inst., for the consecration of the Easterford Lodge, No. 2342, at Kelvedon.

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Bro. Carson's account, in our last week's issue, of the contents of the old chest is most interesting, and we would suggest that the articles should be sent to Bro. Hughan, or some other competent brother, to analyse and utilise.

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The activity of the Grand Secretary in the performance of the many duties he undertakes beyond the office routine appears to be an ever increasing quantity. Not content with the laborious work involved in the consecration of the many lodges and chapters within the London district, he is often to be found discharging the same functions in the provinces; his latest appearance as the representative of the Grand Master having been at Bedford, on the 27th ult., at the consecration, in the presence of the Provincial Grand Master, of the Sir William Harpur Lodge, No. 2343, of which the Prov. G. Sec., Bro. Dr. Prior, is the first W.M.

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We learn that the consecration of the Duke of Fife Lodge, which was fixed for a nearer date, has been postponed until Monday, the 14th April, to suit the convenience of several Grand Officers who could not otherwise be present. We have reason to believe that there will be a large and influential gathering on the occasion.

On the 21st ult., a meeting of the General Committee of the Woodward Testimonial Fund was held at Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of Bro. R. H. Thrupp, P.A.G.D.C., Dep. Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex. An Executive Committee was formed to carry out the preliminary proceedings, consisting of Bros. Thrupp (Chairman and Treasurer); Dr. Causton, M.D.; J. F. Creswick, P.M.; Howard H. Room, P.G. Sec. (Secretary); Capt. T. C. Walls; C. Walter; and R. H. Williams. Subscriptions of lodges and chapters were limited not to exceed two guineas, and individual subscriptions five shillings. Communications, &c., are to be addressed to Bro. H. H. Room, 19, John-street, Adelphi.

## 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.]

### R.M.I. FOR BOYS "COMMUTATION SCHEME."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The friends of the Institution must feel grateful for your judicious remarks respecting the scheme providing for the retirement of the Secretary by a voluntary subscription from all lodges to raise £2500, and thus relieve the funds of an annual payment for an indefinite period of £350; a scheme so simple, entailing the payment by individual members of only 1s. 3d., should commend itself to every one wishing to promote the best interests of the School. I am not aware what has been done in London, but think it very desirable that a Committee should be formed and arrangements made for visiting lodges and explaining the scheme and obtaining subscriptions. In the provinces this plan has been adopted with success. In the province of West Yorkshire the proportion for 75 lodges at £2 10s. each amounts to £187 10s., but it has been determined to contribute £210, as a substantial proof of sympathy with this "Commutation Scheme," and it is gratifying to know that many other provinces are prepared to contribute their proportion. It seems a pity we have no means of knowing how the funds are coming in; perhaps a little information from Bro. J. D. Langton would be useful and stimulate the friends of the Boys' School.—Yours fraternally,

H. S.

### HOTELS V. MASONIC HALLS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Bro. Whytehead, in your last issue, curiously omits any reference to a point of great interest, one which, with me, outweighs all the others combined. The archives—i.e., minute and Treasurer's books and correspondence—may be kept safely, even if the lodge meet at an hotel, because they may be deposited in the strong room of the local bank. But the literary and artistic treasures of the Craft can only obtain security and accessibility combined in a Masonic Hall. A Masonic Hall means, sooner or later, a local library and museum. It is unavoidable. Old pictures, prints, glass, china, and books gravitate towards it, and the brethren are constrained to buy a case or two for their preservation. The means for their preservation induces an increased flow, and thus each hall becomes, gradually but surely, a centre of literary and artistic light in Masonry. It is, of course, open to assert that, if the local hall did not exist, the treasures would be concentrated in Grand Lodge, and that one good library is more valuable than a score of small ones. To this I answer that, before local halls existed, Grand Lodge was not universal legatee, so to say, for in that case its library would be much more important than it is; and, further, that Masonic knowledge and desire for knowledge has increased *pari passu* with the multiplication of local halls. Of 108 lodges which are members to our Correspondence Circle and subscribers to our publications, 90 meet in halls and 18 only in hotels. I have no doubt that if the subscribing lodges to the *Freemason* were classified in the same manner, the result would be even more confirmatory.—Yours fraternally,

G. W. SPETH,  
Sec. Quatuor Coronati, 2076.

**GRAND KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.**—The Early Grand Knights Templar Encampment of Glasgow met on the 28th ult., in the Masonic Hall, Springburn, for election and installation of officers. The Eminent Sir Knight, the Grand Representative of the E.G. in Scotland, W. M'B. Thompson, presided, and, with the assistance of the E.C. of No. 3 Encampment, Cambuslang, conducted operations. The following sir knights were duly elected and subsequently installed: Sir Knights James Buchanan, E.C.; R. M'LAY, M.; J. Gresham, C.G.; J. Semple, C.C.; J. Liddell, Recorder; T. Downie, Treasurer; T. Watson, W. Ferguson, and A. Nelson, Captains, B.R.S.B.; J. Hunter, Con.; Jas. Graham, Rec.; J. White, Std. Br.; and Geo. Duff, S.B. The sir knights were well represented, and paid great attention to the lucid explanation and working of the principles. It is hoped by the erection of this encampment an impetus will be given to the Templar Order in the district. A pleasant evening was spent, and the encampment closed.



## Craft Masonry.

### METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

#### Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge (No. 4).—

The installation meeting of this Time Immemorial lodge was held on Monday evening, the 3rd inst., at Freemasons' Hall. There were present on the occasion Bros. Harry Emans Pollard, W.M.; John A. Hughes, S.W.; H. Stern, J.W.; R. G. Hall, Treas.; F. West, P.M.; Sec.; Rev. A. W. Oxford, S.D.; W. Stevenson Hoyte, J.D.; W. Ganz, Org.; George Weldon, P.M.; W. T. Whitmore, P.M.; C. U. Cousins, P.M.; H. Lumley, P.M.; Hugh Mackintosh, P.M.; H. P. Hughes, P.M.; T. H. Devonshire, P.M.; G. A. Joseph, P.M.; John Chynoweth, P.M.; H. Barton, W. N. Few, A. Venn, C. R. Payne, H. P. Cater, R. S. Stott, A. Adams, W. S. Fenn, J. Martin, W. Kingham, Walter Lumley, H. Sutton, J. Franklin-Adams, W. Lumley, E. H. Cousins, E. Scriven, J. Althans, C. de Sterne, H. Fenner, J. H. D. Todd, and Robert L. Devonshire. Visitors: Bros. F. Swaine, P.M. 1328; R. C. Mount, P.M. 414, 1328, P.P.S.G.W. Berks and Bucks; A. N. Skitters, 1008; G. F. Kendall, 2133; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; T. Grunebaum, P.M. 1017; Raymond H. Thrupp, P.A.G. D.C. and D.P.G.M. Middx.; Major John Simpson Peirce, P.M. 2, P.G.D.; E. J. V. Hersey, W.M. 2; C. F. Matier, P.G. Std. Br.; John Skinner, 1706; J. Lang Day, 1328; Richard Clowes, Earl of Sussex Lodge; W. B. Hersey, 2022; J. Waser, 2312; James A. Brown, 2264; Charles Chillye, 2005; Col. James Peters, P.G. S.B.; T. Christy, P.M. 5; Arthur L. Oswald, Org. 2190; E. Letchworth, P.G.D.; Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W.; H. Paul Monckton, 1150; Lennox Browne, Provincial S.G.W. Essex; Floyd B. Wilson, 271; A. Gowan Solomon, 2190; Edward Coffin, P.M. 99; Egbert W. Cooper, 193; and W. de Manley Sergison, S.W. 1383.

Bro. Weldon, P.M., after the minutes had been confirmed, installed in a style which received the warmest commendation of the brethren Bro. John Arthur Hughes, Grand Steward for the year, and W.M. elect, as Master for the ensuing year. The officers appointed and invested to assist him for the year were Bros. H. E. Pollard, I.P.M.; H. de Stern, S.W.; Rev. A. W. Arnold, J.W.; Capt. R. G. Hall, P.M., Treas.; Frederick West, P.M., Sec.; W. S. Hoyte, S.D.; C. Lound, J.D.; Dr. Hugh Mackintosh, P.M., P.G.S., D.C.; Wilhelm Ganz, P.M., P.G. Org.; Org.; Dr. A. Venn, I.G.; C. B. Cousins, P.M., P.G.S., Std.; and Freeman, Tyler. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M., accompanied by a neat little commendatory speech by the W.M. as to the services of Bro. Pollard to the lodge during his year of office. Bro. the Rev. A. W. Arnold took the Stewardship of the lodge for the Boys' School, and Bro. Henry Sutton was accepted as Steward for the Girls, and the lodge voted five guineas to the list of each, on the motion of the Treasurer, seconded by the Secretary. Bro. de Stern was elected Grand Steward for the forthcoming Masonic year.

The lodge was then closed, and a choice banquet followed at Freemasons' Tavern.

Subsequently the usual toasts were honoured.

After the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W.G.M." had been honoured,

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Pro G.M., the Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," naming Bros. Sir John Monckton, E. Letchworth, Col. Peters, Raymond H. Thrupp, J. S. Peirce, Matier, and Ganz, and said that all those brethren were so well up in Masonry that it must be acknowledged that their duties were far beyond those of any other brethren. They were made Grand Officers for no other reason than that they were good Masons. Were it not for brethren who were ready to take the onerous duties of Grand Office, he did not think the Craft would go on very well.

Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton, in replying to the toast, said that when the M.W.G.M. did him the honour, after a tolerably long period of service in the Craft, to put him in the position of P.G.W., he thought he was going quietly on the shelf, and retiring from the active duties of Masonry, having nothing to do. But that was not the result, for he found he had now frequently to respond to the toast of the Grand Officers. Every walk of life, however, had its responsibilities, and he accepted his. The Grand Officers who stood up while that toast was being responded to might fairly claim to be good specimens of the Grand Officers. He might allude to one—Col. Peters—who was modestly sitting at the bottom of the table. When Col. Peters was appointed Grand Sword Bearer, the Prince of Wales said he had never seen the sword carried so well before.

Bro. H. E. Pollard, P.G.S., I.P.M., in proposing "The W.M.," said that the W.M. was really a Master in Masonry. He was a Grand Steward of the year. He had unfortunately for the lodge been away on urgent business, but he had come back and had taken up the work with great zeal. He was a man who carried out everything he took up, and he was a man who would do honour to the lodge—ancient, great, and honourable as the Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge was.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, said he had to thank the I.P.M. very much for the kind way he had spoken of him. He was afraid the I.P.M. had said a great deal too much of him; but that was always a fault on those occasions. With regard to himself, he had to thank the brethren for the very kind way they had received the toast. He believed there was nobody in the room so absolutely surprised as himself to see himself in the chair. A month ago he was quietly enjoying himself in the Red Sea, where he had written a letter saying he was away on business, and could not take the chair of the lodge. However, when he got back, he found at his office a letter that surprised him immensely saying the lodge had unanimously elected him as Master of the lodge. It would be idle for him to pretend that he was not pleased, although he would have liked to shirk the onerous duties of the position. However, there he was, and there he was going to stay. He was going to do his level best for the lodge; he was going to be particular

in seeing wherever that lodge was to be represented it should be represented properly; he was going to try his best in the ritual; if he failed it would be a failure of the head and not of the heart. There was one thing they might depend upon—whatever he could do he would do. They must excuse his faults, but if at the end of his year his conduct should be found to have been to the benefit of the lodge he should be more than satisfied.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Visitors." The lodge had always been famous for its hospitality. The brethren of the lodge liked to see as many visitors as possible, and they liked to see them as often as they could come. During his year, and for many years to come, he hoped they would see all the visitors of that evening many times. He called upon Bro. Lennox Browne to respond.

Bro. Lennox Browne, in replying, said it was a great compliment to him to find among the visitors so many friends as well as among the members of the lodge. Speaking on behalf of the visitors, he felt he should echo their sentiments. At the same time, it was very kind of the W.M. to name him, who happened to be a Provincial Grand Officer, to respond, when there were Past Masters present of so many distinguished lodges. Nevertheless, he could say in the fewest words possible that they all appreciated it, and he was sure that there was no word necessary to enforce the expressions of gratitude the visitors had at being present that evening, and of congratulating the W.M. Although he had not the pleasure of knowing him personally, he had known his relations many years, and valued them as his friends. He wished the W.M., and prophesied for him, a very successful year of office, because they could judge of what he could do by what he had done on the night of his installation.

Bro. Hersey, W.M. 2, also responded, expressing the great gratification of all the visitors, both with the work of the lodge and the hospitality of the brethren. He wished the W.M. a most successful year of office.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Past Masters," said it was a very proud thing for every Master of that lodge that on an ordinary evening, when they sat down not more than five, six, or ten visitors, the Past Masters were a big list, and that showed that when a Master had passed the chair he did not fail to feel still a keen interest in the lodge.

Bro. T. H. Devonshire, P.M., at the call of the W.M., responded. It was a very great source of gratification to him, as well as to the other Past Masters, to see so large a gathering. The W.M. had been good enough to speak in flattering—too flattering—terms of the Past Masters, and especially had he been good enough to mention him (Bro. Devonshire). He was sorry to say in some respects, although he was proud in others, that he believed he was the oldest Past Master in the lodge, and he supposed it was mainly on that account that his name had been coupled with that toast, because he was quite sure there were among them old friends at that table who could respond much better than he, though not with more cordiality, or with more appreciation of the manner in which the brethren had received the toast. It was most gratifying to the Past Masters to see the lodge in such a condition as it now was. Some of the members had for a long time endeavoured to have new blood introduced into the lodge, and that had now been successfully accomplished, and he was perfectly certain, as far as one could be certain of anything, that the result would be highly gratifying and beneficial to the lodge, and that it would continue to be one of the foremost lodges in the Craft, and that they would have the opportunity of seeing that new blood among the Past Masters. He was confident the lodge would maintain its position in the Craft, and that those brethren who came after the present generation would endeavour to do their duty as the Past Masters had done.

The Worshipful Master next gave "The Treasurer and Secretary," and knowing something of the duties of the office of Treasurer himself, he was aware of the extraordinary amount of difficulty there was in obtaining money. One man was asleep and another was not well. But the nice letters Bro. Hall wrote put the brethren who received them in good humour. Next to Bro. Hall, the Treasurer, came Bro. West, the Secretary. No lodge could beat this lodge in its Secretary. He was Secretary in name, but he was a right, good, sound friend in reality. If brethren found themselves in any difficulty let them go to Bro. West. Everything he did was done pleasantly and willingly; and if every Master of every lodge could count on having a Treasurer and Secretary like Bro. Hall and Bro. West he would find his year of office very easy.

Bro. Hall, in reply, said he was glad to find his services were so valuable to the lodge. The duties he endeavoured to perform he was only too delighted to perform, and if the brethren were satisfied, he was amply rewarded.

Bro. F. West, P.M., Secretary, said there were some brethren round the table who knew there were certain places in the land where not more than one was permitted to speak in reply to any given statement. He was rather in hopes that when he heard his learned senior begin to address the brethren he would have allowed him to get out of the difficulty in which he was now placed. But the W.M. was supreme on those occasions, and he (Bro. West) was bound to comply, and he did comply, with the imperious command of the W.M. He could not help remembering that it was some years ago that he was permitted to become a member of the lodge, thanks to the introduction of Bro. Devonshire; and Bro. Devonshire must have in his mind, as he (Bro. West) had in his mind, that some future day No. 4 would cease to exist unless they took some different course. He was particularly pleased that Bro. Pollard so readily acquiesced in that resolution, and that he (Bro. West) was introduced to the lodge. No one had introduced more members to the lodge than he and Bro. Pollard had. Without wishing to indulge in any glorification, he thought the lodge was to be congratulated in throwing its fold open to those who would follow in the footsteps of the Past Masters. They had now 20 more members than they had 12 months ago. He had no hesitation in saying that there was not one who had been elected as a member who would not perform the duties of the chair as worthily as any Past Master who had gone before them. That was a great deal to say, but he was bold enough to say it, and he was confident that those who had been introduced into the lodge would do their utmost to maintain the dignity and high importance of Freemasonry. With regard to the duties, he was pleased to say they were properly done. The W.M. had alluded to the task of the Treasurer. There was no more worthy member of the lodge than the Treasurer. If the Secretary



had any extra work to perform it was a labour of love. No. 4 gave him encouragement in Freemasonry, and the duties he had to perform he looked upon as part of the obligation which a Mason of some standing was bound to fulfil, and which every one who had the interest of the Craft at heart was bound to take upon himself. As long as it pleased the W.M. to call upon him to occupy the position of Secretary, he should be only too glad to do his utmost to carry out the duties to the satisfaction of the W.M. and the brethren.

The Worshipful Master next gave "The Working Officers of the Lodge," and said it was most important that the working officers of a lodge should do their very utmost to assist the W.M. in the discharge of his duties. The officers were a new team that evening, and he would only ask the officers to do their best to assist him. If they did not it would be a difficult thing for the Master to carry on the affairs of the lodge. He believed that the officers he had chosen would back him up and would help him. As to Bro. Ganz it was not only that night that he had got up a grand programme of music. Considering the time of year and how many people were suffering from bad colds, he had yet given the brethren a programme of music second to none, and he begged on behalf of the lodge to thank him. If the officers of the lodge would help him he would endeavour to make the year a success.

Bro. Sterne, in reply, said he was quite bewildered by the honour the brethren had done him after the great kindness of the W.M. in making him S.W. of that lodge. He did not doubt for a moment that if he tried he might be able to render himself worthy—and he thought it was possible—of that, one of the greatest lodges in the Craft. As he was surrounded by the most charming gentlemen and most distinguished men in London he thanked the W.M. and brethren for the great honour done him in drinking the health of the officers, and he should strive during his year of office to do the utmost he could for the lodge in general, and for the part which he had to learn.

The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

Under the direction of Bro. Wilhelm Ganz, P.G. Org., Organist of the lodge, a superb performance of vocal and instrumental music was given by Miss Alice Whitacre, Miss Maggie Chase, and Bros. J. A. Brown, Charles Chiley, J. W. Hanson, John Radcliff, and Herbert Thorndike, Bro. Radcliff performing on the flute.

**Royal Athelstan Lodge (No. 19).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Thursday, the 13th ult. Present: Bros. Wm. Nicholson, W.M.; A. Wormull, S.W.; R. W. Bilby, J.W.; W. M. Bywater, P.M., P.G.S.B., Treas.; C. B. Barnes, P.M., Sec.; A. E. W. Gwynn, Org.; A. Ramsay, S.D.; H. Poston, J.D.; A. D. Green, I.G.; J. Charles, P.M., D.C.; G. H. Hoyle, I.P.M.; D. Nicholson, P.M.; W. Pound, P.M.; H. Glenn, P.M.; F. E. W. Collard, P.M.; J. Glenn, P.M.; G. Sneath, P.M.; G. A. Coredroy, J. P. Hinckel, C. E. Moser, W. S. Pound, S. S. Straker, M. Smith, E. G. Young, W. F. Stauffer, and G. R. Cassberg. Visitors: Bros. C. E. Birch, P.M. 1223; Chas. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; W. Norton, 1693; E. B. Pigmas, 859; W. Parkins, 1923; F. Deering, 1572; B. Hooker, 1260; T. Archer, 2140; J. C. Jackson, P.M. 1232; F. Taylor, P.M. 1260; J. Young, P.M. 1745; C. Lambert, W.M. 198; W. F. Manners, 859; A. H. Lilly, P.M. 12; R. F. Gould, 92, P.G.D.; S. Boyce, 1549; A. Mitchell, 1092, P.D.G.W.; F. A. White, P.M. 1437; B. Newstead, 145; W. J. Nichols, P.M. 463; E. Wendover, P.M. 121; M. Heats, P.M. 766; and Joyce Murray.

The lodge being duly opened, and the preliminary business being ended, the installation of Bro. Arthur Wormull was impressively performed by Bro. Bywater. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. Nicholson, I.P.M.; R. W. Bilby, S.W.; A. R. Ramsey, J.W.; W. M. Bywater, P.M., P.G.S.B., Treas.; C. B. Barnes, P.M., Sec.; H. Poston, S.D.; A. D. Green, J.D.; Milton Smith, I.G.; A. E. W. Gwynn, Org.; W. Pound, P.M., Stwd.; J. Charles, D.C.; and G. Gilbert, Tyler.

The ceremony being ended, the brethren adjourned to a *recherché* banquet.

The usual toasts were duly proposed and responded to during the evening.

A programme of vocal music, under the direction of Bro. John Probert, was exceedingly well executed.

**Faith Lodge (No. 141).**—This old lodge met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 25th ult. Among those present were Bros. C. G. Wetzlar, W.M.; Langdale, S.W.; Sheppard, J.W.; W. Carter, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Welch, S.D.; Taylor, J.D.; Ryan, I.G.; E. Hopwood, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; C. Dairy, P.M.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W. Middlesex; Fromholtz, P.M.; Hudson, P.M.; Hakim, P.M.; and others. Among the visitors were the Brothers Drewett, 889.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. H. J. Brett was raised to the Third Degree, and Bros. E. Duck and J. Gluckstein passed as F.C.'s. The ballot having been taken for Mr. H. Oswald Sharpley, he was initiated. The W.M.'s working of the three ceremonies left but little to be desired. The ballot was also taken for Bro. M. Davis, late 141, for re-joining. A notice of motion was given to vote a sum of money to head the list of Bro. Fromholtz, P.M., as Steward to the R.M.I. for Girls.

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

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

Bro. Hakim, in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said that without flattery he could say, and he felt confident that the brethren would agree with him, that the working of Bro. Wetzlar might be equalled, but certainly not surpassed, by any Master. On the last occasion the lodge met the W.M.'s utterances at the banquet table were most fluent and pertinent, and he (the speaker) had no doubt that the W.M. would give them a taste of his quality in that respect during the whole tenure of his office.

In his reply the Worshipful Master expressed his thanks to the I.P.M. for his encomiums. He felt that his work that evening had been fairly well done, and that was mainly owing to the easy and able manner in which all the officers had supported him. He was exceedingly pleased with his officers, who during the past month had been working hard to perfect themselves in their respective duties. Thus far

his year of office had been most successful and prosperous, and he specially had to thank both Bros. Carter, the Treasurer, and W. Stuart, the Secretary, for their support and assistance.

The other toasts quickly followed, and a most agreeable evening was spent.

**Jordan Lodge (No. 201).**—The first regular meeting after the installation of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 26th ult., when there was a numerous gathering of members and visitors to support Bro. A. Proudfoot, W.M., whom we must congratulate on having, during the short period of his Mastership, resuscitated and improved the tone of this old lodge by departing from the beaten track of promotion by rotation irrespective of merit, and the infusion of new blood, it being his determination to leave the lodge at the expiration of his year of office better than he found it. Amongst those present were Bro. Harris, P.M., acting S.W., in the regrettable absence of Bro. F. H. Agate, through the death of his son; F. J. Hannen, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. Wiltshire, J.W.; J. Martin, Treas.; R. T. Elsam, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, Sec.; G. S. Russell, P.M., P.P.G.R. Oxford, S.D.; J. Frye, J.D.; G. Peacock, I.G.; T. Wallis, P.M., Stwd.; W. Simpson, P.M., Tyler; and others.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Messrs. T. W. Hambly, A. Cunio, and F. T. Chaplin were then initiated into the mysteries of Ancient Freemasonry in a manner highly creditable to the W.M., and setting a good example to the junior officers. Several notices of motion, relating to various alterations in the by-laws, having been considered, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, after which the usual toast list was gone through and some capital speeches made.

The evening was enlivened by some excellent music by Bros. Arthur Reynolds, G. S. Russell, Chaplin, H. W. Cocking (concertina), and Burgess Perry.

**Clapham Lodge (No. 1818).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion Restaurant, on Wednesday, the 26th ult. There were present Bros. J. W. Gooding, W.M.; Frank Manby, S.W.; John Liscombe, J.W.; Louis Hirsch, P.M., Treas.; Howard Smith, P.M., Sec.; C. E. G. Dodd, S.D.; J. Jeffreys, Org.; Bowler, Tyler; G. T. Gooding, P.M.; D. Harrison, P.M.; S. E. Gabriel, A. C. Gooding, Arthur Plomer Dale, and S. G. Budd. Visitors: Bros. A. Start, 1625; Dodd, P.M. 1686; F. G. Longley, P.M. and Treas. 1261; and F. A. Jewson, Org. 1827.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Budd was then passed to the Second Degree, and Bros. Gabriel, A. C. Gooding, and Dale were raised to the Sublime Degree. The ceremony was very effectively rendered by the W.M., assisted by Bro. G. T. Gooding, P.M. Bro. Louis Hirsch gave the traditional history in his usual eloquent manner.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the banquet hall, where a sumptuous dinner was served.

The loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

During the evening the proceedings were enlivened by songs and music, under the direction of the Organist, by members and their friends, including Bros. F. A. Jewson and F. Bevan.

**United Northern Counties Lodge (No. 2128).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's-inn-fields, Bro. G. J. Wood, W.M., presiding. There were also present Bros. Sir John Monckton, P.G.W.; the Rev. John Sedgwick, D.D., P.G. Chap.; the Rev. H. Thos. Cochrane, P.G. Chap.; the Rev. Robert John Simpson, P.G. Chap.; Thos. Fenn, Pres. Board of Gen. Purps.; Robert Grey, P.G.D., Pres. Board of Ben.; Nathl. Geo. Philips, P.G.D.; D. P. Cama, P.G. Treas.; Asher Barfield, P.G. Treas.; F. Hastings Goldney, P.G.D.; Ralph Gooding, M.D., P.G.D.; Henry J. P. Dumas, P.G.D.; Chas. A. Murton, P.G.D.; F. Sumner Knyvett, P.G.D.; Henri Bué, P.G. Std. Br.; Rudolph G. Glover, P.D.G.D.C.; Wm. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B.; Chas. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; Wm. Alexr. Barrett, Mus. Doc., P.G. Org.; Henry Garrod, P.G. Purst.; J. H. Matthews, P.G. Std. Br.; Eugene Monteuiis, G. Std. Br.; T. W. Whitmarsh, G. Purst.; David D. Mercer, A.G. Purst.; James Peters, P.G.S.B.; C. F. Matier, P.G. Std. Br.; Charles Belton, D.G.D.C.; John Farnfield, P.A.G.D.C.; W. H. Perryman, P.G. Purst.; F. A. Philbrick, G. Reg.; Walter Hopekirk, P.G. Purst.; Henry Sadler, G. Tyler; A. A. Richards, P.G.S.; Fredk. Mead, P.G.S.B.; W. Masters, I.P.M.; W. H. Bullock, S.W.; J. M. Peake, J.W.; E. Carr, Treas.; S. B. Bolas, Sec.; G. B. Davis, S.D.; F. Wright, J.D.; J. S. Cumberland, D.C.; C. R. Lee, I.G.; W. G. Stott, Org.; H. Miller, Steward; and W. F. Smithson, P.M. Visitors: Bros. the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M.; T. W. Tew, P.G.M. West Yorks; G. Askew, P.M. 1385; W. J. Brown, W.M. 506; B. T. Whitehead, 1329; H. Slade, P.M. 1419; G. J. Dale, 2005; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; E. H. Cookson, I.P.M. 32; Rev. H. A. Hebb, P.M. 444; H. Beaumont, 250; J. Heaton, P.M. 1260; W. Wharton, 47; W. D. Church, S.W. 1365; R. W. Bourne, W.M. 32; J. Rogers, I.P.M. 1984; C. T. Davenport, Friendship Lodge; E. Hobbs, 453; A. C. Greenwood, J.W. 410; G. Cooper, P.G.D.; R. Hughes, 145; G. H. Jennings, 1507; S. Jennings, J.D. 142; W. Soden, 1287; W. Klingenstein, P.M. 73 and 1540; J. C. Duckworth, P.M. 1928; W. H. Hedgecock, 101; P. Howard Davis, 239 and 259; A. Weston, A. Strugnell, Vernon Lee, 1288; and W. Large, P.M. 1884, P.P.S.G.D.

The W.M., after the minutes had been read and confirmed, initiated in admirable style Mr. B. Murgatroyd, and on the motion of Bro. W. Masters, a Past Master's jewel was voted unanimously to Bro. Wood. The Earl of Lathom, D.G.M., having been announced, all Past Masters present were directed by the W.M. to form a deputation to meet the noble brother and conduct him into the lodge. His lordship, accompanied by Bro. T. W. Tew, P.G.M. of West Yorkshire, was then brought into the lodge, and took his seat at the immediate right of the W.M., Bro. Tew taking his seat on the W.M.'s left hand. Before this the W.M. had vacated his seat in favour of the ex-Mayor of Liverpool, Bro. E. H. Cookson, Prov. S.G.W. West Lancashire, who had travelled from Liverpool for the express purpose of installing Bro. W. H. Bullock, a Liverpool Mason, S.W. and W.M. elect, as Master of the lodge. Bro.

W. Masters, P.M., then presented Bro. Bullock to the Installing Officer, who proceeded to install the new Master. The ceremony having been completed, the following brethren were invested as officers for the year: Bros. G. J. Wood, I.P.M.; G. B. Davis, S.W.; S. B. Bolas, J.W.; W. F. Smithson, P.M., Treas.; W. Masters, P.M., Sec.; F. Wright, S.D.; C. R. Lee, J.D.; R. Keates, I.G.; W. G. Stott, Org.; H. G. Giller, P.M., and Davison, Stewards; and H. Evenden, P.M., Tyler. Bro. J. S. Cumberland, P.M., gave notice of motion for voting three guineas to the "Binckes' Retiring Allowance Fund," and to guineas to one of the three Masonic Institutions.

At the request of the W.M., the Earl of Lathom presented to Bro. G. J. Wood, I.P.M., the Past Master's jewel voted to him by the lodge, and stated in doing so that it gave him great pleasure to perform that office, the recipient of the gift being so worthy a Mason, and one who had done such excellent service to the United Northern Counties Lodge.

Bro. Wood expressed his thanks for the gift, and the lodge was closed.

A choice banquet followed, and the toasts were subsequently proposed.

The brethren having honoured the toasts of "The Queen" and "The M.W.G.M.," which the W.M. proposed in very few words,

The Worshipful Master gave "The Pro G.M., the Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and said the brethren were favoured that night with the presence of the Deputy Grand Master himself, who was in the United Northern Counties Lodge for the first time, but he hoped it would not be the last. The brethren would agree with him that, when they remembered the multiplicity of engagements the Earl of Lathom had to perform, it was very good of him to be present in that lodge. His lordship was her Majesty's Lord Chamberlain, and consequently had many engagements. He (the W.M.) might be a little vain when he said that possibly the reason of the Earl of Lathom attending the lodge was that, being a West Lancashire Mason and Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire, he came to do honour to a West Lancashire Mason's installation. He (the W.M.) was happy to say that West Lancashire was his mother province; he was initiated in Liverpool about 12 years ago, and Liverpool was the metropolis of West Lancashire. It was very kind of Lord Lathom to come and give a stand-up to his year of office. Lord Lathom was supported by his Prov. Senior Grand Warden, Bro. Cookson. The brethren would entertain the hope that Lord Lathom would often visit the lodge. His lordship lived in London a good portion of the year, and the lodge met no less than six times a year. The Earl of Zetland, Prov. Grand Master for N. and E. Yorkshire, was a member and a founder of the lodge, and his name was the first on the list; he took a great interest in the lodge, and had done so ever since it was started, and the brethren would also be glad to see him among them.

The Earl of Lathom, in responding to the toast, thanked the brethren for the hearty reception they had given him. He had the honour to represent a very large province. West Lancashire had grown in the last few years in a most extraordinary way. He thought he was speaking correctly when he said that, when he had the honour of being the first Prov. Grand Master of West Lancashire, the roll of lodges there was 72; at that moment they were about to celebrate there the consecration of their century lodge. When he said the century lodge, that was exactly the one hundredth lodge in the province, but there were three more to be consecrated. It was not only that the increase was shown in his own province, but throughout England that an impetus was given to Freemasonry by the interest taken in it by the Grand Master, and he had every reason to hope that that increase and that interest in the Order was not an evanescent thing. The brethren saw now that the right sort of men were initiated in the Brotherhood. Things that happened in days gone by, viz., the initiation of men who came into Freemasonry only for the sake of benefits they thought they could receive from it; that had been put a stop to, and he set it down to that that they had now a better class of men coming into Masonry—men who had a right to belong to Masonry, and, therefore, they chose the men who should come into it. There was no doubt that Masonry was a very great institution in this country; not only did it bring a great number of men together who might not otherwise meet in love and affection, but it was a loyal Brotherhood, a Brotherhood he looked to if the time should come when the brethren would stand together to support the Crown. He believed it was impossible to find in the world a body of men who had done more in the way of Charity or in the way of kindness to their brethren than the Masons of England. What he liked more especially to see was the creation of a lodge like the United Northern Counties Lodge. A great centre like London must draw brethren from all parts of the country, and that was a happy thought to found a lodge where the brethren of the northern counties resident in London could meet and find themselves happy together. He had enjoyed himself that evening, and, while thanking them for inviting him to be present, he wished every possible success to the lodge.

The W.M. next gave "The Provincial Grand Masters of the Northern Counties." The Deputy Grand Master had been kind enough to express his approval of the establishment of that lodge in London, and he (the W.M.), wished to say a few words on the circumstances of its establishment. Four or five years ago a few Northern emigrants to London wanted a Masonic home here and did not know where to go. He joined some lodges of instruction, he wrote to the *Freemason*, the organ of the Craft, and Bro. Cumberland wrote as well. They met, and Bro. Masters then came on the scene, and afterwards Bro. Smithson. It was a very nice meeting. The northern counties, from their point of view, consisted of Lancashire, Yorkshire, Northumberland, Durham, Cumberland, Westmorland, Cheshire, Lincolnshire, Staffordshire, Worcestershire, Derbyshire, Warwickshire; in fact, all the counties north of the Thames. What they wanted was to establish a lodge which brethren from those provinces might join, and he hoped that brethren from all those provinces would come and see the brethren of that lodge, where he could assure them they would always receive a hearty welcome, and good advice if they wanted it. Lord Zetland joined as a founder, and he was a subscribing member. The Grand Master for West Yorkshire, Bro. Tew, also joined the lodge, and was the first acting I.P.M. He (the W.M.) as a Lancashire man, had learned to love Bro. Tew very much, and it was hardly possible to know him without feeling for him what he might call affection. That night, in the presence of the distinguished

visitors, he asked them, when they went back to their provinces, to make known the fact that the Northern Counties Lodge existed in London, and what it existed for. He wished also to impress that upon the Installing Master, for since he retired from the chair of Mayor of Liverpool last year he had been very active as a Mason in his province. He hoped all those brethren would publish the fact of the lodge's existence, and ask the brethren to join it and see what the working of the lodge was.

Bro. Thomas W. Tew, Prov. G.M. West Yorkshire, in replying, said that it was a great satisfaction to the Master of the provinces referred to to have the historical account given by the W.M. of the United Northern Counties Lodge, and to feel that there was such a lodge as that in the heart of London where northern brethren might meet in a charming way, although those northern provinces were not so far away now, owing to the railway facilities. Yet West Yorkshire, over which he had the honour to preside, was sometimes thought to be a distant province. Some people seemed hardly to know where it was. People went to Scotland, Caithness, and the Orkneys, and were asked where was West Yorkshire? They were not so populous after all; they had not so many lodges as Lancashire (East and West). In November last he was present when the hundredth lodge in East Lancashire was consecrated, and Lord Lathom told them that soon there would be 100 lodges in West Lancashire. There were 4000 or 5000 brethren in his province, and during the time he had been Prov. Grand Master he had had the pleasure of consecrating 14 new lodges, and he had no doubt that in the process of time, and at no great distance of time, they would be able to ask Lord Lathom and Col. Starkie to graciously condescend to come to West Yorkshire and witness the consecration of its hundredth lodge. There was something else they had to do in West Yorkshire besides multiplying lodges and initiating brethren. They were of all things most anxious to be in good fellowship and harmony with every one of their brethren and the lodges in London, and on behalf of the outlandish Province of West Yorkshire he said they tried to disseminate the principles of Freemasonry over all parts of the world, because Yorkshire brethren were great travellers. There was hardly a country under the sun where a West Yorkshireman was not to be found. Beyond that West Yorkshire Masons tried to show themselves, what the M.W.G.M. had so often described in Grand Lodge and elsewhere, the most loyal, patriotic, and charitable body of men; and he echoed most cordially the hope of Lord Lathom that they would be found on the side of the crown, and be loyal to their Queen, patriotic to their country, and devoted to their G. Master. One word more. He had come to that lodge meeting as a member of the lodge because he heard that Lord Lathom was coming, and he was anxious by his presence to show, if he could, his duty to his lordship, and to tell him that they in West Yorkshire would never forget his courtesy and kindness in coming (with Bro. Col. Starkie), on the death of Bro. Sir Henry Edwards, to install him (Bro. Tew) as Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire. He hoped West Yorkshire would ever be found in the van of whatever was noble, good, truthful, and generous among Masons.

Bro. W. F. Smithson, P.M. and Treasurer, proposed "The Masonic Charities," and said he felt very much complimented in being entrusted with it, as he had very earnest and strong support in that lodge of one of the three Masonic Charities. In his experience of over 20 years connected with the Province of West Yorkshire, he had taken great interest in the prosperity of all of them. He had acted on the Charity Committee of the province, which had sent up no less than £40,000 in support of those Charities. Consequently he felt somewhat proud of having to propose that toast. It must have been a great satisfaction to Bro. Terry, the honoured Secretary of the Benevolent Institution, on February 26th, to have to announce £13,000 odd as contributed at that festival. It had cost Bro. Terry many hours of anxiety during the last few weeks, seeing that at the forthcoming election in May, there were more than 150 candidates and only 20 or 30 vacancies. He felt sure from the subscriptions at that festival that aged Masons and their widows would, for the ensuing year, have the support of the Craft. He was present at that festival, which was the most pleasant he had ever attended. Shortly they would have the Festival of the Girls' Institution, which had, as every one knew, the support of the provinces at its Centenary celebration. That School was at present undergoing great alterations and extensions, and when completed in 1891, it would be an Institution second to none in the whole world in capacity—a building capable of taking in at least 300 girls. There were 240 there now, well clothed, maintained and educated, and he sincerely hoped Bro. Hedges, who was also very anxious, would also have a successful festival. That Institution deserved to be supported. The Boys' School, he deeply regretted to say, had been for a considerable time past under a cloud, but he was vain enough to hope—and he thought he was justified in hoping—that before long there would be seen a silver lining to that cloud, and that the Boys' School would come to the front, and be supported by the whole of the Fraternity; the brethren knew the great difficulties the Institution had had to contend with. Some grave charges were made against the management of the Institution. The members of the House Committee of that time challenged the Craft to investigate the matter, and a Committee of Investigation, with Bro. Philbrick, G.R., as Chairman, looked into the questions, and made a report which was disastrous. But with that report were certain recommendations which they felt justified in issuing to the Craft to be observed in future. As a result, an important and influential Provisional Committee was formed, to put the place in proper order, and they accepted their position last July. He and Bro. Masters were on that Committee, which had had 30 meetings in eight months. Under the guidance of Bros. the Earl of Euston and Richard Eve, the Committee had endeavoured to carry out in their entirety the recommendations made to them. The report stated most distinctly and emphatically that an entire change in the management, and a new system of administration must take place. This they were endeavouring to carry out in accordance with the wishes of the Craft. They had entirely changed the past managers of the Institution, and the medical officer, whom he was proud to see present to-night. They had appointed a new matron and a staff of new servants. They had striven to follow out the recommendations with regard to finance, and had adopted a completely new system of book keeping. They had also during the past few weeks, with the approval of all the members of the Committee and of the Craft, appointed a new Head Master, the Rev.

Harry Hebb, from Exeter Grammar School, who was also present at that meeting. The Committee felt confidence in him, and that he would place the Institution in a foremost position amongst such institutions; that he would carry the work out thoroughly. The Head Master had a capable and able staff of masters under him, and he wished him every prosperity in his office, and that he would command the esteem and respect of the Craft. There was one more feature to be mentioned, the retirement of the Secretary, Bro. Binckes. On behalf of Bro. Binckes, it was not paying him an empty compliment to say that from the time the Provisional Committee came into existence to the present moment, they had had every attention and courtesy, and assistance from Bro. Binckes. Every detail in the past management of the Institution was laid before them, and everything was done by him to assist the Institution. The Committee, as a body, unanimously recommended that Bro. Binckes should not retire without some recognition of his past services, and they suggested he should have an annuity of £350. That came before the monthly Court, where it was sanctioned and approved; but when it came for confirmation before the Quarterly Court, when, between 400 and 500 were present, it was carried by a narrow majority of seven only. In the face of that many brethren from all parts of England took it up, some were opposed to the principle of a pension being taken from the funds of the Institution; others were in favour of it; others supported an honorarium; others that the annuity should be £250. Probably the £250 would have had the majority vote. Although he was opposed to the principle of pensions being paid out of Charity funds, he fought the matter out earnestly, and it was considered that a scheme should be framed, which eventually was laid before the Provisional Committee, and eventually sanctioned, approved, and adopted by them, by which a sum of £2500 as an honorarium or retiring allowance might be raised for Bro. Binckes in lieu of touching the funds of the Institution, that had been before the Craft for some weeks now. They were winning all along the line in the northern provinces. It would produce £2500 for Bro. Binckes, and leave a handsome surplus for the Boys' Institution. He had visited Manchester and East Lancashire, where the Charity Committee had a meeting, at which 187 lodges were represented, with the Provincial Grand Master at their head, and they unanimously supported the scheme. In West Yorkshire 200 guineas were voluntarily raised. He believed that by the adoption of the scheme they would raise a very very large sum indeed, and he hoped in the month of June at the festival a large subscription for the Institution. There were 268 boys in the school, who must be well fed, well maintained, and well disciplined, and on that basis he felt every confidence in appealing to the brethren that night. If the lodges would subscribe £2 10s. each it would clear away everything. In times past antagonistic feelings towards Bro. Binckes had existed, but what he (Bro. Smithson) wanted was that the scheme might be carried out in its entirety at the earliest possible minute. Bro. Binckes had been Secretary of the Institution 29 years. If the scheme was carried out he believed there would be a general hand-shaking all round. There was nothing in the laws of the Institution providing that Bro. Binckes should retire; consequently he was there, and it seemed as if for a permanency. Bro. Binckes was perfectly willing to retire, but not without being provided for. If the scheme was carried out it would be for the future prosperity and welfare of the Institution.

Bro. the Rev. Harry Hebb, Head Master of the Boys' Institution, in replying, said he felt a natural and honest delicacy in having to respond to such an important toast when all those who had spoken before were so much more distinguished in the Craft than he. He had but little to say, and he would say it very shortly. He came of a lodge which had made its way in the west country, and he carried out the traditions of his lodge. As soon as he was appointed Head Master of the Boys' School, he appointed a lady, who had been brought up in the Girls' School, as Mistress of the preparatory school, and he might say, without detriment to the other members of his staff, that she was one of the most efficient mistresses he could possibly have engaged. With regard to the Boys' School, with respect to the past, it was an inheritance, and about it it would be unbecoming in him to express an opinion one way or the other, and he hoped he might never be led in an unguarded moment to take a party side. With regard to the present, he would be failing in his duty and failing in courtesy if he did not express his deepest gratitude to the members of the Provisional Committee for the way they had received him and helped him at a most difficult time, and more especially those of it who were members of that lodge, also for the unfailing support they had always rendered him at difficult times. But, while he said that, he did not want to be misunderstood. He would say, too, that the members of that lodge were brethren without fear and without favour, and if anything went wrong they would speak out as all north countrymen did, and the interests of the Boys' School could not possibly be in better hands. With regard to the future, he could say with the utmost honesty that there were in the Boys' School the elements of a thoroughly good school, and no effort of his, or of his staff, and of the doctor, would be wanting to make it a good school—what it should be, a thoroughly good school—as good as a school of its kind could possibly be made, where boys grew up honest and well trained and gentlemen—a school of which every brother in the Craft might be thoroughly and honestly proud.

The W.M. responded to the toast of his health, proposed by Bro. Wood, I.P.M., and said he would do his best to be a good and model Master to carry out any duties a Master should perform. He then said the Charity column had produced £1 18s. He afterwards proposed "The Past Masters."

Bro. Wood, I.P.M., replied, and said it was a great pleasure to him to receive the Past Master's jewel at the hands of the D.G.M. Referring to the lodge banner, he informed the brethren that every stitch in it was set by the wife of Bro. Masters, P.M.

Bro. E. H. Cookson, Prov. S.G.W. West Lancashire, in reply to the toast of "The Installing Master," thanked the brethren for the kind reception they had given him. If he had not been in the presence of Freemasons he should be inclined to apologise for his presence, because he felt that although they were associated together in the United Northern Counties Lodge, he was not exactly in the district in which that lodge was situated. However, in the presence of Freemasons he never made an apology, because he believed that wherever one went in the presence of Freemasons they were always acceptable; it was a simple bond of brotherhood, and that feeling of friendship they had to each

other, made them feel they were not strangers in a strange land. Although he had come from a considerable distance, he did so to support the W.M. He only wished it had fallen to better hands to perform the ceremony of installation, but he had done it to the best of his ability, and it was a great pleasure to him to install an old Liverpool man. Wherever a Liverpool man was he rejoiced to go, because he felt he came from the city in which he had every interest. He hoped that when any members of the United Northern Counties Lodge visited Liverpool and No. 32 was meeting they would not forget they had a brother in him.

Bro. Murgatroyd replied to the toast of "The Initiate," and Bros. Askew, Whitehead, and Davis to that of "The Visitors," and the remaining toasts were then disposed of.

An excellent programme of music was performed during the evening.

## PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

### BARNET.

**Gladsmuir Lodge (No. 1385).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Red Lion Hotel, on Friday, the 28th ult. Bro. J. H. Baxter, W.M., notwithstanding that he had barely recovered from a sharp attack of the prevailing epidemic, occupied the chair, and there were present Bros. J. E. Cussans, P.M. 403, P.P.S.G.W., S.W.; S. Tryon, J.W.; W. K. Hopkin, P.M., Treas.; A. Fisher Young, P.M., Sec.; G. B. Abbott, S.D.; W. H. G. Ball, P.M. 45; S. Stwd., as J.D.; F. C. Collingwood, I.G.; C. Gray, P.M., D.C.; J. P. Euerby, P.M.; J. Brittain, P.M.; W. Lewis, P.M.; Hawkins, Annaweld, and Goddard, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. G. Scott Young, P.M., and E. Moore.

The minutes of the installation meeting having been read and confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted. Bro. Annaweld was passed to the Degree of F.C. A discussion ensued over a matter of private interest, and three candidates for initiation having been proposed, and Bro. Durham's resignation of membership having been read, lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards dined together, and spent a most enjoyable evening, the speeches, which were conveniently brief, being interspersed with some excellent singing by Bros. Lewis, Gray, Euerby, Collingwood, and others, with Bro. Haskins presiding, with his usual ability, at the piano-forte.

### BOLTON.

**Anchor and Hope Lodge (No. 37).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 3rd inst., at the Freemasons' Hall. Present: Bros. R. Nightingale, W.M.; W. Golding, S.W.; W. Forrest, J.W.; John Booth, P.M., Treas.; H. L. Hinnell, Sec.; Thomas Murphy, S.D.; Fred Brockbank, as J.D.; F. W. Briscoe, Org.; Thos. Barnes, I.G.; F. W. Broadbent and G. Isherwood, Stwds.; Thos. Higson, P.M., P.P.G.T., Tyler; John Hardcastle, P.M.; Jas. Newton, P.M., Prov. A.G. Sec.; G. G. Harwood, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; Thos. Cooper, Jno. Walker, and J. E. H. Spencer. Bro. G. Smith, 402, was a visitor.

The lodge unanimously agreed to pay £2 10s. to the Binckes' testimonial. Bro. Booth, P.M., Treas., announced the result of the recent Festival of the R.M.B.I., of which he was a Steward.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the social board, where a pleasing few hours were spent.

### DARLINGTON.

**Marquess of Ripon Lodge (No. 1379).**—When Bro. Dr. Hill Drury was placed in the chair of this lodge in December last, he announced that it was his intention, if opportunity served, to introduce full choral accompaniment into some of the ceremonies during his year of office. At the meeting of the lodge held on the 6th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Archer-street, he carried his intention into effect, and never has there been a more solemn and interesting ceremony witnessed in this northern province. The officers did their work with accuracy and precision, the music came in promptly at the proper time, and every part of the ceremony went smoothly and without a hitch. Of course we cannot give the ceremony in full in our columns, but it will easily be understood by Masons from the following list of the music where each piece would appropriately come in:—March from "Scipio," Handel; "Hail Eternal"; "Largo," Handel; "If God be for us, Who can be against us?" Handel; "Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened," Handel; "Behold how good," Dr. J. Clarke Whitfield; "Give alms of thy goods"; "Now the evening shadows closing"; and March, "Occasional Overture," Handel. The music was rendered by the Masonic members of the Durham Cathedral Choir, assisted by several musical brethren. Every seat in the lodge-room was occupied, and precisely at a quarter to seven the W.M. entered the lodge-room and opened the lodge.

The minutes of the last regular meeting being read and confirmed, and the Treasurer having presented his report, which was adopted, Dr. R. W. Smeddle, an elected candidate, was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry in a most impressive manner by the W.M., the obligation being given by Bro. J. Foster, P.M., and the working tools by Bro. Müller, P.M. The usual fraternal greetings having been given by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquetting room for refreshment.

"For these and all Thy mercies" was sung before meat and "Non nobis Domine" after.

The W.M. said that he thought the continual repetition of the same toasts night after night was a mistake, and he intended to allow as few as possible during the period he occupied the chair. Four only would be given that night, of which he would give one, the first one, "The Queen and the Craft." This was duly honoured, and "Hail Masonry divine" was sung by Bro. Whitehead.

Bro. Forster, P.M., Treasurer, proposed the next toast. He said that the brethren would remember that at the installation meeting the I.P.M., Bro. While, owing to a breakdown in the machinery at his works, was unable to be present, and it was proposed to postpone till that meeting the pleasing duty he was now about to perform. He then pinned on to Bro. While's breast a handsome Past Master's jewel and said, as a testimony of the excellent way he had presided over the lodge, the brethren had subscribed for, and asked him to accept, that Past Master's



jewel, and hoped he would long be spared to wear it. He called upon the brethren to drink the health of the I.P.M.

Bro. While thanked the brethren for their present and for the cordial way they had responded to the toast of his health.

Bro. Barron, P.M., then rose, and said that as he had long known Bro. Smeddle and had proposed him as a candidate for Freemasonry, he was the most suitable person to propose the health of our newly-made brother, and in a few well-chosen remarks gave "The Initiate."

Bro. Smeddle then replied, and the E.A.'s song was sung by Bro. Leatham.

Bro. Müller, P.M., proposed "The Visitors," which was duly responded to.

The S.W., Bro. Howlett, then rose, and said he knew perfectly well that it was his duty to obey the W.M., but he was going for once to be disobedient, but he promised not to offend again. He was sure the brethren would agree with him that on that occasion he ought, on behalf of the lodge, to tender their very sincere thanks to the W.M. for the beautiful way the ceremony had that evening been rendered, and he ventured to say that none of the brethren had ever seen anything like it before, and he doubted whether it had ever been done in so ornate and efficient a manner in any lodge in the kingdom. He asked them to drink "The Health of the W.M."

The W.M., Bro. Dr. Hill Drury, expressed his thanks for the hearty way in which the brethren had responded to the toast proposed by the S.W., to whom, as that was his first offence, he would grant absolution. He was gratified with the appreciation of his efforts which all had expressed. He thought more music ought to be introduced into the ceremonies, and hoped again to show them what could be done in that direction when they came to the Third Degree.

The brethren shortly afterwards separated, having spent the most pleasant evening ever experienced at Masonic reunions in Darlington.

#### DOVER.

**Corinthian Lodge (No. 1208).**—At the Freemasons' Hall, Snargate-street, on Monday, the 17th ult., was gathered by far the largest number of brethren that have as yet met within the walls of this building, the occasion being the installation of Bro. W. Burkett as W.M. for the ensuing 12 months, the high repute to which this lodge has attained and the popularity of its new Master being evidenced by this unprecedented assemblage. The outgoing Worshipful Master, Bro. Charles Lewis Adams, as Installing Officer, brought his year of office to a fitting close by an impressive rendering of the ritual proper to the occasion, the effectiveness of which was greatly enhanced by the excellent choral singing of appropriate anthems, &c. The following brethren were invested with the insignia of their respective offices: Bros. C. L. Adams, I.P.M.; W. B. Baker, S.W.; Christopher Sims, J.W.; J. J. Wright, P.M.; Treas.; W. A. Smeeth, P.M.; P.P.A.G.D.C., Sec.; T. H. Binfield, S.D.; F. W. Mayes, J.D.; W. O. Kennett, P.M., Director of Ceremonies; G. R. Igglesden, P.M., Organist; J. Cresswell, I.G.; and L. Marsh, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was then presented to the I.P.M., Bro. Adams, as a mark of appreciation of good service to the lodge during his tenure of the chair. The business of the lodge was concluded shortly after six o'clock, and the company adjourned to the dining hall, where close upon sixty brethren partook of a sumptuous banquet provided by Mr. A. T. Dartnall.

The toast list was interspersed with an excellent programme of glees, duets, and songs by Bros. Strugnell and Woodruff, of London, George Spicer, W. O. Kennett, F. A. Clarke, and G. R. Igglesden, of Dover, the musical arrangements, which gave unequalled pleasure, being undertaken by the latter gentleman.

In addition to those named above, there were present Bros. E. Lukey (Mayor of Dover), P.M. 199, P.P.S.G.D.; H. C. Fuhr, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; Surgeon-Major C. C. Walter, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; Alderman H. M. Baker, P.P.S.G.D.; E. A. Marsh, P.M.; R. W. Philpott, P.M.; E. Martyn Mowll, G. H. Gifford, T. Butler, C. Bendle, J. Hyde, E. W. Macdonald, J. Jarry, W. C. R. Jackson, G. Burkett, H. Warren, R. H. Moore, R. E. Mayes, and E. Pont, of the lodge. The visitors included Bros. G. Church, W.M., J. Falconer, S.W., J. W. Bussey, P.M., T. Hearn, P.M., G. N. Chidwick, W. C. Bowles, E. Fielding, C. M. Overton, H. H. Goodwin, W. H. Francis, O. G. Saville, and F. Licence of 199; General Cumming, W.M., Col. Westropp, Capt. Douglas-Willan, and Lieut. W. Simpson of 2195; Geo. Peden, W.M., 125; H. Mayes, 172; F. Francis, W.M., 558; G. C. Allen, W.M., T. Bent, P.M., and T. Langley, of 784; Albert H. Pilcher, W.M., 972; R. Sanders, 861; Wm. Bowles, W.M., H. G. Frost, S.W., G. Band, P.P.G.A.P., J. W. Court, P.M., and W. Ellis, Stwd., of 1096. Bro. Burkett was heartily congratulated upon the great success that had attended the whole proceedings, giving promise that, under his mastership, the continued prosperity and progress of the lodge will be ensured.

#### PORTSMOUTH.

**Portsmouth Temperance Lodge (No. 2068).**—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Monday, the 24th ult., at the Soldiers' Institute, High-street. The very prettily decorated lodge room looked most brilliant with the great assembly present, amongst them being Bros. W. Miller, W.M.; T. Tufnell, I.P.M.; P. H. Emanuel, S.W., W.M. elect; G. Williams, J.W.; G. F. Bevis, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; R. G. Pither, Sec.; E. R. Fisher, S.D.; W. Porter, J.D.; W. V. Lane, D. of C.; T. Making, I.G.; W. Merrifield, Org.; H. Biggs, Steward; T. Wells, Tyler; C. G. Adames, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; T. Batchelor, P.G. Org.; J. Palmer, P.M., P.P.G. Steward; J. H. Windrum, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. Hong Kong, South China; Capt. E. Haldane, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. Monmouth; A. Kingsnorth, P.M.; C. H. Hooper, H. Sheppard, J. Chandler, H. Barnett, H. King, J. R. Langmaid, G. H. Good, F. Rycroft, G. Boyce, W. J. Over, H. J. Boyce, H. Thorp, G. Grossmith, A. E. J. Guy, G. Rayment, W. R. Freake, G. W. Cook, H. Austin Storry, J. Coote, J. H. Martin, A. D. Miller, J. H. Freake, T. Hyom, C. Fontaine, G. Woollett, H. McPhail, G. C. Williams, W. Morgan, J. Pardon, T. H. Burgess, G. W. Peel, and F. C. Peel. The visitors comprised Bros. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M.; Goble, P.G.S.B. Eng., Prov. G. Sec.; J. W. Gieve, P.G. Treas.; G. Davies, P.S.G.D.; L. J. Wilkins, P.J.G.D.; H. J. Long, P.A.G.D.C.; W. A. Hill, P.G.S.B.; J. E. Buck, P.G.S. of W.; C. V. Birch, P.G.S.B.; W. J. Borrow, P.G.P.; Capt. W. H. St. Clair, R.N., P.D.S.G.W. Malta; M. Emanuel (Sheriff

of Southampton), P.P.S.G.D.; H. Crisp, W.M. 2153; W. Bates, W.M. 457; J. Doidge, W.M. 1428; W. F. Westerman, W.M. 1776; T. Haydon, W.M. 309; G. S. Smith, 61; J. T. Slade, J.W. 804; J. S. Dyer, 342; R. Farthing, 1776; H. Silvester, I.P.M. 2277; T. Cowd, W.M. 1834; H. Hought, 1903; J. Sweeny, 1428; J. Locker, 202; S. Jones, 907; Rev. Wm. Stern, P.G.D.; E. Spriggs, 804; C. E. Smith, 1665; J. W. Dowty, 1428; T. Buggay, 348; S. Saxey, 342; C. H. New, and others.

Apologies were announced from Bros. J. E. Le Feuvre, D.P.G.M.; the Right Hon. Lord Mayor of London, Sir H. Isaacs, W.M. 2127; A. G. Harris, P.M. 2127, Grand Treasurer nominate; Gen. Sir F. W. Fitzwygram, Bart., M.P.; Sir W. King (Mayor of Portsmouth); G. Ellis, J.P. (ex-Mayor of Portsmouth); Capt. A. H. Markham, R.N.; J. W. Boughton, W. Lake, A. L. Emanuel, A. Besant, and several other prominent members of the Craft.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which the Prov. Grand Master occupied the chair, and Bro. P. H. Emanuel was presented by Bro. Miller for the purpose of installation, and installed into the chair of K.S. before a Board of 32 Installed Masters. Having appointed and invested Bro. Miller as Immediate Past Master, the following officers were then appointed and invested for the ensuing year: Bros. G. Williams, S.W.; E. R. Fisher, J.W.; J. Palmer, P.M., P.P.G. Steward, Treas.; R. G. Pither, Sec.; W. Porter, S.D.; T. Making, J.D.; J. H. Biggs, I.G.; O. Cecconi, D.C.; W. Merrifield, Org.; A. E. J. Guy and H. Boyce, Stewards; and T. Wells, Tyler. The impressive ceremony was most feelingly delivered by the Prov. Grand Master, and elicited loud applause. The W. Master delivered the addresses to each recipient. The balance-sheet was passed, and, on the proposition of the W.M., seconded by the I.P.M., a unanimous vote of thanks was accorded to the P.G.M. for his attendance and performing the beautiful ritual. The P.G.M. responded and congratulated the brethren upon the excellent working of the lodge, and expressing his pleasure at seeing such a large assembly to witness the installation. The W.M. then presented the I.P.M. with a Past Master's jewel, and remarked the pleasure it gave him to pin it to Bro. Miller's breast, knowing he had justly earned it. The jewel was subscribed for by the members of the lodge as a token of respect and in appreciation of his efficient services as W. Master during the past year. Bro. Emanuel hoped Bro. Miller would be spared many years to wear the jewel and to render the same assistance to the lodge he had done since the foundation. Bro. Miller returned thanks for the appreciation from the brethren of his past services. It was more than he deserved, but he hoped in the future, as he had hitherto done, to work for the continuance of the prosperity of the lodge. The jewel, which is of 18ct. gold, is a very fine specimen of Masonic jewellery, taking the form of a pendant, the bar for suspending the jewel consisting of two sprigs of acacia. For the centre of the ribbon is the crest of the lodge—a small model of an old line-of-battle ship, the sea being of green gold. The centre of the jewel consists of a gold Past Master's emblem, on sky-blue enamel, with a garter enclosing same enamelled dark blue ground, with gold letters, "Portsmouth Temperance Lodge, No. 2068," with an oak and laurel wreath round same issuing from the mouths of two guns supported on shot, the Union Jack and blue ensign in enamel forming the ground work of the jewel, the crowning piece being a citadel. The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

No other business being brought forward, lodge was closed. During the whole ceremony Bro. H. Austin Storry officiated at the organ and led the choir.

The brethren, numbering over 100, sat down to a most *recherché* banquet in the lecture hall of the building, which had been most profusely and effectively decorated with bunting, shields, and evergreens by Bros. A. E. J. Guy and G. C. Williams.

During the repast a most agreeable and varied musical programme was performed by the band of Bro. Admiral Sir E. Commerell, V.C., under the capable direction of Bro. C. Seidensticker, after which the usual toasts were given, each being interspersed with songs by Madame Creal, Mr. J. J. Rockett, and Bro. Haydon.

In proposing the toast of "Bro. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M.," Bro. Emanuel said he felt sure that the name of Bro. Beach would be received with enthusiasm. For that name was like a loadstone, not only in their province, but in others. Bro. Beach presided over a large number of lodges, and had won the esteem and affection of all who knew him. Nothing was too much for him to do; he found time to attend to his Masonic duties as, perhaps, no one else could, and still not neglect his Parliamentary duties. In Grand Lodge Bro. Beach was nearly always in the chair, which showed how he was appreciated by that hardworking body. Bro. Emanuel again thanked him for his attendance that night, and could assure him that he felt it an honour to be installed by such a worthy and excellent Mason, the ceremony being performed in a way that would leave an everlasting impression upon his heart. The D.P. G.M., Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, J.P., was unfortunately not able to be with them that evening, and the brethren knew the great interest he took in Masonry. Bro. Le Feuvre was also a most hardworking brother, and was most willing to assist at all ceremonies. The other Prov. Grand Officers was most diligent in their offices, as evinced that evening when he looked around and saw brethren from Cowes, and Sandown, Isle of Wight, Southampton, and Winchester, and other places.

Bro. Beach, in response, expressed much pleasure at finding that the Portsmouth Temperance Lodge was in such a flourishing position. It did not seem very long ago that he had had the pleasure of consecrating the lodge, and at that time it was difficult to say what its future would be, seeing that there were so many lodges springing up in the town and district. The formation of the lodge was, he was glad to say, fully justified by the results, and he heartily trusted it would go on and prosper. From what he had seen of the working that night, he could congratulate the brethren, as the whole ceremony was gone through most smoothly. He thought they had made a happy selection in their W.M., who, he felt sure, would do the ritual as impressively as it required. He earnestly impressed upon the members the importance of exercising the utmost care in admitting recruits to the Order. It was all very well to be anxious to see their great brotherhood increase in numbers, but it was essentially necessary that only such persons were introduced as would carry out in their lives the principles they

professed. He warned all lodges to take heed of what had occurred in America, where the Order had seriously suffered by the admission of men who were not fit and proper candidates.

Bro. Geive, P.G. Treas., responded for the other officers, and congratulated the brethren upon having his old friend, Bro. Emanuel, as their W.M., who, he knew full well, would be a credit to himself and an honour to the lodge, as whatever he undertook he carried out well.

Bro. Miller, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of Bro. Emanuel, W.M.," and dwelt upon his untiring energies in the various offices of his lodge. Bro. Emanuel came from a good old stock of Masons, and he (Bro. Miller) felt confident the working of the lodge would be perfect, and he predicted for him a most successful year in the chair.

Bro. Emanuel, who was received with great acclamation, assured the brethren that he never felt as he did at that moment. It was indeed a happy time for him, and one he had coveted since his initiation 15 years ago. He spoke with a sense of gratitude and hope; of gratitude to those who had placed him in that high position, and of hope that the brethren who had thus placed him on that pinnacle would rally round him during his year of office, and keep up the peace, love, and harmony of the lodge. He was the last founder, he believed, to go through the chair, and had certainly taken a great interest in the lodge, which was one of the most harmonious and best worked lodges in the province, and with their assistance he would endeavour to maintain its high character during the time he occupied the chair.

"The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Miller," was then proposed by the W.M., who referred to Bro. Miller's initiation 25 years ago, and who had fulfilled all the offices in the lodge several times over. Bro. Miller had certainly gained his great knowledge of Masonry from experience, and not as some who had gone through the chair in about three years. From the foundation of the lodge Bro. Miller had evinced great interest in the lodge and the chapter attached to the lodge. He had performed the ritual during the past year in a most commendable way, which had won for him the esteem of all the brethren of the lodge.

Bro. Miller assured the brethren that his services had been eulogised too highly. He had done nothing but what was expected from one who occupied the chair, and if his services had met with the approbation of the brethren, and it had, as had been evinced by the very handsome presentation to him that evening, then he felt perfectly satisfied, and would do all he could in the future as in the past. It was true he had been 25 years a Mason, but most of that time had been spent at sea, and consequently he was unable to pay that attention to Masonry in his earlier days as he should have liked.

Bro. Kingsnorth, P.M., proposed in a very happy speech "The W.M.'s and representatives of Neighbouring Lodges," and referred to the time when he himself was installed as W.M. at Natal. Bro. M. H. Emanuel, brother to the W.M., assisted, and he (the speaker) was most gratified at being present to assist that evening.

Bros. Haydon and Crisp responded.

Bro. Capt. Haldane, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. Monmouth, proposed "The Health of the Visitors." He had installed their W.M.'s brother, Bro. M. H. Emanuel, as W.M. of a lodge at Southsea, and he felt great pleasure to be present at the installation of his friend, Bro. P. H. Emanuel. He assured the visitors that they were most heartily welcome at those gatherings, and he hoped that during the year they would rally round the W.M. in great strength.

Bro. M. Emanuel (Sheriff of Southampton), P.M., P.P.S.G.D., replied, and said it gave him great pleasure to be present that night to see his youngest and last of his numerous cousins installed. During the last few weeks he had seen three cousins installed, and felt now it was time he started upon a new line by having his sons initiated and installing them. He had been a Mason over 20 years, and had founded lodges and chapters in several parts of Australia and Liverpool, and wherever he had visited he had always been well received. He advised the brethren who had passed the chair never to neglect the ritual, as they did not know when they would be called upon to perform it if they visited lodges. He had had a most pleasant afternoon and evening, and if that day was a sample of the reception afforded the visitors, then he could assure the W.M. that he should have much pleasure in coming in their midst again during the year.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Officers of the Lodge," and referred especially, in most eulogistic but well-deserved praise, to Bro. Pither, the indefatigable Secretary, who had the interest of the lodge at heart. During the past month he (the W.M.) had had most valuable assistance from him, and for which he took the first opportunity of thanking him. Bro. Pither, by his zeal, attention, and affability, had won the esteem of all the brethren, and he knew how delighted the brethren would be to know that he had most generously again undertaken the honorary duties. The officers, the speaker said, would, he felt sure, carry out their duties as successfully as they had in the past, and impressed upon them to be punctual at the appointed hour at the stated meetings, and thus show a good example to the other brethren.

Bros. Williams, S.W., and Pither, Sec., responded.

The Tyler's toast concluded a most pleasant evening.

We ought to mention that the duties of Dirs. of Cers. in the lodge were most efficiently carried out by Bros. J. Palmer, P.M., P.P.G. Stwd., and Lane, whilst the Stewards of the evening, Bros. W. Porter, T. Making, A. E. J. Guy, and H. Boyce, were most attentive to the comfort of the brethren.

#### WOOLWICH.

**Nelson Lodge (No. 700).**—A rare gathering of the members and friends of the above popular lodge took place on Wednesday, the 19th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Mount Pleasant, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. W. Webber, who was assisted by the following Past Masters, officers, and visitors: Bros. J. Miller, I.P.M.; 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. Tufnell, I.G.; W. Bidgood, Org.; G. R. Nichols and H. Tammant, Stewards; and J. Sanderson, P.M. Among the visitors were Bros. T. D. Hayes, P.M. 913, P.P.S.G.D.; G. Davies, P.M. 13; W. Grummett, 15; G. W. Mitchell, P.M. 615, P.G. Stwd.; W. Doddrell, P.M. 615; W. Busbridge, J.W. 913; E. Myers, S.W. 1789; A. C. Doddrell, J.D. 615; J. Turton, 913; A. Johnson, 93 (S.C.); W. Chick, 829; G. Wheeler, 1536; J. R. Cox, 1326; J. Carpenter, 15;



W. Haley, 1789; T. Sandford, 13; R. Smith, 1000; W. Pryce, 913; C. Hall, 13; P. Walker, 1536; R. Hayes, 13; G. Arnold, 913; F. Davis, 13; W. J. Skinner, 13; R. Littlewood, 913; W. Turvey, 1472; T. Hurst, 87; C. Jolly, P.M., Sec. 1472; and others.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, the ballot was taken for Messrs. E. J. D. Valon, E. Carter, and T. Punter, and proving successful, they were duly initiated. Bro. Grant was passed, and then the lodge was closed. The working of the W.M. and his officers was simply perfect.

Dinner having been discussed, the usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts were honoured.

The I.P.M. then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and in so doing congratulated the lodge upon having such an excellent Mason for its Master, and the Master upon having such an excellent lodge under him.

The Worshipful Master, in response, said he hardly knew how to respond to such a flattering reception as the toast of his health had met with. He thanked the brethren for their attendance in such numbers; the officers for their assistance to him in working the ceremonies; and the visitors for their encouraging presence. Nothing was a greater inducement for a W.M. to give due expression and throw himself into the ceremonies as the fact that he was surrounded by a goodly number of the brethren of the lodge and visitors from the neighbouring lodges. He had endeavoured to carry out his duties to their satisfaction, and thanked them for their cordial support.

"The Initiates" having been toasted, and having severally responded, the Worshipful Master proposed "The Visitors." He said it was one of the most important toasts that could be given in a Masonic lodge. He had just been counting them, and found that there were just 29 visitors present, all excellent Masons, and many distinguished ones, and he asked the brethren of the lodge to receive the toast with a hearty fire.

Bro. G. Davies, in responding for the Union Waterloo Lodge, expressed his regret at the absence of the W.M. of that lodge through indisposition. For himself he was sorry that amongst such a goodly array of visitors, the W.M. had not singled some one out better qualified to respond than himself, especially as by his constant attendance he felt himself almost a member of the lodge. He cordially thanked them for their hospitality, and hearty reception of the visitors.

Bro. Busbridge said he felt somewhat like the worthy sire among the Freemasons of their district who had just spoken in wishing that the W.M. of the Pattison Lodge, or at least Bro. Col. Hughes, M.P., S.W., had been present to respond to the toast, but he would take that opportunity of stating that the W.M. of the Pattison Lodge, Bro. B. de B. Lopez, was at present in the South of France attending to the care of a sick brother, and even when at home, living as he did at the West-end of London, they would excuse him if he did not attend their lodge so often as he felt sure Bro. Lopez would like to do. As to Bro. Col. Hughes, his parliamentary duties would be a good excuse for his non-attendance. Having finished his batch of excuses, he would now refer to the great loss they had sustained on the death of their late Bro. Keeble, who had gone to the Grand Lodge above, and felt sure every brother of the Nelson Lodge sympathised with their Pattison brethren on the loss of such a good man and good Mason. For himself he had engagements two or three deep, and could assure them he had not spent one evening at home since Christmas. He fully believed in the necessity and even the duty of visiting lodges, especially neighbouring ones, because it brought them into a closer connection with one another, and enabled them to practice those tenets taught them in their beautiful ritual. He was pleased to be present and see the really splendid working of the lodge, and would most cordially invite every member of the Nelson Lodge present to attend the next meeting of the Pattison Lodge, at which he would promise them a hearty reception.

Bros. Morris, Mitchell, and Jolly having also responded, "The Past Masters" were honoured, and Bro. Warren, in response, spoke eloquently of the great progress the lodge had made, and was making. He was standing Steward for the Boys at the next Festival, and would be able to take up a list worthy of the Nelson Lodge.

Bros. Miller, Roberts, and Sanderson also responded. "The Officers" and Tyler's toasts concluded the proceedings, which were enlivened by some excellent music, both vocal and instrumental, Bro. H. Roberts presiding at the piano.

## Royal Arch.

### West Smithfield Chapter (No. 1623).—

This chapter held its installation meeting at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 27th ult. Among those in attendance were Comps. Patrick, M.E.Z.; R. F. Brickdale, H., M.E.Z. elect; Egbert Roberts, J., H. elect; A. D. T. Hamilton, S.N., J. elect; H. J. Lardner, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br. Surrey, Treas.; J. Whiteman, G. Davis, H. C. C. Hirsch, W. F. Bruty, T. T. Phillips, P.Z.; E. Mallett, P.Z.; Capt. Walls, P.Z. (Hon. Member); J. J. Marsh, P.Z. 1326, Janitor; and others. Comps. Hilton P.Z.; Clark, and Dove were visitors.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the installation of the Principals took place as follows: Comps. Brickdale, M.E.Z.; Egbert Roberts, H.; and A. D. T. Hamilton, J., the ceremonies being carried out most admirably by Comps. Patrick and Lardner. The following investments then took place: Comps. W. Hale-Hilton, S.E.; J. Whiteman, S.N.; H. J. Lardner, Treas.; G. Davies, P.S.; H. C. C. Hirsch, 1st Asst. Soj.; W. F. Bruty, 2nd Asst. Soj.; and J. J. Marsh, Janitor. The report of the Audit Committee, a most satisfactory one, was received and adopted. Comp. Patrick was presented with a Past Principal's jewel, and a vote of thanks passed to him and Comp. H. J. Lardner for their services as Installing Principals. The Treasurer having reported the death of Comp. Frederick Walters, P.Z., a founder and first Treasurer of No. 1623, a vote of condolence was passed to his widow and family on the sad loss that they had sustained. The resignation of Comp. Forss, P.Z., was ordered to lie on the table, it being the intention of the chapter to ask him to remain as a country member.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions partook of an excellent banquet. The M.E.Z. proved to be an able and genial chairman.

During the proceedings Comps. Bruty, Patrick, Lardner, Hilton, and others, entertained the companions.

### Farringdon Without Chapter (No. 1745).—

This prosperous chapter met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 24th ult., when there were present, among others; Comps. J. Young, M.E.Z.; T. Simpson, H.; H. J. Lardner, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br. Surrey, Treas., acting J.; George Herbert, J. elect; Capt. Walls, P.Z., P.P. G.P. Soj. Middx., S.E.; Webber, S.N.; Nelson Prower, M.A., P.S.; E. B. Lane, 1st A.S.; H. Herbert, 2nd A.S.; E. Mallett, P.Z. 1623, Janitor; Enrico Brenelli, and others. Comp. Cope, 2, was a visitor.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Comp. G. Herbert was ably installed as Third Principal by the M.E.Z. A vote of thanks was then passed to the Installing Officer. Comp. E. M. Lott, Mus. Doc., P.G. Org., sent an apology for non-attendance through pressure of professional engagements.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet.

In the intervals of the toasts, Comps. E. Brenelli, E. B. Lane, and J. Young instrumentally and vocally entertained the companions.

## LIVERPOOL.

### Everton Chapter (No. 823).—

The annual installation of the principals and officers of this chapter was held on Tuesday, the 25th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street. Comp. T. Delamere was installed M.E.Z.; R. W. Gow, H.; and William Maddox, J. In consequence of the death of Comp. Col. Turner, P.Z., P.P.G.T., and the indisposition of Comp. J. W. Ballard, P.Z., P.P.G.P., the senior P.Z. of the chapter, the duties of Installing Principal were very kindly undertaken by Comp. W. Goodacre, and were performed in his usual masterly manner. Comp. Goodacre was ably assisted by Comp. S. G. Sinclair, P.Z. 32, Prov. G.I., who undertook portions of the ceremony. The M.E.Z. then invested the following companions as officers for the ensuing year: Comps. J. Bennett, S.E.; R. Warriner, P.Z., Treas. (seventh time); E. Evans, S.N.; E. Kite, P.S.; and J. Parry and T. Gresham, Asst. Sojs. Before the chapter was closed, the M.E.Z. presented Comp. W. Davies with a fine P.Z.'s jewel, on behalf of the chapter, expressing at the same time the very high estimation in which Comp. Davies is held by all those who know him throughout the province as a thoroughly conscientious and hardworking Mason. The Treasurer announced the very gratifying fact that the sum of £10 10s. had been handed to the local Masonic Charities, testifying to the very prosperous condition of the funds.

During the evening the companions sat down to a banquet provided by Comp. Casey, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and a very pleasant evening was spent.

Among those present were Comps. S. E. Sinclair, P.Z. 32, P.G.J.; W. Goodacre, P.G.S.E., Prov. G.S.B.; E. Segar, P.Z. 32; R. T. Bitten, M.E.Z. 1086; J. Beesley, P.Z.; J. Molloy, 249; T. Hassell, T. Hunter, J. Mantle, and many others.

The jewel was manufactured by Comp. George Kenning, 2, Monument-place, Liverpool.

## WARRINGTON.

### Gilbert Greenall Chapter (No. 1250).—

The ninth anniversary of this successful chapter was held in the Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, on Tuesday, the 25th ult., when all the members were present. The minutes of the last convocation having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. Ashurst, which proving unanimous, he was impressively exalted to the Degree of a Royal Arch Mason by Comp. P. J. Edelsten, P.Z. 148 and 1250, P.P.G. Std. Br., who had assumed the chair of M.E.Z., after which he undertook the duties of installing the Three Principals, viz.: Comps. R. Heaton, M.E.Z.; A. G. Webster, H.; and J. S. Patten, J. The M.E.Z. then invested the following officers: Comps. W. Bolton, 1 P.Z.; J. Shillcock, Treas.; J. Baird, S.E.; J. Matthews, S.N.; T. Williams, P.S.; and T. Donville, Janitor. The M.E.Z., on behalf of the chapter, presented the retiring M.E.Z., Comp. Bolton, with a very handsome P.Z.'s jewel, in recognition of his past services, which was suitably acknowledged. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Comp. P. J. Edelsten, P.Z., &c., on his retiring from the office of Treasurer, for the satisfactory manner in which he had fulfilled the duties thereof, and also a second vote of thanks for the efficient and impressive manner in which he had performed the ceremonies of exaltation and installation, which were duly responded to.

The business of the chapter having been concluded, the companions adjourned to a banquet, under the presidency of the M.E.Z., Comp. R. Heaton, the same being supplied by Comp. Chautry, whose catering gave entire satisfaction. During the evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly acknowledged, and several songs were also rendered by the companions in a superior manner.

## Mark Masonry.

## MANCHESTER.

### St. Andrew's Lodge (No. 34).—

The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Thursday, the 7th ult., when there was an excellent attendance of brethren; probably from the fact that Bro. Charles Fitzgerald Matier, P.G.W. and Grand Sec. England, had kindly consented to be present and install Bro. S. Kelly, P.G.S., as W.M., and who was ably assisted by Bro. H. E. Cousins, G.D. England. Amongst the influential brethren present were the following: Bros. Geo. Hunt, W.M.; Bryce Blair, J.W.; E. L. Littler, M.O.; Edgar Towell, J.O.; George Sam Smith, Sec.; J. W. Sinclair, P.M., P.P.G.M.O., Treas.; Geo. Board, S.D.; S. A. Andrew, J.D.; H. S. Rocca, P.P. G.M.O.; Thos. R. Peel, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; W. Nichol, P.G.D.; J. T. Richardson, P.M.; P. Green, M.O.; Arthur Middleton, P.M., P.G. Std. Br.; J. Arensburg, P.P.G.S.B.; E. G. Harwood, P.M. St. John's Lodge (T.I), Past Grand Stwd. England; R. Newhouse, P.G. Sec., P.S.G.D. England; J. G. Smith, P.G.O.; J. D. Murray, P.G.S.B.; and A. H. Jefferis, P.M. 32, P.S.G.D.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was successfully taken for Bro. Geo. Langley. Subsequently Bro. C. F. Matier took the chair and appointed his Installing Officers as follows: Bros. Arthur Middleton, as S.W., and T. R. Peel, as J.W.; and requested

Bro. H. E. Cousins to present Bro. S. Kelly, W.M. elect, who was then duly installed into the Master's chair. The following brethren were invested as officers for the ensuing year: Geo. Hunt, P.M., I.P.M.; E. L. Littler, P.G.S., S.W.; C. E. Towell, M.O.; Geo. Sam Smith, S.O.; George Board, J.O.; S. A. Andrew, S.D.; C. Salmon, J.D.; J. M. Sinclair, P.M., P.P.G.M.O., Treas.; J. T. Richardson, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Sec.; T. R. Peel, P.M., P.P. G.D.C., Reg.; and I. B. Kirk, Tyler. After receiving the hearty congratulations of the Grand and provincial lodges, the W.M. proposed a vote of thanks to Bros. Matier and Cousins for the great honour they had conferred upon the lodge by their presence, and the great assistance they had rendered at the ceremony that day. The proposal was received with great enthusiasm by all present.

The lodge was then closed. Bro. Sam. Kelly, W.M., promised to act as Steward at the Mark Benevolent Festival, and the handsome sum of £23 was contributed from the members of the lodge present.

## Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

ST. JAMES' UNION LODGE (No. 180).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the St. James' Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance), on the 3rd inst., when there were present Bros. Bullen, W.M.; Bayfield, S.W.; Shaw, J.W.; Farwig, Preceptor; Wolter, S.D.; Rymer, J.D.; Brownwood, I.G.; Blum, Treas.; Jones, Sec.; Woods, Cator, Hill, Hazlett, Cursons, Taylor, Blythe, Rymer, Kirk, and Matthews.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture. Bro. Taylor having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Bro. Cator worked the 4th Section, Bro. Woods the 5th Section, and the Preceptor worked the 6th Section of the First Lecture. On rising for the first time, Bro. Wolter, 1791, was unanimously elected a joining member of this lodge of instruction. On rising for the second time, Bro. Bayfield was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on the 28th ult., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hamersmith, when there were present Bros. E. Lucas, W.M.; F. Craggs, S.W.; R. H. Williams, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. Middlesex, J.W.; James Sims, P.M., Preceptor; T. Jobson, S.D.; A. Williams, W.M. 2090, J.D.; H. Wake, I.G.; P. Cronin, H. Cotton, and A. Macchi.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed in a praiseworthy style, Bro. Macchi acting as candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Craggs was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. Macchi was elected a joining member. Regret was expressed at the absence of Bro. Long, the Secretary, through illness, and the lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 3rd inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland Gardens, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. J. R. Allman, I.P.M. 1425, W.M.; W. Hillier, S.W.; J. W. Belsham, J.W.; W. H. Chalfont, Asst. Preceptor; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; H. Campbell, S.D.; J. Cruttenden, J.D.; E. F. Ferris, P.M. 1543, I.G.; H. Windeatt, Stwd.; Jas. Sims, P.M. 834; and O. W. Battley.

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. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Sims being candidate. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. Bro. Hillier was elected W.M. for the next meeting—the officers to be in rotation—which compliment was duly acknowledged. A letter from Bro. Rev. M. Haines, S.W. 205, was read, thanking the brethren for their kind sympathy, and he hoped to be amongst them again shortly. After "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on Thursday, the 27th ult., when there were present Bros. G. H. Foan, W.M.; F. M. Noakes, S.W.; H. Lincoln, J.W.; W. Brindley, Preceptor; W. Hancock, acting as Sec.; W. Hoggins, S.D.; W. Unwin, J.D.; T. C. Seary, Org.; Homer Price, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; J. Gluckstein, E. Jessurun, C. W. Fromholtz, James Rowe, C. O. Burgess, H. Matthews, E. L. Berry, G. A. Bergholz, R. E. Cursons, and F. W. Buxton.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. C. O. Burgess having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Bro. Jas. Rowe offering himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, was duly examined, entrusted and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of F.C. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The Preceptor worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture. On rising for the second time, Bro. F. M. Noakes, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, appointing his officers in rotation, and proposed to work the third ceremony. On rising for the third time, the W.M. announced, on behalf of Bro. S. Hewett (the W.M. of the mother lodge), that it had been unanimously voted to form a Royal Arch Chapter in connection with the Covent Garden Lodge, and if any member of the lodge of instruction wished to join the chapter, the Secretary, Bro. G. Reynolds, I.P.M., or Assistant or acting Secretaries, would be glad to receive their names. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 28th ult., at the Kensington Park Hotel, Lancaster-road, Notting

Hill, W. Present: Bros. W. J. Mason, W.M.; H. H. Burrington, S.W.; J. Bartlett, J.W.; G. Davis, P.M., Preceptor; H. Armfield, Sec. (*pro tem.*); G. Gardner, S.D.; A. F. Scholding, J.D.; R. H. Broom, I.G.; E. Rogers, P.M.; G.S.; F. L. Chandler, P.M.; W. R. Hatton, J. C. Conway, G. English, P. Monson, and J. T. Haly. Bro. J. Wilson was a visitor.

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. J. T. Haly being the candidate. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. A. F. Scholding, and the lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. J. T. Haly 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. J. T. Haly being the candidate. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. Bro. James Wilson, 1238, was elected a member. The S.W., Bro. H. H. Burrington, was elected W.M. for the 14th instant—the next meeting being officers' night, and appointed his officers in rotation. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, when there were present Bros. W. Hillier, W.M.; E. E. Geflowski, J.W.; George Read, P.M., Precursor; R. H. Williams, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. Middx., Treas.; F. Craggs, Sec.; G. Swann, S.D.; W. T. Marsh, J.D.; C. G. Hatt, I.G.; J. Sims, P.M.; C. E. Betts, S. Sidders, W. Dresden, A. Norman, W.M. 1767; and W. B. Neville.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Betts offered himself as a candidate for raising, and was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed in an excellent manner, inclusive of the traditional history. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Geflowski was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. Norman was elected a joining member, and the lodge was closed.

**CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).**—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 27th ult., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. E. Fox, W.M.; E. Austin, P.M., Treas., S.W.; A. Love, J.W.; John Davies, W.M. 169, Preceptor; J. Sims, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; W. Jennings, S.D.; H. Cotton, J.D.; J. Arnott, I.G.; L. Cox, G. Higginson, F. Woodard, W. Hillier, R. N. Larter, T. J. Head, F. West, Sansom, and Gilbert, W.M. 1828.

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. Hillier candidate. The ceremony of passing was to be rehearsed. Bro. Higginson answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony completed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Austin, W.M. 1791, was elected W.M. for the next meeting. A vote of thanks was recorded to the W.M., Bro. Fox, for his excellent working of the duties of the chair for the first time in this lodge of instruction. The lodge was then closed.

**ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).**—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 26th ult., at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. Present: Bros. L. Nathan, W.M.; Joseph Cox, S.W.; J. H. Morrish, J.W.; Jesse Collings, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, Sec.; J. Matherell, S.D.; R. Ambler, J.D.; C. Barber, I.G.; W. E. Macey, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sections of the Lecture were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Cox was elected W.M. for the next meeting. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Nathan for the manner in which he had conducted the duties of W.M. for the first time, and the lodge was then closed.

**CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).**—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 1st inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. J. Cox, W.M.; F. Dusterwald, S.W.; Willcox, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; J. Brown, Sec.; W. Hillier, S.D.; A. Williams, J.D.; W. Pine, I.G.; M. Spiegel, P.M.; F. Craggs, and E. J. Hiscock. Visitor: Bro. Mason.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Mason acting as candidate. The W.M. gave the charge to the candidate. The 2nd Section of the Lecture was worked by the brethren, under the direction of the Deputy Preceptor, Bro. J. Sims, P.M. After "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed. To-morrow (Saturday), the installation ceremony will be rehearsed. All members are invited to attend.

**MANCHESTER. — STARKIE INSTALLED MASTERS' LODGE.**—A meeting of the above lodge, which is held under the warrant of St. George Lodge, No. 1170, was held on Tuesday, the 25th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, when there were present Bros. A. H. Jefferis, W.M.; A. Pemberton, acting S.W.; G. Hunt, acting J.W.; E. W. Irving, Treas.; A. H. Williams, Sec.; and about 30 other Past Masters.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for 14 joining members, which proved satisfactory. A discussion arose, which eventually proved very profitable to all present, on the subject of the installation ceremony (Emulation working), which it is the desire of the members of this lodge to carry out as far as possible. Bro. A. H. Jefferis, P.P.D.G.D.C., displayed great ability in the chair, and showed how well adapted he is for presiding over such an assembly. Bro. Henry Thomas, P.M., P.P.G.D., was elected to take the chair at the next regular meeting.

**HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).**—A meeting was held on Friday, the 28th ult., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland Gardens, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. John Davies, J. elect 733, M.E.Z.; George March, H. elect 733, H.; W. H. Chalfont, J. elect 733, J.; J. Davies, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; J. Crutenden, 779, P.S.; W. H.

Dean, P.Z. 77, 417, P.P.G.R. Dorset; and J. Smith, P.S. 890.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Dean being the candidate. A letter was read from Comp. T. C. Edmonds, thanking the companions for their sympathy and kind feeling towards him during his illness. Comp. Dean was heartily welcomed back to the chapter of improvement, and congratulated upon his restoration to health and strength, and was elected M.E.Z. for the ensuing two weeks, the officers to be in rotation. After "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

**STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).**—The usual weekly meeting of this chapter was held on Friday, the 28th ult., at the Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, S.E., when there were present Comps. G. L. Moore, M.E.Z.; Grummant, P.Z., H.; Hill, J.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; Voisey, P.Z., Treas.; C. H. Stone, S.E.; Osterstock, S.N.; G. Powell, P.Z., P.S.; Fleck, Addington, Goodwin, and H. Martin.

A conclave of Third Principals was formed, and the installation ceremony was rehearsed. The companions were admitted, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, with Comp. Goodwin as a candidate. Comp. Goodwin, of the Lewis Chapter, was elected a member. Comp. Grummant was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. It was resolved to have the annual meeting and supper on the 28th inst.

## Red Cross of Rome and Constantine.

**Premier Conclave.**—A meeting of this conclave took place at 16a, Great Queen-street, on Monday, the 3rd inst. Sir Knight Wm. Lake, M.P.S., presided, and was supported by the following members: Sir Knights Capt. T. C. Walls, P.S.; Thos. Cubitt, P.S., Treas.; J. G. Marsh, P.S.; H. H. Shirley, P.S.; H. J. Lardner, P.S.; John Mason, P.S., Recorder; Nelson Prower, H. C. Heard, E. H. Thielley, P.S.; C. E. Keyser, P.S.; J. Pakes, P.S.; and others.

The conclave being opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed. Sir Knight H. H. Shirley, P.S., then assumed the chair, and installed Bro. Whittington into the Order in a very impressive manner, the beauties of the ritual being fully shown by his admirable working. Sir Knights Heard and Nelson Prower were unanimously elected to the positions of M.P.S. and V.E. respectively.

Other business having been transacted, the conclave was closed, and a banquet was held at Freemasons' Tavern, where the members were joined by the sir knights attending the Grand Imperial Conclave.

The first toast, that of "The Queen and Christian Masonry," having been honoured,

Sir Knight W. Lake, M.P.S., gave "The Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign and the Grand Viceroy, Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart.," who, he said, had ruled over the Order for a number of years, but, unfortunately, was not with them that evening: The Grand Viceroy, Baron de Ferrieres, took Masonry seriously in the sense of doing his duty in all the offices to which he was appointed, and the manner in which he had performed those duties had called forth the praise of all who had had the benefit of his services. They had in him a very excellent officer, and were more than fortunate in having him as the second in command in the Grand Conclave.

Sir Knight Baron de Ferrieres, M.E. Grand Viceroy, in reply, said Masons were always loyal, and he was sure the sir knights present had drunk the health of the Grand Sovereign with great cordiality. He thanked them for the honour again conferred upon him, and assured them it had always been a great pleasure to join them.

The M.P.S., in proposing "The Grand Council," said the Order was capable of great extension, and he could only wish that the Grand Council had more heavy duties to perform, in which case they would no doubt be equal to the occasion. They wanted some little revival of the Order. There was no question that as regards the ritual and organisation they ought to stand at least on a par with many degrees that had made much greater advances of late, and he believed that if some regular meetings of the Grand Council could be organised, some good would result. There was some sign of a revival, and if the most active sir knights would think over the matter and take action, very good results would follow. They had with them Sir Knight Woodman who, he believed, was closely associated with the late Sir Knight Wentworth Little in the days when that energetic and able brother worked so hard in the resuscitation of the Order.

Sir Knight W. R. Woodman, G. Treas., responded, and said he was proud to be surrounded by so many Grand Officers whom he knew, and who mutually respected each other.

Sir Knight C. F. Hogard, G. Recorder, also responded, and said that so long as the Grand Sovereign reposed confidence in him he should continue to discharge his duties, as in the past, to the satisfaction of the Order. If the conclaves would work as well as the Premier, and as some in Kent, and a few others, they would do well and the Order would progress.

"The Grand Senate" was next given from the chair, and replied to by Sir Knight Lardner.

In giving "The Health of the M.P.S.," Sir Knight Lardner, P.S., said they ought to feel extremely grateful to Sir Knight Lake for the kind and genial manner in which he had discharged his duties.

Sir Knight Wm. Lake, M.P.S., said that was not the first time he had had to thank Sir Knight Lardner for kind expressions used towards him. It was very good of Sir Knight Lardner not to mention his shortcomings in connection with the chair of that conclave. He went into that chair with the full intention of carrying out the duties required of him to the best of his ability, but circumstances were somewhat against him. However, they had treated his shortcomings with much consideration. He had endeavoured to preside in as friendly and fraternal a manner as he knew how, and had thoroughly enjoyed the companionship of the members, which included some of his oldest London Masonic friends. He trusted he should still be privileged to do some service for the conclave and the Order generally.

Sir Knight Cobham having replied for "The Visitors,"

"The P.S.'s" was cordially given by the M.P.S., who referred to the work done by Sir Knight Shirley in the conclave. Sir Knight Shirley had fully exemplified the beauties of the ritual of the Order that night, and they had all enjoyed the treat.

Sir Knight Capt. T. C. Walls, P.S., said the P.S.'s were a very powerful body, as they had had eight present that evening, and had it not been for them the conclave would not occupy the high position it did. Referring to the origin and history of the Order, he hoped to read a paper on the subject at a future time.

Sir Knight H. H. Shirley, P.S., thanked the M.P.S. for the very kind, amiable, and genial terms in which he had spoken of his services. Although he passed the chair four years ago, and might with some propriety retire from office, he had taken trouble to master the ritual of the Order, and had made a conscientious endeavour to perform it whenever called upon, and should not, therefore, let it slip into obscurity. It was a reprehensible thing for a brother to fill all the offices and attain the position of the chair, and after receiving the jewel unfortunately resign. That custom did not prevail in their conclave, for on the present occasion they had seen eight P.S.'s present. Sir Knights Walls and Lardner were entitled to the highest honour for their active part. His only regret was that during the many years of his connection with the conclave he had been unable to bring any members into it.

Sir Knight Cubitt replied for "The Treasurer, Recorder, and Officers," and the Sentinel's toast closed the proceedings.

## Order of the Secret Monitor.

**Zacharie Conclave (No. 9).**—A meeting of this conclave was held on the 21st ult., at the Holborn Restaurant. Present: Bros. H. W. Kiallmark, S.R.; C. M. Jessop, C.; Belgrave Ninnis, P.S.R., as G.; W. C. Canton, Stwd.; W. A. Ellis, Org.; Wm. Thomas, V.D.; G. D. P. Thomas, Guard; Wm. Amor, Sentinel; and W. J. Spratling, G.R.

Bros. C. M. Jessop, Wm. Thomas, W. C. Canton, and W. A. Ellis were admitted Princes of the Order. Bro. William Thomas was nominated for the office of Grand Steward. The Secretary read telegrams and letters from brethren regretting that, through illness, they were unable to be present. It was with great regret that he announced the death of a most zealous and worthy Mason, Bro. Gerwith, on 29th December last. A vote of condolence was unanimously passed.

The brethren adjourned for dinner, when the usual toasts were proposed and responded to.

Bro. Ellis, the Organist, presided at the piano.

## ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE EMULATION LODGE OF IMPROVEMENT.

The annual festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement was held on the 28th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Thomas Fenn presiding. Some 400 brethren were present, the largest number ever known at these gatherings.

The Second Lecture was worked, the brethren who assisted Bro. Fenn being—

1st Section by Bro. H. Pritchard, P.M. 1415.  
2nd " " J. J. Black, P.M., Sec. 1564.  
3rd " " G. W. Bullen, J.D. 1768.  
4th " " R. C. Sudlow, P.M. 263, 1965.  
5th " " W. P. Reynolds, S.W. 7.

The work was magnificently performed, and after a vote of thanks had been unanimously passed to the working officers, and Bro. FENN had replied, 95 new members were proposed and seconded for the ballot of the following weekly meeting. Lodge was then closed in the Three Degrees.

The Lord Mayor was to have presided at the supper which followed at Freemasons' Tavern, but as his lordship had not recovered from his recent illness, his place was taken by Bro. Sir John Monckton, P.G.W.

The usual toasts followed the supper.

The CHAIRMAN, in giving "The Queen and the Craft," said her Majesty was the best Queen that ever ruled the nation, and the Craft was the best Craft that ever ruled the workmen; and in giving "The M.W.G.M.," he said of the Prince of Wales that never had a leader had more devoted followers, and never had followers had a better leader.

The CHAIRMAN, in proposing the next toast, "The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon; the Dep. Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom; and the rest of the Grand Officers of England, Present and Past," said he did not think that on an occasion like that on which they were assembled, among brethren perhaps the most grand and distinguished, it was necessary to expatiate on what ought to be the attributes of a good Grand Officer, or upon the manner in which the Grand Officers carried out their duties; he would rather presume that the brethren knew them, and knew them well. At any rate, they were surrounded that night by some of the best known and the most capable and, he might fairly say, the most highly esteemed of the Grand Officers. He connected the toast with the name of Bro. the Rev. Dr. Sedgwick, a Grand Chaplain for upwards of a quarter of a century.

Bro. the Rev. Dr. JOHN SEDGWICK, P.G.C. (appointed in 1865), responding, said he felt quite proud at being called on to respond. He was sorry to say it was for no merits of his own, Masonic or private, that the Chairman had alluded to him or his doings so favourably. A quarter of a century he had been Grand Chaplain. He thanked the Chairman with great pleasure, and most heartily, feeling that Masons could have had no better officers than the Pro Grand



Master and the Dep. Grand Master, whom they had known so very long both in Masonry and in private society, and when he saw himself flanked by so many Grand Officers, he had no hesitation in saying that the work of Grand Lodge was well done by those officers, taken as a whole, though he himself could not claim to have had anything but a very small share in it.

Bro. the Rev. R. J. SIMPSON, P.G.C., rose and remarked that much had been said in later times against a dual control, but he was quite sure that the dual control under which the brethren had been that night was in every sense most satisfying. They knew what took place in another place (the Temple of Grand Lodge); they knew how they were presided over; there was dignity and precision, and they knew the very great treat they had, "the feast of reason and the flow of soul," which was produced in the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, the largest number that ever assembled in that lodge since its commencement. But they also, he was sure, would regret that the absence of the chief workman who was to have controlled them under the present dispensation at the banquet table had been absolutely owing to ill-health; particularly as the first Magistrate of the greatest City in the empire, as an old and true working Mason, and as one of the best speakers, even in that great City, they all deeply regretted the absence of the Lord Mayor. At the same time they were consoled by the fact that there sat in the chair that the Lord Mayor was to have adorned one who was a distinguished civic dignitary, who, he had no doubt, though Lord Mayors come and Lord Mayors go, went on for ever doing City work and civic business, but at the same time finding plenty of time to devote to that Craft to which he was so ardently attached—Freemasonry. The brethren knew the distinguished position Bro. Sir John Monckton had held in the Order, who, over and above the positions he had held in the City and in Freemasonry, stood high in the opinion, regard, and affection of every brother Mason, which, in the words of the first Grand Master, was "more precious than rubies, and all the things that are to be desired are not to be compared to it." Therefore, in asking the brethren to drink "The Health of the W.M." now presiding, he assured them they would be drinking the health of one who, whether as a man, as a Mason, or as a member of the City of London, had presided so kindly and ably on that occasion.

The CHAIRMAN said there was nothing so difficult as to speak about oneself; he therefore proposed to do so in the very briefest terms. Let him, however, follow Bro. Simpson in his sincere regret at the reason for his being in the chair. Some years ago, on his own merits, he presided on a similar occasion, and was very proud and happy to do so as a very old member of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. He spent his half-crown to belong to it so long ago that he calculated what a sum it would have amounted to if he had kept and invested it. He was then looking for his first chair, and the success he had met with in working he owed entirely to the Lodge of Emulation. Therefore, if that night he acceded to the urgently made request of Bro. Fenn that he should occupy the chair of his distinguished chief in the City it was not to be wondered at. He was sorry for the brethren, though glad for himself. He saw the Lord Mayor in the morning, and he bore witness that his lordship was not well enough to come out; he was very poorly indeed. The Lord Mayor told him that if towards the end of the day he was not well enough to take the chair at that meeting, he (Bro. Monckton) was to express his most sincere regret to the brethren. The Lord Mayor was no new Mason; his lordship sincerely regretted his inability to attend. He (Bro. Monckton) was not going to say anything of himself except that he was proud to be in the chair. He was now going to ask the brethren to give him their best attention while he endeavoured to propose to them—he would not say as worthily as it ought to be proposed, but to the best of his ability—"Success to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement," coupled with the name of Bro. Fenn, the Treasurer. A cousin of his (Bro. Monckton), who was in the Church, once told him that the only difficulty he knew of in preparing a sermon was to get a good text. Well, he had to say that he enjoyed that cousin's society more abroad than in the pulpit. He said that to lead up to the suggestion that he had now got the best possible text. Not only was the toast the best of the evening, but it was coupled with the name of one who was the Freemason of England. He was going in a very few words to exemplify what he thought that Lodge of Emulation had done. An eminent brother in Freemasonry had passed up to him that evening a cutting from an old newspaper of 1858 containing a lengthy report of a similar festivity to the present in the month of December of that year. There was a hideously long speech made by the Chairman of that meeting, and he (Bro. Monckton) was glad he was not present; but one portion of it seemed to him to bear a little on the subject on which he desired to say a few words. The Chairman on that occasion told the brethren of that day a little story; he (Bro. Monckton) dared say it was a great story, for he did not suppose it ever happened, but the moral was everything in all stories, whether they were true or not. The hero of the story was the great Jupiter, king of the gods, who desired at some time in his immortal career to do a turn, as they said in the City, to the mortals on earth: and he packed up a large parcel of something he thought would be very acceptable, and, as the report said, there being no Pickfords in that day, gave it to Momus to take down to Olympus to the earth, and when opened it was found to contain nothing but spectacles. The peculiar

feature of the spectacles was that they were of different colours and tints, and when the mortals put them on each saw his brother mortal differently tinted to what his brother mortal saw him; and the moral of the story which he (Bro. Monckton) gathered from the story of the brother who presided at the Emulation festival was that there was something in Masonry going on then of different colours. He supposed from that that there were some little discussion, or dissensions, rife at that time. They were not so now, and he was inclined to put it down to the uniformity, the discipline, that had been fostered by the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. That was the moral he had to draw, and he was obliged to the brother (Bro. George Everett) who sent up to him the newspaper slip containing the speech. The lodge had met that night in larger numbers than ordinary. According to the returns of the valuable Secretary, there were 400 brethren present, and his pockets were in danger of bursting with the 95 half-crowns paid by the brethren who were proposed as joining members. The lodge had to congratulate itself on having still more members in the future who would take an interest in it. Let him say something of the excellent Mason on his left (Bro. Fenn). If ever there was a lily in the Craft, there sat that lily, and he needed no painting from him (Bro. Monckton). He looked upon Bro. Fenn as the life and soul of Masonry in England, not only in the Emulation Lodge of Improvement; wherever English Masonry was thought of or known, there the name of Bro. Fenn was known and honoured. He offered the brethren the toast of "Success to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement," coupled with the name of Bro. Thomas Fenn.

Bro. FENN, President of the Board of General Purposes (the toast having been received with great heartiness), said, in responding to the toast which the Chairman had proposed in terms so flattering to himself (Bro. Fenn), on behalf of the Committee, permit him first to thank Bro. Monckton for having so promptly and kindly undertaken to fill the chair in the unavoidable absence of the Lord Mayor. As Bro. Monckton had said, that was the largest meeting the Emulation Lodge of Improvement had ever held. There had been a great many brethren in the room who had never visited that lodge before. They would, therefore, permit him, in a very few words, to give again what he had given on many such occasions, the reasons why they claimed for that lodge that the work which they did was absolutely and exactly the work that was taught by the Lodge of Reconciliation, which was chartered for a limited period after the Union to instruct the Masters of lodges in the ritual that had then recently been agreed upon. Bro. Peter Gilkes, a very well-known Mason, was a constant visitor of the Lodge of Reconciliation, and a few years after he became the ruling spirit and president of that lodge. Shortly after that lodge met, many Grand Officers were present who were well acquainted with the work done at the Lodge of Reconciliation, and they declared that it was perfectly correct. Bro. Stephen Barton Wilson, the friend and pupil of Bro. Peter Gilkes, after Peter Gilkes' death, presided at the Lodge of Emulation till his death in 1866. Bro. Murton, a former member of the Committee, and himself (Bro. Fenn) were taught the ritual and lectures from him, and he had frequently heard Bro. S. B. Wilson declare that although there was a little variation in the lectures, he adhered to the ritual as taught to him by Bro. Peter Gilkes. There were, therefore, only three links in the chain that connected this Emulation Lodge of Improvement with the Lodge of Reconciliation. No doubt the difficulties of communication and the limited period which was allowed for the teaching of that lodge prevented them then from disseminating completely the authorised ritual in the provinces, and the consequence was that many of the lodges in the provinces worked as they had worked before. Although a uniform ritual was agreed upon at that time and ordered to be used by all the lodges under the English Constitution, he believed, as the Chairman had said, they were nearer uniformity now than ever they were before. The strict adherence of that Emulation Lodge of Improvement to the ritual handed down to them, the fact that it was undoubtedly the leading lodge of instruction in the Craft, and its ritual now the acknowledged standard, was doing much, and would continue to do much, in the future to forward that uniformity which so many of the brethren desired; but while lodges and brethren would persist in indulging fancies of their own, it was impossible to expect entire and complete uniformity. The vast number of suggestions which had been made to him during the many years he had been more or less a leading member of that lodge forcibly impressed upon him the danger of deviating in the slightest degree from the ritual as it had been handed down. He recollected some years ago being asked by a new Master of a lodge to visit his lodge and see him perform the third ceremony in which he had introduced some very great improvements, but he need not tell the brethren he denied himself the pleasure of accepting that invitation. A Provincial Grand Master recently talked of ordering the lodges in his province to omit words to which he had taken objection, and he (Bro. Fenn) quite recently was very much surprised to hear that in one province an important part of the obligation in the Third Degree was omitted, because, forsooth, it did not meet with the approbation of some of the members of that province. It was difficult to define strictly what were and what were not the landmarks of Freemasonry, but the obligations in the Three Degrees were undoubtedly landmarks, and that was strongly insisted upon by the Grand Master, the late Duke of Sussex, who himself from the

chair of Grand Lodge recited the three obligations from which no deviation was to be permitted. Omitting, therefore, any part of the obligations was to his (Bro. Fenn's) mind the removing of an ancient landmark of Freemasonry, and he regretted to add, but it seemed to him to follow as a logical sequence, that it was a breach of the obligation of a Master elect. Believe him, he did not say that with the intention of wounding the feelings of any brother in the province he had alluded to or elsewhere, but he ventured to mention it in order to show what pitfalls beset the path of those who to indulge a fancy of their own, or of some would-be reformer, intentionally deviated from the strict line of authority. No doubt it was very easy to argue that the omission of certain words, or the addition of certain words, or the alteration of certain words, would be an improvement; it was just as easy to argue that it would as to argue that it would not be an improvement. No doubt some members of the learned profession present, he saw one at all events (Bro. Philbrick), could tell them it was just as easy to argue that white was black as that white was white. He mentioned that as a compliment to their learning and their skill in logic, and they evidently took it as he meant it. It was easy to object to some of our modes of expression because they differed from modern ideas of composition, but he believed parallel expressions could be found in good writers of former years. The Committee of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement were so conscious of the interminable difficulties which would arise from allowing the slightest deviation from the words of the ritual that they refused and he trusted they ever would refuse to listen to any suggestion of change. The present Committee—and he would more particularly allude to Bro. Sudlow—were well qualified to maintain in all its purity the ritual that had been handed down to them, and they, including himself, were more strongly convinced than ever that the success of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, which the brethren had so kindly wished them, and in which none could join more heartily than the Committee themselves, depended on a strict adherence to the ritual which had been bequeathed to them by their predecessors.

Bro. F. A. PHILBRICK, Q.C., G. Reg., proposed "Success to the Lodge of Unions," under whose sanction the Emulation Lodge of Improvement worked. He had the highest respect for Bro. Fenn, but he was not quite sure he had given him (Bro. Philbrick) the very best introduction in talking at him as one of some people who could prove black was white. But when there were those who argued that black was white, or white was black, or that a mixture of the two was no colour at all, he was quite satisfied that even he would not attempt to deny any mixture of colours that produced the Lodge of Unions, and the services that had been rendered to the Craft by the distinguished lodge which had taken the Emulation Lodge of Improvement under its banner, and bade it go on its career of usefulness. After what had been said that night, he would not add a word about uniformity. Some of them had seen in the newspapers and had heard something about organisations which had found difficulty on the question of uniformity, but it was clear that habits of accuracy of thought, and the promotion of neutral discipline fostered by the Emulation Lodge of Improvement did a great deal of good. When everybody wrote to contradict what everybody else had said in the newspapers, and when the person contradicting said he had been misunderstood, and if he had not been misunderstood then that the words were not used in the language which he intended, or if they were they were susceptible of a double meaning, he was quite satisfied that anybody or institution which pointedly called the attention of those who belonged to it to verbal accuracy and the extreme need of weighing words and maintaining that which had been handed down in Masonry as a precious heritage unimpaired and uninjured, unaltered and unvaried, as the brethren of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement hoped to hand down to those who came after them, rendered an essential and valuable service to the Craft. It was because those functions were performed by the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, because it had acted, and was acting thus, and reflected so much credit on the Craft under the Lodge of Unions that he ventured with every confidence to give "Success and Prosperity to the Lodge of Unions," and with that toast he would couple the name of the W.M. of the lodge, Bro. Wallington.

Bro. WALLINGTON, W.M. 256, said it required not many words from the Lodge of Unions to express to all the brethren present their obligation for the way in which that toast had been received, and the manner in which it was always responded to at the annual festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. The Lodge of Unions was very proud, as it should be, to have such an institution working under its charter as the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, and the pride and pleasure it felt was certainly enhanced that evening by witnessing such excellent working as the brethren had seen in the Temple. He did not propose to say more than that the Lodge of Unions heartily congratulated the Emulation Lodge of Improvement upon the splendid success that was now evidently being attained, and wished it every prosperity in the future.

The CHAIRMAN next asked the brethren to drink a toast which came home to the heart of every Mason—"The Masonic Institutions." That toast also, like good wine, needed no bush—whatever that old proverb might mean, though he did not understand it himself, but he did understand that the Masonic Institutions were dear to the hearts of Masons, and that Masons were anxious



to further the interests of those Institutions. The old people, as they liked to call them, held a most successful festival on the previous Wednesday. The Girls' came next, and they would be succeeded by the Boys'. He would couple with the toast the name of one who would respond particularly for the Girls'—their old friend Bro. Col. James Peters, the senior member of the House Committee of that Institution, who was prevailed upon some time ago to accept the office of Trustee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

Bro. Col. PETERS said he was very sorry that there was not present that evening one of the Secretaries to return thanks for the Institutions, which more or less the brethren ought to have a regard for. As the worthy Chairman had said, the festival of the first Charity was over, and an immense amount of money had been subscribed. He was only sorry that Bro. Terry could not put upon his list of annuitants more brethren and widows. He had been connected with the Girls' School a long time, and took a great interest in it. If he had not he should not now have been in the distinguished position of Trustee. He hoped every brother would come forward with his list, and bring up large amounts for the Institution, because, although the Boys' School required help, the Girls' required a little more. The boys could look after themselves more than the girls could.

Bro. ROBERT GREY, P.G.D., President of the Board of Benevolence, proposed "The Working Officers of the Lodge," and said he could speak with some little confidence on the toast, and as he was sitting in the lodge room it crossed his mind that on a memorable occasion where they tried to do their duty, and to pay respect to one who was well beloved in that Lodge of Emulation as he was throughout the length and breadth of the Craft, who had now passed away, Bro. John Hervey, the Grand Officers worked that beautiful lecture that had been heard that evening. Around him he saw three or four of those Grand Officers who joined in that work, and therefore he might fairly say he spoke with some little confidence. The present Grand Secretary, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, was unable to be present that night through illness, but he took a great interest in the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. At none of the festivals of the lodge that had taken place had the work been better done than it had been that evening. They knew to whom this was primarily due, the brother who had presided in lodge, whose constant care and attention were bestowed on the lodge. Under Bro. Fenn's guidance the officers had given the brethren the intellectual treat that had been presented that evening. They had shown themselves apt pupils, apt adaptors of that art of perfection that had been committed to them by Bro. Fenn. He coupled that toast with the name of Bro. Sudlow, a brother who was no longer a student but a Master of the art, one who had that night shown that he could, at short notice, both with willingness and ability, fill a gap and give that beautiful section of the orders of architecture which the brethren had so thoroughly enjoyed.

Bro. ROBERT CLAY SUDLOW, P.M. 263 and 1965, P. Prov. G.D. Kent, in response, said, as the mouthpiece of the officers of the lodge, he rose at once to express their thanks for the toast which had just been given, and also for the compliment that had been passed on the work of the night. It was no light task to undertake a Section at those festivals, and the officers were very proud indeed to think that the prestige of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement had not suffered at their hands. It was not easy to understand how it was that so many Masons who took pains to make themselves more or less perfect in the working of their beautiful ceremonies neglected altogether the study of their equally beautiful Lectures. He ventured to hope that the spirit of emulation was abroad that night, and that many among their followers would feel themselves called upon to make—he was going to say—a daily advancement, but, considering that the Emulation Lodge of Improvement met only on the Friday, he would alter a little the usual phraseology, and say, make a weekly advancement in Masonic knowledge in the direction he had indicated.

The CHAIRMAN then asked the brethren to drink to "The Stewards," a body of brethren without whom they would have fared but poorly that night. In an assembly of that kind organisation was of the utmost importance, and it had not been wanting from beginning to end. The Stewards had done their work admirably, and he would couple with the toast the name of Bro. Kentish, who had solved the problem how to be here, there, and everywhere at the same moment. To Bro. Kentish great thanks were due.

Bro. KENTISH, in reply, said the Stewards were extremely indebted to the President for the kindness with which he had spoken of them. On reflecting on the success that had attended their endeavours, he reminded himself of what he might attribute it to. His own private opinion was that it was the reputation of the lodge which they felt to be in their hands. That was the first and foremost motive in the minds of the Stewards; the other was more or less personal. The President had already paid a tribute to Bro. Fenn, who was the father of the lodge, and round whom the brethren were very, very glad indeed to rally, and do for him everything they possibly could. He would not like to sit down without saying that he attributed a great deal of the success of that festival, and the exertions on the part of the Stewards arose from a feeling of deep devotion to their most distinguished Bro. Sudlow, who untiringly and devotedly gave his time and attention to the working of the lodge. The success—and he thought he might fairly claim a success—that night of the festival was not the work of one

person, it was the work of all the Stewards, who had bravely put their shoulders to the wheel, and he thanked the Chairman in the most hearty manner he possibly could for the kind manner in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren generally who had responded to it.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

Bro. J. H. Maunders played some beautiful voluntaries on the organ while the brethren were assembling in lodge, and also at the conclusion of the business.

## Obituary.

BRO. ALDERMAN STONE, P.G.W.

Our readers must have heard with sincere regret of the death, which it is our painful duty to announce, of Bro. Alderman David Henry Stone, P.G.W. of England, who, in his time, had achieved almost as great success in his Masonic as in his civic career. The deceased brother had been a member of the Order for some 35 years, having been initiated in the Tuscan Lodge in 1855. The following year he was accepted as a joining member of Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, and having held the various offices, was in due course elected and installed W.M. He also represented it on the Board of Grand Stewards, and had the honour of being chosen its President. He was also a member of the Frederick Lodge of Unity, No. 452, Croydon, and was one of the brethren who signed the petition for the warrant of The Great City Lodge, No. 1426, in 1873, and though, in consequence of other demands upon his time, he did not take up his membership of this lodge, he was two years later unanimously elected an honorary member. He was a P.Z. of the Moira Chapter, No. 92, and a joining member of the Frederick of Unity Chapter, No. 452. But his greatest successes belong to the year 1875, in which, after having been the principal guest at a grand banquet given in his honour, and that of Bro. Sheriff—now Alderman and ex-Lord Mayor—Sir John Whitaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., by The Great City Lodge aforesaid in March, he was, at the memorable gathering held the month following in the Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington, appointed and invested by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., as his first Junior Grand Warden. At the convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter on the 8th May next ensuing, the late Alderman was invested G. Prin. Soj., while a few weeks later he had the honour of presiding at the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. He was also a Past G. Officer of the Order of the Temple, and in the system of the Ancient and Accepted Rite had taken the 30°, and was an honorary member of the Studholme Chapter of Rose Croix, No. 67. He was also a Life-Governor of all three Charities, and had served once as Steward for the Boys' School and Benevolent Institution, and twice for the R.M.I. for Girls. In his civic career, the late Bro. Stone—who was born in 1812—was elected Alderman of Bassishaw Ward in 1864, served the office of Sheriff of London and Middlesex in 1867, and was inducted into the chair of Lord Mayor in Nov., 1874, so that his greatest services to Masonry were rendered during his Mayoralty. In 1877 he was elected Treasurer of St. Thomas's Hospital, and it was at his official residence at that institution that death suddenly overtook him on the 25th ult. He leaves behind him a widow to mourn his loss, and to her we offer our most respectful sympathy in her bereavement.

BRO. GEORGE J. ATKINS, P.M. 92.

After a short but severe illness, one of the oldest of English Freemasons has gone over to the majority. Bro. G. J. Atkins, the subject of this memoir, held in early life a position of trust in the Custom House, which he resigned in order to devote himself to commercial pursuits in 1845. Joining in that year the firm of Thurston and Co., of which he was afterwards, for a very long period, the senior partner, he only retired from the chief management of its affairs in 1889. The Drapers' Company he became a member of so far back as 1837, and was elected on the Court in 1872, declining the Mastership in 1883; he, nevertheless kept up a regular attendance at the meetings of the Court, and it was while returning from one of these that he contracted a violent chill, which, developing into congestion of the lungs, resulted in his lamented decease after a brief illness of about a fortnight. Bro. Atkins passed away very quietly at his residence, Cambridge Villa, Twickenham, on the 24th ult., and was interred at Kensal Green, on Friday, the 28th ult., in the vault of his father-in-law, the late Bro. John Phillips, a former member of the Fortitude and Old Cumberland Lodge, No. 12. At the period of his decease he was not only the oldest member, or "Father," of the Drapers' Company, but of the Moira Lodge and Chapter also. The Moira Lodge, No. 92, was his mother lodge, and he was initiated in it on November 17th, 1828, and elected W.M. in 1843. His connection with No. 92 only ceased with his life, and he was at no time a member of any other lodge or chapter. He was exalted in the Moira Chapter in 1842, and served the office of M.E.Z. in 1845. Although Bro. Atkins had entered upon his 88th year, his health and strength—prior to his fatal illness—were so little impaired by his great age as to fairly warrant a conjecture that by the exercise of ordinary care he might live to become the second centenary, of whom future members of No. 92 would speak with a just pride as having received the light of Masonry in the Moira Lodge. But although Bro. Atkins failed to

reach the remarkable age attained by the late Bro. Sir Moses Montefiore (initiated in the Moira Lodge before the Union), in length of actual Masonic service he far surpassed him. Indeed, it is open to some doubt whether another case can be cited of any Metropolitan lodge at the present moment having on its roll a brother who has been, without break of continuity, a member of it since the year 1828. The occurrence of the 50th anniversary of his initiation the Moira Lodge celebrated very appropriately by presenting Bro. Atkins with a handsome Past Master's jewel, a token of affection which, he reciprocated by a frequent attendance at the subsequent meetings. At the last meeting of the Moira Lodge—February 25th—a touching reference to Bro. Atkins was made by the W.M., Bro. Col. Sir Norman Pringle, Bart. (though at the time unaware of his decease on the previous day). The W.M., in proposing the Past Masters, said he hoped it would be regarded as the toast of the evening. First of all he should bring under the notice of those present the name of Bro. Jacob H. Sarratt, W.M. in 1813. In that year the Union of the two Grand Lodges of England then existing was accomplished, the Dukes of Sussex and Kent being at that time the Grand Masters of the two fraternities respectively. Under the former there were 640, and under the latter 359, lodges, and by the Articles of Union the Grand Master of each organisation was to nominate nine worthy and expert brethren, and the whole 18 were to be formed into a Lodge of Reconciliation, for the purpose of instructing and perfecting the lodges and brethren in the ceremonies of the United Fraternity. The "Moira" was under the Duke of Sussex, and its Master, Bro. Sarratt, was one of the nine brethren selected by that Grand Master from among the 640 lodges within his jurisdiction. In 1817 the Master of the Moira Lodge was Bro. Lawrence Thomson, one of the most famous of Masonic Preceptors, and who for many years discharged the duties of Prestonian Lecturer. Another eminent Master was Bro. Henry Phillips, who made his mark as a Masonic scholar, and about the year 1832 was elected a member of a small but influential Committee appointed to re-organise the working of the Royal Arch Degree. Isaac Walton, W.M. in 1840, was the founder of the Masonic Benevolent Annuity Fund, which remained a separate organisation until 1850, when it was amalgamated with the Asylum for Aged Freemasons, and these two Charities constitute what is now known as the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. After this came John Bigg, one of the most eloquent speakers in Grand Lodge, and whose sturdy independence in that assembly won for him the title of "Leader of the Blues." Later still there was Bro. G. W. K. Potter, J.G.D. in 1850, whose devotion to his duties as an officer of the lodge approached the sublime. It was while returning thanks as Treasurer at an installation meeting that he was suddenly struck down by paralysis, but his determination was so great, that, on being assisted to his feet, he actually finished the speech he had been delivering. Sir Norman Pringle said that all the Past Masters he had referred to had passed away, but there was one still living who had been acquainted with them all, and who formed a link connecting the present with the past. He alluded to Bro. Atkins, the father of the lodge, upon whom he had called, in company with the Secretary, Bro. R. F. Gould, on the 16th February. They were told that he was suffering from congestion of the lungs, and, of course, was confined to his bed. Naturally, they left their cards, and went away, but had not gone far when they were overtaken by a servant, specially deputed by Bro. Atkins himself, to bring them back again. They went up to his room, where they remained some time, and the interest taken in the Moira Lodge by Bro. Atkins might be imagined from his expressing a wish that the whole of the members would pay him a visit in the summer. Nothing, continued the W.M., could have been more touching than the way in which Bro. Atkins held his old friend, Bro. Gould, by the hand, and talked with him concerning the welfare of all those still living in the lodge, of which he had been himself for so many years the oldest member.

Bro. Major-General Sir Redvers Buller, Quartermaster-General, has returned to town after visiting the barracks at Dublin and Belfast.

The annual supper of the Star Chapter of Instruction will be held on the 28th inst., at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell, when Comp. Grumant, P.Z., will preside, and Comp. Voisey, P.Z., S.E. 1329, will occupy the vice-chair.

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We think many of our readers will be glad to know that the portrait of Bro. Sir John Monckton, P.G.W. and Past Pres. Bd. of Gen. Purps., just presented to Grand Lodge, has been photographed by Barrauds, 263 Oxford-street, and that copies signed by Sir John, can be purchased at 21s. each.

Bro. Lord and Lady Claude Hamilton were expected to embark at Bombay on Thursday, on their return home after a long tour in our Indian possessions.

The appointment of Bro. M. C. Buszard, Q.C., of the Midland circuit, to be Recorder of Derby, in succession to Mr. Justice Lawrence, has received the approval of the Queen.

Bros. Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor), Lord Ashbourne (Lord Chancellor of Ireland), Sir M. E. Hicks Beach, Bart., and Lord George Hamilton attended the Cabinet Council which was held at the Foreign Office on Monday.

Bro. Lord Brassey left London on Wednesday for the Mediterranean, for the purpose of visiting Spain and Sardinia, after which he will cruise in his yacht, the Sunbeam, in the Black Sea, returning to England after Easter.

The election of an Alderman for the Ward of Bassishaw, in succession to the late Bro. Alderman Stone, will be held at the Guildhall, on Tuesday next, the 11th inst. Among those mentioned as likely candidates for the vacancy are Bros. Sheriff Harris, Ex-Sheriff Newton, and W. H. Pannell.

The Shadwell Clerke Preceptory of Knights Templar will hold an emergency meeting at 33, Golden-square, on Thursday, the 20th inst., after which a Priory of Malta will be held for the installation of approved candidates. Sir Knight Henry Lovegrove, 26, Budge-row, E.C., is the Registrar, and Sir Knight John Read the E.P.

On Saturday afternoon the remains of Bro. Thomas Turnbull, of the firm of Haddon and Turnbull, solicitors, Hawick, were interred with Masonic honours. There was a large turn-out of the brethren of both the local lodges, and on arriving at the cemetery six members of St. John's Lodge carried the coffin shoulder high to the grave, where the funeral service of the Order was read by the R.W.M. and the Chaplain. Bro. Turnbull was a prominent member of the Craft, and his sudden death has cast quite a gloom over the members.

Her Majesty, accompanied by Princess Beatrice, left Windsor Castle for London on Tuesday, travelling by special train to Paddington, whence she proceeded in a carriage, with an escort of the Household Cavalry, to Buckingham Palace. In the afternoon her Majesty paid a visit to the Tudor Exhibition in Regent-street, where she had submitted for her inspection many interesting relics of the Tudor period. The crowds which assembled outside the exhibition gave the Queen a most loyal and hearty greeting, both on coming and returning.

Among the guests at the luncheon which followed the opening, by the Prince of Wales, of the Forth Bridge were his Royal Highness and his son, Prince George, the Duke of Edinburgh, Bro. the Duke of Fife, Bro. the Earl of Haddington, and Bros. the Marquess of Tweeddale, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, and Sir M. White Ridley, Bart., M.P. The royal visitors were the guests of the Earl of Rosebery, at Dalmeny, and at midnight left for London in order to be present at the Queen's Drawing Room at Buckingham Palace, on Wednesday.

Madame Adelina Patti is now having erected at Craig-y-nos Castle, South Wales, an extensive and ornamental winter garden, 154 feet by 70 feet, with a curved dome of 45 feet, making a very handsome building, the whole of which, comprising some 8000 feet of glass for the roof alone, is now being glazed by Messrs. Sam Deards and Company, Limited, of Harlow, Essex, and 16, Dashwood House, E.C., with Sam Deards' patent "Victoria Dry Glazing." This makes the fourth order this firm has received from Madame Patti, as their glazing is the only system that successfully withstands the gales of the Welsh mountains.

A terrible accident occurred early on Wednesday morning to the Scotch express, which left Euston at 8 o'clock the previous evening. The disaster took place at the North End Citadel Station, Carlisle, where the train should have been pulled up, but the brakes failed to act and it went on till it came into contact with the Caledonian engine that was going to take it on to Scotland. The result was that the two carriages nearest to the engine were smashed, four passengers being killed and 14 injured. Bros. the Duke of Athole and Colonel Hambro, M.P., were in the train but escaped, the latter, however, being severely shaken.

The sixth annual spring show of the Hackney Horse Society and the Hunters' Improvement Society, was opened at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, on Tuesday a great advance being noticeable in the entries, both as regards quality and numbers, owing to the fact that the Royal Commission on Horse Breeding and the Royal Agricultural Society now offer the Queen's premiums and the prizes for thoroughbred stallions at this show. Bro. W. A. Burdett-Coutts, M.P., was awarded one of the premiums in District Class A, limited to the counties of Bedfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Huntingdonshire, Middlesex, Norfolk, Oxfordshire, and Suffolk, for his stallion Truefit, which was a winner last year.

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

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Lonsborough will remain at Northern Wood Park, their seat near Lyndhurst, until after Easter.

We hear that over 60 names have been affixed to a petition for a new lodge to be called the Shurmur Cyclists Lodge, and to be held at the Roebuck Hotel, Buckhurst Hill.

Lady Stanley of Preston, wife of Bro. Lord Stanley, Governor-General of Canada, will shortly arrive in England on a three weeks' visit, having been advised to take change of air.

Bro. J. D. Allcroft has kindly consented to preside on Tuesday at the annual meeting of the Westbourne-grove branch of the Young Men's Christian Association. The meeting will be held in the Paddington Baths Hall.

Bro. C. J. Banister, P.G.S.B., P.G.D.C. Grand Chapter; P.G.M.O. Grand Mark Lodge; S.G.I.G. 33° Antient and Accepted Rite; Prov. Prior Northumberland, Durham, and Berwick-on-Tweed, attained his Golden Wedding-day last week.

The Emperor of Germany gave a grand dinner in the Royal Castle at Berlin, on Saturday last, to the members of the State Council, and afterwards his Majesty and the Empress held a reception, at which the members of Committees and the expert assessors were presented.

Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon has signified to the honorary Secretary of the Congress of the British Archaeological Society that Monday, the 7th July next, will be the most suitable day for him, as President, to open the 47th Annual Congress of the Society in Oxford.

The annual ball of the Lodge St. Clair, No. 349, which took place in the Masonic Hall, Edinburgh, on the 27th ult., proved one of the most successful gatherings of the Order held this season. It was attended by about 200 ladies and gentlemen. The music was furnished by Mr. Macgowan's band.

Miss Vera Beringer will appear in the dual rôle of Tom Canty and Edward VI., in the forthcoming production of Mrs. Oscar Beringer's version of Mark Twain's story "The Prince and the Pauper," at a series of matinees, commencing on April 9th, at the Gaiety Theatre, under the auspices of Mr. George Edwards.

Bro. Edwin L. Shepherd, P.M. 945, has just been elected to an aldermanic chair in the borough of Abingdon. Bro. Shepherd has filled many important offices in Masonry, amongst others that of Prov. G.W. of Berks and Bucks, and we congratulate him on attaining the civic honour to which he has been appointed.

Some members of Parliament and of the London County Council are interesting themselves in the subject of poultry keeping in the metropolis, and a lecture on the subject is being delivered at certain centres by Bro. Henry Lovegrove, F.S.I., Vice-President of the South Metropolitan Fanciers' Club. The lecture is illustrated by drawings, prints, &c.

We regret to hear that Bro. Egbert Roberts met with a rather serious accident a few days since, having fallen and dislocated his shoulder. He is progressing favourably, however, but will have to forego several engagements, amongst others that of singing at the forthcoming consecration of the Mistley Lodge, at Manningtree, on Wednesday next.

Bro. Gabriel Lindo, Master of the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Company, has sent out invitations for a dinner at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on Monday, the 10th inst., to meet Bros. the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs of London, on the occasion of the presentation to them of the addresses of congratulation voted by the Court of the Company.

The death of a centenarian, one Joseph Sutherland, who served in Nelson's fleet as a powder monkey, is reported to have taken place at Sittingbourne, on Monday. Sutherland is stated to have been born in April, 1787, and on leaving the navy entered Sheerness Dockyard, where, after several years' service, he retired on a pension. He retained his faculties till the very last.

The Royal Society of Musicians celebrated its 152nd anniversary by a banquet at St. James's Hall, on Tuesday, under the presidency of Bro. the Lord Mayor, who, we are glad to find, had sufficiently recovered from his illness of last week to be able to act as Chairman. Bro. W. G. Cusins, Sir Morell Mackenzie, and other notabilities were among the principal guests, and the amount of subscriptions announced was £700.

The Forth Bridge, which is a mile and one-fifth in length, and the erection of which was begun in the spring of 1883, was formally opened by the Prince of Wales, who was accompanied by Prince George, the Duke of Edinburgh, and Bro. the Duke of Fife, on Tuesday. The ceremony, which was very simple, consisting in driving home the last of the eight million rivets which hold the structure together. A luncheon followed.

Lady Winifred Byng Herbert, daughter of Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, and Mr. Herbert Gardner, M.P., were married at St. Peter's, Brighton, on Tuesday. The bride was given away by her father, but the rite was solemnised in comparative privacy, and on leaving the church his lordship and the Countess of Carnarvon drove to the station en route for Italy. Later in the day Mr. Herbert and Lady Winifred Gardner left for Holwood, in Kent, to spend the honeymoon.

The Directors of Sam Deards and Co. Limited, patentees of the dry glazing system for roofs, conservatories, &c., have just issued their report and balance sheet for the past year, which shows a profit of nearly 12½ per cent., after paying all expenses and allowing for depreciation of patents, but having regard to future operations of the Company a dividend of 7½ per cent. only was declared. With a large capital the Directors are assured they could greatly increase the profits of the Company—and it is stated that the unallotted shares can now be applied for.

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.

An installation ceremony will be worked at the Star Chapter of Instruction this (Friday) evening, at 7.30 p.m. All Principals and P.Z.'s will be welcomed.

We are pleased to hear that Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton has so far recovered from his recent illness as to be able to take carriage exercise.

The R.W.M. of Lodge Athole, No. 384, in a letter published in the Glasgow Evening News, advocates the formation of a lodge of instruction in the West of Scotland, and offers to give personal assistance in the work.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. Sir Edward Baines. The deceased was in his 90th year, was proprietor of the Leeds Mercury, and had represented Leeds in Parliament from 1859 to 1874. The honour of knighthood was conferred upon him in 1880.

The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress are patrons of, and will be present at, the 20th annual grand ball in aid of the funds of the Metropolitan and City Police Orphanages, to be held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Thursday, the 17th April.

In recognition of the valuable services of Bro. George Reynolds as Secretary and Treasurer of the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction for upwards of seven years, it is proposed to present him with a testimonial at the annual supper, which takes place in April.

The services of Bro. Wood, who has just vacated the chair of W.M. of the United Northern Counties Lodge, were deservedly recognised by the presentation, at the hands of the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, of a Past Master's jewel voted by the lodge.

That very flourishing Institution, the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Fund, will hold a Court of Governors to-day (Friday) at the Masonic Hall, Liverpool. The business on the agenda includes the election of five girls on the Educational Fund and three boys on the Advancement Fund.

Bro. Sir W. Hart-Dyke, Bart., M.D., received a deputation of Members of Parliament from the National Association for the Promotion of Technical and Secondary Education, on Friday, the 28th ult., when he laid great stress on the importance of a good beginning being made in the matter of polytechnics and other similar institutions which are about to be created in London out of the City Charities.

The Prince of Wales, travelling as Honorary Admiral of the Fleet, and accompanied by his son, Prince George, visited Sheerness on Saturday last for the purpose of inspecting the war cruiser Warspite, flagship of Rear-Admiral Hotham, previous to her departure for the Pacific. Both on his arrival and departure his Royal Highness was received with a salute of 19 guns. In the evening the Prince, with the Duke and Duchess of Fife, was present at the Garrick Theatre.

Lodge Glasgow, No. 441, which has for its Master the Provincial Grand Director of Music, Bro. Thos. R. Burrett, intends giving its aid to the "Extended Scheme of Scottish Masonic Benevolence" by a concert to be held on the 10th inst., in the Bridgeton Public Halls. Sir Archibald Campbell, Bart., Grand Master, and other names of distinction are mentioned as patrons. The chair will be occupied by ex-Councillor Caldwell, and the programme is exceptionally promising.

Bro. J. W. Tindell, the S.W. of the De la Pole Lodge, No. 1605, entertained the W.M. (Bro. W. Stratford) and other officers and brethren to dinner in the Masonic Hall, Kingston-square, Hull, on the 24th ult. Among the officers and brethren present were Bros. J. Chappell, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; H. Hirst, I.P.M., Chap.; I. H. Manning, J.W.; F. Winter, S.D.; Geo. Taylor, J.D.; Aaron Peat, D.C.; C. W. Cheesman, P.P.G.O., Org.; D. D. White, I.G.; Enoch Stafford, Stwd.; A. White and John K. Gibb, Asst. Stwds.; J. Howard, A. W. Cook, Geo. Pinchbeck, J. Jennison, J. Smith, Geo. Petch, and J. Fox. The visiting brethren included Bros. J. G. Smithson, W.M. 1010; J. E. Chapman, I.G. 57; and Vessey King, Org. Minerva and Wilberforce Lodges.

The interment of Bro. David Nelson, chief officer of the steamship Mentmore, took place at Anfield, on Thursday, the 27th ult., when there was a very numerous attendance. Bro. Nelson, who was much esteemed, met with an accident on board his ship during a recent voyage, and this resulted in his death. Deceased was a member of the Kirkdale Lodge, No. 1756, which was represented by Bros. J. Molyneux, W.M.; William Bushell, J.W.; John Milne, Secretary; J. Croxton, Treasurer; E. C. Gaskill, Stwd.; John O. Ellams, John Brown, George Marsden, Thomas Hay, George Latimer, William Taylor, Edward Johnson, P.P.G.D., and C. Bargry, P.P.G.D. There were also present Bros. W. Carson, Stwd. 1325; and D. Moore, 594; Capt. H. Clarke (Dominion Line), Capt. John M. Davies (Dominion Line), Messrs. S. R. Hackey, John McQueen, and John Howill. An impressive address was given at the graveside by the Rev. A. B. Barkway, of the Union Presbyterian Church of England.

The Grand Secretary of Scotland has sent the following reply to a correspondent who asks if a lodge is justified in conferring the degrees of Masonry on an applicant who is unable to write his own name:—"It is the bounden duty of a lodge to be satisfied with the character 'and qualifications' of applicants before admission. The ability to write is a necessary qualification, because, in the first instance, the applicant must sign his petition for admission, and if admitted and advanced his diploma, issued by Grand Lodge, must bear his own signature for the greater security that the holder is the person named and designated in said diploma. Again, in visiting a lodge each brother is called on to sign the attendance book. A person who cannot write his own name is therefore inadmissible. Grand Lodge some years ago confirmed the action of a lodge in withholding a diploma in respect of the initiate being unable to write, and at the same time censured the lodge for its negligence in dispensing with the candidate's signature to the petition for admission."

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