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## THE APPROACHING FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Festival in behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution having gone the way of all Festivals, it becomes our duty to call attention to that of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, which is appointed to take place on Tuesday, the 20th May next, and at which Bro. Sir FRANCIS BURDETT, Bart., Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex, has kindly undertaken to preside. Of course, it would be mere waste of time on our part were we to devote any considerable portion of our space to enlarging on the merits of a School which is so widely known throughout the Craft in this country, and which, where it is known, is so greatly admired and at the same time so generously supported. We had a taste of its quality as an educational establishment only last week, when we had the satisfaction of announcing that all the 18 girls it sent up for the last Cambridge local examinations were successful in passing the prescribed examination, and 10 of the number in honours, while 31 out of its 37 candidates were successful at the College of Preceptors' examination. As for the admiration it calls forth generally, and the ready support it obtains from the brethren, we had indisputable evidence of this two years ago, when it celebrated its Centenary Festival in the Royal Albert Hall, under the presidency of no less illustrious a personage than his Royal Highness the GRAND MASTER, who is President of the Institution. All this is a matter of history, which is so well known that we need not dwell on it here. But what it is desirable, and indeed most necessary, that we should keep constantly before our readers and the Craft generally is, that, though our Girls' School has been successful as an educational establishment from its earliest infancy, and so generously supported, that it has undertaken to maintain, clothe, and educate 263 daughters of deceased or necessitous brethren, it is very far from being, as yet, in a position to fulfil its responsibilities without making a regular appeal annually to the Craft for the necessary ways and means. Its permanent income is but little, if at all, in excess of £2000, while its regular expenditure ranges from £11,000 to £12,000. Therefore, in order to make its accounts balance from year to year, it must obtain at least £9000 or £10,000 annually from the voluntary contributions of the brethren. The bulk of this money is subscribed at the recurring Anniversary Festivals, and for the most part the Returns on these occasions have maintained a fair average, a falling off in any one year being generally met by an overplus a year or two afterwards. But the enormous sum contributed at the Centenary Festival—upwards of £51,600—has somewhat disturbed this average, and our chief desire now is to see it restored, so that the Institution may be able to rely on the receipt of a sufficient sum, taking one year with the other, to carry on its splendid task of helping the daughters of our poor and deceased brethren with the same success as heretofore. Last year's Festival yielded only one half—or somewhat less than one half—of the average of the 10 years preceding 1888, and unless we would have the grand success of the Centenary neutralised by a repetition at this and succeeding Festivals of the diminished total of 1889, we must put our shoulders to the wheel, and see how soon we can restore the total of the Festival receipts to its old amount of from £11,000 to £13,000. We must remind the brethren that the cost of the building, enlarging, and ventilating operations, which the Governors and subscribers have arranged to pay for out of the Centenary Festival Receipts, will absorb £35,000 out of the £51,600 then contributed, so that the balance of £16,600 and the £5350 obtained from last year's Festival represent an annual receipt towards the ordinary expenditure of these two years of only about £11,000 per annum, which, with the permanent income, leaves only a modest margin, after defraying the usual expenditure. Then in April of last year, the School establishment was

enlarged by the addition of 20 to the roll of pupils, and this involves an increased permanent outlay of about £800 a year. Therefore, when the Centenary scheme is completed and paid for, our Girls' School, as far as funds go, will be in about the same position as before the great event of 1888, but with 263 children to maintain, clothe, and educate instead of 243. We earnestly hope, therefore, that Bro. Sir F. BURDETT will be supported by a numerous Board of Stewards in May next, and that the brethren constituting it will be successful in obtaining an amount which shall raise the total as nearly as possible to what it was the year before the Centenary.

We must admit that the prospect of seeing this hope realised is by no means a brilliant one. As yet only some 135 brethren have given their services as Stewards, but there are still two months and more left to Bro. HEDGES in which he can bring the requirements of the Institution for Girls prominently before the lodges and chapters in town and country, and we trust his appeals will be well and freely responded to. He is undoubtedly to be congratulated on having obtained the services of a Chairman so universally respected as Bro. Sir FRANCIS BURDETT, and more particularly from the fact of his promised Chairman being Grand Master of a province which is so loyal in its support of all our Charities, and is sure to be exceedingly well disposed towards the Girls' School; which has close on 40 lodges on its roll; and which, as the Returns at successive Festivals for many years past have clearly demonstrated, is fortunate enough to include among its members many zealous, hard-working brethren, who will leave no chance untried of making a "big" Return from the Province, and one that shall be in every way worthy of its estimable chief. We shall recur to the subject more than once between now and the day appointed for the celebration of this important anniversary. In the meantime, however, we cannot too urgently press upon the lodges and chapters in all parts of the country and in London also, that very many more brethren are needed to act as Stewards, in order that the sum raised may be commensurate with the needs of the Institution.

## THE FESTIVAL OF THE EMULATION LODGE OF IMPROVEMENT.

Very great regret was felt by those who attended the Annual Festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, on Friday, the 28th ult., at the absence from the chair of Bro. Lord Mayor ISAACS, and especially at the cause which had compelled him to forego his promised pleasure of presiding at this important anniversary. But happily a most efficient representative of his lordship was found in Bro. Sir JOHN B. MONCKTON, P.G.W., who, as our readers are well aware, is not only one of the most distinguished Masons of our time, but also a most important functionary of the Corporation of London; and under his auspices what one of the after-dinner speakers referred to as "the feast of reason and the flow of soul" passed off most successfully. The number present was larger than at any previous festival of this Lodge of Improvement; the work which had been exemplified in the lodge as a preparative for the festival, was splendidly done—done as would be possible in no other lodge of instruction, while the speeches that followed the banquet were considerably above the average in this class of oratory. Compliments were justly paid to Bro. FENN and other leading spirits of the Emulation, while nothing could well be more gratifying than the evidence which the meeting afforded that this, our chief school of instruction, to whose strict observance and strict teaching of our ritual the Craft in this country is so deeply indebted, is becoming stronger and stronger every year and exercising a correspondingly increased measure of influence on the brethren, both in town and country, to bring rude matter in the shape of new and untrained Masons into due form as efficient workers. We congratulate all who had a hand in the preliminary arrangements on the great success which crowned their efforts.

## THE CRAFT IN NORTHERN CHINA.

The brethren in Northern China, though by no means a numerous body, appear to have excellent notions as to the manner in which the duties of Freemasonry should be carried out. At the regular communication held in the Masonic Hall, Shanghai, on the 7th January, the District G. Master, Bro. J. I. MILLER, found himself in a position to congratulate the brethren both on the progress which had been lately made by the lodges under his superintendence, on the soundness of their finances, the stability of their School Fund, and the services it was rendering to the children of necessitous members. He was particular in pointing out to them "that it was not so necessary to increase the number of members as to secure worthy and trusty brethren, who would reflect credit upon the Craft." As regards the School Fund, the D.G.M. in the first place remarked, that not only was it no longer in debt, but that it had closed the year 1889 with a balance in hand of 125,75 tls.; and in the next he showed from the Report of the Council that "during the past year" it had "boarded and educated one orphan and educated two, costing an outlay of 432 tls. per annum, being the equivalent of eight and a quarter per cent. on the total amount of subscriptions and donations to date;" and that "beside the three children admitted free by Masonic right, six other children, sons and daughters of Masons, have been educated free of charge, and a number received at low rates, by the kindness of our Bro. LANNING, the Head Master, so as to place a good education within the means of all Masons—the object for which the School was established." He also referred to the Charity Fund of the District, which he described as having "assumed a stable and sound position." This is fully borne out by the Report of the Council for 1889, which states that "after payment of the necessary disbursements the year closes with a sum of 1500 tls. at the credit of the Capital Account and 443,09 tls. at the credit of the Current Account, whilst the regular income of the Fund may be estimated at about 300 tls. per annum, exclusive of the amount which it is hoped will be realised from the Masonic Charity Ball." In estimating the value of the work described as having been accomplished during the past year, our readers must take into consideration the fact that there are only five lodges under the District Grand Lodge of Northern China, with an aggregate of less than 200 subscribing members. Under these circumstances, it is hardly possible to speak in terms too complimentary of the zeal and energy which the brethren have displayed to such excellent purpose. We congratulate the District Grand Master on presiding over so compact, but, at the same time, so loyal and devoted a body of Masons.

## THE DUTCHMAN AS A FREEMASON.

The dinner by the Holland Society, in New York, Friday, January 10, 1890, is said to have been the largest society dinner ever given in that city. The toasts proposed related closely to the Hollanders, and gave good subjects for oratory to Rev. Dr. Henry Van Dyke, Hon. Theodore Roosevelt, George G. De Witt, jun., Gen. Wm. B. Stryker, Hon. Chauncy M. Depew, and Hon. John W. Vrooman, Grand Master of Masons in New York, who responded to the toast, "The Dutchman as a Freemason."

The opening remarks of the Grand Master were of a playful character, in happy accord with the occasion, but these we omit, and commence with the historical part of his valuable address, as printed in the *Dispatch*.

MR. PRESIDENT: I beg the indulgence of this distinguished audience, for the remaining time assigned me, in hastily shaping a few imperfect links in the historic chain of "The Dutchman as a Freemason." If I were favoured with the word-painting of a Van Dyke, and gifted with the eloquence of a Depew, I would trespass upon your patience to connect these links into a chain replete with Masonic history of general interest.

The beginning of the sixteenth century witnessed the Grand Master of those Christian and Masonic Crusaders, the Knights of Malta, pleading with the Monarchs of Europe for a house where they might obtain occasional rest from those labours and sacrifices which will ever challenge the sympathy and admiration of a civilized world. Failing before all other courts, it remained for an imperial son of Holland to give them a beautiful retreat, where, for many years, "they waved the banner of St. John, an

honour to Christianity and a terror to the infidel of the East." (Applause.)

In 1731 Freemasonry firmly established itself in Holland. The nobility extended their cordial support, and became active members. Success, however, quickly provoked opposition, and in 1735 the Grand Master—a nobleman of the House of the Prince of Orange—was ordered before the judicial courts and compelled to state, publicly, that he would never again attend a Masonic meeting. A further order of the court prohibited the assemblage of Masons. Nevertheless, a lodge meeting was held in Rotterdam, speedily followed by a court summons and trial.

The Freemasons refused to recant. Faith in the justice of their cause emboldened them to become the aggressors, and they made answer by offering to initiate one of the judges. The offer was accepted, and the judge made a Mason. His report to the full bench was so favourable that each member of that court was initiated, and became a zealous Craftsman. Judges, dukes, and princes then uniting with the Fraternity settled for ever the Dutch question—Masonically.

In May, 1787, a number of respectable citizens petitioned the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in the State of New York to form a lodge under the name of "Holland Lodge." They also begged the indulgence of "performing their labours in the Low Dutch language, by which means many worthy persons would join, and thereby increase the respectability of the Grand Lodge." I may add, in passing, that Hollanders always considered themselves eminently respectable. (Laughter.)

The Grand Lodge in that early day was "quite English, you know," as action upon this petition for the "Dutch to capture Holland" was postponed until the next regular meeting. Meanwhile, a "combine" of Dutch pipes and English 'alf-and-'alf was evidently formed, which resulted, in the month of September following, in the presentation of a second petition by the always "respectable" Dutchman, who then promised to keep their proceedings "both in the English and Low Dutch language." (Laughter.) I believe this was the first recorded instance where Americans pooled their issues, and then, as now, it proved a success.

The prayer of the second petition was granted, and the mother lodge of the Hollanders in this country was constituted by the Grand Master, Chancellor Robert R. Livingston.

Masons were especially charged in ancient times to be loyal to the government in which they lived. (Applause.) The love of liberty in the Dutchman gave birth to the loyalty in the Dutch Mason, which was fully attested in the earliest days of this republic by the official seal of the first Holland lodge. It bravely proclaimed to the world the fealty of the Dutch Freemason to his government. Examine the impression made by that seal for proof, and you will discover the American eagle and the Dutch lion in happy combination. And thus sweet memories of the mother country and pledges of affection for the adopted home lovingly clustered around each other. (Applause.)

In 1793 the Grand Lodge again assembled in this city, and the Dutch Masons' uniting with their brethren, further demonstrated their loyalty to the government by unanimously voting to invest all the money of the Grand Lodge—\$700—"in the funds of the United States." A Committee of three—one a Holland Dutchman—was appointed to carry the resolution into effect.

On the 22nd day of August, 1814, the Grand Lodge convened in the city of New York, by order of that statesman, De Witt Clinton, Grand Master of Masons. Again the loyalty of the Dutch Freemason was tested. Following the matchless leadership of Clinton, all the members of the Dutch and English speaking lodges "volunteered to perform one day's labour on the fortifications," then in process of construction to protect this and your sister city. (Applause.)

Their work must have been faithfully performed, as it resulted in one of the forts being named "Fort Masonic." Two weeks later they again met, pursuant to resolution, to work another day to complete the fort, and the official records state they "diligently laboured" as operative Masons and loyal men. (Applause.)

Mr. President, my love for the "Dutchman as a Freemason" constrains me to continue this hasty sketch of his devotion to duty and deeds of Charity, but I observe that my time has expired.

Permit me, in closing, to say that the names of eminent Dutch Masons in this country might be quoted by thousands. If I were permitted to reveal a Masonic state secret, I would be glad to inform you that the great majority of members of our beloved Holland Society are Dutch Freemasons.

To-day the great fraternity numbers in this State nearly 80,000, and in the nation nearly 600,000. Rallying around the standard of brotherly love, equality and Charity, under its inscription of "Duty to God, your neighbour and yourself," the power for good in such a Society can scarcely be estimated.

May the Dutch Freemason, and all other Freemasons, remember that *deeds*, and not *words*, give force and character to bear aloft such a standard with honour and success. (Applause.)

Mr. President, in one of our German lodges you will find this sentiment chiselled in the Perfect Ashlar, and I am sure you will pardon me, in conclusion, if I commend it to the Holland Society and its distinguished guests:

"Wir sind alle bruder, wir sind alle gleich. (We are all brothers, we are all equals.)"—*Liberal Freemason*.

### CONSECRATION OF THE CLEMENCY LODGE, No. 2341, AT OLDHAM.

The consecration of the above lodge took place on Thursday, the 6th instant, at the Union Club, Union-street, Oldham. Some few months ago the first steps were taken to form a new lodge by the brethren of the three lodges then existing in that prosperous town, namely, the Friendship, Unity, and Tudor, the most prominent in the matter being Bro. Clement V. Haworth, I.P.M. 1868, and from whose name the Clemency is derived, he being the first W.M.

The brethren assembled at 3 o'clock, and soon after that time the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, was announced, and, followed by a numerous retinue of Grand and Provincial Grand Officers, took the chair, and appointed as his officers for the occasion Bros. J. O. S. Thursby, P.S.G.W.; N. A. Earle, P.J.G.W.; Rev. E. T. Wigg, P.G. Chap.; T. Woodcock, P.G.D. of C.; C. E. Collingwood, P.D.G.D. of C.; John Chadwick, P.G.S.B., P.G. Sec.; W. O. Pettitt, P.G. Org.; and J. Bridgford, P.G.P. He was also supported by Bros. Geo. Mellor, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and J. H. Sillitoe, P.G. Std. Br. England.

The lodge having been opened in the Three Degrees,

The Consecrating Officer, Bro. Col. STARKIE, P.G. Master, addressed the brethren, and said it was now 101 years since the first lodge was consecrated in that worthy town, and it was a pleasant matter to all of them who were connected with the growth of Oldham to know that, like other matters in the town, had increased until there was plenty of room for a fourth lodge to be added to the three already existing there.

The usual formalities having been observed, the PROV. GRAND CHAPLAIN gave a short oration on the nature and principles of the institution.

The Presiding Officer proceeded to dedicate and constitute the lodge, and the ceremony was brought to a close with the final Benediction.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER requested Bro. H. L. Hollingworth, P.P.G. Treas., to take the position of Installing Master. Bro. Clement V. Haworth, P.M., W.M. designate, was presented.

After the usual formula, a Board of Installed Masters having been constituted, Bro. Haworth was duly installed in the chair of K.S., and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. Herbert Andrews, S.W.; J. T. Turner, J.W.; T. J. Carson, S.D.; Frank Lawton, J.D.; James Hilton, Treas.; W. Seel, Sec.; J. H. Anson, I.G.; and B. Seel and E. Buckley, Stewards.

The ceremony of installation being complete, the lodge was closed, and the brethren, with their distinguished guests, celebrated the occasion with a festival.

The whole of the musical arrangements were splendidly arranged and carried out under the conductorship of Bro. W. O. Pettitt, P.G.O.

The whole of the jewels and ornaments of the lodge were manufactured specially for the occasion by Bro. George Kenning, of 47, Bridge-street, Manchester, and London.

The following brethren were present:

Bros. Col. le Gendre N. Starkie, P.G.M.; George Mellor, D.P.G.M.; J. H. Sillitoe, P.G. Std. Br.; John Chadwick, P.G.S.B., Prov. G. Sec.; J. O. S. Thursby, P.S.G.W.; N. A. Earle, P.J.G.W.; E. T. Wigg, Prov. G. Chaplain; Thomas Woodcock, P.G.D.C.; Charles Collingwood, P.D.G.D.C.; L. Hollingworth, P. Prov. G.T.; Hamlet Lees, Prov. S.G.D.; W. T. Schofield, Prov. J.G.D.; A. H. Jefferis, P.P.G.D.C.; C. D. Cheetham, jun., P.P.G.D.; J. W. Abbott, P.P.G.D.C.; Walter H. Vaughan, P.P.G.R.; John Greaves, P.P.G.S. of W.; Joseph Bridgford, P.G.P.; Jos. Butterworth, P.J.G.D.; W. O. Pettitt, P.G.O.; H. Taylor, P.G.S.B.; Chas. Wood, P.P.G.P.; John W. Thompson, P.P.G. Std. Br.; James Newton, P.A.G. Sec.; J. W. Kenyon, P.P.G.S. of W.; E. Hardman, P.G.D.; Wm. Cartwright, P.A.G.P.; E. W. Irving, P.P.G.S.; Ashworth Law, P.G.S.; James Cookson, P.G.S.; Thos. Higson, P.G.T.; C. V. Haworth, I.P.M.; Joseph Broadbent, W.M.; W. Edwards, P.M.; W. T. Mitton, P.M.; John S. Glover, P.M.; H. Palleran, P.M.; Jas. Hilton, S.W.; Geo. Lees, Org.; J. W. Chadderton, S. Worthington, J. T. Turner, T. H. Anson, A. Broadbent, N. N. Haigh, B. Seel, R. T. Wood, W. Seel, R. Buckley, and A. Whitehead, of 1868; J. Lord, T. J. Carson, L. Firth, J. Hudson, T. H. Duckworth, P.M., J. Wild, and F. Lawton, of 277; C. Barker, P.M.; A. B. Chadwick, S.W.; T. Collins, J. Harrop, H. Murphy, S.D.; S. Davidson, H. Taylor, J. Riley, W. Potts, P.M.; G. Bullerant, and T. Stevenson, I.P.M., of 467; A. H. Williams, P.M., Treas.; F. W. Lean, P.M., and C. Block, of 2156; G. S. Smith, P.M. 1170; E. Goodwin, 562; W. J. Kinder, P.M. 1011; W. H. Kershaw, P.M. 266; E. Buckley; F. W. Sutcliffe and J. Carter, J.D., of 2279; J. Ashworth, W.M. 286; F. Henry, 336; and J. Broadbent, P.M. 337.

### CONSECRATION OF THE JERSEY LODGE, No. 2334, AT BICESTER.

This interesting ceremony took place at Bicester, on Monday, the 10th inst., under circumstances rarely equalled for success, and auguring a bright future in the annals of Masonry in the Province of Oxfordshire. Masonry was not unknown to Bicester, as from "E. L. Hawkins's History of Masonry" (W. R. Bowden) we learn that a lodge existed, No. 185; date of warrant, 5th March, 1774; and appearing in the lists of 1807 and 1813, and in the Union list as 224, but erased before re-numbering in 1832; but no records of the lodge are known to exist. The D.P.G.M. earnestly hoped that some brethren of the lodge would unearth these treasures to local Masonry.

The consecration of the lodge was held at St. Eadburg's Hall soon after the arrival of the 4.15 train from Oxford, the place of meeting being everything that could be wished for, and as furnished with the necessary furniture and the brilliancy of the Masonic clothing of Grand, Provincial Grand, and Craft Officers, the scene was most impressive.

A programme of the form of consecration and of the music to be observed had been arranged and drawn up by Bro. W. R. Bowden, P.P.G. Org., under the direction of the Dep. Prov. G. Master, Bro. Reginald Bird.

The Prov. Grand Organist, Bro. W. H. Tarrant, of the Windrush Lodge, presided at the organ during the consecration, and Bro. W. R. Bowden at the installation following.

The Deputy Prov. G. Master assumed his position in the east, and appointed his consecrating officers as follows: Bros. Rev. H. Sayers, as S.W.; A. C. Clark, as J.W.; M. R. Weyland, as Dir. of Cers.; and Rev. R. W. M. Pope, as Chaplain.

After the lodge was fully opened, the Earl of Jersey, Prov. Grand Master of Oxfordshire, was announced, and, on being admitted, was heartily welcomed and saluted.

The consecration ceremony was then carried through in a remarkably correct and solemn manner, one especially remarkable feature being the oration given by the Chaplain, Bro. Rev. R. W. M. Pope, P.G.C. of England, descriptive as it was in beautiful oratory of the power and general influence of the principles of the Order.

The founders of the lodge were Bros. Viscount Valentia, Fred Smith, W. Shillingford, James Roots, James Grant, Thomas Sare, and J. Cannon, and these brethren were afterwards appointed as the first officers of the lodge.

The following brethren were present:

Bros. the Earl of Jersey, P.G.W. England; Viscount Valentia, P.G.W. England, D.P.G.M.; Reginald Bird, P.G.D. England; Rev. H. A. Pickard, P.G.C. England; F. P. Morrell, P.G.D. England; A. C. Clark, W.M. Apollo Lodge; A. R. Badcock, Alfred Lodge; E. M. Bevers, W.M. Churchill Lodge; W. R. Bowden, W.M. Bertie Lodge; W. J. Johnson, W.M. Churchill Lodge; Rev. H. C. Habgood, W.M. Windrush Lodge; Rowbottom, P.M. 1028; R. E. Baynes, P.M. 357 and 478; E. Butler, P.M. 1399; E. F. Greenwood, P.M. 1515; J. Bartlett, P.M. 1703; F. Ryman Hall, P.M. 340; A. Rowley, P.M. 340 and 1399; J. Coles, 1703; W. E. Wood, P.M. 599; C. A. Doggett, P.M. 624 and 1704; Harry Robbins, P.M. 1399; J. M. Davies, 478; E. H. Cartwright, 357; W. S. Carver, 340; Cuthbert Shields, 473; Walter Harris, 1515; R. H. Marychurch, 1515; T. R. Knowles, 1515; J. Hastings, 1515; W. H. Farrant, 1703; C. T. Brown, 340; H. W. Turner, 1515; W. Dunning, 375; A. E. Hunt, 1515; J. Swingburn, 1703; W. Brooks, 1703; Alfred Buck, 1703; F. A. Hieatt, 1703; Capt. J. P. Airey, 340 and 1515; Philip Colville Smith, 357; H. P. Symonds, 478; W. T. Rowe, 591; F. F. Selmann, 591; J. H. H. Fowler, P.M. 591; Lewis Barker, 591; and L. N. Simms, 591, the five last brethren being visitors from other provinces.

The new Master, after his installation, appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Fred. Smith, S.W.; W. Shillingford, J.W.; James Roots, Sec.; James Grant, S.D.; Thomas Sare, J.D.; J. Cannon, I.G.; and John T. Stewart, Tyler.

"Heartly good wishes" were given for the success of the lodge and the noble Viscount in the chair by the several visitors, Worshipful Masters, and from Grand and Provincial Grand Lodges, and ("but that I am forbid to tell the secrets of my prison house," &c.) a long list of worthy names was given in of coming Masons as future members of the Jersey Lodge.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Corn Exchange, where Bro. Cannon, as host, provided a banquet in every way worthy of the occasion, indeed, his efforts for the comfort of his guests could not have been surpassed.

Bro. Viscount Valentia presided, having the Earl of Jersey on his right, and the other Grand Officers and distinguished visitors to right and left.

The customary loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received, and a very happy evening, enlivened by some songs from the brethren, terminated the day's proceedings.

Bro. T. Sare, who had acted throughout as Secretary *pro tem.*, must be heartily congratulated on the result of his painstaking endeavours in so capably arranging all the details.

### CONSECRATION OF THE WILBERFORCE CHAPTER, No. 2134, HULL.

The consecration of this chapter, which took place at the Masonic Hall, St. Luke-street, Hull, on Friday, the 28th ult., created an unusual amount of interest, and brought together a very influential assembly of Royal Arch Masons. The novel feature of the Wilberforce Chapter is that it will be conducted on temperance principles; that is to say no intoxicating liquors will be allowed to be consumed at refreshments by members of the chapter. However, it does not follow that the members are all total abstainers; nevertheless, the profane will not be able to say there is any temptation at this Masonic Hall for "nipping," of which our worthy companion, Comp. T. B. Whytehead, speaks of in his letter "Hotels v. Halls," which appeared in the *Freemason* of the 1st inst.

In the absence of Comp. the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, Grand Superintendent of the Province of North and East Yorkshire, Comp. Lieut.-Col. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, P.G. Scribe E. England, P.P.G.H., was the Consecrating Officer, and was assisted by Comps. W. Tesseyman, P.Z. 57, P.G.H., as H.; M. C. Peck, P.Z. 250, P.A.G.D.C. Eng., as J.; T. Thompson, P.Z. 57, P.P.G.J., as S.E.; F. Fullerton, P.Z. 1010, P.P.G. Std. Br., as S.N.; John Clark, M.E.Z. 57, P.G.P.S., as P.S.; W. Gillett, P.Z. 1605, as 1st Asst. Soj.; M. Haberland, P.Z. 57, P.P.G.N., as 2nd Asst. Soj.; Walter Reynolds, P.Z. 250, P.G. Treas., as D.C.; D. J. O'Donoghue, P.Z. 57, P.P.A.G.S., as A.D.C.; J. R. Stringer, 57, P.G.O., as Org.; T. Hewson, P.Z. 57, P.P.A.G.S., as S.B.; and F. J. Lambert, 1010, P.G. Janitor.

The following Principals and Past Principals were also present: Comps. S. Rutter, H. 57; R. R. Hawley, H. 250; H. F. Pudsey, H. 1010; J. Chappell, M.E.Z. 1605; W. Stratford, J. 1605; J. R. Ausdell, P.Z. 1605, P.P.G.S.B.; and G. Spink, H. 1511.

The acting M.E.Z. and other Principals and Past Principals entered the chapter bearing corn, wine, oil, salt, &c., and the chapter was opened. The following companions then entered and saluted the Principals: Comps. T. Taylor, J. Thyer, J. Mackaill, C. Borrill, J. Hargraves, J. Priest, L. Keller, W. W. Fletcher, and W. Cuthbert, of 57; J. T. Fowler, G. Dimpleby, L. E. Stephenson, G. Leigh, G. Quibell, J. Dawson, O. Tholander, W. Fillingham, J. Meanwell, C. T. Capes, T. T. Davis, V. King, T. B. Redfearn, and W. Clayton, of 250; T. Foley, 294; T. A. Haigh, 1511; J. W. Tindell, A. Peat, A. W. Cook, G. Taylor, T. K. Brown, F. Winter, G. Petch, J. Jennison, and G. W. Greenwood, of 1605.

The CONSECRATING OFFICER stated the object of the meeting, and the PROV. G.S.E. asked him to consecrate the chapter.

The petition and charter of constitution having been read, and the officers approved of,

Comp. M. C. PECK delivered the following oration:

Excellent companions: On this auspicious occasion, it seems fitting that a few observations should be offered concerning the supreme Order of which this day a new chapter is consecrated to the service of the Most High. The exact origin of the Royal Arch is unknown, for although our most learned students have endeavoured to fix approximate data, yet references are frequently being discovered (amidst the active investigations now in progress) which carry the date further back. At one time, it was supposed that the Degree was invented by the Ancient or Athol Masons, when Grand Lodge was founded, about 1750, but the Royal Arch is referred to in a very rare work by Dr. D'Assigny, published in 1744, and that in connection with the City of York. The early affection which York Masons have preserved for this Degree has been continued to the present time, and the establishment of this new chapter introduces the 16th in connection with the roll of 30 Craft lodges, a proportion, I believe, exceeding that of any other province in England. The Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch has ever been considered



the climax of English Freemasonry; all the old writers are loud in its praise. Lawrence Dermott calls it "the root, heart, and marrow of Freemasonry." Webb says—"This Degree is indescribably more august, sublime, and important than all which precedes it, and is the summit and perfection of ancient Masonry. It impresses on our minds a belief in the existence of the Supreme Deity, without the beginning of days or end of years, and reminds us of the reverence due to His holy name." Dr. Oliver says, "If we pass on to the Royal Arch we receive a wonderful accession of knowledge, and find everything made perfect, for this is the *ne plus ultra* of Masonry, and can never be excelled by any human institution. The Order of the Royal Arch being placed practically under the same government as the Craft, was probably intended as a substitute for those additions to the early simplicity of the Three Degrees which our continental brethren of the 18th century invented to satisfy the demand for further information upon Masonic history. Dr. Oliver gives an interesting account of a foreign rite, from which he supposes our English Royal Arch to have been derived, and enumerates other Orders whose legends are similar. The Royal Arch is defined as the completion of the Third Degree, and it very rationally supplies a fitting climax to that sublime allegory. The imposing appearance of a chapter and the dignity of its ritual, which is principally drawn from Holy Writ, inspires the candidate with a reverence not readily forgotten. Every part of this Order is illustrated by Scripture readings, and each Principal is inducted into his office with suitable and impressive ceremonial, so that the Royal Arch may be said to comprise within itself three additional steps or degrees. May the foundation of this chapter create a fresh bond between the companions and the brethren of the parent lodge which bears the honoured name of one of Hull's worthiest sons. May Freemasonry in this town increase as the corn, flourish as the vine, and be pure and holy as the anointing oil. May peace, order, and concord ever dwell within these sacred walls, and when we have passed away from this earthly scene may our successors practice these holy rites and continue the great work of Freemasonry, and may the divine blessing rest upon our labours and inspire our hearts with reverence to that Almighty Power, the ancient of days without beginning or ending, the Great I am, who was what He is, is what He was, and shall be both—what he was and what He is from everlasting to everlasting.

The companions having sung the anthem "Behold how good and joyful a thing it is," the J. read the first portion of the dedication prayer. This was followed by the "Sanctus and Gloria." The J. then read that portion of scripture usual on these occasions. The D. of C. having finished those duties appertaining to his office at this part of the ceremony, the acting M.E.Z. scattered corn and consecrated the chapter to Freemasonry. The H. poured wine and the J. sprinkled oil and consecrated it to virtue and universal benevolence. The M.E.Z. scattered salt, and the J. went the round of the chapter with the censer, repeating Exodus XXX, v. 7-8, afterwards reading the second portion of the dedication prayer. This was followed by the choir singing the anthem "I was glad when they said unto me." The Benediction having been given, Comp. J. R. Stringer sung the solo part of the Masonic anthem "Hail! Masonry divine!" in a manner very rarely heard, the companions heartily singing the chorus with precision and effect.

The regular meeting of the chapter was then held, and Comp. Walter Reynolds, the Prov. Grand Treasurer, in his usual solemn and reverential manner, installed Comps. T. T. Davis, M.E.Z.; J. Mackaill, H.; and W. Gillett, J. The other officers are Comps. T. B. Redfearn, S.E.; G. W. Greenwood, S.N.; J. Dawson, P.S.; J. Winn, Swd. Br.; and Vessey King, Janitor.

A word of praise is due to Comp. Walter Reynolds for the admirable manner in which he performed the duties of D. of C. and Installing Officer at this very interesting ceremony. He is always ready and willing to assist in any office he may be called upon to fulfil at any ceremonial, not only in this province, but in the neighbouring Province of Lincolnshire, and the manner in which he discharges his duties is at all times effective and impressive.

## CONSECRATION OF THE ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST MARK LODGE, No. 404, AT PENZANCE.

Tuesday, 25th February, 1890, will long be remembered as a red-letter day in the annals of local Freemasonry, inasmuch as it was the date of the consecration of the St. John the Baptist Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 404 on the roll of Grand Lodge. There are a good many Masons in Penzance who have taken this beautiful Degree, and, their number gradually increasing, it had been felt that a lodge might be formed and worked in that town with a successful future before it, the nearest hitherto having been the Cornubian Lodge, No. 87, at Hayle. Bro. P. T. Chirgwin took a lead in the matter, and throughout has been most enthusiastic and hardworking, and the result was that in course of time a petition was forwarded to the proper authorities, which was favourably considered, and the warrant was issued, bearing on it the names of the following founders: Bros. John James Ross, 18°, 361, W.M. designate; W. Dale, 87, S.W. designate; F. Rodda, 87, J.W. designate; W. K. Baker, P.M. 87, P.P.G.M.O.; Charles Trevithick, 18°, P.M. 78; W. J. Johns, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., P.G. Sec.; Richard White, 87; J. H. Rowe, M.O. 87; P. T. Chirgwin, 18°, J.D. 87, P.A.G.D.C.; B. Shakerley, 87; R. Pearce Couch, 87; J. M. Cornish, 87; and signed by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Mark Master of England. Arrangements were next made for the consecration, and the above date was fixed as suiting the convenience of the Provincial Grand Master. In the meantime several brethren had expressed their wish to take the Degree and join the new lodge.

On the morning of the 25th ult., therefore, in the Masonic Hall, Penzance, a lodge of Mark Master Masons was opened by Bro. W. K. Baker, P.M. 87, P.P.G.M.O., W.M., who, with the assistance of the following officers: Bros. J. J. Ross, S.W.; W. A. Bennetts, J.W.; P. T. Chirgwin, J.D. 87, M.O.; R. Pearce Couch, S.O.; J. M. Cornish, J.O.; T. Williams, P.M. 87, S.D.; J. H. Rowe, M.O. 87, J.D.; B. Shakerley, I.G.; E. Milford Cock, P.M. 73, P.P.S.G.W., Chaplain; A. Cuffe-Adams, P.S.G.D. Somerset, R. of M.; and J. V. Bray, T. 87, T., conferred the Degree on the following: Bros. G. R. Mockridge, M. Sampson, W. A. Gerry, W. Colenso, T. H. Cornish, R. Walters, R. Colenso, I. Oppenheim, J. E. Rogers, and E. Geard.

The lodge was then closed, and the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall was opened by Bro. Sir Charles B. Graves-Sawle, Bart., 30°, P.G.M., in the presence of a large number of Mark Masons representing a large number of the lodges in the province, assisted by Bros. Thomas Chirgwin, 18°, D.P.G.M.; Lieut.-Col. W. E. Michell, 31°, S.G.O. England; W. K. Baker, P.P.G.M.O.; F. Crouch, P.G.D. England; W. J. Johns, P.P.J.G.W., P.G. Sec.; and E. Milford Cock, P.P.S.G.W.

Bro. Sir Charles Graves-Sawle then consecrated the new lodge, the very beautiful and impressive ceremonies being most ably directed by Bro. Crouch.

The lodge was then opened for the first time by Bro. Baker, who proceeded to install as first W.M. Bro. J. J. Ross, who afterwards invested the following officers to assist him in the working of the lodge during his year of office: Bros. W. K. Baker, I.P.M.; W. Dale, S.W.; F. Rodda, J.W.; G. R. Mockridge, M.O.; W. Colenso, S.O.; B. Shakerley, J.O.; M. Sampson, S.D.; R. Pearce Couch, J.D.; J. H. Rowe, I.G.; R. Walters, Chap.; W. A. Gerry, Treas.; A. Cuffe-Adams, R. of M.; R. White, jun., Org.; P. T. Chirgwin, Sec.; J. M. Cornish, D.C.; T. H. Cornish, Swd.; and J. E. Rogers, Tyler.

Bro. COUCH then presented the newly-constituted lodge, on behalf of the members of his family, with a handsome silk banner, the work of the donors, which he asked the W.M. to accept in memory of his grandfather, the late Bro. Richard Pearce, P.A.G.S., P.D.P.G.M. Cornwall, &c., who in his lifetime had taken such a very warm interest in all Masonic work, and who was a founder of the Holy Mount Chapter in 1883, the last occasion on which a lodge for the working of a Degree was consecrated in Penzance.

Letters of apology were read from

Bros. T. G. Henwood, 351, P.S.G.W.; E. Venning, P.M. 379, P.S.G.O.; W. J. Tre-dinnick, P.M. 275, P.J.G.O.; Gilbert B. Pearce, P.M. 87; Frank Harvey, P.M. 87; H. Searle, 101, P.G.D.C.; Rev. I. Murley, 206, P.G. Chap.; S. Trehane, W.M. 379, P.G.S.B.; C. Trevithick, P.M. 78; I. Hill, J. de Cressy Treffry, 78, P.G. Reg.; and H. Shapcott, 351, P.G. Org.

Among those present were

Bros. Sir C. B. Graves-Sawle, Bart., 30°, P.G.M.; Thomas Chirgwin, 18°, D.P.G.M.; Lieut.-Col. W. E. Michell, 31°, S.G.O. England; F. Crouch, P.G.D. England; W. K. Baker, P.P.G.M.O.; J. J. Johns, P.P.J.G.W., P.G. Sec.; E. Milford Cock, P.M. 73, P.P.S.G.W.; Hugh P. Vivian, P.M. 73, P.G.S.B.; J. Rosewarne, P.M. 175, P.G.M.O.; W. G. Hancock, 379, P.G.S.; C. Truscott, 30°, P.M. 275, P.P.S.G.W.; W. A. Bennetts, 101, P.P.G.I. of W.; W. Ellis, P.M. 175, P.P.S.G.W.; J. H. Willey, 175, P.P.G.R. of M.; J. Richard, P.M. 175, P.G.M.O.; A. Cuffe-Adams, 177, P.P.S.G.D. Somerset; R. Williams, P.M. 87; S. Rogers, S.O. 101; George Williams, P.M. 87; J. Eva, I.W. 175; W. Blackwell, S.O. 175; William Trevenen, W.M. 175; W. E. Grose, S.W. 101; J. W. C. Dudley, M.O. 175; J. V. Bray, T. 87; J. Langdon, 78, P.G.T.; J. J. Ross, 18°, 361; W. Dale, 87; F. Rodda, 87; B. Shakerley, 87; J. H. Rowe, M.O. 87; P. T. Chirgwin, 18°, J.D. 87, P.A.G.D.C.; R. Pearce Couch, 87; J. M. Cornish, 87; R. White, jun., 87; M. Sampson, E. Geard, W. Colenso, G. R. Mockridge, T. H. Cornish, R. Colenso, R. Walters, J. E. Rogers, W. A. Gerry, I. Oppenheim, and others.

The brethren adjourned to the Western Hotel, where Bro. W. Mitchell had prepared in his well-known style a *recherché* banquet, the room being adorned with large cards, on which were very tastefully displayed in "Mark" colours various Masonic sentiments, these being the gift of Bro. Crouch, and conspicuous among them being "Success to St. John the Baptist Lodge, No. 404."

Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and a most enjoyable time was spent, one feature of this portion of the day's proceedings being the songs of Bro. M. Sampson, the words of which were written for the occasion, and were most apropos.

A Committee of Bros. Ross, Cuffe Adams, Chirgwin, Couch, and J. M. Cornish saw to all the necessary arrangements, and received the Provincial brethren, Bro. Cuffe Adams kindly placing his carriage at their disposal.

It should be mentioned that the silver censer used at the consecration was most kindly lent by the St. George's Chapter.

The presence of so many brethren of distinction, including the Grand Master of the province and his Deputy, supported as they were by two officers of the Grand Lodge of England and a large number of Provincial Grand Officers, was very gratifying to those who had worked in the formation of the new lodge, and was taken by them as a high compliment.

The new furniture was the gift of some of the founders, and was much admired by the visitors.

The whole of the day's proceedings went off in a way that augurs well for the prosperity of the lodge, which must have a very successful future before it if all the good wishes expressed are to be fulfilled.

Bro. Major Ross, W.M., read an interesting letter from Bro. Hughan, P.G.W., giving some particulars of the spread of Mark Masonry in Cornwall.

## FREEMASONS NOT SELFISH.

In the course of an eloquent address to the Knights of Cœur de Lion Commandery, No. 17, stationed at Scranton, Pa., on February 18th inst., in the Music Hall of that city, the Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, the Rev. Sir William Henry Platt, said:

"In the presence of this assemblage—this gathering of valiant Knights and fair ladies—aye, as fair as Knight ever addressed, I cannot be silent until I have tried to dispel an illusion which some fair ones cling to.

"I have heard ladies say, 'Masons are selfish men.' And I suppose they say so because we cannot tell them all we know. I do not see that that proves us selfish. Does it not prove this: There are some people who can keep a secret. Is not that the fact? We do not less appreciate woman because we cannot confide to her the mysteries of our venerable Society. And if woman only knew how by our ceremonies we try to protect her innocence, her home, and her children, she would say that we are magnanimous fellows. I sometimes wish we could have woman's good judgment, untiring energy, generous impulse, and warm affection grafted upon the lives of those who are known as Knights of the Temple. Ladies, there is a work for you. Impart to these fraternal some of your gentleness of disposition and integrity of deportment, and then, sure I am, we all will heartily pray, 'God bless the ladies.'—*Keystone*.

MASONIC HALL.—One of the most important adjuncts of and requisites for Freemasonry. All the evils of, and nearly all the attacks on, the Masonic system have sprung from the meeting in taverns. No doubt, in former days, such a state of things arose from the necessity of the case, where lodges were sparse and brethren were few. But "nous avons changé tout cela," and let us hope permanently for the better. The first Masonic Hall was erected in Philadelphia in 1754, which is clearly established in the Memorial volume, edited by Bro. C. E. Meyer and others. The second seems to have been the one at Marseilles, in the year 1765, if Smith's description can be relied upon. Freemasons' Hall was first opened and dedicated May 23, 1776. But the Hall did not suffice for the wants of the brethren, and in 1864 the foundation stone of the new buildings was laid in the presence of our old and lamented Grand Master, Lord Zetland. That building, now completed, reflects the greatest credit on all concerned, and is fitly the head-quarters of English Freemasonry. During the last quarter of a century, the building of Masonic Halls has set in with commendable zeal and great energy, Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester, Bradford, Sheffield, York, Plymouth, Devonport, Bristol, Birmingham, and innumerable localities boast of buildings, which say much for the skill of their designers, and are an honour to the Craft. Nothing, we are certain, will so tend to elevate the condition of Freemasonry, and to raise it also in public opinion, as the fact that the fraternity is accustomed to meet in private halls for all the work and all the gatherings of Freemasonry. Of course, no rule is without its exception, and it is impossible to lay down even on this most important subject a law of the Medes and Persians which altereth not. But we feel sure of this—that the more Freemasonry is segregated from houses of public entertainment in Masonic Halls, the better will it be for Freemasonry in every respect. We need not go into Dr. Oliver's well-known description of what a Masonic Hall is, as that will more properly come under Lodge Room; but there can be little doubt that a good deal of the present prosperity of English Freemasonry is owing to that movement in favour of Masonic Halls and æsthetic tastes, and a more ornate ceremonial, which, impossible in an hotel or public house, however respectable *per se*, are the necessary concomitants of a Masonic Hall, solely devoted to Freemasonry, and simply destined to Masonic ceremonies.—*Kenning's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry*.

## MASONIC CONCERT IN OMAGH.

This successful concert was held on Wednesday, the 26th ult., and the high anticipations of success which were entertained regarding it fell even short of the reality, for no more brilliant event has taken place there for many years past. The object which the brethren of the Lodge of St. John, No. 334, Omagh, had in view in organising the concert—the assistance of the funds of those noble institutions, the Masonic Orphan Schools—was in itself sufficient to ensure for the concert a splendid success, but, in addition to the excellence of the object, and the influence of the organising lodge, the brethren were fortunate enough to secure the distinguished presence of Bro. the Duke of Abercorn, the Grand Master of Ireland (who, with the Duchess and Bro. Lord Frederic Hamilton, was accorded a very hearty reception), and of the principal officers of the province.

The criticism may safely be ventured that only on the rarest of occasions, if indeed on any, has the Royal Assembly Hall presented a finer appearance than it did on the night of the 26th ult.; its spacious dimensions were thronged to the doors with a fashionable audience, gathered from the surrounding districts for many miles around, and the platform capacity taxed to the utmost by the chief officers supporting the Grand Master in the chair. In front of the chair were the emblems of the Craft. The effect was heightened by the splendour of the decorations, which were carried out in accordance with true Masonic principles. At the rear of the platform the Royal Arch was typified, while above the range of choice exotics which fringed the platform, taking the place of footlights, were the colours and emblems of the Blue Order. Military bayonets formed into stars brightened the walls at intervals, appearing between festoons and trophies of flags. The decorations, which were a source of admiration during the evening, and the arrangements were carried out by Bros. R. A. Miller, W.M., R. M. Nelson, Sec., Williams, and Mullin, of 334.

The arrival of the Duke of Abercorn was heralded by bugle. The Grand Master was received by the officers of Lodge 334, and was conducted to the Grand Master's chair amid a very imposing Masonic ceremony. The Knight Templars, wearing their rich white cloaks and their insignia, and carrying drawn swords, formed, by special permission, an arch of steel at the steps leading to the platform. Blue Masons passed along the avenue thus formed, and filed off right and left. The W.M.'s, Royal Arch Masons, and Prov. Grand Officers following, walked to the platform, preceding the Duke of Abercorn, who was followed by two Deacons with wands.

The brethren having reached their positions, at the call of Bro. Col. Irvine, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, the Grand Master was saluted in correct Masonic style.

The concert then proceeded, opening with "God bless the Prince of Wales," sung as a Masonic ode by Mr. D. Austin, the audience joining in the refrain. Mr. Austin's artistic singing of the loyal air gave his hearers a foretaste of the pleasure which was in store for them when, with refined taste, he sang "The snowy-breasted pearl," and, later in the evening, "Eternal rest." Mrs. Ford sang her songs very pleasingly, her soprano displaying qualities of freshness and tune. Mrs. Mees also displayed the result of culture and the possession of taste. Miss Mullen entranced the audience with two pianoforte solos, and Mrs. Standish Rowley imparted to Piccolomini's recent success, "Ora Pro Nobis," the requisite amount of devotional feeling and expression. "The lost chord," sung by the same lady, was one of the features of the concert. An acceptable item was "Forget, forgive," contributed by Bro. E. T. Herdman, High Sheriff, the Misses Herdman supplying artistic violin obligato and pianoforte accompaniment. Bro. Major Irvine sings a good song capably, and was loudly applauded for his rendering of "Out on the deep." Mrs. Irvine and he also sang tastefully a pretty duet, "See, the land appears in sight." Mrs. Irvine's voice is one of extreme sweetness. Miss Milligan's finished rendering of "La Favorita" was rewarded by warm applause. A charming effect was gained by the singing of Mrs. Coote and Mrs. Rowley in the duet "'Twas ever thus." Bro. Lord Frederic Hamilton's name was on the programme for two items. A bad cold, however, compelled the omission of one of these, and the popular young nobleman, who was cheered on rising, gave a very clever musical sketch descriptive of a village concert in aid of a home for superannuated bicyclists, accompanying himself on the pianoforte. Lord Frederic furnished very amusing imitations of various vocal items of what was evidently a remarkable programme. He also imitated violoncello and piano duet, fife and drum band, &c., with the result that the audience was kept in roars of laughter. Lord Frederic's versatility was again seen in an encore which was demanded, and which consisted of a novel description of a funeral march. Pianoforte selections were brilliantly contributed by Miss Milligan and Miss Pitt, and Major and Master Irvine played, in perfect time and tune, a violin duet. The concert concluded with the National Anthem.

The Knight Templars present were Sir Knights Major Henry Irvine, P.S.G.D.; Wm. Purdon, P.J.G.D.; John Mooney, P.P.S.G.W.; S. Hepburn, P.M.; A. Anderson, P.G.D. of C.; Major Rowley Miller, P.M.; J. L. Carson, P.M.; Wm. Galt, P.M.; Wm. Teele, P.G.S.; Dr. R. J. Roulstone, P.M.; and others. The Prince Masons present were Bro. Capt.

Hugh H. Stewart, P.P.S.G.W.; Rev. J. M. Moutray, P.G.C.; Obadiah Ternan, P.G.S.; Wm. F. Jones, P.P.J.G.W.; and others.

The accompaniments were tastefully and skilfully played by Miss Stewart, Miss Hamilton, and Bros. Taylor and J. W. Dry.

Bro. J. G. R. Porter, by his generosity in connection with the concert, has placed the Masonic body in Ireland under a deep obligation, for not only did he grant the use of his magnificent hall free of charge, but he also provided for the brethren the American organ and pianoforte on which the accompaniments were played.

A special train leaving after the concert for Strabane and intermediate stations was largely patronised.

A splendid supper was laid for the brethren who remained.

The schools will be substantially benefited by this effort, in which Bros. Rowley Miller, R. M. Nelson, Brothers Williams, and Mullin were enabled to lay the Craft in general under obligation to them for the noble and worthy motive of this completely successful concert.

## PRESENTATION TO BRO. GEORGE GARDNER, P.M., &amp;c.

On Saturday, the 8th inst., at the Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012, held at the Windsor Castle, Hammersmith, W., a numerous gathering of the members of this lodge assembled. Among the visitors were Bros. Rowe, W.M.; J. Davis, W.M.; Cummings, P.M.; Becket, P.M.; Spiegel, P.M.; Wilcocks, P.M.; and others.

The ceremony of installation was ably rehearsed by Bro. Sims, P.M., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Stroud, P.M., through an accident, after which Bro. Ayling, P.M., Preceptor, occupied the chair, and proceeded to present a testimonial, subscribed to by a few of the habitués of the lodge, to Bro. George Gardner, P.M., Treasurer.

In the course of his remarks, Bro. AYLING spoke of the services of Bro. Gardner, not only to that lodge of instruction, but in the cause of Freemasonry in general, particularly the Charities. Bro. Gardner was the founder of that lodge of instruction, and had been its Treasurer from the commencement, and both he and the lodge members hoped that he might long occupy the latter position in the discharge of the duties attached, in which he had hitherto given such satisfaction. They wished him success in all his undertakings, and that the mother lodge might still prosper and continue, under his guidance as Secretary, to be looked upon as one of the first lodges in the London district. Honours had been given to Bro. Gardner by his being elected a member of the Board of General Purposes, and by a lodge being named after him in the Province of Berks and Bucks, and he hoped there were more in store for him, as he was justly deserving of them. The credit was due to him for the success of that lodge, and, in the name of its members, he was glad to have the pleasure and privilege of presenting to him a token of their esteem—those four silver candlesticks, and he trusted that when the tapers burnt in them he would be reminded of the light which had been diffused through him to so many both in the mother lodge and that lodge of instruction. There was also the following letter:

"March 8th, 1890.

"On this date the brethren of the Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012, presented Bro. George Gardner, P.M., Treasurer, two pairs of candlesticks, as a recognition of his valuable services from its foundation as Treasurer, and also in congratulation to him on the occasion of his marriage.

"JOHN BROWN,  
"Hon. Sec."

Bro. GARDNER then rose and thanked the brethren, and in so doing gave a *resumé* of the lodge from its foundation until now. He expressed the great satisfaction he felt that his labours were crowned with success, and trusted that the Great Architect of the Universe would grant him health and strength to continue in work that he was fond of. He should not desert them; on the contrary, the gift they had presented to him would be an incentive to him to try and render them services, which it was only his endeavour to do on any and every occasion in his power. In conclusion, he would say with Bro. Ayling that when lights were burning in those candlesticks it would remind him that those lights of Freemasonry should be never dim again. He thanked them, and wished all sincere and fraternal happiness.

## MEMORIAL TO THE LATE BRO. NOTT, OF DEVIZES.

A brass memorial plate has recently been erected to the late Bro. Nott in St. John's Church, Devizes. The plate is a handsome one and artistically designed, having in its four corners emblems of the Craft, Royal Arch, Mark, and Royal Ark Mariner Degrees respectively. It has a tessellated border, which at the top forms an arch or canopy, and bears the following inscription: "In loving memory of Bro. William Nott, P.M., who died March 11th, 1889, aged 54 years. He was 25 years a member and 17 years the Secretary of his lodge. By his devoted services in aid of the Benevolent Institutions, and also by his public and private life, he constantly exhibited the Masonic virtues of Charity and Truth. Erected by the members of the Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity and other brethren."

## WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC BALL.

The final meeting of the members of the Masonic Hall Committee was held on the 28th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-st., Liverpool, under the presidency of Bro. J. De Bels Adam, Chairman of the Committee. There was a very large attendance, and the announcement of the most satisfactory financial result of the pleasant annual festival held at the Town Hall in January last, in aid of the funds of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, was received with enthusiasm. The Hon. Secretary, Bro. G. A. Harradon, read the report, from which it appeared that the sum realised for the Charity, after paying all expenses, amounted to £355, which was the largest sum realised by any public Charity ball during the year. There were 598 persons present at the ball, for which 636 tickets were sold. The financial statement of the Hon. Treasurer, Bro. T. A. Withey, and the report of the Hon. Secretary were read, and passed by acclamation. It was resolved, in view of the liberality and valuable work of the Chairman of the Ball Committee, to constitute Mrs. Adam a Vice-Patroness of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution. The following brethren, who have served the office of stewards, were successful, as the result of a ballot, in securing Life-Governorships: Bros. Bolas, Hewson, J. Wylie, Sandbrook, Lodge, Ramsay, Dr. Clark, T. J. Tarbuck, R. F. Gladstone, Stopford, Leggett, Pultord, Trevitt, Ingham, and Fellow. Cordial votes of thanks to the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Hon. Secretary, and Hon. Treasurer brought the proceedings to a close.

## OLD AND FULL OF HONORS.

## 124TH ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF MT. VERNON LODGE, ALBANY, NEW YORK.

The 124th annual communication of Mount Vernon Lodge, No. 3, was held at the Masonic Temple recently. The annual reports of the Secretary, Bro. John Lomax, and Treasurer, Bro. John Fonda, show the lodge to be in a most flourishing condition, both financially and numerically, the present membership being 226, and the Treasurer holding a cash balance of \$2700.

The retiring Master, Bro. SOLOMON STRASSER, on relinquishing the gavel, after having so ably presided over the lodge for the past three years, delivered a most able, eloquent, and instructive address to the members. He referred to the progress of Masonry throughout the world, especially to the great prosperity of Mount Vernon, "the silver-haired mother of lodges." He then returned the gavel to the lodge, and bade them an affectionate farewell.

A rising vote of thanks was then tendered to the retiring Master, and a copy of his able address was ordered to be inserted in full on the minutes.

The Master then presented to the lodge, on behalf of the History Committee, a sketch of Mount Vernon Lodge, written by Bro. William James Hughan, Masonic historian of England, and printed in the *Freemason*, September 7, 1889. Several printed copies of this sketch were forwarded by Bro. Hughan to Bro. Strasser. Bro. Hughan, in the sketch, gives a general synopsis of the history of Mount Vernon from the date of its first charter, 1737, up to the date of its last charter, 1806. "The history of the old lodge (Mount Vernon) is one of the most curious I have met with, and deserves to be fully written and then printed in a separate volume for careful study and preservation."

The following poem, by Bro. James Webb, Chicago Ill., was then read by the MASTER:

"To Worshipful Brother Strasser on the one hundred and twenty-fourth annual communication of Mount Vernon Lodge, No. 3, F. and A.M., Albany, N.Y., December 16th, A.L. 5889."

"All hail to thee, Mount Vernon Lodge,  
Thy banner, azure blue,  
Floats proudly in the breeze above,  
A band of Craftsmen true.  
Thy ancient archives speak and tell  
Of brothers gone before,  
Of statesmen, heroes, glorious names  
That walked thy checkered floor.  
Thy labours wrought and deeds of love  
May not on earth be told,  
The Master's hand engraves them all  
In letters bright as gold.  
And may thy sacred altar glow  
A thousand years at least—  
A joy to pilgrims from the south,  
The north, the west, and east.

Fraternally, JAMES WEBB, Chicago, Ill."

A vote of thanks was tendered Bro. Wm. James Hughan, of England, an eminent Masonic scholar, author, and historian; also to Bro. G. W. Speth, P.M., a distinguished Mason, and Secretary of Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, London, England; also to Bro. James Webb, Chicago, Ill.

The lodge then proceeded to the election of officers. Bro. Strasser was re-elected for the fourth time, and, in a pleasant and feeling speech, gracefully acknowledged the compliment paid to him, and respectfully declined.

The following were then elected: Bros. James Taylor, W.M.; Theodore P. Bailey, S.W.; John E. Frederick, J.W.; John Lomax, Sec.; John Fonda, Treas.; and N. C. Moak, Trustee.

The Master-elect then announced his appointments, and the officers-elect and those appointed were then duly installed by Bro. William H. Schoemaker, P.M., acting Grand Master, assisted by Bro. Solomon Strasser, acting as Grand Marshal.

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Consecration of the Cyclist Chapter, No. 2246.

Laying a Memorial Stone at Grahamstown, South Africa.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Boletín Oficial," "The Tyler," "Proceedings of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Massachusetts," "The Trestle Board," "Keystone," "Proceedings of the District Grand Lodge of Northern China, 1890," "Masonic Review," "New Zealand Craftsman," "Madras Masonic Review," "Canadian Craftsman," "Liberal Freemason," "Die Bauhütte," "Voice of Masonry," "Masonic Chronicle," and "Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Massachusetts and Rhode Island."



SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 1890.

## Masonic Notes.

The consecration of the Grafton Lodge, No. 2347, at Blanchard's, on Wednesday last, was in every respect a most interesting event, whether considered from the point of view of faultless ritual, the artistic surroundings, or the Masonic attainments of those who took part in the proceedings. With the Grand Secretary as the Installing Master, Bros. Sir John B. Monckton and T. Fenn in the Senior and Junior Wardens' chairs, and Bro. C. F. Matier as the first W.M., there was little chance for the keenest critic to detect a flaw. To the Secretary, Bro. A. R. Carter, the lodge is largely indebted for the absolute perfection of the arrangements. We shall give a report in our next.

The Prince of Wales Lodge, although it reached its centenary in 1887, has only just now celebrated the event, the reason being that the presence of the Grand Master, who is the perpetual W.M., could not be secured at an earlier date. Arrangements were made for the meeting to be held at the Hôtel Métropole yesterday (Thursday), and his Royal Highness occupied the chair *in propria persona*.

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Membership of this lodge is, as may be supposed, "highly prized among Masons," and many of the leading Masons of the day are on its roll of members. The Deputy Master for this year is Bro. John Aird, M.P.

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In reference to the notice which appeared in our last issue of the proposed Cornish lodge, we might add that the duties of Secretary *pro tem.* have been undertaken by Bro. R. Greenwood, of 102, Avondale-square, S.E., who will give any desired information to those interested in the proposal.

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The West Yorkshire lodges have already raised £230 towards the Commutation Fund in lieu of a retiring pension to Bro. Binckes.

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In New Zealand there are eighty-five English lodges fifteen Irish, and forty-seven Scottish, in all one hundred and forty-seven. Of these twenty-one oppose a United Grand Lodge, and thirty-four have not decided.

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Bro. the Earl of Onslow has been solicited to accept the office of first Grand Master of New Zealand, but has counselled delay for the purpose of securing unanimity. He rightly points to the action in South Australia, Victoria, and New South Wales as precedents with all the force of law.

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We are pleased to hear that Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., has been re-elected M.W.G.M. of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria for a further year. This distinguished brother has played such an important part in Victorian Freemasonry for so many years, and is so well known as a wise and temperate ruler, that his continuance in the high office of M.W. Grand Master seems most desirable; at all events, for some little time to come.

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It must not be supposed that the various Masonic Constitutions which have become one under his presidency are by any means as yet one in fact. There are no longer the English, Irish, Scotch, and Victorian Constitutions, but the Victorian only. But the process of welding the four systems into one must necessarily be a work of time, and Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke has shown himself so politic in his government of the United Grand Lodge, that to us, at all events, it appears as if his re-election to office for the next few years were a matter of necessity.

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The *Victorian Freemason* is evidently of the same opinion, though it leaves its readers to draw such an inference for themselves. In speaking of the manner in which Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke has borne himself hitherto as Grand Master, it writes thus: "As the representative of King Solomon, gavel in hand, ruling a deliberative assembly in the form of a Grand Lodge, newly constituted of elements which have been for some years as distinct and separate as Mounts Macedon and the You Yangs, our M.W.G.M. has surpassed the highest expectations. When the spirit of debate has been tending to break through its proper bounds, the gavel has been sounded, and the gentle reminder, given in a most gentlemanly manner, has assuaged the brewing storm."

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From this we infer that Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke is in his proper element as Grand Master, and how, considering how many difficult questions have yet to be settled in order to bring the several constituent parts of the Victorian Masonic Constitution into harmonious working order, there can be little doubt that a change of Grand Masters for the present would be detrimental to the interests of the now United Grand Lodge.

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However, as the announcement of his re-election—indeed he was the only candidate put in nomination for the office—seems to have given universal satisfaction, we dare say we shall be in a position to speak of him as M.W.G.M. for the next few years. Well, we hope so, at all events.



### FREEMASONS' CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY FOR THE PROVINCE OF LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

This handsomely got-up calendar has now been issued for 18 years. It has had several editors from time to time, all most competent and zealous in the discharge of their duties, the present Craftsman in charge of that important department being Bro. B. A. Smith, M.A., LL.M., P.M. 523, Prov. J.G.W., who has ably continued to conduct the work on the excellent lines laid down by his immediate predecessor. The portrait this time is that of Bro. the Rev. C. Henton Wood, M.A., P.M. 1560, the Prov. Grand Secretary, who assuredly well deserves the honour. In the appreciative sketch of this energetic and esteemed clergyman, we note that his advancement has been rapid, though not more than he has been able fully to sustain. "The son of a Mason," he was initiated in No. 1560 on 11th January, 1876, and succeeded to the chair of his lodge in 1881. In 1878 he became Prov. Grand Chaplain, in 1884 Prov. G. Sec., in succession to the esteemed Bro. S. S. Partridge, the present D. Prov. G.M., and at the Jubilee was appointed to the rank of P. Prov. S.G.W. Few brethren, if any, in their time have done more for the welfare of his province than Bro. the Rev. C. H. Wood, and we trust he will long be spared to thus aid the lodges of the province, to all of which he is so much attached. The calendar illustrates how well managed is the province, and how zealous is the brotherhood throughout the two counties thus so sensibly combined. There are but 12 lodges, with 608 members, yet between them they hold 1583 votes for the Central Masonic Charities. This shows an increase of over 200 during the past year, mainly in the "Boys." A full list of all the voters appears in the capital table, which is a most useful and interesting compilation. There are five chapters, with 174 members, and no lack of other Degrees as well, considering the size of the province. Plenty of information is afforded on all points—Charities, laws, funds, &c., &c., &c.—and altogether it seems to us well nigh impossible to improve this handy guide, which reflects much credit on the painstaking editor.

### THE MASONIC YEAR BOOK FOR THE PROVINCE OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE, 1890.

This useful and artistically got up directory is printed and published by Bro. W. P. Spalding, by "order of the Prov. G. Lodge," which is as it should be. It ought not to be left to any private member to bring out such a needful year book. Statistically, the province is much as in 1889 calendar. There are six lodges, with 352 members, and four R.A. chapters, with two Mark lodges, and a K.T. preceptory, and a Rose Croix chapter. Existing Freemasonry in Cambridge dates from 1754, and so far as we can judge, the Craft was never so vigorous as now in the province generally. Work has been "done well" during the past year, and an excellent feeling pervades all the lodges. The brief sketches of each by Bro. Spalding are an excellent feature of his brochure.

### FREEMASONS' MANUAL FOR KENT FOR 1890.

We cannot add to previous encomiums as to the conspicuous merits of this wonderful compilation. Bro. T. S. Warne, the zealous editor, knows well our estimate of his distinguished and persistent labours on behalf of his province, both editorially and generally, and the printer and publisher—Bro. J. D. Terson, P.M. 199, Dover—has done his part admirably. An additional item this year is a sketch of the Province of Kent by Bro. W. J. Hughan, who has often been pleased to aid his friend in the supply of material for the "Immortal" (as it is known in Kent), and we are obliged to the editor for permission to publish such an interesting contribution.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent appears to have been formed in 1770, at least there is no account prior to that year, when the Hon. Robert Boyle Walsingham became the Prov. G.M., by authority of the Duke of Beaufort, M.W.G.M. Considering that Provincial Grand Masters were appointed so early as 1725, and that there was no lack of lodges in Kent long before 1770, it is remarkable there was no local Ruler until that year.

Captain Charles Frederick succeeded in 1774, according to the official Calendar, when Lord Petre was the Grand Master, followed by Captain George Smith in 1777. This brother was invested by the Duke of Manchester, G.M., as J.G.W., on May 1st, 1780, but there was a discussion as to the propriety of so doing, owing to the office held by Bro. Smith as Prov. G.M., and at the meeting of Grand Lodge held November 1st in the same year, the J.G.W. resigned that position on the plea of ill-health. At the Grand Lodge, April 9th, 1783, it was announced that the omittance of Charity had declined to accede to Captain George Smith's application to officially sanction his work, entitled "The Use and Abuse of Free Masonry," which decision was there and then confirmed. The Earl of Effingham was present and presided as the G.M. The Prov. G.M. acted contrary to the Constitution, and not appearing, when duly summoned, he was "expelled the Society" at the Quarterly Communication on February 2nd, 1785. The Royal Military Lodge, No. 371, Woolwich, of which he was W.M. at the time, was erased 11th February, 1780.

The next Prov. G.M. was Colonel Jacob Sawbridge, whose patent was issued in 1785 (H.R.H. the Duke of Cum-

berland being M.W.G.M.). The installation took place at Canterbury on 27th October. He was succeeded by Dr. William Perfect in 1794 (by authority of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, G.M.), who was installed at Faversham 18th May, 1795.

A well-known Volume of Sermons, by the Rev. Jethro Inwood, "preached upon several occasions before the Prov. Grand Officers and the Brethren in the Counties of Kent and Essex," was published in 1799, and dedicated to the R.W. Bro. William Perfect, M.D.

This clergyman's name does not appear in the list of Prov. G. Officers as Grand Chaplain of Kent, prior to 1806, but it is likely an earlier appointment was made, but not registered.

Sir Walter J. James, Bart., was installed as Prov. G.M. at Maidstone, on 11th June, 1810 (by the same authority as his immediate predecessor), but the seventh Prov. G.M.—General Sir Samuel Hulse—by patent from H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, M.W.G.M., in 1814, did not begin his duties until 30th June, 1816, when he was formally installed at Gravesend. The Right Hon. General Hulse—who was promoted to the rank of Field Marshal in 1830—was Deputy Master to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales (afterwards George IV.), W.M. of the Prince of Wales Lodge 1787 to 1820, and continued to serve in that honourable position for 34 years, his resignation as D.M. taking effect from January 21, 1821.

The Hon. Twisleton E. T. Fiennes (afterwards Lord Saye and Sele), who served as J.G.W. of the Grand Lodge in 1822, was appointed as his successor in May, 1830, by similar authority, and was installed at Chatham 10th August, 1831. On his lordship's decease in 1847, the R.W. Bro. Lebbeus Charles Humfrey, Q.C., became the Masonic Ruler of Kent, the installation ceremony occurring at Maidstone on the 9th of August of that year. The R.W. Bro. was J.G.W. of Grand Lodge in 1846, but only occupied the chair of his province for five years, his death taking place in 1852.

The late R.W. Bro. Charles Purton Cooper, Q.C., installed at Folkestone on 20th June, 1853, resigned in May, 1860. He was a frequent contributor to the defunct "Freemasons' Magazine," and was one of my oldest and most esteemed correspondents. The eleventh Provincial Grand Master—so also the two immediate predecessors—was appointed by the Earl of Zetland Grand Master 1843-1870. As Viscount Holmesdale, M.P., his lordship was installed at Gravesend on 22nd October, 1860, the patent being dated June 18th of that year. Of over 40 Provincial Grand Masters, there are now only three who are senior to his lordship, and all the 26 District Grand Masters are of subsequent date.

In 1886 his lordship succeeded his father as Earl Amherst, but, amid numerous duties—many being of a responsible character—the beloved Prov. G.M. still continues to take a most lively interest in all that concerns the welfare of the province, which now consists of 57 lodges, being the fourth in respect of numbers in England.

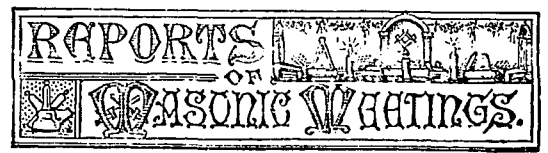
The Deputy Prov. G.M. is the W. Bro. James Smith Eastes, P.G.D. of England, whose devotion to the Craft is well known and appreciated throughout the county of Kent.

W. J. HUGHAN.

Kent is a large province—the fourth in size in England—having 59 lodges (two more than in last year's manual), with some 3350 members. One lodge, No. 2041, has omitted to make the necessary returns to the editor. We would rather not be the leading or responsible members of that lodge, as it is a small matter for each lodge to do its part. There are 21 Royal Arch chapters (20 previously), with 521 members, 19 Mark lodges, with 488 members, four Rose Croix chapters, four Knight Templar preceptories, and the same number of Red Cross conclaves. For all these bodies there are furnished the rolls of officers, Past Masters, &c., years of service, and other particulars, also by-laws of the Provincial Grand Lodge and Chapter, and much other information. The list of votes for the Central Masonic Charities and the Mark Benevolent Fund run up to nearly 10,000, being a considerable advance on last year, and has been compiled by Bro. J. D. Terson. Kent for 1889 has received from these Institutions the large sum of £2156 3s. 5d., so that there is every reason why the brethren should be generous in their gifts.

### THE INDIAN RELIGIONS; or, Results of the Mysterious Buddhism. Concerning that also which is to be understood in the divinity of fire. By HARGRAVE JENNINGS. George Redway, London.

The author in his preface, which, although short, is very much to the point, would impress his readers with the fact that his work is not to be lightly considered. He deprecates that in the present higher civilisation, pure student work, the secret of human nature, the destinies of our mysterious race, in short the non-materialistic school of thought is in a great measure neglected, or slightly and fancifully treated of. He concludes, "It is a treatise specially addressed to thinkers, and to them alone." Commencing with Buddhism, the foundation of all Indian religions, the author proceeds to treat of Brahmanism; the theories of caste and the historical details. Then follows the writer's interpretation of the philosophical basis of Eastern beliefs. It is here, as one would naturally expect, that Mr. Hargrave Jennings indulges in many of those vague and abstract flights of thought which, although connected here and there, are in many cases so clothed and disguised in the Oriental style of metaphor, as to convey the faintest glimmerings of the aim and impression of the writer. But Buddhism and the allied beliefs, stripped of their grosser and material rites and observances, become so ethereal, so absolutely metaphysical, that it would be well nigh impossible to present anything like a simple and logical interpretation of ideas before ordinary students. Mr. Jennings has, however, in many ways, enlarged and simplified our conceptions of the various religions in the east.



### Craft Masonry.

#### METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

**Albion Lodge (No. 9).**—The last regular meeting of the season was held by this lodge at Freemasons' Hall, on the 4th inst., under Bro. Edwin Waller, W.M., assisted by his officers: Bros. Hamlyn, S.W.; French, J.W.; Friend, P.M., Treas.; Harvey, P.M., Sec.; Suckor, S.D.; Pritchard, J.D.; Willey, P.M., D.C.; Kettle, I.G.; and Thompson, P.M., Stwd. There was also a good muster of the other members of the lodge, together with the following visitors: Bros. Binckes, P.G. S.B.; Norman, I.G. 174, S.W. 2291; Garwood, 946; Sprake, 2192; Bagot Harte, 30; Honig, 1319; Simpson, 1056; Smith, 1743; Trepole, 201; Izard, 1017; Massey, P.M. 1297; and Osborne, late 188.

The work performed included the raising of Bros. A. J. Harvey and Izard, and the initiation of Mr. John Edward Longuehaye. It was also resolved to have a summer banquet, and a Committee was appointed to arrange details for same.

After the closing of the lodge, the members of the lodge and their guests dined together in the adjoining building, and when full justice had been done to the various dainties provided, the usual list of loyal and Masonic toasts was dealt with, and in the intervals between the speeches a delightful programme of music was performed, under the direction of Herr Louis Honig, assisted by Miss Effie Clements, Herr Muscovitz, Victor Oppermann, Bro. Arthur Thomas, and Mr. Bob Rae ("The Whistling Coon.")

It would be invidious to mention any one performance where all were so good, and it must suffice to say that the evening's music was exceptionally good.

In the course of the evening a very gratifying testimonial was presented to the genial Secretary, Bro. Harvey, P.M. It was beautifully engrossed on two sheets of vellum, and handsomely bound in the form of a table book or album. It was as follows:

"At a meeting of the Albion Lodge, No. 9, held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Tuesday, January 7th, 1890, it was moved by Bro. Poupard, W.M., seconded by Bro. S. Vallentin, P.M., and carried unanimously, that the best thanks of this lodge be given to Bro. L. W. Harvey, P.M. and Secretary, for his general exertions to promote the welfare and interests of the lodge, and also for his energetic and persevering endeavours during the last two years to obtain a charter for a chapter of the Royal Arch Freemasons to be attached to this lodge, and which was successfully accomplished, and is recorded on the minutes of the lodge. It was also moved by Bro. Poupard, W.M., seconded by Bro. H. S. Friend, P.M., Treas., and carried unanimously, that the above resolution be engrossed on vellum, and presented to Bro. Harvey.

(Signed) "W. POUPARD, W.M.,  
"EDWIN WALLER, S.W.,  
"ERNEST AUGUSTUS HAMLYN, J.W."

Bro. Harvey returned thanks for that mark of the brethren's regard for him, and proceeded, with his customary heartiness, to urge on the members the advantage of attending the Albion Lodge of Instruction, and to touch on other matters tending to the well-being of the lodge. Before sitting down, he (having received the gavel from the W.M.) proposed "Success to the Masonic Charities," and urged the brethren to support Bro. Waller, their W.M., in the Stewardship which he had undertaken for the Boys' School. With the toast he coupled the name of Bro. Binckes. Bro. Harvey said he was one of those who were the truest supporters of Bro. Binckes, who, he thought, was a most ill-used man. Bro. Binckes had worked hard when the Boys' School was a very insignificant thing. Bro. Binckes had given the prime of his life to that Institution. It was very nice to attend those Masonic banquets once a month, but when a man had five or six calls of an evening, then it became a toil, and the pleasure ceased, unless the man loved his work; and he (Bro. Harvey) did ask the brethren to show that the Albion Lodge, at any rate, was one to support Bro. Binckes in his work for the Boys' School.

Bro. Binckes returned thanks in a very able speech, in which he made an earnest appeal for the Charities, to whose good, he said, he should in any event always be devoted. He referred in terms of moderation, that were in the best possible taste, to the inquiry that had been instituted. In doing so, he said he felt he was on delicate ground in touching on a subject which had been referred to by Bro. Harvey. He apprehended that he spoke to friends who had watched certain proceedings that had taken place during the past nine or twelve months in the R.M.I. for Boys, of which he had been Secretary for 29 years, and for which he had laboured conscientiously, arduously, and, he thought he might say, not unsuccessfully. That it had been considered right to institute an inquiry he had nothing to say, but, while he had been made to a certain extent a scape-goat for what had taken place, he could place himself before them, his old friends of the Albion Lodge, and defy any one to say one word against his honour, his honesty, or his integrity; and, therefore, whether or not that was the last occasion on which he should appeal to them, as he appealed to them that night, to support their Master in his Stewardship for the lodge, he did not know, but as regarded the Committee which conducted the inquiry, he had nothing to find fault with, they had treated him most kindly and considerately and were doing their very best. If there were faults they were endeavouring to mend them; but whatever the faults might have been in the administration, even if they had been worse than they had been proved to be, the brethren would not allow 263 children to suffer because A, B, and C had done what some one thought was not the best, though he (Bro. Binckes) contended they had done their best; what he wanted to know was, why the Boys' School had been singled out alone for scrutiny? The brethren would see by-and-bye that there was not one charge of malversation of the funds; not one single farthing had been wrongly applied. Well, then, if that tremendous inquiry resulted in that favour-



able verdict he could as cheerfully and heartily as ever ask them to support their Master, that the Festival in June next should be a great success.

Space does not permit of a larger report, and it must suffice to say that all the toasts were adequately dealt with, and were all duly honoured.

**Lion and Lamb Lodge (No. 192).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 6th inst., at Cannon-street Hotel, E.C., when there were present Bros. Thos. Cohu, W.M.; R. Marke, S.W.; G. F. J. Goodes, H. Legge, P.M.; Treas.; G. Abbott, P.M., Sec.; T. Mower, S.D.; F. Hughes, J.D.; J. Guy, Stwd.; G. Couchman, Tyler; Fraser, Fisher, Sarson, T. Smith, Hancock, Hunter, and Stone. Bros. Stallard, W.M. 1613, and Medwin, P.M. and Sec. 1613, were visitors.

After the confirmation of the minutes, the Audit Committee's report, with the Treasurer's statement of accounts, showing a cash balance of £44 in favour of the lodge, was received and unanimously adopted. As there was no other business before the lodge, the ceremony of installation was proceeded with, and a Board of Installed Masters formed, when the W.M., Bro. Cohu, performed the ceremony of installing his successor in a most impressive manner. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. Goodes, S.W.; Mower, J.W.; Legge, Treas.; Abbott, Sec.; Hughes, S.D.; Smith, J.D.; Fisher, I.G.; Guy, Stwd.; and Couchman, Tyler. Bro. Cohu then concluded the ceremony by delivering the usual charges and addresses. Before the lodge closed, the retiring Master presented the lodge with a handsome carved oak maul, silver mounted, with a suitable inscription, to commemorate the event that he was now retiring for the second time from the chair of K.S. The presentation was made with a few suitable words from Bro. Cohu amid loud applause. It was also ordered that the history of the lodge, which has been written by Bro. Geo. Abbott, Secretary, should be printed, and a copy furnished to each brother of the lodge.

There being no further business, the lodge was closed.

**Royal Oak Lodge (No. 871).**—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, on Thursday, the 27th ult., when Bro. G. C. Whibley was installed W.M., and appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. A. Dealer, S.W.; A. C. Dandridge, J.W.; W. Andrews, P.M., Treas.; J. J. Pakes, P.M., Sec.; T. Williams, S.D.; J. Sewell, J.D.; J. Mansfield, I.G.; E. J. Williams, P.M., Org.; R. T. Stringer, P.M., D.C.; and J. C. Volmann, P.M., Steward. The installation ceremony was very ably performed by the outgoing Master, Bro. E. G. G. Bax, who was presented with a very handsome Past Master's jewel for his services during the past year. Mr. Hammond was initiated, and Bros. Everard and Cousins were passed.

The brethren—67 in number—then sat down to the banquet, which reflected great credit upon Bros. Vint and Green, who have recently taken the hotel.

The musical arrangements were ably conducted by Bro. Ellison.

**Kennington Lodge (No. 1381).**—This lodge met for the last time this season at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, on the 4th inst. Among those in attendance were Bros. W. W. Westley, P.M. 186, W.M.; J. La Feuillade, S.W.; Dennis, J.W.; George Everett, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Lundie, S.D.; Hearn, J.D.; Mecham, I.G.; Burn, Org.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M.; P.P.G.W. Middx., D.C.; Burrows, A.D.C.; Colwell and Millsom, Stwds.; Longstaffe, Tyler; Henry Higgins, P.M.; C. H. Köhler, P.M.; W. P. Webb, P.M.; R. La Feuillade, P.M.; and Lingley, P.M. Among the visitors were Bros. E. S. Koulding, P.M. 25; E. Smith, S.W. 2308; E. Attenborough, 438; Neal, 1348; Douri, 1982; and Mendham, 2308.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. J. H. Waller was raised to the Third Degree, Bro. C. F. Mendham, 2308, passed to the Second Degree, by request of his W.M., and Mr. H. Phol initiated into Craft mysteries. At the hands of so old and experienced a Master of the mystic art as Bro. Westley is acknowledged to be, it goes without saying that the work was well performed. The sum of 10 guineas was unanimously voted to the funds of the R.M.B.I.

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

Upon the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and Craft toasts received full justice.

In response to his health, the Worshipful Master said that the I.P.M. had been pleased to flatter him too much. Some years ago the Kennington Lodge took him in with open arms, notwithstanding that he was but little known to the majority of the members. Although but a joining member, they had also advanced his interests step by step to the present moment when he was elected unanimously as their Master. In conclusion, he wished to call the attention of those members desirous of working up the ceremonies to the fact that the Kennington Lodge of Instruction met every Friday, and that he had the honour of being its Preceptor.

The toast of "The Initiate" followed.

Bro. Phol having replied, "The Health of the Visitors" came next in order.

Bros. Koulding, E. Smith, and E. Attenborough, in their respective replies, passed some complimentary remarks on the working of the W.M. and his officers.

Bro. Lingley having replied on behalf of "The Past Masters,"

The Worshipful Master gave "The Treasurer and Secretary."

Bro. G. Everett, in reply, said that he did not know what to say in answer to the W.M.'s kind remarks. They had heard him speak so often upon the subject toast. He could only tell them that the Kennington Lodge was launched high on the sea of prosperity, and there were but few, if any, lodges, south of the Thames, could show so large a balance as he held in hand as their Treasurer. He always looked forward to the meetings of No. 1381, because they were so happy and comfortable. In conclusion, he wished to call their attention to one remark of the W.M., who had said that they—the members of the Kennington—had taken him in. That was true, and he hoped that the W.M. would so remain in their midst—an un-redeemed pledge.

The toast of "The Officers" terminated the proceedings. Bros. Burn, Burrows, Elverson, Davies, W. P. Webb, and others instrumentally, vocally, and dramatically entertained the brethren.

**Carnarvon Lodge (No. 1572).**—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 1st inst., at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C., when there were present Bros. Walter Kingwell, W.M.; W. Wright, S.W.; A. A. V. Marchand, J.W.; W. Poole, Treas.; W. S. Whitaker, P.M., Sec.; H. W. Smith, S.D.; M. Goldstein, J.D.; T. Orr, D.C.; G. Palmer, I.G.; W. E. Leman, Steward; C. Thomas, Tyler; George Briggs, P.M.; A. T. Pearce, P.M.; R. E. H. Goffin, P.M.; John Russell, P.M.; J. S. Stacey, P.M.; J. P. Dickson, P.M.; S. E. Burman, S. P. Swayne, Henry Comfort, G. S. Needham, C. F. Hallet, S. F. Heath, H. S. R. Collett, S. H. A. Marchand, S. W. Cook, S. G. Poynter, S. R. Hill, H. W. Lovegrove, F. Deering, A. H. Wright, W. S. Cheffins, W. W. Arter, and A. J. Brookes. Visitors: Bros. Darby, Dr. Somerville, Goodman, Cole, and others.

After the raising of Bro. Brookes, which ceremony was performed in that thorough and efficient manner for which this lodge has justly become known, the brethren spent one of the pleasantest evenings in the annals of the lodge, the event being the presence of the ladies.

After an excellent banquet, to which about 100 ladies and brethren sat down, the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the Grand Officers, Present and Past," were ably given by the W.M.

The entertainment, specially provided for the ladies, under the very able direction of Bro. Dickson, P.M., showed the earnest endeavour to make the evening in every respect worthy of the occasion.

Miss Ethel Besant, who was in splendid voice, Messrs. William Price and Bartlett, who had been heard in the same room on former occasions, and Mr. John Saunders, who proved himself again a first-class violinist, contributed to the musical part, while Bro. McCall Chambers increased the general feeling of comfort and pleasure by his humorous songs.

A special feature of the programme was the recitations of Miss Cora Poole, a daughter of the Treasurer of the lodge, who evinced a very remarkable talent, and fully deserved the encore accorded to her.

After the usual toasts, Bro. W. S. Whitaker, P.M., Sec., in well-chosen words, proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master."

The Worshipful Master, in his response, mentioned how proud he was to be in the chair on that auspicious occasion, being the first time in the history of the lodge that they had extended their hospitality to their lady friends in true Masonic fashion and in their own Masonic home.

Among the other toasts, Bro. John Russell, P.M., proposed "The Ladies" in most beautiful and poetic language. Bro. A. T. Pearce, P.M., responded thereto, and evinced again his great power of eloquence.

Bro. R. E. H. Goffin, P.M., proposed the toast of "The Visitors" in that happy style, quite his own, for which he has made his mark in this and other lodges.

Altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent, and the ladies expressed themselves amply rewarded for having defied the inclemency of the weather, and one and all asking for a repetition of an entertainment which, thanks to the untiring exertions of the Committee, proved in every way a splendid success, and will always be remembered with pleasure by everyone present.

**Royal Commemoration Lodge (No. 1585).**—A regular meeting of the above lodge was held at the White Lion Hotel, Putney Bridge, on Wednesday, the 5th inst. The lodge was opened by Bro. Wing, as W.M., supported by Bros. Harding, S.W.; Sandalls, J.W.; Watkins, Treas.; Williams, I.P.M., Sec.; Oliver, S.D.; Coombe, J.D.; Wright, I.G.; Grundy, Steward; Collings, P.M., D.C.; Walkley, Tyler; Robinson, P.M.; Pardoe, P.M.; Collick, P.M.; and a goodly gathering of the brethren of the lodge. Among the visitors were Bros. Burgess, P.M. 1325; Swann, 865; Haynes, 865; Bond, 1656; and Abrahams, 1693.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Messrs. Squires, Maura, and Freeman, and proving unanimous in their favour, they were impressively initiated by the W.M. Bros. Kersley and Barber were passed to the Second Degree. But the treat of the evening was still in store, which consisted of a most able rendering of the third ceremony in the raising of Bros. Keegan, MacCamley, Williams, and Harris. The by-laws were read, and the election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler then took place. Bro. Harding, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the year, and Bro. Watkins, for the fifteenth time, Treas. Bro. Walkley was also re-elected Tyler, and three brethren were elected as Auditors. It was proposed, seconded, and carried, that the months of meeting be held as follows: October, November, December, February, April (in lieu of March), and May. A sum of 25 guineas was voted from the lodge funds towards the list of the W.M., Bro. Wing, who is Steward for the R.M.B.I., and the lodge also voted a Past Master's jewel to the same brother. After the W.M. had suitably thanked the brethren for their kindness and generosity, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to dinner.

After the dinner, the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W.G.M. and Grand Officers" having been duly honoured,

The I.P.M., Bro. Williams, proposed "The Health of the W.M.," remarking that that was the last time that he could claim the right of doing so.

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm, and the W.M. responded.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Initiates," and remarked that every evening since he came into office he had had the pleasure of proposing that toast.

Two of the initiates having had to retire, it rested with Bro. Squires to respond for himself and them, which task he executed with credit.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The W.M. elect," and wished him health and prosperity and a successful year of office.

Bro. Harding, in his reply, somewhat deprecated his own ability to carry out the work in the same able manner as his predecessor, but promised his best endeavours.

To the toast of "The Past Masters," Bro. Collings responded.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Visitors," expressing a hope that they had been satisfied with their entertainment, and he induced them to come again.

Bro. Burgess, P.M. 1325, in response, said as a pretty frequent visitor at various lodges he could only say that in no lodge had he ever found better work or more genial hospitality than in the Royal Commemoration Lodge, and in very few had he found such a complete harmony prevailing amongst the officers. He also complimented the lodge on their handsome generosity to the Master and to the Charities that evening, as well as on their financial position, which enabled them to do so.

Bros. Swann, Abrahams, Bond, and Haynes also responded in somewhat similar, but briefer, terms.

The next toast was "The Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. commenting on the long and valuable services he had rendered to the lodge, and hoped he might be spared for many further years of usefulness; and, though it was the first year of the Secretary's duties, he had found him nothing but satisfactory, and hoped the lodge would long have the benefit of his services.

In reply, Bro. Watkins thanked the brethren for the kind way in which they had received the toast, also for their kind and unanimous vote on his election, and stated that not for years had the lodge been in such a sound financial condition, and promised as long as they liked to renew their confidence in him he would always do his duty faithfully and conscientiously.

Bro. Williams also replied.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Officers of the Lodge," and trusted the W.M. elect would be as well assisted by his officers in the year to come as he had been in the past.

Bros. Harding, Sandalls, Coombe, Wright, and Grundy having replied, the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

**Lodge of Perseverance (No. 1743).**—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Saturday, the 8th inst., and was largely attended by the members and visitors as it was announced that Bros. C. E. Ferry, P.M., would deliver his second lecture, entitled "The Rise and Progress of Craft and Royal Arch Freemasonry in England."

Bro. W. Smith, the W.M., having taken the chair, opened the lodge, and there being no formal business before the lodge, the lecture was at once commenced. Bro. Ferry, had prepared a coloured diagram sixteen feet in length, in the form of a river and its tributary streams, which chart he divided into three divisions: firstly, Cloudy Traditions; secondly, Traditional, Historical, and Operative Masonry commingled; and lastly, Speculative Masonry from the important year of 1717. The lecturer referred in the first part to the remarkably apt coincidences of Masonic language expressed by Apuleius in his accounts of the mysteries of Isis and Osiris, also by Mencius, and brought down this portion to the time of St. Alban, at Verulam. The second portion consisted chiefly of the highly valued Old Charges existing from the middle ages, but the main interest commenced from the date of 1717, when the first Grand Lodge was established. Here the diagram showed the course of these early days of Speculative Masonry, the branching off of the Grand Lodge of all England, also the subsequent branch from that; the division of the stream at the great schism or secession, and the causes which probably led to it were lucidly explained; the alterations of the ritual in all Three Degrees; the Royal Arch Degree asserting itself from time to time until it became a great institution; the troubles and prosperity of each body until finally merged into one grand stream at the "blessed union," and eventually being presided over by H.R.H., the Prince of Wales, in 1874. The whole occupied 50 minutes, at the close of which the applause was long continued, and it was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that a vote of thanks to be lecturer be entered upon the minutes of the lodge. Afterwards the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where Bro. Clemow had prepared for them a most enjoyable dinner.

The visitors present were Bros. G. Haller, W.M. 65; R. Dyson, P.M. 65; G. Schadler, P.M. 65; E. C. Talbot, 65; C. H. Webb, P.M. 174; C. J. Wilkinson-Pimbury, P.M. 1997; T. Arnold, P.M. 737; A. Schneider, 151; Lichtenfeld, 205; Marto, 1327; Cowley, 1601.

**St. Leonard Lodge (No. 1766).**—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Town Hall, Shoreditch, on Wednesday, the 5th inst. Bro. H. J. Thrower, W.M., presided, and was supported by Bro. L. Stean, P.M., and eight other Past Masters; Bros. L. A. Harrison, S.W.; W. Beasley, J.W.; and the officers of the lodge.

The ordinary business of the lodge was transacted, and Bros. Bishop and Jacobs were raised to the Degree of M.M., the ceremony being admirably performed by the W.M. A communication had been forwarded to Bro. W. H. Brand, P.M., asking him to re-consider his resignation of the office of Treasurer. Bro. Brand now replied that although he was unable to alter his decision, he should continue to entertain the most cordial feelings towards the brethren. It was decided to record the letter upon the minutes of the lodge. Bro. B. Nicholson was unanimously elected to the vacant office, and duly invested by the W.M. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. J. Cox, I.P.M., who had acted as Treasurer since the last audit.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

**Gallery Lodge (No. 1928).**—An ordinary meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday last, at Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, Brixton. There were present Bros. Herbert Wright, W.M.; J. C. Duckworth, I.P.M.; W. T. Perkins, S.W.; R. J. Albery, J.W.; H. Massey, P.M., Treas.; Thos. Minstrell, P.M., Sec.; Basil Cooke, S.D.; E. E. Peacock, J.D.; W. Husk, Organist; F. W. Pattison, Stwd.; H. E. F. Bussey, P.M. C. F. Pardon, P.M. W. Potts, B. Streim, Peter Bruce, John Allan, J. F. Babington, W. E. Pitt, J. E. Saunders, T. J. Scott, Geo. Wishart, A. F. Robbins, G. H. Ribbons, and H. L. Bell. Visitors: Bros. Iles and Massey.

The lodge having been opened, Bros. Ribbons and Bell were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Masons, the ceremony being impressively rendered by Bro. H. Massey, P.M. Mr. Alexander K. Morrison was then unanimously elected, and subsequently initiated by the W.M., the working being satisfactory in every respect. A proposal to contribute £2 10s. out of the lodge funds towards the retiring allowance of £2500 now being raised by the Provisional

Management Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys for Bro. F. Binckes, was not favourably received and after a short conversation the further consideration of the matter was postponed *sine die*.

The business being concluded, the brethren sat down to an excellent and substantial supper, after which the usual Masonic toasts were drunk and a pleasant evening spent.

**Quatuor Coronati Lodge** (No. 2076).—A meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 7th inst., when there were present Bros. Lieut.-Col. S. C. Pratt, in the chair; W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B., S.W.; W. H. Rylands, P.G. Stwd., as J.W.; G. W. Speth, Sec.; R. F. Gould, P.G.D., D.C.; W. M. Williams, Stwd.; S. T. Klein, C. Kupferschmidt, and Dr. B. W. Richardson. Also the following Correspondence members: Bros. E. Haward, H. Chintamon, F. W. Leander, F. E. Remfrey, Col. J. Mead, R. A. B. Preston, Prof. F. W. Driver, Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; F. A. Powell, H. C. Houndle, Max Mendelssohn, H. L. Warner, J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G.D.; J. J. Pakes, H. Elliott, C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; W. M. Graham, C. F. Williams, G. Gregson, and R. A. Cowan. Visitors: Bros. W. W. B. Beach, Prov. G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight; Col. J. F. Crease, C.B., P.M. 257; Gordon Miller, P.M. 257; E. J. Barron, P.G.D.; A. Brockenshire, 871; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; W. G. A. Gilbert, P.M. 257; N. Clarke, C. J. Pencour, P.M. 260; and E. Goble, P.G.S.B.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, the following seven lodges and 50 brethren were elected members of the Correspondence Circle, viz.: St. Martin's Lodge, No. 510, Liskeard; St. Mary Magdalen Lodge, No. 1523, London; Doric Lodge, No. 362, Grantham; Yarborough Lodge, No. 422, Gainsborough; Lodge of Harmony, No. 272, Boston; Franklin Lodge, No. 838, Boston; and the York College of Rosicrucians; also Bros. T. Blenkinsop, P.P.G.W. Northumberland; M. H. Dodd, P.P.G.R. of Durham; T. J. Armstrong, Past G. Stwd.; and J. MacGregor, 531, all of Newcastle-on-Tyne; R. Thompson, P.P.G.W. Northumberland, of Berwick-on-Tweed; J. J. Wilkes, P.M. 111, of Darlington; Lieut.-Col. J. Kendall, 200, Scarborough; Dr. V. G. S. Dearden, 904, of Sheffield; Dr. W. A. Statter, P.M. 154; W. Pickard, P.M. 1019; and H. S. Childe, 154, all of Wakefield; C. W. Fincken, P.M. 1513, Barnsley; A. H. Morecroft, 2316, Liverpool; J. Errington, 360, of Northampton; J. J. Rainey, 426, Spilsby; A. Bates, of Grimsby, P.P.G.D.C. Lincolnshire; R. G. Pearson, 10, Gainsborough; C. E. Ward, P.M. 107, King's Lynn; W. M. Hope, 387, and E. St. Leger, 387, both of Oxford; H. L. Staffurth, W.M. 1726, Bognor; G. R. Barrett, P.P.A.G.D.C. Devonshire, of Plymouth; F. C. Haller, Prov. G.D. Devonshire, Teignmouth; W. J. MacAdam, W.M. 145, Edinburgh; W. S. Hunter, O. Pollokshields, Glasgow; J. L. Carson, 891, Enniskillen; Count Goblet d'Alviella, Past Grand Master of Belgium; C. A. Blengini, Odessa, Sovereign General Commander Supreme Council, Turkey; N. Philon, Piraeus, Asst. G. Sec. Grand Lodge of Greece; Lieut. G. S. G. Carr, H.M.S. Scout, P.D.G.S.B. Malta; T. Ritchie, W.M. 609, Christchurch, New Zealand; Dr. G. Gossett, W.M. 1917, Canterbury, New Zealand; T. D. Williams, and G. Webb, both of Johannesburg, S.A.R.; F. H. Miller, P.M. 1593, Deptford; C. H. Lawson, P.M. 913, Plumstead; J. R. Large, P.M. 1607, Enfield; Hurrey Chintamon, 225, Brixton; Major W. E. Williams, P.M. 162; F. B. Williams, P.M. 162; H. Pritchard, P.M. 1715, Bucklersbury; W. H. Lee, Prov. A.G.S. Middx., Herne Hill; T. C. Walls, P.P.G.W. Middx., Temple; Dr. B. Ninnis, R.N., Deputy Inspector-General, P.D.G.D. Malta, W. A. Scurrah, P.M. 167; J. W. S. Godding; L. G. G. Robbins, 10, P.P.G.D.C. Oxon; Rev. E. L. G. Houndle, 1670, Upper Tooting; and C. F. Williams, 72, all of London; and R. P. Couch, W.M. 121, of Penzance. This brings the total of intrants to 852.

Amongst the letters read was one from Bro. W. Hammond, of Liskeard, stating that he had left directions, in case of his death, that all his property of a Masonic nature, books, jewels, insignia, &c., should be handed over to the lodge.

Bro. Col. J. F. Crease, C.B., R.M.A., read a paper on "The Masonic Character of the Roman Villa at Brading, Isle of Wight," which created considerable interest, and was most attentively followed. His theories were, however, combated in the discussion which followed, by Bros. Rylands, Barron, Dr. Richardson, Klein, and Gould. A proposition by Bro. Klein, *re* life membership of the Outer Circle, was referred to the Permanent Committee.

**Argonauts' Lodge** (No. 2242).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Cromwell Hall, Putney, S.W., on the 10th inst. Present: Bros. J. C. Radford, W.M.; J. F. Savory, S.W. and W.M. elect; G. D. Lister, J.W.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D., Treas.; Gordon Smith, P.G.S., Sec.; E. T. Smith, J.D.; P. Stansfeld Smith, acting I.G.; C. W. Mapleton, Steward; F. G. Mitchell, Tyler; Eugene Monteunis, G.S.B., I.P.M.; Lieut.-Col. H. B. Adcock, H. W. Woodroffe, A. Thorn, H. J. Hill, F. E. Williams, Frank Canton, J. A. Drake Smith, and C. W. Hughes. Visitors: Bros. Major J. Sampson Peirce, P.G.D.; Henri Bué, P.G. Std. Br.; W. Regester, W.M. 14, G. Steward; Rev. J. Kay Booke, P.P.G.C. Hants; A. Southam, P.M. 1420; J. Truman Tanqueray, P.M. 1965; J. Maple, P.M. 144; L. Dauvens, La Fidelite (Lille), 256 (Rite Ecossais A. and A.); J. B. Campbell, 2024; H. Mercer, 382; A. L. Savory, 1731; and E. Savory, 1731.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. Bro. John Field Savory was presented by Bro. Eugene Monteunis. The Senior and Junior Wardens' chairs having been taken by Bros. W. Regester and Gordon Smith respectively, Bro. Savory was duly installed as W. Master, and appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. G. D. Lister, S.W.; T. W. Willis, J.W.; Frank Richardson, Treas.; Gordon Smith, Sec.; E. T. Smith, S.D.; H. H. Woodroffe, J.D.; P. Stansfeld Smith, I.G.; Eugene Monteunis, D.C.; C. W. Mapleton, Steward; and F. G. Mitchell, Tyler. The addresses were delivered by Bros. Monteunis and Gordon Smith. A P.M.'s jewel was then presented to Bro. J. C. Radford in recognition of his valuable services to the lodge. Bro. Radford then responded in appropriate terms for that further mark of kindness and esteem from the members of the lodge. The resignations of Bros. Houghton, Sturgeon, and C. E. Smith were received with regret. Bro. Frank Richardson having volunteered his services as Steward at the next Festival of the R.M.I. for Girls, and Bro. Gordon Smith at

that of the R.M.I. for Boys, the offers were cordially and unanimously accepted.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to dinner, which having passed off in a very satisfactory manner, the usual toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. Major Sampson Peirce, P.G.D., responded for "The Grand Officers," and Bros. W. Regester, W.M. 14, G. Stwd., and Rev. J. Kay Booke, P.P.G. Chap. Hants, for "The Visitors."

Harmony was not wanting, and many capital songs were given.

## PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

### EAST MOLESEY.

**Cyclist Lodge** (No. 2246).—The installation meeting of this successful lodge was held at the Castle Hotel, on Saturday, the 8th inst., when a large number of visiting brethren and members attended to witness the installation of Bro. Wm. J. Mason, the W.M. elect. The lodge was opened by Bro. Henry Holmes, P.G.D. Herts, W.M., supported by Bros. E. C. Mulvey, I.P.M.; W. J. Mason, S.W., W.M. elect; C. A. Itter, J.W.; Dr. N. Goodchild, Treas.; C. Sheppard, Sec.; Thos. Clark, P.M., J.D.; C. Walker, D.C.; H. Gardner, Stwd.; J. K. R. Cama, P.P.G. Reg. Middx.; D. P. Cama, P.G. Treas.; C. R. Wickens, P.M., I.G.; S. Parkhouse, P.M.; A. W. Fattley, W. R. Hatton, W. J. Millington, A. H. Lyons, W. P. Hatton, L. Westwood, and others. Visitors: Bros. Asher Barfield, P.G. Treas.; Alfred A. Pendlebury, A.G. Sec.; E. Rogers, G. Stwd.; J. A. Gartley, P.M. 205; H. E. France, P.P.S.G.D.; R. T. Elsam, P.P. G.D.C. Surrey; E. J. Langton, 179; Geo. English, 901; Adolphus Clark, P.M. 2191; J. J. Thomas, P.M. 753; Dr. N. G. Boswell, P.M. 1339; G. Gardiner, 1642; A. B. Northcroft, 2045; H. J. Thomas, 753; C. Brenthart, P.M.; James Stephens, W.M. 2150; G. Brown, 2045; George Davis, P.M. 1642; W. Thomas, 2222; J. Mayo, 901; F. L. Chandler, P.P.G.P. Middx.; H. J. Shelley, W.M. 1981; W. Clark, 11; G. Goddard, 783; and W. Lee, 1897.

The minutes were confirmed, and Bro. E. C. Mulvey, P.M., assumed the chair, and installed Bro. William James Mason into the chair as the W.M. for the ensuing year. The officers for the year were appointed and invested as follows: Bros. C. A. Itter, S.W.; T. Clark, P.M., J.W.; Dr. W. Goodchild, Treas.; C. Sheppard, Sec.; H. F. Bangs, S.D.; C. R. Wickens, J.D.; H. Gardiner, I.G.; J. K. R. Cama and C. E. O. Walker, Stewards; D. P. Cama, P.G. Treas., D.C.; O. Enderline, A.D.C.; A. S. Lyons, Org.; and W. R. Hatton, Asst. Org. The addresses were rendered by Bros. Dr. Goodchild, P.M.; H. Holmes, P.M.; and E. C. Mulvey, P.M. Messrs. L. W. Westwood and W. P. Hatton were unanimously approved by ballot, and were initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M., who performed the ceremony in a manner leaving nothing to be desired. The sum of £2 10s. was unanimously voted to the Binckes' Commutation Pension Fund. Bro. Holmes, I.P.M., having announced his intention of representing the lodge at the next Festival of the R.M.I. for Boys, and routine business having been transacted, the lodge was closed.

After a substantial banquet, the usual toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. E. Rogers, G. Steward, returned thanks on behalf of "The Grand Officers," and said he did not expect to have had the opportunity of replying to that toast, as there were two Grand Officers present earlier in the evening, in addition to Bro. Cama, the P.G. Treasurer. He should have been pleased to be relieved from the responsibility, but he could assure them he felt very proud to have the privilege of responding in a lodge such as that, and in which there were so many members with whom he was intimately acquainted. He was especially delighted that evening to be the guest of the Worshipful Master, whom he had known for some time, and whom he was pleased to see in the proud position of the chair. The more he had known the W. Master the greater the pleasure had been to him. The admirable manner in which the W.M. had performed the initiation ceremony, immediately after being installed for the first time, was a great credit to him, and satisfaction to the brethren. Under the W. Master the lodge would go on improving and prospering, and he hoped to have the pleasure of seeing the next Master installed.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Provincial Grand Master in charge the Provincial Grand Officers," and said he had been associated with Bro. Fredk. West ever since the commencement of his Masonic career, that distinguished brother being the Treasurer of the Granite Lodge, in which he was initiated, and who was loved and respected by all the members.

Bro. R. T. Elsam, P.P.G.D.C., returned thanks, observing that the W.M. had spoken of Bro. West in terms which that brother would know how to appreciate if present. With regard to the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, he ought to say but little, but whatever duties they had to perform they endeavoured to carry out to the best of their ability.

Bro. H. Holmes, I.P.M., in giving "The Health of the M.W." said he was sure it was unnecessary for him to say anything in praise of that brother as most of them had had the privilege of his acquaintance for some time, and that alone was quite sufficient to ensure his being loved and respected. Bro. Mason had endeared himself to many, and was known not only as a hard working Mason, but as a man ready to assist another, whether a Mason or not.

Bro. W. J. Mason, W.M., thanked the I.P.M. and brethren heartily and sincerely for the kind way in which his health had been proposed and received. That was, he hoped, a pleasant occasion to them all, and he was not going to mar their enjoyment by making a long speech. He trusted they would accept his heartfelt appreciation of the kind remarks of the I.P.M., and of the position in which he was placed. He would do his utmost to give satisfaction in the working of the lodge, maintain the harmony, and study the comfort of the members. He hoped the lodge would go on and prosper and maintain its reputation, and he heartily wished it God speed.

"The Initiates" having been giving and duly responded to, the Worshipful Master proposed "The Health of the Visitors," and said the members were delighted to see so many guests. There were 24 visitors present, which was a good number for a small lodge. The members would at all

times use their utmost endeavours to make the visitors comfortable.

Bro. George Davis, P.M. 1642, in reply, said it was always somewhat difficult for a man, however gifted with eloquence, to respond to the toast of the visitors in a Masonic assembly such as the present. He could however re-echo the sentiments of all the visitors present if he said how pleased they were to have had the opportunity of seeing the W.M. intalled into the chair of K.S. It was an event they had been looking forward to for some long time, and now that they had experienced that great pleasure, they would all go away delighted to know that Bro. Mason had been installed as Master of that lodge, and had met with the approbation of all the members and visitors present. He trusted that the W.M.'s year would be a thoroughly prosperous one. Speaking for himself, he might say he was delighted to have the opportunity of giving vent to his feelings, and to congratulate the W.M. upon the fact that after several years of anxious working in the cause of Freemasonry, he had had the opportunity of displaying to the brethren what he could do, and also that the members had so kindly received him with so much cordiality. He trusted the W.M. would live long to be an ornament to that lodge, and was glad to see such able Past Masters supporting him as Bro. Holmes, P.M. the great pioneer of peace and good order. He thanked the members for the great hospitality accorded the visitors, and the kindness shown in inviting them. They had thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and would go away delighted with what they had seen and heard, and trusting to have the opportunity of visiting the lodge again for many and many a year.

Bro. J. J. Thomas, P.M. 753, congratulated Bro. Mason on obtaining the exalted position of W.M. of the lodge. It was many years since they became acquainted, having been boys together, and it had, therefore, given him pleasure to see Bro. Mason installed, and he congratulated the lodge upon having an excellent working Mason, who knew, and was acquainted with, all the Degrees.

Bro. Jas. Stephens, W.M. 2150, also replied, and said he might tell the members that on the previous Tuesday he had the good fortune of commenting upon Bro. Mason's ability as a Mason, and his kindness of nature at all times to the brethren of the Tivoli Lodge, of which, he was proud to say, Bro. Mason was his J.W. The brother they had seen installed that night was one of the most genial, kindly-hearted, generous, and estimable men that a brother could meet, and the more one knew him, the more one honoured and appreciated the honour of his company.

Bro. Dr. Pocock also responded.

The W.M., in submitting "The Health of the I.P.M. and the Installing Master," regretted that Bro. Holmes, I.P.M., had not had good health during his year, but hoped the Great Architect would soon restore him. In the Installing Master, Bro. Mulvey, P.M., they had a thoroughly hard-working Mason, able and willing at all times to do what he could for Freemasonry, and he thanked that brother personally for the kind manner in which he had carried out the duties of the installing ceremony. He had a little lustre to add to that toast, and that was by asking the I.P.M. to allow him to pin to his breast a Past Master's jewel, and, on behalf of the lodge, to hope he would be spared for many years.

Bro. H. Holmes, I.P.M., thanked them, as he had done in the past, for another act of kindness. He would not detain them further, except to give one fervent expression of thankfulness for the kindness extended to him. He felt great gratification in wearing the jewel of the lodge as an evidence of their appreciation of the few services he had rendered in the lodge, and as an earnest wish that in the future he should continue to ennoble them.

Bro. E. C. Mulvey, P.M., Prov. G. Steward, said the installation ceremony had been a labour of love, having known the W.M. for many years. He (Bro. Mulvey) esteemed it an honour to have been the first W.M. of that lodge, and had no doubt that there would be numerous cyclist lodges in the future.

Bro. D. P. Cama, P.G. Treas., responded for "The Masonic Institutions," and said, that as the father of the lodge, it gave him great pleasure to return hearty thanks for the kind manner in which the toast had been received. In the formation of that lodge he had one aim, which was that it would do something for the Charitable Institutions, and they had a slight subscription, that members might subscribe to them. The demands upon the Institutions were so great that they were seldom able to grant all the demands made upon them. He should like to see the Institutions able to elect the applicants without an election, but that could only be done by the brethren fulfilling the promise of which they had been reminded that evening. He appealed to the brethren, hoping that those who had already supported the Institutions would live long to continue their support, and that those who had not done anything would commence at once. He hoped the I.P.M. would take up a list for the Boys with a three figured total.

The Tyler's toast closed a successful evening.

Bros. G. Goddard, H. J. Thomas, G. Brown, and Messrs. Abbott and Muscovitz contributed excellent selections of music during the evening, and Bro. A. B. Northcroft rendered a recitation in capital style.

### HASTINGS.

**Derwent Lodge** (No. 40).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 10th inst., at the Castle Hotel Assembly Room. Present: Bros. W. S. Allen, W.M.; F. C. Edwards, S.W.; G. Randell, J.W.; F. Rossiter, P.P.G.D., Treas.; J. Pearce, P.M., Sec.; R. Walmsley, S.D.; G. H. Gaze, J.D.; C. W. Duke, P.P.S.G.W., D. of C.; C. Ticehurst, I.G.; W. Leslie, Tyler; T. H. Cole, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; Wm. Glenester, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; P. Robinson, P.M.; C. E. Botley, P.M.; W. H. Russell, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; E. W. C. Hennah, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; A. G. Foord, G. Tyrrell, G. F. Wood, E. J. McCormick, H. Boyce, G. Heaphy, J. Edmond, and L. O. Glenester. Visitors: Bros. T. Martin, 297; L. F. St. John, 1184; and W. T. Jordan, P.M. 1184.

The lodge having been opened, Bros. Foord and Tyrrell were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., the ceremony being worked by the W.M. in a most impressive manner. An additional five guineas was voted to the R.M.B.I., and £2 10s. to the proposed pension fund for Bro. Binckes. Bro. C. W. Duke mentioned that a daughter of the late Bro. Lewns would be a candidate for admission to the Girls' School, and asked the brethren to assist him with their votes.



## NORTH WOOLWICH.

**Henley Lodge** (No. 1472).—The installation meeting of the above popular and flourishing lodge took place on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at the Three Crowns Hotel, and was well attended by the *élite* of the brotherhood of the lodge, the surrounding lodges, and also from The Great City Lodge. Bro. C. H. Canning, W.M., opened the lodge, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the ballot was taken for Messrs. Tumber and Tricker, and proved successful. The W.M. then proceeded to the ceremony of installation, and in due course Bro. C. Wood, S.W. and W.M. elect, was installed in the chair of K.S. He appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. C. Canning, I.P.M.; A. Knight, S.W.; C. Powling, J.W.; Dr. W. Vance, P.M., Treas.; C. Jolly, P.M., Sec.; B. Curtis, S.D.; J. Glading, J.D.; J. Delo, I.G.; W. Turvey and C. Barwick, Stewards; T. Reeves, D.C.; and J. Gaskell, Tyler. The new W.M. then initiated Messrs. Tricker and J. Cox, the latter having been previously approved of, in excellent style, and then Bro. Canning proceeded with the three addresses, and concluded a ceremony seldom, if ever, excelled. It was both word perfect and most impressive, and for it he was awarded a cordial vote of thanks, the same to be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge. And it was further resolved that a copy of the vote of thanks should be emblazoned on vellum, mounted, and framed, at a cost not exceeding five guineas, and presented to Bro. Canning for his excellent work of installing his successor that day. He was also presented with a Past Master's jewel, of the value of 15 guineas, and a Past Master's collar and pendant, of the value of £3 7s. 6d., both jewel and collar being manufactured and engraved by Bro. George Kenning, of Little Britain, London. Bro. Canning having returned thanks, the lodge was closed, and the brethren sped by special train to the London Tavern, Fenchurch-street, where a superb banquet awaited them, and which was fully enjoyed.

Among other brethren present were Bros. C. Lewis, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. Essex; J. Savage, P.M.; E. West, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. Essex; A. T. Ives, P.M.; J. Paul, P.M.; J. Ives, P.M. (Hon.); W. Richardson, H. Wooster, J. Cordell, J. Neasbey, F. Langton, B. Chatterton, H. Hays, G. Harnwell, J. Howe, C. Davidson, A. H. Jones, W. Harris, W. Baker, S. Bow, M. Kaul, J. Steer, T. Chaplin, W. Ball, C. Stamford, G. Plume, H. George, J. Baldie, A. Burton, H. Steward, H. Lewis, J. T. Ward, and others, all of the lodge. Among the visitors were Bros. A. Penfold, P.M. 913, P.P.S.G.D. Kent; Capt. G. Spinks, P.M. 1536, P.P.G. Std. Br. Kent; G. Kenneday, P.M. 1536, P.P.G.S.B. Kent; J. Aillud, P.M. 615, P.P.A.G.D.C. Kent; G. Mitchell, P.M. 615, P.G. Std.; G. W. Verry, P.M. 554, Prov. P.G. Std. Br. Herts; W. Weber, W.M.; S. Southgate, J.W.; J. McCollough, J.W.; G. F. Taylor, S.D.; H. Pamment, W. Chambers, W. Long, G. H. Porter, of 700; C. Hiscock, 898; G. Cashfield, S.W., 615; F. Davis, 13; A. T. Dale, W.M.; G. Tytheridge, S.W.; W. C. Crow, J.W., of 1076; W. Hewett, S.W. 957; F. C. Burstow, I.P.M., 212; G. H. Campbell and Capt. W. Young, of 913; W. T. Griffiths, 781, and others.

The usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts having been honoured, the Immediate Past Master proposed in glowing terms the toast of "The W.M." He said it was a toast that they had always been in the habit of receiving with a great deal of pleasure. There were a goodly number of Past Masters present, who had that day witnessed and marked how zealously and how ably Bro. Wood had already acquitted himself in his new position of W.M., and he felt sure that as he had that day, so would he during his year of office, carry out the duties entrusted to him with honour and credit to the lodge.

Bro. Wood, who was cheered lustily on rising to respond, said he had remarked some years ago that it was a pity there was not a lodge of elocution, in which an aspirant for the chair might practice and be instructed in the art of public speaking, so that when he attained the chair he might have no difficulty in responding to the toast of his health, and propose the other toasts in such a manner as would not make him one of the most unhappy men upon earth. Now, he would say that he was deeply indebted to Bros. Ives and Canning for most of his knowledge of the ritual, and if Bro. Jolly would only take him in hand, and teach him how to make a speech, he was sure they would have nothing further to complain of him on that score. At present he felt like the best friend of man—the dog—who never had its eyes opened until nine days after its birth, so they must excuse him if his speech was not the proper sort of speech a W.M. should make at present. He should endeavour during the coming year so to work the Degrees that at the end of his year of office they would welcome him as one who had done his duty to their satisfaction and to the credit of the lodge.

The toast of "The Installing Officer" followed, and, in response, Bro. Canning said it took a load off his mind to hear them say that he had performed the ceremony as well as those excellent predecessors who had worked it before him, and he felt that he had done so by their hearty reception of the toast. He then referred to the late Old People's Festival, and thanked the brethren for sending him up with £67 13s. 6d., which showed their metal, and enabled him to beat no less than five provinces with over 20 Stewards. He trusted the G.A.O.T.U. would give their W.M. health and strength to carry out his duties, and concluded by making an appeal on behalf of Mrs. Page, a candidate for a pension.

"The Past Masters" having been toasted, was responded to severally by those present, and "The Initiates" were honoured, and returned thanks.

Bro. Penfold, in responding for "The Visitors," said he felt somewhat of a delinquent at not being at the working of the lodge, but could not get down in time, but from all around him he heard the highest eulogiums upon the manner in which Bro. Canning had installed his successor, and also upon the manner in which his successor had initiated the candidates; it showed them that the lodge had a prosperous future before it, and they ought to be proud of it. It was an excellent trait in the working of a lodge where each succeeding Master installed his successor, as the Masters of the lodge for many years past had done. He was exceedingly pleased to hear that Bro. Canning had taken up such a good sum for the Old People, and would be glad, if it was not too late, to put ten guineas to it himself. He was pleased to be present as he had spent one of the most delightful evenings in his life, and could heartily con-

gratulate them upon the evident prosperity of their excellent lodge. Our distinguished brother was cheered heartily during and at the conclusion of his speech.

Bros. Kenneday, Spinks, Allen, Dale, Webber, and others responded to the toast.

"The Masonic Charities" was responded to by Bro. C. Lewis.

Bros. Knight, Powling, and Jolly responded for the "Officers."

The singing was excellent, the contributors being Bros. Barwick, Stampford, Burton, Aillud, Spinks, Campbell, and others, and altogether the affair was most enjoyable, thanks especially to the splendid catering of the esteemed manager of the hotel.

## PLUMSTEAD.

**Pattison Lodge** (No. 913).—There was a large muster of the brethren and friends of the above lodge at its usual monthly meeting on Thursday, the 6th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Mount Pleasant. The chair was filled by Bro. C. H. Lawson, P.M., in the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. B. de B. Lopez, who was away at Nice attending a sick brother, while the decease of the late esteemed Bro. Keeble, I.P.M., left the chair at Bro. Lawson's disposal.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. A. Eaton, late of 700, as a joining member, and it proved unanimous. Bro. Blest was raised to the Third Degree. The Worshipful Master's working was perfection itself, while the musical portion of the ceremony by the Pattison choir, under the direction of Bro. F. Tyler, Org., added a rare impressiveness to the ritual. The sum of 10 guineas was voted to Bro. Warren, P.M. 700, as an addition to his list for the Boys, and then the lodge was closed.

Besides the W.M., the following Past Masters, officers, and visitors were present: Bros. C. Coupland, P.M., P.P. J.G.W., Treasurer; E. Denton, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Secretary; H. Mason, P.M.; F. Barry, P.M.; C. Jolly, P.M. (Hon.); Col. Hughes, M.P., S.W.; W. Busbridge, J.W.; W. Sanders, S.D.; W. C. Taylor, J.D.; Dr. E. Bryson, I.G.; C. Clapham, D.C.; J. J. Collins, A.D.C.; F. Tyler, Org.; J. H. Bull, Asst. Org.; G. Kennedy, P.M. 1536, P.P.G.S.B.; J. H. Price, W.M.; Dr. H. W. Roberts, W.M., P.P.J. G.W. Middx.; A. Paterson, J. Warren, P.M. and Sec. 700; J. H. Roberts, P.M. and Treas. 700; J. Richardson, 1528; J. Lawson, S.D. 1789; R. Smith, 1000; F. G. Nichols, P.M. 706; W. Bidgood, 700; and Escott, P.M. Naval College Lodge.

The dinner having been discussed, and the usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts honoured, that of "Earl Amherst, Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Kent" evoked great enthusiasm.

In proposing the toast of "Bro. Eastes, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," the Worshipful Master said they in that district owed a deep debt of gratitude to Bro. Eastes, while his services in the cause of Freemasonry in the province had endeared him to every Mason in it. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Kennedy.

Bro. Kennedy, in response, said he was confident that if Bro. Eastes had been present to see the splendid working of the W.M. and his officers that night, he would have been proud of them. For himself he could say that it was no more than he expected to see, knowing how able a worker and how perfect an one Bro. Lawson was. It would be his duty at the next meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge to report to Bro. Eastes what he had seen that night, and he felt sure Bro. Eastes and their noble Prov. G.M. would be proud to hear it.

The acting W.M. then proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and said he did so with much more pleasure in his absence than he should have felt if Bro. Lopez had been present, because it gave him an opportunity of speaking of and praising that brother's work in such terms as, while he fully deserved them, might, if spoken to his face, appear too much like flattery. He knew that Bro. Lopez had the interest of the lodge at heart. He was now abroad attending and waiting on a sick brother, and had many duties to perform when at home, yet he found time to come down and carry out his duties as Master of that lodge, which duties he not only did well, but by his geniality had endeared himself to every member of the lodge. He felt sure that their distinguished Bro. Coupland, who was partner with Bro. Lopez, would convey to that brother the excellent and hearty good wishes of every member of the lodge.

Bro. Col. Hughes proposed the toast of "The Past Masters," first of all congratulating them upon the great improvement made in the hall for the comforts of the brethren, and after feelingly referring to the case of the late Bro. Capt. Pownalls Child, who is a candidate for the Boys' School, said he was pleased to see such excellent Past Masters present, and they were the back-bone of the lodge, and he asked the brethren to drink the toast heartily.

Bros. Coupland and Lawson returned thanks. Bros. Roberts, Escott, Price, Pattison, and Warren responded for "The Visitors."

"The Officers" and Tyler's toasts concluded the proceedings.

The singing by Bros. Nichols, Lever, Smith, Hammond, and others were most excellent, while Bro. Tyler, who presided at the piano, Bro. Walker, 1536, with the cello, and Bro. Horton, with the violin, played solos, duets, and trios, to the intense gratification of every one present.

## SOUTHAMPTON.

**Southampton Lodge** (No. 394).—The last of the Southampton installations for the present year took place at the Masonic Hall, Albion-place, on the 20th ult., when Bro. Simeon Dacombe, the retiring S.W., was placed in the chair, the ceremony being performed by Bro. H. Lashmore, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. The Installed Masters in attendance were Bros. J. E. Le Feuvre, D.P.G.M.; Brockley, W.M. Economy Lodge; D. W. B. Tayler, W.M. Royal Gloucester Lodge; W. Jenvey, W.M., T. Lashmore, P.P.G.D.C., A. J. Blackman, P.G.S., and Aldis, of Peace and Harmony Lodge; C. W. A. Jellicoe, W.M. Twelve Brothers Lodge, P.P.J.G.D.; W. Pearce, W.M. Shirley Lodge; W. H. Mitchell, W.M. Clausentum Lodge; Warren, W.M. Albert Edward Lodge; and C. J. Appleford, T. P. Payne, P.P.G. Reg.; J. Lemon, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks.; H. P. Aslatt, P.P.S.G.D.; G. J. Tilling, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks.; W. Bowyer, P.P.A.G.D.C., H. Lashmore, P.P.S.G.D., E. Gayton, and R. H. Brannon,

all of the lodge. The visitors also included Bros. the Rev. F. J. Ashmall, 309, and T. G. Dacombe, S.W. 359. The following officers were invested: Bros. C. J. Appleford, I.P.M.; F. A. Dunsford, S.W.; A. Hewitt, J.W.; J. Lemon, P.M., Treas.; W. Bowyer, P.M., Sec.; H. C. Ashdown, S.D.; W. Bates, J.D.; E. Gayton, P.M., D.C.; W. Paul, I.G.; A. F. Gutteridge and R. R. Linthorne, Stwds.; and W. Vare, Tyler.

The installation banquet was well served by Bro. Biggs. The D.P.G.M., in responding for the province, referred to his recent presence in London at the installation of the Lord Mayor at the Mansion House as Master of the Drury Lane Lodge, saying that the Prince of Wales, as Grand Master, granted a dispensation permitting the ceremony to be performed under such novel circumstances.

Responding as the Installing Master, Bro. H. Lashmore said the minutes of the Southampton Lodge recorded a gathering under similar circumstances, which took place in days when dispensations were lightly treated and not often asked for. The W.M. elect being ill on St. John's Day, the brethren adjourned from the Masonic Hall, Bugle-street, to his private residence, and having installed him there, returned to the hall and finished their business.

"The Health of the W.M." was cordially drunk, and many "Hearty good wishes" were tendered him for a pleasant and successful year of office.

## SOUTHEND.

**Priory Lodge** (No. 1000).—A meeting was held on Thursday, 6th inst., at Middleton Hotel. Present: W. E. Bridgland, P.M. 933, W.M.; G. R. Dawson, P.M., P.P.G.D., as S.W.; B. Thomas, J.W.; Rev. T. W. Herbert, P.P.G.C., Chap.; F. Wood, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; A. Lucking, P.M., P.G.P., Sec.; A. Vandervord, S.D.; C. W. Barnard, J.D.; T. F. Barrett, P.M., P.P. G.R., D.C.; F. J. Cumine, I.G.; Capt. E. E. Phillips, J.P., P.M., P.P.G.D., Org.; E. J. Bowmaker, Stwd.; A. W. Martin, Tyler; G. J. Glasscock, P.M., P.P.G., S.B.; W. D. Merritt, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; C. Floyd, P.M., P.P.A.G.P.; J. R. Brightwell, G. F. Vandervord, J. Pritchard, W. Tyler, E. F. Wood and H. Cogill. Visitors: Bros. Col. the Hon. O. G. Lambert, P.M. 1460; G. Thomas, P.M. 1817, Prov. G. Std. Br.; J. Burton, W. M., J. Rogan, and R. Cleghorn, of 1817; and C. Walton and F. Partridge, of 160.

The minutes were read and confirmed, and Mr. B. Fearnside initiated. The sum of £2 10s. was voted to the R.M.I.B. Pension Indemnity Fund. A joining Member having been proposed, the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to refreshments.

## TEDDINGTON.

**Sir Charles Bright Lodge** (No. 1793).—This prosperous lodge met at the Clarence Hotel, on the 26th ult. Among those in attendance were Bros. W. J. Porter, jun., W.M.; A. J. R. Simmonds, S.W., W.M. elect; J. R. Barns, J.W.; J. Piller, P.M., Treas.; R. W. Forge, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Sec.; W. Middleweek, J.D.; E. H. Dines, I.G.; J. E. Ruffell, Org.; W. H. Windeatt, D.C.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., and B. Müller, Stwds.; J. Finch, I.P.M.; C. Stevens, P.M., P.P.G. Org.; C. W. Warner, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; F. Chandler, P.M. 1656; W. Smith, W. R. Plaford, J. Barns, jun., T. Middleweek, E. F. Bennett, W. Smith, J. Hall, E. Hall, T. Pleford, F. Rivenhall, H. Hunt, C. A. Houghton, J. Gilbert, P.G.T., Tyler; and others. Among the numerous visitors we noticed Bros. Gould, P.G.D.; E. Rogers, S.W. 60, G. Std.; Stedwell, P.G.S., P.P.G.W.; Howard Room, Prov. G.S.; J. T. Briggs, P.P.G.D.; W. Beard, P.P.G.D.C.; J. O'Connell, P.G. Org. Surrey; B. Colbron, W.M. 889; Hoddenott, W.M. 901; Hill, W.M. Surbiton Lodge; G. Everett, P.M. 177; Cousens, P.M. 209; W. Chapman, P.M. 889; J. Anton, P.M. 946; Pittman, 1181; J. A. Harvey, P.M. 1313; E. Dare, S.W. 1656; Belsham, J.W. 733; E. S. White, J.W. 902; Mitvert, I.G. 732; H. Campbell, 74; Parrott, 975; H. Luscombe, 371; Gomme, 945; George Gardner, 1642; White, 1656; H. Herbert, 1745; J. Mayo, 2222; C. Orr, late 409 (I.C.); and others.

Shortly after the minutes were read, Bro. R. H. Thrupp, P.A.G.D.C., Deputy P.G.M., was announced, and duly saluted. Bro. Simmonds, W.M. elect, having been presented, was duly installed into the chair of K.S. by the W.M., assisted by Bros. Stevens, as S.W.; Finch, J.W.; Warner, D.C.; and F. Chandler, I.G. The following appointments and investitures took place: Bros. J. R. Barns, S.W.; Bonella, J.W.; Piller, Treas.; Forge, Sec.; Burns, W.M. Middleweek, S.D.; E. H. Dines, J.D.; Windeatt, I.G.; J. E. Ruffell, Org.; B. Müller, D.C.; Capt. Walls and E. F. Bennett, Stwds.; and Gilbert, Tyler. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. It was proposed by Bro. Capt. Walls, seconded by Bro. F. Chandler, P.M., and carried, "That the sum of £2 10s. be voted to the Pension Indemnity Fund, R.M.I. for Boys." It was then proposed by Bro. Forge, P.M., seconded by Bro. Capt. Walls, and carried unanimously, "That Bro. Howard H. Room, P.M., Prov. G. Sec., be elected an honorary member of the lodge."

The lodge was then closed, after passing a vote of thanks to the Installing Officer.

Upon the removal of the cloth the usual toasts followed. Bros. Gould, P.G.D., and E. Rogers, G.S., responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers" in an effective manner.

In replying to the toast of "The Deputy Prov. Grand Master and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," Bro. Thrupp said that they would be all gratified to hear that their respected and venerable chief, Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, was in good health. For 20 years had he presided over the destinies of the large Masonic Province of Middlesex, and during that long period he had won the esteem and affection of all those with whom he had been brought in contact. Since the time the Prov. Grand Master had appointed him his Deputy he had endeavoured to interest himself in the inner life of all the lodges and chapters within his jurisdiction. He was particularly gratified with the growth and increasing prosperity of No. 1793, and it had pleased him to see how well the I.P.M. had installed his successor, and he was worthy of the jewel that had been presented to him. In conclusion, he wished to call their attention to the Woodward Testimonial. Bro. Woodward, P.P.G.S., during the four years that he had been Secretary had brought the affairs of the province to a high state of efficiency, and his labours were worthy of some recognition.

Bro. H. Room, also replied, and expressed his thanks for



the great honour that they had accorded him in making him an honorary member of their young but prosperous lodge.

"The Health of the W.M." followed. In proposing the toast the I.P.M. said that Bro. Simmonds during his nine years' membership of the lodge had worked well and worthily. They had witnessed how well he had invested his officers that evening, and it augured well for his able tenancy of the chair. Besides his Masonic qualifications, the W.M. was a kind and jolly fellow all round.

"The Visitors" followed. Bro. George Everett, in responding, said that he could lay claim to being almost the oldest Mason present, and he supposed, that that was one reason why he had been specially honoured to speak first. He had often heard of the happy and well worked Sir Charles Bright Lodge, and he felt grateful that at last he had had an opportunity of ocular and auricular demonstration. The I.P.M. had installed his successor well, and the W.M. had not only invested his officers in a manner worthy of all praise, but had presided most admirably at the banquet table. He, the speaker was also pleased to have had an opportunity of hearing speak for the first time one who had done so much for Masonic literature. He alluded to Bro. Gould, P.G.D., whose great work on Freemasonry was deservedly known. In conclusion, he had to thank the W.M. for giving him an opportunity of being present, and spending a most agreeable and instructive evening. Bro. Colbron, Hoddenott, and Stedwell also replied on behalf of themselves and co-visitors. In consequence of the lateness of the hour, the remaining toasts, viz: "The Installing Officer," "Past Masters," "Masonic Charities," and "Officers," were but briefly given and responded to.

However, in proposing "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. laid great stress upon their services. The latter (Bro. Forge) had worked very hard indeed to render their meeting that day a success, and, in fact, was one of the most energetic and hard working Secretaries in the Province of Middlesex.

An excellent variety programme was promoted by Bro. Ruffell, Organist, but the time would not allow of its being carried out entirely. Among the artistes were the Bros. Hall, F. Rivenhall, F. Hill, and Mr. Fred. Ruffell.

#### WALTON-ON-THE-NAZE.

**Arnold Lodge** (No. 1799).—A meeting was held on Tuesday the 4th inst., at Clifton Hotel. Present: Bros. J. M. Scarlett, W.M.; H. Wilkinson, S.W.; E. Durling, as J.W.; E. Osmond, Treas.; R. H. Scott, P.M. P.P.A.G. Sec.; Sec.; Walter Sutton, S.D.; C. P. King, J.D.; J. H. Harman, I.G.; J. James, Tyler; Charles Hempson, P.M.; P.P.A.G.D.C.; Wm. Finer, P.M.; Purvis, and others.

Lodge opened, and minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. Telegrams from Bros. Swoffer, Grocock and others were read. Notice as to meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge on 5th inst., and consecration of new lodge at Mistley, by the P.G.M., Bro. Lord Brooke, on 12th inst., was read. Bro. Alfred Purvis was duly passed to the degree of a F.C., the working tools being given by the W.M. There being no other business, the Benevolent Fund was subscribed to, and the lodge was closed.

#### Royal Arch.

**Fidelity Chapter** (No. 3).—This old chapter met at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 7th inst., when there were present, among others, Comps. F. McDougal, P.Z., acting M.E.Z.; C. Greenwood, P.G. S.E. Surrey, Z. elect; Collins, H.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.P.G.P. Soj. Middx., acting J.; Radcliffe, S.N.; Stevens, P.S.; Heming, Osborn, H. J. Lardner, P.P.G. Std. Br. Surrey; and others.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. Comp. F. McDougal then installed Comp. C. Greenwood as M.E.Z., he having been prevented by illness from attending the last meeting of the chapter. The sum of 10 guineas was voted to the list of Comp. Osborn as Steward to the R.M.I. for Boys, 1890. The sum of one guinea each was voted to the R.M.I. for Girls and the R.M.B.I. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. Heming, I.P.Z.; F. Graves, P.Z.; Pearce, P.Z.; Capt. W. Williams, J.; Birch, S.N.; Cochrane, D.C.; Mapleton, and others.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet, which was well served, in the Glee Room of the Tavern.

The M.E.Z. proved himself to be a most eloquent Chairman, the long list of toasts receiving the most ample justice at his hands.

The proceedings, which were throughout of a most agreeable nature, terminated at an early hour.

**Metropolitan Chapter** (No. 1507).—This prosperous chapter held its usual March meeting at Anderson's Hotel, on Thursday, the 6th inst., when there were present Comps. T. C. Edmonds, M.E.Z.; J. Fergusson, P.Z., acting H.; J. C. Smith, P.Z., acting J.; W. M. Stiles, P.Z., Scribe E.; R. W. Fraser, S.N.; G. W. Knight, I.P.Z.; H. Stiles, P.Z.; F. Silvester, P.S.; G. Mordey, 1st A.S.; Little, 2nd A.S.; Emblin, D.C.; Kauffman, A.D.C.; F. Saunders, Stwd.; Whiting, Janitor; Wilson, Gunner, Price, Evans, Timberlake, Ruzicke, Cursons, Dovey, Longman, Goldney, Green, and Gooding.

The chapter was opened and the Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. William Gooding, of Lodge No. 87, was balloted for, and being unanimous, he was exalted in an admirable manner by the M.E.Z. and his officers; a letter of regret was read by the Scribe E., from Comp. H. Dickey, H., for not being able to be present, also one from Comp. Dimsdale resigning the chapter, which was accepted with regret.

Chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to banquet, which gave every satisfaction to the companions, being personally attended by Comps. A. Clemow and G. Evans, who are always anxious to give satisfaction.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been given and responded to.

Comp. G. W. Knight, I.P.Z., proposed "The Health of the M.E.Z., Comp. Edmonds," whom he was sure they were all so pleased to see occupying the high position he did that evening after his severe illness, and they all hoped he would continue to regain strength and be with them for many years.

**Bayard Chapter** (No. 1615).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held at Golden-square on 3rd inst. Present: Comps. Capt. H. Wright, Z.; Sauerbrey, H.; Bamber, J.; Lieut.-Col. Somerville Burney, P.G.S.N.; Treas.; Rev. D. Wilson, F. Hunt, Dr. Scott, Lloyd Phillips, Morice, Lieut.-Col. Bailey, Surgeon-General Jessop, and others. Visitors: Comps. General Hay, and Tabiteau, 1383; Major Woolmer Williams, P.Z.; I. E. Star, and Fergusson.

After the chapter had been opened, Comp. Capt. Wright installed Comp. Sauerbrey into the chair of Z., and Comp. Bamber as H. The latter installed Comp. Hunt as J. Comp. Wright having resumed the chair of Z., invested Comps. Rev. D. Wilson, as P.S.; Lieut.-Col. Bailey, as S.N.; Rev. Dr. Scott, as Treas.; Morice, Asst. Soj.; and Austin, Janitor; and exalted Bro. J. Clarke, 1727, ex-Sheriff of London and Middlesex, to the Supreme Degree of the Royal Arch. Comp. Sauerbrey having resumed the First Principal's chair, invested Comp. Wright as Scribe E. He also presented him with a P.Z.'s jewel, on behalf of the chapter, for the services he had rendered during his year of office, Comp. Wright having materially increased the number of members by introducing several brethren of the Alliance and Drury Lane Lodges. A jewel was also prepared for, but could not be presented, to Lieut.-Col. Haldane, who, after nine years, desired to be relieved of the duties of S.E., owing to his absence from serious ill-health. The minutes having been confirmed, the chapter was closed.

A banquet was subsequently held at the Café Royal, served in Bro. Delacoste's best style.

Comps. Capt. Wright, Bamber, and General Hay presided as Z., H., and J. respectively.

The usual loyal toasts were duly honoured.

In giving that of "Their Special Guests," the First Principal hoped that the custom which had existed for many years of inviting the Three Principals and S.E. of the Friends-in-Council Chapter to the installation in the Bayard Chapter would never be departed from, and suggested that other lodges and chapters would do well to emulate them. He regretted that Comp. H. D. Sandeman, the S.E., was unable to be present, but they had the Second and Third Principals—Comps. General Hay and Tabiteau, the former of whom was unique by the fact of his having occupied at one and the same time the chair of the Craft, Royal Arch, Mark, and Rose Croix Degrees.

In reply, Comp. General Hay said he agreed with the sentiments just uttered, and hoped that pleasant interchange of hospitalities would long continue.

Comp. Major Woolmer Williams responded for "The Visitors," and Comp. Ex-Sheriff Clarke for "The Newly-Exalted Member," and said he was glad that he joined the Alliance Lodge in the year of his shrievalty during the Mastership of Bro. Wright and the Bayard Chapter also during the same brother's year in the chair.

Comp. Morice replied for the toast of "The Officers."

#### TWICKENHAM.

**Era Chapter** (No. 1423).—This chapter held its first meeting of the season at the Albany Hotel on the 8th inst., when there were present Comps. W. H. Matthews, M.E.Z.; W. H. Lee, P.Z., P.G.S.E., H.; H. Higgins, P.Z. 1381, J.; Capt. Walls, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S., S.E.; C. H. Köhler, P.Z. 1381, S.N.; E. H. Thielay, P.Z., P.P. G.D.C., Treas.; Chief Superintendent W. Fisher, P.S.; Peat, 1st A.S.; G. Moss, 2nd A.S.; J. B. Ryley, M.D., P.Z., P.P.G.J.; J. Faulkner, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B.; G. L. Wingate, P.Z., P.P.A.G.S.; G. Elliott, P.Z., P.A.G.S.; and Gilbert, Janitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, a donation was unanimously voted to the "Woodward Testimonial Fund." Comp. W. Fisher handed in the name of Bro. H. J. Jones, P.M. 1512, P.P.G. Std. Br., for exaltation at the next meeting. The S.E. having reported that Comp. C. Stevens, P.G. Org., I.P.Z., was unavoidably prevented from attending that day, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet.

The customary toasts were pertinently given, but with commendable brevity, by the M.E.Z. The proceedings were over shortly after nine o'clock.

#### WHITBY.

**Britannia Chapter** (No. 312).—The annual gathering of the members of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, on Monday evening, the 3rd inst. The installation of officers for the ensuing year took place as follows: Comps. F. Thornton, M.E.Z.; W. G. Lockey, H.; R. W. White, J.; J. Brooks, P.S., who appointed as his assistants, Comps. W. H. Atlay and T. Atkinson; S. Reed, S.E.; J. N. Lawson, S.N. and Treas.; J. Oliver, D.C.; H. Wald and Burton Newbald, Stwds.; and J. H. Trueman, Janitor. The Installing Master was Comp. J. Stevenson, who performed his duties in the most admirable manner.

The banquet was provided at the Crown Hotel in the evening, and a most excellent repast was served by Mr. and Mrs. Walker. Comp. F. Thornton, M.E.Z., presided, and Comp. J. Brooks was in the vice-chair.

After "The Health of the Queen" had been drunk, the M.E.Z. gave the next toast, "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.Z.," which was drunk with every honour.

Comp. J. S. Moss proposed the next toast, "The Grand Superintendent of North and East Yorkshire," and in doing so paid a high tribute to the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, who, he said, had ancestral claims on their attachment.

The toast was drunk with much warmth and heartiness.

Comp. W. G. Lockey proposed "The Army, Navy, and Auxiliary Forces," which was well received, and responded to by Comps. Colonel Marwood, Major Marwood, and Capt. Atlay.

The toast of the evening, "The M.E.Z.," was proposed by his predecessor, Comp. W. H. Falkingbridge, and was drunk with enthusiasm.

The M.E.Z. responded, and then proposed "The Installing Principal and Prosperity to the Britannia Chapter," coupling with it, in eulogistic terms, Comp. J. Stevenson, who responded, and then proposed "The Principals," and Comps. Lockey and White responded.

Comp. White proposed "The Past Principals," and Comp. W. H. Falkingbridge responded.

Comp. T. N. Marwood gave "The Scribes," and Comps. Lawson and Reed responded.

The M.E.Z. gave "The P.S. and other Officers," and Comp. J. Brooks responded, and proposed "The Visiting Brethren," and Comp. Thos. Harland responded.

"The Host and Hostess" was the last toast.

Songs were sung by Comps. Atlay, Oliver, Atkinson, Lawson, Brooks, and White, and a very pleasant evening was spent, the proceedings terminating by singing "Auld lang syne" with more than usual fervour.

#### Mark Masonry.

##### TENBY.

**Five Arches Lodge** (No. 256).—On Monday, the 3rd inst., the annual meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Room, South Parade, for the purpose of installing Bro. F. E. Remfry, P.P.S.G.O., W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed, in the presence of a large number of brethren, by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. the Rev. J. Marsden, P.G.C., assisted by Bro. R. D. Gilbertson, P.M., P.J.G.W. After the ceremony, the newly-installed Master invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. J. Bancroft, S.W.; A. T. Lewis, J.W.; O. W. Rowland, M.O.; H. E. Smith, S.O.; D. H. Brown, J.O.; Rev. D. Bowen, Chap.; W. H. Richards, Treas.; J. G. Lock, Reg. of Marks; F. E. Wade, Sec.; G. Freeman, S.D.; Col. W. Lewes, J.D.; R. Lock, D.C.; R. D. Gilbertson, Org.; J. R. Rowlands, I.G.; and F. J. Pratt, Tyler.

At the conclusion of the business, the brethren adjourned to the Cobourg Hotel, where an excellent banquet had been prepared by Mrs. Hughes.

The W.M. presided, and during the evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and duly honoured.

Speeches, interspersed with singing, filled up a very pleasant evening.

Amongst the visitors was the Dep. Prov. G.M. of the province, Bro. Rev. W. L. Stradling.

#### 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 10th inst., when there were present Bros. Scheu, W.M.; Wolter, S.W.; Brownsword, J.W.; Farwig, Preceptor; C. J. Jones, Sec.; Matthews, S.D.; Taylor, J.D.; Bullen, I.G.; Woods, Hill, Blum, W. Blyth, T. Blyth, Bayfield, Warwick, Kirk, Wiggins, and Street.

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. Woods worked the 1st Section of the Second Lecture. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. W. Blyth having offered himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of F.C. The Preceptor worked the 2nd Section, Bro. Bullen the 3rd Section, and Bro. Woods the 4th Section. On rising for the first time, Bros. Warwick, 765, and Street, 180, were unanimously elected members of this lodge of instruction. On rising for the second time, Bro. Wolter 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.

**CLARENCE LODGE** (No. 263).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 27th ult., at Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road, when there were present Bros. M. H. Kirby, W.M.; D. Imlay, S.W.; R. Horne, J.W.; C. E. Bulling, Treas. and I.G.; W. Freemantle, Sec.; H. S. Wellcome, S.D.; W. Baker, J.D.; J. W. Harvey, P.M.; and J. Corp. Visitors: Bros. F. Masterton Smith, 162, and Jos. Bates, P.M. 419.

The ceremony of raising was ably rehearsed, after which Bros. F. Masterton Smith, 162, and J. Bates, P.M. 419, were elected members. Bros. J. Blundell Maple, M.P., 1397, and Fred Lunniss, 1426, were elected honorary members.

A meeting was also held on Thursday, the 6th inst., when there were present Bros. E. P. Debenham, W.M.; H. Sadler, S.W.; Hastings, J.W.; W. H. Kirby, Preceptor; Bulling, Treas.; W. Freemantle, Sec.; F. Bull, S.D.; D. G. Imlay, J.D.; Saunders, I.G.; and other members to the number of 22.

The lodge having been opened in the Three Degrees, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the ceremony of raising was perfectly rehearsed by the W.M., assisted by his officers. Three Sections of the Lectures were then worked by Bros. Sadler, Kirby, and Debenham respectively. On the W.M. rising for the first time, Bros. Hastings, Nock, and Skinner were proposed, seconded, and duly admitted as joining members, and Bro. Imlay, in the names of those members who are associated with the firm of Messrs. Maple and Co., presented the handsome lodge furniture, consisting of three pedestals, Secretary's desk, wands, and a box to store all the smaller articles in. The presentation was most modestly made, with a very few though well-chosen expressions, which were as practical and significant in the meaning as the handsome American walnut furniture was useful and ornamental. Bro. Kirby proposed a most cordial vote of thanks to the good brethren whose interest in the lodge had been exhibited in such a pleasantly tangible way, and expressed his own as well as other members great appreciation of the support this lodge continued to receive at the hands of the brethren from Messrs. Maple who had taken so active an interest in the founding of this weekly institution. Bro. Sadler seconded this proposal, and having endorsed all the previous speaker's remarks, spoke in a very complimentary way of the generous present, and the charming true spirit of Masonry that had been shown by the subscribers to the donation as well as the one elected to speak their sentiments on that occasion. The lodge was then closed down in the Three Degrees in perfect harmony, and Bro. Hastings having been elected W.M. for the ensuing Thursday evening, appointed his officers in rotation, and announced that the work would be the first ceremony and the charge.

**PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Hill. Present: Bros. S. Stretch, W.M.; R. Dillon, S.W.; W. T. Dillon, J.W.; G. Wood, Preceptor; W. J. Stratton, Treas.; C. Coleman, S.D.; W. Chapple, J.D.; J. Gluckstein, I.G.; C. Stallibrass, Steward; R. E. Cursons, A. Pozzati, M. Bash, R. S. Ogliby, R. J. Rogers, and J. R. Hill.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The 2nd Section was worked by Bro. Cursons, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Rogers being the candidate. Bro. Bash was then examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Bash being the candidate. The lodge was then resumed to the First Degree. Bro. R. Dillon was duly elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the officers were appointed in rotation. It was proposed, seconded, and carried, that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. Stretch for the efficient manner he had worked the ceremonies for the first time in this lodge of instruction. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

A meeting was also held at the above address on the 11th inst. Present: Bros. R. H. Dillon, P.M. 1567, W.M.; W. J. Stratton, Treas., S.W.; E. T. Taylor, J.W.; G. Wood, Preceptor; J. J. Thomas, P.M., Sec.; R. J. Rogers, S.D.; J. R. Hill, J.D.; M. Bash, I.G.; S. Stretch, Steward; N. Turner, P.M. 72; J. Stephens, W.M. 2150; C. Hunt, P.M. 1425; R. E. Cursons, A. E. Carter, G. Wood, W. T. Dillon, R. O. Ogilby, and W. Chapple.

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. Stretch 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. Stretch being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of installation rehearsed. Bro. Stratton, the S.W., was presented, and duly installed into the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom. The brethren saluted the W.M. in the Three Degrees, after which the Installing Master delivered the addresses. The S.W., Bro. Stratton, was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed the officers in rotation. The sum of £10 10s. was voted to be placed on the list of Bro. Stephens for the Girls' School. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, after "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

**RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).**—A meeting was held on the 7th inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. F. Craggs, W.M.; T. Jobson, S.W.; A. Williams, W.M. 2090, J.W.; James Sims, P.M., Preceptor; W. J. Coplestone, W.M. 834, S.D.; J. Cumming, P.M., J.D.; C. Woods, I.G.; E. Lucas, H. W. Dyne, F. Stonnill, 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, Bro. Macchi acting as candidate. Bro. Dyne offered himself as a candidate for passing, and was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. Bro. Macchi answered the questions leading to the Third Degree. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Dyne was elected a joining member. Bro. Jobson was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

**HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 10th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland Gardens, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. H. Windeatt, W.M.; J. W. Curtice, S.W.; H. Campbell, J.W.; W. H. Chalfont, Asst. Preceptor; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; J. Cruttenden, S.D.; J. R. Allman, I.P.M. 1425, J.D.; O. W. Battley, I.G.; J. W. Belsham, Stwd.; J. W. Cuff, P.M. 511; A. B. Northcroft, and J. C. Conway.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Cuff being candidate. Bro. Cruttenden, at the request of the W.M., assumed the chair, and, after the usual preliminaries, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Belsham being candidate. Bro. Windeatt then re-assumed the chair, and resumed the lodge to the First Degree. Bro. Curtice was elected W.M. for next meeting—the officers to be in rotation. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Windeatt for the able manner he had rehearsed the duties of W.M. for the first time, which compliment was duly acknowledged. After "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

**ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).**—The regular weekly meeting was held at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, on Tuesday, 11th inst., when there were present Bros. J. Duncan, W.M.; A. Wolter, S.W.; R. W. Nicole, J.W.; J. Petch, P.M., Treas., acting Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; J. Speller, S.D.; C. G. Gray, J.D.; C. Hiller, I.G.; T. Williams, R. Loomes, E. C. Kilsby, P.M.; E. J. Harrison, and Kibble.

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. Williams being the candidate. Bro. Loomes answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Loomes being the candidate. Bro. Coxon answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Wolter was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

**LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 1571).**—The above lodge held its first meeting at the new quarters, the City Arms Restaurant, St. Mary Axe, on Thursday, the 6th inst., when the following brethren were present: Kemble, W.M.; Dormer, S.W.; Antunovich, J.W.; Duffield, P.M., Preceptor; Colley, Hon. Sec.; Meadows, S.D.;

Graham, J.D.; Gaskell, P.M., I.G.; Ives Martin, P.M. Carlton, Hole, Perrett, Watt, Burton, Williams, Jenkins, Stafford, Larter, and others.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Duffield, P.M., Preceptor, assumed the position of W.M., and worked the initiation ceremony in his well-known way. Bro. Jenkins, personating the candidate. Bro. Perrett answered the usual questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Perrett was passed to the Degree of F.C. The questions leading to the Third Degree were answered by Bro. Burton. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree and Bro. Jenkins, W.M. 860, was elected a joining member, and returned thanks. The dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Dorner was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and returned thanks. The officers were appointed in rotation. The W.M. having risen for the third time, and nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed and adjourned.

The new quarters of this lodge are comfortable and commodious, and any brother attending will receive a most hearty and fraternal welcome.

**COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).**—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on Thursday, the 6th inst., when there were present Bros. F. M. Noakes, W.M.; W. Hoggins, S.W.; J. D. Graham, J.W.; W. Brindley, Preceptor; James Greenwood, Deputy Preceptor; W. Hancock, acting as Sec.; H. Luff, S.D.; J. D. Bromley, J.D.; T. C. Seary, Org.; G. H. Foan, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; C. O. Burgess, W. Herbert, J. Gluckstein, C. W. Fromholtz, H. J. Dixon, C. J. Rotter, J. Rowe, E. L. Berry, J. S. Cater, C. Lambert, G. A. Bergholz, E. Jessurun, and W. P. Walker.

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. The Preceptor worked the 1st Section of the Second Lecture. Bros. C. O. Burgess and Herbert having offered themselves as candidates to be raised to the Third Degree, were duly examined, entrusted and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of M.M. The lodge was closed in the Third Degree, and resumed to the First Degree. On rising for the first time, Bros. William Herbert and W. M. Walker, of 1987, were unanimously elected joining members of this lodge of instruction. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. Hoggins, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation, and announced that he intended to work the ceremony of initiation. On rising for third time, nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

**STUART LODGE (No. 1632).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 27th ult., at the Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, when there were present Bros. Morgan, W.M.; Salter, S.W.; Jonas, J.W.; M. Spiegel, P.M., Preceptor; Linley, S.D.; and Smith, I.G.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sections were then rehearsed by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, and after "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

A meeting was also held on Thursday, the 6th inst., at the above address, when there were present Bros. Salter, W.M.; Jonas, S.W.; S. S. Morgan, J.W.; M. Spiegel, P.M., Preceptor; Baldwin, S.D.; Bohner, I.G.; and others.

The lodge was duly opened, and minutes confirmed. The lodge then opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and the 1st Section of the Lecture worked by the Preceptor. The lodge then closed down to the Second and First Degrees respectively, and the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sections of the Lecture worked by the brethren. Bro. Jonas was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. Spiegel, Preceptor, informed the brethren that he received several communications from some old Masons approving of his remarks on a previous occasion that he will not stop any experienced brother, who might be instructed by another Preceptor, in a somewhat different working. One brother Preceptor said it was sometimes painful to him when attending a lodge of instruction, a young Preceptor, correcting him in some trifling different expression he might use, with the remark "that his working is the correct one, and must insist that it be acknowledged," when by my experience I am fully aware from whence he has obtained his knowledge. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 7th inst., at the Kensington Park Hotel, Lancaster-road, Notting Hill, W. Present: Bros. W. J. Mason, W.M.; H. H. Burrington, S.W.; A. F. Scholding, J.W.; G. Davis, P.M., Preceptor; H. Armfield, Sec. (*pro tem.*); R. H. Broom, S.D.; H. D. Smith, J.D.; J. Powell, I.G.; E. Rogers, P.M., G.S.; F. L. Chandler, P.M.; J. C. Conway, S. Ransom, M. Roxenberg, H. Foskett, T. Treadwell, and W. R. Hatton.

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. S. Ransom being the candidate. The charge to the initiate was given by Bro. G. Davis, P.M., Preceptor. Part of the ceremony of installation was rehearsed, the Preceptor acting as Installing Master, and the W.M. invested his officers. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and closed in the Third and Second Degrees respectively. The Preceptor gave a beautiful address at the closing of the lodge. The officers being already appointed, after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 11th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. E. E. Geflowski, W.M.; J. R. Hubbard, S.W.; G. Swann, J.W.; George Read, P.M. Preceptor; R. H. Williams, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. Middx., Treas.; F. Craggs, Sec.; W. T. Marsh, S.D.; G. A. Knight, J.D.; W. Hillier, I.G.; Samuel Cochrane, P.M.; and A. Harris.

The lodge was opened with the usual formalities. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed in an exemplary manner. Bro. Cochrane offering himself as a candidate for passing, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was

opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Hubbard was elected W.M. for the next meeting. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Geflowski for his able conduct as W.M. for the first time in this lodge of instruction, and the lodge was closed.

**CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).**—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 6th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. E. Austin, P.M., W.M.; Biggs, S.W.; F. Woodard, J.W.; John Davies, W.M. 169, Preceptor; Josey, P.M., Sec. (*pro tem.*); Cox, S.D.; Stanley, J.D.; W. Jennings, I.G.; Lathbury, P.M.; Arnott, Higginson, Jobson, Craggs, and Head.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st Section was worked by Bro. Davies, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Higginson having answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, was entrusted, and the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Bro. Jobson answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Biggs was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The ceremony of installation will be worked by Bro. E. Austin, P.M., on the first Thursday in April. The lodge was then closed.

**CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).**—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 8th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. J. Sims, P.M., Deputy Preceptor, W.M.; T. Willcox, S.W.; M. Spiegel, P.M., J.W.; E. Ayling, P.M., Preceptor; G. Gardner, P.M., Treas.; J. Brown, Sec.; F. Craggs, S.D.; J. Davis, J.D.; W. Pine, I.G.; R. J. Steel, Stwd.; Dr. Lawrance, P.M.; F. Dusterwald, J. Cox, R. H. Wimpey, J. Harlidge, E. J. Hiscoc. W. W. Williams, and J. Jobson. Visitors: Bros. G. Rowe, W.M., and W. Beckett, P.M., of 780; and J. H. Cumming, P.M. 534.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the Second Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of installation in a very impressive manner. Bro. T. Willcox, acting as W.M. elect, was duly installed. The Installing Master rendered the three addresses. Bro. Willcox then vacated the chair in favour of the Preceptor, Bro. E. Ayling, P.M., who presented to Bro. G. Gardner, P.M., two pairs of very handsome candlesticks, subscribed for by the brethren of the lodge of instruction as a recognition of his valuable services as Treasurer of the lodge from its foundation, and also in congratulation to him on the occasion of his marriage. Bro. Gardner thanked the brethren for their magnificent gift, and assured them of his great interest in the lodge. On the usual rising, Bros. G. Rowe, W.M., and W. Beckett, P.M., of 780, and J. H. Cumming, P.M. 534, were unanimously elected joining members. After "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

**THE ABBEY (WESTMINSTER) LODGE (No. 2030).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 7th inst., at the King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road, when there were present Bros. Glover, W.M.; Piper, S.W.; Bonwick, J.W.; Gibson, P.M., Preceptor; Coughlan, P.M., Sec.; Badderley, S.D.; Smith, J.D.; Hayler, I.G.; Edwards, Stwd.; Morgan, Budd, Doggett, Hobbs, E. T. Morgan, W. Greene, F. Smith, Fort, Stutfield, and Hislop.

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. Fort being candidate. Bro. Morgan, a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Morgan being candidate. Bro. E. T. Morgan, a Fellow Craft, answered the questions leading to the Third Degree. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. The lodge was called off and on. Bro. Hislop, 64 (I.C.), was unanimously elected a joining member. Bro. Piper was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

**TORQUAY.—JORDAN LODGE (No. 1402).**—The annual meeting of this flourishing lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 5th inst., when there were present Bros. John Dodge, Preceptor; John Chapman, Jno. Lane, T. Prust, T. H. Wills, W. Taylor, John Taylor, as W.M.; E. J. Pratt, as S.W.; W. J. Nosworthy, as J.W.; S. Wills, as S.D.; C. Hill, as J.D.; J. W. Beer, I.G.; J. E. Newton, Tyler; Geo. West, W. C. Bubb, J. McKellar, R. Rickard, J. Risdon, W. Winget, W. Hersey, T. Johnstone, V. Lauzel, W. Thomas, T. J. Crossman, and W. Worth.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The audited balance sheet for the past year was presented and adopted, and considered a highly satisfactory one. It was resolved that a donation of five guineas be given to the "Devon Masonic Educational Fund," in the name of the "Jordan Lodge of Instruction." Bro. John Dodge, was re-elected Preceptor for the ensuing year, all the brethren expressing their high appreciation of the valuable services rendered by our genial Preceptor during the many years he has held that position. Bros. John Lane and John Taylor were respectively re-elected Treasurer and Secretary. Bro. J. E. Newton was re-elected Tyler and specially thanked for his gratuitous services. After the Preceptor had passed in review the work of the evening and appointed the work and officers for the next meeting, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the banquet room, where the annual supper was provided by Bro. Risdon, the evening being most pleasantly spent in a sociable manner, interspersed with songs, recitations, and solos by Bros. Chapman, Dodge, Thomas, Pratt, and others.

**HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).**—A meeting was held on Friday, the 7th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland Gardens, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. W. H. Dean, P.Z. 77, 417, P.P.G.R. Dorset, M.E.Z.; J. Cruttenden, 779, H.; G. March, H. elect 733, J.; J. Davies, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; W. H. Chalfont, J. 975, S.N.; R. D. Poppleton, P.S. 51, P.S.; 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. Davies being the candidate. Votes of thanks were unanimously passed to Comps. Crutenden and Poppleton for the able manner they had rehearsed the duties of their respective offices. Comp. Poppleton was elected a member, and, in expressing his thanks, said how much pleasure it gave him to join the chapter of improvement, where the ceremony appeared to him to be so well carried out, which considerably added to its impressiveness, and congratulated the M.E.Z. and companions on the very handsome effect presented by the appointments belonging to them. After "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

**STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).**—The usual weekly meeting of this chapter was held on Friday, the 7th inst., at the Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, S.E., when there were present Comps. Grummant, M.E.Z.; G. L. Moore, H.; G. Powell, J.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; R. J. Voisey, Treas.; C. H. Stone, S.E.; Goodwin, S.N.; Murché, P.S.; Osterstock, Patrick, R. Davis, and Wood.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, with Comp. Osterstock as a candidate. Comp. Moore was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. The annual supper is unavoidably postponed till Friday, April 18th. The installation ceremony will be rehearsed this (Friday) evening, at 7.30 p.m.

## Knights Templar.

### TORQUAY.

**Royal Sussex Preceptory (No. 25).**—The regular meeting of this preceptory was held in the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 25th ult., at which Sir Knight John Chapman, P. Prov. G. Reg., Prov. A.G.D.C. Devon, was unanimously elected the E. Preceptor for the ensuing year, and Sir Knight William Taylor, P.P., re-elected Treasurer. In an eloquent and forcible speech, reviewing some of the past events in the Order, Sir Knight John Chapman moved, Sir Knight William Taylor, P.P., seconded, and supported by Sir Knight Jno. Lane, E.P., it was unanimously resolved—"That the Convent General be respectfully solicited to consider the desirability of amending the rule or regulation of the Order by granting to all members that have received Provincial honours, and that shall in the future receive Provincial rank, the right of Past rank on the expiration of their term of office, or so long as they shall remain subscribing members of the Order."

## Red Cross of Rome and Constantine.

### PORTSMOUTH.

**Naval and Military Conclave (No. 35).**—This conclave was opened, on the 28th ult., for the enthronement of the M.P.S., &c., for the ensuing year by Sir Knight F. F. Sanders, P.S. After the confirmation of the meeting held November 29th last, the Recorder, Ill. Sir Knight A. R. Robinson, I.G., presented the M.P.S. elect, Sir Knight W. Glazebrook, to receive the honour of enthronement, and Sir Knight A. U. Y. Howell, Viceroy elect, for consecration. These sir knights having been respectively placed in the east and west, the sir knights were re-admitted and appointed to the following offices: Sir Knights W. Miller, P.S., S.G.; R. Payne, J.G.; F. F. Sanders, P.S., H.P.; J. E. Buck, P.S., Treas.; A. R. Robinson, P.S., Recorder; W. A. Campbell, Prefect; G. S. Woodthorpe, Sub-Prefect; C. H. Hardy, Std. Br.; J. Jenkins, S. Aide; W. Laphorn, Herald; and J. Exell, Sentinel. A very hearty vote of thanks was directed to be entered upon the minutes to the Enthroning Officer, for the masterly manner in which he had carried out his duties. The compliment was duly acknowledged. The Treasurer's statement, showing a cash balance in hand, was duly passed. Sir Knights Campbell, Woodthorpe, and Hardy signed their certificates from the Grand Imperial Council. The Recorder was directed to convey to the Grand Recorder the opinion of the members that the motions proposed for consideration at the annual assembly of the Grand Imperial Conclave on Monday next, by Sir Knights Ninnis and Bateman, were worthy of consideration and support.

The sir knights adjourned to the refectory, where an excellent banquet, prepared by the Steward, Bro. E. Pearce, was presided over by Sir Knight W. Glazebrook in his customary genial manner.

Letters of apology for absence were received from Sir Knight Dr. Knott, I.G., and other absent members.

## Cryptic Masonry.

**Grand Master's Council (No. 1).**—This old and distinguished council met at the Masonic Hall, 8a, Red Lion-square, on the 28th ult. Among those in attendance were Bros. R. Loveland Loveland, T.I.M.; George Graveley, C.E., P.T.I.M.; Thomas Poore, P.G.C.W., as D.M.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.G.D.M., P.T.I.M., Recorder; H. J. Lardner, P.G.M., C. of W.; George Powell, M. Claridge, J. Brittain, A. McDowall, H. H. Shirley, M.A., J. N. Frye, S. Parkhouse, Carmen, Nelson Prower, M.A., John Faulkner, E. Mills, O.S., and others.

The minutes of the last council having been read and confirmed, the Recorder reported that he had forwarded the vote of condolence passed to the family of the deceased Bro. Frederick Davison, and that it had been duly acknowledged. Bro. H. J. Lardner was then elected as T.I.M. for the year ensuing, Bro. George Graveley was elected Treasurer, and Bro. E. Mills, Sentinel. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. R. L. Loveland for his efficient services as T.I.M. The resignation of Bro. Thomas Cubitt, P.T.I.M., was received with great regret. Communications were received from numerous brethren regretting inability to attend, among them being Bros. Baron de Ferrieres, P.D.G.M.; Frank Richardson, D.G.M.; the Rev. W. Lemon, D.D., P.G. Chap.; Major Dunbar, D.M.; Major George Lambert, P.D.G.M.; Major J.

E. Anderson, P.T.I.M.; Capt. W. B. Williamson, J.P., P.G.M.; R. Roy, M.A., Shilcock, John Read, J. L. Mather, and others. The council was then closed in the Degree of Select Master, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant to dine. The T.I.M. presided most genially.

A few of the most important toasts were given and duly honoured. The proceedings terminated at an early hour.

## Order of the Secret Monitor.

**Horatio Shirley Conclave (No. 5).**—A meeting of this conclave was held on Wednesday, the 26th ult., at the Holborn Restaurant. Present: Bros. Horatio H. Shirley, G.V., S.R. (*pro tem*); E. C. Mulvey, C.; Penrose J. Dunbar, G.C., G.; John Pakes, G. Gr., Sec.; C. B. Cooper, V.D.; H. Weiss, V.D.; W. Weiss, V.D.; J. J. Thomas, V.D.; D. Stroud, Guard; H. Tipper, Asst. Stwd.; R. Potter, Sentinel (*pro tem*); J. Hay, F. Weiss, T. Cohu, S. P. Nash, J. Costello, W. Whitechurch, C. J. Cooper, W. J. Mason, A. G. Boswell, E. Bliss, J. Lichtenfeld, J. T. Rowe, I. Zacharie, G.S.R. (Hon. Member); and W. J. Spratling, G. Recorder (Hon. Member).

Bros. Bliss, Lichtenfeld, Mason, and Boswell were inducted into the Order. Bros. Cohu, Nash, and Stroud were admitted Princes of the Order. Bro. E. C. Mulvey, C., was installed as S.R. for the ensuing year by Bro. John J. Pakes, P.G. Gr. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. Penrose J. Dunbar, Treas. and C.; C. B. Cooper, G.; John J. Pakes, Sec.; E. Storr, Stwd.; J. Read, P.G.C., Org.; H. Weiss, V.D.; W. Weiss, V.D.; J. J. Thomas, V.D.; D. Stroud, V.D.; H. Tipper, D.C.; G. V. A. Schofield, Guard; J. Stephens, Asst. Stwd.; and H. P. Hay, Asst. D.C. Bro. George Kenning, G.B.B., presented the conclave with a very handsome loving cup, in a polished oak case, as a memento of his year of office as S.R. A cordial vote of thanks was unanimously voted to Bro. Kenning, P.S.R., for his valuable gift. The report of the Audit Committee was read, accepted, and ordered to be entered upon the minutes. A P.S.R.'s jewel was unanimously voted to Bro. G. Kenning, G.B.B., P.S.R., for his very valuable services during the past year.

## India.

### KARACHI.

**Union Lodge (No. 767, E.C.).**—Friday, the 24th January, was a red-letter day for English Freemasonry in Karachi, and will long be cherished as an honour done to the Union Lodge. With the usual liberality which characterises all the actions of Bro. H. J. Rustumjee, the present Master, it was intended to afford a royal reception to his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, Grand Master of English Freemasonry in Bombay and its territories, at a banquet and ball in his honour at Frere Hall; owing, however, to the many official duties requiring the Duke's presence and his short stay, the wishes of Union Lodge, very much to the regret of its members, could not be complied with. His Royal Highness, however, graciously expressed his willingness to meet a deputation of the lodge at the residence of General Boyce Combe.

In accordance therewith the deputation, in full Masonic regalia, comprising the following brethren, was duly presented to his Royal Highness by the W.M., Bro. H. J. Rustumjee: Bros. G. C. Brayson, P.S.G.D., I.P.M.; J. H. A. Ingram, S.W.; E. Johnson, J.W.; Rev. J. Cambridge, acting Treas.; C. W. Rook, Sec.; Capt. G. C. Parker, E. Speechly, W. Cooper, and Capt. J. Minter.

The following address, admirably printed on vellum and enclosed in a rich silver casket of Sind workmanship, was then read and presented to his Royal Highness by Bro. H. J. Rustumjee:

"To his Royal Highness Prince Arthur William Patrick Albert, Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K.G., K.T., K.P., G.C.S.I., G.C.M.G., C.B.G.C.I.B., &c.  
"Right Wor. District Grand Master of Bombay and its Territories, E.C.

"Right Worshipful Sir and Brother,

"Your presence here at this time affords us an opportunity for an expression of the loyalty, honour, and esteem in which you are held by the brethren of Lodge Union, No. 767 (E.C.), for the zeal you have shown in furthering the objects of the Craft.

"We welcome you in our midst, and it would have afforded us still greater pleasure, could your visit have been marked by some more general welcome, and we can only regret that circumstances render a more public demonstration impossible.

"We congratulate you and the Fraternity generally upon the high position to which you have attained in Masonry, where we need not remind you that merit is the only title to privilege. The success of Masonry, founded as it is on the great principles of love to God and man, is connected with the best interests of humanity, and, as we welcome you today, we are again reminded that the great, the good, and the wise of all ages have ever sought to do justice to its noble principles and incomparable tenets.

"Our Order, composed of persons from various countries, of many castes and creeds, is but one body actuated by one heart and one hand—the heart of benevolence and the hand of Charity—and thus we draw into one harmonious Fraternity men of all nationalities.

"As loyal subjects of your Royal mother, our beloved Empress-Queen, we believe that Masonry in India will do much to support her Royal throne, as well as to diffuse light, truth, love, and benevolence among the people over whom her Majesty reigns.

"We rejoice to be able to tell you that Masonry is flourishing in Karachi, and we feel sure that your presence among us to-day will always be remembered by us all as a very special occasion in the history of Lodge Union."

His Royal Highness replied as follows: Worshipful Master and Brethren of Lodge Union,—I am very grateful to you for the address you have just presented me and for the welcome you have accorded to me in the name of the brethren of Karachi on this my third visit here. I rejoice to know what progress Masonry is making at Karachi under your careful and friendly management. I have listened with pleasure to the words of loyalty and devotion in which

you have referred to my beloved mother, our gracious Sovereign. With you, Sir, I hold that Masonry in this country is a great means of bringing those together in the bonds of harmony and good fellowship who would otherwise be separated by creed and nationality and caste prejudices. Since I have held the office of your District Grand Master it has been my utmost endeavour to extend to all the benefits of our Order and to promote the best interests of the Craft. I thank you again most heartily for your welcome, and especially for the handsome casket in which your address has been placed, and which will always remain to me a souvenir of the goodwill and fellowship of my brethren of Karachi. May Lodge Union grow and prosper under the good management of its excellent Master and his efficient officers.

His Royal Highness then took leave of the brethren, after which General Boyce Combe very kindly extended his hospitality to the members of the deputation.

## China.

### DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF NORTHERN CHINA.

The regular communication of this District Grand Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Shanghai, on Tuesday, the 7th January last. Bro. J. I. Miller, Dist. G. Master, presided, and there were present Bros. Cornelius Thorne, Past Dist. G.M.; C. H. Dallas, Past Dist. G.M. of Japan; T. W. Kingsmill, Past A.G.D.C. England, D. Dist. G.M.; L. Morris, Past Dist. S.G.W., as Dist. S.G.W.; F. M. Grafton, Past Dist. J.G.W.; W. H. Anderson, Past Dist. S.G.W.; J. M. Cory, Past Dist. S.G.W.; G. R. Wingrove, Dist. G. Reg.; T. F. Hough, Pres. Dist. Board of General Purposes; S. R. Gale, Dist. Asst. G. Sec., as Dist. G. Sec.; J. F. Holliday, Past Dist. G. Sec.; J. West, Dist. S.G.D.; R. Pestonjee, Dist. A.G.D.C., as Dist. J.G.D.; J. Fryer, Dist. G.D.C.; J. H. Osborne, Dist. G.S.B.; R. W. Astill, Past Dist. J.G.D., as Dist. G. Std. Br.; D. E. Sassoon, Dist. G. Std. Br.; G. Lanning, Dist. G. Org.; Harry J. Sharp, as Dist. Asst. G. Sec.; J. W. Gande, Dist. G. Purst.; E. Bois, Dist. Asst. G. Purst.; B. P. Lalcaca, E. P. Wickham, and F. P. Catterall, Dist. G. Stwds.; and J. Gould, Dist. G. Tyler; together with the representatives of lodges, and a considerable number of visitors.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, and those of the Board of General Purposes read, and directed to be entered on the minutes, the report of the District Grand Treasurer, showing a balance in hand at the close of the year of Tls. 183.46, as against Tls. 104.41 at the close of the previous year, was read and adopted, after which Bro. S. Moutrie, though unfortunately prevented by illness from attending, was unanimously elected Dist. G. Treasurer for the ensuing year. The following brethren were appointed and invested as Dist. G. Officers for the year, namely:

Bro. T. W. Kingsmill	...	...	Dist. D.G.M.
" F. M. Gratton	...	...	Dist. S.G.W.
" G. R. Wingrove	...	...	Dist. J.G.W.
" C. Thorne, Past Dist. G.M.	...	...	Dist. G. Chap.
" S. Moutrie	...	...	Dist. G. Treas.
" J. West	...	...	Dist. G. Reg.
" J. Fryer	...	...	Pres. Dist. B.G.P.
" S. R. Gale	...	...	Dist. G. Sec.
" J. H. Osborne	...	...	Dist. S.G.D.
" R. Pestonjee	...	...	Dist. J.G.D.
" D. E. Sassoon	...	...	Dist. G.S. of W.
" E. Bois	...	...	Dist. G.D.C.
" J. W. Gande	...	...	Dist. A.G.D.C.
" R. J. Sloan	...	...	Dist. G.S.B.
" H. W. Walker	...	...	Dist. G. Std. Brs.
" B. P. Lalcaca	...	...	Dist. G. Org.
" G. Lanning	...	...	Dist. Asst. G. Sec.
" Harry J. Sharp	...	...	Dist. G. Purst.
" E. P. Wickham	...	...	Dist. A.G. Purst.
" E. C. Pearce	...	...	Dist. G. Tyler.
" J. J. Mansfield	...	...	Dist. G. Tyler.
" W. Cope	...	...	Dist. G. Tyler.
" A. W. H. Bellingham	...	...	Dist. G. Tyler.
" R. S. Ivy	...	...	Dist. G. Tyler.
" W. S. Fraser	...	...	Dist. G. Tyler.
" R. S. Shaw	...	...	Dist. G. Tyler.
" J. Gould	...	...	Dist. G. Tyler.

The Dist. G. MASTER delivered a brief address, in which he reviewed the occurrences of the past year, and congratulated all present on the progress which had been made and the stable position in which the Craft was placed in his District. He spoke of the reports from the lodges being very favourable, and counselled the brethren against being too anxious to increase their numbers, seeing that "it was not so necessary" to seek after this "as to secure worthy and trusty Brethren who would reflect credit upon the Craft." He also trusted "the brethren, and more especially the newly-elected brethren, would study the great principles of the Order, and hoped they would ever have before them the examples set them by their predecessors, and so become honourable and worthy members of the Craft." He referred with satisfaction to the more favourable circumstances of the Masonic School Fund, and the good work it had done during the past year, as well as to the Charity Fund, which was also in a prosperous state. He referred to the possibility of their being visited in the spring of the year by the Duke of Connaught, D.G. Master of Bombay, and felt sure the brethren would embrace the opportunity of showing their loyalty to the Queen and their pleasure on receiving so illustrious a guest. He also spoke in becoming terms of the loss they had sustained through the death of Bro. G. M. Hart, Dist. G. Secretary, to whose services to Free-



masonry he paid a just tribute of respect, and having done so, submitted to the meeting a resolution, which should be entered on their minutes to serve as a lasting memorial of that distinguished brother.

This resolution was carried, and District Grand Lodge was shortly afterwards closed.

## Jamaica.

### DISTRICT GRAND LODGE.

The District Grand Lodge was held at Kingston, on Thursday, the 23rd January, Bro. J. C. Macglashan, District Grand Master, presiding. There was a large attendance of brethren, and important business was disposed of. The following is the administration for the current year:

Bro. R. S. Haughton, 354	...	Dist. D.G.M.
" E. X. Leon, 207	...	Dist. S.G.W.
" L. C. Hollar, 914	...	Dist. J.G.W.
" Rev. R. Harding, 1933	...	Dist. G. Chap.
" R. A. W. Holwell, 354	...	Dist. G. Treas.
" W. Baggot Gray, 1771	...	Dist. G. Reg.
" C. W. Tait, 354, P.G.W.	...	Dist. G.P.B.G.P.
" G. W. Duff, 207, P.G.W.	...	Dist. G. Sec.
" W. D. Smedmore, 914	...	Dist. S.G.D.
" J. M. Simpson, 207...	...	Dist. J.G.D.
" G. N. Cox, 354	...	Dist. G.S. of W.
" J. W. Middleton, 354	...	Dist. G.D. of C.
" W. A. Feurtado, 207	...	Dist. A.G.D. of C.
" E. J. Andrews, 1933...	...	Dist. G.S.B.
" A. Tripe, 1836	...	Dist. G. Std. Br.
" J. E. Lyons, 239	...	Dist. A.G. Std. Br.
" C. T. Burton, 207	...	Dist. G. Org.
" C. A. Solomon, 239...	...	Dist. A.G. Sec.
" J. De Cordova, 239	...	Dist. G.P.
" A. E. Langley, 207	...	Dist. A.G.P.
" J. S. Brandon, 239	...	Dist. G. Stwds.
" Thomas Briscoe, 207	...	
" Alex. Robertson, 1933	...	
" G. H. Peirce, 354	...	
" F. Magnus, 1933	...	Dist. G. Tyler.

## Argentine Republic.

### CONSECRATION OF THE VICTORIA LODGE, No. 2329.

A new lodge, called the Victoria, in honour of her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, has been formed by several members of the Craft who reside in the capital of the Argentine Republic. The ceremony of consecration, constitution of the lodge, and installation of the first Master took place on Friday, the 10th January, in the lodge room, Calle Cangallo, 1242, Buenos Ayres, which was used for meetings by the two previously existing lodges in that city working under the Grand Lodge of England.

The ceremony was most efficiently and impressively performed by Bro. George John Ryan, D.G.M. Argentine Republic, and representative of the M.W.G.M. near the Argentine Grand Orient, assisted by the officers of the District Grand Lodge.

During the ceremony the D.G.M. recited an ode, expressly composed by him for the occasion, in eulogy of Queen Victoria.

Bro. the Rev. A. G. Lennox Robertson, P.S.W. 617, and D.G.C., was installed as first W.M. of the lodge, which bears the No. 2329 in the Register of the United Grand Lodge of England, and the officers invested were as follows: Bros. J. Colpas Clark, P.J.W. 617, D.G. Std. Br., S.W.; William Strong, P.S.D. 1025, J.W.; C. Trevor Mold, P.M. 617, P.D.S.G.W., Treas.; George Murray, Sec.; Reginald Mold, D.A.G. Sec., S.D.; John J. Reichardt, J.D.; Alfred R. Martin, P.M. 1025, D.G. Supt. of Wks., D.C.; Wm. Moore, Org.; Thomas Hall, I.G.; John F. Dixon and J. M. Johnston, Stwds.; and Charles Butcher, D.G. Tyler. Representatives were present from the Argentine Grand Orient, and the Lodges Excelsior, No 617, and Star of the South, No. 1025, as well as numerous brethren from other lodges.

Congratulatory speeches were made by Bro. F. J. Morphy, D.D.G.M., on behalf of the District Grand Lodge; Bro. W. C. Kitching, G. Treas. Argentine Orient, on behalf of the Argentine Grand Orient; Bros. F. R. Hancock, W.M. 617, and T. B. D. Fowler, W.M. 1025, on behalf of their respective lodges, and others.

The Lodge Victoria had previously been working for some weeks under a provisional warrant from the D.G.M., and already shows signs of progress, two candidates having been initiated at the meeting following that of consecration and installation, and others being expected shortly to follow. The nights of meeting are the second and fourth Thursdays in each month.

### ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of Management held their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, Bro. J. A. Farnfield, P.A.G.D.C., Treasurer of the Institution, occupied the chair, and there were present Bros. J. Newton, Thomas Cubitt, P.G.P.; R. Griggs, James Brett, P.G.P.; S. Brooks, G. Jones, G. Bolton, E. West, C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; A. H. Tattershall, Hugh Cotter, C. J. Per-

ceval, C. H. Webb, J. F. Lannan, R. Turtle Pigott, P.A.G.D.C.; S. Wood, G. G. Fairchild, C. Daniel, J. Bulmer, W. H. Hubbert, A. Mullord, T. G. Bullen, G. Std. Br.; A. Durrant, S. C. Haslip, C. Kempton, J. S. Cumberland, C. G. Hill, W. H. W. Laking, T. B. Purchas, A. Forsyth, and James Terry, P.G.S.B. (Secretary).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, the SECRETARY reported the death of a male annuitant and two accepted male candidates.

The Warden's report for the past month was read, and it was also mentioned that the members of the Duke of Cornwall Lodge of Instruction had given a concert on Monday last to the inmates of the Institution, and had presented to them gifts of tea, tobacco, wine, and spirits.

The SECRETARY reported that the annual Festival had taken place on Wednesday, the 26th ult., under the presidency of Bro. the Earl of Euston, P.G.M. Norths and Hunts, in place of the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Alderman Sir H. A. Isaacs, who had been obliged to be absent through illness, and that the subscriptions and donations amounted to £13,095 1s. 6d., with 19 lists to come in, which had since been increased to £13,245 13s. 6d., with 11 lists still outstanding. It was unanimously agreed that a vote of thanks be given to the Earl of Euston for presiding, and that it be engrossed on vellum and presented to his lordship.

The application by a widow of a deceased annuitant for the half of her late husband's annuity was acceded to, and the proceedings shortly afterwards terminated.

It has been arranged that the adjourned meeting of the Committee to consider what, if any, steps should be taken to revise certain of the rules, shall be held on Tuesday, the 25th inst., at 4 p.m.

### THE GAVEL CLUB.

Through an oversight, we omitted to state at the proper time that the annual dinner of this Masonic Club was held at Freemasons' Tavern on the 14th ult. About 70 of the members of the club and their friends sat down to an excellent dinner, and the club, noted as it is for its musical talent, were able to give their friends an exceptionally enjoyable evening.

Gaveller Sudlow, one of the founders of, and Musical Director to the club, did excellent service at the pianoforte as accompanist.

Very little time is taken up at these meetings with speech-making, but the President, Gaveller Cook, gave "The Queen" and "The Gavel Club," and called upon Gavellers Sudlow and PRITCHARD, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, to respond, which they did in suitable terms.

## Obituary.

### BRO. GEORGE RYRIE.

After a long illness, Bro. George Ryrie died at his residence, Barnhill House, near Whitehaven, on Wednesday, the 26th ult. He was well known and highly respected as a man and Mason in the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland. He was initiated in the Sun, Square, and Compasses Lodge, No. 119, 23rd Nov., 1857, and filled various offices, including the chair, and it was during his Mastership the centenary warrant was procured. He had the honour to receive his first Provincial rank from Bro. Sir James Graham, at Longtown, nearly 30 years ago, and subsequently received the rank of P.J.G.W. as a jubilee honour. He was a member of the Royal Arch Chapter No. 119; a P.M. of the Fletcher Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 213, and P.P.S.G.W.; and he represented the province at the Jubilee Mark Festival with the largest sum ever carried from this province. He was a founder and P.W.C.N. of the F. R. Sewell Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, No. 213, and held the office of Treasurer at his decease, and was a member and officer of the Border Rose Croix Chapter, No. 102. His remains were taken to Corstorphine, near Edinburgh, on Saturday, the 1st inst., and deposited in the family vault, surrounded by a large circle of relatives and friends, many of the latter from a great distance.



"Les Cloches de Corneville" is generally agreed to be one of the prettiest comic operas ever composed. It certainly is the best of all M. Planquette's works. Excepting "Dorothy" and some of Sullivan's operas, we believe "Les Cloches" to have had the longest run at one time on the stage. It is now some 10 years since it was played at the Globe, where it met with such well-deserved success, and gave Mr. Shiel Barry the opportunity of distinguishing himself in the part of Gaspard. Mr. Gittens Lonsdale, having recently become lessee of the Opera Comique, has revived this ever-green opera, and is fortunate in having secured the services of Mr. Shiel Barry in the part played by him over 2000 times, also of Mr. Charles Ashford, the original Gobo, and Miss Irene Verona, who was Serpoletti 10 years ago. Miss Helen Capet now represents Germaine, which she does well, especially in her song "Ding Dong." Mr. Tom Paulton, as the Baillie, is

very humorous in his scenes with Gobo. Miss Verona gets trebly encored for her song "Just look at this and look at that," and Mr. Gittens Lonsdale, as the Marquise, is very favourable. Mr. Shiel Barry, as the Miser, has not lost his cunning by playing so many hundreds of times. Those who like tuneful music cannot do better than visit the Opera Comique just now. We must give a word of praise to the chorus singing and to the stage setting.

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We well remember being present at the Haymarket on the night when Mrs. Langtry made her *début* as a professional actress some seven years ago, when she had already established her reputation by her photographs. We have seen many, but not all, of the characters she has played since in London, but we own we were unprepared for the remarkable progress she has made in her art when we went to the St. James's a few nights ago to witness the performance of "As You Like It." Her experience in America has been a source of profit to Mrs. Langtry in more senses than the financial one. By dint of hard work she has raised herself to the position which she no doubt always intended and felt she ought to occupy. Her rendering of Rosalind is charming in the extreme, but we doubt for all Mrs. Langtry's perfection of acting and the exquisite mounting of Shakespeare's play, that the fair lessee will be able to fill the theatre. We wonder if any one ever made money out of this play. However, Mrs. Langtry is reputed to be wealthy, and may thus be able to fulfil her wish—a very laudable one—to play Rosalind. Miss Amy McNeill makes an excellent Celia, and possesses one great quality—that of being distinct in her pronunciation. She also has worked hard for many years, and seems now to be reaping the fruits. Miss Marion Lea's Audrey is a delightful creation, and Miss Lamb's Phoebe is just what it should be. The Touchstone of Mr. Charles Sugden was far better than we expected, for the part is hardly in his line. Mr. Bourchier, as Jacques, amply justifies his recent advent to the stage. Mr. Laurence Cautley is good looking, has a pleasant voice, and, as Orlando, it is little wonder that Rosalind falls in love with him. The play is staged beautifully; indeed, no prettier picture than the Forest of Arden has been set that we have seen. When Mrs. Langtry is pleased to appear in some other of her repertoire she is bound to be a big draw, for she certainly is now a fine actress.

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We omitted in our recent notice of Mr. Grundy's play at the Garrick Theatre to state that it is preceded by a pathetic and highly interesting piece, entitled "Dream Faces," the author of which is Mr. Wynn Miller. A point should be made of being in time to see this lovely one-act play. Mr. Hare has set an example which other managers would do well to follow, and that is not only to have a curtain raiser worth seeing, but a company worth hearing. When actors of the front rank like Mr. Forbes Robertson and Miss Carlotta Addison appear, surely the public will respond by going to see them. If they do not they lose a treat. We should like to see a revival of good first pieces represented by a good cast for those who choose to go early. We understand that "A Pair of Spectacles" is drawing crowded houses. It deserves to do so.

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Bro. Edwd. Swanborough, than whom there is no more efficient and genial representative "in front" has succeeded Mr. Edwin Villiers as acting manager at the Pavilion, he being in turn succeeded by Mr. Miles, who, no doubt, under Bro. Swanborough's eagle eye and careful tuition, will follow well in the footsteps of his predecessor. A good programme is the order of the day at the Pavilion, amongst the artistes appearing being Miss Lucy Clarke, from the Royal Academy of Music, Lieut. Cole, the celebrated ventriloquist, Mr. G. H. Macdermott, Mr. Charles Coborn, the Brantford's, and Miss Bessie Bellwood.

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Bro. Alfred Bishop, J.W. 1319, who played in "Sweet Lavender" during its long run, will shortly be seen again in an important part at one of the leading theatres, and has been engaged for a long time ahead. Our brother has many friends, and, we believe, no enemies, and we are sure his brethren will be glad to know of his luck.

### CHOKING ASTHMA.

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It is satisfactory to learn that Bro. Lord Magheramorne, whose health has latterly been anything but satisfactory, is much better.

Prince Zu Carolath Schönaich has been elected M.W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge Royal York of Friendship at Berlin.

A handsome brass tablet, as a memorial to the late Bro. Col. King-Harman, M.P., has recently been placed in the Parish Church of St. John's, Margate.

Lady George Hamilton inaugurated a series of "Happy Evenings" at the Nichols-row Board School, Bethnal Green, on Monday evening.

The Prince of Wales consented to preside at the dinner of the Royal Literary Fund, which will be held at St. James's Hall on the 14th May next.

The late Mr. Michael Beveridge, who was Provost of Kirkcaldy, has bequeathed to the inhabitants the sum of £50,000 to purchase a public park and library.

Bro Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor) presided at the third annual dinner of the Devonians in London, at the Criterion, on Saturday last, the number of guests being 350.

The 58th anniversary festival of the Linen and Woollen Drapers' Benevolent Institution was held at the Hôtel Métropole on Friday, the 7th inst., the donations and subscriptions amounting to £3300.

The Queen has forwarded, through her Private Secretary, General Sir Henry Ponsonby, her annual subscription of £50 to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, of which she is the Patron.

The French Ambassador and Madame Waddington, Bro. Lord and Lady Herschell, and Bro. the Hon. Sir Stafford and Lady Northcote were among the guests at the dinner party given by the Hon. Fitzroy and Mrs. Stewart at their residence in Egerton-gardens, on Tuesday evening.

Oxford made its appearance at Putney on Monday, after having done some solid hard work at Cookham. Both crews have been practising steadily, and the Cambridge, who were somewhat rough at first, are gradually settling into a good crew.

The Prince and Princess of Wales were present at the performance of the Guards' Burlesque in Chelsea Barracks on Tuesday evening, the Princesses Victoria and Maud accompanying. A numerous and distinguished company also assembled, among whom were Bro. Lord Cheylesmore and the Hon. Frances Eaton, and many old Guardsmen. The performance went admirably.

The Bishop of London presided at a meeting held at Fulham Palace on Tuesday, for the purpose of promoting the establishment of the South-West Polytechnic Institute. It was announced that if the further £18,000 required to make up the necessary £50,000 to start with was raised, the Charity Commissioners would at once contribute towards the scheme.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, with their daughter, the Princess Maud, visited the sixth annual Spring Horse Show at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, on the 6th instant, when his Royal Highness presented the Victoria Challenge Cup, won by Bro. the Earl of Lonsborough's mare, Ophelia, and the Elsenham Challenge Cup, won by Mr. Henry Moore's horse, Rufus.

The Children's Orchestra, conducted by Mr. Percy Armitage, had the honour of giving a performance before her Majesty, at Windsor Castle, on Tuesday evening. An excellent selection, which included several selections from "Faust," was admirably performed by the young ladies, and greatly appreciated by her Majesty and her guests. After refreshments had been served, the party returned to town.

Certificates signed by the General commanding the Home District having been produced by the 1st London Engineers, the 4th Volunteer Battalion Royal West Surrey Regiment, and the 3rd, 6th, and 17th Middlesex Volunteers to the effect that they are now fully provided with accoutrements, &c., to the satisfaction of the War Office, Bro. Alderman Sir James Whitehead, Bart., Past Lord Mayor, has handed to the colonel of each regiment a cheque from the Patriotic Volunteer Fund in satisfaction of the accounts. Grants to other Metropolitan Volunteer Corps will be made as War Office certificates to a like effect are sent in.

Monday being the 27th anniversary of the marriage of the Prince and Princess of Wales, their Royal Highnesses gave a party at Marlborough House that evening, among the guests present or invited being the Duke of Edinburgh, the Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg, the Princess Louise of Wales, Duchess and Bro. the Duke of Fife, the Prince George of Wales and the Princesses Victoria and Maud, the Duke and Duchess of Teck and the Princess Victoria and Prince Francis of Teck, the Ambassadors and Ministers from foreign powers and their ladies, the Marquis and Marchioness of Salisbury, Bro. the Earl of Clonmell, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Dunraven, Bro. the Earl and Countess Granville, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Hardwicke, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Kilmorey, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Lathom, Bro. Lord and Lady Randolph Churchill, Bro. Lord and Lady Algernon Gordon Lennox, Lord and Lady Brooke, Bro. Lord Alcester, and Bros. Lord Suffield, Baron F. de Rothschild, the Hon. Alexander Yorke, Sir F. Johnstone, Sir O. Clayton, C. Sykes, M.P., Montague Guest, &c., &c., and Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone, with many others.

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.

We are glad to hear there is no foundation for the rumour which prevailed early in the week, in Berlin, that his Majesty the King of Holland is dangerously ill.

It is expected that Bro. the Marquis of Hartington will return to England about the first week in April, and will take his seat in the House of Commons after the Easter recess.

The Shadwell Clerke Preceptory of Knights Templar will hold an emergency meeting on Thursday, the 20th instant, at 33, Golden-square. E. Sir Knight John Read, P.A.G. D.C., is E. Preceptor.

A *matinée* was given at the Globe Theatre, on Tuesday, the 25th ult., and it is now announced that the proceeds, in the shape of a sum of £90 10s., have been handed over to the Destitute Children's Dinner Fund.

Her Majesty will leave England for Aix-les-Bains on Tuesday, the 25th instant. All the necessary arrangements have been made, and the Villa Victoria, where she will reside, has been thoroughly repaired and renovated.

Bro. Sir M. White Ridley, Bart., M.P., presided at a meeting of the Royal Commission on Civil Establishments on the 6th inst., when Bro. Sir Charles Dilke gave evidence on the Foreign Office and the Diplomatic and Consular Services.

A sum of £40,000 is required towards the complete restoration of St. Saviour's Church, Southwark, and already we hear donations amounting to £17,125 have been received. The church is one of the most venerable in the Metropolis, and we have little doubt that the amount required will be readily obtained.

A special meeting of the Court of Aldermen was held at the Guildhall on Saturday last, under the presidency of Bro. Lord Mayor Sir H. A. Isaacs, when the death of Bro. Alderman Stone was announced, and a vote of condolence passed with our deceased brother's widow and family.

On Tuesday next, the 18th inst., Bro. Maclean is to be presented with a testimonial by the Logic Club and entertained at a banquet on his retirement after many years service as Preceptor of this club of instruction. A large gathering is expected of members of the club, their friends, and the dramatic profession.

Bro. J. G. Shaw-Lefevre has been appointed Chairman of the Select Committee of the House of Commons to inquire into the causes which have led to the decrease of the acreage under hop cultivation, and the serious displacement of labour caused thereby, and to report upon the best means, if any, for providing a remedy.

At a meeting of the Royal Sussex Preceptory of Knights Templar at the Masonic Hall, Torquay, on Tuesday, the 4th inst., E. Sir Knight John Lane, E. Preceptor, presided. Sir Knight John Chapman, P.P.G. Reg., Prov. A.D.C., was unanimously elected E.P. for the ensuing year, and E. Sir Knight William Taylor was elected Treasurer.

Among the guests at the party given by the Countess Stanhope, at her house in Grosvenor-place, on Saturday night last, were Bro. the Earl and Countess of Arran, Bro. the Marquis and Marchioness of Tweeddale, Bros. Lord Norton and Lord Alcester, Lady Egerton of Tatton, Bro. Sir Michael and Lady Lucy Hicks-Beach, and Bro. Sir Algernon Borthwick, M.P.

Among the principal members present in the Library of the House of Commons on Thursday, the 6th inst., when the Speaker unveiled a memorial bust of the late Lord Farnborough, better known as Sir Erskine May, who for so many years was Clerk to the House, were Bro. Lord Monk-Bretton and a number of those who knew the deceased well and intimately.

The medal struck by J. W. Palmer, 281, Strand, in commemoration of the jubilee of the penny postage stamp has been sent to her Majesty the Queen. The medal has been accepted by the Prince and Princess of Wales and other members of the Royal Family, the Marquis of Salisbury, Mr. Gladstone, and Mr. Cecil Raikes, the Postmaster-General.

Next week *Puck* is to undergo entire transformation. The paper, the price of which will still remain at one penny, will be considerably enlarged, and a portrait in colours will be issued as a supplement every week. Independent in politics, *Puck* will aim at being a high-class satirical illustrated journal of a novel type. The offices will be at 168, Fleet-street.

The Princess of Wales, accompanied by her daughters, the Princesses Victoria and Maud, attended the concert given by Mdlle. Janotha, in St. James's Hall, on Tuesday, in aid of the "Madame Arabella Goddard Testimonial Fund." There was a large audience present, who heartily applauded the excellent programme which had been prepared for the occasion.

The third exhibition of Photography was opened at the Crystal Palace, on Tuesday, among the exhibits being many novelties and improvements. The makers of photographic apparatus were very numerous represented, and there was a large collection of beautiful scenery contributed by the members of different societies in the provinces. The arrangements do great credit to the executive of the exhibition.

The Savage Club Lodge had for election on Tuesday, the 4th inst., no less than nine joining members and 19 initiates. By a special dispensation from the M.W.G.M., the W.M. (Bro. Will. E. Chapman) was enabled to introduce 10 of the latter to the mysteries of the Craft. Bro. P. Soman is acting as Secretary during the severe illness of Bro. Paige, to whose family a vote of sympathy was passed. Before separating, six fresh names were submitted as members of this promising community of artists, scientists, and journalists, whose working under the present W.M. is admirable. The lodge has decided to have a ball in May, and a Committee is making the necessary arrangements.

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The exhibition of the New English Art Club will be held at Humphrey's Mansions, Knightsbridge, from 30th March to 10th May. The private view will be on March 29th.

In our report of the Emulation festival last week we stated that the 3rd Section was worked by Bro. Bullen, but we are informed that that brother not being present, owing to indisposition, the work was taken up at a very short notice by Bro. W. H. Kirby, J.W. 1965.

The Old Masonians will give their last smoking concert for the season at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Friday evening next, the 21st inst. An excellent programme has been prepared, which includes the names of several well-known artists. The Chairman on this occasion will be Mr. C. Howard Uwins.

By an agreement between the Governments of Great Britain and Italy the limits of weight and the dimensions of packets of patterns of merchandise exchanged through the post are not to exceed the following: In weight, 350 grammes (12 1-30z.). In dimensions—length, 30 centimetres (11 1/4 in.); breadth, 20 centimetres (7 1/2 in.); depth, 10 centimetres (nearly 4 in.).

Bro. Sir John Gorst, M.P., Sir William Houldsworth, and Mr. Burnett left London on Thursday night for Berlin to take part in the deliberations of the Berlin Labour Conference. Mr. David Dale, of Darlington, who has been invited by Lord Salisbury to be one of the British delegates, will follow them in time for the opening of the conference. The German Emperor is gratified at the manner in which the various nations have responded to his invitation.

Miss Minnie Hansford has handed £5 18s. to the Mansion House Fund for the relief of the sufferers by the Llanerch Colliery explosion; and Mr. T. Hansford and Mr. W. H. Dering have handed £24 3s. to Sir Henry Isaacs for the same object. This last sum was the result of a concert and demonstration at Greenwich. Miss Hansford had collected her subscription. The Lord Mayor presented the young lady with his portrait in appreciation of her efforts.

The Executive Council of the Edinburgh Exhibition has decided to set apart a special section for the exhibition of ancient and mediæval musical instruments and appliances, music and works on musical subjects, and autographs and paintings, drawings and engravings of celebrated musicians. The organisation of this section has been entrusted to Mr. Robert A. Marr, author of "Music and Musicians" and "Music for the People," and it is intended to make the collection as interesting and representative as possible.

The Lord Mayor, Bro. Sir Henry A. Isaacs, will take the chair at the festival dinner of the Hampstead Home Hospital and Nursery Institute at the Hôtel Métropole, on Thursday, the 20th inst. Lord Knutsford, Lord George Hamilton, Sir Algernon Borthwick, Sir Andrew Clark, Sir Richard Temple, and Sir Spencer Wells are among the list of Stewards. The Mercers' Company have given a donation of 50 guineas towards the dinner, and Sir S. Maryon Wilson, Bart., £100.

On Wednesday, the polling for the election of an alderman for the Ward of Bassishaw, in the City, was held. The two candidates were Bro. A. J. Newton and Mr. Sheriff Harris, and the poll was demanded by the latter, who was unsuccessful on the show of hands. The voting was by ballot. At the close of the poll, the Lord Mayor declared the result to be—for Bro. Newton, 176 votes, and Mr. Sheriff Harris 136. Bro. Newton was accordingly declared duly elected. The new alderman is a son of Mr. G. B. Newton, of Cottingham, near Hull, and was born in 1849. He is a shipowner and merchant in London and Hull, and a member of the City Liberal Club. He was Sheriff of London and Middlesex last year. Bro. Newton was invested as S.W. of the newly-consecrated Grafton Lodge, No. 2347, the same evening, and dined with the brethren who, as may be supposed, warmly congratulated him on his election.

On Friday, the 7th inst., a Masonic Charity Ball, under the auspices of the Sykes Lodge, was given in the Assembly Rooms, Driffield. The rooms had been most tastefully decorated, emblems of the Craft forming prominent features, one of the most admired of these being a device composed of lodge banners, the gift of Bro. T. Dixon, and also the Royal Arch shields and banners. About 120 ladies and gentlemen were present, including brethren from several neighbouring lodges. The arrangements were under the management of Bros. J. Elgry, P.P.G.P.; J. Bordass, P.A.G.D.C.; J. Dunn, P.P.G.P.; W. Highmoor, W.M.; H. Potts, P.G.S.B.; and J. Kirby, Sec. Bro. J. W. Marshall, P.M., acted as M.C. The refreshments were provided by Bro. J. Holtby, of the Buck Hotel.

A meeting of the Court of Governors of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution was held on Friday evening, the 7th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool. Bro. J. de Bels Adams, one of the Vice-Presidents of the Charity, occupied the chair, and there was a very numerous attendance of Governors. The minutes of the annual court, the Finance Committee, and the General Committee having been read and confirmed, the election of a number of children on the foundation of the institution was proposed and carried. The report of the work of the past year and the Treasurer's statement were unanimously adopted; and, in view of certain proposed alterations in the by-laws of the institution, Bro. Captain Macnab, P.M. 241 (one of the honorary secretaries of the "West Lancashire"), consented to withdraw the resignation of his office in the meantime. A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

The quarterly convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland was held on the 5th inst. in Edinburgh. There was a large attendance of representative companions. The chair of the First Grand Principal was occupied by Comp. James Crichton, while the positions of Second and Third Grand Principals were filled by Comps. George Christie and John R. Paton. Comps. Edward Macbean, Maitland, and James Simpson acted as 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sojourners respectively. It was resolved, as recommended by Supreme Committee, that the office of Grand Scribe E. be removed to Hanover-street, that a charter as prayed for be granted under the title of "Saltcoats and Ardrossan," and that in future the minutes be printed and circulated among members. Comp. George Christie, Southfield, Stirling, was appointed Prov. Grand Superintendent of Stirlingshire, in succession to the late Earl of Mar and Kellie. The Supreme Grand Chapter then proceeded to nominate Grand Office-bearers for 1890-91, and six members of Supreme Committee.