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## THE WORCESTER GATHERING.

Our Worcestershire brethren, but more especially the members of the lodge which bore the chief part in the proceedings, deserve the utmost possible commendation, both for the arrangements made for the annual meeting of their Provincial Grand Lodge, and the centenary celebration of the Worcester Lodge, No. 280, and for the admirable manner in which they were carried out. From first to last there appears to have been no hitch. Everything went smoothly. The visitors were delighted with the hospitality of their reception, and the hosts were gratified at finding their efforts were so generally and so cordially appreciated. Bro. JOHN STALLARD, JUN., won golden opinions from all present by the manner in which he fulfilled his duties as Master of the Worcester Lodge; his officers and brother-members supported him most loyally; and the Prov. Grand Master and his officers, as well as the officers and members of the other Worcestershire lodges, lost no opportunity of showing how fully they realised the kindness and geniality of their hosts. Many non-Masons and a numerous sprinkling of ladies were also present at the conversazione in the Guildhall on Tuesday, and as a matter of course at the ball, with which the festive portion of the meeting was brought to a close on Thursday. No effort or expense had been spared in order to ensure the complete success of these, the opening and concluding scenes in the week's proceedings. As regards Provincial Grand Lodge, the attendance of brethren was far more numerous than in ordinary years, while the visitors included Bros. Sir M. E. HICKS-BEACH, Bart., M.P., G. Master of the adjoining Province of Gloucestershire; the Marquis of HERTFORD, Past Grand Warden of England; JOHN DERBY ALLCROFT, Past Grand Treas., and formerly M.P. for the city of Worcester; and other distinguished members of our Order. The centenary meeting of the Worcester Lodge was also fully attended, and it is gratifying to know that a history of the lodge has been compiled—and we trust will be published—by Bro. F. G. UNDERWOOD, one of its Past Masters, and a Past Prov. Grand Officer of Worcestershire. Thus in the more serious, as in the festive, part of last week's doings, the Craft in the city and county of Worcester has scored a grand success, and we heartily congratulate them on a result which has proved so entirely satisfactory.

## WEST LANCASHIRE.

The proceedings of our West Lancashire brethren receive, as they deserve, an especial share of public attention. They constitute the strongest province in England. The number of their lodges is 104, and their roll of subscribing members 6561. They have established and maintain in a creditable degree of efficiency no less than three Charitable Institutions of their own, namely, an Educational Institution and the Hamer and Alpass Benevolent Funds. They are regular, and at times munificent, supporters of our central Masonic Charities, nor is there any branch of Masonry or any sphere of Masonic duty in which they do not acquit themselves in a manner worthy of the strength and influence they necessarily possess. But the annual meeting of their Provincial Grand Lodge in the Public Hall, Preston, on the 1st instant, appears to have been more numerously attended than usual, upwards of 120 Grand and Provincial Grand Officers, present and past, and fully 800 members having been in attendance on the occasion. The proceedings also were more than ordinarily protracted by reason of the long and animated discussions which attended certain matters affecting the Provincial Charities, Provincial Grand Lodge not being closed till after a sitting of more than three hours, and, as our reporter expressed it, "being characterised by more than the usual liveliness." However, if strong differences of opinion arose in connection with questions of local interest, it could not have been in consequence of any weakness or shortcoming on the part of the executive authorities. The comprehensive Report prepared and submitted by the Provincial Grand Secretary makes it clear that

in the matter of progress, so far as it can be determined by increase in lodges and membership, West Lancashire has made great strides during the 18 years it has been in charge of its present Provincial Grand Master, the number of lodges constituted during that period being 43, while the number of subscribing members has been augmented from 3016 to 6561. The accounts, too, under the several heads of Charities' Fund, Provincial Grand Lodge Fund, and the Fund of Benevolence tell their own tale of a prosperity which has been steadily maintained throughout, the sum total of the balances at present standing to the credit of the several Funds being in round figures £1340. Under these circumstances it is not surprising that Provincial Grand Lodge, before the close of the meeting, should have determined on appropriating a considerable portion of this balance to the local and general Charities of the Craft, £105 being voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; £52 10s. to the Provincial Educational Fund; £21 to the Hamer Fund; £21 to the Alpass Fund; and in the event of the Provincial Grand Master undertaking to preside at its Anniversary Festival in 1891, the sum of £420 to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. As regards the opinions expressed by the Provincial Grand Secretary in his Report, the Provincial Grand Master was especially emphatic in his endorsement of the suggestion that in so large a Province the lodges should be more than ever careful in their election of candidates. This is an opinion which will command the assent of every one, but we imagine there will be considerably less favour shown to the other two proposals, namely, (1) that the rulers of exceptionally large Provinces should have the power of appointing more Provincial Grand Officers than are already allowed to them; and (2) that the right to wear the Charity Jewel should be extended to the supporters of local, as well as of the general, Masonic Charitable Institutions. In respect of the former, we are content to remark, firstly, that the number of officers appointed in our larger Provinces is already equal to the number of Grand Officers appointed by the Grand Master; and secondly, that the value of Provincial honours will be lessened in proportion as the offices to be filled are multiplied. West Lancashire, with its 104 lodges and upwards of 6500 subscribing members, is undoubtedly an immense Province, but its Provincial Grand Master has already just the same number of distinctions at his disposal as the Grand Master of England, of which West Lancashire is only a part. As regards the proposal to extend the right to wear the Charity Jewel, we consider it is rightly confined to those who support the central or general Charities whose benefits are open to all duly qualified candidates. There is no restriction whatever as to the number of brethren who may become entitled to this right, nor does it strike us as being either just or reasonable that a distinction which was instituted in their behalf, that is to say, with a view to encouraging the brethren at large to promote their interests and extend their benefits should be conferred on the supporters of Charities of lesser importance.

## THE GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The published Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia—one of the smallest Grand Lodges on the North American continent—at its annual communication at Vancouver in June last, contain a very favourable account of its fortunes during the past year. Some day no doubt this remote Province of the Dominion of Canada will be thickly peopled and then if, the respect in which Freemasonry is held should remain as strong as it is at the present time, its Grand Lodge will preside over quite a number of lodges. Just now, however, it has but 10 on its roll, with a total membership of 678 brethren. But though weak in numbers, the brethren are evidently imbued with a staunch spirit of loyalty to the principles of the Craft. They perform their allotted duties admirably, and that their lodges are prosperous is shown by a return which appears in the Report of their annual meeting, and which places the aggregate value of their funds and property of all kinds at upwards of 45,000 dollars.

(£9000). The accounts of the Grand Treasurer for the past 12 months are likewise satisfactory, the Fund of General Purposes showing a balance in bank of only a fraction short of 785 dollars (127), while the Charity Fund has upwards of 5300 dollars (£1060) to its credit. These few statements of fact are convincing proof that the Grand and private lodges manage their affairs well, while other returns make it equally clear that expense is not spared where necessary, and that relief to worthy but indigent members is freely given. As regards the annual meeting in June last, which was held in the Masonic Hall, Vancouver, under the presidency of Bro. J. S. CLUTE, M.W. Grand Master, there appears to have been a very numerous attendance of Present and Past Grand Officers, while all the private lodges were represented. The Grand Master's address, though it contained references to no events of unusual importance, was encouraging in tone and character, and showed that Freemasonry in British Columbia had made substantial progress during the period to which it referred. There would appear also to have been a considerable amount of interest taken by the members of the two lodges (Nos. 7 and 12) meeting in Vancouver in the proceedings, which extended over three days, and included a banquet, at which the Grand Officers were sumptuously entertained by the local lodges just mentioned. In short, the communication seems to have passed off most successfully. The brethren were unanimous in their election of Bro. A. MCKEOWN, D.G. Master, as Grand Master for the ensuing year, and very cordially expressed their thanks to Bro. CLUTE for the manner in which he had presided over them during the year 1889-90. With reference to the other Grand Officers, we notice that the Right Rev. Bro. SILLITOE, Bishop of New Westminster, who is one of the most devoted Craftsmen in the jurisdiction, retains his post of Grand Chaplain, while the important executive offices of Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary remain in charge of Bros. H. F. HEISTERMAN and HENRY BROWN respectively. We hope the next published Report will be as satisfactory as this year's is in reference to the past and as full of hope and encouragement for the future.

#### NEW ZEALAND.

The printed Proceedings of the District Grand Lodge of Canterbury (N.Z.), at its Quarterly Communication in the St. Augustine Masonic Hall, Christchurch, on the 17th July, under the presidency of Bro. P. CUNNINGHAM, Deputy District Grand Master, afford us an opportunity of judging of the extent of the recent secession in the District, till lately in charge of Bro. HENRY THOMPSON, the Grand Master of the irregular Grand Lodge of New Zealand. From these we gather that of the 20 lodges meeting in this part of the colony, there were originally 12 which seceded, while the remaining eight held to their old allegiance to the Grand Lodge of England. Of the former, however, one has since rescinded the resolution it had passed to join the New Zealand Constitution, while a second was considering the question whether it should remain in its old position or join the new Order, and as its Worshipful Master and Junior Warden were among the representatives of lodges who attended this communication, we may reasonably infer that any desire it may at any time have felt for joining the so-called Grand Lodge of New Zealand has ceased and determined. It follows then that in the District of Canterbury—in which we may assume that the influence of the late District Grand Master, Bro. HENRY THOMPSON, now styled M.W. Grand Master of the party of secession, would be most felt—10 lodges of English constitution have seceded, while 10 remain faithful to their allegiance. At present we are unable to say what has happened in the other Districts in the Colony, but with the evidence furnished by these Proceedings for our guide, we are strongly inclined to believe that the extent of the secession has been greatly over-estimated so far as the English Constitution is concerned, and that when we are in a position to state accurately the losses which have been sustained, it will be found that a majority of our lodges have remained faithful. At all events the news we have received from the Colony since this irregular Grand Lodge was constituted with Bro. THOMPSON as its Grand Master, fully justifies the course pursued by our Grand Lodge at its September Communication in resolving that it would not accord recognition to the body styling itself the Grand Lodge of New Zealand.

#### ANOTHER MASONIC MS.

Bro. Jacob Norton, of Boston, U.S.A., has made known another copy of the *Old Charges*; this time the roll being preserved in the city aforesaid, and hence is to be called *The Hub of the Universe Masonic Manuscript*. We are to be allowed to term it "The Hub MS.," in case of being in a hurry, and certainly in respect to the long title, haste will become a chronic condition of all

Masonic students. The size is  $7\frac{1}{4}$  inches in width and over 7 feet in length, and written on parchment.

Bro. Norton introduced it to British Craftsmen in the columns of the *Freemasons' Chronicle* for 16th and 23rd August last, and, with the assistance of Bro. Gifford H. G. McGrew, Grand Lecturer of Massachusetts, made most elaborate arrangements to secure an exact reproduction. Our friend also in the kindest manner sent me the original MS. for examination, with permission to forward it to Bro. G. W. Speth, the indefatigable Secretary of the "Quatuor Coronati Lodge," No. 2076.

The state of my health did not permit a thorough comparison of the original with the transcript, so, on detecting some important departures, I sent it on to Bro. G. W. Speth, who in the most fraternal manner has instituted a complete comparison between the roll, the reproduction, and the "Stanley MS.," which it so exactly resembles. He fully accepts the few corrections made, and forwards me several others, the major portion being of little consequence, but a few are of considerable importance, and all are of value when the aim is to obtain an accurate transcript. Bro. Speth states that the "Hub" is not by the same hand as the "Stanley," but the style of both is similar, and as they are each dated 1677, it is likely they were copied from the same original.

Solomon's Temple in both the MSS. (Stanley and Hub) is "called Voo" \*, and Hiram Abiff is named "Apleo." The text, as I have pointed out before, resembles the "Colne MS., No. 1," and so I have ventured to number it 21d. in the table which accompanies Bro. Gould's elaborate and learned commentary to the "Regius MS." ("Masonic Reprints," Lodge No. 2076, Vol. 1).

Bro. Speth and myself wrote to the foregoing paper in the following week (August 30th), without concerted action in any way, to point out that the "Hub MS." was the same as the "Stanley MS.," which was so interestingly described by my friend in Vol. 1, Transactions "Quatuor Coronati" Lodge, p. 128. The transcript has been carefully printed by Bro. Morgan, and another copy has also appeared in the "Masonic Review" (Cincinnati) for July, 1890, which is equally well done.

W. J. HUGHAN.

#### A THREE DAYS' MASONIC FESTIVAL AT WORCESTER.

The festivities attendant upon the celebration of the centenary of the Worcester Lodge, No. 280, commenced on the 7th inst., the eve of the meeting of the Grand Lodge of the province, with a conversazione, given by the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and brethren of the lodge to the officers of the various lodges in the province and their ladies, and a large number of ladies and gentlemen from the city and county of Worcester, both connected and unconnected with the Craft. The gathering, as was anticipated would be the case, has proved to be one of the most brilliant and magnificent of the many elaborate functions which have during a long number of years taken place within the venerable walls of the City Guildhall. The guests were graciously received by the Worshipful Master, Bro. John Stallard, jun., as they entered the large assembly hall, an apartment of itself always elegant, but rendered more so for the occasion by the ornate character of the decorations, which consisted of costly tapestries, charming and valuable antique furniture, and a wealth of floral embellishments which, combined with a display of the banners of deceased Knights Templars and the picturesque clothing of the various degrees of Freemasonry, and the elegant costumes of the ladies, formed a *tout ensemble* at once beautiful and unique. At one end of the apartment Bro. W. Gilmer's orchestra was stationed and performed a charming selection of music. In an apartment striking out of the reception room, formerly used by the municipality of Worcester as the Council Chamber, the unexampled collection of Masonic curiosities, consisting of ancient emblems, clothing, medals, and jewels, known as the George Taylor collection, collected by Bro. George Taylor, Grand Standard Bearer of England and Provincial Grand Secretary, and recently acquired by the province, was displayed in a number of glass cases, and proved a source of great interest to the large company, which numbered fully 400 ladies and gentlemen. In the same room there were exhibits representative of the industries of the Faithful City, including the world-famed Worcester porcelain, which was fittingly arranged as representative of the particular productions of the local industry of the present day and those of a 100 years ago. The Worcester glove industry was similarly represented. The skins of the various animals used in this branch of manufacture were displayed in their various stages, culminating in the finished article of everyday wear, both of to-day and a century ago. There were also a large number of valuable and rare prints and paintings lent by connoisseurs in Masonic curios from different parts of the country.

Refreshments were served in the lower hall, which had been decorated for this and other functions which were to take place therein on Wednesday and Thursday with a wealth of drapery, showing off the blue and white of Craft Masonry.

Among the elegant company present were Bros. Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M.; A. F. Godson, M.P., D.P.G.M.; J. D. Allcroft, P.G. Treas. Eng.; George Taylor, Prov. G. Sec. and G. Std. Br. Eng.; Dean Spence, P.G. Chap. Eng.; Canon and Mrs. Claughton, Canon Melville, and others.

The arrangements were carried out by a Committee, consisting of the Worshipful Master of the Worcester Lodge, Bro. F. G. Underwood, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Bro. A. B. Roe, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; and Bro. S. Southall, Sec., neither of whom spared an effort or left a single stone unturned to make the occasion what it proved to be, an unqualified and probably an unequalled success in the way of the many social functions which have graced Worcestershire Freemasonry.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday, when the brethren, members of the several lodges in the province, assembled in large numbers, exceptional interest and *débat* being infused into the proceedings of Provincial Grand Lodge on account of the celebration of the centenary of the Worcester Lodge, No. 280, on the occasion.

The day's ceremonial commenced at the Guildhall at half-past 11, when the

\* Bro. Speth considered it was "Doo" in former MS., but now tells me it looks like "Voo."

W.M., Wardens, and brethren of the Worcester Lodge entertained the whole of the brethren—about 300—attending Provincial Grand Lodge at a sumptuous luncheon. Punctually at half-past 12 o'clock a Craft lodge, under the banner of the Worcester Lodge, No. 280, was opened in the Chapter House of the Cathedral, which had been placed at the disposal of the Fraternity for the occasion by the Dean and Canons.

The Craft lodge having been fully opened, the Prov. Grand Master and the Prov. Grand Officers filed into the lodge, and by right assumed the chairs which were vacated by the Craft lodge officers. The Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Sir Edmund Lechmere, Bart., M.P., was supported by Bros. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. Gloucestershire; John Derby Allcroft, P.G. Treas. England; Rev. W. K. R. Bedford, P.G.C. England; G. Taylor, P.G. Std. Br. England; the Marquess of Hertford; A. F. Godson, M.P., and a full complement of Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers.

The appearance of the lodge was particularly striking, the rich colours of the clothing of the Grand Lodge and Prov. Grand Lodge Officers commingling with the more subdued tints of the clothing worn by the Craft brethren with great effect. No lodge room could be more appropriate or fitting for an assembly of a Grand Lodge than the Chapter House of Worcester Cathedral, and with the gray and venerable walls relieved here and there with the banners of the different lodges, it presented such a picture as will long remain imprinted upon the minds of those who were present.

The Prov. Grand Master and the officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge having been received with the honours and compliments due to their rank, the reports of the various Committees appertaining to the business of the province were in each case read and confirmed, and fresh Committees elected or the old ones re-appointed for the ensuing year. An incident of an exceedingly pleasant nature occurred in connection with the presentation by Bro. W. Waldron of the report of the Library and Museum Committee, which is a Committee which was elected primarily for the purpose of raising funds for the purchase of the well-known collection of Masonic curios which belonged to Bro. G. Taylor. For this purpose the Prov. G. Master advanced a sum of money, £100 of which still remains unpaid. This amount, the Provincial Grand Master informed his lodge, he was willing to present to the Committee if the Provincial Grand Lodge would undertake to have a full explanatory catalogue of the unique collection prepared and printed. This the Provincial Grand Lodge gratefully undertook to do, and a resolution to that effect was carried with acclamation.

The Provincial Grand Master appointed and invested the following brethren to the duties of Provincial Grand Lodge for the ensuing year:—

Bro. H. Rowe, P.M. 280, P.P.J.G.W.	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" A. Combes, 377, P.P.G. Reg.	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. W. J. Down, 252, P.A.G.C.	...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. G. F. Hough, P.M. 794	...	...	
" W. E. Walker, P.M. 252, P.P.S.G.D.	...	...	Prov. G.R.
" J. Joseland, P.M. 529 (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" George Taylor, P.M.	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" C. Smith Carrington, P.M. 280...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" W. B. Hulme, P.M. 280	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" John E. Bottomley, P.M. 564	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" J. Mossop, M.P. 1874 (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" W. T. Page, I.P.M. 280	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Edward Lowe, I.P.M. 573	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" G. R. Green, P.M. 1874	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" W. J. Gilliver, P.M. 498	...	...	
" W. Haynes, 1204, P.P.G.O.	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. Dorset, P.M. 560	...	...	Prov. G.P.
" Sam Owen, I.P.M. 2034	...	...	Prov. A.G.P.

The duties of the Provincial Grand Lodge having been concluded, it was called off, and the brethren, still wearing their Masonic clothing, were marshalled into procession by the Prov. G.D. of C., Bro. John Mossop, prior to attending service at the Cathedral. The Masonic formula prescribed for such occasions was strictly adhered to. The procession entered the noble fane by the western door, and appropriately so, too, for at the time the Cathedral was restored the Provincial Grand Master defrayed the whole cost of its reconstruction and restoration, otherwise it would have been for ever closed, and at the same time the Freemasons of the province defrayed the cost of the beautiful stained-glass window in the western end of the nave, beneath which the Provincial Grand Master's door stands. The great nave organ, presided over by Bro. W. Haynes, Prov. Grand Org., pealed forth Mendelssohn's "Priests' March" as the brethren reverently took their seats. The sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. W. K. R. Bedford, M.A., Past Grand Chaplain of England. The reverend brother took for his text the 14th verse of the 25th Psalm, "The secret of the Lord is with them that fear Him." During the course of the sermon he said that the object of Freemasonry, hand-in-hand with religion, was precisely the same as that of the Christian Church, and, indeed, of every other religious organisation and elevating influence whatever, to evoke the nobler emotions of the secret life by propagating certain convictions and sentiments among its members. It proposed to do this by symbolic and verbal tokens of fraternity and charity. For the mind may be quickened into a whole system of inauguration by the electric quiver imported by a single word at once the key and the symbol of the thought to which it leads. The man who condemned its first essays was undeserving of the order of a true philosophy. Before condemning their symbolic language the student should bring before him some monument of the olden time; should pass his thoughtful eye over its scriptural images; should observe, intermingled with them, the abbreviated inventions of alphabetical expression, and while he wondered that the latter did not wholly replace the former, should recur to the words of our most refined philosophers and orators and perceive in them just as varied combinations, which are veiled beneath their language, which would shock him with relations which are quite as heterogeneous.

The collection at the conclusion of the service amounted to over £18, which was made up to £25 by the Provincial Grand Lodge, and divided between the Worcestershire Infirmary and one of the National Schools in the city.

The procession was afterwards reformed in reverse order, and on the return of the brethren to the Chapter House, the Provincial Grand Master moved votes of thanks to the Mayor of Worcester for the use of the Guildhall, for the luncheon and banquet, and to the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and brethren of the Worcester Lodge for their entertainment of the brethren of the other lodges in the province. The propositions were unanimously carried, and the Provincial Grand Master subsequently tendered his own and the congratulations of the Grand Lodge to the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and brethren of the Worcester Lodge on the occasion of the centenary of that lodge.

This concluded the business, and the lodge was promptly closed.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge banquet afterwards took place at the Guildhall, the Provincial Grand Master presiding.

The usual Masonic toasts were given, the intervals between each being pleasantly varied with songs and other forms of musical entertainment.

The festivities in connection with the celebration of the Worcester Lodge were continued on Thursday, when there was a special centenary meeting of the lodge, at which the additional charter granted by the Grand Lodge was presented, the whole concluding with a grand ball in the evening. The warrant sets forth the fact of the lodge's continued and unbroken existence since the date of its charter, and gives all present and future subscribing members of the Worcester Lodge permission to wear a centenary jewel, which has been especially designed and

approved of by Grand Lodge. This business over, there was a very pleasant little surprise for the Secretary of the lodge, Bro. Samuel Southall, who was presented by the W.M. with one of the new centenary jewels, on behalf of the lodge, in recognition of the brethren's appreciation of his services as Secretary to the Centenary Celebration Committees, in which connection he has laboured hard and successfully. Another pleasing portion of the evening's work was the presentation by Bro. F. G. Underwood of a manuscript containing a full history of the lodge, with lists of its officers since the date of its constitution to the present.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WARWICKSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the New Town Hall, Municipal Buildings, Leamington Spa, on the 29th ult., under the presidency of the Prov. G.M., Bro. Lord Leigh, and was attended by about 200 brethren of the province. Divine service was held in All Saints' Parish Church, and an excellent sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. W. H. H. Richards, P.G. Chap., after which a collection was made in aid of the Warwickshire Masonic Benevolent and Pupils' Aid Fund.

At the meeting it was resolved that the Warwickshire Masonic Calendar be issued next year as usual. A vote of thanks was passed to the Mayor of Leamington, Bro. Fell, for kindly placing at the disposal of the brethren the New Town Hall for the meeting, and the Council Chamber for the banquet. A vote of thanks was passed to the P.G. Chaplain, and also to the vicar of All Saints' Parish Church for his kindness in granting the use of his church for service, together with a donation of £5 5s. towards the parish charities. The following donations were voted: £5 5s. to the fund for erecting the Centenary Window in the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; £5 5s. to the Warwickshire Reformatory at Weston; and £10 10s. to the Ear and Throat Hospital, Birmingham.

The Provincial Grand Master appointed his officers as follows:

Bro. J. T. Collins	...	...	...	Prov. D.P.G.M.
" W. F. Wyley	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" C. J. Blaker	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. W. H. Holland Richards	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. N. M. Hennessey	...	...	...	
" Colonel Cox	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Charles F. Vachell	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" George Beech	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" W. H. Johnson	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.'s.
" J. T. Barrett	...	...	...	
" C. H. Beck	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.'s.
" P. E. Shephard	...	...	...	
" W. W. Curtis	...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" Major Ash	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" W. Tidmarsh	...	...	...	Prov. D.G.D.C.
" James Collins	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" J. C. Price	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" F. C. Taylor	...	...	...	Prov. G. St. Brs.
" C. J. Collins	...	...	...	
" W. Waters	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" G. A. Thomason	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" E. P. Cole	...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" W. Troman	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" N. Burrows	...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

A banquet was afterwards provided in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, and a large number of brethren were present, the Council Chamber being well filled.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF LANCASHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was held recently, at the Masonic Buildings, Lord-street, Southport. The Prov. Grand Master, Bro. the Earl of Lathom, presided, supported by the D.P.G.M., Bro. Col. Le Gendre Starkie, and many Past Provincial Grand Officers; indeed, about half of the 130 Mark Masons present had attained provincial rank. Bro. the Rev. T. B. Spencer acted as Prov. D.G. Chaplain, and Bro. J. D. Murray as Prov. G.D.C. All the Lancashire lodges, save two of the most remote, were represented, the attendance from Liverpool, Preston, Manchester, and Burnley being specially strong.

The Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. JOHN CHADWICK, read his 20th annual report showing notable progress in Lancashire Mark Masonry. He pointed out that wherever the Mark Degree had been well worked it had made rapid strides and found great favour.

The Prov. Grand Treasurer's accounts showed an increased balance in hand. One feature of the report alone was painful, and particularly so, the Prov. J.G.W. having died last year before he could assume office, and the Prov. G. Registrar being absent owing to serious illness. The Prov. Grand Chaplain had been unable to perform his duties consequent on removal to Canada.

Bro. T. R. Jolly, 146, having been unanimously elected Prov. Grand Treasurer, the Prov. Grand Master invested his officers as follows:

Bro. W. E. M. Tomlinson, M.P.	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" W. Court	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" J. Talbot Stowell	...	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" J. L. Houghton	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" Rev. Sadleir Stoney	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" T. R. Jolly	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. Lambert	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" John Chadwick	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
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Provincial Grand Lodge, Durham.

**BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.**

"American Tyler," "La Revista Masonica del Peru," "Madras Masonic Review," "Keystone," "Masonic Journal," "Freemasons' Journal" (New York), "Freimaurer-Zeitung," "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Quebec," "Liberal Freemason," "Boletín Oficial," "Canadian Craftsman," "The Freemason" (Toronto), "South Australian Freemason," "New Zealand Craftsman," and "South African Freemason."



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1890.

**Masonic Notes.**

There was a fairly numerous attendance at the adjourned General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, the business on which the Committee was engaged being the consideration of the report of the Provisional Management Committee on the proposed revision of the laws. The sitting lasted for upwards of five hours, so that the recommendations of the Provisional Committee were discussed fully, if not to the satisfaction of all present. Sundry notices of motion for the Quarterly Court on Friday, the 31st instant, were handed in by brethren who were not satisfied with the result of the discussion on certain points.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cambridgeshire will be held at Cambridge on Wednesday, November 19th, under the banner of the Isaac Newton (University) Lodge, Bro. the Earl of Hardwicke presiding. The meeting at the Guildhall will be preceded by a church parade, at 3 p.m.; and the banquet will subsequently be served at the Lion Hotel.

We regret to have to record the death of Mrs. Bhicaijee Dorabjee Pestonjee Cama, wife of Bro. D. P. Cama, P.G. Treasurer. We understand that the deceased lady was taken ill with pleurisy complicated with pneumonia on Monday, the 6th inst., and though the disease yielded somewhat to treatment, the strength became exhausted, and she passed quietly away on Tuesday, the 14th inst. Her presence will be much missed at the Festivals of our different Charities, of each of which she was a patron.

The Philadelphia *Keystone* of the 27th ult., contains a long and glowing account of the reception accorded to Bro. Clifford P. MacCalla, M.W. Grand Master of Pennsylvania, and the other distinguished American brethren who have been recently in London. It is evident from this narrative that Grand Master MacCalla and his brother visitors must have thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and that they fully appreciate the heartiness with which they were received in our Grand and private lodges, and the courtesies that were shown them.

Bro. MacCalla appears to have been deeply impressed with the grandeur of the scene presented by our Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication at which he was present, and which he was courteously invited to attend by our Grand Secretary. His visits to the United Northern Counties and Quatuor Coronati Lodges are likewise the subject of many complimentary remarks, while his encomiums on our Girls' School, over which he was conducted by Bros. Grey and Frank Richardson, of the House Committee, cannot be otherwise than gratifying to the authorities of the Institution.

But it was not from his London visit alone that Bro. MacCalla derived so much pleasure. He himself has contributed to the literature of the Craft, and is, precisely, therefore the man to take pleasure in inspecting the rare Masonic MSS. and old minute books which are religiously preserved by the brethren of the York Lodge, No. 236, and which were shown him by their respected custodian, Bro. Todd, during his (Bro. MacCalla's) brief sojourn at York. His other excursion to view the venerable Abbey of St. Albans, which perpetuates the name and fame of him who, according to Anderson, first introduced lodges into Britain in A.D. 287, seems also to have afforded him much enjoyment. In fact, Bro. MacCalla seems to have been deeply struck by the kindness and courtesy that were shown him everywhere, so that the assertion that Englishmen, in their reception of strangers, are cold and unsympathetic in their demeanour, will find no responsive echo from the distinguished brother who for the time is Grand Master of Pennsylvania.

The report of the Bengal Masonic Association for Educating Children of Indigent Freemasons for the half-year ended 30th June last shows that good work has been done and fair progress shown during the period referred to. One of the children, who has just left, is returned as having passed in the Honours Division of the First Arts Examination of the Calcutta University, and is now studying for the degree of Bachelor of Arts on Scholarships won by himself. A second passed the Entrance Examination, and has obtained employment in a merchant's office, with good prospects for the future, while in the case of those remaining on the establishment the reports as to their health and progress in study are all favourable.

At the same time, the Association appears to have been more than usually successful in its financial arrangements, owing to the very laudable exertions made by its friends and supporters. The total of the receipts for all purposes amounted to upwards of 12,128 rupees, and, as this sum is far in excess of the budget estimate, the Committee have been enabled to increase their investments by 5000 rupees. Moreover, by a judicious transfer of 40,000 rupees of invested capital from one security to another, the permanent income of the Association has been increased to the extent of 400 rupees a year. In consequence of this progress two children have been added to the establishment. The authorities of this Charity are entitled to every praise for the success of their management.

It is satisfactory to learn from the printed proceedings of the District Grand Lodge of Canterbury, New Zealand, at its Quarterly Communication in July last, that the property belonging to the District Grand Lodge will not be divided between the seceding and faithful lodges, until the Grand Lodge of England has decided that such division is legal. One of the last acts of the late District G. Master, Bro. H. Thompson, before his secession from the ranks of the English Fraternity was the appointment of a Committee to apportion the assets of District Grand Lodge, so that the lodges which had seceded might take with them their share and those that adhered to their old allegiance might retain theirs.

At the time the Committee was appointed it does not appear to have occurred to any one that such a division of this property might be illegal; or, if it did so appear to any one, the Committee was appointed notwithstanding. In July the Committee handed in their report, and recommended that the assets be distributed in accordance with their apportionment. However, Bro. R. D. Thomas, P.D.S.G.W., who was acting D.D.G.M. at the Communication, fortunately intervened with a resolution to the effect that the report of the said "Committee as to the division of District Grand Lodge funds be received and printed, and that the funds be distributed in accordance therewith, *provided that the Grand Lodge of England intimates that it is legal*, and upon the warrants of those lodges seeking to participate in the distribution being delivered to the D.D.G.M."

For ourselves, we do not see that those who secede voluntarily from an organisation which they joined of their own free will and accord have either a moral or a legal claim to a share in the property of that organisation. They are in precisely the same position as brethren who have paid dues for many years and then resign their membership of the Craft. These latter

are not entitled to a return of their dues, nor have we heard of any case in which a retiring brother—or brethren—has advanced any such claim. The only difference we perceive is that in ordinary cases brethren resign singly, or in small numbers, but in this case of New Zealand the seceders who have resigned their connection with the English lodges form a tolerably numerous body.

Those who remain faithful to the English Constitution may acquiesce in the proposed division if they find our Grand Lodge rules in favour of its legality. Nor should we regard it as otherwise than creditable if they did so; but, in our opinion, the right of District Grand Lodge to the whole of the funds, so long as that body exists, is indisputable.

**Correspondence.**

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for 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.]

**THE GRAND TREASURERSHIP 1891.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Will you allow us to state, for the information of the many friends and well-wishers of Bro. George Everett, that we have already received on his behalf promises of support from over 1400 brethren, with permission to place their names on his Committee, should a contest take place for the office of Grand Treasurer in 1891.

Bro. Everett, as you are aware, polled a sufficient number of votes in 1889 to have ensured his success at any ordinary election, and as he this year stood by rather than provoke the turmoil of a contest, we are indulging in the hope that he may on the next occasion be himself returned unopposed.

H. J. LARDNER, } Hon.  
S. H. PARKHOUSE, } Secs.

October 14th.

**ROSE CROIX MASONRY IN PORTSMOUTH.**

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

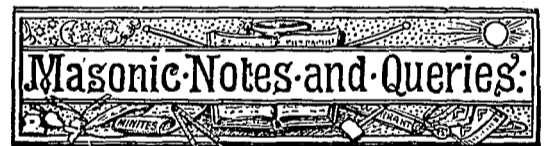
Dear Sir and Brother,

In your issue of the 11th inst. you printed an article by myself bearing the above heading, and in a foot-note state that you cannot accept without further proof my statement that the minutes of the Phoenix Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 2, commence in the year 1769. Evidence of this Degree having been worked at that date, and of the minutes being now in the possession of the Royal Arch Chapter of Friendship, No. 257 (from which the Phoenix Mark Lodge was derived), was furnished to the Grand Mark Secretary's office about two years ago, and as a consequence the fact is mentioned in the official roll of Mark lodges for the present year, at page 74. "Date of Constitution, 7th July 1856. Warrant of Confirmation (minutes 1769)."—Yours fraternally,

ALEXANDER HOWELL,

Local Sec. in Hants for the C.C. No. 2076.

October 14.

**915] ANOTHER ENGRAVED LIST OF 1757.**

By the courtesy of Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, P.G.W. England, and D.P.G.M. of North and East Yorkshire, I have been favoured with a sight of an engraved list *hitherto unknown* to Masonic students. It is engraved by Benjamin Cole, and bears the arms and title of "The Most Honourable JAMES BRYDGES, MARQUISS OF CARNARVON, Eldest Son & Heir Apparent To His Grace HENRY DUKE OF CHANDOS, &c. GRAND MASTER A.D. 1757. A.L. 5757." Having carefully collated the list, I may state that it contains 19 pages, comprising 213 lodges—91 London, 73 country, 49 foreign—to No. 217, "Rising Sun, Air-street, Piccadilly, Dec. 2, 1756," which is the present Burlington Lodge, No. 96. The number of a London lodge (23) is transferred in this list to Stockton-upon-Tees, as noted in my "Handy Book," p. 53, and the only additions to the last list in the series of 1756 are two London lodges—Nos. 216 and 217—but Nos. 35, Chichester; 40, Bengal; 47, London; and 102, St. Alban's, are erased. This list I consider was issued very early in 1757, as the next lodge on the register, No. 218, is dated 14th January in that year. A description of this list should be noted by those who possess my "Handy Book to the Study of the Lists," at page 52. The next list known of the year 1757 is in Grand Lodge Library, but as that bears the title of Lord Aberdour, Grand Master, whose tenure of office only commenced on 18th May, 1757, it is evident that some months elapsed between the two issues. I shall be very glad to note any other engraved list that may hitherto have been neglected, especially would issues of 1730-3, 1742-3, and 1746-9 inclusive be most valuable.

JNO. LANE



## Craft Masonry.

### METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

**Faith Lodge (No. 141).**—This old lodge resumed its meetings on the 30th ult., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Among those present were Bros. C. G. Wetzlar, W.M.; Langdale, S.W.; Sheppard, J.W.; Carter, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Welsh, S.D.; Taylor, J.D.; Ryan, I.G.; Hakim, I.P.M.; E. Hopwood, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Charles Dairy, P.M.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W.; Frommholz, P.M.; Hudson, P.M.; Coop, P.M.; Cobham, P.M.; and others. Bro. Louison, 188, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. M. Wilson was passed to the Second Degree. Bro. Langdale was unanimously elected W.M., Bro. Carter was re-elected Treasurer (32nd time), and Bro. Longstaff, Tyler. The by-laws were then read. The election of members to serve on the Audit Committee and Benevolent Fund having taken place, Bro. Hakim, P.M., proposed—which was seconded and carried unanimously—"That the sum of £2 10s. be voted to the Pension Indemnity Fund, R.M.I. for Boys." A Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to the W.M. for his services during the past year.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was well served, under the supervision of Bro. A. Clemow and assistants.

The usual loyal toasts having been honoured, the I.P.M. proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master." He said that Bro. Wetzlar's year of office was fast drawing to a close. During his year there had been plenty of work to do, and the W.M. had been equal to the occasion. He believed that the W.M. would complete his year's labours by installing his successor. At the banqueting table Bro. Wetzlar's speeches had been above the average of after-dinner utterances. In conclusion, he trusted that for many years to come the W.M. would be a member of No. 141, and a distinguished Past Master.

The Worshipful Master, in his brief reply, thanked the I.P.M. for the more than flattering terms in which he had proposed his health. He also thanked the brethren for their kind vote of thanks that night and intended presentation of a jewel, and with regard to the latter he hoped to say a great deal more at the next meeting. In conclusion, he said that personally his year of office had been a most pleasing one, and he had to thank the Past Masters and officers for their support.

"The Worshipful Master elect," and a few other toasts having been duly honoured, the proceedings terminated.

**The Great City Lodge (No. 1426).**—The 17th installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Cannon-street Hotel on the 11th inst. Amongst the large number of brethren who were present on this occasion was the W.M., Bro. W. F. J. Cook, who was supported by the following officers: Bros. C. T. Smith, S.W., W.M. elect; Lionel B. Mozley, J.W.; the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap., Chaplain; N. B. Headon, P.M., Treas.; G. W. Blackie, P.M., acting Secretary; Daniel T. Keen, S.D.; R. Brookman, D.C.; G. Jenkins, Org.; J. K. Gwyn, I.G.; H. Dottridge and F. E. Bayley, Stwds.; R. Potter, P.M., Tyler; James Stevens, P.M.; Wm. Kibble, P.M.; John Seax, J.P. (Mayor of Reigate, Surrey), P.M.; R. Fendick, P.M.; R. Stanway, P.M.; R. Greening, P.M.; F. Richards, H. F. Bertram, H. J. Bertram, J. R. Hartley, J. T. Jolliffe, B. O. Peterson, R. Hannaford, J. Hartley, J. W. Fraser, A. J. Coleman, G. S. Goodman, H. F. Frost, Owen Bowen, J. W. Colmer, and others. Visitors: Bros. G. R. Cobham, W.M.; T. Clibbion, I.P.M.; G. F. Funnell, P.M.; C. R. Cockburn, P.M.; G. Naylor, P.M.; G. Church, P.M.; C. Day, P.M.; J. F. Lewis, P.M.; H. Biscoe, P.M.; W. T. Wiggins, S.W.; J. H. Collins, J.W.; C. E. Skinner, S.D.; A. H. Hearn and C. D. Levy, Stwds.; H. Spurrier, T. Stafford, and G. E. Bond, all of No. 28; J. G. Ratcliffe, P.M. 133; Alfred Cook, W.M., and J. C. Yates, S.W., both of 1366; W. J. Martin, 261; A. H. Smith, J.W. 1436; J. W. Stannan, 2182; W. B. Pearson, 2234; W. D. Church, W.M. 1365; W. J. Holmes, 1981; A. White, 15; T. Morris, 902; W. E. Lumlie, W.M. elect 31; T. Steer, 1287; E. St. Clair, P.M. 2060; W. T. Hooker, D.C. 1707; F. S. Hoblyn, S.D. 231; J. Chubb, 1706; and T. E. Tallent, P.M. 186.

The lodge having been opened in the respective Degrees, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the W.M. elect, Bro. C. T. Smith, was installed into the chair of K.S. by his predecessor, Bro. W. F. J. Cook, with full ceremonial, which included the opening and closing of a Board of Installed Masters in accordance with ancient custom. The Installing Master performed his part in a most able and effective manner, and was assisted throughout by Bro. James Stevens, P.M., as Director of Ceremonies. The officers appointed for the ensuing year, and, with the exception of Bro. George Robson, S.D. (who, together with Bro. James Freeman, P.M., was absent, consequent upon a late lamentable bereavement, involving the loss of a wife and daughter respectively), invested were Bros. L. B. Mozley, S.W.; D. T. Keene, J.W.; N. B. Headon, P.M., Treas.; W. F. G. Cook, I.P.M., Sec.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., Chap.; G. W. Robson, S.D.; J. K. Gwyn, J.D.; R. Brookman, I.G.; G. Jenkins, Org.; H. Dottridge, D.C.; F. E. Bailey and G. M. Fraser, Stewards; and R. Potter, P.M., Tyler.

There was no further business before the lodge, which was closed at an early hour, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, under the presidency of the newly-installed Master.

In the course of a very pleasant evening the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the visitors, amongst whom was included a large contingent from lodges at Chatham, expressed great satisfaction with their reception, as well in lodge as at table.

A very handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Cook on his retirement from the chair.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. F. H. Cozens, assisted by Bros. H. W. Schartau, E. Dalzell, and E. J. Bell, and a very excellent programme was

supplemented by several encore songs and glees by those talented vocalists.

Bro. Stevens, P.M., recited in his usually effective manner the admirable poem written by the late Bro. Rev. Dr. Morris, entitled "The Level and the Square."

The Tyler's toast terminated a most enjoyable evening.

**Islington Lodge (No. 1471).**—The opening meeting of the season was held on Thursday, the 9th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there was a good attendance of the brethren, among whom were the following: Bros. S. Napper, W.M.; J. M. Scarlett, P.M., Prov. G.W. Essex, S.W.; H. B. Harding, J.W.; H. Hunt, I.P.M.; J. L. Mather, P.A.G.D.C., Treas.; E. Blinkhorn, P.M., Sec.; C. M. Coxon, S.D.; R. Loomes, J.D.; A. Cox, I.G.; G. Couchman, Tyler; A. C. Halestrap, P.M.; J. Petch, P.M., P.G. Std. Br. Herts.; C. Hiller, C. Chapman, E. J. Harrison, A. Fearnhead, W. G. Hiller, A. Snook, E. A. Beer, B. Bridgewater, G. W. Hooker, D. C. Ritchie, C. Horst, G. E. Walker, W. Taylor, F. W. White, J. Gravatt, C. H. Stevenson, J. H. Sheldrake, C. Isler, J. Amand, P. Faber, F. Goodson, and others. Visitors: Bros. H. T. Trego and N. Pearce, 2278.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, Bro. Goodson was raised to the Degree of M.M., and a ballot was taken for Messrs. Frank Meyer, Thomas Henry Newman, and Edward Herbert Berry, which having proved unanimous in each case, they were initiated. The resignation of a brother was received, and accepted with regret. A petition to the Board of Benevolence, on behalf of the widow of a late member of the lodge, was signed by a majority of the brethren present, and an application for assistance was considered and decided against, the case not commending itself to the sympathy of the brethren.

This closed the business of the evening, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet which followed, which was served in Bro. Sams usual excellent style.

The W.M. afterwards gave the customary loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured.

The Charity box was passed round the table, and received a very creditable addition to the Benevolent Fund of the lodge.

Songs were given by several of the brethren, and a very harmonious meeting was brought to a close.

**Marquess of Ripon Lodge (No. 1489).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 3rd inst., at the Old Cock Hotel, Highbury. Bro. B. G. Poulton, W.M., presided, and he was supported by, among others, Bros. W. Gray, P.M.; C. H. Fisher, P.M.; J. Wilson, P.M.; F. Tovell, P.M.; J. E. Wallford, P.M.; the officers of the lodge, several lay members, and the following visitors: Bros. A. Lawrence, 50; T. Usherwood, W.M. 1185; W. T. Barnard, 1305; H. Massey, 160, P.M. 619 and 1928; G. W. Knight, P.M. 1507; D. J. Bryden, 1342; F. Simmonds, 1471; V. Lerner, W.M. 157; W. J. Harris, S.D. 1321; and Egbert Roberts, P.M. 917, P.P.G.O. Middlesex, who officiated at the organ in the lodge and accompanied the ceremonies with a musical programme.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the next business was the installation of the W.M., to which office Bro. Thomas Dutton, S.W., had been unanimously elected at the last regular meeting, and the W.M. requested Bro. E. George, P.M., Sec., to take the chair and officiate during that ceremony. Bro. George then assumed the chair, and on presentation to him by Bro. Gray, P.M., of Bro. Dutton, he duly installed Bro. Dutton in the chair of K.S. for the ensuing 12 months. The following brethren were afterwards invested by the new Worshipful Master as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. J. H. Clare, S.W.; R. J. Campbell, J.W.; J. E. Wallford, P.M., Treas.; Edwin George, P.M., Sec.; H. Youngs, S.D.; John Insch, J.D.; Thos. B. Pugh, I.G.; John Sparrow, D.C.; R. W. Huntley, Stwd.; and Marsh, P.M., Tyler. The W.M. then presented Bro. Poulton, I.P.M., with a handsome Past Master's jewel, which had been voted by the lodge in commemoration of a very happy year that the brethren had spent under Bro. Poulton's Mastership. Bro. Poulton having acknowledged the gift, Bro. George delivered the addresses, and at the conclusion of the ceremony, on the motion of Bro. J. E. Wallford, P.M. and Treasurer, seconded by Bro. Poulton, I.P.M., a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. George for performing the ceremony, and it was ordered to be entered on the minutes of the lodge.

The lodge was thereafter closed, and a capital banquet was laid before the brethren, and having partaken of the same to their entire satisfaction, the customary toasts followed.

"The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M.," and "The Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," having been disposed of, Bro. Poulton, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," who, he said, had performed his duties properly in every post he had undertaken in the lodge.

The Worshipful Master, in acknowledging the toast, said he really did not feel he was worthy of the kind remarks which had been made; but if in words he could not sufficiently thank the brethren, he trusted that his actions during his Mastership would warrant the remarks that had been made, and that when he left the chair of his forefathers the brethren would say the remarks which had now been made were not misplaced.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The I.P.M., Bro. B. G. Poulton," who, he assured the brethren, had done well for the lodge during his year of office. Unfortunately Bro. Poulton had not been able to attend as he would have liked, but what he had done had been done with skill and ability. Bro. Poulton would like to have attended more than he had, but he had been quite unable to do so.

Bro. Poulton, I.P.M., in reply, said he could assure the brethren that he would have done more for the lodge if he could. He had attended as often as he could to perform his duties, and he was sure the brethren would give him credit for it. He hoped that during the W.M.'s year of office he would have plenty of work to do and plenty of initiates. He thanked the brethren for the very beautiful jewel they had presented him with that evening. He hoped to wear it as long as he lived, and to come into the lodge to show it for many, many years to come to the brethren of the lodge.

The W.M. proposed "The Past Masters," of whom they had a goodly array in Bros. Poulton, Wallford, George, Gray, Tovell, and Fisher. The brethren all knew the good work those brethren had done for the lodge. If any officer

was absent they would undertake his duties with the very greatest pleasure. Bro. Gray he thanked for his initiation, and Bro. Gray was his mother in Masonry. He hoped he should not disgrace his mother in the position he was in now; he was very proud of his position, and he hoped the brethren would give him all the assistance in their power as they had before.

Bro. Gray, P.M., replying, said it was rather an unfair thing for him always to have to respond to that toast; but he was very glad to say he was proud to have introduced and to have initiated the present W.M. He was sure the new W.M. would do credit to his proposition. The longer the brethren knew him the more they would like him. He wished him a happy and prosperous year of office, with plenty of initiates and lots of work to do.

Bro. Tovell, P.M., said he was very pleased that last year Bro. Poulton started a new system of providing an entertainment for the brethren and their visiting friends with regard to music. But he thought one thing more was required, an entertainment for the brethren, their wives, sisters, and sweethearts. He was a great lover of ladies. He thought that those who worked with them and earned some of the money should have some of the enjoyment. He had attended one or two nights in the Crusaders Lodge and had seen them enjoy themselves. He was sure the ladies enjoyed it as much as the brethren, if not better. He hoped the Marquess of Ripon Lodge would have such evenings.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Visitors." Bro. Larnor, W.M. 157, was the first to respond, and in the course of his observations, which were highly flattering to the workers in the lodge, congratulated the lodge upon one thing, that all the brethren seemed to be on good terms with each other. That was the principle on which lodges should work. He hoped to see the lodge grow into a big lodge, and that the brethren might be as happy as they seemed to be that evening.

Bro. Usherwood and other brethren also replied.

The Worshipful Master, in giving "The Treasurer and Secretary," said in the Treasurer they had a treasure; his whole heart and soul was in the lodge. If the lodge funds were low, the Treasurer did not mind; he said "Enjoy yourselves, I will find funds," and so he did. Passing from him to the Secretary—could they find a Secretary anywhere who could do everything. They saw how he did the installation—without a mistake. He had heard the ceremony two or three times, but he never heard it done better.

Bro. Wallford, P.M., Treasurer, replied, and said he hoped to be re-elected for a few more years. He did not think he should be happy in any other position in the lodge than that of Treasurer. It was the duty of the Treasurer to find funds. They had prospered in the lodge, but he wished to call the brethren's attention to the fact that they had a chapter, and he hoped the brethren who were not yet Royal Arch Masons would join that chapter, and complete their Degrees.

Bro. George, P.M., Sec., also replied. He had been pleased with the remarks made by the W.M. and visitors as to his performance of the installation ceremony, and was satisfied from that that he had done it properly, though before the remarks were made he was not satisfied. With regard to a ladies' night, there would be no difficulty about it, beyond this—that it meant that the brethren would have to put their hands in their pockets, as the funds of the lodge were not such as to allow of the expenses coming from the lodge.

The toast of "The Officers" followed, and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

A splendid musical programme was performed under the direction of Bro. Egbert Roberts, P.P.G. Org. Middlesex, the executants who assisted him being Bros. W. J. Harris, C. Wood, J. Sparrow, A. G. Caws, and T. B. Hugh.

**Kingsland Lodge (No. 1693).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 7th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, under the presidency of Bro. W. T. H. Mayer, the W.M. There was a very large number of brethren present, and the following among other visitors: Bros. Walmsley; Gillard, 901; Davey, 193; W. T. Massey, 160, 1928; Hawkins, 65; Brennan, 1341; Hickmon, 228; Harris, 1585; Chapman, 619; and Oakes, 1728.

After the minutes of the last meeting had been confirmed, Bros. Robson, Fromm, and Cook were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., and Bros. Harrington and Dimes were passed to the Second Degree. Bro. Martin Doerr, 1227, was unanimously elected a joining member of the lodge. A ballot was then taken for Messrs. F. A. Ackerman, Wm. Metcalfe, and L. Bauer, who, after being unanimously elected, were initiated. The installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. H. C. Turner, had to be postponed, in consequence of that brother being confined to his house by severe illness. The Auditors' report was received and adopted, and the lodge was closed. The following are the officers of the lodge for the year: Bros. W. T. H. Mayer, I.P.M.; H. J. Hazel, S.W.; L. Simon, J.W.; J. Cooper, P.M., Treas.; A. W. Fenner, P.M., Sec.; W. Elliott, S.D.; J. Potter, J.D.; G. T. Spalding, I.G.; J. H. Nye, D.C.; J. J. Garitt, A.D.C.; W. Lee and G. R. Dix, Stewards; W. Windsor, Org.; and Shepard, Tyler.

Subsequently the brethren partook of an excellent banquet, to which full justice was done. Bro. W. T. H. Mayer, the I.P.M., took the chair, and gave the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," both of which were heartily received.

In proposing the toast of "The Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," Bro. Mayer said that those brethren who had the privilege to attend Grand Lodge could not but be impressed with the way the work was done when the Grand Master was absent.

Bro. Casely, P.M., in proposing "The Health of the Worshipful Master," asked the brethren to drink to his health, and expressed the hope that by the next meeting of the lodge Bro. Turner would be there.

Bro. Mayer, in reply, said there was no person who regretted more than he did the illness which prevented Bro. Turner being among them that evening. That brother had expressed his willingness to be there, but Providence had kept him on his sick bed. Otherwise he would have been among them. He (Bro. Mayer) thanked them on Bro. Turner's behalf for the way in which they had responded to his health. Bro. Turner had always stood faithfully by him, and he had received most generous treatment from Bro. Turner's hands.

The next toast on the list was that of "The Initiates," whose health was proposed by Bro. Mayer. He said that he hoped the three brethren who had been initiated that evening would be a credit to the Kingsland Lodge and to the Craft. He assured them Freemasonry was a society for improving mankind both morally and intellectually.

Bros. Ackerman, Metcalfe, and Bauer responded, all of them thanking the lodge for the compliment they had paid them in electing them members, and expressing the hope that they would do nothing to bring discredit on the lodge.

"The Health of Bro. Martin Döerr" was also proposed and drunk heartily.

Bro. Mayer proposed the toast of "The Visitors," and several brethren responded, who thanked the W.M. and the lodge for the generous hospitality which had been accorded them.

The toast of "The Installing and Immediate Past Master had to be passed over owing to the unfortunate absence of the W.M. elect.

"The Masonic Institutions" was proposed, and responded to by Bro. Hawkins, P.M., who in the course of his remarks stated that he had been a Steward to all the Institutions.

Bro. Mayer, in proposing the toast of "The Past Masters," said that without the guidance and assistance of the P.Ms. the lodge would be nowhere. They had four Past Masters present—Bros. Fenner, Hall, Cooper, and Casely—and he would ask Bros. Casely and Hall to respond.

Bro. Casely thanked Bro. Mayer very heartily for the manner in which he had proposed the P.M.'s health, and assured the brethren that if he could be of any service as a Past Master of the Kingsland Lodge he should be very glad to be.

Bro. Hall, P.M., thanked the W.M. for coupling his name with the toast, and also for the kind feeling all the brethren had evinced for him. He was always willing to render any assistance he could to the lodge.

In proposing the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary" Bro. Mayer referred to the great services rendered to the lodge by Bro. Cooper, P.M., the Treasurer, who, he said, had, when the lodge was in a less prosperous condition than was now the case, discharged the debts of the lodge out of his own pocket. With regard to the Secretary, he had rendered great assistance to him (Bro. Mayer) during his year of office, both as Past Master and in his capacity as Secretary. He thanked both Bros. Cooper and Fenner for their loyalty to the lodge.

The toast having been enthusiastically drunk, Bros. Cooper and Fenner suitably responded.

The toast of "The Officers" and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings, which were enlivened throughout by a beautiful selection of choice music under the direction of the Organist of the lodge, Bro. Windsor. The artistes included Miss Edith Mayer, G.S.M.; Miss Jessie Hotine, Madame E. Thomas, Bros. Henry Cross, Simon, T. H. Nye, and Mr. Richards.

**Victoria Park Lodge (No. 1816).**—The opening meeting of this lodge was held at the London Tavern, on Thursday, the 25th ult, under the presidency of Bro. H. Sinclair, W.M. The following officers and brethren were present: Bros. A. W. Clements, S.W.; Albert Govier, J.W.; Geo. Norris, Treas.; H. Rogers, Sec.; W. B. Abrahams, S.D.; C. Reeves, P.M.; D. Hodges, P.M.; J. Kinipple, P.M.; J. W. Watkins, P.M.; S. H. Corfield, E. Smith, G. Haysom, J. J. Lane, W. J. Stone, J. W. Warne, W. Musto, Geo. Shrimpton, C. Joinery, G. T. Gabian, Thos. Patchin, and C. O. Colls. Visitors: Bros. W. Miller, 409; Brooklyn, N.Y.; J. Wilson, Portland, Maine; and J. Mills, 1765.

The lodge being duly opened, the minutes were read and confirmed, and Bro. Patchin was raised. Bro. Sinclair worked the ceremony with precision, and delivered the addresses impressively. The brethren then elected Bro. A. W. Clements as W.M. for the ensuing year; Bro. C. Reeves was elected as Treasurer; and Bros. W. G. Stone, G. Haysom, and Adams were appointed as Auditors. Bro. Kinipple, I.P.M., then, in suitable terms, presented the Past Master's jewel to Bro. Sinclair.

Other business being disposed of, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment and harmony.

The loyal toasts were concisely proposed and warmly responded to.

"The Past Masters" was responded to by Bro. J. Kinipple, for himself and other W.M.'s present.

Bro. Clements, the W.M. elect, in reply to his toast, said he would use every endeavour during his year of office to steer the good ship "Victoria Park" safely into port.

In reply to "The Visitors," the two Transatlantic brethren, Bros. W. Miller and Wilson, expressed the pleasure they felt in visiting a lodge in this country, and their great satisfaction with the hearty welcome that had been so liberally accorded them.

Among the various brethren who contributed to the harmony may be noted Bro. Patchin, who sang "The Village Blacksmith" and "The Longshoreman"; and Bro. J. W. Warne, whose new song, "Comrades," and "Love's old sweet song," were much appreciated. Bro. J. Kinipple also warbled one or two ditties.

**Duke of Cornwall Lodge (No. 1839).**—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 11th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., when there were present Bros. C. H. Cox, W.M.; J. Bladon, S.W.; J. Culver, J.W.; T. C. Corpe, P.M.; Treas.; J. W. Dewsnap, P.M., Sec.; W. H. Foot, S.D.; W. H. Lowry, J.D.; C. Mussared, I.G.; C. Heinekey and A. T. Baschinski, Stwds.; T. Bowler, Tyler; H. Cattermole, P.M.; Walker, Maskens, Knuth, Staley, Tarling, A. W. Humphreys, Wright, Davies, J. F. Perrins, W. T. Perrins, Boynton, Wolff, Thom, Turner, Simmond, Jacobs, Ensworth, Ayres, and others. Visitors: Bros. Miller and Adams, of 2264; Webster and Fells, of 1743; Martin, S.W. 1622; Krumen, 185; and others.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. Cox performed the ceremonies of raising Bro. Arthur Tarling and passing Bros. Turner, Thom, Jacobs, and Bladon in a most careful manner. There were also three propositions for initiates at the next meeting, which augurs well for a successful term of office.

After labour the brethren adjourned to refreshment, in the course of which a most enjoyable high-class concert was provided by the W.M. under the management of Bro. Thom, the W.M. causing thereby the continued gratitude of the brethren.

**United Northern Counties Lodge (No. 2128).**—Bro. W. H. Bullock, W.M., presided at a regular meeting of this lodge, which was held at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields, on the 7th inst., when he had the support of Bros. J. S. Cumberland, P.M.; J. M. Peake, S.W.; S. B. Bolas, J.W.; W. F. Smithson, Treas.; W. Masters, Sec.; Frank Wright, S.D.; Cuthbert R. Lee, J.D.; R. P. Keates, I.G.; Walter G. Stott, Org.; H. Giller and Robert Davison, Stwds.; Henry Smith, D. Prov. G.M. West Yorkshire (who was elected an honorary member); W. Rome, 771; Thomas Smith, 152; A. Hardy, 201; John Glass, W.M. 453; Thomas Powell, 2182; H. Macfarlane, Org. 27; Horace Reynolds, 2182; H. H. Arthur, 569; Brown, P.M. 1764; and the Rev. H. Hebb, Head Master R.M.I.B.

Mr. Ralph Bullock, second son of the W.M., was initiated by his father, the work being done most feelingly and impressively. Bro. Cumberland gave the charge, and also raised Bros. V. H. Wyatt Wingrave and G. H. Addy to the Third Degree. Bro. Clifford MacCalla, G.M. Pennsylvania, was elected an honorary member.

A very nice supper was afterwards partaken of, and the toasts followed.

Bro. Masters proposed "The Health of the W.M.," to which Bro. Bullock replied, as he said, without any lengthened remarks, though he fully appreciated the compliments paid to him. He had done what he could to make the lodge go pleasantly, and he was pleased to find so many musical friends present.

Bros. W. Rowe and John Glass responded for "The Visitors," and Bro. Cumberland proposed "The Initiate."

Bro. Ralph Bullock replied, and said the brethren were aware that his eldest brother was the first initiate of the lodge, and he was glad at so comparatively early an opportunity to follow his example. But they did not mean to stop there, there were two more coming on who were not yet 21. As time passed they hoped to make their membership of the United Northern Counties Lodge five, and he hoped it was an example which other members would try to equal. No doubt Bro. Bolas was already on their track. He was a Lancashire lad, born and bred on the banks of the Mersey, and it was the duty of a Lancashire man to become a member of that lodge. It was an extra pleasure to him to be initiated by his father during his father's Worshipful Mastership. That did not occur to every initiate. It was also a great pleasure to him to find in the lodge so many persons he knew outside Freemasonry. He would do his level best while he was a member of the lodge for Freemasonry. He should aspire to some office. He did not join with the intention of by-and-bye relapsing; he went for the same goal as his father, and he hoped some day to sit in the same position.

The toast of "The Officers" was made the occasion of the W.M. presenting, in the name of the brethren, a handsome spirit case to the J.W., on the occasion of his marriage, and Bro. Bolas made a felicitous speech in acknowledging the gift.

The execution of a beautiful programme of music was a most agreeable addendum to the general pleasure of the evening.

**Rye Lodge (No. 2272).**—The annual meeting for the installation of a new W.M. of this lodge was held on Wednesday evening, the 8th inst., at the Peckham Public Hall, under the presidency of Bro. Frederick Dunn, who as the first business, raised Bro. S. F. Smith to the Third Degree. Afterwards Bro. Dewsnap, P.M. and Sec., installed Bro. W. Cock, P.M., P.S.G.D. Middx., as Master. The following brethren were appointed to office: Bros. F. Dunn, P.M., I.P.M.; G. P. Nightingale, P.M., S.W.; P. G. Philips, P.M., J.W.; S. G. Mansell, P.M., Treas.; J. W. Dewsnap, P.M., Sec.; W. Castledine, S.D.; G. T. Collier, J.D.; W. T. Warner, I.G.; E. Pettit, P.M., Org.; W. R. Dunn, D.C.; T. M. Wright and F. Hussey, Stewards; and T. Bowler, Tyler.

Among the visiting brethren present were Bros. John J. Shelvey, 101; H. F. Bing, W.M. 1962; A. F. Rowland, 1779; B. Morgan, S.D. 1901; A. H. Stollers, 1718; G. Etheridge, 303; H. Massey, 160, P.M. 619 and 1928; Charles Henry Stone, J.D. 507; George Whitaker, 73; Thomas Brown, P.M. 1697; Samuel Hague, W.M. 2105; J. P. Wilson, P.M. 259; and Lock Allen.

The brethren, after the closing of the lodge, adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, and then honoured the customary toasts.

"The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M.," "The D.G.M., the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," having received the heartiest welcome, after being most tastefully proposed by the W.M., Bro. Dunn, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M." He deferred to no man in his admiration of the W.M. To speak of his good points would take a longer time than the brethren would care about. The W.M. had spoken of the good the Prince of Wales had done on behalf of Masonry, but, coming to lodges on the south side of London, he doubted if any brother had done more for the good of Masonry than the W.M. of the Rye Lodge. The brethren knew what he did on the last occasion of the Festival of the Girls' School: he took up 200 guineas then. That was an extraordinary performance for a local brother. Perhaps it had never been excelled. The lodge had to congratulate itself on having such a brother in the chair. He knew the W.M. would do a great deal of good for the Rye Lodge, and bring a large number of brethren to it. If the brethren would attend regularly they would see his splendid working of Masonry; it had never been excelled. In Bro. Cock they had the best W.M. any lodge inside or outside London could possibly have.

The W.M. replied, after "Excelsior" had been sung, and said it reminded him that lately he had been travelling in Switzerland, and he came on a glacier which was not considered dangerous, when his companion, whom he would call Nochein, asked him why he did not go on. He told Nochein that it did not matter if he (Nochein) went on and was buried alive at the bottom of the Alps, but that it did matter to him (the W.M.), as he had to be installed in a fortnight. Turning to the toast, he said it was by the goodness of the I.P.M., who made him S.W., that he had been elected W.M. He was proud of the position, as the Rye Lodge was the lodge of his adoption, a lodge consecrated in his immediate neighbourhood, and a lodge which he should endeavour to support, uphold, and maintain to the best of his ability. Long life gave opportunity and occasion to many faults, but the brethren's charity that night would forget and forgive them, and he hoped during his year of office nothing would mar or chill the year of

happiness which had just been initiated, and at the end of his year of office the brethren, he trusted, would have no occasion to regret having elected Bro. Cock.

The W.M. then proposed "The I.P.M.," prefacing his remarks by saying that when the brethren elected Bro. Dunn they expected great things of him. They had not been disappointed, but, on the contrary, had been highly gratified with him. Bro. Dunn had steered the Rye Lodge through the past year with great cleverness and ability, and had arrived that night at the termination of a most successful year of office. That was not more than the brethren had expected, because their I.P.M. had not done; he had passed through several chairs, and had had a most excellent training. The members of the Rye Lodge had had the benefit of it, and they were proud of their I.P.M., not only as I.P.M. of the Rye Lodge, but as an old resident in the parish, an old neighbour, and an old, true, and sincere friend. He was one of the first to take an interest in the formation of the lodge, and his interest in it had not relaxed for a single moment. Personally he was very much indebted to Bro. Dunn for the manner in which he had arranged everything that evening. It must have been a great deal of trouble to him to see that everything was in as perfect order as could be expected, and the brethren were very grateful to him for regulating everything with such care and precision. He had now to present a Past Master's jewel, voted to him by the lodge; he had richly earned it, and he would value it not for its intrinsic worth. Having explained the 47th problem of Euclid (engraved on the Past Master's jewel), as given in the lectures, the W.M. said no Mason could wear a jewel with a device on it of such meaning better than Bro. Dunn. He would think of this problem and the lessons which it taught, and he would carry out those lessons in their entirety, and become a more brilliant member of the Craft than even he now was.

The toast having been drunk, honoured, and followed by the song "Fare thee well."

Bro. Dunn, I.P.M., responded, and regretted he did not deserve all that the W.M. had said of him, but he had tried to do his best. If he had pleased the brethren he was satisfied. The song just given was "Fare thee well." That was appropriate. It was not "Farewell," which was tantamount to "Good bye," but "Fare thee well." Might he fare well himself and his lodge likewise. It would not be his fault if the lodge did not fare well. Bro. Cock had spoken highly of him, but although he had done that, he hoped it was not more than he had tried to deserve. He could not do more than that. Whatever was required of him in the lodge, they might be sure he would always be to the fore. He was pleased to see the W.M. in the chair, and congratulated himself on having preceded him. If he had had to follow him the brethren would probably have said "Bro. Dunn, you have done badly." He had got between two good working Masters, and he was convinced that this year the brethren would have a Masonic treat. The W.M. was a P.M. already, and P.S.G.D. of Middlesex, and he would do the work with credit to himself and advantage to the lodge. He thanked the brethren for the jewel voted to him, and would hand it down to his son, and might he do better than his father.

Bros. Wilson, Dr. Horrocks, and others, responded to the toast of "The Visitors."

The Worshipful Master then gave "The Installing Master," and said he was deeply impressed with the manner in which he had performed the installation ceremony, and should remember it with pleasure and satisfaction. The lodge was very proud of Bro. Dewsnap, who was the originator of the Rye Lodge, and they thought he should take a prominent part in the working of it.

Bro. Dewsnap, P.M., responding, said it had given him great pleasure to enhance the working that evening. He felt he was undertaking a duty not only of some magnitude, but one which he was scarcely capable of performing. His business had prevented him giving the attention to getting up the ceremony which he would have wished, but, as the W.M. was satisfied with it, that was enough. Referring to what had been said that he was an originator of the lodge, he said that was true; he and the I.P.M. were founders and originators, and they intended when they put their shoulders to the wheel to make it satisfactory. That was the third year of the lodge, and it would be the turning point. With such a Master as they had the lodge could not fail of success.

Bros. Price, Perrins, and Pownall responded to the toast of "The Musical Visitors," Bro. Dunn, I.P.M., for "The Masonic Charities," and the Treasurer and Secretary respectively replied to the joint toast proposed in their honour, and the officers having replied to their toast, "All Poor and Distressed Masons" followed, and the proceedings terminated.

The superb musical entertainment which was provided between the speeches was given by Bros. William Price, F. Swinford, E. Pownall, W. T. Perrins, W. T. Warner, and W. S. Proc.

## PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

### BEAMINSTER.

**Beaminster Manor Lodge (No. 1367).**—The winter session of this lodge was resumed on the 7th inst., when the 116th regular meeting was held. The attendance included the following officers and brethren: Bros. J. S. Webb, P.S.G.W., W.M.; C. Toleman, I.P.M.; H. Maunder, P.G. Stwd., S.W.; R. R. Samson, P.G. Stwd., J.W.; J. Andrews, P.J.G.W., Treas.; A. Hann, Sec.; O. M. Beament, S.D.; R. Toleman, P.P.G. Purst., acting J.D.; S. R. Baskett, P.P.G.R., D.C.; C. G. Purkis, P.J.G.D., Org.; W. Oxley, I.G.; S. Cox, P.P.G. Purst., Stwd.; J. Keech, Tyler; and F. P. Kitson and S. Pile, of 813 and 1181.

After the lodge had been duly opened, and the minutes of the last regular lodge and those of an emergency lodge had been read and confirmed, Bro. F. P. Kitson was passed to the Second Degree, the ceremony being most ably performed by the W.M. The lecture on the 2nd tracing board was then impressively delivered by Bro. C. G. Purkis. On the motion of the W.M., votes of thanks were awarded to the Secretary and others for their excellent arrangements for the reception of the Provincial Grand Lodge. On the proposition of Bro. R. Toleman, the sum of £10 10s. was voted from the lodge funds towards the K.M.I. for Boys. Bro. Baskett, in a few well-chosen and complimentary words, congratulated the lodge and its members on the unique position they were at present maintaining in the

province. The smallest lodge in the province—they were holding five provincial collars, and among them those of both the Wardens.

The W.M. having acknowledged the compliment on behalf of himself and his brother provincial officers, the lodge was closed, and was followed by the customary adjournment from labour to refreshment.

#### BOLTON.

**Anchor and Hope Lodge (No. 37).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 6th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bros. R. Nightingale, W.M.; W. Golding, S.W.; W. Forrest, J.W.; John Boott, P.M.; Treas. H. L. Hinnell, Sec.; Thos. Murphy, S.D.; J. W. Thompson, J.D.; F. W. Briscoe, Org.; T. Barnes, I.G.; Brockbank and Broadbent, Stewards; T. Higson, Tyler; Jas. Naylor, P.M.; Jno. Hardcastle, P.M.; Jas. Walker, P.M.; P.P.J.G.W.; E. G. Harwood, P.M.; P.P.J.G.W.; J. Newton, P.M., Prov. A.G. Sec.; T. B. Tonge, P.M.; Mason, Isherwood, J. Walker, and Greenhalgh. Visitors: Bros. W. Hughes, 221; the Rev. J. Gibbons, and the Rev. J. E. Taylor, 62.

The lodge was opened, when, after the usual formal business, a ballot was taken for Messrs. Harold O. Bailey and Gidlon Fell, both of whom were unanimously elected. Mr. Fell was then initiated by the W.M. in a most efficient and impressive manner.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the social board, which was heartily enjoyed by all present.

#### CAMBRIDGE.

**Scientific Lodge (No. 88).**—The brethren re-assembled after the recess at the lodge room at the Lion Hotel, on Monday, the 13th inst. Bro. W. Purchas, W.M., was in the chair, supported by Bros. Frank Piggott, S.W.; W. P. Spalding, J.W.; the assistant officers, and the following Past Masters: Bros. J. V. Pryor, I.P.M.; Geo. McCallum, O. Papworth, T. Nichols, and Rev. J. C. Saunders.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the May lodge confirmed, Bro. E. S. Innes, formerly of the Orissa Lodge (No. 1106), Cuttack, Bengal, was unanimously elected a joining member. The W.M. then, on behalf of the lodge, presented to Bro. J. V. Pryor, I.P.M., a Past Master's jewel, as a memento of his year of office, with an expression of sincere hope that he might long live to look back with pride to the time when he occupied the chair of K.S. in their ancient lodge. Bro. Pryor said that recognition of his services came as a most agreeable surprise, as it had not been usual in past times. He thanked the brethren most heartily, and trusted that he might live long to enjoy their fellowship, and to see the old lodge as flourishing as it had been in the past. After the by-laws had been read, and some formal business had been disposed of, it was reported that Bros. Reuben Moore, F. Flynn, and W. B. M. Vans had each given five guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, through the Cambridgeshire Masonic Association, an announcement that was received with pleasure. Three propositions for initiation and one for a joining member were made, to be dealt with at the November meeting.

The lodge having been duly closed, the brethren adjourned for refreshment.

**Three Grand Principles Lodge (No. 441).**—This lodge was the first to get to business after the recess, the usual meeting being held on Monday, the 6th inst., at the Red Lion Hotel, Petty Cury. Bro. J. F. Symonds, Worshipful Master, was in the chair, with Bros. W. Dewberry and J. Royston in the Wardens' chairs. The Past Masters in attendance were Bros. J. Vail, J. Taylor, J. S. Youngman, F. Dewberry, George Cole, J. Sheldrick, E. H. Jennings, S. H. Sharman, and J. Fuller. There was a large attendance of brethren, and three visiting brethren.

A ballot was taken in respect of Mr. Sieveking, and the vote being unanimous, he was duly initiated by the W.M. in good style. Propositions were made in favour of one joining member and three candidates for initiation. The brethren appeared in mourning for the late Pro G.M. A vote of condolence was passed to Bro. Thomas Watts, P.M., on the sad death of his wife in the previous week.

At the banquet which followed the W.M. gracefully alluded to the fact that Bro. Joshua Taylor, P.M., had been elected an Alderman of the ancient Borough of Cambridge, and the congratulations of the lodge were tendered, whereupon Bro. Taylor made an appropriate response.

#### HAMPTON COURT.

**Villiers Lodge (No. 1194).**—The installation meeting of this successful lodge took place at the Mitre Hotel on Saturday, the 4th inst., when Bro. G. J. Thomas was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The members present included Bros. R. Saxton Besant, W.M.; G. Thomas, S.W.; R. T. Pearce, J.W.; W. Dodd, P.P.G.D., Sec.; E. Bull, S.D.; Raymond H. Thrupp, Dep. Prov. G.M.; W. Vickery, P.P.G.S.B. Dorset; J. Adams, P.M.; P. Mormon, P.M.; W. Vincent, P.M.; P.P.G.S.B.; E. Monson, jun., P.M.; F. H. Green, P.M.; T. A. Woodbridge, P.M.; H. J. Pellatt, C. Dodd, J. F. Collinson, E. J. Mills, J.D.; and others.

The lodge was opened, the minutes confirmed, and a satisfactory audit report received and adopted. Bro. S. Pond was then raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason. The W.M. next proceeded to install Bro. G. J. Thomas, W.M. elect, into the chair of K.S., which he performed in a highly creditable manner. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. Richard T. Pearce, S.W.; G. S. Peachey, J.W.; W. Vincent, P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; W. Dodd, P.P.G.D., Sec.; E. J. Mills, S.D.; H. J. Pellatt, J.D.; C. Dodd, I.G.; W. Vickery, D.C.; J. F. Collinson, Stwd.; H. Wicks, Org.; and J. Gilbert, Tyler. The addresses having been effectively rendered by the Installing Master, the W.M. proved his qualification for the chair by impressively initiating Mr. F. A. Rayner into Freemasonry. The resignation of Bro. the Earl of Jersey, who is about to proceed abroad, was accepted with regret. Bro. Monson, P.M., expressed his willingness to represent the lodge at the next Festival of the R.M.B.I.

The lodge was closed, and a banquet followed, which was served in a manner fully sustaining the reputation of this hostelry.

The usual toasts were subsequently given, and heartily received.

Bro. E. M. Money, G. Stwd., replying for "The Grand Officers," said he felt it a great honour to respond for the toast. Having alluded in touching terms to the death of the Pro G.M., he said it was a necessity—in a body extending so widely as that of Freemasonry—to have a man who could ably preside over the meetings of Grand Lodge. He thought, as a Grand Officer for the year, he could very sincerely congratulate the W.M. and the lodge on the work he had witnessed. He had been to other lodges in the province, but had never visited the Villiers Lodge before. The I.P.M. was an old friend of his, and he was pleased to see him perform the ceremony that evening.

The W.M. next proposed "The Prov. Grand Master and Prov. Grand Officers," and said he should be excused if he said, in matters of importance, that was equal to the previous toast. It would ill become him—a young Mason—to say much about Sir Francis Burdett, the Prov. Grand Master, although that brother was a younger Mason physically speaking. He had hoped their Prov. Grand Master would have been present, but failing that, they could congratulate themselves upon having so able and worthy a representative as the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, to mention whose name was always to meet with a cordial and enthusiastic acceptance. Bro. Thrupp was known to every Mason, and worked hard in the Craft, so that if the W.M. faltered he was ready with a whisper to set him right.

Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp, D.P.G.M., said that after such a flattering reception he should be wanting in brotherly love and affection if he did not at once rise to thank them. As far as the Prov. Grand Master was concerned, they hoped to have him with them for many years to come. The interest taken by their Prov. Grand Master in the Craft, and especially in the province, was shown by the fact that on the 25th inst. in that room his eldest son was to be initiated into the great Craft. Speaking personally, he always received such a kind and hearty welcome that it was a pleasure to visit lodges and make acquaintance with new faces. Bro. Money had spoken in eulogistic terms of the work that evening, but as he arrived before that brother, he could testify to the working of the I.P.M. and W.M., and also the officers, for, having been through the chair on many occasions, he knew the great assistance rendered by good officers. It rested with the officers and also with the members in finding good candidates, whether a Master had a good or bad year, and whether the year was a prosperous one. With regard to the Woodward testimonial, they had presented Bro. Woodward with a gold watch, and as they had so much money in hand, they presented Mrs. Woodward with a handsome diamond bracelet. He again thanked the brethren for their kindness, and wished the W.M. a prosperous year of office.

"The Worshipful Master" was given by Bro. S. Besant, I.P.M., who said it was a very pleasing duty he had to perform. Those who had the privilege of seeing Bro. Thomas, W.M., work in the various chairs must have felt that when he came to the position of Master he would worthily fulfil the duties. It afforded him great pleasure to see Bro. Thomas in the chair, as he had been of great assistance during the past year.

Bro. G. Thomas, W.M., said he had risen to thank them for the kind manner in which the I.P.M. had proposed the toast, and for the cordial reception accorded it. It was the one thing he dreaded, but the ceremonies he did not mind, because he thought that by diligent application he might become proficient. It was the one thing that had detracted from his enjoyment, but he knew he was surrounded by brethren who were as full of sympathy as he was with them. He could only hope that the kindly things said of him would be verified, and he knew he should have a tower of strength in the I.P.M. It was always a good thing to have support, and it would be a great satisfaction to him to feel that every assistance would be accorded him by the I.P.M. and officers.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Installing and Immediate Past Master," and presented Bro. S. Besant, I.P.M., with a Past Master's jewel he had so well earned, expressing the hope that he might be spared many years to wear it. The I.P.M. had been one of the shining lights of the lodge, and as far as he knew had never been prompted in the ceremonies. It was a hard task to go through the three ceremonies, but Bro. Besant had done that, and done it well, and it was therefore a great pleasure to present him with the jewel.

Bro. Saxton Besant, I.P.M., said, with reference to the work during the past year, it was his wish from the time he entered Masonry to become a ruler in the Craft. It had been his good fortune to meet with brethren who had helped him in the ritual. The jewel would remind him of the pleasant year he had spent as their W.M. He thanked them for the kind manner in which they had assisted him, and especially the officers for their hearty support. He could not have done what he had without such good officers. He again thanked them for their kind feeling towards him.

"The Initiate" having been honoured, "The Past Masters" was given, and replied to by Bros. Besant, I.P.M., and Woodward, P.M.

Bros. Vincent, P.P.G.S.B., Treas., and Dodd, P.P.G.D., Sec., responded for "The Treasurer and Secretary," and Bros. Bailey, P.M. 1540, and Rev. H. Dicker, Chap. 1996, returned thanks on behalf of "The Visitors."

Bro. R. T. Pearce, S.W., on behalf of "The Officers," said he felt he had arrived at the height of his ambition in having to respond for the officers of the Villiers Lodge. He felt like a man on the edge of a precipice—he could not go forward and could not go back. He could assure the W.M., speaking for the officers, they wished him a pleasant year of office, and hoped that at the end of that period he would be as proud of his officers as he was that night and as they were of him. He returned sincere thanks for the hearty manner in which the toast had been received.

The Tyler's toast closed a very successful and pleasant evening.

#### HASTINGS.

**Derwent Lodge (No. 40).**—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Castle Hotel, on Monday, the 13th instant, when there were present Bros. W. S. Allen, W.M.; F. C. Edwards, S.W.; G. Randell, J.W.; Rev. J. Puttick, P.G.C., Chap.; J. Pearce, P.M., Sec.; R. Walmsley, S.D.; G. H. Gage, J.D.; C. W. Duke, P.P.S.G.W., D. of C.; C. J. Ticehurst, I.G.; L. J. Jakes, Stwd.; T. H. Cole, M.A. P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; T. W. Markwick, P.M.; F. Ploymann, P.M.; W. H. Russell, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; Capt. Henna, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; W. M. Glenister, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; T. Trollope, M.D., P.M., P.G.D., &c.; H. Boyce, W. J. Bourn, T. H. Tendall, G. Heaphy, F. G. Tyrrell, A. G.

Hickman, J. J. Whitehouse, W. A. Beck, and E. J. McCormick. Visitors: Bros. J. B. Foster, S.W. 1184; W. T. Jordan, P.M. 1184; W. T. Huckell, 1636; and T. H. Dewhurst, P.M. 1403.

The lodge having been opened, Bros. Hickman and Bourn were passed to the Second Degree, and Mr. H. J. Russell initiated. On the proposition of the W.M., it was unanimously agreed to send hearty and fraternal congratulations from the brethren of the lodge to Bro. Lord Brassey on his marriage. Bro. T. H. Cole, M.A., P.P.A.G.D.C., read a paper, the title of which he corrected from "The Antecedents of Freemasonry" to "Freemasonry," in which, by some useful original matter and extracts from various authors, an able, interesting, and instructive *resumé* was compiled. On the motion of Bro. Trollope, M.D., P.G.D., a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Bro. Cole, the talented author, for the valuable paper, and Bro. Trollope expressed a hope that it would be published. He was pleased to see Bro. Cole, who had worked in the lodge for more than 20 years, well enough to be able to take the active part he did. Bro. Cole said he was grateful for the kind expressions of the brethren, especially to Bro. Trollope, but as the paper was chiefly extracts from already published works, it was hardly written for publication in newspapers. On the suggestion of the Secretary, Bro. Cole consented to the paper being printed in pamphlet form, and circulated amongst members of the lodge.

#### LINCOLN.

**Witham Lodge (No. 297).**—The first meeting after the recess was held on Monday evening, the 13th inst., at the Freemasons' Rooms. Bro. W. Dixon, P.P.G.O., W.M., occupied the chair, there being a good attendance of members and several visitors, including Bros. Townrow, W.M. Southwell Lodge; H. Price, P.M. 177, 2308; W. Pearson, 163; and brethren of St. Hugh Lodge, 1386.

The lodge having been opened, the W.M. and officers rendered the questions on the second tracing board in a very creditable manner, the W.M. afterwards giving a very interesting lecture on the tracing board of the Second Degree. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the W.M. and officers for the instruction the brethren had received. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren afterwards partook of refreshments.

#### MANCHESTER.

**Friendship Lodge (No. 44).**—The members of this old lodge held their annual Festival of St. John, on Friday, the 3rd instant, at the Albion Hotel. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bros. Coombs, the lodge was opened by Bro. Stephen Smith, the senior Past Master. There were present Bros. Chas. Hobbins, S.W. (W.M. elect); F. W. Woollaston, J.W.; the Rev. W. Wilkinson, Chap.; H. J. Cutter, P.M., Treas.; John Chadwick, P.G.S.B. Eng., Sec.; F. G. Berry, S.D.; Nathan Heywood, J.D.; W. G. Mills, I.G.; J. W. Woodall, P.M.; Chas. Woodall, P.M.; R. Thompson, E. A. Smith, A. T. Corner, A. D. Humphreys, and others. Visitors: Bros. J. H. Sillitoe, P.P.G. Std. Br., P.P.G.W.; Capt. Lingard, P.J.G.W.; J. W. Abbott, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Wildgoose, P.P.G.D.; and Martin Thomas, P.M. 204.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. J. H. Sillitoe, who had been called upon at short notice, assumed the W.M.'s chair, and installed Bro. Chas. Hobbins as W.M. in his usual impressive and correct manner. In this ceremony he was ably assisted by Bro. J. W. Abbott, who acted as D.C., and delivered the addresses to the Wardens and brethren at the proper period. The newly-installed W.M. invested his officers with marked ability, as follows: Bros. Woollaston, S.W.; F. W. Berry, J.W.; the Rev. W. Wilkinson, Chap.; H. J. Cotter, P.M., Treas.; John Chadwick, Sec.; N. Heywood, S.D.; J. W. Mills, J.D.; R. Thompson, I.G.; E. A. Smith, Org.; A. T. Corner and A. D. Humphreys, Stwds.; and Jas. Sly, Tyler. At the conclusion of the ceremony "Hearty good wishes" were given by the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed.

At the banquet which followed, presided over by the W.M., the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and special allusion was made to the valuable and timely services of Bros. Sillitoe and Abbott.

Bro. Martin Thomas and other brethren enlivened the evening with some excellent songs, and Bro. E. A. Smith presided at the pianoforte most efficiently.

#### NORTH WOOLWICH.

**Henley Lodge (No. 1472).**—The usual monthly meeting of the above flourishing lodge took place on the 7th inst., at the Three Crowns Hotel. Bro. C. Wood, W.M., presided, assisted by the following officers and brethren: Bros. C. Canning, I.P.M.; A. Knight, S.W.; C. Powling, J.W.; C. Jolly, P.M., Sec.; B. Curtis, S.D.; J. Glading, J.D.; J. Delo, I.G.; W. Turvey, D.C.; A. T. Ives, P.M.; E. West, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. Herts; and some 50 members of the lodge. Among the visitors were Bros. Tufnell, Long, and Smith, of 700; and others.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. H. Golding, and proving unanimous that gentleman was duly initiated. Bros. Tumber and Stehfast were raised, after which the lodge was closed.

After partaking of a nicely served supper, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and the brethren spent, under the rule of the genial Master, an hour or two in pleasant converse or grateful harmony.

#### STOCKPORT.

**Unanimity Lodge (No. 287).**—On Wednesday, the 1st inst., a meeting of this lodge was held at the White Lion Hotel, when two very interesting ceremonies were performed. There was a large attendance of brethren and visitors. The following were present: Bros. James Cookson, P.G. Treasurer, W.M.; Wm. Lancaster, S.W.; C. Bullock, acting J.W.; R. C. Blakehurst, P.M., Sec.; Chas. Dawson, I.P.M.; Jno. Leigh, P.M., D.C.; Rev. Arthur Symonds, P.G. Chap.; Alfred Taylor, P.M.; Geo. McClelland, P.M., P.J.G.D.; J. W. Howard, S.D.; J. Martin, J.D.; Geo. Roberts, P.G. Stwd., I.G.; Arthur Keymer, Jas. A. Cookson, Frank Brooke, and many others. Visitors: Bros. Richard Newhouse, P.G. Sec.; Herbert Finch, P.M., P.G. Registrar; Jno. Berresford, P.M., P.P.G.D.; Jno. P. Bardsley, P.M., P.G. Std. Br.; Councillor N. D. Fairbrother, P.M., P.G. Stwd.; E. Taylor, P.G. Stwd.; George Gaskill, W.M. 104; Jno.

Nicholson, W.M. 322; Wm. Morrison, W.M. 323; Hy. Lomas, W.M. 1957; McGregor, W.M. 654; J. McKim, W.M. elect 1030; Lufmann, of Stuttgart, Germany, Wm. Cole, P.M., Org.; E. Edmundson, Org. 323; Randle Poole, 993; Nicol, 104; G. W. Cookson, 1030; Thos. Wethered, of New York, and others. Letters of apology for non-attendance were received from several distinguished brethren.

After the usual business had been transacted, the Worshipful Master of the lodge, Bro. James Cookson, P.G. Treas., asked the brethren to accept the portrait of the P.G.M., Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton. It was an excellent likeness, and he was sure, after having heard Lord Egerton address the brethren of the Provincial Grand Lodge at Stockport a few days ago, every brother would be deeply impressed with his very able speech, his goodness of heart, and gentle manner, and he was sure he had endeared him self to all who had the honour and pleasure of attending Provincial Grand Lodge. In conclusion, the W.M. hoped that every lodge in Cheshire would have their walls adorned in a similar manner. The portrait was procured from Bro. George Kenning, of Manchester, and is neatly framed in dark polished oak and English gilt, with suitable inscription. The best thanks of the brethren were voted to Bro. Cookson for so appropriate a gift. Bro. Geo. McClelland, P.M., P.J.G.D., offered new collars and gauntlets for every officer in the lodge. These were a very useful and costly present, also supplied by Bro. George Kenning. On the motion of the Worshipful Master, seconded and supported by the S.W. and one or two P.M.'s, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. McClelland. "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors were offered, and the lodge was closed.

Subsequently the brethren adjourned and partook of a very first-class supper, prepared in the hostess's usual good style.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and responded to, songs and recitations being interspersed in the proceedings.

The Charity bag was handed round at the festive board, and the Masonic Charities benefited thereby to the extent of £2 3s. 2d.

The W.M. received a perfect ovation, and was completely overwhelmed with congratulations on his newly acquired honour as Provincial Grand Treasurer. In fact the good old Lodge of Unanimity, which is within two years of its centenary celebration, never stood higher in the esteem of the sister lodges of Stockport, and the events of the evening will long remain a happy and pleasant recollection to all who were so fortunate in having an opportunity to visit the lodge. The old lodge is in a very flourishing state; it has over £100 balance in hand ordinary funds, and nearly £20 moneys acquired during the 10 months they meet as a result of the Charity bag at the social board. The lodge has an unbroken record of 98 years, and Cheshire, we believe, is the oldest province in the United Kingdom.

#### TROWBRIDGE.

**Concord Lodge (No. 632).**—To commemorate his year of office as W.M. of the above lodge, Bro. W. R. Brown invited the whole of the members to a banquet at the George Hotel on Thursday, the 9th inst. Nearly 50 of the brethren sat down, Bro. Sir Gabriel Goldney, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, H. C. Tombs, P.P.G.H., and H. Bevir, P.P.G. Reg., also honouring the board with their presence. The appearance of the banqueting chamber, with its profusion of pot and cut flowers, ferns, palms, and coloured shades to the lights had a most charming effect, whilst the repast itself was everything that could be wished for, and Miss Wade, the hostess, may well be proud of the sole efforts of her own chef, and merited the remark of Bro. G. L. Palmer, P.M., that it was a thoroughly good dinner. Bro. W. R. Brown, of course, occupied the chair, and gave a hearty welcome to all, and during the evening spoke of the great pleasure it gave him to see so many brethren present of Lodge 632. The vice-chair was ably filled by Bro. F. W. Selfe, S.W.

After the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, Bro. Tombs replying to that of "The D.G.M. of England, the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers," proposed by Bro. G. L. Palmer; and Bro. Sir Gabriel Goldney responding to that of "The Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Lord Methuen."

The Worshipful Master gave "The D.P.G.M., Bro. Sir Gabriel Goldney, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," which was suitably responded to by Bro. Sir G. Goldney and H. Bevir, and the former brother proposed "The Health of the Founder of the Feast," which was received with great acclamation, and Bro. Brown replied in some well-chosen remarks.

Other toasts followed, and a most enjoyable evening was spent, the proceedings being varied by songs from several of the brethren, Bro. H. Millington accompanying.

#### YORK.

**Agricola Lodge (No. 1991).**—A meeting of emergency of the above lodge was held at the Castlegate Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 7th inst., the W.M., Bro. John Earl Wilkinson, presiding, and, in addition to the support of his officers, there were present representatives of other lodges.

The chief business was the passing of Bros. Robson and Stott, and the raising of Bro. A. Hatfield. The W.M. was ably assisted in the raising by Bro. Bullock, P.M., the working tools being carefully explained by the acting J.W., Bro. Thos. Laverack, Sec.

The work having been successfully gone through, and "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed from other lodges, labour to refreshment produced a pleasant evening of recitation, narrative, and songs, with instrumental accompaniment.

### Royal Arch.

**Royal Jubilee Chapter (No. 72).**—The election meeting of this chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Thursday, the 9th inst. The following were present: Comps. C. J. Axford, M.E.Z.; A. Darch, H.; C. R. Williams, J.; H. Lovegrove, P.Z., S.E.; and E. Walker, P.Z. Visitors: Comps. J. Read, P.Z. 720, 449, and T. C. Edmunds, M.E.Z. 1507.

The candidate for exaltation did not attend. Comps. Darch, Williams, and Lewcock were elected as Principals for the ensuing year, and Comps. H. Lovegrove, S.E.; Bates, S.N.; and F. Dunn, Treas.

**Ubique Chapter (No. 1789).**—An important meeting of the above chapter took place on Monday, the 29th ult., at the Café Royal, Regent-street, when Comp. Major J. T. Ritchie, M.E.Z. designate, was installed in the chair of Z. The chapter was opened by Comp. G. Kennedy, P.Z. 13, S.E. assisted by Comps. Captain W. A. Weston, P.Z. 13, H., and W. R. Arnold, J. The minutes of the former convocation having been confirmed, the ballot was taken for Comps. Major-General F. Comins, Majors H. H. Costobadie and F. A. Bowles, Captains W. L. White, F. H. Collins, and Lieutenants J. C. de K. Bruce-Kingsmill and C. Walker, and proving unanimous, Comps. Comins and Walker, being present, were duly presented, and took their seats as members of the chapter. The ballot was then taken for Bros. Major-General A. H. Williams, Colonels T. F. Lloyd and C. E. Vansittart, Captains A. C. Hansard and V. F. Paget, Lieutenants W. Fahey and T. F. Cooper, and Warrant Officers W. W. Blades, H. Swinherd, and Haley, and also proving unanimous, Bros. Williams, Vansittart, Hansard, Swinherd, and Haley, being in attendance, were duly exalted to the Supreme Degree of a Royal Arch Mason. Comp. A. Penfold, P.Z. 13, 913, 1472, and P.P.G. 1st Asst. Soj. Kent, by special request, then assumed the chair as Installing Officer, and in his own inimitable and perfect manner installed Comp. Ritchie, first as J., then as H., and finally as Z., for which splendid services he was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, and was unanimously elected an honorary member of the chapter. The M.E.Z. invested his officers, as follows: Comps. Comyns, P.S.; W. Seager, S.N.; Williams, 1st Asst. S.; Vansittart, 2nd Asst. S.; Hearn, D.C.; and Shackleton, Stwd. It was then resolved that the chapter should remove to the Criterion Hotel, whither the mother lodge either has taken or intends to take up its habitation.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to a superbly appointed banquet. Amongst the other companions present were Comps. E. Morris, Treas.; C. Hammerton, P.G.D.C.; J. Montgomery, P.Z. 515, P.D.G.H. Malta; R. Warren, P.Z. 1472, P.P.G. Std. Br. Essex; E. Palmer, M.E.Z. 913; J. J. Woolley, H. 2194; Rev. C. A. Solbé, 13; Captain J. Rowan, 349; C. Jolly, P.Z. 1472; and others.

The M.E.Z. having given the usual loyal and Grand Chapter toasts, Comp. Kennedy, acting as the I.P.Z., proposed the toast of "The M.E.Z.," and in so doing said it was a most important one, more especially as it was to the health of a distinguished companion, who, for the first time occupied the chair of Z., and who had rendered both the lodge and chapter yeoman service. That was also the first meeting of the chapter at which any work had been done, which work—at least, that done by himself—had been undertaken under difficulties, but now he was proud to say they had a First Principal who would carry out the duties of the office with all that care and excellence that had distinguished his reign as Master of the Ubique Lodge. It was, however, quite unnecessary for him to say another word as to Comp. Major Ritchie's Masonic qualifications, but he could not help referring to the services rendered by him to another Degree in the Province of Kent, where some 11 years ago he founded and served the office of first Master of the Excelsior Mark Lodge, and upon which occasion no less than 39 candidates were advanced at one and the same time. Comp. Ritchie was also the first Master of the Ubique Lodge, and now he was the first Z. of the Ubique Chapter. It showed the great interest Comp. Ritchie took in Masonry, and he felt sure that under his rule the Ubique Chapter would, like its mother lodge, become one of the strongest and most successful in the Metropolitan district.

Comp. Ritchie, in response, said he stood before them that night in the proud position of their First Principal, having passed through the third and second chairs, and arrived at that of the first, and not only the first chair, but to the position of the first Z. that had occupied it, and no effort of his should be spared to make himself worthy of the position, and the chapter a great success. Their good ship had been safely launched, and was now fully manned, and over whatever sea it sailed, he trusted it would always have a good man to guide it, and bring it safe into harbour. At present their numbers were not very large, but he hoped soon to see it with a full complement of a hundred members. He thanked them for their hearty reception of the toast, and could assure them that at all times, either for the good of the Ubique Lodge or Chapter, his services were at their disposal.

Comp. Weston, in responding for the "Second and Third Principals," said he was sure every companion present was proud to see Comp. Ritchie presiding over them. They had been successful in getting their old friend Comp. Penfold to perform the ceremony of installation, and that excellent companion deserved and had their heartiest thanks. So far as he personally was concerned, he should do all that laid in his power to make the M.E.Z.'s year of office a pleasant and flourishing one.

Comp. Arnold also briefly replied, and then the M.E.Z. proposed the toast of "The Installing Officer" in glowing terms.

Comp. Penfold, in response, said his services were very small, although, of course, unless there was an Installing Officer, there could not be an installation, and so, no officers. However, it was a labour of love, because, as the M.E.Z. had said, it was a renewal of old associations, which commenced with the consecration of the Excelsior Mark Lodge, had been continued at the consecration of the Ubique Craft Lodge, and were made even more pleasant by the ceremony he had had the honour of performing that day. He was pleased to see the chapter doing so well, and was sure that so long as they had such excellent Masons as they had, the chapter would flourish. He spoke highly of the interest taken in the chapter by the M.E.Z., and felt sure that it would in time become one of the foremost chapters in the Metropolitan district.

"The Exaltees" having been toasted, Comp. Montgomery responded for "The Visitors," and wished the chapter every success.

Comp. Woolley also wished them every success, and the M.E.Z. a good year of office. He should always cherish a fond remembrance of that his first visit to the chapter, and trusted that it would not be his last.

Comps. Palmer and Jolly also briefly responded, and after Comps. Comyns and Walker had responded for "The Officers," the Janitor's toast concluded the proceedings.

#### CHATHAM.

### Royal Kent Chapter of Antiquity (No. 20).

—A very pleasant gathering of the companions of this well-known chapter took place on Wednesday, the 8th inst., at the Sun Hotel. The chief business of the meeting was to install the Principals and invest the officers for the ensuing year. Comp. the Rev. Thomas Robinson, Provincial Grand Mark Master for Kent, and A.S. of England, M.E.Z., had kindly consented to act as Installing Master, and was present for the purpose. Unfortunately Comp. Day, for whom a dispensation had been obtained, and who was to have been installed as First Principal, shortly before the meeting was summoned to attend the County Council at Maidstone, consequently Comp. Warren, M.E.Z., had to continue in occupation of the first chair, but Comps. Geo. R. Cobham and C. R. Cockburn were respectively placed in the chairs of H. and J. The following officers were then invested with the collars of their offices: Comps. J. F. Funnell, Scribe E.; G. Church, Scribe N.; F. G. Homan, P.S.; J. B. Griffen, Treas.; F. H. Collins, 1st A.S.; T. Clibbons, 2nd A.S.; and D. Bray, Stwd. Comp. Warne, P.G.S.E., notwithstanding his suffering from a very severe cold, ably assisted the Installing Master during the ceremony. Comps. J. Coulter and J. F. Lewis, both Past First Principals, were present. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the Installing Master for his excellent services.

Amongst the numerous visitors present we noticed Comps. W. J. Harris, P.G.J.; J. Balfour Cockburn, P.Z. 84 and 278; V. Brown, P.Z. 1050; and Henry George, P.Z. 1061.

#### GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.

**Industry Chapter (No. 48).**—The annual convocation was held on the 9th instant at the Masonic Hall. There were present Comps. R. Whitfield, Z.; M. H. Dodd, P.Z., as H.; Wm. Brown, J.; M. Corbitt, P.Z., Treas.; John Nesbit, Z. 24; Wm. F. Carmon, Z. 481; W. M. Lyon, Z.; and others. Comp. R. Whitfield (re-elected Z.) installed Comp. W. Brown in the Second Principal's chair. Comp. W. M. Pybus (J. elect) being in France could not be installed in consequence. The following officers were invested: Comp. M. Corbitt, P.Z., Treas.; W. Richardson, S.E.; T. R. Jobson, S.N.; R. Stewart, P.S.; R. H. Holme, 1st A.S.; W. Dalrymple, 2nd A.S.; R. Ferry, Org.; M. R. Wright, Stwd.; and Joshua Curry, Janitor. A candidate was proposed for exaltation, and the good wishes of the visitors having been tendered, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned for refreshment.

#### LITTLEBOROUGH.

**Benevolence Chapter (No. 226).**—The usual bi-monthly meeting of this chapter was held at the Red Lion Hotel, on Monday, the 6th inst. Amongst those present were Comps. John Heap, Z.; John Ashworth, H.; W. Scott Young, J.; G. Blacka, P.Z., Treas.; W. Mitchell, S.E.; R. Pickering, S.N.; J. Blacka, P.Z.; and about 20 others, besides the following visitors: Comps. C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds, P.G.S.N.; J. H. Sillitoe, P.D.G. D. of C., P.G.H. (Hon. Member); A. Clegg, P.G.J.; and Phillips, P.Z. 186.

At the request of the M.E.Z., Comp. J. H. Sillitoe occupied the chair of Z.; Comp. A. Clegg, H.; and Comp. W. S. Young, J., and opened the chapter. The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, three candidates were balloted for and elected, amongst them being Bro. the Rev. Alfred Salts, D.D. The ceremony of exaltation was performed in a very impressive manner by the three able exponents of Royal Arch ritual who occupied the chairs, with Comp. John Ashworth, P.Z., who most efficiently acted as P.S. The historical lecture was delivered by Comp. Scott Young, the symbolic by Comp. Clegg, and the mystical by Comp. Sillitoe. At the conclusion of the ceremony the Principals and officers for the ensuing year were elected, and a vote of thanks was proposed and heartily received to Comps. Sillitoe and Clegg for their attendance and services.

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

#### WHITEHAVEN.

### Sun, Square, and Compasses Chapter

(No. 119).—The quarterly convocation of this chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, College-street, on Friday, the 10th inst., for the purpose of installing the Principals and exalting candidates. Two were balloted for and accepted, and one exalted to the Supreme Degree, and Comp. J. Barr, P.Z., P.P.G.H., installed Comp. W. C. Johns, Z.; Comp. G. Dalrymple, P.Z., P.P.G.H., installed Comp. T. Brakenridge, H.; and Comp. Barr installed Comp. T. Allinson, J., and the following were invested as officers: Comps. J. Ray, S.E.; R. Shepherd, S.N.; W. Bewlay, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; G. Starkey, P.S.; J. Thompson, 1st Asst. Soj.; S. Hinde, 2nd Asst. Soj.; J. Casson, Janitor; and W. Heathcote and Dr. J. F. Muir, Stewards.

There was also present Comps. Rev. J. Anderson, P.P.G. Chap.; J. Paterson, P.Z., P.P.G.T.; E. Loach; T. Atkinson, P.Z., P.P.G. Asst. Soj.; C. Gowan, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S.; F. Hodgson, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B.; and others.

The companions subsequently dined.

## Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

**ROBERT BURNS LODGE (No. 25).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 11th inst., at Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road, when there were present Bros. Mulvey, W.M.; Marx, S.W.; Wilson, J.W.; Greenway, acting Preceptor; Hemming, S.D.; Mason, J.D.; Harvey, I.G.; Paul, and Haddon.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The 2nd Section was worked by Bro. Greenway. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the 1st Section was worked by Bro. Greenway. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. Haddon, 55, was unanimously elected a joining member. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Marx was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

**CLARENCE LODGE (No. 263).**—The usual weekly meeting was held on Thursday, the 9th inst., at Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road. There were present Bros. W. Baker, W.M.; J. W. Cooper, S.W.; H.

Neville, J.W.; W. H. Kirby, Preceptor; D. G. Imlay, acting Sec.; H. S. Wellcome, S.D.; C. F. Cox, J.D.; J. H. Passmore, I.G.; J. Russell, C. Hurst, F. J. Sykes, H. T. Sykes, H. G. Cubitt, J. W. Drysdale, Hy. Sadler, Grand Tyler; J. Thompson, W. A. H. Leigh, W. Stevens, A. E. Barrett, and J. T. Ashby. Visitors: Bros. J. Jennings and F. C. Pigott.

The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Bros. J. T. Ashby and Jeffreys, to whom was extended a hearty welcome as joining members. Bro. Russell kindly offered his services as candidate, and was duly examined, entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and, on the candidate's readmission, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing in an able and highly commendable manner. An explanation of the tracing board was given in capital style by Bro. Dr. A. E. Barrett, and Bro. H. Sadler assisted the Preceptor in working the beautiful section of the Lecture—the six periods. The W.M. rose for the first time, when Bros. Jennings, Pigott, and Leigh were elected as joining members. Bro. Imlay proposed in very fitting terms that a letter of condolence be sent from the lodge to Bro. Harvey, expressing the deep sympathy of the brethren with him at his severe loss in the death of his wife. The W.M. rose for the second time. Bro. J. T. Ashby was elected to occupy the chair at the next meeting. He appointed the officers to support him on that occasion and announced that the work would be the third ceremony and the 1st and 2nd Sections of the First Lecture. When the W.M. rose for the third time, Bro. Kirby proposed, and Bro. Sadler seconded, that a hearty vote of thanks from the lodge be extended to Bro. Baker on the first occasion of his occupying the chair for conducting the business in such a thoroughly efficient and praiseworthy manner. This was unanimously carried, and Bro. Baker acknowledged the compliment in pleasant and well chosen terms. All business being ended, the lodge was closed.

**CAMDEN LODGE (No. 704).**—A very instructive meeting was held on Thursday, the 9th inst., at the Lewisham Masonic Rooms, adjoining the White Hart Hotel, 116, High-street, Lewisham, under the presidency of Bro. H. E. Joyce, P.M. 507. In the course of the evening the lodge was opened in the Three Degrees, the ceremony of passing was fully rehearsed, and the major portion of the M.M. Degree was excellently rendered. The several details of the work were fully explained and expounded by the Preceptor, Bro. James Stevens, and the interest taken therein was evinced by the extension of the customary closing for upwards of an hour beyond the usual time. A cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Joyce for his able services in the chair was unanimously passed, and, in acknowledging the same, Bro. Joyce took occasion to pay a high compliment to Bro. Stevens for the valuable instruction he had afforded to himself and the members present. Bro. C. Thomas was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

**PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 14th inst., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Hall. Present: Bros. C. Coleman, W.M.; E. T. Taylor, S.W.; W. T. Dillon, J.W.; G. Wood, P.M., Preceptor; W. J. Stratton, W.M. 753, Treas.; J. J. Thomas, P.M., Sec.; W. Chapple, S.D.; J. H. Gluckstein, J.D.; J. Hall, I.G.; R. H. Dillon, P.M. 1567; J. W. Cuff, P.M. 511; J. Hutchings, E. S. White, J. Watkins, E. Wehrle, and R. E. Cursons. Visitor: Bro. H. G. Danby, 1056.

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. White candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Danby having answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, was duly entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Danby candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Taylor was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, after "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

**RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).**—A meeting was held on the 10th inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. W. J. Coplestone, W.M.; F. Craggs, S.W.; H. J. F. Williams, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Preceptor; D. S. Long, Sec.; A. Williams, S.D.; W. W. Williams, J.D.; H. Wake, I.G.; R. H. Williams, P.M.; D. Stroud, P.M.; H. Purdue, P.M.; Jobson, Bright, Lucas, and Richards.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Lodge opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the First Degree. The initiation ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. R. H. Williams acting as candidate. Lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and Bro. Jobson offering himself as a candidate for passing, was questioned and entrusted. Lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. having risen, it was announced that Bro. Bright had been elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bros. E. Lucas and C. D. Richards, members of the mother lodge, were elected joining members. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 13th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. H. Campbell, W.M.; J. W. Curtis, S.W.; T. Middleweek, J.W.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425, Deputy Preceptor; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; Edmund Coleman, S.D.; W. Hillier, J.D.; J. R. Allman, P.M. 1425; D.C.; R. T. Godfrey, I.G.; C. G. Weltzlar, W.M. 141, Stwd.; E. Steinfield, J. Crutenden, J. W. Belsham, Major Ferris, C. Ward, H. Windeatt, and O. W. Battley. Bro. S. Hall Latham, 1962, was a visitor.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Belsham being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the Second Degree. Bro. Weltzlar then, at the request of the W.M., assumed the chair, and rehearsed the ceremony of installation, Bro. Campbell being the candidate, and in due course the lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Latham was unanimously elected a member, and acknowledged the compliment. Bro. Curtis was elected W.M. for the 3rd prox.—

The W.M. having been appointed for the ensuing two weeks, being the occasion of the working the Fifteen Sections—the officers to be in rotation. A vote of thanks was unanimously carried, and ordered to be entered on the minutes, to Bro. Campbell for the admirable manner he had rehearsed the duties of W.M. for the first time, which compliment was duly acknowledged. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).**—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, on Tuesday, the 7th instant, when there were present Bros. S. Napper, W.M.; D. P. Holness, P.M., S.W.; H. B. Harding, J.W.; Walter Hancock, Preceptor; John Petch, P.M.; Prov. G.S.B., Treas.; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; J. Duncan, S.D.; T. Williams, I.G.; R. W. Nicole, G. T. Chretien, E. H. Moore, E. Kressell, A. Wolter, C. Isler, H. J. Kimbell, C. G. Gray, R. Loomes, W. Shurmur, P.M., Prov. G. Treas.; and H. J. Kimbell, jun.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Gray being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Wolter answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Wolter being the candidate. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. Bro. H. J. Kimbell, jun., was unanimously elected a member of the lodge. Bro. Nicole was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bros. Moore and Nicole were appointed to audit the accounts of the lodge. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

**EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 10th inst., at the Kensington Park Hotel, Lancaster-road, Notting Hill, W. Present: Bros. M. J. R. Dundas, W.M.; W. R. Hatton, S.W.; J. Bartlett, J.W.; G. Davis, P.M. 167, Preceptor; E. Rogers, P.M., P.G.S., Treas.; W. J. Mason, W.M. 2246, Sec.; F. A. Barth, S.D.; J. Powell, J.D.; J. C. Conway, I.G.; J. Gillingham, P.M. 1238; F. L. Chandler, P.M. 1656, P.G.P.; J. W. Curtis, C. J. Bye, and G. Gardner.

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. G. Gardner being the candidate. The charge to the initiate was given by the W.M. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. The Preceptor worked the 1st Section of the Third Lecture, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was resumed to the Second, and closed in the Second Degree. The S.W., Bro. W. R. Hatton, 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).**—The first meeting of the session was held on Thursday, the 9th instant, at the White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, E.C. There were present Bros. Vaisey, W.M.; Dent, S.W.; Jupe, J.W.; Hobbs, Preceptor; Mapleton, Sec.; Lea Smith, S.D.; Southwell, J.D.; Gaze, I.G.; Marshall, Webb, Burne, Fraser, Mountford, White, De Paiva, Stenning, Watson, Schofield, Godwin, Dauberry, and Smiles. Visitors: Bros. Barnett and Stenning.

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 tracing board were rehearsed, Bro. Dauberry acting as candidate. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. 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 time, and Bros. Barnett, Christie, Gates, Owen, Stenning, and Watson were elected members of the lodge. The following brethren were elected permanent officers for the ensuing year: Bros. J. S. Fraser, P.M. 174 and 2096, P.S.G.D. Surrey, Treasurer; T. Burne, P.M. 162, H. M. Hobbs, P.M. 1790 and 2096, P.P.J.G.W. Surrey, and G. F. Marshall, P.M. 69, Preceptors; W. H. Causton, M.D., P.M. 865 and 1726, P.S.G.D. Sussex, Mihill Slaughter, P.M. 404, W.M. 176, P.P.J.G.W. Herts, and C. W. C. Webb, P.M. 1397, W.M. 2095, P.S.G.D. Surrey, Committee; and J. D. Langton, P.M. 1673 and 2096, P.P.J.G.W. Surrey, and C. W. Mapleton, S.W. 256, Secretaries. Bros. F. Knight and S. Lea-Smith were elected Auditors. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

**CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).**—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 9th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. J. Davies, W.M. 169, W.M.; W. G. Jennings, S.W.; T. Jobson, J.W.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; T. S. Barth, S.D.; T. Stonnill, J.D.; J. Arnott, I.G.; Major Ferris, and T. Head.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The 3rd Section was worked by the W.M., Bro. Jobson answering the questions in a very excellent manner. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The 2nd Section was worked by the W.M., Bro. Jobson answering the questions. The lodge was closed in the Third Degree. The 1st Section was worked by the W.M., assisted by the brethren. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. The 1st Section was worked by the W.M., assisted by the brethren. Bro. Jennings was appointed W.M. for the next meeting. The Fifteen Sections will be worked in this lodge on the 30th inst. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**THE ABBEY (WESTMINSTER) LODGE (No. 2030).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 10th inst., at the Town Hall, Westminster, when there were present Bros. Dunstan, W.M.; Piper, S.W.; Green, P.M., J.W.; Gibson, P.M., Preceptor; Coughlan, P.M., Sec.; Budd, S.D.; Saunders, J.D.; Hayler, I.G.; Balchin, Stwd.; Barber, Tyler; Ray, P.M.; Goffin, P.M.; Smith, Glover, Holland, Badderly, Roberts, Poole, Dottrell, Stutfield, and White.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Glover, a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened

in the Second Degree. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Glover being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bros. Smith and Badderly being the candidates. Bros. Dunstan and White were unanimously elected joining members. Bro. Piper was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

**ANDREW CHAPTER (No. 834).**—A meeting of this chapter was held on Wednesday, the 8th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, when there were present Comps. W. Hillier, M.E.Z.; J. Crutenden, H.; T. Jobson, J.; James Sims, S.E.; W. J. Coplestone, S.N.; T. W. Biggs, P.S.; J. Davies, and others.

The chapter having been opened, the exaltation ceremony was rehearsed, and the several lectures were given at its conclusion. Comp. Davies gave notice of motion that the chapter be held weekly. A vote of thanks was passed to the Principals for their able conduct in their respective offices for the first time in this chapter of instruction, and the convocation was adjourned until Wednesday, the 22nd inst., when it is hoped the companions will muster in full force.

**HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).**—A convocation was held on the 10th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. E. C. Mulvey, M.E.Z. 2246, J. 2202, S.N. 179, P.G.D.C. Surrey, M.E.Z.; G. March, H. 733, H.; W. Hillier, S34, J.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; G. Gregory, S62, S.N.; John Davies, J. 733, Treas.; J. C. Tilt, S62, P.S.; M. Spiegel, J. S35, 1st A.S.; W. H. Chalfont, J. 975; T. Woodbridge Biggs, 975; J. Crutenden, 779; J. Smith, 890; and O. W. Battley, 2246.

The chapter was opened, and the ceremony of installation of J. was rehearsed by Comp. Dehane. The companions were admitted, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Biggs being candidate. A communication from Comp. W. C. Williams was read expressing regret at his inability to be present. Comp. Dehane was thanked for rehearsing the installation of Third Principal. After the M.E.Z. had risen the usual number of times, "Hearty good wishes" were accorded, and the chapter closed.

## Knights Templar.

**Mount Calvary Encampment (D).**—This old encampment met at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn, on the 10th inst. Among those present were Sir Knights H. J. Lardner, E.C.; W. Paas, P.G.B.B., P.E.C., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.G.C.G., P.E.C., Reg.; L. Steele, Expert; C. Slater, C. of L.; Nelson Prower, M.A., 1st Std. Br.; F. W. Driver, M.A., P.E.C.; H. Hills, and H. H. Shirley, M.A., P.E.P. 154 (visitor).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Sir Knight Thomas Wood was unanimously elected E.C. for the year ensuing. Sir Knight W. Paas was re-elected Treasurer, and Sir Knights Hale-Hilton, Hills, and Quincey elected Auditors. A Past Eminent Commander's jewel was voted to the E.C. A vote of sympathy was passed to Sir Knight J. H. Thomas, who has been seriously ill for some time past. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Sir Knights F. Binckes, P.E.C.; Major F. J. Stohwasser, T. Wood, Sir Love Jones Parry, Bart., Hale-Hilton, W. Maple, Capt. Hawkins, Quincey, and others. The resignation of Sir Knight Captain Freere, P.E.P., &c., was received with regret.

The encampment was then closed, and the sir knights adjourned to an excellent banquet. The E.C. presided most ably and genially.

Sir Knight H. H. Shirley, in responding to the toast of "The Visitors," eulogised the working capabilities of the E.C., not only in the Christian Degrees, but in all the other working grades of Freemasonry.

## MANCHESTER.

**St. Joseph Preceptory (No. 9).**—A regular meeting of this preceptory was held on Friday, the 10th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street. Sir Knight W. F. Lean, P.E.C., P.G.W.R., presided.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the muster roll was called over, and the following were present: Sir Knights F. W. Lean, P.E.C., P.G.W.R.; E. Pike, P.E.C., P.G.S.B.; W. Cartwright, P.E.C.; Hughes, P.E.C.; Hindley, C.; George Hunt, C.L.; Gardner, Vulchoff, Geo. S. Smith, Clare Edgar Towell, and Southern. Sir Knight C. Hindley was duly elected as E.C. for the ensuing year, and Sir Knight W. F. Lean was duly elected Treasurer.

After transacting other business of a routine character, the preceptory was closed, and the sir knights subsequently dined together.

## Ancient and Accepted Rite.

### SHEFFIELD.

**Talbot Chapter (No. 16).**—An interesting event took place at the last meeting of this chapter. The brethren wishing to present to their Inspector-General some token of their esteem and affection upon his golden wedding, which occurred this year, and, in consequence of his illness, he could not attend to receive it, it was suggested that his son, E. and P. Bro. F. W. Banister, P.M.W.S. 69, should be invited to attend the chapter, and receive the kind present on behalf of his father, ill. Bro. Chas. James Banister, S.G.I.G., 33°, which he did on the annual installation day of the M.W.S. elect.

The chapter was opened by the M.W.S., Ill. Bro. Jack Sutcliffe, 30°, who, before his successor was installed, rose and said that he had a very pleasing duty to perform on behalf of the members of the chapter—to present their very dear friend and illustrious Bro. Charles James Banister, S.G.I.G., who had superintended the working of that beautiful Christian Degree for the past 18 years as Inspector-General of the district, who was beloved by them all, and he believed that was the first time he had been absent. They all very much regretted that serious illness was the

cause, and their earnest prayer was that he might soon be restored to health again. They had with them as a visitor his worthy son, who was a P.M.W.S. of the Prince of Wales Chapter, Huddersfield, and, on behalf of his father, he begged him to receive a small token of the great esteem and love the brethren of the Talbot Chapter had for him, which consisted of a very beautiful case of Sheffield cutlery, each knife and fork having the monogram of the illustrious brother engraven, with the following inscription on the silver plate outside the case: "Presented to Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, S.G.I.G., 33°, and Inspector-Gen. of the District, by the members of the Talbot Chapter, Sheffield, as a token of esteem and affection to him and his good wife on their golden wedding. 1890." What made the occasion more interesting was that the M.W.S.'s father, the late Bro. John Sutcliffe, and their chief, Bro. C. J. Banister, were fellow workers in the Order 30 years ago for the Charities and in the Province of Durham, of which they were both provincial officers, and the latter's son receiving, and the former's son presenting, the tribute of love and esteem. The P.M.W.S.'s of the chapter, Bros. Brittain, Collinson, Arnison, Roddaway, Drury, Bingham, Kelly, Cleaves, and Shaw, all expressing their sorrow that their dear friend could not be with them, and their joy that his son was in the proud position of P.M.W.S., and with them on that auspicious occasion. Bro. Frank W. Banister in suitable terms thanked the M.W.S. and brethren for their great kindness to him on his first visit, and for the very handsome present to his dear father, who was just able to write a few lines, which he would read to the brethren. It was the unanimous wish of the brethren that the letter should be pasted on the minutes of the chapter, which was done. Ill. Bro. W. H. Brittain, 32°, P.M.W.S., then ascended the throne and installed Bro. W. F. Tasker, M.W.S. elect, into the chair of his predecessor in a most impressive manner. The M.W.S. appointed his officers, and delivered a suitable charge to each as they were presented to him.

The business of the chapter being completed, it was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the dining hall. The banquet was all that could be desired, with all the delicacies of the season, presided over by the M.W.S., Bro. Tasker, who, in appropriate terms, proposed the loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly responded to.

The visitors present were Bros. Monckman, P.M.W.S.; F. W. Banister, P.M.W.S.; and Ill. Bro. Gill, 30°, M.W.S., all of No. 60.

"The better Health of their dear friend and Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister" was duly given, and responded to by his son.

Upwards of 40 brethren attended the banquet, and a truly happy evening was spent by all.

## Rosicrucian Society of England.

**Metropolitan College.**—The fratres met on Thursday, the 9th inst., at Mark Masons' Hall, and held the usual quarterly convocation, R.W. Frater H. J. Lardner, as Master of the Temple. The following were also present: the Supreme Magus, Dr. William Robert Woodman, and R.W. Fratres James Lewis Thomas, Wm. Dodd, MacGregor Mathers, Robert Roy, Dr. W. Wynn Westcott, and T. C. Walls; and Fratres Street, Prower, Dr. T. W. Lemon, Harding, Frye, Hay, Cooper, and Gregory, with John Gilbert as Acolyte.

Bro. Alfonse F. Lamette was elected a member, and the Grade of Zelator was conferred upon him. Dr. Wynn Westcott gave a lecture upon "The Hermetic doctrines of the properties of Numbers," and received a hearty vote of thanks.

The fratres subsequently partook of refreshment at the Holborn Restaurant.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Bro. Sir Henry A. Isaacs, P.G.W., accompanied by the Lady Mayoress and the Misses Isaacs, visited this Institution on Thursday, the 9th inst. His lordship was received by Bro. Robert Grey, Chairman for the month, Bros. Sir John Monckton, Frank Richardson, and T. H. Matthews, members of the House Committee, Bro. Henry Smith, the Treasurer, and Bro. Hedges, the Secretary. Among those present to meet his lordship were Bros. J. R. Thomas, Past G.M. of Illinois; Rev. Dr. George C. Lorrimer, Past Grand Orator of Illinois; Edward Terry, P.G. Treas.; J. Fernandez, S.W., and Harry Nicholls, S.D., of 2127, of which the Lord Mayor is W.M. The party, which included several ladies, was conducted over the building by the Matron, Miss Buck. Miss Davis, the Head Mistress, then put the children through their calisthenic exercises. After some choral singing and excellent pianoforte playing, the Lord Mayor very kindly addressed the children, especially congratulating Miss Davis on their drill, general appearance, and happy faces. He concluded by stating that he was so much impressed with all he had seen that he should take an early opportunity of again visiting the Institution.

## THE REVISED RULES OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

The adjourned meeting of Life Governors of this Institution for considering the revised rules of the Masonic Boys' School was held on Wednesday at noon at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. George Plucknett, P.G.D., Treasurer of the Institution, occupied the chair, and there were also present Bros. C. H. Webb, J. S. Cumberland, A. M. Cohen, W. Harris Saunders, Stanley J. Attenborough, J. E. Le Feuvre, H. Dickey, W. A. Scurrah, Edward Hobbs, George Everett, George Corble, W. Masters, J. Glass, and the Rev. H. A. Hebb (Head Master of the School).

The meeting lasted from noon till between five and six o'clock, long discussions taking place on several of

the rules. The whole were very carefully considered, and they were passed with few alterations.

On the motion of Bro. JOHN GLASS, seconded by Bro. LE FEUVRE, the following motion was carried:—"That the by-laws as amended by the Provisional Management and General Committee be submitted for approval at the next Quarterly Court."

Bro. W. H. SAUNDERS gave notice of the following motions for the next Quarterly Court on 31st inst.:

"1.—That a Petitions Committee be formed for the following, among other purposes, viz. (a) To report, after strict enquiry, on every petition. (b) To report whether case should be for admission into the School, or, under Law 69, to be educated out of the establishment, say at a voluntary or Board School. (c) To make strict enquiry into all last cases, with a view to their election if really destitute and friendless."

"2.—That sons of Freemasons may be received into the Institution, by election or otherwise, at a fixed sum of say £40 to £50 per annum."

"3.—That all officers and employees shall contribute to an insurance and superannuation fund in connection with some high-class insurance office, one-half of the premium to be paid by the Institution, the other half by monthly deduction from salary or wages."

"4.—That brethren who have subscribed one guinea for six successive years shall be constituted Life-Subscribers, and after 12 successive payments Life-Governors, with all the privileges thereof."

A cordial vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

## MASONIC CONCERT AT EDERNEY.

A Masonic concert was given in the Ederney Town Hall on the 1st inst., under the patronage of the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Sir John M. Stewart, Bart. The concert was held under the auspices of the St. John's Lodge, No. 819, in aid of the Masonic Orphan Schools, and was successfully carried out by the ladies of the neighbourhood. The spacious hall was very artistically decorated for the occasion with mottoes, evergreens, and symbols of the Craft. The attendance was very large and select, the local gentry being well represented; the attendance also embraced representatives from Kesh, Irvinestown, Trillick, Lack, and Drumquin, at 7.30. The members of 819 entered in the following order: Deacons, carrying wands, the junior members, and Past Masters; then the Secretary (Bro. Wm. Sterritt), Bro. Fred V. Maude, Junior Warden; Bro. Ellis, Senior Warden; Bro. Dr. G. R. Leeper, Worshipful Master; and Bro. Sir John M. Stewart, Bart., bringing up the rear. The procession having reached the platform, the lines faced inward, and as Sir John passed up between them, the brethren gave the Royal salute, taking the fire from the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Col. John Gerard Irvine. The brethren wore their regalia and jewels.

The programme then came to a close by the singing of the National Anthem. Mrs. J. G. Irvine presided most of the evening at the piano.

The general company included—Bro. Sir John M. Stewart, Bart., P.G.M.; Bro. Col. John Gerard Irvine, D.L., D.P.G.M., and party; Mr. F. de Montgomery, Mrs. Montgomery, and Mrs. W. H. Archdale, and party; Bro. Capt. J. G. Irvine and Mrs. Irvine; Mr. E. Hugh Archdale, Mr. F. Falls, Mr. Alfred Logan, the Misses Austin (2), Misses Frazer (2), Rev. Dr. O'Leary, Rev. Mr. Nicholson, Dr. G. B. Graham, Dr. J. R. Leeper, J.P., and Mrs. Leeper, Mr. E. Atthill, J.P., Mr. W. Atthill and party; Mr. W. H. Acheson, Dr. Humphreys, J.P., Dr. and Mrs. Gilbert, Mr. G. P. Miller, C.P.S., Mr. S. Moore, D.I., R.I.C., and others.



Unquestionably "La Cigale," the new comic opera at the Lyric, is one of the most beautiful pieces that have been ever placed on the stage. It is well known that Mr. W. C. Gilbert is engaged to write the libretto for a new opera which Bro. Cellier is to compose, but this is delayed owing to Mr. Gilbert's ill-health. But we feel sure that Mr. Horace Sedger, the new lessee of the Lyric, will not require another piece for many a long day. Mr. Ivan Caryll has composed such lovely music, and Mr. F. C. Burnand has written such good dialogue, that "La Cigale" is bound to draw big houses. Usually second nights are somewhat tame. But we found the Lyric crowded on the second performance with an audience fully appreciating the exquisite programme placed before them, and singers all in their best form. We do not think even on the first night the singing could have been more to perfection. Our space does not permit us to even allude to the story which for once is very intelligible, for comic operas are not always so. In Miss Geraldine Ulmar Mr. Sedger has a treasure. She materially helps to the unqualified success of the opera, both in singing and acting. She is furnished with a song in each act of rare melody; that in the second—"One day Margot went out to row"—was re-demanded three times. Miss Ulmar carried her audience from beginning to end, and did much to ensure the success which has been attained. In other parts Misses Effie Clements and Newton did good work. Bro. Lionel Brough made his re-appearance since his trip to Africa, and, with the assistance of Bro. Garden and a highly trained donkey,

was very funny when he had the opportunity. The tenor, Chevalier Scovel, as the hero, is not nearly in his vocalisation equal to the prima donna. Miss St. Cyr and six other ladies add much charm by their dancing. Bro. Charles Harris is responsible for the stage production, and right well he has acquitted himself. We doubt if the *mise-en-scène* has ever been surpassed in the annals of opera. In the whole piece no one is out of place, nor is a flaw to be found anywhere. We ought to say Mr. Gilbert A'Beckett has written some of the lyrics, though his name does not appear on the programme, and that M. Audran, composer of "Olivette" and "La Mascatti," much of the music. The original is by M. Audran, but Mr. Caryll has added so much that he now gets the credit of the work.

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M. Victor André has been engaged by the directors of the London Pavilion to give his startling illusion, "Metamorphose," never before seen in England, which puts vanishing ladies quite in the background. Although some of the public are asked up on the stage to examine and take part in the performance, they leave it just as dumbfounded as to how the trick is done as when they went up. A black man is strapped and padlocked down to a stretcher and put in a canopy. A curtain is then let down for a few seconds, and when raised a young woman is found there instead. M. André is naturally bringing vast numbers to the Pavilion, much to the delight of Bro. Edward Swanborough, who is able to provide, in addition, an excellent variety entertainment.

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Mr. Buchanan's new drama, "The Sixth Commandment," is a gloomy play throughout. Had he dramatised the book from which his foundation is taken he might have made "The Sixth Commandment" more interesting. But he has gone altogether away from the story, and the result is a tedious piece without any bright intervals of relief. Much curtailed and re-written, he might make it better, but we fear even then it would not do for the Shaftesbury, following Mr. Jones's "The Middleman" and "Judah." The acting, however, is all that can be desired. Miss Wallis acted with great pathos, and not a little power. Miss Robins was sympathetic, and Miss Marion Lea showed what she can do in yet another style of character. Mr. Waring was all that could be desired as the aristocratic villain, and Mr. Lewis Waller gained the applause of the "gods" by his fervent acting. The house rose at him after one act. M. Marius acted conscientiously in a part not good enough for him, but we can scarcely think even such a goodly company as Miss Wallis has gathered round her can save Mr. Buchanan's "The Sixth Commandment."

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"The Cabinet Minister" resumed his councils at the Court on Saturday, and was received by an enthusiastic audience, including an ex-Cabinet Minister, Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, and a member of the present Government, Mr. Chaplin, who seemed to enjoy Bro. Arthur Cecil's adversities. Bro. Pinero's play went as well as ever, and seemed quite fresh. Mrs. John Wood, resplendent in numerous changes of costume, was in fine form as Lady Twombly. Mr. Weedon Grossmith is still the vulgar little Jewish money-lender. Mr. Brandon Thomas convulsed everyone with laughter as often by his silence as his words; Mr. Aynesworth, by his caricature of a young peer of the day; Miss Eva Moore, as the pretty young mother, and Miss Florence Harrington, who only had a little to do, but did that little well, all contributed to the entire success "The Cabinet Minister" has gained among the play-loving public. We predict another prosperous run for Mr. Pinero's latest eccentricity.

## Birth.

FRANKS.—On the 17th ult., the wife of Bro. W. Franks, late of Lodge No. 1035, of a son.

The Clothworkers' Company, which granted £30,000 for the building and equipment of the Textile Industries and Dyeing Departments of the Yorkshire College, Leeds, have now increased their annual contribution towards the maintenance of those departments to £1800.

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The Supreme Conclave of Instruction of the Order of the Secret Monitor resumed its weekly meetings on Friday, the 10th inst., in Mark Masons' Hall.

Bro. Sir E. Baldwin Malet left London on the 10th inst. for Berlin, where he will forthwith resume his duties as Ambassador at the German Court.

Bro. Sir Somers Vine has met with a most enthusiastic reception at Durban (Natal), and his proposals in reference to the Imperial Institute were adopted unanimously.

Bro. Alderman Savory, Lord Mayor elect, will preside at the annual dinner of Goldsmiths' and Jewellers' Amnity and Asylum Institution on Monday, November 24th.

The Owl Musical Club inaugurated its 17th season with a very successful concert in the large hall of the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on Monday evening. There was a large attendance.

Mrs. Savory, wife of Bro. Alderman Savory, Lord Mayor elect of the City of London, distributed the prizes to the successful competitors at the drill competitions of Board School children in the Albert Hall on Tuesday.

Bro. the Marquis and Marchioness of Drogheda, who have been paying a series of visits in the North of Ireland, have returned to Moore Abbey, near Kildare, and will in all probability remain in Ireland for some time.

Bro. Lord Ashbourne, Lord Chancellor of Ireland, returned to London on Monday, after spending the recess near Boulogne. His lordship, after transacting business at the Irish Office, left Euston by the night mail for Dublin.

On Thursday, the 9th inst., a meeting of the Olive Union Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Bank-street, Horn-castle, when Bro. Dr. John Hadden was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The installation banquet was afterwards held at the Bull Hotel.

We have to announce the death, through a chill taken in Switzerland, of Bro. the Rev. Henry Josiah Day, rector of Cheshunt, Herts, formerly rector of Barnsley, Yorkshire, and P.P.G.C. West Yorkshire. An excellent pastor, a genial friend, and a good Mason.

The Shadwell Clerke Chapter, Rose Croix, will meet on Wednesday, the 22nd instant, at 33, Golden-square. The M.W.S. is Ill. Bro. W. A. Scurrah; the Treasurer, Ill. Bro. H. Lovegrove; and Ill. Bro. J. Read, Recorder, who will at this meeting be installed M.W.S.

With a view of meeting the convenience of their provincial and suburban patrons the management of the Empire Theatre have announced that on and after Monday, the 13th inst., the ballet of "Cécile" will be played at 9 o'clock, and "The Dream of Wealth" at 10.30.

The Commander-in-Chief has approved of the 14th Hussars furnishing the escort for the new Lord Mayor on Monday, the 10th prox., and has also given permission for the bands of the Household Cavalry, Royal Artillery, 14th Hussars, Royal Fusiliers, and Royal London Militia taking part in the procession.

The rifle butts at Park, Tottenham, were totally destroyed by fire on Sunday last. These butts, which were originally erected in 1860, were 100 yards long, and 50 feet high, and contained upwards of 100,000 bundles of faggots. The damage is estimated at between £2000 and £3000, but fortunately the property was insured.

Following the Fruit Show held at Guildhall the first three days of last week, the usual hardy fruit show was opened on the 9th inst. at the Crystal Palace, and proved an almost equally great attraction. Indeed, many of the best exhibits at the latter had been on view in the City. But the Trade Section, owing to the greater space at the disposal of the executive, was on a much larger scale.

Bro. Lord Mayor Sir H. A. Isaacs, accompanied by Sheriffs Farmer and Bro. Augustus Harris, reached Newcastle-under-Lyme on Monday afternoon, meeting with a most cordial reception from the Mayor and Corporation and townspeople generally. On Tuesday his lordship opened the new Town Hall, Free Library, and School of Art, in the presence of a large concourse of spectators.

Bro. Baron Henry De Worms, M.P., Under Secretary for the Colonies, presided on the 9th inst. at the first meeting for the present season of the Aldershot Military Society, when a paper on "Imperial Federation and the Defence of the Empire" was read by Mr. G. R. Par-in. In the discussion which followed Lieutenant-General Sir Evelyn Wood took part.

Sheriffs Farmer and Bro. Augustus Harris attended Divine service in the parish church of St. Anne and Agnes with St. John Zachary, Gresham-street, on Sunday last, when a special sermon on behalf of the funds of the Royal General Dispensary in Bartholomew-close was preached by the Rev. Canon Elwyn, Master of the Charterhouse. The Sheriffs attended in State, and the Alderman and Common Councilmen of the Ward (Aldersgate) were also present.

Bro. General Lord Wolseley concluded his inspection of the Belfast garrison on Saturday last. In the morning he visited the Willow Bank Camp and Cavalry quarters adjacent, and in the afternoon the rifle range at Holywood and the ground which has just been purchased for the erection of new barracks. On Sunday afternoon he visited the Soldiers' Home, which is being erected just opposite the Victoria Barracks, Belfast, and expressed himself well pleased at the provision of such places for the comfort and convenience of our soldiers.

We are pleased to notice that our Bro. James Stevens proposes to re-introduce his much appreciated lectures in both metropolitan and provincial lodges having spare evenings at disposal, or desirous of making special opportunities for hearing an exposition of Masonic ritual and working at once instructive and interesting. The favourable criticism which his labours in this direction some few years since elicited seems to warrant the expectation that his present intention will meet with the encouragement it certainly deserves.

Sir Morell Mackenzie returned to London on Wednesday from Constantinople and the Crimea.

Bro. Sir C. Hutton Gregory, K.C.M.G., of the Court of Assistants of the Turners' Company, attained his 73rd year on Tuesday.

Among the wedding presents to Mr. and Mrs. Higgs was a chest of plate presented by the brethren of the Huguenot Lodge.

Bro. ex-Sheriff Harris has been appointed Justice of the Peace for the County of Surrey by the Lord Lieutenant (the Earl of Lovelace).

Bro. the Hon. Evelyn Hubbard has returned from his visit to Russia, and, with Mrs. Evelyn Hubbard and family, is now staying at Addington Manor, Bucks.

The Industry Chapter of Improvement has removed to the Hanover Arms, Clapham-road (opposite Kennington Church), pending alterations at the Prince Regent, Dulwich-road.

Bro. R. Loveland Loveland, of Hare-court, Temple, and a member of the Court of the Turners' Company, has been presiding at Clerkenwell police-court during the indisposition of Sir Peter Edlin.

The Lord Mayor has signified his intention of being present at the meeting of the Tranquillity Lodge, of which he is a Past Master, on Monday evening next, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.

The Princess of Wales, accompanied by her daughter, the Princess Victoria, left Abergeldie on the 9th instant, and travelling thence by special train to London, arrived at Marlborough House early the following morning.

Lord Hindlip—who is said to be about to resign the chairmanship of Messrs. Allsopp and Sons (Limited)—has made a generous gift to the employes of the brewery. Their sick club will receive the whole of his Ordinary Stock in the firm, which amounts to ten thousand pounds' worth.

King George of Greece returned to Athens from Copenhagen, after an absence from his capital of six weeks, on Monday, when his Majesty experienced a most enthusiastic welcome. The King was accompanied by his daughter, the Grand Duchess Paul of Russia and her husband, the Grand Duke Paul, and his third son, Prince Nicholas.

The consecration of the Hilbre Lodge, No. 2375, has been fixed for to-morrow (Saturday), at the Market Hall, Hoylake, by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Sir Horatio Lloyd, assisted by Bros. James Salmon (Mayor of Chester), P.S.G.W.; John Clayton, P.J.G.W.; Rev. R. Hodgson, P.G. Chaplain; R. Newhouse, P.G. Secretary; and George Brown, P.G.D.C. The W.M. designate is Bro. Charles Stewart Dean, P.P.J.G.D.

Bro. Grantham Dodd, at the recent provincial meeting of the Incorporated Law Society at Nottingham, read a paper on "Actions for Breach of Promise of Marriage," when, upon his motion, a resolution was unanimously passed that it is inexpedient to abolish such actions. The reading of this paper—in which the various legal decisions bearing on the subject were referred to—caused much amusement as Bro. Dodd also introduced some original anecdotes.

On Saturday last, at the famous Dinorwic Quarries in Carnarvonshire, the largest blasting operation ever attempted in North Wales was successfully carried out, after a series of operations which had been in progress for between two and three years. The gelatine used amounted to about 7000 lbs., and was equal in strength to about 20 tons of gunpowder. This had been lodged in sundry chambers which had been excavated in the rock, and the result of the explosion was the displacement of about a quarter of a million tons of rock, the removal of which will, it is estimated, occupy several hundred hands for a period of nine months.

A terrible fire broke out at the establishment of Messrs. Rowley and Brock, hat manufacturers, Middle-street and Newbury-street, Cloth Fair, E.C., on Monday afternoon, between the hours of one and two p.m., with the result that a man was killed and five girls burnt to death, while five men and five women were more or less seriously injured, and taken to St. Bartholomew's Hospital. Three of the injured have since died. The fire originated through an explosion of naphtha, and the flames spread so rapidly that the workpeople had little or no time to escape. Great praise is due to two of the foremen, by whose exertions many lives which would otherwise have been sacrificed were saved.

On the recommendation of Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. G.M. of Middlesex, H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. has been pleased to grant a warrant for the formation of a new lodge, to be called the Bushey Park Lodge, No. 2381, which will be located at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court. The consecration ceremony will be performed by Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp, P.A.G.D.C., Deputy Prov. G.M., on Saturday, the 1st prox. The officers designate are Bros. W. H. Lee, P.P.G.D., Prov. A.G. Sec., W.M.; W. W. Lee, J.D. 1897, S.W.; and A. Blenkarn, S.W. 1558, J.W. The Secretary *pro tem.* is Bro. George R. Langley, P.M. 183. With an excellent body of founders, and starting under very favourable auspices, the new lodge should speedily make its mark in the Province of Middlesex.

We think we are doing the public at large, as well as Bro. Pfister, the manager of Dr. Lahmann's London agency, of 15, Fore-street, E.C., a service in calling their attention to the specialities of the famous Dresden sanatorium, which have found numerous and sincere advocates, not only in Dr. Lahmann's own country, but also in our midst, for we have seen letters from Sir Sydney Waterlow, Bart., from Drs. Allinson (London), Hepworth (Manchester), Caudwell (Great Yarmouth), &c., besides letters from India, &c., giving unstinted praise to both Dr. Lahmann's reform cottonwool underclothing and his nutritive cocoa and chocolate. Such testimonials bear the stamp of genuineness upon them, and that is why we do not hesitate to recommend Dr. Lahmann's underclothing to all such as object to the irritation and the shrinkage inseparable from animal wool, and who yet would wish to feel warm and comfortable; and Dr. Lahmann's cocoa and chocolate to those who either cannot easily digest the other cocoa preparations, or who may wish to convey to an impoverished blood a supply of the salts so necessary to it—natron, iron, and lime, and this in a by-no-means unpleasant way, for we notice Mrs. Allinson says that she likes Dr. Lahmann's preparation "better than any she has ever tasted, and thinks it has a most delicious flavour."

The installation of Bro. Viscount Dungarvan as Prov. G.M. of Somerset has been postponed until May next, when the ceremony will take place at the Masonic Hall, Bath.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Zetland left Aske Hall, near Richmond, Yorkshire, on Monday, for a few days' visit to the Marquis and Marchioness of Londonderry at Wynyard Park.

We understand a petition will shortly be presented for a charter for a new lodge at Oldbury. It is proposed that it shall be named the Godson Lodge, as a compliment to Bro. A. F. Godson, Q.C., M.P., D.P.G.M. of Worcestershire.

The Rev. George Rodney Eden, M.A., who on Saturday will be consecrated Bishop Suffragan of Dover at Canterbury Cathedral, will, as his first official act, re-open the ancient church at Coldred, near Dover, which has been restored at considerable cost.

The 12th Annual Brewers', Maltsters', Wine and Spirit Merchants', Mineral Water Manufacturers', Licensed Victuallers', Caterers', and allied Trades' Exhibition and Market, is announced to be held at the Royal Agricultural Hall from the 20th to the 25th inst.

Earl Granville, having almost recovered from his attack of gout, left Walmer Castle on Wednesday, and proceeded to London. His lordship and the Marquis and Marchioness of Bristol will visit Lady Forester, at Meaford, near Stone, in Staffordshire, during next week.

A meeting was held in the Savoy Schools on Wednesday to take steps to secure a memorial to the late Rev. Henry White of the Chapel Royal, Savoy, and Committees and officers were appointed to that end. Subscriptions amounting to about £150 were handed in during the evening.

Mr. George Bancroft, the historian of the United States, has recently celebrated his ninetyeth birthday in the presence of his friends at Washington. It is said that but for a muscular weakness, a gradual inevitable loss of muscular strength, and very gradual fading of his powers of memory, Mr. Bancroft might seem a score or more years younger than he is.

Bro. Lord Saltoun met the members of the Working Committee of the Grand Masonic Bazaar in the Imperial Hotel, Aberdeen, on Saturday afternoon last. Reports were submitted from the various lodges as to the amount of work and cash collected, which were considered very satisfactory.

There will be a special matinée at Terry's Theatre on Tuesday, the 2nd December, when a new and original three act play, written by Julian Cross, will be produced. The title is not yet decided upon, but the cast is likely to be a strong one, as there are several very fine characters in the play.

While the Emperor William was hunting in Theerbude he shot a famous stag, called the "shovel-stag," because of its broad, sixteen ended antlers. Every year, at the end of September, this stag used to appear on the Wolfsburg, in the forest of Sztikkehmen, and send forth its challenge weeks together. Its antlers will form one of the rarest and most splendid sporting ornaments.

The Solicitor-General, Sir Edward Clarke, Q.C., M.P., will open the handsome public library given to the parish of Camberwell by Mr. George Livesey, Chairman of the South Metropolitan Gas Company, to-morrow (Saturday). The building, which is situate in the Old Kent-road, has cost upwards of £6000, and will be a great boon to the neighbourhood.

If Dickens lives in history as the novelist who got the largest sum of money ever paid for a little book, Scott lives as the one who earned the largest sum of money in the shortest space of time. He knocked off "Woodstock" in three months, and sold it for £8238; and from Lockhart's biography we infer that in the 19 months ended June, 1827, he got £26,000 from the publishers for MS. delivered.

At a regular meeting of the Friendship Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 16, held at the Masonic Hall, Granby-street, Devonport, on the 9th inst., Bro. Martin Axworthy, J.W., was unanimously elected as the W.M. for the year ensuing; Bro. E. J. Knight, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., as the Treasurer; and Bro. Thomas Shears as Tyler. The installation meeting will be held on the second Thursday in December.

A portrait (painted by a lady) of Bro. the Right Hon. Sir Hicks-Beach, Bart., P.G.M. of Gloucestershire, in his robes and insignia of the Order, has been presented by Bro. Baron de Ferrieres, P.G.D., to the Freemasons' Hall, Cheltenham. The event was celebrated by a banquet, presided over by the donor of the painting, at which Sir Michael was present, and Bro. W. K. Porcher, accepted the portrait for the building.

Some Japanese officials have just visited Wiesbaden, and it is understood that the Mikado also intends to come to Europe in the spring, and will reside at Wiesbaden for two months next summer. The Mikado is, according to *Truth*, to occupy the Villa Langenbeck (where the Empress of Austria has usually stayed); and five other villas are to be engaged for his Majesty's suite, which will consist of, at least, 60 persons.

A Royal Arch Mason writes to the *Echo* as follows: "Your correspondent, 'G. de Winton,' in your issue of this day, refers to the marvellous work of Dr. le Plongeon, which from its graphic descriptions of the mural inscriptions in old temples in Yucatan, and their comparison with those of similar buildings in Egypt and in India, brings conviction to the mind of the reader of their common origin. How dwellers in the 'Land of the West' migrated in ages past to Africa and to Asia is realised in following Dr. le Plongeon's pages. For Freemasons, Dr. le Plongeon's work has so deep an interest that, when more widely known, few lodge libraries will be considered complete without it."

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—Rheumatism and Gout.—These purifying and soothing remedies deserve the earnest attention of all persons liable to gout, sciatica, or other painful affections of the muscles, nerves, or joints. The ointment should be applied after the affected parts have been patiently fomented with warm water, when the ointment should be diligently rubbed upon the adjacent skin, unless the friction causes pain. Holloway's Pills should be simultaneously taken to diminish pain, reduce inflammation, and purify the blood. This treatment abates the violence, and lessens the frequency of gout, rheumatism, and all spasmodic diseases which spring from hereditary predisposition, or from any accidental weakness of constitution. The ointment checks the local malady, while the pills restore vital power.—ADVT.