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THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

We publish elsewhere a full report of the proceedings at the adjourned meeting of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and it will be seen from this, that after carefully considering the rules containing the qualifications of candidates for admission to the benefits of the Institution on either Fund, the Committee have adopted certain amendments, to the bulk of which we are of opinion that no serious objection will be taken, while they have added a new law, to which, as it will very materially alter the character of the Institution, we anticipate that a serious, and we trust a successful, opposition will be raised. It has been manifest for some years past that the resources of the Benevolent Institution were inadequate to provide for all the applicants for its benefits whose cases had been examined and approved. This year, for instance, there are 152 candidates, as against 140 in 1889, 128, or thereabouts, in 1888, and lesser but still considerable numbers in previous years, and this notwithstanding that the number of annuitants, to say nothing of their annuities, has been increased during the last 15 or 16 years from—on the Male Fund, 120 to 180, and on the Widows' Fund, from 80 to 229. It was inevitable, therefore, that sooner or later the Committee of Management should be confronted with the difficulty which they considered so carefully and so thoroughly at their adjourned meeting on Tuesday; nor, having well weighed the changes which they propose to make in the qualifications of candidates, do we think it can justly be said of them that they have erred on the side of severity. The amount of the annuity remains unaltered in each case, namely, at £40 for the Male Fund, and £32 for the Widows' Fund. On the Male Fund, however, while, the minimum age of 60 years, at which a brother becomes eligible as a candidate, is retained, it will for the future be necessary that he should have been a subscribing member to a lodge as well as a registered Master Mason for at least 15 years, instead of 15 years a registered M.M. and a subscribing member 10 years. Moreover, the amount of income disqualifying him from becoming a candidate, or, if elected an annuitant, from retaining his full annuity, is reduced from £40 to £32 per annum. On the other hand, if an applicant has qualified as a Life Governor for five years before presenting his petition, he becomes entitled to 20 additional votes, in respect of every Life Governorship he has purchased, at every election until he is successful, and then his right to these additional votes ceases. For the Widows' Fund the limit of age is raised from 55 years to 60 years, and the candidate's husband must have possessed the same qualifications as regards subscribing membership as if he had lived to offer himself as a candidate on the Male Fund. She must have been married to her husband at least seven years instead of five years, or, if the widow of an annuitant, at least five years instead of three. The income disqualifying her from becoming a candidate, or, if an annuitant, from retaining her full annuity, is retained at £30 per annum.

In the case of the widow of a male annuitant not otherwise provided for, who is 55 years of age or incapacitated, and had been married to him for seven years, she *may*, not *shall*, be entitled to half her late husband's annuity on application, and if approved by the Committee; and she will, if her prayer is granted, retain the half annuity for five years instead of three, while, if her husband was a resident at Croydon, she may continue in residence, subject to the approval of the House Committee, but not otherwise. The exceptions are retained in favour of applicants to either fund who are blind, paralysed, or otherwise disabled from earning their livelihood, but in future it will be necessary that they produce certificates from two medical men and that their cases are approved by the Committee.

To these amendments we do not consider, as we have said already, that any serious opposition will be raised. The qualifications, as amended, follow closely on the lines of the qualifications now existing. The Committee of Management, with a full

sense of their responsibility, recommend these changes for the acceptance of the general body of Governors and Subscribers. They, at all events, are the most competent judges as to what alterations in the rules relating to candidates are necessary or desirable, and what are not. But as regards the new law, which provides that no brother or brother's widow shall be eligible as a candidate unless he, or her late husband, shall have been a Life-Governor for two years or a subscriber of one guinea per annum for five years before presenting his petition, we consider the effect of its adoption will be to convert the Institution from a Charity to a benefit society, and a very poor benefit society into the bargain; and we sincerely trust that the meeting to which the rules as amended will in due course be submitted for its approval will summarily reject this most obnoxious addition to the qualifications of candidates. Such a law, if passed, will add little or nothing to the funds of the Institution, while it will absolutely exclude a large majority of those unfortunate, yet most deserving, brethren and widows who now offer themselves as candidates, and for whose relief in their condition of poverty and inability from age to earn a livelihood the Institution was established.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

It is evident from the Audited Statements of Account as presented by the Provisional Management Committee for the half-years ended 30th June and 31st December, 1889, respectively, that under the new *régime* the financial arrangements of the Boys' School leave little, if anything, to be desired. The account for the earlier half year, which opened with a balance due to bank on the 1st January, 1889, of £1019 12s. 8d., closed with one of £348 19s. 9d. due to bank, the receipts having been £6961 12s. 6d. and the expenditure £6390 19s. 7d. In addition, there are balances due to bank on the Sustentation Fund Account of £492 11s. 6d., and on the Special Preparatory School Building Account of £276 18s. 11d. The account for the half year to 31st December, 1889, shows receipts amounting to £7698 9s. 10d. and expenditure £5142 2s. 3d., the balance, being excess of income over expenditure on the 31st December, 1889, amounting to £2556 7s. 7d. The balance-sheet appended to the latter shows assets amounting to £57,011 18s. 7d., and liabilities, £9592 4s. 3d., the balance in favour of the Institution being £47,419 14s. 4d. These figures are undoubtedly satisfactory, but especially when we consider the reductions which have been made under the principal heads of expenditure in the second half year as compared with the first of, in round figures, about £1250, which, if continued at the same rate for a whole year, would amount to £2500, and represent a diminution of expenditure from £50 to £40 per boy. We congratulate the Provisional Management Committee on the success thus far of the policy of economy they have pursued, and we trust the brethren generally, seeing how favourably the affairs of the School are progressing under their management, will listen to their appeals for support, both on behalf of the Swimming Bath, &c., and at the approaching Anniversary Festival.

THE WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

West Lancashire stands out conspicuously among our Provinces by reason of the great and important services it renders locally in providing for the needs of indigent brethren and widows of brethren, and in clothing, educating, and, in some cases, maintaining the children of deceased or indigent brethren. Its institutions established for these purposes are the Hamar, Alpass, and West Lancashire Educational, the most important of the three being the last named, which was founded in the year 1850, and can boast of assets amounting in value to close on £21,000. Last year, according to the Report with which we have been favoured, its income from all sources, and including a balance brought forward from the previous account of

£239 9s. 6d., was £2850 13s. 6d., while its expenditure reached £1679 13s. 2d., so that the balance remaining in hand on the 31st December was £1171 os. 4d. Of its receipts, excluding £150 for repayment of a mortgage and a small item for the insurance of certain property, the donations and subscriptions amount to £1175 5s. 8d., to which must be added a legacy of £320 from the executors of the late Bro. CROSSLEY; the interest on bonds, mortgages, &c., to £725 6s. 1d.; and the proceeds of the annual ball at the Town Hall, Liverpool, to £240 6s. 3d.; the increase of income as compared with that of 1888 being close on £600. Of the expenditure, £1614 9s. 9d. was devoted to the education, clothing, maintenance, and advancement of children on the foundation; the outlay for 192 children on the Educational Fund being £1252 12s. 11d.; and for 17 children on the Combined Fund, which clothes, educates, and maintains them, being, inclusive of a proportion of purchased presentations, £551 4s. 10d.; while £30 was paid towards the advancement in life of five children whose time on the other funds had expired. This gives a total of £1834 9s. 9d., of which £220 represents the year's proportion of cost of nine presentations to which the Institution is entitled by purchase for certain terms of years. The working expenses amounted to no more than £64 17s. 5d., to which we add the small item of 6s. for the insurance of certain property. The Report, in reviewing the proceedings of the past year, speaks highly of the liberality exhibited by the younger as well as by the older lodges in the Province, and refers with honourable pride to the smallness of the outlay for working expenses. It announces that, owing to this generosity of the lodges and brethren, the Institution was able to place the whole of the 34 candidates, whose petitions were found in order and approved, on the foundation, and that, as 35 children completed the periods for which they had severally been admitted, there remained at the close of the year 221 children entitled to the benefits of the Institution. There can be no doubt, therefore, as to the greatness and importance of the services which this particular West Lancashire Institution has been and still is rendering to the cause of Masonic Charity. Nor are these services, or rather the effects of these services, thus rendered to the children of West Lancashire brethren, by any means limited to the Province itself. Were there no such local Institution in existence, it is almost certain that the bulk of these children would figure in the lists of candidates for election into our two Schools. As it is, the West Lancashire children who petition for the benefits of our two central scholastic Charities are but few in number, fewer indeed in number in proportion to its strength than the other Provinces which have not set up local educational institutions of their own. This is, indeed, a result for which the Craft generally cannot be too thankful. Our Central Charities have been so considerably enlarged during the last 12 or 15 years, that not a few even among our more enthusiastic brethren are beginning to doubt the policy which, considering that the permanent resources of these Charities are so limited, necessitates the raising annually of an ever-increased total of voluntary contributions. And the greater prominence which our provincial educational and benevolent Charities have assumed during the last half-dozen years inclines us to look to their co-operation for the relief from those heavy demands upon their resources which is so desirable, but which, at the same time, seems always to be fading into the more and more distant future. It is for these reasons, as well as for the exemplary manner in which it fulfils the purpose for which it was established, that we congratulate our West Lancashire brethren on the position of their Educational Charity, and express an earnest hope for its continued prosperity.

THE "CLAPHAM" MS.

The Library of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire, commenced over two years ago under the auspices and by the practical support of the distinguished and learned Bro. T. W. Tew, Provincial Grand Master, has already become endowed with many precious relics of long past generations of the Craft. Of these none can claim a higher place in our estimation than the "T. W. Tew MS.," circa A.D. 1686, the contents of which were first given to the world by our illustrious Bro. W. J. Hughan in the *Freemason* Christmas Number for 1888.

West Yorkshire has proved to be a rich mine for Masonic curios, and to the number of the Masonic MS. already lodged in the province, viz.: the T. W. Tew MS., the Hope MS., and the Probita MS. Another valuable and interesting "find" has now to be added, under the name of "The Clapham MS.," a transcript of which is given below.

The document is written on six sheets of paper, 6 inches by 7½ inches, which appear to have been once sewn together in book form.

The leaf containing the commencement of the text is unfortunately missing.

The manuscript, until within a few weeks ago, was in the possession of Thomas Richard Clapham, Esq., of Austwick Hall, Yorkshire, and would appear to have been held by his family for many generations. It was found along with the will of an ancestor (dated 1723) and other family papers.

Mr. Clapham gave the MS. to Bro. A. G. Kershaw, P.M., of Ilkley, Yorks, who, in turn, presented it to Bro. W. F. Tomlinson, P.M. 304, of Leeds.

The last-named brother having placed it in my hands for examination, I at once pronounced it to be highly valuable, and an interesting accession to the MS. already known to the Craft.

Bro. Tomlinson has generously handed over the MS. as a gift to the Provincial Library of West Yorkshire, and, by the kind permission of Bro. Tew, Prov. G.M., I am now enabled to publish the text.

A careful examination of the caligraphy has led me to estimate the period as about 1700—20, and the text itself as taken from a much older document by a somewhat illiterate or inexact copyist. Some portions of the history appear to be confused. One phrase amongst others strikes me as differing from other MS. of a similar character that I have perused, viz., "After ye. death of St. Alban there came *Diverse Workmen* into England," &c., instead of *divers wars*. There are also other peculiarities, on which comment is invited.

The dotted lines tell a sad tale of ruthless destruction by mice. Whether the subject was too dry or the material not to their liking, they fortunately came to a pause in the work of demolition, and left something attractive to the intellectual appetite of our Craft of the present day.

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And it teacheth a man ye. judgement of ye. Stars and skies and Planets and these were the Seven Liberrall Sciences Our intent is to let you know how or in what manner these stones were found that those Sciences were written in The great Hermerin yt. was Cush his son ye. which Cush was Ham his son that was Noah his son this same Hermerin was afterwards called Hermes the fathr. of wise-men he found one of the two Pillars of Stone and found the sciences written therein And taught them to other men and at the building of ye. Temple of Babilon there was Masonry first made much of of ye. King of Babilon yt. heigh Nimrod which was a Mason himself and had used ye. Craft of Masonry As it is said with ye. Master of ye. Stones. And when ye. City Nineveh and other Cyties of the East shou'd be Buildd Nimrod ye. King of Babel sent sixty Masons thither at ye. demand of the King of Nineveh his Cousin and when he sent them so then he gave ym. a Charge every man yt. they shou'd be true each one to othr. and yt. they shou'd live truly together And yt. they shou'd serve ye. Lord truly for his pay so yt. ye. Mastr. may have worship and all belonging unto him and othr. more Charges he gave ym. And yt. was ye. first time yt. ever Mason had any Charge of his Craft. Moreover when Abraham and Sarah went down into Egypt there he taught ye. Liberrall Sciences And he had a worthy Scholar which was called Euclid and he Learned right well and was Master of all ye. seven Liberrall Sciences. And in his day it befell yt. ye. Lords and states of ye. Realm had so many sons yt. they had gotten of there wives and some by other Laydes of ye. Land so yt. the Land was whole and plenteous of Generation that they had no competent living to find their Children withall wherefore they made much Care and ye. King of ye. Land made a great Counsell and parliament to witt how they might live honestly as Gentlemen then they did Cry tho.out The Realme if there were any yt. could inform that he should come to them. And he should be well rewarded for his pains and travils that he should himselfe be well pleased. After the cry was done comes ye. worthy clearke Euclid said to the King and his Lords If you will let me have your children to govern I shall learn them one of ye. seven Liberrall Sciences wherewith they may live honestly as Gentlemen should. Under Condition that you will grant me and them a Comission and that I may have power to rule them After ye. manner that the Sciences ought to be Ruled. then ye King Sealed ye. Comission And the worthy proctr. took to him the Lords Sons and taught them ye. Craft of Geometry in practice to work to build Churches, Castles Towns & manners And of all manner of buildings And he gave them a Charge as followeth. the it. was yt. that they should true to the King or other Lords yt. they serve And yt. they ordain the wisest among them to be Masters of ye. work And yt. neither for love nor for great desire of riches neither for Fame to let ym. be Masters of ye. Lords work, yt. have little Cuning whereby ye lord shall be evel serv'd and you all ashamed and also 2dly. you shall Call him Governour of ye. work so long as the work lasteth And to work with him and other more Charges yt. were too long to tell. And to all these Charges he made ym. Swear a Great oath yt. men used at yt. time & ordained for ym. large pay and reasonable yt. they might live honestly. And also yt. they should come and asemble together every Year once how they might work best to serve ye. Lord for his profit and there own worship And to Correct within themselves ym. yt. had trespassed against ye. Craft And thus was ye. Craft Grounded there first and yt. worthy Euclid gave it ye. name of Geometry and now throughout all ye. world it is called Masonry. Sothen long after when ye. Children of Israell went into ye. land of promise yt. is Called Palestine King David began the temple yt. is called Templum Domini: and it is with us the temple of Jerusalem. And this King David loved well masons and he gave ym. the charges and the names as he had learned of ye. Egyptians and given by Euclid and other charges yt. we shall hear afterwards. After the decease of King Salloman yt. was David's Son performed out the Temple yt. his father had begun. And sent after masons into Divers countries and of Divers Lands. And he gathered ym. together say he had (80000) workers of stone and they were all named Masons besides the Lords yt. Sallomon appointed to over see ye. work even (3300) yt. were ordained to be Ministers and Governors of ye. work 1st of Kings Chap. ye. Lth V. ye. IL. 16: And furthermore there was a King of another nation that men called Hiram and he loved well King Sallomon and gave him Timber to his work. And there was one Hiram of Tickus a mason son yt. was Master of Geometry And yt. was the chiefest of all his masons and of all the Graveing and Carving and of all other manner of Masonry yt. belonged to the Temple ye. wittness is in ye. Bible in ye. 1st book of Kings C. 7. V 14. and this Salomon confirmed both ye. charges and ye. manners yt. his father had given. And thus was the worthy craft of Masonry in yt. Country and many more confirmed. Men walked full wide in Divers countries some because of Learning more craft and cunning and some to teach ym. yt. had but little cunning. And so it befell yt. there was a cuning Man Named Manimus Grecus yt. had been at ye. building of Sallomons Temple and he came into France and there taught the Science of Masonry to Men of France and there was one of the Governors yt. was named Martell & he loved well such a Craft and he drew to this Manimus Grecus & he learned of him ye. Craft and ye. Charges & ye. Manners and after by ye. Grace of God he was Elected to be King of France. And when he was in this Estate he took Masons and did help to make Masons that were none and set ym. to work and gave ym. both Charges and good pay as he had learn'd of other Masons and Confirm'd a charter from year to year to hold their Assembles where they would and thus came ye. Craft into France. England in yt. Season stood void as for any Charge as concerning Masonry untill St. Albans time And in his Days ye. King of England yt. was a Fagon. Did wall ye. Town about yt. is now called St. Albans. Alban was a worthy Knight & Steward of ye. Kings household & Governor of ye. Realme as also of making ye. walls of this Town and he loved well Masons and Chirished well Masons he made there pay right good standing as ye. Realme did them for he gave ym. 3s. 6d. a week three pence to there none finchos & before yt. time tho: out all ye. Land a Mason took a penny a Day and his meat till St. Alban amended it and he got a Charter of ye. King and his Councell to hold a generall Councell and he gave it ye. name of an Assembly to make Masons & gave Charges as yu. shall hear afterwards. Right soon after ye. death of St. Alban there came Diverse work men into England so yt. ye. good Rule of Masonry was Destroyed Unto ye. time of Athelstone yt. was a worthy King of England & bought ye. Land into good rest and buildd many great works of Abbeys Castles, Towers, And many other Diverse buildings & he loved well Masons much more than his father did and he was a practitioner in Geometry & he drew him much to talk and Comune with Masons and to Learn of ym. ye. Craft and afterwards for the Love he bare to Masons and to ye. Craft he was made Mason and he got of his father a Charter & Comission to hold every year one. an Assembly where every they would in ye. Realme of England. And to correct within ym. selves ye. faults and trespasses yt. were done within ye. Crafte

& he held him self an Assembly at York and made Masons and gave ym. ye. Charges and taught ym. ye. manners & Commanded ye. Rule to be Kept ever after & took ym. a Comission and Charter to Keep & make ordinance yt. it shou'd be renewed from King to King & when ye. Assemblies were gathered together he made a cry yt. old Masons & young Masons yt. had any Understanding of ye. Charge And Manners shew ym. forth & when it was proved there was found some in Lattin some in French and some in English & some in othr. Languages & there intent was all at one he did make a book hereof how ye. Craft was found and he enjoined and Comanded yt. it shou'd be learned where any Masons were to be made and so to give him his Charge & from yt. Time to this Time manners of Masons have been Keep in this form as well as men might give it and further more at diverse Assemblies have been put in and ordained certain Charges by ye. advise of Master & fellows. Here followeth ye. worthy and Godly oath of Masons—one of ye. Eldr. taking ye. bible shall hold which are to be made Masons may impose Or lay their right hands Upon & these their Charg Every man yt. is a Mason take good heed to his man find himself guilty of in any any of those crimes y. in person hath Comitted against God princply let him take hee of falling into ye same Crimes. And take heed for ye. future yt. he well & Carefully obverse his charge for it is a greet perill for a man to endanger his Soul by perjurie ye. charge followe

- 1st. You shall be true to men & God and ye. holy Church & shall use no Heresie nor error according to yr. understanding nor by wiser men teaching.
 - 2d. You shall be true Liegemen to ye. King or supreme governour or Ruler without any treason or falsehood & also yt. yu. know no treason or conspiracy bt. yt. you amend or otherwise declare it to ye. King or his Councell.
 - 3dly. That you be true men to one another yt. is to say every Mason yt. is a Mason allowed ye. shall do unto him as yu. would he shou'd do to you.
 - 4ly. And also ye. shall keep truly all Councell of ye. Lodge or Chamber & Councell yt. ought to be kept by way of Masonhood.
 - 5ly. And also ye. shall be no theif nor thieves fellows as far as ye. know and also yt. ye. be true to ye. Lord or Master ye. serve & truly seek his profit and advantage.
 - 6ly. And also yt. ye. shall call all Maçons fellows or brethren and no other foul name.
 - 7ty. And also yu. shall not defile yr. fellows wife by Calumny or any othr. maner nor Defile his daughter nor his servant nor put him to any Discredit.
 - 8ly. And also yt. yu. pay truly for yr. meat and drink wheresoever yu. Table.
 - 9ly. And also yu. shall do no Villany where you go to board whereby ye. Craft may be evel spoken of or slandred threse being ye. charges in generall yt. belongs to every true Mason both Masters and fellows.
- Now will I rehearse other things singular both for Masters and fellows.

1st. That no Master take upon him any Lords work or any other mans unless he know himself able to performe ye. work, so yt. ye. Craft have no slander. 2d. And also yt. no Master take any work bt. yt. he take reasonable pay so yt. ye. Lord may be truly served and ye. Mastr. to live honestly, and also to pay his fellows Truly.

10. Also yt. every Masr. and fello when they come out of other Countries & S as ye Maner is yt. is to say if he have Mould stones shall give him a Mould stone & set him in none he shall refresh him with meat to ye. next lodge Also yt. every mason shall truly mastr. ye. end of his taxe or jorney & here ye. have all yr. Comandments yt. you have heard rehearsed you shall truly observe So God you help. These be aprintices charges

1st. That he shall be true to God ye. holy Church & his Prince masr. & dame whome he shall serve. 2nd. And yt. you shall not p nor steal ye. goods of his masr. & Dame nor absent himself their services nor go from ym. about his own pleasure by day night without License of ye. one of ym. 3. And yt. he do not Comit Adultry or Fornication in his masrs. house with ye wife Daughter or Servant of his Sd. masr. 4. And yt. he shall keep closely well in all things spoken in ye Lodge or Chambr. by any Masr. or fellow being Mr. or freemason & yt. he shall keep any Disobedient Argument against any of ym. nor Disclose any Secrets whereby any Discention may follow against any Masons their followers or apprentices. 5. And yt. he reverently behave himself to all freemasons being unto his Sd. Masr. 6. And not to use any Carding dicing or any Unlawfull gaming nor to be at any Taverens or Alehouses there to waste any mans goods without Lience of his Masr. or some other freemason. 7. And yt. he shall not Comit adultery in any Mans house where he shall work or be Tabled. 8. And yt. he shall not purloine or steal the goods of any person nor willingly suffer harm : or : shame to be done or Consent there unto during his aprintship bt. withstand the same to ye. utmost of his power and thereof to inform his sd. Masr. or some other freemason with all Convenient and possible speed.

The above is transcribed by me from the original document in the possession of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire.

WILLIAM WATSON, P.M. 61 and 2069,
P.G.S. of W. West Yorks, Honorary Librarian.
Leeds, Lady Day, 1890.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

On Thursday, the 20th instant, the Grand Superintendent of the Province of East Lancashire, Comp. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, held his annual Prov. Grand Chapter, and the whole proceedings throughout were most successful.

The Prov. Grand Chapter was opened in the New Masonic Chambers, at the Victoria Hotel. The Grand Superintendent was supported by Comps. J. H. Sillitoe, P.G.H.; Abm. Clegg, P.G.J.; John Chadwick, P.S.E.; E. G. Harwood, Prov. G.S.N.; G. Barlow, P.P.G. Soj.; John Booth, P.G. 1st Asst. Soj.; several distinguished Grand Officers, and most of the other Prov. Grand Officers of the year, while there was an unusual number of past officers and companions from the 39 chapters in the Province.

The minutes of the P.G. Chapter having been read and confirmed,

The Prov. Grand Scribe E., Comp. JOHN CHADWICK, read letters from several companions, regretting their inability to be present.

The roll of chapters was called, four out of the 39 not being represented, viz., 219, 300, 317, and 462.

Comp. J. H. SILLITOE, Prov. G.H., read the report prepared by the Prov. G. Principals, congratulating the Prov. G. Chapter upon the satisfactory state of the province financially, as well as its increase in numbers, and the fact that there had

been a general improvement in the working. The strength of the province had increased to 922, as against 918 a year ago, and the Auditor's report showed a balance at the bank of £52, against £47 last year. In their last report the Principals drew attention to what they considered the cause of inefficiency in several chapters, viz., that in some cases there were more chapters in districts than the number of Craft Masons warranted, while in others the number of Craft Masons was far in excess of the facilities afforded to qualified companions to pass through the various offices pertaining to this Degree. Since that period, a new chapter had been consecrated at Blackburn under most favourable auspices, and bade fair to be a great success. In another instance a chapter, which for some time had been in an indifferent state of efficiency owing to the want of candidates, had been recently removed to a more advantageous district, with very gratifying effect already. There were, as yet, other chapters in the province to which the complaints referred to would as justly apply as in the past, and the Principals of these chapters were strongly recommended to take the suggestion into consideration, and to the utmost of their power endeavour to remedy the evils pointed out.

Comp. W. DUNCAN, Prov. G. Treasurer, presented the accounts, and these were passed.

Comp. Outram, 993, was unanimously elected Prov. Grand Treasurer.

A motion was on the agenda that £10 be contributed from the funds of the Provincial Grand Chapter to the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution.

Comp. JOHN CHADWICK, P.G.S.E., proposed that the amount be increased to £20, which was carried.

It was further resolved to contribute two guineas towards the Masonic memorial included in the work of restoration of Peterborough Cathedral.

The Grand Superintendent appointed and invested the following companions as officers for the year:

Comp. J. H. Sillitoe	...	...	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" Abraham Clegg	...	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" John Chadwick	...	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" F. A. Molesworth, 204	...	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" J. Kershaw, 300	...	...	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" J. H. Bailey, 369	...	...	...	...	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
" F. Tomlinson, 325	...	...	...	...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" N. A. Earle, 62	...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. H. Watson, 350	...	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" W. Eastwood, 226	...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" J. W. Thompson, 1055	...	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" W. Edwards, 277	...	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" James Newton	...	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.S.E.
" A. H. Williams, 152	...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Thos. Higson	...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT proposed a vote of thanks to the Auditors, and Provincial Grand Chapter was closed.

The following companions were present:

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At the banquet which followed the Grand Superintendent presided in his usual kind and genial manner, which at all times adds so much to the enjoyment of all present at such social gatherings.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

The pleasure of the evening was greatly enhanced by the following musical programme, which had been prepared by Comp. A. H. Williams, Prov. G. Org.: Trio, "Come Fairies trip it," Miss Conway, Miss Maude Yates, and Comp. A. S. Kinnell; song, "Here's to his health," Comp. A. S. Kinnell; song, Miss Maude Yates; song, "I will be true to thee," Comp. N. Dumville, P.P.G.S.B.; duet, organ and piano, "Meditation," Comp. and Mrs. A. H. Williams; song, "My dearest heart," Miss Conway; song, "The raft," Comp. A. S. Kinnell; quartet, "When hands meet," Comps. N. Dumville and A. S. Kinnell, and Misses Conway and Yates; solo pianoforte, "Rhapsodie Hongroise," Mrs. A. H. Williams, song, "In this old chair," Comp. G. S. Smith; song, "The lost chord," Miss Conway.

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Service, male and female. The duldest and most backward
got through. Private lessons in mechanics, physics, practical
chemistry, and biology given. For list of successes and
honours apply to Mr. HENRY WAITE, 342, Strand.

NOTICE.

In consequence of Friday next being
Good Friday, the "Freemason" will be
published on the morning of Thursday,
the 3rd prox., instead of Friday, as usual.

To Correspondents.

The following communications unavoidably stand over :

CRAFT—
Yarborough Lodge, No. 244.
Stuart Lodge, No. 1632.

INSTRUCTION—
Prince Frederick William Lodge, No. 753.
Wandsworth Lodge, No. 1044.
Islington Lodge, No. 1471.

How and When I became a Mason.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Masonic World," "Loomis' Musical and Masonic Journal,"
"Canadian Craftsman," "Sunday Times" (New York), "New
York Dispatch," "Report of the 46th Half-yearly Communi-
cation of the District Grand Lodge of Bombay," "Australasian
Keystone," and "Die Bauhutte."



SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 1890.

Masonic Notes.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge
of East Lancashire will take place in the Assembly
Rooms, Mechanics' Institute, Manchester-road,
Burnley, on Wednesday, May 21, at 3 o'clock. The
Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie,
will preside.

Truth says that the next vacancy among the Queen's
Chaplains in Ordinary will be filled up by the appoint-
ment of Bro. the Rev. Charles John Martyn, Rector of
Long Melford, Suffolk. We offer the genial and
popular Deputy Grand Master of Suffolk our congratu-
lations on the honour intended to be conferred on him.

The Old Masonians brought their season to a close
by a very successful entertainment at Anderton's Hotel
on Saturday evening, upwards of 180 members and
friends being present. This association has now been
established four years, and shows every sign of in-
creasing strength and vigour. We shall have some-
thing more to say about the entertainment next week,
as well as the remarks of the Chairman, which are de-
serving of consideration.

We are pleased to learn that the Board of Stewards
for the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic
Institution for Girls has increased in number since our
last report from 146 to 163. This is a substantial im-
provement and likely to prove all the more valuable
from the fact of there being still ample time for the
new Stewards to do their work of canvassing effectively.
With seven clear weeks before them in which to look
up their friends and likely supporters they ought to be
able to compile good average lists.

It is to be regretted, however, that more represen-
tatives have not yet come forward from Middlesex for
the purpose of supporting their Provincial Grand
Master in his capacity of Chairman. We believe this
is the first occasion on which Bro. Sir Francis Burdett,
Bart., has taken upon himself this particular responsi-
bility, and it is the more important, therefore, that he
should be well backed up by his lodges. He is highly
popular in his province, which he has governed with so
much ability and such conspicuous kindness for the
last 21 years, and for this reason alone we shall hope
to find him with a strong muster of Stewards to repre-
sent the "Chairman's" province, and a goodly array
of donations and subscriptions accorded to their
credit. Middlesex did well at the Girls' Centenary
when there was no such special inducement to its
lodges and chapters as there is now, and we shall look
to seeing it surpass its success on that occasion.

We believe that out of its 39 lodges only some 14
or 15 lodges have as yet sent up Stewards to represent
them. We trust this number will be more than
doubled in the course of the next fortnight, or, at all
events, while there is yet a chance for the newcomers
to compile good lists. Nor would it by any means be
a bad plan if the R.A. chapters and the Middlesex
Mark lodges bestirred themselves in the same direc-
tion. It is about time the Girls' School Festival began
to assume something of its ordinary proportions, and
that the total of the Returns approached more nearly
to £13,000 than £10,000. There are 20 more children
in the School now than there were two years ago, and
more money is, therefore, needed.

In the long run, perhaps, we may find the efforts of
the Girls' School executive rewarded with a Board of
over 200 Stewards and a total of donations and sub-
scriptions more nearly on a level with £10,000 than it
was last year. But, under any circumstances, it is the
bounden duty of the Middlesex lodges to support the
Chairman of the day, who is their own chief, and, for
his own great merits, deserves to have a success re-
corded in his favour. The first meeting of the Board
of Stewards will take place to-day (Friday) at Free-
masons' Hall.

Bro. Joseph D. Langton, the Hon. Sec. of the Provisional Management Committee of the R.M.B.I., informs us that he has already received several subscriptions towards the Binckes Pension Indemnity Fund from lodges and brethren, in addition to numerous promises of assistance, a list of which we print in another column. According to the by-laws of most lodges, notice of motion is required to be given before the amount can be voted, and this will no doubt account for the delay in many instances. Subscriptions will be received by Bro. J. D. Langton, at 37, Queen Victoria-street, E.C., or by Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C. (Grand Regr.), Lamb Building, Temple, E.C.

It is proposed that the athletic sports in connection with the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys should take place on the afternoon of Saturday, May 31st. Bro. George Everett has kindly consented to act as Treasurer, and a Committee for carrying out the sports is in course of formation.

Seeing that our good friend and brother, Dr. Stewart, P.A.G.D.C., is one of the most prominent members of the Grafton Lodge, it ill becomes us to have omitted his name from our report of the consecration. Dr. Stewart needs no assurance from us that the omission was accidental.

The installation of Bro. the Hon. Sir Stafford Northcote, C.B., M.P., as Provincial Grand Master of Mark Masons of Devon, will take place at Exeter, on the 28th May, and that of Bro. the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, Dean of Battle, as P.G.M. of Sussex, will be held at Brighton on the 23rd of the same month.

Correspondence.

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

"TWIXT, BROTHER, THEE AND ME!"
To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The accompanying verses have just been sent me by my friend, Ill. Bro. Frederick Webber, 33°, G. Sec. G. Southern Supreme Council A. and A.S. Rite, Washington, D.C., and are, I think, well worthy of preservation in the columns of the *Freemason*. They were written by our late Bro. Dr. Robt. Morris for an association to which he and Bro. Webber both belonged.—Fraternally yours,

FRED. J. W. CROWE,
S.D. and Org. 2189.

From me to thee, from me to thee,
Each whispering leaf a missive be,
In mystic scent and hue to say—
This green and fragrant spray—
In emerald green and rich perfume,
To teach of Faith that mocks the tomb,
And links the chain Fidelity
'Twixt, Brother, thee and me!

In distant lands, in olden time,
The acacia bore a mark sublime,
And told to each discerning eye
Of deathless constancy;
So may these green leaves whisper now,
Inform the heart, inspire the vow;
And link the chain Fidelity
'Twixt, Brother, thee and me!

"HEARTY GOOD WISHES."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

You are aware that it has been a general custom for brethren visiting other lodges to offer "Hearty good wishes" to the W.M. and brethren.

During the past few weeks I have heard that Grand Lodge is not favourable to this being continued, unless specially voted by the visiting brother's lodge.

I think it would be convenient to know if Grand Lodge has formulated a rule on this subject, as I am afraid "Hearty good wishes" will not be often expressed if a formal vote must previously be taken.—Yours fraternally,

P.M.

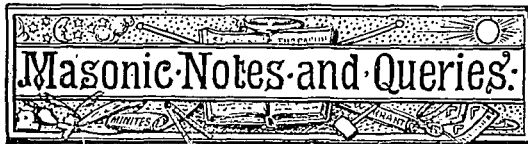
March, 1890.

Bro. R. Henri Goddard, the son of a well-known member of the Craft, gave a very successful entertainment at the Barnsbury Hall, Upper-street, Islington, on Wednesday, the 19th inst. Bro. Goddard has already received a reputation for his dramatic recitals, and the selection he placed before his audience on the occasion under notice was happily made, and gave unqualified satisfaction to those who were present. Bro. Goddard possesses a good voice, and keeps it well under control, while his quiet earnestness of delivery commands the attention of all who may be privileged to listen to him. This young artiste offers a long list of pieces for those who desire his services to make selection from, and we feel justified in saying he is fully capable of affording pleasure to even the most exacting of audiences. Between the recitals songs were given by Miss Florence Thompson and Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald. Miss Amy Fletcher was the pianist of the evening.



REGGIE ABBOTT. By Bro. NELSON PROWER, M.A. (Oxon).

This work, in one volume, just published by Mr. George Redway, deals with the adventures of an English gentleman holding a commission under the warlike Charles the XII. of Sweden. The character of that young, impetuous, but brave, monarch is well depicted. The hero exhibits a warm attachment for the prince and zeal in his service. One of the finest drawn characters in the book is that of Oscar Gústafsen, the half-brother of Reggie, a man—almost a genius—singularly endowed with natural gifts and scholastic attainments. The author, however, is seen at his best in his description of places, and his clever opinions upon individuals and things in general. Some of the passages, by the beauty of their diction, purity of English, and power of thought, are worthy to rank with the efforts of the polished Addison, the erudite Johnson, and the imaginative Goldsmith. It may here be stated that the book is not one of a sensational order; candidly it is somewhat dry, not to say in parts pedantic. Curiously enough, it is a novel without a plot. It is also deficient in love passages, there being but three female characters, Madame Gústafsen, Brenda, and Zoë, and they are sadly lacking in interest. Bro. Prower has lavished all his energies upon delineating the masculine element. He evidently does not think that *le monde est le livre des femmes*. The author appears to have desired to give a history of the stirring times of the early years of the eighteenth century in a readable form. His powers of narration are good, but he has not clothed the language of his characters with an old world tone, such as distinguishes the author of "Esmond." The speakers adopt the style and use the common-places of to-day. The following passage is a fair example of Bro. Prower's style: Signor Marelli, an Italian, speaks, "I'm far from claiming for my seven hills, dear to me as they are, all that the one hill yonder can give (The Acropolis of Athens). You will no doubt recollect that in the time of Augustus the phrase 'the city,' in the mouths of educated men, was still applied to Athens, and what nobler tribute could be paid to the small place we are now approaching? Do not think, I beg of you, that I, as a Roman, am jealous of the emotion you and your friends are showing in approaching Athens; we have too much of our own to boast of to let us grudge our neighbour his due. We have ruled the world, yes; but captive Greece took possession of its cruel conqueror, and we copied all that made life elegant, pleasant, and generally worth living from this place that we see now." In another good passage the invalid Eric, who was the *fidus Achates* of Reggie, is made to say: "As I sit here, Oscar, knowing that in about a month or so I shall never see any of you again in this world, I feel that the only abiding or comforting sentiment is affection. What can ambition be when one is about to leave all one has been ambitious about? What is wealth when one is about to lose it all? What even is a grand intellect when one is about to go to the land where all that we see here in a glass darkly shall be so clear, that poor Eric will know more than is now known by Oscar himself? But the affections, as we may fairly hope and trust, will still be vouchsafed to us in the world beyond, or it were better that there should be none." In concluding our criticism, we can confidently recommend the story to those who desire to combine the gleaning of knowledge with pleasure, and who delight in studying works of a contemplative nature. We are inclined to think that the author would shine more brilliantly as an essayist than as a novelist.



870] LORD GEORGE SACKVILLE, G.M.

In No. 757 "Masonic Notes and Queries" (1887), I drew attention to Bro. Sadler's remarks on the failure of the "Atholl" Grand Lodge to secure Lord George Sackville as G.M. of that body. The curious correspondence will be found in his "Masonic Facts and Fictions" (pp. 81-2), and should be carefully noted by all interested in obtaining as accurate a list of Grand Masters of Ireland, as we have for England and Scotland. Lord George stated that he had lately been chosen Grand Master of Ireland and hence declined a similar compliment from the "Ancients" or "Atholl" Masons. Bro. Sadler considers "The Sackville incident reads very much like truth, but as I cannot find his lordship's name on any list of Grand Masters of Ireland, I presume he was misinformed on that point." Since the issue of that able volume, I found that in 1751 a work was published in Dublin, entitled "Answer to the Pope's Bull," which was "dedicated to Lord Sackville, G.M.," and dated 19th September, 1751. This looked like business, and led me to include the name of that nobleman in the roll of Grand Masters, printed in the *Freemason* for December, 1st, 1888, only I left the year uncertain (1750?). Bro. M. Furnell in by-laws Prov. Grand Lodge Munster, 1847, gives Lord Kingsborough as the Grand Master in 1749, 1750-1-2; followed by the Hon. Thomas Southwell (afterwards Lord Southwell) in 1753. The records of that period

are lost, hence these differences as to dates and omissions of names, &c. Grand Secretary Spratt states that his lordship was re-elected as Grand Master 2nd July, 1750, so that disposes of that year, and ends the particulars given in the Constitutions for 1751. I have now before me a portion of a work which throws still more light on the subject, and appears to me to settle the matter. Unfortunately all the pages are gone before that of 31, which begins "A vindication of the Real Principles of Freemasonry," and is completed at p. 60. The next page contains "A Prayer to be said at the opening of a Lodge, or making of a Brother," concluding with the words "This we humbly beg in the name and for the sake of JESUS CHRIST our LORD and SAVIOUR.—Amen." At page 62 is a song called "The Progress of Freemasonry," five verses are given and completes all the work preserved. At p. 38 is a roll of Grand Masters of Ireland from Lord Kingston to Lord Kingsborough, which is in exact agreement with my list before noted. Then follows the important paragraph "June the 24th, 1751. The Right Honourable Lord GEORGE SACKVILLE was unanimously chosen Grand Master in Ireland, the Honourable Thomas Southwell, Esq., Deputy G.M., the Hon. Roderick Mackenzie, Esq., Senior Grand Warden, and the Honourable Brinsley Butler, Esq., Junior Grand Warden." So that Lord George Sackville was elected on 24th June, 1751, as Grand Master of Ireland, and had for his Deputy Grand Master the Hon. Thomas Southwell, who succeeded to the chair in 1752 or 1753. I hope some brother in Ireland will be able to identify the work, and thus be able to furnish me with the title-page and other particulars. Lord George Sackville was the first Master of that remarkable lodge, the "Minden," No. 63, in connection with the 20th Regiment (of which he was Colonel), chartered in December, 1748, and which only collapsed quite recently.

W. J. HUGHAN.

871] AN OLD MASONIC JUG.

A very old Masonic jug has just come into my possession, which is said to have come into this country with a family from Liverpool over a 100 years ago. It stands 13 inches high, and measures 5½ inches across the mouth, and 8½ inches in bulge. It bears out its age when we examine the texture and finish of the crockery and its battered and cracked, chipped and stained appearance, together with the fact that every design on it has been engraved (and beautifully done, too), lead us to conclude that it was a costly ornament when first bought, although it has now lost the freshness of its early days. In front, under the lip, inside a circular wreath of leaves, are the "two pillars," standing on a "square pavement." These pillars are about 2½ inches apart, and across the pavement is written "Holiness to the Lord." A ladder with 14 steps leans diagonally from one pillar to the other, leaving the base of the right hand pillar to the top of the pillar on the left. Around through the circle are distributed the working tools of the E.A., the three "great lights," also on the E.A., the sun, moon, and stars, and surmounting all the "eye," and underneath, outside the circle, is the square and compass arranged as F.C., with the letter G (inside a triangle) enclosed. On the right-hand side of the jug, inside a peculiar and beautiful wreath, in which are intermingled Masonic emblems, are again the two pillars and pavement, with a compass extended, the points resting on a semi-circular graded disc of 90°, beneath which are the emblems of mortality, the V.S.L., and the working tools of M.M., all of which are surmounted by the "eye" and seven stars, enclosed in a scroll, which bears the inscription *deum time et regem honora*. On the left side of the jug is a most elaborate design, inside a similar wreath to that on the right. Here again the pillars and pavement appear as a centre-piece. On the outside of each pillar stands the figure of a man on a cube, in clothing such as one sees on men in Ben Johnson's time, both have aprons on, and one bears a W.M. jewel. Round their feet are working tools, ballot boxes, ashlar, and a beehive and seven bees, and beneath these the inscription *sit lux et lux fuit*. Between the pillars are three little castles, and above them an arm holding a trowel, immediately above which is a scroll, on which is engraved *amor honor et justitia*, and resting on this scroll is the figure of a man sitting in front of a sun dial pointing XII. Above his head is the eye and three stars, and outside the wreath is the inscription, in large letters, "A heart that conceals, and the tongue that never reveals." Round the top and bottom of the jug are scrolls of designs, and the whole engraving is as distinct as the day it was first put on. If any brother can throw any light on the early history or probable age of this jug I will feel obliged.

J. L. CARSON, 891 (I.C.).

872] SALE OF MSS.

The *Academy* states that there is a probability of the "world-renowned, but almost inaccessible Middle-hill Library at Cheltenham, which was formed early in the present century by Sir T. Phillips," being sold ere long, and that the British Museum and the Universities are making arrangements for the purchase of certain MSS., amounting in value to about £20,000. Is this the collection that contains the three *Masonic MSS.* seen by Bro. G. W. Speth, and described by him? If so, would it not be well for the Grand Lodge or the "Quatuor Coronati" Lodge to be in touch with this great sale, so as to secure any Masonic documents, especially the three noted? If it is another collection, there may be Masonic MSS. still unknown, and I hope Bros. Speth, Hughan, and others, will be on the look out!

CHISHOLM.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Merchant Navy Lodge (No. 781).—This large lodge is, like many of the larger East-end lodges, to a great extent recruited from members of the seafaring profession. Scarcely a meeting takes place without an addition to the muster roll. An emergency meeting was called for last Monday, the 24th inst., the occasion being the initiation of four brethren, who had been previously balloted for and approved of.

The lodge was opened, Bro. A. H. Shepherd, W.M., presiding. The following officers were present: Bros. J. Timson, S.W.; Varcoe, J.W.; Daniell, P.M., Treas.; C. Breden, P.M., Sec.; Passfield, S.D.; Lancett, J.D. (pro tem.); Seager, Stwd.; and Ellinford, Tyler. Among other brethren Bro. Alfred Timson was present. Messrs. John Yates, Alfred Sargent, Philip Thomas Wilson, and Frederick Clarke were initiated. Mr. Charles Robert Bentley (who had been balloted for and unanimously elected with the foregoing) did not put in an appearance, otherwise the goodly number of five would have been initiated.

Emblematic Lodge (No. 1321).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, on the 20th inst., when there were present Bros. J. H. Price, W.M.; F. J. Potter, S.W.; W. J. Kent, J.W.; W. B. Fendick, P.M., Treas.; R. G. Cooper, P.M., Sec.; W. J. Harris, S.D.; G. E. Grimes, J.D.; A. A. Barnes, I.G.; J. Wheatcroft, W. H. Pain, and C. H. Theiss, Stwds.; H. Matthews, A.D.C.; W. O. Welsford, A.D.C.; and several other brethren. Visitors: Bros. B. D. Crofts, S.W. 1309; W. H. Hurrell, 87; J. D. Hunt, A.D.C. 15; W. Hamlyn, P.M. 1622; W. H. Rice, 2269; F. Mason, 2148; F. T. Ridpath, P.M. 1790 and 2096, P.J.G.D. Surrey; and J. C. Hayes, P.M. 619, 1708.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. Bros. Poole and White, were initiated and passed by the I.P.M., he also performing the ceremony of raising them by consent of the W.M. The W.M. resumed the chair and passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft Bros. Carter, Price, March, Bowers, Whitford, and Bates, and he also initiated into ancient Freemasonry Mr. Samuel John Hinton. All the ceremonies were performed most carefully and impressively, fully maintaining the prestige of the lodge. The resignation of a member was accepted with regret. It was proposed and seconded that the Secretary send a letter of condolence to the widow of the late Bro. John Maclean. Although not a member of the lodge, he was well known to many of the members and very highly esteemed in Freemasonry. Without any discussion the members voted the sum asked for by Bro. Langton towards the scheme for raising a fund for the proposed pension to Bro. Binckes, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

The lodge was closed, after which the brethren and visitors sat down to an excellent banquet provided by Bros. Pease and Sons, with their usual good taste.

Afterwards the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured. A very pleasant and harmonious evening was spent.

Corinthian Lodge (No. 1382).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the George Hotel, Cubitt Town, on Wednesday, the 19th inst., when brethren to the number of over 80 assembled. The members present included Bros. C. McLeod, W.M.; R. Perry, S.W.; E. Penniston, J.W.; J. Carnaby, P.M., Treas.; A. H. Oakley, Sec.; R. J. Pitt, S.D.; G. A. Saunders, J.D.; J. Linn, I.G.; W. J. Millington, P.M.; H. Dering, P.M.; B. Smith, P.M.; J. Morrison, P.M.; and many others. Visitors: Bros. S. Finch, P.M. 861; F. G. Burstow, P.M. 212; J. Gordon, W.M. 898; W. Smith, P.M. 228; J. Mills, Sec. 1716; W. Norris, P.M. 181; J. G. Tongue, 534; M. L. Lincoln, 534; W. C. Halroyd, 13; C. W. J. Harledon, 201; T. Firth, 871; J. W. James, P.M. 957; R. Britain, P.M. 1278; G. Coote, 1278; E. Bond, P.M. 860; and W. W. Lee, 1897.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed, after which Bro. Finch, P.M., assumed the chair, and impressively initiated Mr. Wake into Freemasonry. Bro. Robert J. Perry was then presented as the W.M. elect, and was duly installed into the chair by Bro. Millington, P.M. The W.M. proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows: Bros. E. Penniston, S.W.; R. J. Pitt, J.W.; J. Carnaby, P.M., Treas.; A. H. Oakley, Sec.; G. Saunders, S.D.; J. S. Linn, J.D.; A. J. Delves, I.G.; Blois and Bassett, Stewards; Millington, P.M., D.C.; and Williams, Tyler. The Installing Master, Bro. Millington, P.M., concluded an able and impressive rendering of the installation ceremony by delivering the usual addresses with ability and care. Bro. Millington is the Preceptor of the lodge of instruction connected with this lodge, and fully justified his position by the ability displayed in the ceremony. The W.M. said his first duty was the pleasant one of investing Bro. McLeod with the Past Master's jewel voted to him at the last meeting in recognition of his services during the past year. It afforded him (the W.M.) great satisfaction to make the presentation, and he trusted the Great Architect would spare the I.P.M. for many years to wear the jewel and attend their lodge. Bro. C. McLeod, I.P.M., sincerely thanked the W.M. and brethren for the handsome jewel, and expressed the hope that he would long be spared to merit a continuance of the confidence reposed in him. Bro. Millington, P.M., on behalf of the lodge, presented to Bro. Wm. Clark, the late proprietor of the hotel, a handsomely illuminated testimonial, engrossed on vellum and encased in a suitable frame, expressing the appreciation of the members at the kindness, geniality, and liberality displayed by him during his proprietorship, and the esteem and regard in which he is held by them all. The brethren, some few years ago, placed on record the services rendered by Bro. Clark by presenting him with a handsome piece of plate. Bro. W. Clark, in acknowledging the gift, said he could only thank them very heartily for the handsome present. He little thought when he came to the hotel 11 years ago that his

leaving would be marked in so signal a manner. He should be only too pleased to place the testimonial in his little cottage, to regard it with affection while he was spared, and to hand it down to his son afterwards. He could not find words to sufficiently thank them for their generosity, and he hoped the brother who had taken his place would remain for many years. He trusted the lodge would go on and prosper as it had in the past. The number of members had more than doubled, and he hoped the present proprietor would have to enlarge the premises, as he had done. He could only again thank them all most heartily and sincerely. The audit report was read, showing fair balances to the credit of the Lodge and Charity Funds, and the Auditors having expressed their admiration for the clearness and accuracy with which the accounts had been presented by the Secretary and Treasurer, it was unanimously accepted. The Secretary announced with regret the decease since the last meeting of Bro. Carter, an esteemed and able Past Master, and it was resolved that the lodge should go into mourning for the space of two months in respect to his memory.

Other business having been transacted, the lodge was closed with the usual formalities.

A substantial repast, which was presided over by the newly installed W.M., Bro. Robert J. Perry, in a genial and kindly manner, having been done ample justice to by the brethren present, the customary toasts were given. Owing to the lateness of the hour and the fact that many present had to leave by train, the speeches were necessarily short, but commendably to the point.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," and "The Grand Officers" in felicitous terms, and they were heartily received.

Bro. C. McLeod, I.P.M., said a very pleasing duty devolved upon him in proposing "The Health of the W.M." The brethren had had the pleasure of seeing what Bro. Perry had done, and from what he knew of him personally, his love for Freemasonry, and his zeal to further its best interests, he was sure the lodge would progress during the forthcoming year to the satisfaction of the members.

Bro. Robert J. Perry, W.M., in reply, said he thanked the brethren one and all for the honour done him in placing him in his present high position, and for the great trust and confidence reposed in him. He would promise them that during his year he would do everything possible in his power to further the interests of the lodge in particular and the Craft in general. If his officers and the members generally would give him their assistance, he did not think his year would be far behind the previous ones, but that assistance was necessary to ensure the success of any Master in the increased prosperity of the lodge. He trusted that at the end of his year he would meet with the same cordiality that had been extended to him that evening.

The Worshipful Master next gave "The I.P.M., Bro. McLeod," and referred in suitable terms to the services rendered by that brother to the lodge, especially during the past year.

Bro. C. McLeod, I.P.M., in response, thanked the brethren for the heartiness with which they had received the toast, the kindness extended to him during the past year, and for the handsome Past Master's jewel presented to him, and assured them that he would continue in the future to exert his interest for the welfare of the lodge.

The Worshipful Master, in giving "The Installing Master," said he need scarcely refer to the ceremony performed by Bro. Millington, P.M., that evening, for the brethren had seen and heard the admirable manner in which it had been rendered by him. Bro. Millington, P.M., was worthy to hold the position of Preceptor, his knowledge of the ritual being very extensive. He asked the brethren to show their appreciation of Bro. Millington's services by cordially and heartily drinking the toast.

Bro. W. J. Millington, P.M., D.C., replied in suitable terms, acknowledging the kind expressions used by the W.M. and the heartiness showed by the brethren, and assured them that his services would continue to be at the disposal of the lodge.

"The Initiate" having been duly honoured, "The Visitors" was accorded a hearty welcome by the W.M.

Several visiting brethren, in response, expressed their appreciation and gratification at the work witnessed, and their hearty thanks for the profuse hospitality with which they had been entertained.

Other toasts followed, the Tyler's toast terminating a pleasant evening, which augurs well for the success and prosperity of the lodge, under the presidency of the newly installed W.M., Bro. R. J. Perry.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BOLTON.

St. John's Lodge (No. 221).—The usual monthly meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on the 19th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Institute-street, when there was a large attendance of brethren. Bro. W. Forrest, W.M., presided, and he was supported by Bros. Cuerden, Crompton, Walker, and Boothroyd, and the other principal officers of the lodge—Bros. J. Draycott, S.W., and E. Halliwell, J.W. The visitors present were Bros. T. Nightingale, P.M. 146; S. Hayes, W.M. 1814; J. B. Goulburn, S.D. 1723; W. Long, Sec. 146; J. Binns, Org. 146; J. Peake, 146; C. Holgate, 348; and W. Green, 348.

The W.M. having opened the lodge, Bro. J. Atkinson, 146, was unanimously elected a joining member, and Messrs. G. Gorton, Hugh White, and John Thornton were balloted for, and unanimously elected. Bro. Crompton, P.M., then proceeded to initiate Mr. Gorton, which was performed in an admirable manner, and the W.M. initiated the other two candidates, the work being faultlessly performed, and auguring a year of brilliant and effective working. Bro. E. Halliwell, J.W., explained the working tools to the initiates succinctly and concisely. A most interesting and unique feature of the evening was the presentation to Bro. Greenhalgh, Asst. Steward of the lodge, of a Charity jewel for having acted twice as a Steward at the Masonic Festivals, although it is only 18 months since he was initiated. The W.M. of the lodge made the presentation in a suitable address, alluding to Bro. Greenhalgh as a model Mason, and Bro. Crompton, P.M., also supported the presentation, remarking that another brother (Bro. Hayes), who had only been initiated six months, had

already acted as a Steward, and had consented to do so again at the forthcoming Festival. Bro. Greenhalgh feelingly responded.

The lodge was then closed, after "Hearty good wishes" had been given by the visiting brethren.

At the subsequent banquet, which was admirably served by Bro. Walker, P.M., the usual Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured, and the harmony supplied by Bros. Forrest, W.M., Taylor, Stevenson, Peake, Greenhalgh, Goulburn, Higson, Binns, and Walker.

The Visitors, in response to the toast of their healths, warmly eulogised the working in the lodge room, which had perhaps never been surpassed in the history of Freemasonry in the town.

Bro. J. W. Taylor, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., acted as D. of C. in a manner which added lustre and heartiness to the proceedings, and was ably assisted by Bro. Binns, Org. 146, who presided at the instrument in the unavoidable absence of the Organist of the lodge, Bro. Atkinson.

Bro. Binns' fraternal kindness on this and all other occasions when called upon to assist in furthering the interests of the Craft was gratefully acknowledged by the W.M. on behalf of the brethren.

DERBY.

Arboretum Lodge (No. 731).—This prosperous lodge held its 32nd annual festival on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at the Masonic Hall. Over 120 brethren were present, amongst them being Bros. Severn Taylor, W.M.; J. Walker, S.W.; G. Sutherland, J.W.; Rev. Thos. Orrell, Chap.; W. Whittaker, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Wright, Sec.; J. Jones, S.D.; W. Todd, J.D.; G. H. Ward, D. of C.; W. Forman, Org.; A. Smith, I.G.; W. W. Heywood and G. C. Copestick, Stwds.; T. Day, Tyler; Sir John Smith, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; T. R. Gee, P.M., P.P.A.G.D. of C.; John Brown, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; A. Fraser, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; W. Cooper, P.P.G.D. of C.; J. Bland, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; C. Webster, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; J. Copestick, P.M., P.P.G.P.; Edgar Horne, P.P.G.R.; A. Woodiwi, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; J. W. Brigg, P.M., P.S.G.D.; Thomas Cox, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; T. E. Yeomans, P.M., P.A.G.P.; J. Worsnop, P.M., P.P.G.P.; W. H. Roberts, P.M.; F. G. Sanderson, P.M.; A. Butterworth, R. Legge, H. Horne, J. Melrose, N. J. Burdett, W. Sayer, W. Lynch, S. Tinkler, D. Ottewill, G. Tarver, J. A. Arnold, F. Ball, F. A. Marshall, J. Machin, and others. Visitors: Bros. J. T. Windle, W.M. 681; J. H. Marshall, P.M. 1007, S.W. 279; A. J. Walker, P.M. 802; R. Webster, W.M. elect 1493; R. Topoth, W.M. elect 47; J. S. Cooke, W.M. elect 1794; J. H. Day, P.M. 1324; A. J. Flint, S.W. 253; W. Elphinstone, P.M. 506; W. Naylor, P.M. 253, Prov. G. Sec.; C. D. Hart, P.M. 1085; P. Wallis, P.M. 253; J. O. Manton, P.M. 1085; S. Morley, S.W. 1729; H. B. Boag, P.M. 1495; E. R. Ward, P.M. 253; W. H. Marsden, P.M. 253; R. Woods, J.W. 925; J. Dewes, W.M. 1495; F. G. Boden, P.M. 779; R. Slater, P.M. 802; J. Cutting, P.M. 234; W. H. Fisher, P.M. 1324; J. Fisher, W.M. 353; F. Stone, P.M. 1085; J. H. Richardson, P.M. 1085; J. B. Coulson, P.M. 253; T. Oldham, S.W. 802; B. W. Pike, W.M. 1085; G. Day, P.M. 1324; W. W. Vincent, W.M. 1391; G. S. Smith, W.M. 802; W. L. Dodd, 1085, P.P.G.O.; Rev. J. Pandey Williams, Chap. 1085; W. J. Piper, P.M. 802; W. Binton, W.M. 733; C. W. Louthem, W.M. 787; and many others.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, after which the W.M. elect, Bro. John Walker, S.W., was presented by Bros. Sir John Smith, P.M., and C. Webber, P.M., and was most ably installed by the W.M., Bro. Severn Taylor, who did the whole ceremony in a faultless and most impressive manner. The Board of Installed Masters numbered 48. After the usual addresses, the W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. S. Taylor, I.P.M.; G. Sutherland, S.W.; W. H. Wright, J.W.; Rev. T. Orrell, Chap.; W. Whittaker, P.M., Treas.; G. H. Ward, Sec.; John Jones, S.D.; A. Smith, J.D.; W. W. Haywood, D. of C.; G. C. Copestick, I.G.; R. Legge, Org.; L. Tinkler and A. Butterworth, Stewards; and Thomas Day, Tyler. On the proposition of Bro. A. Woodiwi, P.M., seconded by Bro. C. Webster, P.M., a Past Master's jewel was voted to the retiring W.M., and was presented to him by the newly-installed W.M. in a few impressive words, and was suitably acknowledged. Notice of motion was given for next meeting—"That a sum not exceeding 20 guineas be taken from the lodge funds, to be placed on the W.M.'s list for the Girls' School Festival," at which he will represent the lodge as Steward. A candidate was proposed for initiation, and, after a volley of "Hearty good wishes" had been given, the lodge was closed.

The brethren shortly after assembled at the banquet, which was splendidly served by Bro. T. Day, Tyler, 124 brethren being present.

After grace, the W.M. briefly proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

To the toast of "The Prov. Grand Lodge" Bros. J. W. Brigg, P.S.G.D.; W. H. Marsden, P.P.S.G.W.; and T. Cox, P.P.S.G.W., suitably responded.

The S.W. then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," which he considered the toast of the evening. He considered the W.M. had already made for himself a good reputation amongst the brethren by his careful attention to the work of whatever office he had previously held, and he trusted the W.M. would have health and strength to keep up such reputation.

The toast was received with great enthusiasm.

In response, the Worshipful Master after thanking all for the way in which the toast had been received, alluded to the fact of his being received first into the lodge, of his being raised by Bro. G. T. Wright, the oldest Past Master, whose absence he and all regretted. He had diligently tried his best to attend to all duties since first appointed Steward by Bro. J. Bland, P.M., and he trusted he should have the constant attendance and advice of the Past Masters, as well as the best attention of the officers he had appointed, then he would have a happy year. The W.M. also alluded to the fact of his intended Stewardship to the Girls' School Festival, and asked for the assistance of the brethren of that and other lodges, so that he might take up a goodly sum.

The toast of "The Installing Master, Bro. Severn Taylor, I.P.M.," was proposed by Bro. J. Brown, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., who warmly praised him for his work that day, and at all previous times.

Bro. Taylor cordially acknowledged the toast, and thanked

all those who had so constantly cheered and assisted him, making special mention of the help he had at all times received from Bro. J. Bland, P.M. His thanks were also due to his officers and the Past Masters for the counsel and help they were always so ready to give.

"The Visitors" was proposed by Bro. T. R. Gee, P.M., to which the following responded: Bros. W. Burton, W.M. 733; J. T. Windle, W.M. 681; and W. W. Vincent, W.M. 1391, the latter being an initiate of the lodge, having been initiated by the proposer of the toast when the lodge meetings were held at the Arboretum Hotel.

"The Past Masters" was proposed by Bro. Dr. W. H. Wright, J.W., himself the son of the oldest Past Master of the lodge, to whose absence through illness feeling allusion was made.

Bros. J. Brown, A. Frazer, and E. Home suitably responded.

"The Sister Lodges" was proposed by Bro. J. Bland, P.M., who, before doing so, warmly congratulated the W.M. on his being numbered amongst the rulers of the Craft, especially on his attaining to the chair of K.S. in so prosperous a lodge, the seventh on the provincial roll, which now numbers 22. Bro. Bland then said how pleased all were to see so goodly a number from the sister lodges present, and he trusted the greatest, the warmest of good feeling would always be kept up between them all, and knit them together in one common brotherhood. Allusion was made to many well known brethren who had passed the chairs in the various lodges, special mention being made of the oldest, the Tyrian, No. 253.

To this toast Bro. B. W. Pike, W.M., responded for the Hartington, J. Worsnop, P.M. (in the absence of the W.M.), for the Repose, and Bros. J. H. Clarke, W.M., and E. R. Ward, P.M., for the Tyrian, all highly complimenting the W.M. on his attaining to the chair, and congratulating the lodge on its prosperity.

"The Masonic Charities" was proposed in an excellent speech by Bro. A. Woodiwiss, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., who urged the brethren to assist the W.M. all they possibly could by subscribing liberally to his list.

Bro. Percy Wallis, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., responded in his usual happy and felicitous style.

The other toasts were "The Officers," "The Musical Brethren," and the Tyler's toast, which brought another memorable anniversary to a close.

Under the leadership of Bro. W. L. Dodd, P.P.G.O., some excellent instrumental selections were given, whilst harmony was contributed by Bros. W. N. Toft, J. Melrose, A. Butterworth, and W. J. Piper.

DOVER.

Corinthian Lodge (No. 1208).—At the first meeting since the installation of Bro. W. W. Burkett as W.M. of this lodge, held on Monday, the 17th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Snargate-street, there was an unusually large muster of the brethren. The Three Degrees were worked in an excellent manner by the newly-elected W.M. Among those present were Bros. the Rev. Vickers, Chap.; W. O. Kennett, P.M.; Dr. Best; J. W. Bussey, P.M.; Dr. Fenn, P.M.; Dr. Walter, P.M.; Lewis Adams, P.M.; W. A. Smeeth, P.M.; Marsh, P.M.; G. R. Igglesden, P.M.; Wright, P.M.; and others. Two local gentlemen were balloted for and initiated; there was also a passing and raising, and the election of a joining member.

MANCHESTER.

Yarborough Lodge (No. 633).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 19th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street. Present: Bros. S. H. Kay, W.M.; W. E. Darwen, S.W.; J. Gardner, J.W.; Geo. Smedley, P.M., Treas.; W. Cartwright, P.P.G.P., Sec.; J. R. John, S.D.; J. D. Guymer, J.D.; Jas. Sly, Tyler; J. B. Broadbent, P.M.; W. H. Hughes, P.M.; F. H. Davidson, P.M.; T. Dickenson, Dodds, J. Burke, and H. Falk. Visitors: Bros. H. Crosby, P.M., P.P.G.P.; Geo. Sam Smith, P.M.; and J. C. Cornish, 105.

There was a passing and raising, the former ceremony being performed by the W.M., and the latter by Bro. J. B. Broadbent.

PORTSMOUTH.

Portsmouth Lodge (No. 487).—There was a large and representative gathering of brethren at the Masonic Hall, Highbury-street, on the 13th inst., when Bro. G. S. Lancaster was installed as W.M. in succession to Bro. W. Bates. The ceremony was conducted in an impressive manner by Bro. J. Lefevre, Deputy P.G.M., to whom a hearty vote of thanks was passed at the conclusion of the proceedings. The retiring W.M. presented a handsome jewel to Bro. G. Pearman in recognition of his services as Organist of the lodge, which extend over a period of 14 years. Bro. Bates was himself the recipient of a Past Master's collar and jewel. Bro. Lancaster appointed the following brethren as his officers: Bros. W. Bates, I.P.M.; J. D. Antill, S.W.; A. M. Rae, J.W.; Capt. J. T. Thackara, Treas.; J. L. Snell, Sec.; G. Huggett, Asst. Sec.; G. F. Bell, S.D.; D. J. Barnard, J.D.; J. Jenkins, D. of C.; A. Bramble, I.G.; Reading and C. H. Hardy, Stwds.; and J. Exell and J. Smith, Tylers.

Subsequently an excellent banquet was served.

UXBRIDGE.

Royal Union Lodge (No. 382).—The installation meeting was held on Monday, the 17th inst., at the Chequers Hotel. The lodge was opened by the retiring W.M., Bro. Thomas Brooks, and, after the minutes were read and confirmed, he proceeded to install Bro. A. G. Fleming, S.W. and W.M. elect, into the chair of K.S. as W.M. for the ensuing year. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. T. Brooks, I.P.M.; T. Aitken, S.W.; J. A. Carter, J.W.; C. Mead, S.D.; H. J. Bragg, J.D.; W. H. Reed, I.G.; C. Brown, Org.; I. T. Lonsdale, P.M., P.A.G.D.C., D.C.; J. Taplin, P.M., A.D.C.; A. Foyer and C. Rose, Stwds.; and G. Duffin, Tyler.

Among other brethren present were Bros. H. H. Woodruffe, J.D. 2243; C. F. Gardner, 1348; J. C. Briggs, P.M. 77, P.P.G.D.C. Kent; W. Wollet, J.W. 1894; W. Goulden, S.D. 2157, 1566; G. H. Heathcote, 2157; J. Tidmarsh, S.W. 2103, J.W. 2157, Asst. Sec. 1612; G. Harper, J.W. 1612; L. Lee, 2309; and H. Taylor, S.D. 1638. Altogether 54 brethren attended the lodge.

At the banquet, provided by Bro. T. Twamley, the usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts were honoured, and the

I.P.M. gave the toast of "The W.M." in very appropriate terms.

The Worshipful Master replied, and followed with the toast of "The I.P.M. and Installing Master, Bro. T. Brooks." He then presented, on behalf of the lodge, a Past Master's jewel to the I.P.M. as a recognition of the very satisfactory way he had carried out the duties of the lodge.

"The Past Masters of the Lodge" was replied to by Bros. Hall and Taplin, and Bro. Bailey responded to "The Masonic Charities."

The toast of "The Visitors" was well received, and those called upon gave very suitable replies.

Bros. Cotton, Treas., and Nicholson, Sec., responded to "The Officers," as time was passing so rapidly.

The Tyler's toast brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

Some capital music was given during the intervals of the toasts and thoroughly appreciated.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, of London.

Royal Arch.

MANCHESTER.

Humphrey Chetham Chapter (No. 645).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 18th instant, at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The most important business was the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows: Comps. F. Lange, Z.; Geo. Sam Smith, H.; Max Weingenthaler, J.; J. E. Lees, S.E.; A. H. Jeffers, S.N.; Carl Gotz, Treas.; and Griffiths, P.S.

WARRINGTON.

Elias Ashmole Chapter (No. 148).—The anniversary of this chapter was held in the Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, on Monday, the 17th inst., when many of the members were present. The minutes of the last convocation having been read and confirmed, Comp. P. J. Edelsten, P.Z. 148 and 1250, P.P.G. Std. Br., undertook the installation of the Three Principals in accordance with the usual rites and ceremonies of the Order, viz.: Comps. E. Greenall, M.E.Z.; J. H. Evans, H.; and W. M. Young, J.; the duties of which he performed in a most efficient and impressive manner. The M.E.Z. then invested the following officers, viz.: Comps. C. Skinner, S.E.; W. Arnott, S.N.; Dr. Adams, P.S.; and T. Domville, Janitor. The M.E.Z. then presented to his immediate predecessor, Comp. T. Grime, on behalf of the chapter, a very handsome P.Z.'s jewel in recognition of his past services, at the same time alluding in most flattering terms to the great interest he had always evinced in various ways for the welfare and prosperity of Freemasonry. The recipient acknowledged the presentation in suitable terms.

The business of the chapter being concluded, the companions adjourned to a banquet, under the able presidency of Comp. D. W. Finney, P.Z. 148, P.P.G.S., the same being supplied by Comp. Chautry, whose catering gave satisfaction in every way.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and after spending a very pleasant evening the companions duly separated.

Mark Masonry.

TORQUAY.

Jordan Lodge (No. 319).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 19th inst., when the following brethren, amongst others, were present: Bros. W. J. Hughan, Past G.W. Eng.; H. J. Morton, 95; T. Prust, W.M.; W. Taylor, S.W.; T. J. Crossman, J.W.; T. H. Wills, M.O.; John Taylor, Chap., as S.O.; A. W. Searley, J.O.; S. Wills, as I.G.; John Lane, P.M., P.S.G.O. Eng., Sec.; Gorwyn, S.D.; John Chapman, Prov. G.M.O.; John Dodge, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; J. E. Newton, Tyler; W. Rowland, and E. J. Pratt.

The lodge being opened by the W.M., the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, when Bro. W. Taylor, S.W., was unanimously elected. Bro. Thomas Taylor, who has held the office of Treasurer since the formation of the lodge, was again re-elected to that office. The appointment of Auditors and other lodge business then occupied the brethren, after which the lodge was closed.

TWICKENHAM.

Sir Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 181).—This lodge met at the Albany Hotel, on the 19th instant. Among those present were Bros. W. J. Porter, jun., W.M.; H. Higgins, P.M., acting S.W.; Thomas, J.W.; Davis, M.O.; W. Fisher, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.G.S.B., Sec.; George Everett, R. of M.; W. Westley, I.G.; C. H. Köhler, P.M.; J. T. Briggs, P.M., P.G. Std. Br.; Bailey, I.P.M.; W. H. Baker, Stwd.; and Harrison, Tyler.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Secretary proposed, and the Treasurer seconded, that the sum of five guineas be voted to the Mark Benevolent Fund, per Bro. W. Bailey, I.P.M., Steward for the forthcoming Festival of that Institution. This proposition was carried unanimously. The name of Bro. W. Fisher, P.M., was unanimously selected for nomination for the next Grand Mark Stewardship. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. Woodruff, S.O.; Von Joel, J.O.; Meacock, S.D.; and others.

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

The W.M. presided most genially.

Among the notable speakers were Bros. Thomas, J.W.; W. Fisher, and George Everett.

Bros. Porter, Bailey, and Baker, between the speeches, vocally and instrumentally entertained the brethren.

Sir James Tyler has paid to the bankers, Messrs. Barclay, Bevan, and Co., his promised donation of £1000, which has been placed to the credit of the Bethnal Green Free Library new building fund.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on Friday, 21st inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. A. Williams, W.M.; E. Lucas, S.W.; D. S. Long, J.W.; D. T. Haylock, S.D.; J. Snooks, J.D.; H. Foreman, I.G.; F. Craggs, H. Wake, H. W. Dyne, and H. Blackman.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of installation rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. F. Craggs acting as D.C., and Bro. E. Lucas as W.M. elect. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Lucas. The proclamation having been given, and the working tools explained in the several Degrees, the lodge was resumed to the Second and First Degrees respectively. Bro. Lucas rehearsing the investiture of officers, and Bro. A. Williams rendering the address in a very able manner. The 2nd Section of the First Lecture was worked by the brethren, under the direction of the Preceptor. The W.M. having risen, the lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 24th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland Gardens, Paddington, W. Present: Bros. W. Hillier, W.M.; T. Middleweek, S.W.; J. W. Belsham, J.W.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425, Asst. Preceptor; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.S.G.D. Essex, Sec.; J. C. Conway, S.D.; W. R. Hatton, J.D.; J. W. Cuff, P.M. 511, I.G.; O. W. Battley, Stwd.; E. Rogers, P.M. 1238, S.W. 60, 1642, G.S. England, P.G.D. Middx.; J. W. Curtis, J. Chaundler, N. Spyer, H. Windeatt, and H. Campbell.

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. Chaundler being candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Chaundler was examined and retired. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the 1st and 4th Sections of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Rogers, assisted by the brethren, Bro. Rogers receiving a vote of thanks. Bro. Dehane was elected W.M. for the next meeting—the officers to be in rotation. Communications were read from Bros. Allman and Crutenden, regretting their inability to be present. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 1571).—This lodge held its usual meeting at the City Arms Restaurant, St. Mary Axe, on Thursday, the 20th inst., when the following were present: Bros. Antunovich, W.M.; Dormer, S.W.; Stafford, J.W.; Duffield, P.M., Preceptor; Colley, Hon. Sec.; Meadows, S.D.; Purkiss, J.D.; Perrett, I.G.; Ives, P.M.; Langford, Carlton, Miller, Larter, Graham, and Ellis.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Langford personating the candidate. Bro. Miller having answered the usual questions leading to the Second Degree, was entrusted and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Miller was passed to the Degree of F.C. Bro. Graham answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted, and the lodge having been opened in the Third Degree, he was raised to the Degree of M.M. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Ellis, of the Arnold Lodge, became a joining member, and returned thanks. The dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and the Preceptor announced his intention of taking the chair next Thursday evening. The W.M. having risen for the third time, and nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on Thursday, the 20th inst., when there were present Bros. G. H. Foan, W.M.; R. E. Cursons, S.W.; C. O. Burgess, J.W.; W. Brindley, Preceptor; J. Greenway, Deputy Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; W. Frommholz, S.D.; C. Thompson, J.D.; F. M. Noakes, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; W. Hancock, F. W. Buxton, C. Lambert, J. Rowe, G. A. Bergholz, A. Cogliati, J. Gluckstein, and A. Clark.

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. J. Gluckstein answered the usual questions leading to the Third Degree, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The Preceptor worked the 1st Section of the Third Lecture. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree. Bro. J. Rowe having offered himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, the lodge was resumed to the Third Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of M.M. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. On rising for the second time, Bro. R. E. Cursons, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation, and announced his intention of working the first ceremony. On rising for the third time, the Preceptor proposed that, as Tuesday, the 8th April, was Easter Tuesday, and many brethren would be away from London, the supper in connection with the lodge of instruction take place on Thursday, the 1st May, instead of the 8th April, and that the same be postponed to that date; seconded by Bro. F. M. Noakes, and carried unanimously. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 21st inst., at the Kensington Park Hotel, Lancaster-road, Notting Hill, W. Present: Bros. J. Bartlett, W.M.; G. Gardner, S.W.; J. C. Conway, J.W.; G. Davis, P.M., Preceptor; W. J. Mason, Sec.; J. Powell, S.D.; H. Armfield, J.D.; H. H. Burrington, I.G.; E. Rogers, P.M., G.S.; J. Gillingham, P.M.; F. L. Chandler, P.M.; J. H. Tomlinson, P.M.; F. C. Frye, P.M.; G. English, H. D. Smith, A. Davies, J. T. Haly, E. Connell, and F. J. Hallett.

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. A. Davies being the candidate. Bro. E. Rogers, P.M., worked the 4th and 6th Sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. L. Lee was unanimously elected a member. Bro. G. Gardner was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

LANGTON LODGE (No. 1673).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 20th inst., at the White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, E.C., when there were present Bros. Seton, W.M.; Voisey, S.W.; Southwell, J.W.; Marshall, Preceptor; Mapleton, Sec.; Harpour, S.D.; Williams, J.D.; Hall, I.G.; Knight, Schofield, Causton, Burne, Besant, Woodroffe, Smiles, Coates, Watson, Lea Smith, and de Paiva.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing and the explanation of the second tracing board were rehearsed, Bro. Coates acting as candidate. The lodge was opened in the Third, and closed in the Third and Second Degrees. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the S.W. was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation, and gave notice that the ceremony of raising would be rehearsed. The W.M. rose for the second and third times, and the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 25th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. G. Swann, W.M.; C. Woods, S.W.; E. E. Gefowski, J.W.; James Sims, P.M., Preceptor (pro tem.); R. H. Williams, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. Middx., Treas.; F. Craggs, Sec.; W. Hillier, S.D.; W. Dresden, J.D.; J. R. Hubbard, I.G.; C. E. Betts, and S. Sidders.

The lodge was opened according to ancient custom. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bro. Betts offered himself as a candidate for passing, and 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 Bro. Woods was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 20th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. Lathbury, P.M., W.M.; Jennings, S.W.; Lane, J.W.; E. Austin, P.M., Treas.; Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; Woodard, S.D.; Larter, J.D.; Arnott, I.G.; Nash, W.M. 211; and Head.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was called off and on, and opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Larter having answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. Bro. Lathbury, W.M., then vacated the chair, and Bro. Chalfont, P.M., occupied it. The ceremony of raising was then rehearsed. The lodge was closed in the Third, and resumed to the First Degree. A letter of sympathy and condolence was ordered to be sent to the widow of the late Bro. House. Bro. Jennings was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 19th inst., at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. Present: Bros. J. H. Morrish, W.M.; T. Jobson, S.W.; C. Barber, J.W.; Jesse Collings, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, Sec.; C. E. Everett, S.D.; Joseph Cox, J.D.; A. C. Woodward, I.G.; James Sims, P.M.; John Davies, W.M. 169; J. Metherell, W. E. Macey, W. Kersley, and F. Thomas.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Morrish being in bad health, requested Bro. Davies to fulfil the position of W.M., and vacated the chair in his favour. Bro. Thomas offered himself as a candidate for passing, and having been examined, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The 3rd Section of the Lecture was worked by the W.M., assisted by the Preceptor and brethren. The 4th Section was worked by Bro. Collings, the questions being put by the W.M. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. The 2nd Section of the First Lecture was worked by the W.M., assisted by the brethren. Bro. Morrish resumed the chair, and rose the usual number of times. Bro. Jobson was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 22nd inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. T. Willcox, W.M.; F. Craggs, S.W.; M. Spiegel, P.M., J.W.; J. Sims, Deputy Preceptor; G. Gardner, P.M., Treas.; J. Brown, Sec.; T. W. Biggs, S.D.; W. Hillier, J.D.; A. Williams, I.G.; D. Stroud, P.M.; J. Cox, S. Page, and J. Arlidge. Visitor: Bro. Macchi, Hemming Lodge.

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 Degree and Third Degrees and resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Page acting as candidate. Bro. T. Willcox vacated the chair in favour of Bro. A. Williams, who rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. Macchi acting as candidate. Bro. T. Willcox resumed the chair, and resumed the lodge to the First Degree. On the usual rising, Bro. Craggs was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 21st inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland Gardens, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. J. Davies, J. elect 733, M.E.Z.; J. Cruttenden, 779, H.; E. C. Mulvey, M.E.Z. 2246, J. 2202, P.S. 179, J.; John Davis, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; W. H. Chalfont, J. 975, S.N.; C. G. Wetzlar, J. elect 604, P.S.; O. W. Battley, 2246; and J. Smith, P.S. 890.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The Three Principals gave the addresses very ably, a discussion following, Comp. Wetzlar, from his intimate knowledge of the Hebrew language, assisting in explaining and elucidating certain moot points. Communications were read from Comps. Gregory and Tilt. After "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting of this chapter was held on Friday, the 21st inst., at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell, when there were present Comps. G. Powell, P.Z., M.E.Z. 1185, M.E.Z.; Capt. R. J. Vincent, P.Z. 1777, M.E.Z. 1329, P.G. S.B. Middx., H.; F. Hilton, P.Z. 1275, H. and Preceptor; C. H. Stone, 1275, S.E.; H. Martin, 1275, S.N.; J. Darwin Smith, P.S.; Osterstock, 1185; Murché, P.S., 1329; T. Grummant, P.Z. 1275; and Eedle.

The chapter was regularly opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed with Comp. Osterstock as candidate. Comp. Capt. Vincent was elected M.E.Z. for the first meeting in April, as the meeting this (Friday) evening is reserved for the officers of the new Chapter, the Old Concord. Comp. Murché returned thanks for the kind letter he had received, and a letter from Comp. Goodwin was read, thanking the members for their sympathy.

Knights Templar.

St. George's Preceptory (No. 6).—The installation meeting of this preceptory was held at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, on Friday, the 21st inst., when there were present Sir Knights W. G. Derey, E.C.; Lord Euston, Constable; C. F. Matier, Marshal; R. Costa, P.C.; H. J. Sparks, P.C.; Geo. Cooper, P.C.; Col. Florence, P.C.; E. Letchworth, P.C.; Dr. Stewart, P.C.; J. Lea-Smith, P.C.; P. H. Waterlow, P.C.; M. Maybrick, P.C.; Rev. A. W. Oxford, Jabez Church, H. Carman, R. Berridge, A. F. Church, H. H. Wells, and Dr. Orwin. Visitors: Sir Knights Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.P.; A. F. Godson, M.P., Frank Richardson, Robert Grey, Sir John Monckton, Capt. N. G. Phillips, Col. C. Harding, Dr. Banning, W. Ganz, E. H. Bedford, F. Mead, and C. Jones.

The G. Sub-Prior having been received under the arch of steel, took the chair, and installed into the Order Comps. Viscount Dungarvan and the Hon. Sir Stafford Northcote, Bart., C.B., M.P. Sir Knight Col. L. W. Taylor, R.A., was elected a joining member. Sir Knight the Earl of Euston was then most impressively installed into the E.C.'s chair, and appointed and invested his officers as follows: Sir Knights the Rev. A. W. Oxford, Prelate; C. F. Matier, Constable; A. R. Carter, Marshal; Geo. Cooper, Reg.; Col. Florence, Almoner; Dr. Orwin, Expert; Jabez Church, Herald; and T. H. Tilton, Captain of the Lines.

Letters of apology for unavoidable absence were read from Sir Knight Dr. Brodie, Great Prior, and Sir Knight Philbrick.

All business being ended, the knights adjourned to a splendid banquet, served under the personal supervision of Mr. J. P. Swayne.

As the musical accompaniments were under the direction of Sir Knight W. Ganz, G.O., assisted by Sir Knights Maybrick, Hodges, Gaythorpe, Shelley, and Fryer, it is hardly necessary to add that a most enjoyable evening was spent.

HULL.

Ancient York Conclave of Redemption (T.I.).—The annual meeting for the election of Eminent Preceptor took place on Tuesday, the 18th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Dagger-lane, Sir Knight Capt. J. Campbell Thompson, E.P., occupied the throne, and there were also present Sir Knights Lieut.-Col. H. F. Pudsey, Constable; Lars Brekke, Marshal; Edward Kippis, P.E.P., as Chap.; Walter Reynolds, P.E.P., P.A.G.D.C., Treas. and Reg.; J. W. Burton, Sub-Marshal; Thomas Oates, P.E.P., Org.; G. W. Leng, Capt. of G.; Frater Wm. Clayton, Equerry; Sir Knights F. A. Hopwood, P.E.P.; Thomas Thompson, P.E.P.; F. Blackburn, Capt. Robt. Watson, John Chappell, E. Fillingham, J. T. Fowler, and others. Sir Knight H. F. Pudsey was elected Eminent Preceptor for the ensuing year, Sir Knight Walter Reynolds was re-elected Treasurer, and Frater Wm. Clayton, Equerry. Comp. W. Webster, Minerva Chapter, was proposed as a candidate for ballot at the next meeting. The Registrar proposed that a donation of £5 ss. be given to the Educational Fund of North and East Yorkshire. This was seconded by Sir Knight Thomas Thompson, and carried unanimously. The preceptory was then closed.

Sir Knight J. Campbell Thompson presided at the supper, the usual toasts being given and an agreeable evening spent. It was announced that the Provincial Priory of the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire would be held this year at Hull on the invitation of this preceptory.

STONEHOUSE.

Loyal Brunswick Preceptory (No. 24).—The members of the above preceptory held their annual meeting on the 20th inst., at St. George's Hall. The E.P. elect, Sir Knight John Du Pre, P.P.G.D.C. and Prov. G.M., was installed. The V.E. Sir Knight the Rev. Dr. Lemon, D.D., Prov. G. Prior, 31°, officiated with his usual ability as the Installing Officer. There were also present Sir Knights E. Aitken-Davies, P.P.G.C., 18°; S. Jew, P.P. G.T.; G. R. Barrett, P.P.G.R.; W. F. Westcott, P.P. G.W.R.; P. B. Clemens, P.P.G.C.L.; and J. R. Lord, E.C. 10.

The officers appointed were Sir Knights D. Cross, 18°, I.P.E.P.; F. Crouch, Constable; F. R. Thomas, Marshal; Rev. Dr. T. Lemon, Chap.; J. H. Keats, P.E.P., Treas.; J. R. Wilson, Reg.; George Dunsterville, Sub-Marshal; J. Leonard, C. of G.; A. J. Verdi, St. Br. (B.); A. Trout, St. Br. (V.B.); E. Aslat, Purst.; and J. Gidley, Guard. The Auditors, Sir Knights J. R. Wilson and G. Dunsterville, presented a very satisfactory financial report.

At the close of the business the sir knights adjourned to the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, where the annual banquet was held.

Bro. Harvey's catering was admirable and did high credit to the cuisine of the club.

The usual toasts of the Order were given and replied to, and the sir knights parted with best wishes for many happy returns of their festival.

At the last meeting of the Cosmopolitan Lodge, No. 917, it was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that the lodge should subscribe for the *Freemason*, to be sent to the private address of the W.M. during his year of office.

Royal Ark Mariners.

TORQUAY.

Jordan Lodge (No. 319).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held on the 10th inst. Present: Bros. Jno. Chapman, Prov. G.M.O., W.C.N.; Jno. Lane, I.P.C.N., Scribe; Jno. Dodge, J.; Thos. Prust, S.; T. J. Crossman, S.D.; T. H. Wills, J.D.; W. Taylor, Treas.; Jno. Taylor, D.C.; Geo. West, G.; J. E. Newton, E. J. Pratt, V. Lauzell, A. W. Searley, and W. Rowland.

The lodge was opened by the W.C.N., and the minutes of last meeting confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Bro. J. W. Beer, of the Jordan Mark Lodge, No. 319, and, being elected, he was duly elevated to the Degree by the W.C.N., assisted by Bro. Jno. Lane, P.C.N. The working of the ceremony in all its details was ably carried out by the brethren.

MASONIC CONVERSAZIONE.

One of the most successful entertainments of the season under Masonic auspices was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on the 19th inst., when the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel), No. 1, gave a conversazione in aid of the extended scheme of Scottish Masonic Benevolence for the benefit of indigent Scottish members of the Order, their widows, and children. For the occasion the hall was very tastefully decorated with fairy lamps and palms, and was cosily and attractively arranged in drawing-room fashion.

The company numbered considerably over two hundred, and it is expected that the result will be a substantial contribution to the scheme, in connection with which, as was stated in the course of the evening, it is proposed to raise a sum of £10,000. It was particularly appropriate that in such an important movement a foremost part should be taken by the lodge which claims seniority over all its brethren throughout the world, and it was exceedingly gratifying that the promoters of the entertainment were able to secure the services of so many accomplished musicians.

On arriving the company were received by Bro. Gilbert Macdonald, R.W.M., assisted by Bros. Councillor Crichton, P.M.; William Officer, S.S.C., P.M.; Abbot, P.M.; Muirhead, P.M.; Dr. Dickson, Depute Master; Kirkwood, Substitute Master; Bros. Bell and P. L. Henderson, Wardens; and J. L. Trevelyan Sturrock, Secretary.

The entertainment provided consisted of vocal and instrumental selections and recitations by well-known artistes. Mr. Dambmann and Mr. Daly contributed largely to the enjoyment of the audience by several solos on the violin; Mr. Carl D. Hamilton, though, being last on the programme, did not appear till a very late hour, was warmly encoered for his performance on the 'cello; and Mr. J. L. Rippin was very favourably received for his operatic selections on the cornet. For her tasteful and sympathetic rendering of Scottish songs Miss Belle Macgregor was deservedly applauded, and Messrs. W. A. Peterkin and C. S. Howard also gave their assistance as vocalists. Miss Rhoda Blackwood—a pupil of Mr. Cassius Wade, also one of the performers—made her first appearance as a dramatic reciter, and created a very favourable impression. Though unquestionably lacking experience, the young debutante gave every promise of making her mark as a platform reciter. A toy symphony, arranged by F. Laubach upon a number of popular Scottish airs, proved one of the most entertaining items on the programme.

Messrs. Bridgman, Kenyon Lees, and Laubach officiated as accompanists.

THE SEVENTH ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE COBORN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1804.

The seventh annual supper of the above successful lodge of instruction took place on Monday, 17th inst., at the Eagle, Snaresbrook, under the presidency of one of its two Preceptors, Bro. H. T. Nell, P.M. and Sec. 45, and D.C. 2278, with Bro. J. H. Brown, P.M., 933, in the vice-chair.

After ample justice being done to the good things on the table, the President proceeded to propose the first toast "The Queen and Craft," followed by the usual list.

The toast of "The Visitors," was replied to by Bros. TOM TAYLOR, 45, and DORTON, P.M. 1076, and that of "The Masonic Charities" by Bro. R. R. GREEN, the Secretary of the Charitable Association, who remarked he was pleased to inform the brethren that although the association had only been started three years it now numbered over 70 members and was a permanent association.

Bro. W. Graves presided at the piano, and a good musical evening was provided by Bros. Nell, Tom Taylor, Blith, Kennett, and a recitation by Bro. Pick.

THE KENT CHARITY COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the members of the Charity Committee for Kent was held on Friday, in the Council Chamber, Guildhall, Rochester (kindly placed at the disposal of the Committee by the Mayor, Bro. J. O. Moore), under the presidency of Earl Amherst, Provincial Grand Master for Kent. The meeting, which was largely attended, had before it the names of the candidates for admission to the Boys' and Girls' Schools, as well as those for the Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and their Widows, and it was decided as to

what candidates should be supported at the ensuing elections. The Committee also distributed sums of £30 and under to distressed Freemasons. There are close upon 10,000 votes available in Kent for various Masonic Charities, while the sum of £2,156 was received last year for the several Benevolent Institutions in the province. The members of the Committee afterwards dined together at the Bull Hotel, High-street, Rochester.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The adjourned meeting of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall on Tuesday. Bro. J. A. Farnfield, P.A.G.D.C., and Treasurer of the Institution, presided during the earlier part of the sitting, and on vacating the chair was succeeded by Bro. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., while among those present were Bros. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; Charles J. Perceval, C. H. Webb, W. B. Daniell, G. Bolton, Charles Lacey, James Brett, P.G.P.; A. H. Tattershall, Joseph Freeman, David D. Mercer, A.G.P.; James Newton, James S. Fraser, A. Mullord, A. Forsyth, S. Brooks, William Smith, Charles G. Hill, Henry Cox, W. Harrop, J. S. Cumberland, Thomas J. Bullen, G. Std. Br.; Hugh Cotter, W. H. Making, Robert Griggs, H. J. Strong, John L. Mather, P.A.G.D.C.; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; L. Stean, T. Cubitt, P.G.P.; R. Turtle Pigott, D.C.L., P.A.G.D.C.; W. H. Hubbert, E. M. Money, and James Terry, P.G.S.B. (Secretary).

Having agreed by an overwhelming majority that it was necessary some alterations should be made in the rules relating to candidates, the Committee settled to their work, with the result that the following rules as amended were adopted, and will in due course be submitted for confirmation to a special general meeting of the Governors and Subscribers, to be held on a day as yet to be fixed.

Rule 37, which enables the Committee of Management to place a candidate who has been unsuccessful at two successive elections, and attained the age of 80 years, on the list of annuitants at their June meeting, is modified by the introduction of the clause—"if in their opinion efforts have been made to secure his or her election"—after the words "shall have power to place him or her on the list of annuitants."

As regards the qualifications, &c., of candidates for the Male Fund, the amount of the annuity remains unaltered at £40 per annum, and the age of 60 years is retained at which a brother becomes eligible as a candidate, but instead of being "a registered Master Mason for 15 years and a subscribing member to a lodge for at least 10 years of that period," it will be necessary, under the amended rule, that he should have been "a registered Master Mason and a subscribing member to a lodge for 15 years," the exception being that "the brother shall be certified by two medical men as suffering from blindness, paralysis, or other affliction which, in the opinion of the Committee, shall permanently incapacitate him from earning a livelihood," &c. The income which incapacitates a brother from becoming an annuitant is reduced from "£40 per annum" to "£32 per annum," while "a candidate having been a Life Governor for five years at the time of presenting his petition shall be entitled to 20 votes at each election until successful for every Life Governorship he may have qualified before his petition was accepted, but after his election all future rights to such added votes shall cease."

In respect of Law IX. relating to the case of a male annuitant dying, leaving a widow "not otherwise provided for," to whom he had been married "not less than five years before his election," and who is "not less than 55 years of age or altogether incapacitated from obtaining her support," the law as amended provides that she must have been married seven years to her deceased husband before his election as annuitant, that "she may be entitled" instead of "she shall be entitled" on application, and if approved by the Committee, to half her late husband's annuity for five instead of for three years, and that if in residence at the Asylum at Croydon, her continuance as a resident there shall be dependent on the approval of "the House Committee."

As regards the qualifications of candidates for the Widows' Fund, the annuity remains unaltered at £32, and so also does the amount of income, £30, disqualifying her as a candidate, or, if she has been elected an annuitant, from retaining the full amount of her annuity. But the minimum limit of age under the amended law for her acceptance as a candidate is raised from 55 years to 60 years; she must have been married to him seven years instead of five, and her husband must have been a registered Mason and subscribing member to a lodge for 15 years, while, if she is the widow of an annuitant, she must have been married to him at least five instead of three years before the presentation of her petition. She is, however, eligible to become a candidate at an earlier age, if two medical men certify that she is suffering from blindness, paralysis, or other affliction, which, in the opinion of the Committee, incapacitates her from earning a livelihood. It is further provided that the widow candidate who had qualified as a Life-Governor five years before presenting her petition shall, like the male candidate, be entitled to 20 additional votes at every election until elected in respect of each Life-Governorship for which she may have qualified, but that when she has secured her election, all further right to such added votes shall cease.

The following rule, which is applicable to candidates on both funds, and which we give in full, was agreed to after a division:

"That no brother, or widow of a brother, shall be eligible for the annuity of this Institution unless the said brother shall have been a Life-Governor of this Institution at least two years, or a Subscriber of one guinea annually for five years, before presenting his petition or before his death."

A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

We have had forwarded to us the following letter of appeal by Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, and Vice-Chairman of the Provisional Management Committee, to the lodges and brethren generally, in behalf of the "Frederick Binckes' Pension Indemnity Fund," together with a first list of subscriptions to the said fund. The letter speaks for itself, but the subject is one on which we shall take an early opportunity of offering a few remarks.

Lamb Building, Temple, London, E.C.
21st March, 1890.

Dear Sir and Brother,

At the close of last year a circular was issued by Bro. J. D. Langton, the Hon. Secretary of the Provisional Committee, which is now entrusted with the management of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, with the object of obtaining the concurrence of the lodges and subscribers in helping to raise a special fund to enable the Committee to secure the retirement of Bro. Binckes from the office of Secretary of the Institution, an end which it was felt ought to command the assent and assistance of all who are really interested in the future well-being of our School.

To that appeal much and generous support has been given, and some of the large provinces are assisting by collecting their entire quota within their own provinces.

But the manifest importance of the desired end being attained at the earliest possible moment, induces me, on behalf of myself and colleagues, to call your earnest and immediate attention to the matter.

The unanimous resolutions of the General Courts, and the appointment of the Provisional Committee charged to carry out the recommendations of the Committee of Investigation, over which I had the honour to preside, render it necessary for us to appeal to you for the aid we now seek. If rendered, it will secure the great object of enabling the management to start with an entire change of the administration, and to break completely away from the past.

It will preclude all question of devoting subscriptions given for the School to retiring allowances and pensions. It will enable us to carry out your wishes to the full, as you have expressed them, and as we understand them.

Let me as strongly as I may beg you not to let the great work be crippled or retarded by laying our appeal aside; if you are of opinion our work ought to be thorough and complete, we must ask you to support us. We have already obtained results which we trust you will appreciate. Under the new Head Master we have every confidence that the tone and morale of the School will be raised, and made worthy of our Order, and we are giving unremitting attention to start the new management on that course which you have indicated has your approval.

I would earnestly and respectfully beg of you to permit us to complete what has thus been begun, and enable us to continue our duties untrammelled by any traditions or practices of the past, and then hold us responsible if we fail to achieve what we ought to do.

In the full assurance that you will see the wisdom as well as necessity of thus acting, and of aiding our common purpose in the true spirit which distinguishes our great Brotherhood,

I am, for myself and colleagues,

Very faithfully and fraternally yours,

FRED. A. PHILBRICK,
Grand Registrar.

P.S.—Subscriptions and donations can be sent to F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Lamb Building, Temple, London, E.C., or Joseph D. Langton, 37, Queen Victoria-street, London, E.C.

Cheques to be crossed "Union Bank."

All moneys are carried to a separate account in the names of Bros. Edward Terry, G. Treas.; Richard Eve, P.G. Treas.; and F. A. Philbrick, G. Reg., and will be devoted exclusively for the purpose indicated, and any surplus will be paid over to the general funds of the Institution.

Percy Lodge, 198	...	...	2	10	0
Bro. Stanley J. Attenborough	...	...	10	10	0
Castle Lodge of Harmony	...	...	2	10	0
Lodge of Antiquity, 178	...	...	2	10	0
Bro. Edward Hobbs	...	...	1	1	0
Shakespeare Lodge, 284	...	...	2	10	0
Peace and Harmony, 60	...	...	5	0	0
Sutherland Burslem, 451	...	...	2	10	0
Bro. Richard S. Warrington	...	...	2	10	0
Royal Somerset Lodge, 973	...	...	2	10	0
Phoenix Lodge, 173	...	...	2	10	0
St. John's Lodge, 104	...	...	2	10	0
Bro. Jabez Hogg, F.L.S., M.R.C.S.	...	...	2	10	0
Felicity Lodge, No. 58	...	...	2	10	0
Bro. Richard Eve	...	...	5	5	0
Col. Gadsden, No. 1	...	...	1	1	0
M. Levy, No. 1	...	...	1	1	0

Bro. Gordon Brown, No. 1...	...	...	1	1	0
Col. Yeatman Biggs	...	...	1	1	0
Brackstone Baker	...	...	1	1	0
St. John's Lodge (Plymouth)	...	...	2	10	0
Lodge of Concord, No. 1135	...	...	2	10	0
Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1	...	...	2	10	0
Shadwell Clerke Lodge, No. 1910	...	...	2	10	0
Dene Lodge, No. 2228	...	...	2	10	0
Royal Naval College Lodge, No. 1693	...	...	2	10	0
Southwark Lodge, 879	...	...	2	10	0
St. Paul's Lodge, 194	...	...	2	10	0
Globe Lodge, 23	...	...	2	10	0
Strong Man Lodge, 45	...	...	2	10	0
Apollo Lodge, Oxford, 357	...	...	5	0	0
Lodge of Harmony, 32	...	...	2	10	0
Bro. T. B. White	...	...	2	2	0
Lodge Amity, 137	...	...	2	10	0
Pelham Lodge, 1303	...	...	2	10	0
Stanford Lodge, 1947	...	...	2	10	0
Royal Naval Lodge, 420	...	...	2	10	0
St. Leonard's Lodge, 1842	...	...	2	10	0
Tuscan Lodge, 14	...	...	2	10	0
St. John the Baptist Lodge, 39	...	...	2	10	0
Friends in Council Lodge, 1383	...	...	2	10	0
Etruscan Lodge, 546	...	...	2	10	0
Combermere Lodge, 605	...	...	2	10	0
Eccleston Lodge, 1624	...	...	2	10	0
Caradoc Lodge, 1674	...	...	2	10	0
Warner Lodge, 2256	...	...	2	10	0
St. Matthew's Lodge, 539	...	...	2	10	0
Caterham Lodge, 2095	...	...	2	10	0
Canterbury Lodge, 1635	...	...	2	10	0
Chiswick Lodge, 2012	...	...	5	5	0
Pilgrim Lodge, 238	...	...	2	10	0
Phoenix Lodge, 257	...	...	2	10	0
Jordan Lodge, 1402	...	...	2	10	0
Drury Lane Lodge, 2127	...	...	2	10	0
Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, 7	...	...	2	10	0
Lodge of Union, 38	...	...	2	10	0
Royal Oak Lodge, 871	...	...	2	10	0
Borough Lodge, 1064	...	...	2	10	0
Benevolent Lodge, 303	...	...	2	10	0
St. Andrew's Lodge, 231	...	...	2	10	0
Lodge Fortitude, 105	...	...	2	10	0
The Lewises Lodge, 1209	...	...	2	10	0
Bedford Lodge, 925	...	...	2	10	0
Supreme Council, 33	...	...	5	0	0
Islington Lodge, 1471	...	...	2	10	0
Empire Chapter, 2108	...	...	2	10	0
Buckingham and Chandos Lodge, 1150	...	...	2	10	0
Lindsay Lodge, 1335	...	...	2	10	0
Province of West Yorkshire	...	...	210	0	0
True Love and Unity, 248	...	...	2	2	0
Middlesex Lodge, 143	2	10	0
St. Mary's Lodge, 63	2	10	0
Unity Lodge, 1868	2	10	0
Mid-Sussex Lodge, 1141	2	10	0

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CAMBRIDGE LOCAL EXAMINATIONS AND THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

The following is the result of the Christmas Examination, 1889:—

HONOURS—SECOND CLASS: 1, F. F. Coleman (distinguished in Arithmetic and Latin); 2, J. L. Heinke; and 3, E. B. Hickinbotham (distinguished in Mathematics).

THIRD CLASS: 4, S. W. Gibson.

SATISFIED THE EXAMINERS: 5, R. L. Churchill; 6, W. E. Cordingley; 7, F. H. France; 8, G. S. Huggett; 9, C. W. Limpicht; 10, N. McCaskie; 11, C. R. Saville; and 12, J. E. Walters.

Twelve candidates sent in, and all passed.

COLLEGE OF PRECEPTORS' EXAMINATION—CHRISTMAS, 1889.

SECOND CLASS—I. DIVISION: 1, G. E. Haines; 2, F. W. Higginson; 3, R. Leaman; and 4, H. Lewis. II. DIVISION: 5, N. J. Chamberlain; 6, J. D'Oyly; 7, W. G. Figgess; and 8, E. A. J. Mayne.

THIRD CLASS—I. DIVISION: 9, T. B. Bunney; 10, B. F. B. Kent; 11, R. A. Fortune; 12, L. Shorrocks; 13, P. H. Matthews; and 14, H. Newton. II. DIVISION: 15, J. B. Broadbent; 16, C. B. Cooper; and 17, S. W. Watts. III. DIVISION: 18, H. F. Aspinall.

Eighteen candidates sent up, and all passed.

EAST LANCASHIRE MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The annual meeting of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution and also the Prov. Grand Lodge Charity meeting was held at Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester, on Friday, the 21st inst.

There was one boy adopted for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and three cases adopted for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons.

Bro. Alderman E. G. Harwood, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., was unanimously re-elected Chairman, and Bro. J. H. Sillitoe, P.M., P.G. Std. Br. England, Vice for the ensuing year.

There was a numerous attendance, including the following: Bros. J. W. Taylor, 64; John Holt, 215; A. Clegg, 277; Thos. L. Buckley, 1218; T. D. Hooper, 1170; Peter Ratcliff, 219; W. Forrest, 37; N. A. Earle, 62; John Wrigley, 210; Geo. Sam Smith, 1134; Samuel Porritt, 1634; Joseph Harling, 1948; J. H. Cahert, 1519; Wm. Crossley, 288; Walter Newton, 1322; Alfred B. Whittaker, 1633; J. Hothersall, 1534; J. Bridgford, 1077; T. Lawrenson, 344; Walter Potts, 467; John Chadwick, Sec.; Jas. W. Abbott, 1459; Abm. Pemberton, 1030; Geo. Hunt, 1009; Joseph Snape, 1055; John Stewart, 286; John Wardley, 381; F. W. Lean, 935; Joseph T. Richardson, 581; Wm. Cartwright, 633; R. L. McMillan, 678; J. Barker, 1134; J. L. Hine; Jas.

Walker, 221; C. D. Cheetham, jun., 993; Edwin Halliwell, 345; James Newton, 37; J. S. Horn, 1064; James Heelis, 62; William Hy. Cunliffe, 269; James Kershaw, 300; J. H. Sillitoe, 644; Henry L. Rocca, 815; James Andrew, 1219; Alfred Salts, 226; Jno. Cliffe, 204; William H. Holt, 1144; T. H. Williams, 1120; W. R. Sowter, 815; James Potter, 1868; E. Williams, 325; John Morris, 146; F. W. Lowe, 1253; W. Nicholl, 317; John Davies, 1147; Nathaniel Nicholson, 1723; William Jaffrey, 1170; James Walker, 37; John H. Hassall, 1083; Alfred H. Williams, 2156; Warrick Wood, 128; James Ingham, 274; James Frost, 2320; Joseph Tomlinson, 1775; A. W. Giddall, 268; Henry Heys, 1634; C. G. Harwood, 1723; J. W. Kenyon, 42; J. H. Isherwood, 367; Joseph Sutcliffe, 283; George Townsend, 116; E. W. Irving, 2156; Wm. Shackleton, 288; J. T. Newton, 1012; C. Turner, 1011; R. A. Daniel, 152; and Charles E. Collingwood, 298.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE BRO. DR. P. H. E. BRETTE.

In the presence of a small knot of relatives—there being only a few friends, the funeral, at the request of the bereaved, being kept as private as possible—the remains of Bro. Dr. P. H. Ernest Brette, of Christ's Hospital, were on Friday, the 21st inst., interred at Old Charlton Cemetery. Among those present were Bros. John Derby Allcroft, Treasurer Christ's Hospital, Past Grand Treasurer Grand Lodge of England; H. F. Stewart, W.M. Thames Valley Lodge; E. Y. Jolliffe, P.M. Aldersgate Lodge; George Kenning, Treasurer Aldersgate Chapter; W. Sweetland, P.M. Thames Valley Lodge; Dr. Sharkey; and others. Bro. Rev. Richard Lee officiated at the grave and in the chapel.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. MAJOR M. TRACY.

The members of the Western District United Service Lodge, No. 2258, at their monthly meeting held on Wednesday, the 19th inst., presented Bro. Major M. Tracy, R.A., I.P.M. of the above lodge, with a very handsome gold jewel as Past Prov. Senior Grand Warden of Devonshire. Bro. Major Tracy's career in Freemasonry is highly distinguished. He was initiated in the Island of Jersey in August, 1861, in the Yarborough Lodge, No. 244, and was thrice W.M. of that lodge, and the brethren, to mark their high estimation of his services, presented him with a valuable gold Past Master's jewel. He also served the office of Prov. Grand Secretary of Jersey, and on his promotion to Great Yarmouth he received the thanks of the Provincial Grand Master (Bro. Col. E. C. Malet de Carteret) for his zeal and attention to the important duties annexed to that appointment. Also served as W.M. in the following lodges, viz.: Friendship, No. 100, Great Yarmouth; St. David's, No. 36, Edinburgh (twice); United Service, No. 2258, Plymouth; was also a member of the St. John's Lodge, No. 1247, for eight years. He is P.Z. of the H.R.A. Chapter, No. 84, Guernsey. The Provincial Grand Master of Devonshire, Bro. Lord Ebrington, to testify his appreciation of Bro. Major Tracy's Masonic services, conferred upon him the collar of Prov. Senior G. Warden. Bro. Major Tracy is also Past Sovereign of Knights of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, as well as a Commander of the K.H.S. and Knight of the Holy Order of St. John the Evangelist; he has worked with untiring zeal for the Craft generally, whereby his valuable services have been frequently acknowledged by the brethren in England and Scotland in the presentation of handsome testimonials of plate, jewels, and certificates on vellum.

The handsome jewel voted unanimously by the members of the United Service Lodge to this worthy brother was presented (in the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. Col. (2nd Commandant) J. Phillips, C.B., R.M.L.I., by Bro. D. Cross, P.M., P.P.G.T., in most eulogistic terms of fraternal good wishes towards the recipient.

Bro. Major TRACY acknowledged the gift with heartfelt expressions of gratitude, and his earnest desire to do all in his power for the interests of Freemasonry.

The jewel bears the following inscription: "Presented by the members of the Western District United Service Lodge to W. Bro. Major M. Tracy, R.A., P.M., P.P.G.S.W., and first W.M., 1889, as a mark of their fraternal regard and high esteem for his great zeal in Freemasonry."

EASTER RAILWAY ARRANGEMENTS.

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.

In order to meet the convenience of the public the Great Western Railway Company have made arrangements for the issue of excursion and ordinary tickets at their City and West End offices, viz.: 193 and 407, Oxford Street; 23, New Oxford-street; Holborn Circus; 29, Charing Cross; 26, Regent-street; 5, Arthur-street, East; London Bridge; 82, Queen Victoria-street; 43 and 44, Crutchedfriars; 67, Gresham-street; 4, Cheapside, and 269, Strand, at any of which places tickets can be obtained during the week preceding Easter. Tickets can also be obtained at Victoria, Kensington (Addison Road), Aldgate, the stations on the Hammer-smith and City Line, and at most of the stations on the Metropolitan and District Railways.

The Booking Office at Paddington Station will be open

for the issue of tickets the whole of the day on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday, before Easter.

Tickets obtained in London on any day from March 31st to April 5th, will be available for use on either of those days. Cheap tickets at special low fares and available from April 3rd to 7th, will be issued from London to the Yeovil and Weymouth district, and to the principal stations in the West of England, and it is announced that a fast excursion train will leave Paddington on Thursday, April 3rd, reaching Exeter in 5½ hours and Plymouth in 7½ hours. Excursions will also be run to Leamington, Birmingham, Chester, Cheltenham, Reading, Oxford, Gloucester, Bath, Bristol, and other stations on the Great Western system. The newspaper train leaving Paddington at 5.30 a.m. will run on Good Friday as usual as far as Oxford, Exeter, and Swansea, and the usual intermediate stations. This train will connect at Oxford with trains to the Worcester, Birmingham, and Wolverhampton districts.

LONDON AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY.

The London and North-Western Railway Company announce that the ticket offices at Euston, Broad-street, Kensington, and Willesden Junction will be open throughout the day from Monday, March 31st, to Monday, April 7th, inclusive, so that passengers wishing to obtain tickets for any destination on the London and North-Western Railway can do so at any time of the day prior to the starting of the trains. The tickets will be dated to suit the convenience of passengers. Tickets for all the principal stations on the London and North-Western system and its connections can be obtained at any time (Sundays and Bank Holidays excepted) at the receiving offices of the Company. The tickets obtained at these offices will be available from either Euston or Kensington (Addison-road), and will be issued at the same fares as are charged at those stations. The tickets will be dated to suit the convenience of passengers. They can also be obtained at Gaze and Son's Tourist Office, 142, Strand, at the same fares as at Euston Station. On Thursday, April 3rd, a special express will leave Euston at 2.50 p.m. for Bletchley, Northampton, Rugby, Trent Valley stations, and Stafford; a special train will leave Birmingham for Northampton at 4.5 p.m., calling at Stechford, Coventry, and Rugby, and passengers for those places will not be conveyed by the 4.0 p.m. express from Birmingham; the 4.10 p.m., Euston to Kendal, will be extended to Windermere; a special express train will leave Euston Station at 4.20 p.m. for Birmingham, calling at Willesden Junction, Rugby, Coventry, and Stechford, arriving at Birmingham (New-street) at 7.5 p.m.; the 12.0 midnight train from Euston will be extended from Warrington to Preston on Good Friday morning. The 10.5 p.m. from Glasgow to Carlisle will be extended to Liverpool and Manchester at the following times: leave Carlisle at 1.15 a.m. (Good Friday morning), arrive Carnforth 2.48, Lancaster 2.59, Preston 3.30, Wigan 3.58, Manchester 4.45, and Liverpool 4.45 p.m. This train will not run on Saturday morning, April 5th (Good Friday night from Scotland). On Good Friday, April 4th, the 5.15 a.m. newspaper express train from London (Euston Station) will run to Northampton, Rugby, Nuneaton, Tamworth, Lichfield, Rugeley, Stafford, Crewe, Birmingham, Shrewsbury, Warrington, Runcorn, Liverpool, Manchester, Wigan, Preston, Lancaster, Carnforth, Oxenholme, Kendal, Windermere, Tebay, Penrith, Carlisle, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Perth, and Aberdeen. A train will leave Manchester (Exchange) at 9.30 a.m. for Wigan, where passengers for Preston and the North can join the newspaper train. The 4.15 p.m. train, Carlisle to Preston, will be extended to Wigan, Liverpool, St. Helens, Tyldesley, and Manchester. The 10.40 a.m., Crewe to Holyhead, and 11.40 a.m., Holyhead to Crewe, will not be run. An additional train will leave Workington for Penrith at 9.5 a.m. in connection with the 8.45 a.m. train from Whitehaven. The return train will leave Penrith for Whitehaven at 6.0 p.m. The 10.5 p.m. train from Glasgow (leaving Carlisle at 1.15 a.m. on Saturday, April 5th) for Preston, Liverpool, and Manchester will not be run. A train will leave Whitehaven for Cockerham at 7.30 p.m., returning from Cockerham at 8.30 p.m. (for intermediate times, see local announcements). A service of trains will also be run on the Cleator Joint Line between Whitehaven, Marron Junction, and Sellafield (for particulars see local announcements). With the above exceptions, the trains of the Company on Good Friday will run as on Sundays. On Friday night and Saturday morning, April 4th and 5th, the 11.41 p.m. and 12.5 p.m. trains from Carlisle will run as usual; the 12.10 a.m., Holyhead to Crewe, 4.30 a.m., Holyhead to Chester, and 2.25 a.m., Chester to Liverpool, will not be run on Saturday morning, there being no boats from North Wall or Greenore on the evening of Good Friday. Passengers for Belfast (*via* Larne) and the North of Ireland will leave Euston by the 8.50 p.m. train, instead of the 8.0 p.m. from Euston. On Bank Holiday, Easter Monday, April 7th, the express trains to and from the City, St. Albans, Watford, and Kensington, will not be run. Numerous residential trains will be discontinued on Bank Holiday, Easter Monday, April 7th, the particulars of which will be advertised locally. The Company also announce that they will run excursions to and from London and Wolverhampton, Leamington, Coventry, Walsall, Leicester, Burton, Macclesfield, Stoke, Stone, Derby, Liverpool, Manchester, Chester, North Wales, Shrewsbury, Hereford, Oswestry, Preston, Wigan, Blackpool, Morecambe, Carlisle, the Lake District, and other places, and from London to Edinburgh and Glasgow for the Football Match at the latter place on April 5th.

GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY.

The Great Northern Railway Company announce that on Thursday, April 3rd, cheap six days' excursion trains will be run to and from London (King's Cross) and Scarborough, Whitby, York, Bradford, Keighley, Halifax, Leeds, Wakefield, Doncaster, Huddersfield, Liverpool, Southport, Manchester, Sheffield, Leicester, Derby, Nottingham, Hull, Grimsby, Lincoln, Gainsborough, Lynn, Norwich, Yarmouth, Spalding, Wisbech, Cambridge, &c.

On Good Friday, April 4th, the 5.15 a.m. express from King's Cross will be run through to Lincoln, Nottingham, Sheffield, Manchester, Wakefield, Leeds, Bradford, Halifax, York, Newcastle, and Scotland. A cheap day trip will be run from King's Cross, Holloway, Finsbury Park, &c., to Skegness, Sutton-on-Sea, and Mablethorpe. Tickets will be issued by this excursion available for return on Saturday 5th, Monday 7th, or Tuesday 8th. On Good Friday night, a cheap excursion for two days will be run to Edinburgh and Glasgow for the International Football Match (England v. Scotland) at Glasgow.

On Saturday, April 5th, cheap three days' excursion trains will be run from Manchester, Oldham, Huddersfield, &c., to King's Cross.

On Easter Monday, April 7th, cheap day excursions will run from Victoria (L.C. and D.), Ludgate-hill, Moorgate-street, King's Cross, Finsbury Park, &c., to St. Albans, Harpenden, Luton, Dunstable, and Cambridge. A cheap day trip will also be run from Moorgate-street, King's Cross, Holloway, Finsbury Park, &c., to Skegness, Sutton-on-Sea, and Mablethorpe. Cheap six days' excursions to London will also be run from Keighley, Halifax, Bradford, Leeds, Wakefield, and York, for one or six days from Derby, Nottingham, and Lincoln, and day excursions from Huntingdon, Cambridge, Luton, Dunstable, &c.

To prevent inconvenience from crowding at the Company's principal terminal station, King's Cross, tickets dated in advance will be issued at King's Cross (G.N.R.), Victoria (L.C. and D.), Ludgate-hill, Moorgate-street, Aldersgate-street, Farringdon-street, and Finsbury Park Stations, and at the following ticket offices: 285, Oxford-street; Albert Gate Office, 1, William-street, Lowndes-square; Royal Oak Office, 6, Porchester-road, Westbourne-grove; 111, Strand; Bee Hive, Whitecross-street; 80, Bishopsgate-street Without; Charles-street, Farringdon-street; 264, High Holborn; 90, Tottenham-court-road; 95, High-street, Borough; 190a, Westminster-bridge-road; 44, Bread-street, Cannon-street; 1, Whittington-avenue, Leadenhall-street; 3, King Edward-street, Newgate-street; 22, Wood-street; Star Office, 138, Victoria-street, Piccadilly; Great Northern Company's Poplar Dock Station, Preston-road; Royal Victoria and Albert Docks (Great Northern Company's Offices); and at the offices of Messrs. Swan and Leach, Ltd., 3, Charing Cross, and 32, Piccadilly Circus.

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DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF CANTERBURY.

The quarterly communication of the District Grand Lodge of Canterbury was held on the 13th January, in the St. Augustine Hall, under the presidency of the District Grand Master, Bro. H. Thomson. There was a good attendance of officers and members.

The business transacted was for the most part of a purely formal nature. It included the adoption of the Treasurer's balance-sheet and annual statement, the adoption of the report of the Board of Benevolence, and the adoption also of the recommendations of the Standing Committee. *Inter alia* it was resolved to proceed at once with the erection of a memorial stone over the grave of the late Bro. Dr. Deamer, District Dep. Grand Master, and a small Committee was empowered to act. It is probable that the memorial will take the form of a granite obelisk within a suitable enclosure.

Bro. R. C. Bishop was unanimously re-elected District Grand Treasurer, and the annual appointment of officers of District Grand Lodge resulted as follows:

Bro. George Buckham ...	Dist. S.G.W.
" H. F. Arnold ...	Dist. J.G.W.
" Rev. D. J. Murray ...	} Dist. G. Chaps.
" Rev. W. J. A. Luxford ...	
" F. J. Smith ...	Dist. G. Reg.
" W. R. Mitchell ...	Dist. G. Sec.
" Charles Hull ...	Dist. S.G.D.
" J. L. Fenerty ...	Dist. J.G.D.
" W. H. Gundry ...	Dist. G.S. of W.
" F. W. East ...	Dist. G.D. of C.
" George Davies ...	Dist. A.G.D. of C.
" Thomas Forrest ...	Dist. G.S.B.
" Thomas Foster ...	Dist. G. Std. Br.
" C. E. Curtis ...	Dist. G. Std. Br.
" R. Trist Searell ...	Dist. G. Org.
" H. I. Hobden ...	Dist. A.G. Sec.
" C. D. Fox ...	Dist. G.P.
" Longley ...	} Dist. G. Stwds.
" A. Ivory ...	
" C. Myhre ...	
" E. C. Brown ...	} Dist. G. Tyler.
" L. J. Joyce ...	
" R. Stevens ...	

Bro. T. Hastings Miller, C.C., has been requisitioned to represent Billingsgate at the City of London Union, but has declined on the ground of business and a desire to well discharge his corporate duties.

CHOKING ASTHMA.

HAVE you awakened from a disturbed sleep with all the horrible sensations of an assassin clutching your throat and pressing the life-breath from your tightened chest? Have you noticed the languor and debility that succeed the effort to clear your throat and lungs of this catarrhal matter? What a depressing influence it exerts upon the mind, clouding the memory and filling the head with pains and strange noises! It is a terrible disease. These symptoms warn you to send at once to The Geddes Manufacturing Company, 249, High Holborn, London, who will send you, post free, their illustrated book entitled "ASTHMA: Its Treatment and Cure," by E. Edwin Spencer, M.A., M.D., &c., &c., which treats every phase of Asthma, Bronchitis, and Catarrh. It prescribes a course of treatment which is instant in relieving, permanent in curing, safe, economical, and never failing.

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Bro. Gabriel Lindo, as Chairman of the Officers and Clerks' Committee, has issued invitations to a dinner, to be given at the Criterion Restaurant, on Monday, the 21st prox.

Bro. Ex-Sheriff Clarke intends giving a banquet at the Chancery-lane Safe Deposit on May 7th, to celebrate the anniversary of the opening of that establishment. Bro. Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., has consented to occupy the chair on the occasion.

Bro. Horace B. Marshall, jun., B.A., has consented to take the chair at the delivery of a lecture on "Some Old Folks at Home: Sketches of Cornish Religious Character," by the Rev. Mark Guy Pearse, in Hawkstone Hall, S.E., on Tuesday, the 1st prox.

Bro. William Liddle, the Dunbar centenarian, was entertained to a banquet on the 18th inst., by the brethren of Dunbar Castle Lodge. Brethren were present from various parts of Scotland and England. Bro. Liddle became a Freemason on the 13th of March, 1822.

At a representative meeting of Masonic brethren of the Three Towns (Plymouth, Devonport, and Stonehouse), held on the 20th inst., Bro. J. R. Lord presiding, it was decided to hold an Easter ball in the Masonic Temple, on April 16th. The necessary arrangements were resolved upon, Bro. Lord being elected Chairman of the Committee; Bro. G. R. Barrett, Vice-Chairman; Bro. John Leonard, D.C.; and Bros. Court, James, and Gibbens, M.C.'s.

The brethren of the Royal Brunswick and St. Cecilia Lodges held a joint "At Home" at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on the 19th inst. The company numbered over 300, and the gathering proved highly enjoyable. The rooms were tastefully decorated. Light refreshments were supplied in the drawing rooms. The music room, banqueting room, and saloon were set aside for dancing, the bands being under the direction of Mr. H. S. Gates.

As a sample of the present rapid transmission of telegraph and cable messages, the result of the Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race, which was finished at 5.6½ p.m., was signalled by the Direct United States Cable Company to New York by the Direct Cable, and reached that city at 5.8 p.m., Greenwich time, and was communicated to the Press by telephone a second later. The transmission between Mortlake and New York only occupied 1½ minutes.

A most successful concert was held on the 19th inst. in Musselburgh Town Hall, under the auspices of Lodge St. John, Fishermay, No. 112, in furtherance of the Scottish Masonic Benevolence Scheme. Bro. R. W. Robertson, R.W.M., occupied the chair, and, in the course of his remarks, said that he was glad to announce he would be able to hand over a substantial sum to the Grand Lodge as the proceeds of the concert. All the decorations had been done gratis. Representatives were present from Edinburgh, Leith, Portobello, and Dalkeith, while the entertainment was efficiently sustained by Bros. James Lumsden, Jules Guitton, Mr. J. L. Kerpen, and others.

The first afternoon performance of "A Pair of Spectacles" at the Garrick Theatre was witnessed by some distinguished visitors. The stage of the past was represented by Miss Helen Faucit (Lady Martin, accompanied by her husband), and also by the venerable Mrs. Stirling; the stage of the present by Mr. Henry Irving; and, shall we say? the stage of the future, by Miss Ellen Terry's son, Mr. Gordon Craig. The house was crowded in every part, and the superb acting of Mr. Hare met with the heartiest recognition—a recognition extended to the abounding merits both of Mr. Hare's company and of the comedy itself. It was noted that a few judicious "cuts" had been made since the first night of the piece.

We congratulate Bro. Edward Macbean, one of the officers of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, London, and Prov. G. Treasurer of Glasgow (R.A.), on the special compliment which has just been paid him by the members of the Chapter of St. John, of Amsterdam. This influential body has decided to confer on our zealous brother the membership of their chapter as a *Frater Electum* "in acknowledgment of the services rendered by Bro. Edward Macbean to Masonry in general and the chapter in particular." The certificate has been duly forwarded accordingly, with the *cross and ribbon* (the distinctive decoration) so highly prized, but so rarely conferred, as the chapter is most exclusive in character. The jewel, or cross, is eight-pointed, partaking of the Knight of Malta decoration, but yet in some of its characteristics is peculiar to the "S. Jans Kapittel." Bro. Macbean well deserves the honour, having for long been always most ready to do his best for the Cosmopolitan Craft.

An emergency meeting of the Ubique Lodge, No. 1789, of which Bro. W. R. Arnold, R.A., is W.M., and Bro. Major-General A. H. W. Williams, R.A., commanding the Woolwich district, W.M. elect, will be held at the Café Royal, Regent-street, W., on Monday next, the 31st inst., at 6 o'clock p.m., to initiate Lieut. H. L. Powell, Royal Horse Artillery, to pass Bros. Capt. T. Y. Osmond, Capt. S. W. Lane, Lieut. H. Coningham, R.A., Sergeant-Major J. Carnaghan, and Quartermaster-Sergeant G. W. Cooper, to raise Bros. Capt. W. V. Faber (A.D.C. to Bro. Gen. Williams), Lieuts. R. J. Wilson, J. B. H. Askwith, and Major R. H. Murdoch, all of the Royal Artillery. Petitions are being forwarded for a new Royal Arch chapter to be formed in connection with this lodge, and also for a new Mark lodge. The first Principals for the new chapter are to be Bros. Major J. Ritchie, R.A., Capt. W. A. Weston, and W. R. Arnold, and these brethren will also be the W.M., S.W., and J.W. respectively of the new Ubique Mark Lodge, if charters are granted.

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.

The Exchange Telegraph Company states that it has been definitely decided that Mr. Stanley will be entertained by the Corporation of London on May 13th.

The Mount Sinai Chapter of Instruction, No. 19, has removed from the Union Tavern, Air-street, W., to Bro. G. W. Coe's, the Red Lion Hotel, 14, King-street, Regent-street, W., and meets every Saturday evening, as usual, at 8 o'clock.

The consecration of the Ermine Lodge, No. 2351, will take place at the County Assembly Rooms, Lincoln, on Tuesday next. The Grand Secretary, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, will perform the ceremony, assisted by Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D. The W.M. designate is Bro. H. E. Cousins, P.P.G.W., and Bros. the Hon. Victor Anderson Pelham and Col. R. G. Ellisan are S.W. and J.W. respectively.

The stained glass window from the studio of Mr. Taylor, of Berners-street, given by the South Wales Borderers (24th Regiment) in memory of their comrades who fell in the Burmah campaign, has been erected in the "Priory" Church, Brecon, the territorial district of the regiment. The memorial brass beneath it records the name of every man (51 in all) who fell in action or died of disease during the campaign, 1886-7-8.

The consecration of the new Royal Arch chapter formed in connection with the Soudes Lodge took place on the 20th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Norwich. The ceremony of consecration was performed by Comps. Lord Suffield, K.C.B., Grand Superintendent of Norfolk; Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Scribe E. of England; and the Rev. Charles J. Martyn, Grand Superintendent of Suffolk. The banquet was held at the King's Arms Hotel.

On Sunday last there was a large muster of Masons from all parts of the Province of Cheshire at Stalybridge on the invitation of the three local lodges to participate in a special service in aid of the Cheshire Masonic Charities. The members met at the Masonic Rooms in good force, despite the unfavourable weather, and, headed by the band of the 4th C.R.V., marched to church, where a service was preached by the vicar, Bro. the Rev. Jas. Grant Bird, P.G.C. A substantial sum was realised.

When "A Village Priest" is produced at the Haymarket next week, it will be found, we believe, that Mr. Sydney Grundy has made many important modifications of, and additions to, the story and characters of "La Secret de la Terreuse." Those who are acquainted with the play as it left Mr. Grundy's hands are loud in their praises of the construction, cumulative interest, and finished dialogue of the work. The rôle of the priest is said to be extremely effective, but the various parts are singularly well-balanced as regards their respective value to the piece and to the players.

Bro. H. Truman Wood, Secretary to the British Committee at the recent French Exhibition, writes to deny the statement made in *Truth* that exhibitors at the exhibition are being dunned for a testimonial to the British Commission. He states that no testimonial has ever been proposed to the Commission, Committee, or Council; that he some months since declined to accept any testimonial when, on two occasions, the suggestion was made, and that some of the exhibitors, acting entirely on their own initiative, are subscribing to make a gift to the members of the staff, who did the work and got none of the credit.

A meeting of the Court of Aldermen was held on Tuesday, under the presidency of the Lord Mayor. The return of the election of Bro. Alfred James Newton as Alderman of the Ward of Bassishaw, in succession to Bro. Alderman Stone, was handed in, and Bro. Newton attended at the Bar, accompanied by a large deputation of his constituents, by one of whom, Bro. W. H. Pannell, he was formally introduced to the Court. He was then invested with the violet robe of an Alderman, and having made the customary declarations he was escorted to his seat, and received the congratulations of the Lord Mayor and his new colleagues.

At a meeting of the Peace and Harmony Lodge, at the Masonic Hall, Albion-place, Southampton, on Monday, the 17th inst., an interesting presentation was made. The W.M., Bro. W. Jenvey, presided, and there were also present Bros. A. J. Blackman, I.P.M.; T. P. Payne, P.M.; J. R. Weston, P.M.; John Adams, P.M. and Sec.; T. Lashmore, P.M. and Treas.; E. O. Longland, P.M.; J. E. Aldis, P.M. 359; M. Emanuel, P.M. 20; T. Walton, P.M. 1780; J. Slater, P.M. 319; and a large attendance of brethren and visitors. The usual Masonic business having been gone through, the W.M., on behalf of the lodge, in an appropriate and feeling speech, presented to Bro. J. R. Weston, P.M. of the lodge, a handsome silver salver, in recognition of his long and valuable services to the lodge as Treasurer, and to Masonry in general, but more especially to this lodge, with which he has been connected for upwards of 30 years, he having filled the office of W.M. twice during that period. The inscription on the salver is as follows: "Lodge of Peace and Harmony, No. 359. Presented to W. Bro. J. R. Weston, P.M., P.P.G.R., January 17th, 1890, on his retiring from the office of Treasurer, from 1874 to 1889." At the conclusion of the proceedings, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room and partook of a supper, provided under the superintendence of Bro. Cross, D.C., when the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Messrs. Chatto and Windus have received a telegram from Mark Twain on the subject of their agreement on his behalf for the production in England of Mrs. Oscar Beringer's play of "The Prince and the Pauper," and Mrs. Beringer herself has also received a letter from Mark Twain expressing his entire satisfaction at the auspices under which his story will be produced at the Gaiety Theatre, and conveying his readiness to afford every suggestion which might be conducive to the success of the undertaking.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Rheumatism and rheumatic gout are the most dreaded of all diseases, because their victims know that they are safe at no season, and at no age secure. Holloway's Ointment, after fomentation of the painful parts, gives greater relief than any other application; but it must be diligently used to obtain this desirable result. It has been highly commended by rheumatic subjects of all ages and of both sexes, for rendering their attacks less frequent and less vigorous, and for repressing the sour perspiration and soothing the nerves. In many cases Holloway's Ointment and Pills have proved the greatest blessing in removing rheumatism and rheumatic gout which has assailed persons previously and at the prime of life. —ADVT.

The annual supper in connection with the Emblematic Lodge of Instruction will take place at the Mona Hotel, Henrietta-street, Covent Garden, W.C., on Tuesday, the 22nd prox., to which several well known musical artistes have been invited by the W.M. of the mother lodge, Bro. Price.

Mr. Stanley leaves Alexandria on April 7th. He has instructed the Cairo office of Messrs. H. Gaze and Son to arrange for the homeward journey of himself and friends, travelling to Brindisi, and overland to Naples, Rome, Genoa, Nice, Marseilles, Paris, and Brussels, in order to visit the King of the Belgians, and thence to London.

Mr. Frank F. Stone's jubilee bust of Cardinal Manning, which is now completed, appears to be, at least, true to nature. The Cardinal's secretaries, Canons Johnstone and Bailey, pronounce it the best they have yet seen of his Eminence. The Cardinal himself ventures the remark that it is "undoubtedly very like." It is three-quarter life size, and is taken from sittings in December last.

Mr. John Bridge succeeds Sir James Ingham as Chief Magistrate of the Metropolis. He has been a Police Magistrate for 18 years, and a few years ago was transferred from Southwark to Bow-street. Not very long ago he was entrusted by the Government with the duty of inquiring into the Anti-Tithe disturbances in North Wales, and the report he presented elicited praise on both sides for its care and discrimination.

It is announced that the "Ocean Wave" Syndicate, which is now being converted into a limited company, will remove their two ingenious machines which enable visitors to sail on a mimic sea, to the grounds of the Edinboro' and Leeds Exhibitions, on May 1st. The novel entertainment at Hengler's Cirque, Argyll-street, W., which is well worth a visit, will be continued therefore only for a few weeks longer.

The brethren of Lodge Phoenix, No. 173, have sustained a great loss by the death of one of its old Past Masters, Bro. Stephen Smith Phillips, of 10, Baker-street, and Colneside, West Drayton. Bro. Phillips passed the chair 12 years ago, and was very much esteemed in the lodge. He was also a companion of the Phoenix Chapter. The lodge met on Saturday, the 8th inst. (the day of his interment), when a vote of condolence was proposed, and carried unanimously, to be forwarded to his sorrowing relatives, and the usual banquet was adjourned in consequence.

Italian audiences are at once the most enthusiastic and the most critical in the world. A correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph* relates an episode which took place at the San Carlo Theatre at Naples—an episode by no means unprecedented on the Italian lyric stage. "I heard a singer fearfully hissed for singing one false note, although he had been enthusiastically applauded the whole evening until then." On the other hand it should be remembered that the order may be reversed, and that a singer may redeem, and has redeemed, an apparent *fiasco* by a subsequent *beau moment*. But in any case Italian audiences cause many bad quarters of an hour to members of the operatic profession.

The Carpenters' Company, who have taken a very prominent position in educational matters connected with the building trade, have just concluded a course of seven lectures, given free, in their fine hall in London-wall. This is the fifth course they have held, all the lectures being given by men eminent in the subject upon which they speak. These gentlemen have been most ready to meet the wishes of the Carpenters' Company, and must have been greatly rewarded by the very large and attentive audiences. The total number attending having been 3700, which gives an average of over 500 men for each lecture, a large number of whom have been seen with their note-books, &c., and evidently come with the desire to gain information. The company will hold in June next their annual examination in carpentry and joinery, both practical and theoretical, and in connection with the same they have a free library, containing all the best books on the subjects, &c. Their institute on their estate at Stratford has 800 members connected with it, and the swimming bath, with warm baths attached, opened last July, were used by upwards of 16,000 persons up to the end of the year. We believe that no company is doing more real work in connection with their Guild than the Carpenters, and we heartily wish them all the success which their efforts deserve.

The ancient custom of holding public suppers at Christ's Hospital during Lent was, for the third time this year, observed on Thursday evening, the 20th inst., and it was probably owing to the fact that the Duke of Cambridge was expected to be present that so large a number of visitors put in an appearance. Their hopes of seeing his Royal Highness were, however, doomed to be disappointed, for the Duke did not arrive. At the supper there were present Bros. J. D. Allcroft, Treas.; Alderman Savory, and others. From amongst the officials of the hospital one well-known figure was missing. We refer to the late Bro. Dr. Brette, the head French master of the hospital, whose death we announced last week. Speaking of that gentleman, a bright, intelligent-looking lad, who acted as door-keeper at one of the entrances to the large hall in which the supper was being held, remarked, "Dr. Brette was a dear, kind master, and his loss will be greatly felt by us." While the blues were supping, the visitors made a tour of the hall, stopping now and again and chatting to some youngster. At the close of the meal the senior boys arose, and with soldierlike precision and order cleared the tables, and removed the cloths. After all was quiet, grace was said. The boys then arose, and, as is customary, marched past the school officials in military style, some of them carrying lighted candles, the candlesticks being surmounted with beautiful wreaths of flowers, others shouldering the baskets and tablecloths. This proceeding having terminated, the lads returned to their seats, after which the choir sang the anthem, "I will give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will speak of all Thy marvellous works." The anthem was beautifully rendered, under the direction of the organist, Mr. Collingwood Banks. On previous occasions the brass band of the school has played the visitors out, but the rule was not observed on Thursday evening, as a mark of respect to the memory of Bro. Dr. Brette. Mr. Banks, however, gave a selection of music on the great organ as the visitors departed.