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CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

There was no great amount of business to be transacted at the recent annual meeting at Penrith of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cumberland and Westmorland. Nevertheless, there was an excellent attendance of brethren, and what was appointed to be done was done satisfactorily to all present. The reports, especially that of the Provincial Grand Treasurer, were favourable, the only shortcoming which provoked anything in the nature of a complaint from the authorities being the lack of promptitude on the part of Secretaries of lodges in forwarding the necessary returns to the Provincial Grand Secretary. We notice, however, with pleasure that the Province unanimously decided upon establishing an Educational Fund, and that "a Committee of 13, with a Secretary, was appointed to carry out the work without prejudice to the other Charitable Institutions in Masonry, and at all times to be under the government and control of the Provincial Grand Lodge." The establishment of such a Fund will undoubtedly prove a benefit to the Province, while the reservation so judiciously made in favour of the great central Masonic Charities, shows that our Cumberland and Westmorland friends are fully alive to the claims which these have upon their support. This, indeed, was practically demonstrated before the close of the meeting by the success which attended Bro. MCLEOD'S efforts to obtain the services of brethren to act as Stewards at next year's Festival of the Boys' School. The Province is not invariably represented at these anniversary gatherings, but when it does enter an appearance, it generally shows to great advantage. We congratulate our Cumberland and Westmorland brethren on the satisfactory results of their past year's labours and the Provincial authorities, but especially Bro. L. F. B. DYKES, P.G.D. of England, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, who has so often presided of late years at these meetings, and Bro. G. J. MCKAY, who, during his long tenure of office, has proved himself so able and indefatigable a Provincial Grand Secretary.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The following is the business to be transacted on Wednesday next:—

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 16th July to the 14th October, 1890, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

To Balance, Grand Chapter	£455 16 9	By Disbursements during the	
" " Unappropriated		Quarter	£307 18 1
" Account	183 4 7	" Balance	388 9 3
" Subsequent Receipts	237 0 1	" " Unappropriated	
		" Account	179 14 1
	£876 1 5		£876 1 5

which balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

The Committee have also to report that they have received the following petitions:—

1st. From Comps. Vero William Taylor, as Z.; Millner Jutsum, as H.; Robert Guy Kellett, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Joshua Nunn Lodge, No. 2154, Halstead, to be called the Colne Valley Chapter, and to meet at the George Hotel, Halstead, in the county of Essex.

2nd. From Comps. Captain William Home Chisholme St. Clair, R.N., as Z.; John Brickwood, as H.; William Dart, as J.; and 19 others for a chapter to be attached to the St. Clair Lodge, No. 2074, Landport, to be called the St. Clair Chapter, and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Commercial-road, Landport, Hampshire.

3rd. From Comps. John George Dimock, as Z.; the Rev. Oliver Carter Cockrem, as H.; John Walker, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Vernon Lodge, No. 1802, East Retford, to be called the St. Stephen's Chapter, and to meet at the Criterion, Carolgate, East Retford, Nottinghamshire.

4th. From Comps. Joseph Henry Price, as Z.; William Barnes Fendick, as H.; Henry Esling, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Emblematic Lodge, No. 1321, Southwark, to be called the Emblematic Chapter, and to meet at the Criterion, Piccadilly.

The foregoing petitions being in every respect regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee have likewise received memorials, with copies of minutes, for permission to remove the following chapters:—

The West Kent Chapter, No. 1297, from the Thicket Hotel, Anerley, to the Crystal Palace, Sydenham.

The Welchpool Chapter, No. 998, from the Railway Station, Welchpool, to the Masonic Temple, Newtown, North Wales.

The Committee recommend that the removal of these chapters be sanctioned.

The Committee have further to report that, in consequence of the formation and recognition of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania, there are no longer English Craft lodges in that colony to which the chapters meeting in Tasmania can be attached, as required by Article 45, Royal Arch Regulations.

The Committee, therefore, recommend that the charters of the Chapters Nos. 536 and 618 be withdrawn and cancelled, and that the chapters be erased from the register of the Grand Chapter.

(Signed) ROBERT GREY, President.
Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
15th October, 1890.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF OXFORDSHIRE.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge of this province was held in the Apollo University Lodge, Masonic Hall, Frewin-court, on Monday, the 20th ult., and afforded an opportunity for the brethren to meet their esteemed Provincial Grand Master once more previously to his departure from the shores of England to assume his Viceregal functions in the distant colony of New South Wales, and to bid him "God-speed" in and through all his patriotic work. Provincial Grand Lodge was called for five o'clock, and soon afterwards his lordship entered in procession, preceded by the Provincial Grand Officers for the year escorting him to the throne, Bro. the Rev. H. Sayers taking his position as S.W., and Bro. W. A. Simmons as J.W., Bro. W. R. Bowden acting for the P.G. Organist. After prayer, offered by the Provincial Grand Chaplain, Bro. A. R. Pritchard, the business of the province was commenced, which consisted of the receiving of the reports of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Reginald Bird, and of the Prov. Grand Treasurer, Bro. W. G. Emberlin, who recommended the usual grants to the Masonic Benevolent Institution and to the Radcliffe Infirmary, Medical Dispensary, Sarah Acland Home, Blue Coat Girls' School, and Oxford Benevolent Institution; these grants were adopted. The report of the Provincial Charity Committee was read by the Secretary of the Charity Committee, Bro. F. W. Ansell, and adopted. After the Charity jewels were presented, the PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER moved that a vote of sympathy and condolence should be given expressing the grief and loss the province had sustained through the death of the Pro Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon.

The Earl of JERSEY spoke of the Masonic zeal and sterling character and ability of the deceased nobleman, expressing his personal sorrow on his removal.

The motion was seconded by Bro. Rev. H. ADAIR PICKARD, P.G.C. England, G. Supt., in the following words: In seconding this resolution, I would ask to be allowed to advert for a few minutes to the high character of the noble brother whose loss we deeply deplore. A great Statesman, a courteous gentleman, and a devout churchman, he filled with much distinction the high offices of Lord Lieutenant of Ireland in 1885, of Secretary of State for the Colonies in 1866 and in 1874, and of High Steward of this University since 1859, in addition to many other minor offices. But we especially deplore his loss as a Freemason. Initiated in the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, then recently resuscitated under the care of Bros. Beach, Portal, and others, to be the foster mother of brethren of the Apollo, who resided, at all events during part of the year, in London; Lord Carnarvon joined the Apollo University Lodge in 1857, when I was W.M. Those were stirring times in Grand Lodge, and the Oxford Masons attended regularly, and fought shoulder to shoulder in defence of the Canadian brothers whose rights and privileges had not been recognised at that time by the permanent officials of Grand Lodge. The eminent ability of our lamented brother brought him prominently before the notice of the rulers of the Craft, and he was appointed Prov. G.M. of Somersetshire in 1868, and Deputy G.M. in 1870. Then in 1874 he had the great honour of installing H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master, an event that can never be forgotten by those who witnessed the installation; he was at once appointed to the Pro Grand Mastership, an office which can only be held when a Prince of the Royal blood is Grand Master. In that capacity many of us have seen Lord Carnarvon presiding in Grand Lodge. Indeed, on all occasions when matters of great importance were brought before us, we were quite sure to be favoured by his presence. We noted his wise advice, his just ruling combined with inflexible firmness when any principle was involved. His portrait adorns the walls of our Masonic Temple in London, and I venture to assert that it will be long before the services which he rendered to the Craft will fade from our memory. Bro. Emberlin was re-elected Prov. G. Treasurer by acclamation. The Prov. G. Tyler was also re-elected.

The Provincial Grand Master then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers for the year as follows:

Bro. Reginald Bird, P.G.D. England	...	...	Dep. Prov. G.M.
" Rev. D. H. W. Horlock, W.M. 1036	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" A. C. Clark, W.M. 357	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. H. Sayers, I.P.M. 357	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" W. R. Bowden, W.M. 1515	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" W. L. Morgan, I.P.M. 357	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" W. J. Johnson, W.M. 599	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" W. Jessop, S.W. 1895	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" H. C. Habgood, W.M. 1703	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" F. H. Marychurch, S.W. 1515	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" H. Pratt, W.M. 1399	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" W. Dunning, 357	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" F. Bacon, J.W. 340...	...	...	Prov. G. St. Brs.
" J. W. S. Godding, 357	...	...	
" R. A. S. Paget, Org. 357	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" A. Rowley, P.M. 340 and 1399...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" R. de M. Pratt, J.W. 1036	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" G. B. Mallam, I.G. 340	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" C. E. L. Wright, J.D. 357	...	...	
" F. M. Davies, Sec. 478	...	...	
" A. R. Lloyd, Sec. 1895	...	...	
" C. Bathurst, D.C. 357	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" R. Sheaf, S.W. 1703	...	...	
" G. R. Norwood, Tyler 357	...	...	

The P.G.M. then called on the P.G.C., Bro. H. Sayers, to offer prayer, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed.

The annual report of the Charity Committee disclosed that during the year the sum of £256 12s. had been raised by Stewards for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; £81 7s. 6d. for the Girls' School; and £187 19s. for the Boys' School—these independently of separate subscriptions and donations not here reported.

The annual banquet followed, and was held in the Assembly Room at the Clarendon Hotel, which barely afforded accommodation to the large number of brethren assembled. The Earl of Jersey presided, supported on his right by the D.P.G.M., the P.G. Treas. (Bro. W. G. Emberlin), and the Secretary of the Charity Committee (Bro. F. W. Ansell), and on his left by Viscount Valentia, Bros. H. A. Pickard, F. P. Morrell, and other members of P.G. Lodge. The menu was attractive, and the serving, as well as other arrangements for the dinner, reflected much to the credit of the manager and staff of the establishment. The noble earl was most felicitous in proposing the customary Masonic toasts, which were severally replied to, two or three excellent songs interspersing themselves.

It came to the lot of Bro. Pickard to offer the toast of the evening, that of "The Provincial Grand Master," which he did in the following terms:—"When I received, a few days ago, from the D.P.G.M. a request that I should propose the health of our Provincial Grand Master at our banquet to-night, I then shrank from the privilege, conscious of my own inability to do justice to the toast. But greater pressure was brought to bear upon me when Lord Jersey himself said that he would prefer that I should undertake to propose the toast. I therefore cultivated the Masonic virtue of obedience, cast aside all my own wishes, and considered what I should say. Brethren, for some time past our Provincial Grand Master has been hearing addresses and speeches in his honour. I do not know what has happened in Old South Wales, but in Oxfordshire the Druids, the cricketers, the citizens have vied with each other in praising him and lamenting his loss; and I rather think the Magistrates are to have the same opportunity which we have to-night of expressing our regret for his departure, and our good wishes for his prosperity during his absence, and his speedy return. No more popular Provincial Grand Master exists in England, and this popularity is thoroughly deserved. I ask you, brethren, is there anyone who more thoroughly fulfils the distinguishing characteristics of a Freemason than the noble brother whose health I propose to you? Is there one who carries out more fully the characteristics of a ruler in the Craft? In that he is trusty, of good report, and held high in estimation among his brethren; in that he is of exemplary character, courteous in demeanour, easy of address, but steady and firm in principle? Is there anyone who exemplifies more fully the three grand principles on which our Order is founded—Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth? By the practice of these virtues our Prov. G.M. has endeared himself to the hearts of all the brethren, and if we are for a time separated from him we know that our loss is the gain of the colony to which he is going, where, if rumour be true, he may find himself (in succession to Lord Carrington) Dist. G.M. of New South Wales. We hope he may find that as easy a province to rule as this, and that the experience which he will gain at the Antipodes may fit him even still better for his higher duties outside Masonry. I am perhaps prejudiced in thinking that the Grand Master can bestow no higher honour than that of Prov. Grand Master of Oxon and Grand Warden of England, but outside Masonry there are many high dignities to which Lord Jersey may aspire, and if he only fulfils their duties as well as those which have devolved upon him as our ruler in the Craft, we may greatly congratulate those over whose destinies he may be called upon to preside. We are quite sure that, when acting as Pro-Consul in a distant part of our great empire he will not forget us, and he knows that we shall always remember him. Brethren, I give you the health of our Prov. Grand Master, and call upon you to drink it with the utmost enthusiasm.

A heartier response could scarcely be conceived than that which followed Bro. Pickard's interesting speech, and when the noble earl rose to respond he was again greeted with deafening applause. At the close of his reply "Auld Lang Syne" was freely indulged in, and as his lordship left the Assembly Room he was greeted with another equally well-remembered chorus by all the brethren present.

A few remaining toasts being disposed of, this highly representative gathering dispersed.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUSSEX.

On Friday, the 24th ult., the Eastbourne Town Hall was the scene of a gathering scarcely second to any which the building has contained. The palm should, perhaps, be given to the Diocesan Conference just closed, but the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex was at the same time a brilliant gathering of influential men gathered from all parts of Sussex, and many from distant parts of the country. This was the first occasion that the annual meeting of the Craft had been held at Eastbourne. The fixture was made at the suggestion of the Mayor of Eastbourne, Alderman Morrison, and it was largely due to his untiring zeal for the welfare of the Empress of Watering Places as a town, and the deep interest which he takes in Freemasonry, that Friday's meeting proved such a great success. The Council Room had been dismantled of its ordinary appurtenances, and was bedecked with Masonic devices and handsome banners belonging to various lodges in the province. The latest addition to these is a magnificent one presented to the Tyrian Lodge by Bro. A. J. Howard, the retiring W.M. The entire building was fitted up in harmony with the occasion, and reflected great credit on all concerned, especially the members of the Tyrian Lodge. The members of this lodge assembled early in the afternoon and held their annual meeting, and the following officers were appointed for the ensuing year: Bros. W. E. Morrison, P.M. 916, P.J.G.W.,

W.M.; A. J. Howard, I.P.M.; J. Creighton, S.W.; G. Fowler, J.W.; Rev. C. Leslie Norris, P.P.G.S.B., Chap.; C. Tomes, P.P.G.S. of W., Treas.; C. W. Tomes, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., Sec.; J. Vine, S.D.; J. A. Skinner, J.D.; W. M. Caffyn, P.M., D.C.; C. H. Haine, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., C.S.; F. B. Sutton, Org.; A. A. Oakden and V. T. Sumfield, Stewards; E. Goldring, Tyler; and W. Pennington, Asst. Tyler. At this meeting the splendid silk banner above referred to was handed over to the lodge by Bro. Howard previous to his leaving the chair. In recognition of his services he was presented with a gold P.M.'s jewel.

The meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge took place at 3 o'clock. Bro. the Right Hon. Sir William T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., Judge Advocate General, presided, and he was supported by a brilliant array of distinguished Masons. Bro. Dr. Trollope, P.G.W., acted as Deputy Provincial Grand Master at the opening of the lodge, and Bro. J. Farncombe, P.G.W., at the closing, the former brother having to leave by an early train. Among the brethren present were:

Bros. Richard Clowes, Prov. Senior Grand Warden; Thomas Billing, Prov. Junior Grand Warden; E. R. Currie, Prov. G. Chaplain; R. Pidcock, Prov. G. Registrar; V. P. Freeman, P.G.D., Prov. G. Secretary; Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary; A. M. Brookfield, M.P., W.M. 1184; C. F. Matier, P.G. Std. Br.; H. T. Somerville Burney, P.G.D.; Rev. W. A. Tooth, P.G.C.; Rev. J. Puttick, P.G.C.; Rev. L. D. Dowdall, P.G.C.; and a large number of members and visitors.

The usual routine business having been gone through and the roll of lodges called, the Deputy Prov. G. Master addressed the brethren. He said he regretted that H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught was not present to preside over them. Their distinguished brother would have done so had it been possible, but at the present time their Prov. Grand Master was in Germany. His Royal Highness fully hoped to be able to preside on the next occasion. He regretted very much the sad death of their esteemed Bro. Crawford Pocock during the past year. He was an ardent Mason as well as an excellent friend, and he (Bro. Marriott) owed him many obligations. The past year had been a very successful one so far as the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex was concerned. They now numbered 1275 members, an increase of 75 during the past 12 months. The only special occurrence worth mentioning was the fact that the Burrell Lodge had been removed from Shoreham to Brighton, and this because the former town had no suitable room in which they could assemble. He assured them that he should continue to give his best efforts in order to advance the true interests of Freemasonry in the Province of Sussex. He then appointed the following brethren as his Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year:

Bro. Major James Graham-Edwards, R.A., P.M. 1466	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" W. E. Morrison (Mayor of Eastbourne), W.M. 1110	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Very Rev. E. R. Currie, P.M. 1184, S.W. 2201	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. L. D. Dowdall, P.M. 271	...	
" J. M. Reed, P.M. 732	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" R. Pidcock, P.M. 916	...	Prov. G.R.
" V. P. Freeman, P.M. 315, 732	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" E. T. Cooksey, P.M. 851	...	Prov. S.G.D.]
" L. R. Styer, P.M. 315, 1947	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" W. Botting, P.M. 732	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" A. Lloyd, P.M. 56, 1726	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" A. Brazier, P.M. 1829	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" J. Pearce, P.M. 40	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" J. H. Hawes, P.M. 38	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" G. W. Campbell, P.M. 271	...	
" J. Easter, P.M. 916	...	Prov. G. Org.
" B. Burfield, P.M. 1821	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" G. Mitchell, P.M. 1619	...	Prov. G.P.
" H. Anscombe, P.M. 1821	...	Prov. A.G.P.
" G. T. Shaft, P.M. 811	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" G. B. Simpson, P.M. 1141	...	
" W. Wright, P.M. 1303	...	
" J. C. Couldwell, P.M. 1465	...	
" G. Rawlinson, P.M. 1797	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" J. Cooke, P.M. 1842	...	
" H. H. Hughes	...	

The brethren afterwards dined together in the Assembly Room of the Town Hall. Nearly 200 were present, a much larger number than in any recent year. A magnificent banquet was supplied by Mr. J. Steinle, of the Queen's Hotel, the tables being laid with great taste. Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott presided.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were received with enthusiasm, that of "The Prov. G.M., the Duke of Connaught," especially so; also that of "The Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. Sir William Marriott." Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE proposed the latter toast. He said on many previous occasions he had had the honour of proposing the toast of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and he recalled occasions when he had submitted the toast on behalf of the late Bros. Sir Walter Burrell, J. H. Scott, and Gerard Ford. He had had the honour of installing Bro. Sir William Marriott, in the absence of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, and he believed their Deputy Provincial Grand Master had carried out his duties to the entire satisfaction of the P.G. Master and the brethren at large.

Bro. Sir W. T. MARRIOTT was warmly applauded on rising to respond. It gave him great pleasure, he said, to preside over them at the first meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge in Eastbourne, and also at the banquet held in the magnificent hall in which they were seated. He expressed the great pleasure he felt in having the Mayor of Eastbourne as his Prov. J.G.W., and congratulated him upon the excellent arrangements made for the reception of the Provincial Grand Lodge. He then gave "The Senior and Junior Wardens, and the remaining Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, Present and Past."

Bros. Major JAMES GRAHAM EDWARDS and W. E. MORRISON responded. The proceedings throughout were of a most enjoyable character, and the majority of those present expressed great pleasure at the arrangements which had been made at Eastbourne for their comfort. Most of the visiting brethren left by the 9.30 train.

The musical programme was entrusted to the Eastbourne Orpheus Glee Union, who rendered in capital style a series of glees, part songs, solos, &c., under the direction of Bro. John Easter, Prov. G. Org.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

A meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax, on Wednesday, the 15th ult., under the banner of St. James' Lodge, No. 448. Present:

Bros. Thomas William Tew, J.P., P.G.D. England, Prov. G.M.; Henry Smith, P.G.D. England, Deputy Prov. G.M.; William Harrop, P.M. 290, P.P.S.G.W., as Prov. S.G.W.; Thos. Crossley, P.M. 1311, Prov. J.G.W.; J. Craven, P.M. 290, P.P.G.W.; Isaac Booth, P.M. 61, P.P.G.W.; George Brooke, P.M. 242, P.P.G.W.; Rev. John H. Evans, M.A., Chap. 2069, and Rev. B. Mayou, M.A., Chap. 974, Prov. G. Chaps.; Rev. I. Parkinson, M.A., Chap. 61, P.P.G.C.; Rev. J. J. Needham, M.A., P.M. 910, P.P.G.C.; Thomas Harrison, P.M. 296, Prov. G. Treas.; C. L. Mason, P.M. 304, P.P.G. Treas.; Thomas Ruddock, P.M. 275, P.P.G. Treas.; Harold Thomas, W.M. 296, Prov. G. Reg.; E. M. Wavell, P.M. 61, P.P.G.R.; John C. Malcolm, P.M. 306, P.P.G.R.; Joseph Binney, P.M. 139, P.P.G.R.; John E. Craven, P.M. 308, P.P.G.R.; C. M. Wilson, P.M. 974, P.P.G.R.; Aulay Macaulay, P.M. 258, P.P.G.R.; Herbert G. E. Green, P.M. 1019, Prov. G. Sec.; and others. Bros. James Morrison McLeod, P.M., Sec. R.M.I.B., and Rev. Henry Ellershaw, M.A., were present as visitors.

Letters of apology for unavoidable absence were received from three Provincial Grand Officers and 69 brethren.

The Prov. G.M., Bro. Thomas William Tew, J.P., the D.P.G.M., Bro. Henry Smith, and the Prov. Grand Officers entered, and the Prov. G. Lodge was opened and the Prov. G.M. and the D.P.G.M. were saluted according to ancient custom.

The roll of lodges and of Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers having been called, the minutes of the annual meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge, held at Sheffield, on Wednesday, 16th April, 1890, were presented. It was moved by Bro. C. L. MASON, P.M. 304, P.P.G. Treas., seconded by Bro. AUSTIN ROBERTS, P.P.G. D. of C., and resolved, "That the minutes be taken as read, and confirmed."

The Prov. G.M. then delivered the customary address.

Brethren,—We acknowledge the hearty welcome offered to this Provincial Grand Lodge by Bro. Alfred Robertshaw and the brethren of the Lodge St. James, No. 448, and I also thank you all for the salutations accorded to me, to my Deputy, and to the officers of this province this afternoon. I may remind you that this Lodge of St. James, which now numbers some 80 members, was constituted 17th March, 1838. It celebrated the jubilee of its existence on 23rd October, 1888. Twenty-one years ago, on the 24th November, 1869, Provincial Grand Lodge assembled in this hall for the purpose of its dedication by the Marquess of Ripon. I and my Deputy were present, but many brethren like Bro. Bentley Shaw, who was then the Deputy, have, alas! passed away to their rest. I am happy to think that this noble hall is now free, or almost free, from the obligation of debt. This Lodge of St. James, No. 448, has contributed £712 15s. to the Charities, and possesses 231 votes; but I will not make further allusions to it, because we are looking forward to Bro. Austin Roberts' history, which I am told is in the press, and a copy of which will shortly adorn the Masonic Library at Wakefield. To this lodge, then, as well as to the other lodges of Halifax—Probita, De Warren, and St. John's—Provincial Grand Lodge offers good wishes for their prosperity and success. Like my predecessor, Sir H. Edwards, I am anxious to see all lodges hold their meetings in halls of their own, and with that view it has been a pleasure to me quite recently to sanction plans for new buildings or rooms at Batley, Hebden Bridge, and Castleford. There is to these changes from licensed premises to private halls one great danger, viz., that of being led to keep late hours; and I think that the Act of Parliament regulating the closing of hotels might fairly guide us as to the hour of our departure from our lodges. On lodge and instruction nights the billiard room should be closed, otherwise the attendance in the lodge is liable to be seriously affected. I would commend these matters to the serious consideration of the W.M.'s and Past Masters of this province. With respect to the interval of time between taking Degrees, I call your special attention to Rule 195, Book of Constitutions. From this rule there can be no dispensation. It would appear that in some cases brethren have allowed private pique to unduly influence them in this matter, and they have thus gone beyond the limits prescribed by Rule 190 of Book of Constitutions. By judicious inquiry in the first instance, and by the exercise of tact and firmness by the executive, and forbearance by the brethren, we feel confident these objectionable practices might be avoided. If this evil, however, be persisted in, it must inevitably lead to the decadence of lodges and the discredit of the Craft. At a special meeting of our Charity Committee, held at Leeds on the 23rd June last, the representatives of this province adopted Bro. James Morrison McLeod as the most suitable candidate for the office of Secretary to the Boys' School. The election took place on the 12th July, and Bro. McLeod received 2317 votes, having a majority of 1326 over those polled for Bro. A. C. Greenwood, who was next on the list, thus showing that many other provinces agreed with our selection. At this same meeting the opportunity was taken of presenting to Bro. W. F. Smithson, the Chairman of the Committee, complete sets of clothing and jewels corresponding to the offices conferred upon him by the M.W. Grand Master in Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter. Bro. Smithson has done immense service to the Craft by his labours for the re-organisation of the Boys' School, and earned for himself much credit as our representative in London; and he richly deserves our commendations for the labour and time he has devoted to carrying out the views of West Yorkshire in this most difficult matter. The West Yorkshire brethren have provided carpenters' benches and tools for the purpose of giving manual, in addition to mental, training to the boys in our School, and this has been augmented by a munificent private donation. A further sum has been given, which has been expended in the purchase of a printing press. This is now in active operation, and a monthly magazine, called the "Masonian," has been established, and is being largely circulated. Having taken a deep interest in the re-organisation of the Boys' School, it is now manifestly our duty to give it our hearty support. West Lancashire sets us a noble example, and its Prov. G. Master, Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, has consented to preside at the next Festival of the Institution. With the approval of our Charity Committee, a notice has been placed on the agenda paper, for a grant from this Provincial Grand Lodge of £151 10s., as our contribution in aid of the 1891 Festival. I and many of my friends shall also add our names as Stewards, and I believe that in making this appeal to your sympathies, I shall have at least 100 who will follow our example. With regard to the Girls' School, my Deputy has recently been there, and has reported to our Charity Committee the progress made at the new buildings. All seems satisfactory. The memorial lights of the large window of the Centenary Hall have thus been appropriated: There are nine lights, and West Yorkshire has taken up seven of them; North and East Yorkshire, one; and the United Northern Counties Lodge, London, the ninth; thus completing the Yorkshire portion of the centenary window. The librarian will give a brief report of the donations of books since April. There is one work I must mention, "The Heraldry of York Minster," by Bro. the Very Rev. A. Purey Cust, Dean of York, and Prov. G. Chap. of England. This work is a monument of graceful learning. The library is thus accumulating most valuable books and curiosities, through the enterprise and energy of Bro. W. Watson, our Honorary Librarian. It would hardly become the loyalty of this Provincial Grand Lodge towards the M.W. the Grand Master of Grand Lodge of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, to pass by with only briefly reading the communication of the Grand Secretary of England, dated the 1st July, 1890, announcing the death of the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, and Prov. Grand Master of Somerset. This event has filled the heart of every Mason with grief. For upwards of 15 years, during which time he held the position of Pro Grand Master of the Order, his unflinching courtesy, his just rulings, and his matured advice and increasing exertions for, and devotion to, the best interests of the Craft, will ever be recognised as having signally contributed to the high position it now occupies in the world. This Provincial Grand Lodge, therefore, records its grateful appreciation of the invaluable services rendered by the noble earl to English Freemasonry during the whole of that period. I thank my province for subscribing the sum of £1815 5s. this year to the three Charities, and for the donation of £250 13s. 6d. by 74 lodges to the Pension Indemnity Fund, R.M.I. for Boys. The visit of the British Association at Leeds, from September 3rd to the 10th, and the Masonic Conversations in the Masonic Hall on the 8th September was indeed a success; and Professor Glashier's thanks were cordially appreciated by the 250 visitors there. Under the auspices of Phoenix Lodge of Freemasons, on 24th July, a corner stone of a new north aisle was laid at the Mexborough parish church by this Prov. Grand Lodge. This church of St. John, 800 years old, was connected with Roche Abbey. The Rev. H. Ellershaw, the vicar, who is with us to-day, gave the Craft a fraternal welcome, and Bro. the Rev. Canon Bullock, vicar of Holy Trinity, Leeds, and Past Prov. Grand Chaplain, preached an eloquent sermon, taking for his text, "And a three-fold cord is not quickly broken." As the winter season of the lodges opens after the summer recess, and Masons will congregate together, I appeal to the W.M.'s to point out to their brethren that Masonic precepts, faithfully applied, bring peace and prosperity to lodge, province, and nation. Inculcate the beautiful symbolism wrapt up in the words of Ecclesiastes "And a three-fold cord is not quickly broken." You will be struck by the word *three*. The keynote of a Mason's creed is struck by three words—Faith, Hope, and Charity. I beg of you to exercise these virtues, and above all, amongst yourselves to practice Relief, Brotherly Love, and the search after Truth. Then, when "the silver cord be loosed, and the golden bowl be broken," and our "dust return to the earth as it was," in the Grand Lodge above, may our "spirits return unto God who gave them."

The Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. HENRY SMITH, after returning thanks for their hearty greeting, congratulated the brethren on the general prosperity of the province, but adverted with great regret to the unusually long death-roll since their last meeting. He also referred to the handsome presents of tools which had been made to the workshops of the Boys' School, and concluded a brief but earnest address by giving sound admonition to Secretaries in relation to change of addresses and lodge returns.

Bro. W. F. SMITHSON, P.M., Grand Deacon of England, on being called upon by the Prov. G.M., expressed his gratitude to the brethren of West Yorkshire for so completely supporting him in his action in respect to the Boys' School. He

also assured them that he felt proud of the honour conferred upon him by the M.W.G.M., his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, in making him a Grand Deacon of England, and regarded it less as a personal matter than as an indication of the merits of the Province of West Yorkshire, to which he had the honour to belong. He strongly urged the brethren to examine and dissect the lists of donations to the Charities from time to time, and by their personal efforts endeavour to reach those lodges who names were only too frequently conspicuous by their absence from those lists. Their voting power must be maintained, and no effort must be wanting in this important matter. He also presented and proposed the adoption of a brief report, of which the following is a summary: "Your Executive Committee have satisfaction in reporting that at the April and May elections, West Yorkshire succeeded in placing two boys, one girl, three men, and one widow on the list of participants in the benefits of the Masonic Institutions, that there still remain one boy and four girl candidates, and that it will be necessary to register every vote in the forthcoming struggle at the end of the month in order to meet with any measure of success, as the competition is likely to be exceptionally keen."

The adoption was seconded by the VICE-CHAIRMAN of the Charity Committee, and carried *unm. con.*

Bro. W. GAUKROGER, P.M., P.P.G.D., then moved the resolution standing in his name on the notice paper: "That a sum of £151 10s. be voted by this Provincial Grand Lodge to further endow the Prov. G. Master's chair, R.M.I. for Boys." He pointed out that this would raise the amount to 600 guineas. He also took the opportunity of welcoming Bro. Jas. M. McLeod, the newly-appointed Secretary, who was present.

This was seconded by Bro. C. L. MASON, P.M., P.P.G. Treas., who showed that West Yorkshire had a great stake in the Boys' School, and since it had taken a prominent part in the re-organisation of that establishment, and had assisted in placing it upon a sound basis, it was clearly the duty of this province to render it substantial support.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

Bro. JAS. M. McLEOD, on being called upon by the Prov. G. Master, was most cordially received. He expressed his gratification on being so warmly welcomed by the brethren of West Yorkshire. He was conscious of the active part taken by this province on the occasion of his election, and for that he tendered his thanks. He also felt grateful for the money just granted, and for the many indications of renewed enthusiasm for the Institution with which he was so closely connected; and concluded by paying a very high compliment to the Prov. G. Master, his Deputy, and other active Masonic workers in the province, notably Bro. Smithson, a member of the London Provisional Committee.

The sum of £10 was voted to Bro. J. C., 149.

Bro. J. W. TAYLOR, P.M. 387, then moved—"That it be placed on record that the lamented death of Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M., took place on the 28th June last, and that the lodges of this province observed a period of Masonic mourning for the space of six months, from the 1st July of this year."

This was seconded by Bro. JOHN HEY, P.M. 387, and after being supported by the P.G.M., was carried unanimously.

It was announced that the invitation of the W.M. and brethren of the Huddersfield Lodge, No. 290, to hold the annual meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge in April next was accepted.

Invitations for the October meeting, 1891, were received from Lodges Nos. 1283 and 242.

Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed.

CONSECRATION OF THE HILBRE LODGE, No. 2375, AT HOYLAKE.

Several months ago a movement was set on foot for the formation of a lodge at Hoylake, with the result that a warrant for the constitution of a new lodge to be known as the Hilbre Lodge, No. 2375, was granted. The leading promoter of the movement was Bro. J. S. Jolly, who found active and practical support from Bro. Charles Roberts, W.M. 605, the result being that the warrant for the formation of the new lodge was granted, the consecration being fixed for Saturday, the 18th ult. The impressive ceremony, which took place at the Market Hall, now to be known as the Masonic Hall, was the occasion of a very numerous gathering of brethren, not only from the Cheshire province, but the Province of West Lancashire, there being considerably over 100 present, including a large number of Provincial Grand Officers from both sides of the river Mersey. It was hoped that the consecration ceremony would have taken place under the presidency of Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton, Prov. Grand Master, but his lordship was unable to be present, and his place was admirably filled by Bro. Sir Horatio Lloyd, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, whose popularity among the brethren of the Province of Cheshire is a matter of notoriety in Masonic circles. He was ably supported by Bros. James Salmon, P.S.G.W.; J. Clayton, P.J.G.W.; Lilley Ellis, P.P.S.G.D.; and J. B. Sparks, P.P.S.G.D., who filled the chairs of the Prov. Senior and Junior Grand Wardens and Deacons respectively during the consecration ceremony. A large number of Provincial Grand Officers were present.

The usual consecration ceremony was carried out with appropriate solemnity, in the course of which Bro. the Rev. A. SYMONDS, the junior Provincial Grand Chaplain, delivered an interesting address on the nature and principles of Freemasonry.

At the conclusion of the reverend brother's address, which was closely listened to by the brethren, the consecration ceremony was proceeded with and brought to a close, after which Bro. C. S. Dean, P.P.G.D., was duly installed the first Worshipful Master of the new lodge, the installing ceremony being impressively performed by Bro. J. B. Sparks, P.P.S.G.D. Subsequently the Worshipful Master invested the other officers of the lodge as follows: Bros. Charles Roberts, W.M. 605, S.W.; C. Nigel Stewart, J.W.; J. Morris, Treas.; J. S. Jolly, Sec.; Charles H. Smith, Org.; John Lee, P.P.G.S., S.D.; J. G. Holmes, J.D.; W. H. Martin, I.G.; T. S. Jackson, M. Jolly, and W. J. Gaskell, Stewards; and John Craft, Tyler.

Before the lodge closed the encouraging announcement was made that at the first ordinary meeting of the lodge 14 candidates for initiation would be proposed, and that about the same number of joining members would be submitted for election to the membership of the lodge.

Subsequently the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet provided by Bro. J. Fairhurst, the well-known Liverpool caterer.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed from the chair by the Worshipful Master, including that of "The Deputy Provincial Grand Master" who said that when he first became acquainted with the Craft there were only 27 lodges in the provinces, but now there were no fewer than 46, which in itself was a striking evidence of the growing popularity of the Order.

In the course of the evening the usual collection by means of the Charity box was made on behalf of "poor and distressed Masons," Bro. Thomas McCracken announcing his intention of supplementing the sum collected, so as to bring it up to the even value of a Bank of England note, the announcement being, it need hardly be said, received with loud applause.

A number of songs and recitations were given during the evening, the musical brethren who contributed to the harmony being Bros. W. Lewis, W.M. 2042; H. Hollis, 2042; H. J. Nicholls, P.M. 2042; Costaine, 2335; J. West, 241; J. Greenlees, S.W. 1505; and W. Sweetman.

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To Correspondents.

The following communications unavoidably stand over:

CRAFT LODGES—Peace and Harmony, No. 60; Isaac
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ROYAL ARCH—Sir Hugh Myddleton Chapter, No. 1602.
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ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE—Leodiensis Chapter,
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Fraternal visit of the St. Nicholas Lodge, No. 1676
(E.C.), to St. David's Lodge, No. 36 (S.C.).
A Masonic Gem.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"New Zealand Craftsman," "Keystone," "South African
Freemason," "Masonic Chronicle," and "Masonic Token."



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1890.

Masonic Notes.

We have to remind our readers that the Quarterly
General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for
Boys will be held at the Freemasons' Tavern to-day
(Friday), when 19 boys will be elected from an approved
list of 53 candidates, while at the same time the By-
laws as amended by the Provisional and General Com-
mittees will be submitted for approval. We are glad
to find that in the advertisements of the meeting pro-
minence has been given to the fact that if five of the boys
are unsuccessful at this ballot, their names will be
removed from the list under existing Law No. 53.
These five are W. J. Atley (Durham), No. 6, who
brings forward 604 votes; R. W. Levey (London), No.
10, who has in hand 166 votes; G. F. Bullivant,
(Warwickshire), No. 17, with 363 votes; G. L. Wood-
hams (London), No. 27, with 1058 votes; and C. J.
Phipps (Hertfordshire), No. 53, who is a new case.
We trust that every effort will be made to secure the
success of these five, whose cases have been thoroughly
inquired into and approved. The other candidates will
have further opportunities of obtaining admission into
the Institution, but with these five it is a case of "now
or never."

The Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic
Institution for Girls will be held at Freemasons'
Tavern to-morrow (Saturday), but here the only im-
portant business will be the election. In consequence
of the death of one girl, and the removal of another
from the establishment, the number of vacancies, after
proposition duly made and carried, will be 16 instead
of, as originally, 14, while the number of candidates
is 32, or, case No. 14 having been withdrawn, 31. Of
these, however, only two are last cases, namely, F. E.
Hooke (New Brunswick), standing at No. 3, who brings
forward 691 votes, and W. B. Miller (London), at
No. 20, who will be a candidate for the first and last
time on this occasion. We trust these two children
will be found among the 16 successful at the close of
the poll. They have been found worthy of admission
into the Institution, and no efforts should be spared in
order to ensure their success.

A correspondent from abroad, who has held high
office in his District Grand Lodge, has written us a
long letter, in which he complains of the indecent
extent to which the use of rituals in open lodge is
carried. We heartily concur with him in condemning
the practice, not only for the reasons he adduces, but
because rituals are not recognised in any form or under
any circumstances by the authorities of Grand Lodge.
More than this we are unable to say, as the subject is
one which cannot be discussed even in the columns of
a Masonic newspaper.

Owing to the heavy accumulation of lodge reports,
we have been compelled to hold over an article on
"Masonic Minorities," &c., and much other interesting
matter.

At the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of
Northumberland the retirement of Bro. B. J. Thompson
from the office of Provincial Grand Secretary was made
the occasion of a warm eulogium of the worthy brother
from the Provincial Grand Master, and a cordial and
heartly recognition of his long years of service to the
province. Bro. Thompson is probably the oldest Pro-

vincial Grand Secretary in England, and he retires full
of years and honours, with the best wishes of all who
during the 30 or 40 years of his official life have bene-
fited by his knowledge and enjoyed his friendship.

Our opinion has been asked as to the justice or
legality of the course pursued under the following cir-
cumstances. A brother having given due notice of his
intention to bring forward a certain motion, expressed
a desire at the meeting at which it was to come
on for consideration that it should be postponed till
the following meeting. As an amendment, it was pro-
posed that the motion should be rejected, but as no one
seconded this, the amendment fell through, and the
brother, in the belief that his wish had been complied
with, left the lodge. Later in the same evening the
question was revived, and the rejection of the proposal
was proposed, seconded, and carried.

Under these circumstances our correspondent is
anxious to know if "it is Masonically legal, cus-
tomary, or just" to re-consider the same question in
the course of the same meeting, the amendment that
the original proposal should be rejected having already
once fallen through for want of a seconder. Assuming
the case is as reported by our correspondent, we answer
unhesitatingly that the amendment for the rejection of
the original proposal having once failed, should not
have been put a second time. There is, however, a
difficulty in the case. It is by no means clear that the
lodge agreed to the brother's request to postpone the
consideration of his motion till the next meeting. If
it did not agree, then, as far as we can see, there is no
reason why his motion should not have been put and
rejected. However, the aggrieved brother will have
his opportunity of reviving the question when the next
meeting is held, and he will be in a position to move
the non-confirmation of that portion of the minutes
which deals with the rejection of his motion.

The ceremony of laying the foundation-stone of the
Eiffel Tower, Douglas Head, Isle of Man, though post-
poned for a short time, has at length been performed
with the usual Masonic rites by Bro. the Earl of Lathom,
Deputy Grand Master of England, and Prov. Grand
Master of West Lancashire. There were some brethren
in the island who raised objection to his lordship assist-
ing in his Masonic capacity in an enterprise which they
declared to be of a private character rather than
intended to promote the public welfare. It is clear,
however, that his lordship, who is a man of judgment,
must have satisfied himself that the project was one
with which Freemasonry might properly be associated,
and, as will be seen from our report elsewhere, the
stone was laid on Saturday last in the presence of a
large gathering of the Prov. Grand Officers and brethren
of the Province of the Isle of Man under their respected
chief, Bro. Major Goldie-Taubman, with a numerous
and distinguished muster of visitors from the Provinces
of West Lancashire and Cheshire. We sincerely hope
that an enterprise which has been begun under such
favourable auspices will materially promote the welfare
and prosperity of the island.

We have been favoured by a Northumbrian brother
with a communication which, though it is far too long
for insertion in our columns, nevertheless, contains a
highly interesting sketch of the arrangements made by
the provincial authorities in Northumberland for secur-
ing efficiency on the part of the lodges, an impartial
distribution of provincial honours, and orderly
government of the province by the Provincial
Grand Lodge. Among the points to which our
correspondent draws attention, we note with pleasure
that every Worshipful Master is expected to read
aloud at the annual meeting of Provincial Grand
Lodge a full and particular account of what his lodge
has done during the year, the account being afterwards
handed to the provincial authorities. We note, like-
wise, that lodges nominate in turn the brethren who
are to be invested as Provincial Grand Stewards, the
nominations being sent to the Prov. G. Secretary seven
days prior to the day appointed for the meeting of Pro-
vincial Grand Lodge. These are not the only points
which he has enumerated, but they are the most worthy
of notice and demonstrate clearly enough the justice of
his complimentary remarks as to the zeal, energy, and
ability of Bro. Richard Holmes, J.P., P.G.D. England,
who is Deputy Prov. G.M., and Bro. B. J. Thompson,
who has been for so many years Prov. G. Secretary of
Northumberland. We are only too pleased to have this
opportunity of endorsing the compliments paid to these
distinguished brethren by our worthy correspondent.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

917] PICART'S CEREMONIES.

I am always on the "look out" for editions of *Picart's "Ceremonies and Religious Customs of the various Nations of the World,"* &c., especially the English editions, several of which I have already noted in these columns. Messrs. Butt and Auvache, 35, Hart-street, Bloomsbury, have a "fine" set of the years 1733-7 (*translated into English*), seven volumes in six, calf neat, folio, for six guineas. In answer to my enquiry they courteously wrote me that the celebrated plate of the *signs* of the lodges, numbers, &c., made up from an engraved list of 1735, runs from *right to left*, "J. F., Sculpt., L.F.D.B." The original reads as usual, from left to right, a set of which is in Bro. John Lane's possession, and there is also another of equally fine proportions in the library of the Grand Lodge of England.

W. J. HUGHAN.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Lodge of Temperance (No. 169)—A meeting was held on the 16th ult., at the White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, when there were present Bros. John Davies, W.M.; G. L. Moore, S.W.; W. Sanderson, J.W.; G. Bolton, P.M.; Treas.; J. G. Neeld, P.M.; Sec.; D. H. Johnson, S.D.; F. Wallis, P.M.; J.D.; F. Ladd, I.G.; E. Chatterton, Org.; J. G. Dale, Stwd.; R. W. Goddend, P.M. 65; Tyler; Julien Rosenstock, P.M.; Robert Jackson, P.M.; S. J. Gore, P.M.; P.A.G.P. Kent; G. Scudder, P.M.; W. H. Wilton, P.M.; J. E. Holmes, W. Walker, A. L. Oliver, W. Roberson, S. Halst, J. Moth, D. S. Bear, W. Harold Vint, George Lawrence, and J. R. Wellington. Visitors: Bros. G. G. Higginson, J.D. 1791; Leonard Cox, D.C. 1791; W. C. Williams, P.M. 865, P.P.G. Std. Br. Middx.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.S.G.D. Essex; R. Josey, P.M. 1828; H. P. Gilbert, W.M. 1828; J. Cruttenden, 1425; and W. W. Williams, J.D. 834.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and also several charitable bequests. During the evening Mr. James Ralph Wellington was initiated, and Bro. George Lawrence was raised. A cordial vote of thanks, to be entered on the minutes, was unanimously passed to Bro. Martin for his services at the election of the candidates put forward by the lodge. Bro. Bolton, to whose indefatigable exertions the success of the candidates was assured, also received thanks, and then asked the brethren to send him their votes, that he might be able to clear off his liability to those who had kindly lent him their proxies. Several candidates were proposed for the next meeting, and after "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed, the brethren expressing their gratification at the way the musical part of the ceremony had been conducted.

After the banquet the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, paying a marked tribute of respect to the late Earl of Carnarvon, after which followed "The Visitors," who, the W.M. said, were always welcome, and as there was to be a musical evening he should make all his speeches short.

Bro. W. C. Williams said he was gratified at the reception the visitors had received. The W.M. was an old and dear friend of his of many years standing, and had progressed step by step in Freemasonry, both learning and working together, but he must give the credit to Bro. Davies as a hardworking, painstaking, and one of the truest Masons any one could meet in a day's march. His hand was always held out in earnest. He knew from experience how hard it was for a W.M. to please all, and hoped the brethren would not trifle with their present W.M., as he was sure to do his best for the lodge, which he highly honoured by his excellent work during the early part of that evening. Bro. Williams concluded by expressing his wish that he should at no distant date have the pleasure of sitting near Bro. Davies left in another lodge, assisted by such a body of Past Masters as were now in the Temperance Lodge.

Bro. Dehane also briefly responded.

In responding to the toast of "The Initiate," Bro. Wellington expressed his thanks to Bros. Bear and Gore for having introduced him to the royal Craft, and as far as lay in his power he would endeavour to carry out such duties as he might be called upon to do. He was more especially delighted to join them as all his relatives were connected with the Craft, some having held Grand Office, and a promise made to his father was now fulfilled. He hoped to emulate him as far as he could.

The Immediate Past Master then gave "The W.M.," and in the course of his remarks said he had never during his time had so good a Master as that evening; he had simply been perfect, in fact, surpassing his former working. He could say a great deal, but would only be repeating the encomiums passed by Bros. Dehane and Williams.

The toast was received with considerable applause.

The W. Master thanked the brethren sincerely, and said he had done his best even from "the door" upwards to his present proud position, and would not now do otherwise. A W.M. was placed in a peculiar position, and that was although they believed he could do pretty much as he willed, the key was held by one who caused him to say he was not the custodian of their funds, and considering that was proverbially a Charitable lodge he was glad it was not so, or he might have been inclined to launch out. But such as there was they were welcome to, and from the manner his toast had been received he felt convinced in his own mind all were satisfied. He then called upon them to honour "The Past Masters," without whom where would they be, and such a good array as were then present (some of more

than 20 years' standing) was evidence of the interest they continued to take in the well-being of the lodge.

Bro. Jackson, I.P.M., in replying, said the Past Masters, one and all, would always in the future, as in the past, do all they could to further the interests of the lodge, and assist the W.M. should he require it.

"The Officers" was greeted with a good fire.

The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

This being a musical evening, the following brethren took part in the glees, songs, recitals, &c., under the conductorship of Bro. Chatterton: Bros. Cruttenden, Vint, Wilton, Wallis, Gore, and Dale.

Israel Lodge (No. 205)—The meeting of this lodge was held at the Cannon-street Hotel on the 28th ult., and was honoured by the presence of Bro. the Right Hon. Sir Henry A. Isaacs, Lord Mayor of London, and Past Grand Warden of England, who was initiated in the lodge, and was W.M. in 1856. Bro. Sir H. A. Isaacs, in replying for "The Grand Officers," said that he should have been very disappointed if, during the term of his Mayoralty, he had not been able to visit this, his mother lodge. He commended the Benevolent Fund, and said he thought every lodge should follow their example in founding such a fund, as £25 given with the secrecy with which that lodge made its grants was better than £1000 given with a flourish of trumpets. The Lord Mayor was much pleased with the musical entertainment, especially a song by Bro. Fred. Cozens, entitled "The Bicycle and the Baby."

United Pilgrims Lodge (No. 507)—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, on Thursday, the 23rd ult., when there were present Bros. H. E. Cockell, W.M.; S. Ellison, J.W.; C. W. Peters, P.M., Sec.; C. Thomas, S.D.; C. H. Stone, J.D.; J. G. Cooper, P.M.; H. E. Joyce, P.M.; T. Michales, P.M.; C. H. Sharman, P.M.; J. S. Terry, P.M.; Beste, Laing, Gilson, Bowles, and others. Visitors: Bros. W. Robinson, 434; D. W. Pearce, 1293; J. D. E. Tarr, 1293; Hugh Wilson, I.P.M. 1293; James Stevens, P.M. 720, 1216, and 1426; and S. Lancaster, P.M. 1668.

The business comprised the passing of Bros. J. D. Laing and G. W. Beste, and the raising of Bro. H. G. Bowles, the former ceremony being ably performed by the W.M., and the latter by Bro. Joyce, P.M.

After the lodge had been closed, the brethren adjourned to dinner, and the remainder of a very pleasant evening was passed in perfect harmony, the customary toasts being duly honoured, and receiving brief, but effective, responses. The W.M., who is a vocalist of considerable merit, and much sought after in the locality of his residence, sang two or three of his most approved songs, accompanied by one of his sons, who gives promise of great ability in future years. Bros. Joyce and Beste also contributed to the general enjoyment by their excellent singing, and Bro. Stevens recited one of the beautiful Masonic poems he has, as it were, made his own, and which at all similar meetings are highly appreciated.

Altogether the proceedings of the evening, both in regard to work and refreshment, gave satisfaction to all who had the privilege of sharing in them.

Chaucer Lodge (No. 1540)—The installation of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge. There were present Bros. A. H. Luckett, W.M.; S. Scherer, S.W.; T. H. Brooke-Hitching, J.W.; H. Faija, P.M., Treas.; A. J. Bailey, P.M., Sec.; Leopold Weil, S.D.; V. Bauman, J.D.; E. G. Cormack, I.G.; E. F. Pass, P.M., D.C.; V. Cahn, Steward; F. E. Lehmeier, Org.; A. Young, Tyler; and many other brethren.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Audit Committee's report was brought up and confirmed. Bro. S. Scherer moved, in accordance with his notice, "That the sum of £5 5s. be voted from the lodge funds for a jewel to be presented to Bro. Faija for his services as Treasurer," which was carried unanimously. Bro. Luckett then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Faija, who installed Bro. Scherer, the W.M. elect, in a perfect and most impressive manner. Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., acting as D.C. Bro. Scherer then appointed the following brethren as officers for the year:—Bros. T. H. Brooke-Hitching, S.W.; Leopold Weil, J.W.; Arthur John Bailey, Treas.; Edwin F. Pass, Sec.; Victor Bauman, S.D.; Victor Cahn, J.D.; Walter W. Hewitt, I.G.; Hugo Weinberger, D.C.; Henry Richard Hughes, Stwd.; and A. G. Young, Tyler. After having received the congratulations of the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed.

The following were among the visitors: Bros. C. F. Matier, P.G. Std. Br.; H. Jenkins; C. Curtis, 2206; H. Elliott, P.M. 1003; Oldridge, W.M. 1003; J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B.; R. H. Roberts, P.M. 2003; and W. Elliott, 1003.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, at the conclusion of which

The Worshipful Master rose and proposed "The Queen and the Craft." He said it needed no words of his to recommend the toast to them. When a foreigner of his humble position of life could attain to the high position he now occupied in an assembly of Englishmen and brethren, it wanted a few words to express his gratitude to that country where they enjoyed such liberties. Freemasonry had never flourished more than under the reign of her Majesty the Queen Victoria, who, they all hoped, would live long, and Freemasonry prosper as in the past.

The toast was duly honoured, as was the toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M."

The toast of "The D.G.M., the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was proposed by the W.M., who coupled with it the names of Bros. C. F. Matier, P.G. Std. Br., and James Terry, P.G.S.B.

Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G. Std. Br., in responding, thanked the W.M. and brethren on behalf of the Grand Officers, and complimented the W.M. on his attaining the high position he occupied in the comparatively short time of five years.

Bro. Faija, the Installing Master, then proposed "The Health of Bro. Siegfried Scherer, the W.M." He said it gave him the greatest pleasure to propose the toast. He had known the W.M. for many years, not only inside but outside the lodge, and he must confess that he had always been proud of his friendship. The W.M. had always been a hard working Mason, and what struck him more than

anything was the manner in which he appointed his officers, a ceremony he had never seen before. In conclusion, he wished him a most successful year of office.

The toast having been enthusiastically drunk, the W.M. thanked Bro. Faija for the most impressive manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation, and for the kind way in which that brother had proposed the toast of his (the W.M.'s) health. He would do his utmost during his year of office to prevent the reputation of the lodge losing any of its former splendour, and he assured the brethren that he would always have the welfare of the Chaucer Lodge well at heart.

The toast of the I.P.M., Bro. Luckett, was next proposed by the W.M. He said the Chaucer Lodge had always known how to appreciate the services of a brother who had discharged well the duties of the chair. The brother who had that night vacated the chair had discharged those duties well, and to the best of his abilities. It had always been a pleasing duty connected with the toast to present the I.P.M. with a jewel in recognition of his services. He (the W.M.) had therefore much pleasure in pinning on the I.P.M.'s breast the jewel which the brethren had unanimously voted him. He hoped Bro. Luckett might wear it for many years to come as a pleasant recollection of his year of office.

After the toast had been duly honoured, Bro. Luckett briefly returned thanks.

"The Health of the Visitors" was proposed by the W.M., who coupled with the toast the names of Bro. Oldridge, of Jersey Lodge, and Bros. Jenkins and Charles Mussared, S.W. of Chough Lodge, No. 2264.

Bro. Oldridge, in response, said he had not visited a lodge outside Jersey for 15 years. It was quite an unexpected pleasure for him to come there that night. He had been to see Bro. Terry on business, and he and his friends asked Bro. Terry where they could see some good working that evening. Bro. Terry thereupon invited them to come to the Chaucer meeting, and they had been greatly pleased with the working they had seen, which was simply perfect. After having entered into details upon the principles of Freemasonry, Bro. Oldridge informed the brethren that although they came from only a little island they could boast of being the biggest lodge under the denomination of Grand Lodge. They only started the lodge two years ago, and under their first Master they had 30 initiates in one year. During his year of office, which was not yet expired, he had made just half that number. In conclusion, Bro. Oldridge invited the brethren to visit the Jersey Lodge, should they be in the Channel Islands. The lodge meet all the year round, and they would try to make them as welcome as they had been made that evening.

Bro. Jenkins, P.M., also returned thanks. He said he had known the W.M. for many years, and he congratulated him on his able working. Such results could only be attained by making up one's mind to do things properly and attending lodges of instruction regularly, which the W.M. had done, and he hoped all the younger officers would follow his example.

Bro. Mussared also responded.

In proposing the toast of "The Past Masters," the W.M. said that was a most difficult toast, inasmuch as it was impossible to choose which name to mention first, as they were all equally able Past Masters. But the first name he would mention was Bro. Klingenstein, P.M., who initiated him five years ago, and to who he owed the position he occupied that night. There had never been, and never would be, a brother who had always had the welfare of the Chaucer Lodge more at heart than Bro. Klingenstein. The same applied also to Bros. Faija, Harrison, Stidolph, Paas, Bailey, and Luckett.

All the Past Masters responded.

This next toast on the list was that of "The Masonic Charities," which the W.M. feelingly proposed. He said it was the most important toast of the evening. Every newly-made Mason was taught on the night of his initiation that Charity ought to be the distinguishing characteristic of a Freemason's heart. Until last year he unfortunately had made himself very little acquainted with the Masonic Charities, and knew very little what a lot of good could be done for so comparatively little money. However, during his Senior Wardenship he had twice an opportunity of visiting the R.M.B.I. at Croydon, over which a most esteemed brother presided. He visited the Institution once in connection with a musical entertainment given to the old people by the Duke of Cornwall Lodge of Instruction, and once as Steward of the Festival. Each time he had been struck with the immense amount of good that was being done there. But one thing which struck everybody who visited the Institution was how well the people are cared for, and with what love they cling to their Secretary. They do not look to him as the Secretary of the Institution, but as their father; they all speak in the highest terms of praise of him. The W.M. concluded by coupling the names of Bro. Jas. Terry, P.G.S.B., Secretary of the Benevolent Institution, and Bro. J. M. McLeod, Secretary of the Boys' School, with the toast.

Bro. James Terry, in reply, said he hoped during the present W.M.'s year of office all the brethren would divest themselves of their moneys and metallic substances so that the lodge should again contribute largely to the Masonic Charities. The W.M. had mentioned the good which was done at the Institution at Croydon, but there was one especial great advantage of that Institution, as within a fortnight of the old people being elected, they received their instalment, and have not to wait longer than a fortnight after having been elected. Further, it was the rule if the candidate reached the age of 80, he must be elected at the next election without ballot. One brother was elected some years ago shortly before reaching his 80th year, and recognised their kindness by spinning out his life in the Institution another 16 years, which he would not have done but for the advantages he derived from the Institution. In conclusion, Bro. Terry requested the brethren to support their Master in being well represented at the annual Festival, to which Bro. Scherer had again given his consent to act as Steward.

Bro. J. M. McLeod also responded, and hoped the brethren of the Chaucer Lodge would have some money over for the Boys' School. Since last year great reforms had taken place, and he wished that every brother would really convince himself of the grand improvements that had been made with very little money. The former chapter of extravagance must be considered as a chapter closed, and therefore the brethren should forget the past, so that at the next election boys should not have to be turned away owing

to lack of funds. In conclusion, he thanked the W.M. and hoped he would see his way to contribute to their Charity.

"The Health of the Officers" was afterwards drunk, coupled with the names of the S.W. and J.W., and they returned thanks, as did the other officers present. The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

All Saints Lodge (No. 1716).—The installation meeting of this large and important lodge took place at the Offices of the Poplar Board of Works on Thursday, the 16th ult., under the presidency of Bro. R. H. Harland, W.M., assisted by the following officers: Bros. E. C. Knowles, S.W., W.M. elect; S. Kirk, J.W.; W. H. Farnfield, P.M., Treas.; W. J. Rundall, P.M., Sec.; C. W. Raymond, S.D.; J. R. Walker, J.D.; F. J. Waterson, D.C.; A. Moore, I.G.; C. R. Allen, Stwd.; J. Grout, Org.; and J. G. Wilshaw, I.P.M. Among the members present were the following: Bros. Young, P.M.; Potts, P.M.; J. K. Coleman, P.M.; J. Smith, Barton, G. Whiteley, Lee, J. W. Hunt, Westhorp, W. Ladbroke, E. Jones, W. Mills, T. Johnson, W. Gibbs, J. S. Turner, H. E. Mountford, J. North, A. H. Thompson, J. Carpenter, and many others. Among the visitors were Bros. J. Terry, P.G.S.B., Secretary R.M.B.I.; W. Clarke, P.G.P.; W. Bramham, P.M. 1805; Main, Tijou, D. Annan, and Blyth, of 1804; T. G. Scott, 933; Shadrake, 781; J. Sydney Smith and Pettifer, 700; Harvey, P.M. 9; C. J. Ozanne, 1765; and others.

Lodge being duly opened, Bro. E. C. Knowles, W.M. elect, was presented to the W.M., and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, was installed in the chair of K.S. Bro. J. Kemp Coleman performed the duties of Installing Master with the impressiveness that marks his work. He was ably assisted in this important duty by Bro. W. Clarke, P.G.P., who acted as D.C. The W.M. then appointed the following officers: Bros. Kirk, S.W.; Raymond, J.W.; Farnfield, P.M., Treas.; W. J. Rundall, P.M., Sec.; Walker, S.D.; Ayres Moore, J.D.; F. J. Waterson, I.G.; Grout, Org.; Allen, D.C.; and Stewart and J. Rundall, Stwds. Bro. J. Kemp Coleman and W. Clarke were warmly thanked for their valuable assistance, and Bro. Rundall, P.M., Sec., having submitted the report and balance sheet, which were duly accepted and approved of, the lodge was closed.

After an admirably served banquet, at which nearly 80 brethren sat down, the customary loyal toasts were given and received with the heartiness always accorded to them by the brethren.

Bro. Harland, I.P.M., then proposed "The Worshipful Master" in brief but appropriate terms.

The Worshipful Master having responded as briefly, proposed "The I.P.M.," and after referring to the record of his prosperous year of office, and the general satisfaction he had given to the lodge, presented him, in the name of the brethren, with a handsome Past Master's jewel and collar.

Bro. Harland aptly replied.

Bro. Farnfield, P.M., then proposed "The Installing Master, Bro. J. Kemp Coleman," which having been duly honoured,

Bro. Coleman replied in eloquent terms. He mentioned that Bro. Farnfield was his godfather in Masonry, having initiated him in that lodge. He was pleased that he had given satisfaction to the brethren that evening, and remembered with pleasure that in 14 years he had passed through the chairs of two chapters and two lodges.

Bro. Coleman, P.M., then gave "The Masonic Charities," to which

Bro. J. Terry responded in his wonted happy manner. He hoped that under the new Secretary the Boys' School would have a more unclouded future. The Girls' School was in a very prosperous condition, with property worth a quarter of a million. The Institution for the Old People especially commended itself. The boys and girls they had to take on trust, not knowing what their future might be; but the old Masons they had known as respected members of their lodges, and it was not for the brethren to forget them when the time of adversity came.

The remaining toasts were given and received in the same hearty manner accorded to the preceding ones, and the Tyler's toast brought a pleasant evening to a close.

An admirable musical programme was furnished by Messrs. Groome, Fryer, Bevan, and Schartau.

Victoria Park Lodge (No. 1816).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch-street, on Thursday, the 23rd ult., Bro. H. Sinclair, W.M., presiding. The following officers and brethren were also in attendance: Bros. E. G. Clements, S.W., W.M. elect; A. W. Govier, J.W.; H. Rogers, P.M., P.Z., Sec.; R. W. Carroll, S.D.; W. B. Abrahams, J.D.; Sherwin, Org.; J. T. Kinipple, I.P.M.; C. Reeves, P.M.; W. Watkins, P.M.; D. Hodges, P.M.; S. H. Corfield, G. Shrimpton, J. Block, E. Smith, J. Smith, T. Cowell, J. Adams, J. T. Holtum, C. O. Golle, J. Lane, J. W. Warne, T. Patchin, C. Schoteler, G. Haysom, and others. Among the visitors, of whom there was a goodly number, were Bros. C. Breden, P.M., Sec. 781; J. G. Stevens, P.M. 554; G. W. Holmes, 1306; C. Hopson, 1721; A. Calver, P.M. 933; T. Thompson, W. H. Rook, and E. Leigh, of 879; W. E. Norman and Boulton, 2291; J. Handcroft, 192; J. Appleton, 158; G. Smith, 2231; J. Smith, 2017; J. B. Horton, 1524; J. Mills, 1765; and others.

The lodge having been duly opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. E. G. Clements, W.M. elect, was then presented to the W.M., and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, Bro. Clements was installed in the chair of K.S., and afterwards appointed his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. H. Sinclair, I.P.M.; A. Govier, S.W.; E. J. Morris, J.W.; C. Reeves, P.M., Treas.; H. Rogers, P.M., P.Z., Sec.; W. H. Abraham, S.D.; R. H. Carroll, J.D.; D. Meiklerid, I.G.; A. Reed, D.C.; J. Bradford and E. Smith, Stewards; M. Sherwin, Org.; and H. Stewart, Tyler. Other Masonic business having been enacted, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the festive board.

After a well-served banquet, the W.M. warmly proposed, and the brethren no less warmly honoured, the usual loyal toasts, and that of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past."

The Worshipful Master then concisely replied to the toast in his name, and as aptly proposed that of "The Installing Master, Bro. H. Sinclair," to whom brevity is always the soul of wit, who replied in a like manner.

Bro. Kinipple, in responding, for "The Past Masters," announced that during the past toast or two he had been walking round the table, and as a proof that the brethren in the midst of their own pleasure were not unmindful of the claims of Charity, he had filled in a list for over £48, and had handed the same to Bro. J. G. Stevens.

When Bro. J. G. Stevens rose to reply for "The Masonic Charities," he thanked the brethren for their liberal spirit, and Bro. J. Kinipple for his successful efforts. He referred to the good work already done on behalf of the Charities by a lodge comparatively so young, and wished that the same admirable spirit might be evinced by all lodges. All the Charities were good, but he would most strongly appeal for the "Old People," who were too old and past work to help themselves.

During the intervals Bros. Kinipple, Sinclair, Pachin, and others contributed to the harmony of the evening, and were duly appreciated in their respective efforts.

Duke of Fife Lodge (No. 2345).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Alexandra Hotel, Clapham Common, on Wednesday, the 15th ult., when there were present Bros. S. Cochrane, W.M.; G. Everett, I.P.M.; Westley, S.W.; Folkard, J.W.; R. Steele, Treas.; J. Andrews, S.D.; Harvey, J.D.; Beaven, I.G.; Langdon, D.C.; Winny, Org.; Lyell, Stwd.; Patrick, Tyler; Morris, Gilbert, Rashleigh, Shannaw, J. Mitchell, Harrison, Hadley, Lavender, Lawrence, Daoust, Roberts, H. Mitchell, Balcombe, Wyer, and Robertson. Visitor: Bro. Jas. A. McCarthy, 121, W.M. 1955.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken and proved unanimous for Mr. Nash. Bro. Roberts, 1216, was unanimously elected a joining member. The W.M. raised Bros. Harrison, Hadley, Lavender, and Lawrence in faultless style.

At the banquet table the Worshipful Master proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, and in the toast of "The Grand Officers" he feelingly referred to the great loss the Craft had sustained in the death of the Pro Grand Master. He also pointed out the very large amount of time that was sacrificed for the love of Masonry by the Grand Officers; busy men, whose time was very valuable, were always ready to give of their best to aid the grand cause we all have at heart.

In proposing "The Worshipful Master," Bro. George Everett, I.P.M., referred to the splendid working that the W.M. had performed that night.

In reply, the W.M. said that, as he had said before, he was proud to be Master of that lodge, and should do his best to preserve it as a good lodge in every respect.

In proposing "The Visitor, Bro. J. A. McCarthy, W.M. 1955," the W.M. said how pleased they were to have such a distinguished visitor. He trusted that he would find himself well entertained, and could assure him that they desired to treat him well.

Bro. McCarthy, 21, W.M. 1955, in reply, said that it gave him the greatest pleasure to be present in England, and he was gratified by the kind manner in which he had been received. He was most delighted with the working of the lodge. He had visited many lodges in Africa, on the continent, and in England, but never had seen the work done more efficiently. The cool, quiet, thoughtful delivery of the W.M. was simply marvellous. He should take back to Africa very lively recollections of that meeting, and of all those who were present, and should remember how well he had been entertained, and what kindly feeling had been shown. Wherever he went he found the same true Masonic spirit. He did not ask them to visit Africa to come to his lodge, but pressed any of those who were present, if ever at Free-Town, to let him know, so that he could give them a welcome similar to the one he had received.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Officers," and said he could assure their visitor that every officer of the lodge could work the Three Degrees as well as he could, some of them perhaps better. The advantage was that they all went to school together, and so perfected themselves. He was glad to see Bro. Folkard, J.W., back among them again.

Bros. Westley, S.W.; Folkard, J.W.; and Steele, Treas., responded.

The Tyler's toast brought a very happy evening to a conclusion, which had been enlivened by songs and recitations from Bros. Everett, I.P.M.; Harvey, J.D.; J. Langdon, D.C.; Andrews, S.D.; Lyell, Steward; J. Mitchell, Shannaw, and Roberts.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

ALDERLEY EDGE.

Alan Lodge (No. 2368).—The second regular meeting of this successful lodge was held on Thursday, the 16th ult., at the Queen's Hotel, when there was a large attendance of brethren. Bro. the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P., P.P.G.W. Cheshire, W.M., was in attendance, supported by the following: Bros. J. W. Roston, acting S.W.; T. W. Markland, J.W.; A. Lawley, Prov. A.G. Sec., Treas.; A. Keymer, S.D.; J. B. Gemmell, J.D.; and M. Aspdon, acting I.G. The ballot was taken for two gentlemen, which proved favourable, and they were subsequently initiated respectively by Bro. E. T. Everett, P.M., P.P.G.D., and Bro. A. Lawley, P.M., Prov. A.G. Sec. The working tools and charge were given in an effective manner by Bro. T. W. Markland, J.W., who also during the evening (in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Gorden Small) presented a founder's jewel to Bro. the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, the first W.M., which was gracefully accepted. The jewel was of solid gold. The arms of the W.M. being artistically introduced in coloured enamel, the whole being a masterpiece of workmanship and exquisitely finished, and reflected great credit upon the manufacturer and designer, Bro. George Kenning, of Manchester and London.

BRIGHTON.

Atlingworth Lodge (No. 1821).—The annual installation meeting of the brethren of the above lodge was held at the Royal Pavilion, on Thursday, the 16th ult. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. J. Billingham, who was supported by the following officers, viz.: Bros. H. Anscombe, I.P.M.; M. Lelew, S.W.; W. C. Newsam, J.W.; S. Peters, P.P.G.P., Treas.; O. Embling, Sec.; H. Stair, S.D.; A. Loader, J.D.; D. Thomson, D.C.; J. Parsons, Stwd.; and H. H. Hughes, Tyler.

The members of the lodge present also included Bros. G. S. Godfree, P.M.; W. Newsome, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; B. Burfield, P.M., Prov. A.G. Sec.; T. Berry, P.M., Prov. G.P.; M. Nias, J. Hamlin, E. J. Miles, H. Hart, H. Youens, H. W. Ingledew, T. Gibbs, W. H. Brown, B. Button, M. W. Wormald, A. P. Dollman, M. Grinberg, J. Lewis-Davis, W. Harris, E. Tebbs, W. Bury Shaw, T. C. Grevatt, T. Chapman, R. Strong, J. Sayers, and J. M. Mennich. The lodge was honoured by the attendance of Bros. Sir W. T. Marriott, O.C., M.P., P.G. Stwd., Deputy Prov. G.M.; R. Clowes, W.M. 2201, Prov. S.G.W.; and a large number of visitors from neighbouring lodges.

The chief business of the meeting was the installation of Bro. M. Lelew as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being impressively performed by Bro. B. Burfield, P.M. The W.M. appointed his officers for the ensuing year, those present being invested with the insignia of their respective offices, viz.: Bros. W. C. Newsam, S.W.; O. Embling, J.W.; S. Peters, Treas.; A. Loader, Sec.; H. Stair, S.D.; D. Thompson, J.D.; J. Parsons, D. of C.; T. Bullock, I.G.; Bury Shaw and A. P. Dollman, Stwds.; and H. H. Hughes, Tyler. The retiring W.M., Bro. J. Billingham, was presented with a Past Master's gold jewel in appreciation of the manner in which he had carried out his duties during the past year.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where they sat down to a banquet supplied by Bro. J. Sayers, whose catering gave the greatest satisfaction. The post-prandial proceedings were of a hearty character.

The newly-elected W.M., who presided, proposed "The Queen and the Craft," and then submitted "The M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and "The Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past. In proposing "The Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, Present and Past," he said the Freemasons of the province were proud of having one so exalted as H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught at their head, and he (the W.M.) and those present were gratified to have the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Sir W. T. Marriott, amongst them that evening. They were also honoured by the presence of the Provincial Grand Wardens, and among the Past Provincial Grand Officers who attended he heartily welcomed Bro. S. H. Soper, the Mayor-elect of Brighton.

Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott, on rising to respond, was cordially received. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught would, he said, like to visit the province, but his many duties prevented him from being among them this year, but he believed he would be enabled to preside over them next year. Speaking for himself, he said he was pleased to assist at so large a gathering. The lodge, from its name, was associated with one of whom Brightonians were proud—Somers Clarke. And that reminded him, he said, of the great kindness he had received from one of their brethren, Bro. G. S. Godfree, on the occasion of a severe drenching which he experienced in a storm while hunting on the Downs. Bro. Marriott's recital of his experiences evoked hearty laughter. Bro. Godfree proved, he said, that he possessed the true soul of Freemasonry, and he believed the members of the lodge were imbued with the same spirit. He wished the lodge every success in the future.

Bro. J. Billingham, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M." He felt, he said, that he could not do adequate justice to the toast. Bro. Lelew had shown excellent work, and would render a good account of himself, and worthily sustain the honour of the lodge.

The Worshipful Master, who was enthusiastically received, said it had been said that "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." Doubtless there were exceptions to this, and he was one of those exceptions. He had been much impressed by the reception accorded him, and wished to thank Bros. Billingham, G. S. Godfree, S. Peters, B. Burfield, H. Anscombe, O. Embling, and J. Sayers for their admirable assistance in promoting the success of their large gathering. He hoped he should prove himself worthy of the great kindness shown him. He had not entered upon his duties lightly, and he trusted to be able to carry out those duties satisfactorily and with benefit to the lodge. He announced that Bro. Button had presented the lodge with a loving cup.

Bro. G. S. Godfree proposed "The Worshipful Masters of the Province of Sussex," to which Bros. Clowes and Allen responded.

"The Visitors," given by Bro. Burfield, was acknowledged by Bro. S. H. Soper.

The Worshipful Master submitted "The Past Masters," and Bros. Billingham and Anscombe replied.

"The Initiates," proposed by Bro. Berry, was acknowledged by Bros. Reed and Youens.

The Worshipful Master, in eulogistic terms, gave "The Officers of the Lodge," to which Bros. W. C. Newsam, O. Embling, and A. Loader responded.

The Tyler's toast completed the list.

During the evening a pleasing selection of music was admirably sustained by Miss Maud Bond, Miss Edith Welling, Miss Evelyn Padwick, Bro. George Perren (vocalists), and Mr. Lewis Mennich (solo violin), Bro. H. S. Gates, P.P.G.O., proving an able accompanist.

BRIGHTON.

Earl of Sussex Lodge (No. 2201).—The annual installation meeting of the brethren was held at the Royal Pavilion, on Saturday, the 25th ult. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Richard Clowes, P.P.G.W., who was supported by the following officers: Bros. the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, Grand Chaplain, Prov. Grand Chaplain, S.W.; H. E. Price, M.D., P.P.G.W., J.W.; Major-General Barnett Ford, P. Dist. G. Deacon, Bengal, Treas.; Dr. A. King, P.P.G.O., S.D.; C. W. Hudson, P.P.G.W., J.D.; C. Bampfylde, P.P.G.D., D. of C.; J. K. Knight, I.G.; J. P. Slingsby-Roberts, Org.; R. Pidcock, Prov. G. Reg., Lennox Browne, and R. Percy Clowes, Stewards; and H. H. Hughes, Tyler. The following members of the lodge were also present: Bros. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; the Right Hon. Sir W. T. Marriott, M.P., P.M., Deputy Prov. Grand Master; J. H. Matthews, P.G. Std. Br.; E. Letchworth, P.G.D.; A. Scott; Lieutenant-General C. W. Randolph, P.P.G.W.; H. Somerville Burney, P.G.D.; and W. F. Pilcher Seymour Burrows, P.P.G.D. There was also a very large gathering of visitors, amongst whom were Bros. J. Adams, P.M. 311, P.P.S.G.D.; J. M. Read, P.M. 733, P.G. Treas.; T. C. Woodman, P.M. 271, P.P.G.D.C.; C. F. Matier, P.G. Std. Br.; J. Hind Crouch, 1664; G. A. Mursell, P.M. 35, P.P.S.G.D.; R. Plumble, P.M. 46, P.G.S.; J. H. Lee, P.M. 1196; J. H. Whatford, W.M. 916; W. Gill, W.M. 1829; R. Davison,

I.P.M. 1184; W. Carless, W.M. 1842; F. W. Hotham, I.G. 1184; B. Burfield, P.M. 1821, Prov. A.G. Sec.; J. Lloyd, P.M. 1726, Prov. G.D.C.; H. R. Knipe, 859; J. W. Broad, W.M. 311; A. J. Howard, I.P.M. 1110; S. H. Soper, P.M. 732, P.P.J.G.D.; J. Terry, W.M. 315; W. Wright, P.M. 1303, Prov. G. Steward; B. Lomax, I.P.M. 811, P.P.G.D.C.; E. F. Gordon, P.M. 706; E. J. Whittle, J.W. 811; C. Scantlebury, 913; F. Duke, 1842; E. Walker, P.M. 811, P.P.G.C.; H. Anscombe, P.M. 1821, Prov. Asst. Grand Purst.; H. M. Beddington, 10 and 859; W. M. Bywater, 19, P.G.S.B.; C. Beddington, 859, P.G.P.; C. W. Carrell, W.M. 2312; W. B. Isworth, W.M. 1636; J. B. Evans, J.W. 172; W. W. Drury, Stwd. 315; W. A. Raper, W.M. 1184; H. W. G. Abell, J.W. 1797; E. Broadbridge, P.M. 1636, P.P.G.D.; W. F. Booth, I.G. 732; G. Wilson, W.M. 1303; H. Endacott, J.W. 1947; J. Turton, S.D. 811; W. Botting, P.M. 732, Prov. G.D.; W. H. Brown, W.M. 1619; G. Hallett, W.M. 811; C. W. Duke, P.M. 40, P.P.S.G.W.; A. B. Tirrell, P.M. 1494, P.G.S. Middx.; H. W. Sandeman, 2095, Prov. D.G.M. Bengal; G. D. Harris, 1635; W. A. Tooth, P.M. 1821, P.P.G. Chap.; G. de Paris, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; E. A. Buchanan, 1829; W. H. Sawle, 851; R. Fitzmaurice, W.M. 1465; A. H. Luckett, P.M. 1540; T. McQueen, P.M. 916; W. S. Allen, W.M. 40; G. B. Simpson, W.M. 1141, Prov. G. Stwd.; W. E. Morrison, W.M. 1110, Prov. J.G.W.; S. Browning, P.G.O., D.P.G.M. Bucks; W. Hughes, S.W. 99; H. Langton, 271; F. Cecil Parsons, W.M. 271; A. Hodson, 271; J. L. Bridgen, P.M. 732, P.P.G.W.; G. Cole, P.M. P.P.G.O.; C. J. Corder, P.M. 271, P.P. S.G.W.; and Turle Lee, 1922.

The lodge having been opened, the W.M., Bro. Richard Clowes, P.P.G.W., addressing the brethren, said the time had come for him to vacate the chair, but, before doing so, he wished to thank all his officers for what they had done for him during his most pleasant year of office. Everyone had been most kind; they had vied with each other in trying to make his Mastership a year of happiness, and had done so most successfully. He felt bound to give a special vote of thanks to his Secretary, whose kindness and many exertions on his behalf he should ever remember, and he trusted that the succeeding W.M.'s might have his co-operation and assistance (always given with pleasure) for many years to come. He (Bro. Clowes) hoped he might be spared to welcome all his officers as W.M.'s of the Earl of Sussex Lodge in the years to come, and he would endeavour to make their years of office as happy as they made his. Bro. Rev. E. R. Currie, Dean of Battle, G. Chap., and P.G. Chaplain, was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec. The newly-installed W.M. then appointed his officers, those present being invested with the insignia of their respective offices, viz.: Bros. Richard Clowes, P.P.G.W., I.P.M.; H. E. Price, M.D., P.P.G.W., S.W.; Dr. A. King, P.P.G.O., J.W.; Major-General Barnett Ford, P. Dist. G.D. Bengal, Treas.; V. P. Freeman, P.G.D., P.P.G.W., Prov. G. Sec.; C. W. Hudson, P.P.G.W., S.D.; J. P. Slingsby-Roberts, J.D.; C. Bampfylde Warre, P.P.G.D., D.C.; J. P. Knight, Asst. D.C.; Chapman Marshall, Org.; R. Percy Clowes, I.G.; R. Pidcock, Prov. G. Reg., and A. Scott, Stwds.; and H. H. Hughes, Tyler. The W.M., in presenting Bro. R. Clowes with a Past Master's gold jewel, spoke in eulogistic terms of the admirable manner in which the retiring W.M. had carried out the duties of his office. The Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott, also acknowledged in his heartiest manner the untiring zeal with which Bro. Clowes had devoted himself to the lodge. Bro. Clowes, in responding, said that although the jewel had not been voted for him, as was usual in such cases, at their last meeting in April, he regarded the circumstance as a good omen of their kind feelings towards him, as it proved he had been thought of since that meeting by the brethren. The kind words of the W.M., the flattering remarks of Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott, and the handsome jewel told him that his efforts in doing all in his power for the good and welfare of the Earl of Sussex Lodge during his Mastership had been appreciated. Leaving the chair with the goodwill and best wishes of the brethren, their kindness would always be remembered by him, and he should never forget his year of office as their W.M.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where they sat down to an elegant banquet, supplied by Bro. D. Mutton, whose catering gave the highest satisfaction.

The newly-installed W.M. presided, but, having to leave by an early train, was unable to take part in the *post-prandial* proceedings, and left the duties of W.M. to the able and experienced hands of Bro. R. Clowes, I.P.M. The latter gave the opening toasts—"The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and "The D.G.M., the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. Sandeman responded on behalf of the Grand Lodge, and expressed the pleasure he felt in visiting such an efficiently worked lodge as the Earl of Sussex, and receiving such kind and fraternal greeting from those present. He threw out some interesting suggestions for the consideration of members of new lodges.

Bro. R. Clowes next proposed "The Prov. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. the Right Hon. Sir W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., Judge Advocate-General, Past Grand Steward; and Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, Present and Past." Their Prov. Grand Master, he was glad to learn, would, he said, shortly be stationed at Portsmouth, and he had no doubt that his Royal Highness would visit the brethren in Sussex at his first opportunity, when he would be sure to receive a hearty welcome. It had been reported that the Duke of Connaught would visit Brighton in January, but he believed he would attend the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons in February. He (Bro. Clowes) was pleased to see the Deputy Provincial Grand Master amongst them, and was also gratified at the attendance of so many Provincial Grand Officers. He embraced the opportunity of congratulating Bro. E. Morrison (Mayor of Eastbourne), Prov. J.G.W., on the excellent arrangements he had made on the previous day for the reception of the Provincial Grand Lodge at Eastbourne.

Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott, in responding, apologised for the absence of Bro. Gerald W. E. Loder. He had that day attended the wedding of Bro. Loder, and the brethren would be pleased to learn that their Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, had honoured the occasion with his presence.

Bro. R. Clowes next gave "The W.M. of the Earl of Sussex Lodge." He regretted that Bro. Currie had been compelled to leave so early, but the brethren would, he was sure, give the toast a very hearty reception. Their W.M. was a worthy and distinguished Mason, and one of which they were all proud. Those who saw his excellent work during the afternoon would agree with him in predicting that under Bro. Currie's Mastership the lodge would have a prosperous year.

In introducing the toast of "The Past Masters of the Lodge," the Prov. Grand Secretary, after speaking of the excellent work of the Past Masters, and of the kind manner in which they appreciated his services, said he had been requested by some of the brethren to make a small presentation to Bro. Clowes as an earnest of their good feeling towards him, and as a token of their thorough appreciation of the hospitality which Bro. Clowes had extended to them.

The presentation took the form of a silver bowl and an illuminated address. The latter read as follows: "Presented, together with a silver bowl, to W. Bro. Richard Clowes, P.P.S.G.W., P.M. Earl of Sussex Lodge, No. 2201, by a few Masonic friends, as a token of fraternal regard. October 25th, 1890. Signed, H. W. G. Abell, J. Adames, W. Botting, E. Broadbridge, E. A. Buchanan, S. Denman, W. Gill, T. P. Harker, G. Holman, W. B. Isworth, S. R. Legg, A. J. Lamette, W. E. Morrison, W. A. Tooth, R. Willard, and W. Wright."

Bro. Clowes, on rising to respond, was enthusiastically received. He said there were some moments in one's lives when they felt inadequate to say what they felt. Such was the case with him then, for the presentation had come upon him as a great surprise, and he was not prepared with words to thank them sufficiently for such a token of kind and fraternal feeling. Since he had resided in Sussex he had received the greatest kindness from the Masonic brethren, and during his year of office as W.M. of the Earl of Sussex Lodge he had been gratified to have so many friends around him. He wished to thank the Grand Secretary, Bro. Shadwell H. Clerke, for his constant attendance. During his Mastership seven brethren had been initiated into the lodge, and nine joining members had been elected; and he had experienced the great pleasure of entertaining 200 guests. His wife would thoroughly appreciate the presentation, for she was a thorough Mason at heart, as Bro. Shadwell Clerke could testify. He again wished to thank the brethren for their kindness and goodwill.

Bro. R. Clowes next submitted the toast of "The Visitors," to which Bros. W. E. Morrison, Major Carrell, and S. H. Soper, responded.

Bro. Bellington acknowledged "The Initiates," and Bro. G. Hallett that of "The W.M.'s of the Lodges in the Province."

Bro. H. E. Price, S.W., responded for "The Officers of the Lodge."

The Tyler's toast completed the list.

CHINGFORD.

Warner Lodge (No. 2256).—The installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Royal Forest Hotel, on Tuesday, the 14th ult., when there were present Bros. Courtenay Warner, W.M.; T. S. Jackson, S.W.; J. J. Briginshaw, J. W.; Rev. Matthew Rees, Chap.; William Shurmur, Treas.; H. Comins, Sec.; H. J. Horton, S.D.; James Speller, J.D.; George Hurley, I.G.; Wm. Peter Allen, D.C.; F. M. Mercer, Wm. Bellington, Nathaniel Fortescue, Geo. Long, J. M. Calver, W. A. Longmore, Wm. Finch, Edwin Knott, Henry Poston, Gilbert Houghton, W. A. Finch, Richd. Kershaw, Geo. Cackett, Rev. H. A. Alpess, Fred Taylor, David Ogilvie, Joseph Holland, J. H. Wildash, C. G. Cutchey, Joseph Young, and the following visitors: Bros. W. D. Church, W.M. 1365; Geo. Graveley, P.M.; G. J. Westfield, P.P.G.S.B.; Alfred Buck, P.P.S.G.W.; Archdeacon Dunbar, Rev. J. Lindsay, D.D., P.P.G. Chap.; Donald Campbell, I.G. 1365; T. J. Nunn, W.M. 2063, P.G.S.; J. P. Allen, P.M. 2063; S. J. Notley, P.M. 1150; E. Simmons, Org. 861; H. F. Bromhead, W.M. 2318; H. Pridmore, J. Miskin, Tom Taylor, E. Gray, jun., and H. Prenton.

After the usual preliminaries, the minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed. The Auditors' report was adopted, and ordered to be entered upon the minutes. The W.M. then requested Bro. Wm. Shurmur to take the chair and officiate as Installing Master. Bro. Jackson, W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. Finch, P.M., and duly installed in the chair of K.S. in a highly impressive and most perfect manner. The W.M. then invested the following officers: Bros. J. J. Briginshaw, S.W.; James Speller, J.W.; Rev. H. A. Alpess, Chap.; William Shurmur, Treas.; Geo. Hurley, S.D.; Richard Kershaw, J.D.; Wm. Peter Allen, I.G.; Geo. Cackett, D.C.; W. A. Finch and M. Rees, Stwds.; Fred Taylor, Org.; and John Ives, Tyler. The Installing Master, Bro. Wm. Shurmur, then gave the addresses with thrilling effect. The ballot proving unanimously in favour of Messrs. Samuel Herbert, G. R. Brown, and James Bird, they were initiated into Freemasonry in an admirable manner. The outgoing Master, Bro. Courtenay T. Warner, was presented with a handsome 18-carat Past Master's jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning), on which was engraved—"Presented to Bro. Courtenay T. Warner by the members of the Warner Lodge as a mark of regard and esteem and in appreciation of valuable services rendered. 1889-90."

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

The usual toasts followed. Bros. Herbert, Brown, and Bird, responded suitably and gracefully to the toast of "The Initiates."

Bros. Dr. Lindsay and W. D. Church were eloquent and humorous in their replies for "The Visitors."

An excellent programme of music was performed by Bro. Prenton, assisted by Bros. Joseph Young, Tom Taylor, and others. The proceedings then terminated.

DURHAM.

Universities' Lodge (No. 2352).—The concluding meeting of this young lodge for the year was held on Thursday, the 23rd ult., at the Masonic Hall. Bro. Canon Tristram, D.D., occupied the chair. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. Rev. E. Boddington, M.A., and G. Middlemiss, M.D., were passed to the Second Degree, the work being done by Bro. Rev. R. H. Yeld, Chaplain, and the working tools explained

by the S.W., Bro. Canon Kynaston, D.D. Bro. Professor G. Hare Philipson, M.D., was then raised to the Degree of a M.M., the ceremony being again performed by Bro. Yeld, assisted by Bro. Forster, M.A., the working tools being presented by Bro. Kynaston. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year then took place, when the S.W., Bro. the Rev. Canon Kynaston, D.D., was unanimously chosen.

After some further business was transacted, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Three Tuns Hotel for dinner.

HAMPTON COURT.

Burdett Lodge (No. 1293).—This lodge met at the Mitre Hotel on Saturday, the 25th ult., to assist at the initiation of Francis Burdett, Esq., the eldest son of Bro. Col. Sir F. Burdett, Bart., Prov. G.M., and the first W.M. of the lodge. There were present Bros. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart.; Tattersall, W.M.; Swain, S.W.; Kentish, P.M., as J.W.; Pearce, P.M., P.P. G.R., Secretary; Sindell, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., as S.D.; Orchard, J.D.; Pfister, I.G.; Maple, P.M., P.P.G.D., Steward; Gilbert, Tyler; Thomas Fenn, P.B.G.P.; Raymond H. Thrupp, Deputy Prov. G.M.; Roberts, P.M., P.P.G.W.; Nilson, I.P.M.; Tau, P.P.G.D.; Massa, Scale, Sadler, Linley, and Thorne. Visitors: Bros. H. H. Room, Prov. Grand Secretary; Lee, P.P.G.D.; Jas. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I. for Boys; Brown, W.M. 708; Harker, W.M. 732; Harling, P.M. 30; Richardson, P.M. 183; Houghton, P.M. 1768; Hodges, I.P.M. 1695; and Howen, 1604. Apologies were read from Bro. F. Richardson, P.G.D., and several other brethren.

After the opening of the lodge and routine business, the Prov. G.M. assumed the chair, and initiated his son into Freemasonry in capital style, the W.M. giving the address. The election then took place for W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler, and Bro. Swain was unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. Gordon, P.M., P.P.G.D., was unanimously re-elected Treas.; and Bro. Gilbert elected Tyler. Several other matters of business were then attended to, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards sat down to a good banquet, provided by Bro. Sadler, and spent a very pleasant evening.

Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—This lodge held its first meeting of the season at the Greyhound Hotel, on the 16th ultimo. Among those in attendance were Bros. E. Clarke, W.M.; A. F. Scholding, S.W.; R. Eales, P.M., acting J.W.; J. C. Jessett, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., Sec.; J. Smith, J.D.; J. W. Clarke, I.G.; R. Kent, Org.; W. Spearing, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., D.C.; Robinson, A.D.C.; Harry Wheatley, P.M., and Trotter, Stwds.; G. Ransford, I.P.M.; Plimsaul, P.M.; Cronin, Boyce, Hill, Carter, Bright, C. F. Davis, H. Gale, C. Wheatley, J. B. Mella, and others. Bros. Howard Room, P.M., P.G. Sec.; Harvey, P.M. 1314; and T. W. D'Aubney, 1766, were visitors.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the Secretary moved the following resolution, which was seconded and carried *nem. con.*—"That the sum of £2 10s. be voted to the Pension Indemnity Fund, R.M.I. for Boys." A vote of condolence was passed to the family of Bro. Gummer, a member of the lodge, who had recently died. Communications were received from Bros. W. Fisher, P.M., J.W.; A. Bushell, S.D.; R. H. Crunden, A. Z. Schuze, and others, pleading their inability to attend the meeting.

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

The customary toasts received full justice.

Bro. H. Room responded on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers." After dealing with this important toast in his usual happy way, he said, in conclusion, that he thought that the brethren of No. 1512 might like to know how the money that had been subscribed to the Woodward Testimonial Fund had been dealt with. The testimonial consisted of a handsome gold watch and chain and illuminated address to the recipient, and a beautiful diamond bracelet and locket for Mrs. Woodward, who had been of great assistance to her husband during his tenure of office as Provincial Grand Secretary.

"The Health of the Worshipful Master" was proposed by Bro. G. Ransford, I.P.M.

Bro. E. Clarke, in reply, expressed his regret that the candidates for passing had not attended that evening, as he had come prepared to perform the ceremony, and he should have liked the visitors to have seen the good working of his officers.

Bros. Room, Harvey, and D'Aubney acknowledged the toast of "The Visitors" in appropriate terms.

"The Health of the Past Masters" was coupled with the names of Bros. Ransford and Eales, who duly responded. The toasts of "The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Officers," and "The Masonic Charities" terminated the proceedings.

Bro. Scholding, S.W., who represented the lodge at the last Festival of the R.M.I. for Girls, in acknowledging the last-named toast, took occasion to speak of the great support given to the Provincial Grand Master, who presided at the festival, by the Middlesex brethren. That was endorsed by the fact that in round numbers the province contributed 10 per cent. of the total subscribed. The Hemming Lodge had done well, and he felt very gratified at the support they had given him in his capacity as Steward.

HOUNSLOW.

Dalhousie Lodge (No. 865).—The last meeting of the season was held at the Town Hall, on Wednesday, the 15th ult. Present: Bros. G. Swann, W.M.; S. W. Keene, P.M., acting S.W.; C. Woods, J.W.; C. A. Walter, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; W. C. Williams, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; E. Clare, S.D.; C. G. Hatt, J.D.; C. E. Betts, acting I.G.; W. H. Causton, I.P.M., P.G.S.; R. H. Williams, P.M., P.P.G.D., D.C.; H. H. Room, Prov. G. Sec.; J. M. Long, T. Haynes, S. Sidders, J. Cox, F. A. Barth, T. W. Barth, J. B. Cory, D. Boyce, R. W. Allison, W. Essex, E. Allison, E. Green, W. J. Rendale, G. Pattenden, J. H. Evans, H. Murkett, W. E. Macey, H. Robinson, and Snow. Visitors: Bros. E. H. Moseley, 2163, and G. A. Knight, 1585.

The lodge was opened, and the Provincial Grand Secretary saluted in the usual manner. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Green and Rendall were passed to the Degree of F.C. The Secretary read a reply from Bro. H. H. Room, thanking the brethren

for having elected him an honorary member of the lodge. There being no further Masonic business, the lodge was closed.

The brethren, as usual, adjourned to the Red Lion for refreshments.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, Bro. H. H. Room responded for "The Provincial Grand Officers," congratulating the lodge on its prosperity and good working, particularly on the quiet and able way the whole of the duties had been carried out, both in the lodge and at the banquet table.

The toasts were interspersed with songs from Bros. Barth, Clare, Williams, Knight, and others.

The Tyler's toast brought another pleasant evening—the last of the season—to a close.

MANCHESTER.

St. George Lodge (No. 1170).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 20th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street. The chair was taken by Bro. Thos. Black, the W.M. There were four candidates balloted for, all of which proved favourable. All other business being complete, the lodge was closed.

There were present Bros. Thos. Black, W.M.; R. W. Routley, S.W.; W. H. Buckley, J.W.; George Hunt, P.M.; P.G.T., Sec.; Wm. Craig Royle, S.D.; L. Suthers, J.D.; T. H. Black, Geo. S. Smith, P.M.; T. D. Hooper, P.M.; P.P.G. Treas.; J. S. Watham, and Robt. A. Eldershaw, P.M. Visitor: Bro. H. P. Antoine, 58r.

SOUTHEND.

Priory Lodge (No. 1000).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 23rd ult., at the Middleton Hotel, when there were present Bros. W. E. Bridgland, P.M. 933, P.G.S.B., W.M.; T. Hood, S.W.; B. Thomas, J. W.; F. Wood, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; A. Lucking, P.M., P.G.P., Sec.; A. Vandervord, S.D.; C. W. Barnard, J.D.; F. J. Cumine, I.G.; C. H. Bowmaker, Stwd.; A. W. Martin, Tyler; G. J. Glasscock, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; C. Floyd, P.M., P.P.A.G.P.; A. Adams, W. Trigg, L. Warren, W. Tyler, B. Fearnside, C. J. Dobson, R. J. Smith, G. E. Underwood, W. H. Scratton, H. Cogill, G. F. Vandervord, and W. M. Burton. Visitors: Bros. G. W. Hardy, I.G., and C. Walton, 160; C. Swainson, J.D. 361; and Rev. A. Waller, 940.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. George Reed was balloted for and initiated, after which Bro. Scratton was raised. Ten guineas were voted to the memorial to be erected to the memory of Bro. Barrett, P.M., P.P.G.R. Three candidates were proposed for initiation.

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

YORK.

York Lodge (No. 236).—An ordinary meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, on Monday evening, the 20th ult., when the W.M., Bro. C. M. Forbes, was supported by his officers, several Past Masters, and members of this and other lodges.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last regular lodge confirmed, the election of Charity representatives was proceeded with. The W.M. said that Bro. Joseph Todd, P.M., had occupied the position of Charity representative of this lodge ever since the formation of the Provincial Charities Association, and they would agree that they could not find a better representative. He proposed Bro. Todd, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., as their representative, and Bro. G. Kirby, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., seconded the motion, remarking that Bro. Todd was well acquainted with the nature of the Charities. The motion having been carried unanimously, Bro. Todd acknowledged the compliment, and expressed his deep interest in the Charities and the Education Fund established about three years ago. He referred to a very deserving case at York, which he hoped would receive the support of the brethren. After some other remarks Bro. Todd commented upon a choice copper-plate which he had recently purchased on the authority of the lodge, which had been used most of a hundred years ago for engraving certificates for members of the Union Lodge, at that period the lodge at York. On the motion of Bro. Purnell, seconded by the W.M., a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Todd for his obtaining the plate. The by-laws having been read as presented, the lodge was shortly afterwards closed.

Royal Arch.

Pythagorean Chapter (No. 79).—The usual quarterly convocation of the above chapter took place on the 16th ult. at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, under the presidency of Comp. F. Coudry, Z., assisted by Comps. W. L. Doddrell, H.; A. Holmes, J.; K. Ingle, S.E.; C. Kitson, S.N.; J. G. Milburn, P.S.; W. Kipps, P.Z.; Hunt, P.Z.; Halsey, P.Z.; Aillud, P.Z.; Nash, Dowsett, Wild, Salter, Dale, Warren, and others. Among the visitors were Comps. Escott, P.Z. 1593; Dennant, P.Z. 140; and others. B. Justice, of Lodge 79, was, after approval, exalted to the Supreme Degree, and the brethren banqueted.

The usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts were honoured, and with Comp. Kipps at the piano, some good singing enlivened the proceedings.

Chapitre La France (No. 2060).—This flourishing chapter had a very pleasant meeting on Monday, the 20th ult. Four more candidates—Bros. Delacoste, Berchile, Daoust, and Bohers—presented themselves for exaltation, thus bringing up the list of members to 32. In the course of the evening two more candidates were proposed. With Comp. Thos. Fenn, Past President Board of General Purposes, as P.S., it goes without saying that the ceremony was performed in a most correct style. Comps. Sir John Monckton, P.G.S. (Membre d'Honneur of the Chapter); Lennox Browne, P.Z. 2108; and Bramber, H. 1615, followed with great interest the ritual as expounded in the French language. The three lectures were given in a masterly manner by the three Principals.

The other companions present were Comps. Hopkinson, Treas.; F. Mead, S.N.; F. Richardson, G.D.C., D.C.; E. H. Thiellay, as I.P.Z.; L. Clerc, Cassal, Thorn, Filhon, Benoist, Pouard, Oppenheim, Wheeler, Chatrian, and Rousset.

The officers elected for the ensuing year were Comps. H. Bué, M.E.Z.; E. St. Clair, H.; T. Fenn, J.; G. Hopkinson, Treas.; Rev. E. C. d'Auquier, Scribe E.; P. Saillard, Scribe N.; F. Mead, P.S.; W. Begester, 1st A.S.; L. Clerc, 2nd A.S.; F. Richardson, D.C.; and Evenden, Janitor. The Treasurer's report was most satisfactory.

The labours over, the companions adjourned to refreshment, when Comp. Delecoste put before them one of his usual select menus.

The speeches were short and to the point, the three Principals dividing the work between them in about equal proportions.

Comp. Sir John B. Monckton replied for "The Grand Officers," Comps. Lennox Browne and Bramber for "The Visitors," and Comp. T. Fenn for "The Officers."

The four Exaltees each said a few words.

Altogether it was a most pleasant evening.

MANCHESTER.

Humphrey Chetham Chapter (No. 645).—The regular meeting of this chapter was held on Tuesday, the 21st ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper street. The presiding M.E.Z. was Comp. J. H. Sillitoe, Prov. G.H.

The chapter was duly opened, and the ballot taken for two brethren, which proved favourable, and they were exalted to the Holy Degree. Afterwards Comp. Max Weingenthaler was installed into the chair of J. by Comp. A. H. Jefferis, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C. All business being at an end, the chapter was closed, and a lecture given by Comp. Sillitoe with great effect.

There were present Comps. George S. Smith, H.; M. Weingenthaler, J.; Carl Gotz, P.Z., Treasurer; John E. Lees, P.Z., S.E.; J. S. Lewis, S.N.; N. Heywood, P.S.; J. R. Ashworthy, 1st A.S.; J. H. Sillitoe, P.Z., P.G.H.; S. Kelly, P.Z.; S. Warburton, P.Z.; H. Edler, and W. Brookes.

PLUMSTEAD.

Pattison Chapter (No. 913).—The first meeting of the above chapter since Comp. Palmer was installed M.E.Z. in July last, took place on Thursday, the 16th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Mount Pleasant, and was a very pleasant one. The chapter was opened by the M.E.Z., assisted by the following companions of the chapter and visitors: Comps. J. H. Roberts, I.P.Z., acting H.; C. H. Lawson, J.; C. Coupland, P.Z., P.P.G.J.; E. Denton, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S.; A. Penfold, P.Z., P.P.G. 1st A.S., Treas.; H. J. Butter, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S., S.E.; Major Eugene Sweny, P.Z., P.P.G.R.; H. Mason, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S.; R. J. Cook, P.Z.; J. Edmunds, P.Z.; Rev. R. Jamblin, M.A., P.Z. (Hon.), P.Z. 284, P.G.S.N.; C. Jolly, P.Z. (Hon.), P.Z. 1472; E. Morris, S.N.; C. J. Clapham, P.S.; W. C. Taylor, 1st A.S.; F. Tyler, Org.; G. H. Nichols, Stwd.; W. Lardner, Janitor; J. Topp, G. Frost, D. Campbell, J. Hooton, S. Horton, W. Davidson, Capt. G. Spinks, P.Z. 13; G. Kenneday, P.Z. 13; Col. C. Vansittart, Capt. G. Hearn, and W. C. Haley, of 1789; F. Barry, 13; G. Bashford, 515; and R. Smith, 1000.

The chapter having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed, the ballot was taken for Comp. B. de B. Lopez, 6, P.M. 913, and proved unanimous. The ballot was then taken for Bro. H. G. Baker, 913, and proving unanimous, that brother was duly exalted to the Supreme Degree.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions sat down to a pleasantly served supper.

The usual loyal and Grand Chapter toasts were honoured, and after that of "Earl Amherst, Grand Supt. of Kent," had been received, as it always is, not only in this chapter but in every lodge and chapter in the province over which his lordship so genially presides, the cheering weed was lit, and harmony, vocal and instrumental, filled up the pauses between some eloquent speeches.

Comp. Mason responded for a hearty reception of the toast of "Comp. Eastes, G.H., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past." He said he felt it a great honour to serve as G.P.S., to which high office he had been promoted that year, under such a splendid Mason as their Grand Superintendent. He advocated a constant attendance at Grand Lodge and Chapter meetings, because there and then they had the opportunity of seeing the excellent working of the Grand Officers, and he believed it was to the fact of the constant attendance of the officers of the lodge and chapter that the work went on so correctly and smoothly in them both.

The I.P.Z., in proposing the toast of "The M.E.Z.," said that from the long experience he had had of Comp. Palmer, both in the lodge and chapter, he was convinced that he would carry out his duty to their entire satisfaction. They saw how hard and well he had worked that night, and they might be sure that in the future nothing would be wanting to secure the happiness of the members and the prosperity of the chapter.

The M.E.Z., in response, said he felt unworthy of the kind remarks of Comp. Roberts, because he felt that he ought to have done the work better. He had, however, worked hard to make himself perfect, but it was a difficult thing in one getting into years to learn and commit to memory such an elaborate and lengthy ritual as that of the Royal Arch. He knew the ritual as well as possible at home, but his memory had rather failed him that night. It should, however, be his endeavour to do the work in a proper manner, and so keep up the reputation of the chapter for good working.

Comp. Roberts, in responding for "The Second Principal," said he was pleased that the M.E.Z. was satisfied with the manner in which he had carried out his portion of the ceremony. Yet he felt sure that Comp. Clarke, their H., would exceed him when he attended and filled the chair to which he had been exalted.

Comp. Lawson, in responding for "The Third Principal," said he also was pleased if any effort he had made in discharging his duties as J. had met with their approbation. He felt that he was placed in rather an awkward position with respect to his chapter duties. On the previous Thursday he had to work the duties of H. at another chapter, and next January would have to take over those of Z.; and he had found that it was one thing to learn the ritual, but quite another to work it even to one's own satisfaction. He would strongly urge that nothing should be done to divert one's attention while delivering the lectures, because if the thread was once broken it was difficult to unite the ends without some halt or falter that entirely destroyed both the character and impression of the ritual, especially on the

mind of the exalte. Personally, as long as he was a member of it he should endeavour to discharge his duties in the chapter, whatever they might be, to their satisfaction.

Comp. Edmonds, in responding for "The P.Z.'s," regretted that illness had prevented him attending the chapter so often as he should have liked to. Nothing inimical to the P.Z.'s or the chapter had been the cause, simply illness and want of time, but he trusted now that he had recovered to be with them oftener.

Comp. Cook also responded.

Comp. Baker responded for "The Exaltees," and Comp. Clapham for "The Officers," and then the Janitor's toast concluded the proceedings.

Comp. Tyler presided at the piano, and Comp. Horton gave some selections on the violin in a most delightful manner.

Mark Masonry.

BUXTON.

Duke of Connaught Lodge (No. 246).—The anniversary of this lodge was held at the Town Hall on Tuesday, the 21st ult., when there were present Bros. Abel Oram, W.M.; Edgar Horne, Prov. J.G.W., I.P.M.; John E. Harrison, S.W.; G. Smedley, J.W.; J. E. Sutton, M.O.; J. H. Orme, S.O.; J. Gladwin, J.O.; E. C. Milligan, P.G.I.G. England, P.P.J.G.W., Treas.; J. H. Lawson, P.P.G.R., Sec.; Hon. C. W. Trollope, S.D.; W. Boughen, P.M., I.G.; J. Perkins, Tyler; and Percy Wallis, P.G.D. England, P.P.S.G.W. Visitors: Bros. Abraham Woodiwiss, G.M.O. England, P.P.S.G.W.; Cawthorn Webster, P.M. 302, Prov. S.G.D.; and Jas. R. Fielding, M.O. 414.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., the minutes were read, and the Audit Committee submitted a satisfactory balance sheet. The chair was then taken by Bro. Percy Wallis, who duly installed the W.M. elect, Bro. John E. Harrison, and delivered the several charges.

Apologies were received from a number of brethren, and the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a beautiful banquet, provided by Bro. Lawson, at the Old Hall Hotel, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

PLUMSTEAD.

Excelsior Lodge (No. 226).—The usual quarterly meeting of the above flourishing lodge took place on Friday, the 13th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Mount Pleasant. Bro. G. Kenneday, P.P.G.R., W.M., occupied the chair, supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. T. Ovenden, P.P.J.G.D., I.P.M.; J. Whiteheart, P.P.G.I.G., S.W.; C. Jolly, P.P.G.O., J.W.; A. Penfold, P.M., P.P.G.M.O.; Capt. G. Spinks, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. Farrier, Sec.; Capt. D. Deeves, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., M.O.; E. West, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., S.O.; W. F. Akers, J.O.; F. Reed, P.P.G.I.G., S.D.; G. H. Porter, C. J. Clapham, J. D. Johnson, and others.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes confirmed the ballot was taken for Bro. C. Warren, 1536, and proving unanimous, that brother was advanced by the W.M., who was shortly afterwards obliged to retire through illness. Bro. Ovenden then took the chair, and closed the lodge, and afterwards presided at the social board, where the usual Mark toasts were drunk, and an hour or two spent most pleasurably.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

ROBERT BURNS LODGE (No. 25).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 28th ult., at Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road, W., when there were present Bros. W. Densham, W.M.; F. Klein, S.W.; R. Blum, J.W.; F. Marx, P.M., Preceptor; J. Blundell, P.M., Treas.; F. J. Bonham, P.M., Sec.; W. Shales, I.G.; R. J. Harvey, R. Kirk, and J. G. Thompson.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Harvey being the candidate. Bro. Kirk worked the 2nd Section of the Lecture. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Densham for having occupied the chair for the first time. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

MANCHESTER LODGE (No. 179).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 23th ult., at Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road. Present: Bros. Gittens, W.M.; Mason, S.W.; Marx, J.W.; Hemming, P.M., acting as Preceptor; G. Wood, Sec.; Shales, S.D.; Tapping, J.D.; Colham, I.G.; and Harvey.

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. Tapping being candidate. Bro. Harvey having offered himself as a candidate for passing, answered the questions, and was entrusted, when the lodge was opened in the Second Degree and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Mason then answered the questions of the 4th Section of the Lecture. Bro. Mason, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the officers were elected in rotation. All business being ended, the lodge was closed.

CLARENCE LODGE (No. 263).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Thursday, the 23rd ult., at Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road. There were present Bros. F. J. Rushton, W.M.; H. G. Cubitt, S.W.; J. W. Drysdale, J.W.; W. H. Kirby, Preceptor; W. Baker, acting Sec.; D. G. Imlay, S.D.; H. T. Sykes, J.D.; R. Horne, I.G.; D. D. West, B. G. Elliott, C. F. Cox, H. Wilks, F. Corp, D. Carmichael, H. H. Nuding, J. W. Corp, S. B. Levy, and H. Sadler. Visitors: Bros. A. O. Miller and F. W. Moss, 228.

The lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The result of a ballot taken for Bros. Carmichael and Wilks was unanimous in their favour, and they were welcomed as joining members, both being present. Bro. J. W. Corp responded to the invitation for a volunteer as candidate, and the ceremony of initiation was very ably rehearsed by Bro. F. J. Rushton, who also delivered the charge. Bro. Carmichael then worked the 2nd Section of the First Lecture.

Bro. Nuding was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and appointed his officers to assist on that occasion. The work for rehearsal will be the second ceremony and tracing board, and the ceremony of installation. All business being ended, the lodge was closed.

PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 28th ult., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale. Present: Bros. E. S. White, W.M.; J. Hutchings, S.W.; C. Coleman, J.W.; G. Wood, Preceptor; W. J. Stratton, W.M. 753, Treas.; J. J. Thomas, P.M., Sec.; W. T. Dillon, S.D.; W. Chapple, J.D.; J. Hall, I.G.; R. H. Dillon, P.M. 1567; N. Turner, P.M. 72; J. W. Cuff, W.M. 511; R. E. Cursons, S. Stretch, E. Wehrle, B. A. Griffin, and E. P. Clayson. Visitor: Bro. H. Weston, 929.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Stretch having answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, was duly entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Stretch candidate. Bro. Cursons worked the 3rd Section of the Lecture, assisted by the Preceptor. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Weston was elected a joining member. The S.W., Bro. Hutchings, was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. A vote of thanks was passed to the W.M. for the excellent manner in which he presided over this lodge of instruction for the first time. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, after "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

ST. JAMES' LODGE (No. 765).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Princess Victoria, Lower-road, Deptford, on the 24th ult., when there were present Bros. Perkins, Preceptor, W.M.; Mansfield, S.W.; Abbott, J.W.; Porter, P.M. 1178, Treas.; Prior, S.D. 765, Sec.; Freyer, P.M. 879, S.D.; Roberts, J.D. 765, J.D.; Mills, 765, I.G.; Stamp, P.M. 1178; Clark, Royal, 1178; and Baker.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Before proceeding with the business of the evening, the W.M., in a very feeling manner, referred to the recent death of the proprietor, Bro. Henry Kingston, 1349, and spoke of the many kindnesses that the deceased brother had shown the lodge of instruction, and the great desire he had evinced to promote its best interests, and pointed out to the brethren that by his death they had lost a valuable member and a dear friend. He said Bro. Kingston was a regular attendant, and always did everything that he possibly could personally to make the members happy and comfortable, and, by his genial manner and kindness of heart, was very highly respected; he (the W.M.) therefore proposed, and Bro. Freyer, P.M. 879, seconded, that a letter of condolence be sent to the family of the deceased brother, and, after a few well-chosen remarks from several brethren present, it was carried unanimously. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Prior candidate. The W.M. performed the ceremony, and worked the traditional history in splendid style. The lodge was then resumed in the First Degree, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. Mills candidate. After the ceremony, the W.M. gave the charge in a very impressive manner, much to the delight of the brethren present. Bro. Perkins, the W.M. for the evening, is also the Preceptor, and was only recently installed as W.M. of the parent lodge, and it speaks well for the St. James' Lodge that they have such a capable Master. The business of the evening having ended, after "Hearty good wishes" from the brethren, the lodge was closed.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on the 24th ult., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. D. S. Long, W.M.; C. Woods, S.W.; F. Craggs, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Preceptor; J. B. Cory, S.D.; T. Jobson, J.D.; H. Bright, I.G.; R. H. Williams, P.M.; A. Williams, P.M.; Dyne, Goddard, Cumber, Wake, Lucas, Fox, Coat, and Blackman.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. R. H. Williams acting as candidate. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sections of the Lecture were worked by the brethren, and the 4th by Bro. R. H. Williams, under the direction of the W.M. The W.M. having risen, Bro. C. Woods was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. It was also resolved that the Fifteen Sections be worked on Friday, December 12th, and the annual supper will take place on the Friday following—December 19th. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

EMBLEMATIC LODGE (No. 1321).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Mona Hotel, Henrietta-street, Covent Garden, W.C., on Tuesday, the 21st ult., when there were present Bros. J. D. Graham, W.M.; J. Patrickson, S.W.; G. E. Grimes, J.W.; J. Greenway, Preceptor; G. F. Swan, Sec.; J. H. Price, Treas. and S.D.; J. S. Hinton, J.D.; T. Whitford, I.G.; W. O. Welsford, E. L. Berry, J. Mason, W. Bowers, A. J. Dixie, W. Hadden, F. W. Buxton, H. Heck, J. Hemming, J. Thom, and W. B. Fendick.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st Section of the First Lecture was worked by Bro. Greenway, Preceptor, the brethren answering the questions in rotation. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The 1st Section of the Second Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, Bro. Greenway, the questions being answered by the brethren in rotation. Bro. Welsford having offered himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, with Bro. Welsford as the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bros. A. J. Dixie, P.M.; W. Hadden, and H. Heck were unanimously elected joining members. The S.W., Bro. Patrickson, was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. A communication having been received from the manager that the room in which the lodge meets would shortly be required for another purpose, a Committee was appointed to make inquiries and arrangements for the future meetings of the lodge, due notice of which will be given in this paper. All business being ended, the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, on Tuesday, the 28th ult., when there were present Bros. E. H. Moore, W.M.; A. Wolter, S.W.; C. G. Gray, J.W.; Walter Hancock, Preceptor; J. Petch, P.M., Prov. Grand Std. Br., Treas.; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; A. Giddings, S.D.; T. Williams, I.G.; J. H. Collingridge, H. J. Kimbell, jun., R. W. Nicole, H. B. Harding, and H. J. Kimbell.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Petch answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Petch being the candidate. Bro. Kimbell, jun., answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Kimbell being the candidate. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree, and the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Collingridge, who rehearsed the investiture of the officers. Bro. Wolter was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

LEOPOLD LODGE (No. 1571).—This lodge held its usual weekly meeting at the City Arms Restaurant, St. Mary Axe, E.C., on Thursday, the 23rd ult., when the following were present: Bros. Dormer, W.M.; Wood, S.W.; Emden, J.W.; Pitt, Preceptor (*pro tem.*); Colley, Hon. Sec.; Johns, S.D.; Miller, J.D.; Barrett, I.G.; Ives, P.M.; Gaskell, P.M.; Langford, Meadows, Morgan, Minett, Hole, Copper, Williams, and Gregar.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Morgan personating the candidate. Bro. Copper answered the usual questions leading to the Second Degree, and the same were answered by Bro. Morgan, who was entrusted and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Morgan was passed to the Degree of a F.C. Bro. Morgan having answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, the lodge was opened in that Degree and resumed to the First. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. Gregar, 1672, was unanimously elected a joining member, and returned thanks. The dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Wood was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and returned thanks, and appointed officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and some ordinary business having been disposed of, nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 24th ult., at the Kensington Park Hotel, Lancaster-road, Notting Hill, W. Present: Bros. W. R. Hatton, W.M.; F. A. Barth, S.W.; J. Powell, J.W.; G. Davis, P.M. 167, Preceptor; W. J. Mason, W.M. 2246, Sec.; J. C. Conway, S.D.; M. J. R. Dundas, J.D.; W. P. Hatton, I.G.; F. L. Chandler, P.M. 1656; C. Breitbart, P.M. 1828; J. R. Roberts, T. W. Heath, E. F. Ferris, H. Armfield, C. T. Butt, H. D. Smith, A. F. Scholding, C. Ellis, G. Gardner, H. Foskett, E. Connell, and C. J. Bye. Bro. A. Ellenden 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. E. Ellis being the candidate. The Preceptor worked the 1st Section, and Bro. A. F. Scholding the 2nd Section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Arthur Ellenden, 1623, was elected a member. Bro. W. J. Mason was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. The Secretary read a letter he had received from Bro. D. P. Cama, P.G. Treas., thanking the brethren of this lodge of instruction for their sympathy with him in his affliction, which the brethren proposed should be entered on the minutes. It was carried unanimously that the votes of this lodge be handed to Bro. S. H. Parkhouse, P.M. of the mother lodge. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 21st ult., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. J. R. Roberts, W.M.; J. R. Hubbard, S.W.; W. Hillier, J.W.; R. H. Williams, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. Middx., Treas.; F. Craggs, Sec.; W. Dresden, S.D.; W. G. Vassie, J.D.; A. J. Turner, I.G.; C. Woods, W. B. Neville, E. E. Gellowski, J. H. Neville, G. Swann, W.M. 865; C. G. Hatt, W. J. Rendall, and James Sims, P.M.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. B. Neville offered himself as a candidate for passing, and was examined in the usual manner and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. Bro. Turner offered himself as a candidate for raising, and having answered the necessary questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony was rehearsed, inclusive of the traditional history. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Hubbard was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. R. H. Williams acted as Preceptor. The lodge was then closed.

A meeting was also held at the above address on Tuesday, the 28th ult., when there were present Bros. W. Hillier, W.M.; W. Dresden, S.W.; C. Woods, J.W.; R. H. Williams, P.M., Treas.; F. Craggs, Sec.; C. G. Hatt, S.D.; E. E. Gellowski, J.D.; G. A. Knight, I.G.; J. H. Neville, W. B. Neville, H. Wake, J. R. Roberts, James Sims, P.M.; G. Swann, W.M. 865; and W. C. Williams, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. Middx.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. B. Neville offered himself as a candidate for passing, and proving proficient on examination, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. Bro. J. H. Neville offered himself as a candidate for raising, and he was therefore examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees respectively. Bro. Dresden was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed. At the next meeting the election of Preceptor, Treasurer, Secretary, and Auditors will take place, and a ballot for a Life-Subscribership to one of the Masonic Charities will speedily follow.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 23rd ult., at the Wheatshaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. F. Woodard, W.M.; H. Cotton, S.W.; W. G. Jennings, J.W.; E. Austin, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M., Sec.; G. Higginson, S.D.; A. Thompson, J.D.; T. Arnott, I.G.; J. R. Allman, P.M.; D. Stroud, P.M.; C. R. Cross, P.M.; Rogers, P.M.; Jobson, Gilbert, W.M. 1828; and Sansom. Visitors: Bros. L. Lee and Bridge.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Thompson having offered himself as a candidate, and having answered the questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and closed in the Third and Second Degrees. The 2nd Section was worked by the W.M., assisted by the brethren. Bro. Cotton was elected W.M. for the 6th inst., the next meeting being the Fifteen Sections' night. Bro. Louis Lee was elected a joining member, and the lodge was closed.

ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington, when there were present Bros. H. Bright, W.M.; Joseph Cox, S.W.; W. E. Macey, J.W.; Jesse Collings, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, Sec.; J. N. Baxter, S.D.; L. Nathan, J.D.; C. C. Barber, I.G.; and others.

The lodge having been opened in due form, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the passing ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Cox was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The Auditors were elected. A ballot will take place for a Life-Subscribership to one of the Charities in about three weeks. As important alterations are being made in the Baron's Court Hotel, the meetings will be held at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, until further notice. The lodge was closed and adjourned to the last-mentioned place.

THE ABBEY (WESTMINSTER) LODGE (No. 2030).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 24th ult., at the Town Hall, Westminster, when there were present Bros. Saunders, W.M.; Bonwick, S.W.; Badderly, J.W.; Gibson, P.M., Preceptor; Coughlan, P.M., Sec.; Hobbs, Asst. Sec.; Barber, S.D.; Dottrell, J.D.; White, I.G.; Balchin, Stwd.; Bull, P.M.; Hampton, P.M.; Brindley, P.M.; Ray, P.M.; Smith, Piper, Roberts, Molony, Stutfield, Budd, Bates, Morgan, Ramsay, and Cheese.

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. Roberts being the candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair, which was taken by Bro. Piper. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Ray, a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Ray being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the W.M. re-occupied the chair. Bros. Hampton, P.M. 145; Bates, W.M. 1507; Cheese, I.G. 145; Ramsay, S.W. 1598; and Perry, were unanimously elected joining members. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed, to be recorded on the minutes, to the W.M. for the very able and efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of W.M. for the first time. Bro. Bonwick was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing fortnight.

WARNER LODGE (No. 2192).—The regular weekly meeting of this lodge was held at Bridge Chambers, Hoe-street, Walthamstow, on Monday, the 27th ult., when there were present Bros. J. Ives, W.M.; Richard Kershaw, S.W.; T. E. Horley, J.W.; William Shurmur, Preceptor; W. P. Allen, Sec.; N. Fortescue, Treas.; F. Taylor, S.D.; Geo. Long, J.D.; W. Volkman, I.G.; H. J. Bromhead, E. Grey, jun., W. J. Bastick, J. J. Briginshaw, C. H. Bestow, Wm. Alcock, W. A. Longmore, G. R. Brown, W. W. Cooke, U. Smith, J. Hodges, and S. Speller.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. The Preceptor then took the chair, and delivered the ancient charge in a most accurate and impressive manner. Bro. G. R. Brown, 2256, was unanimously elected a joining member. Bro. Richard Kershaw was appointed W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. A large majority of the members being founders of the new lodge which will be consecrated on the 24th inst., it was unanimously agreed to postpone the annual supper until December 1st. After "Hearty good wishes," nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting of this chapter was held at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell, on Friday, the 10th ult., when there were present Comps. Eedle, M.E.Z.; Meierhoff, H.; J. Hill, J.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; G. Powell, S.E.; Towers, S.N.; Goodwin, P.S.; Kimpton, Montgomery, Dobinson, and Addington.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Kimpton personating candidate. Comp. Dobinson, Victoria Chapter, was elected a joining member. Comp. Meierhoff was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. The chapter was then closed.

A meeting was also held at the above address on Friday, the 17th ult., when there were present Comps. G. L. Moore, M.E.Z.; J. Hill, H.; King, J.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; Voisey, P.Z., Treas.; C. H. Stone, S.E.; Wilson, S.N.; Stone, P.S.; Addington, McIntyre North, Sander-son, and Grumman.

The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. North as candidate. Comp. King, J. elect 1489, was elected a joining member. The chapter was placed at the disposal of Sphinx Chapter for next meeting.

The Secondary of the City of London and Bro. H. H. Crawford, the City Solicitor, attended at the Royal Courts of Justice on the 23rd ult., and there went through the ceremony of rendering six horse shoes and 61 nails, cutting two fagots, one with a hatchet and the other with a billhook, in respect of a certain forge in St. Clement Danes in the Strand and a piece of land in the county of Salop. All touch of the properties, however, has been lost for two centuries.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

Shadwell Clerke Chapter (No. 107).—

The annual installation meeting of this chapter was held on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., at 33, Golden square. Ill. Bro. W. A. Scurrah, 30°, M.W.S., occupied the chair, and there were likewise present Ill. Bros. Lovegrove, 30°; John Read, 30°, M.W.S. elect; W. R. Palmer, 30°; Bros. Dr. Goodchild, A. Scurrah, E. Storr, Leversedge, and others. Visitors: V. Ill. Bro. Major Geo. Lambert, 33°; Bros. F. Burgess, Capt. T. C. Walls, and Prower.

V. Ill. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, 33°, very courteously wrote a letter to the Recorder, expressing his regret at not being able to be present.

The candidates for perfection not being present, Ill. Bro. Lovegrove, 30°, presented Ill. Bro. Read, 30°, to the M.W.S. for installation, which ceremony was performed by Ill. Bro. W. A. Scurrah, 30°, in a most efficient manner. A P.M. W.S.'s jewel was presented to Ill. Bro. W. A. Scurrah on his retirement from the chair which he had so ably filled during the past year, to which Bro. Scurrah made an appropriate reply. The M.W.S. appointed and invested the officers of the chapter for the ensuing year.

The chapter was then closed, and subsequently the princes dined at the Criterion.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

Royal Kent Chapter (No. 8).—

The regular convocation of this chapter was held on Friday, the 24th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, under the presidency of E. and P. Bro. Carmon, M.W.S. The minutes of the last convocation being read and confirmed, Bros. J. B. Payne and J. A. S. Scott were perfected and afterwards admitted to the L.C. A ballot was then taken for a M.W.S. for the ensuing year, when E. and P. Bro. Dr. Hill-Drury was unanimously elected. The Treasurer and Outer Guard having been elected, a communication was received from the Inspector-General regretting absence owing to ill-health. The fratres expressed their sorrow at Frater Banister's continued indisposition, but hoped he would soon be well enough to be again with them.

Business being ended, the chapter was closed, and the fratres adjourned to the usual "Red Herring."

Order of the Secret Monitor.

Zacharie Conclave (No. 9).—A meeting was held on the 17th ult. at the Holborn Restaurant, when there were present Bros. H. W. Kiallmark, P.G. Std. Br., Treas., S.R.; C. M. Jessop, G.C., Sec.; M. A. Troughton, G.; W. C. Canton, Stwd.; W. A. Ellis, Org.; F. Marshall, V.D.; W. Amor, Sentinel; and W. J. Spratling (Hon. Member), G.R. Visitors: Bros. C. B. Cooper, G.C., and F. E. Lemon, P.G. Stwd.

The Supreme Ruler elect, Bro. C. M. Jessop, G.C., was installed by Bro. W. J. Spratling, assisted by Bros. Kiallmark and Cooper. The Supreme Ruler nominated his officers for the First and Second Degrees, and invested those who were present. An alteration in the date of the meeting held in June from the third to the last Friday in that month, was approved of.

THE DOUGLAS HEAD IMPROVEMENTS.

IMPOSING MASONIC CEREMONY.

In the presence of a large assembly of the brethren of the Isle of Man, West Lancashire, East Lancashire, West Yorkshire, and Cheshire, the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master, Prov. Grand Master of West Lancashire, assisted by numerous Grand and Provincial Grand Officers, laid the foundation-stone on Friday, the 24th ult., of the approach tower to the Douglas Head Suspension Bridge. The English visitors accompanying his lordship, as the guests of the directors of the Suspension Bridge Company, were conveyed on Thursday from Liverpool on the Snaefell, which was specially chartered for the occasion. During the voyage, which was of the pleasantest description, music was supplied by the band of the 3rd Cheshire Rifle Volunteers.

The morning opened beautifully fine, and from an early hour the Masonic visitors who were to take part in the ceremony at noon were to be seen leaving their hotels and lodgings and proceeding along the Promenade to view the site of the proposed Douglas Eiffel Tower. All the visitors were astonished to hear that eight days ago the site was entirely covered by house property. The necessary land has been acquired for £25,000, and the property to be pulled down thereon is of a class the removal of which will not deprive Douglas of any of its architectural beauties. A space sufficiently large for the accommodation of fourteen or fifteen hundred spectators had been cleared, and this space would have been much larger but for the fact that a portion of the property consisted of Customs-house buildings, and the authorities have not yet acquired new premises. In the centre of the site a square vault about 14 feet deep had been excavated, and it was at the bottom of this that the foundation-stone was to be laid by Bro. the Earl of Lathom. Some difficulty had been encountered in preparing the foundations of this base, which will form one of 56 bases upon which the approach tower will rest. The quantity of water which was come to when the excavations were proceeded with was rather more than had been bargained for, and consequently the necessary pumping occasioned considerable delay. However, everything was prepared by Friday morning, for the ceremony of laying the foundation-stone, an immense square block weighing over two tons.

A special meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Isle of Man was convened by the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. John Senhouse Goldie Taubman, and at 11 o'clock the brethren of the Provincial Grand Lodge and their visiting brethren assembled at the Masonic Hall, Loch-parade. There were in all about 600 brethren of all ranks present,

The officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge included Bros. Major John Senhouse Goldie-Taubman, P.G.M.; S. Webb, P.S.G.W.; Rev. E. Ferrier, P.G. Chap.; Frank J. Johnson, P.A.G.S.; J. Hodgson, P.G.R.; C. Morton Chatterton, P.A.G.D.C.; J. Hatton, P.G.P.; Thos. L. Ayton, P.A.G.P.; T. Whiteside, P.G.S.; E. Pritchard, P.P.G.P.; G. W. Quayter, P.P.G.S.; Sidney May, P.G.S.; and L. Hannay, P.P.G.D.

The Province of West Lancashire was represented by, among others, Bros. the Earl of Lathom; W. Goodacre, Prov. Grand Sec.; George Harradon, Prov. Grand Treas.; J. C. Robinson, P.P.G.D.C., acting D. of C.; J. Sutton, P.P.D.G.D.C.; Thos. Adams, P.P.G.D.; A. D. Hesketh, P.P.G.S.B.; James Platts, P.P.S.G.D.; W. Laughlan, P.P.S.G.W.; W. Foulkes, P.G.S.B.; J. Champion Bradshaw, P.P.G.S.B.; J. A. Cruichland, P.P.S.G.D.; Jos. Harling, P.P.G.P.; H. M. Molyneaux, P.P.G.D.C.; Joseph Bridgford, P.P.G.P.; Thomas Salter, P.P.J.G.D.; A. D. Hesketh, P.P.G.S.B.; T. Eyre Mason, P.P.G.T.; H. Crosby, P.P.G.P.; and J. Tunstall, P.P.G.P.

The Province of East Lancashire was represented by Bros. E. J. Cumings, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Butterworth, P.P.G.D.; J. Newton, P.P.S.G.D.; W. H. Wakefield, P.P.G.S.B.; E. G. Harwood, P.P.J.G.W.; J. Arensberg, P.P.G.P.; Joseph T. Richardson, P.P.S.G.D.; Rawden Ashworth, P.P.G.P.; T. H. Sleight, P.P.G.S.B.; Robert Caldwell, P.P.G.S.B.; S. Statham, P.P.G.T.; and J. Brogford, P.P.G.P.

Among the Past and Present Provincial Grand Officers of the Province of Cheshire present were Bros. G. McClelland, P.J.G.D.; Eustace G. Parker, P.P.G.P.; G. F. Smith, P.P.G.S.; L. W. Whalley, P.P.G.O.; E. Hardman, P.P.S.G.D.; J. Beresford, P.P.S.G.D.; H. E. Heywood, P.G.S.B.; David Kinsey, P.P.G.T.; S. Newton Brooke, P.D.G.D. of C.; Joel Foden (Mayor of Altrincham), W.M.; and W. H. Macefield, P.P.G.O.

There was a large assembly of Worshipful Masters and Past Masters of lodges in each of the provinces, as well as a numerous and representative gathering of the rank and file of the Masonic brotherhood of Lancashire, Cheshire, and the Isle of Man.

Prov. Grand Lodge having been duly opened, a procession was formed from the Masonic Hall, outside which a vast crowd had assembled, and were being entertained by the music of the 3rd Cheshire Rifle Volunteers' band. A public Masonic ceremonial is quite a red-letter day in the island. There has only been a single previous one, and that at Peel a year ago. Since then the brethren have never walked in procession, except once from lodge at Douglas to church, and on that occasion, as the rain was pouring down, they ran rather than walked. Such an unusual sight as that presented by five or six hundred Freemasons attired in full Masonic Craft clothing had been eagerly anticipated, and when shortly after 11 o'clock the rain began to fall great disappointment was occasioned. However, there was not sufficient to spoil either the procession or the ceremony, although the brethren had to resort to a pretty general use of umbrellas from leaving to returning to the lodge rooms. The procession went not along the Promenade, but through Finch-road, Prospect Hill, and Victoria-street, so as to traverse the principal streets of the town. All along the route was lined with spectators, who were much interested in the sight afforded by the brilliant pageant. The military band headed the procession, which was formed in the usual order. The visitors and provincial officers led, all the others following according to rank, the Provincial Grand Master of the Isle of Man, and the Deputy Grand Master bringing up the rear. At the entrance to the site the brethren divided to the right and left, forming an avenue, through which the Earl of Lathom and Major Goldie-Taubman passed, the order of procession then being inverted, and the Grand Officers of England and the Provincial Grand Officers following his lordship into the enclosure. The rank and file of the brethren brought up the rear, the place of the officiating brethren having been assigned while the heralds were announcing the arrival of the Deputy Grand Master by a flourish of trumpets. The ceremony was commenced by the singing of the "Old Hundredth." Mr. Thomas Floyd, the engineer, presenting the Earl of Lathom with a handsome silver trowel, which had been manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, requested his lordship to lay the foundation-stone, which was then raised by means of a powerful tripod crane and carefully adjusted. After prayer had been offered by the Grand Chaplain, the Psalm "Except the Lord build the house" was sung, and then the Provincial Grand Secretary read the inscription on the brass plate to be affixed to the foundation-stone, and the Prov. Grand Treasurer descended the vault and deposited in the stone a phial containing the usual collection of newspapers and coins. The Deputy Grand Master then laid the stone according to Masonic ritual, strewing thereon the corn contained in the cornucopia, and pouring upon it the wine and oil contained in the ewers, which had also been carried in the procession. "Prosper the Art" having been sung, prayer was offered by the Prov. G. Chaplain, and the engineer then presented the plans of the tower approach to his lordship, who delivered them to the engineer, exhorting him to proceed without loss of time to the completion of the work in conformity with the plans. The Masonic version of the National Anthem, joined in by the band, brethren, and spectators, concluded the ceremony, and the procession was then re-formed, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was duly closed at the Masonic Hall, which was reached by way of the Promenade. A rumour was freely circulated in Douglas to the effect that the Earl of Lathom

had promised to use his influence with H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to prevail upon the Heir Apparent, as the Grand Master of the Freemasons of England, to open the approach tower when completed.

The proceedings of this most important day in the annals of Manxland were concluded with a banquet at the Castle Mona Hotel, where 200 guests partook of the hospitality of Dr. Abbotts, the Chairman, and the directors of the Douglas Head Suspension Bridge Company.

Bro. Major J. S. Goldie-Taubman presided, and was supported by Bros. the Earl of Lathom, W. Goodacre, J. C. Robinson, Thomas H. Nesbit, and G. Harradon, and the Chairman and directors of the company.

At the conclusion of the banquet, the toasts of "The Queen" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. G. Master," were given and duly honoured, after which

The CHAIRMAN proposed "The Health of the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." The Manx Freemasons, he said, esteemed it a great honour that the Deputy Grand Master of England had consented to come there and lay the foundation-stone of the approach bridge. He hoped that his lordship had formed a good impression of the Manx brethren, and also that the visitors would carry back a good account of Freemasonry in the Isle of Man.

Bro. the Earl of LATHOM, in replying, said that he had been exceedingly pleased to be able to come over to the island to see the working of that young Provincial Grand Lodge. The lodge was in its childhood, but it was a very lusty childhood, for already in the course of four years the province had actually doubled itself. This showed how thoroughly Freemasonry was prospering in the island. He hoped that that would long go on, and that that province would prove a formidable rival to West Lancashire, just over the border. It was with the greatest pleasure that he came to perform the public function, feeling that the tower and bridge was not only a work which was likely to be a benefit to Douglas and the Isle of Man, but that it was one thoroughly within the bounds of Freemasonry. As he understood that scheme, which he hoped would be carried out in its entirety, it was one which would not only give work to men on the island at a time when work was scarce, but would be of immense advantage to the inhabitants and to the many visitors who came there every year. It would add to the great attractions of the island. His own experience dated back over 19 years, when he first had the pleasure of coming over with Sir Henry Loch. Since then he had been 17 or 18 times, and he need hardly tell them that he admired the island. He considered it a great health resort, so much so that he had sent his then young family every year. Since his last visit, 10 years ago, improvements had been made in the town which had perfectly astonished him. In conclusion, his lordship said: He wished all prosperity to the island, and prosperity to the Freemasons of the island.

Other toasts followed, including those of "The Council and House of Keys of the Isle of Man," "The Town and Trade of Douglas," and "Success to the Douglas Head Suspension Bridge." Responding to the second-named toast, Mr. W. Proctor, Chairman of the Town Commissioners, expressed the entire approval of that body of the scheme which had been that day so successfully initiated.

BRO. ALEXANDER WATSON'S RECITAL.

On Wednesday, the 22nd ult., at Steinway Hall, before an enthusiastic audience, Bro. Alexander Watson commenced his annual series of dramatic and humorous recitals. On this occasion he was assisted in the programme by two of his pupils—Messrs. Howard Settle and W. H. Jones—who made their *début* with not a little success. Bro. Watson excelled especially in his fine clear delivery of "The Slave who Saved St. Michael's," and by the humour, not unmixed with pathos, which he displayed in "An Ostler's Story" (A. H. Miles), he carried the audience by storm. Nothing new can be said about Bro. Watson's rendering of "The Kelpie of Corrievreckan," but high praise must be accorded him for the judicious selection he gave from Mr. Jerome's "Three Men in a Boat," and for the dramatic delivery of Mlle. de Mensiaux's "Fire! Fire!" Of the newcomers, Mr. Settle pleased the audience most in "The Last Shot," causing, also, hearty laughter in a selection from "Pickwick." Mr. W. H. Jones delivered in an able manner the first part of "Henry IV." Bro. Watson's next recitals at this hall are on November 18th and December 10th.

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A Second Edition of the *Freemason*, containing the result of the Boys' School election, will be published to-morrow (Saturday) morning.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will hold their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Tavern to-morrow (Saturday), November 1st.

The will of the late Bro. Francis Bennoch has been proved, the personalty being sworn at £10,160 net.

ROYAL MILITARY EXHIBITION, 1890.—The Central Committee have awarded a diploma of merit to Bro. George Kenning for military accoutrements.

The Duke of Connaught, as Honorary Colonel of the London Irish Rifles, has consented to take the chair at the annual distribution of prizes, to take place at Freemasons' Tavern, on the 8th December.

Bro. the Duke of Portland opened a hospital at Mansfield on Monday, and gave a cheque for £500 towards endowing the institution, at the same time promising to maintain a bed on behalf of the Duchess.

Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chaplain of England, rector of Long Melford, Suffolk, has been appointed Chaplain in Ordinary to her Majesty the Queen, in succession to the late Bro. the Rev. Henry White.

Saturday last being the 36th anniversary of the Battle of Balacava, the surviving officers who took part in the memorable engagement dined together at Limmer's Hotel, under the presidency of General Sir C. C. Shute.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, who left Newcastle for Scotland at the end of last week, will deliver a political address at Edinburgh to-day (Friday), and then leave to join Lord and Lady Edward Cavendish at Chatsworth, where it is likely he will remain till Parliament opens on the 25th inst.

The Princess of Wales left Sandringham on Saturday last in order to join the Prince of Wales at Marlborough House, and on Monday their Royal Highnesses left town on a visit to the Marquis and Marchioness of Londonderry, at Wynyard Park, Durham.

Bro. H. M. Jackson, M.P., Financial Secretary to the Treasury, left town on Monday to visit Ireland for the third time, his object being to consider the light railways in course of construction, or about to be constructed, in the west, and it is probable he will meet and consult with the Irish Secretary before returning to England.

Good news has been received from Teheran to the effect that the British Minister at the Shah's Court—Bro. Sir H. Drummond Wolff—whose life a short time since was despaired of, has made considerable progress towards recovery, and that he is able to sit up in bed, and take solid food. We trust the improvement will continue.

A meeting of the Provincial Priory of the United Orders of the Temple and Malta of the Province of Somerset and Monmouth will be held on Thursday, the 13th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare, under the banner of the Worlebury Preceptory of St. Dunstan. The Provincial Prior, Sir Knight Lieut.-Col. Alfred Thrale Perkins, will preside.

The Devonians in London held their second annual ball at the Portman Rooms, on Friday, the 24th ult., when there was a goodly muster of guests, among them being several Mayors wearing their chains of office. Bro. Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor) was unfortunately prevented by his official duties from being present.

We remind our readers in the Chatham district of the Masonic lecture appointed to be delivered by Bro. James Stevens on Wednesday next, the 5th inst., at the Sun Hotel, Chatham, under the auspices of the Royal Kent Lodge of Antiquity, No. 20. A lodge will be opened prior to the lecture, which will commence at seven o'clock, and occupy two hours in delivery. We are not surprised to learn that a very large attendance of Masons from several lodges in the province is anticipated, and can recommend those who can conveniently attend to do so.

The route of the Civic procession on the 10th instant, when Bro. Lord Mayor Savory will go in state to the Royal Courts of Justice to receive the congratulations of the Bench on his installation in office, will be from the Guildhall through Gresham-street, Wood-street, Fore-street, Moorgate-street, Prince's-street, Cornhill, Leadenhall-street as far as Aldgate Pump, Fenchurch-street, Gracechurch-street, Cannon-street, St. Paul's Churchyard, Ludgate Hill, and Fleet-street. The return route is not yet settled, but it will in all probability be, as usual, along the Strand and the Thames Embankment.

Bro. Alderman Savory, Lord Mayor elect of the City of London, visited the Lord Chancellor, Bro. Lord Halsbury, at the House of Lords, on the 24th ult., in order that the latter might signify her Majesty's approval of the choice by the citizens of their new Chief Magistrate. Among those present were the Recorder of London, Sir Thomas Chambers, Sheriffs Farmer and Bro. Augustus Harris, Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton (Town Clerk), Bro. H. H. Crawford (City Solicitor), &c., &c. Bro. Savory was presented by the Recorder, and in expressing the Queen's approval, the Lord Chancellor spoke in extremely complimentary terms of the Chief Magistrate elect's past career.

Bro. W. S. Hoyte, Organist of All Saints, Margaret-street, W., Prov. Grand Organist for Surrey, performed some admirable selections at the organ recital of last Saturday at the Bow and Bromley Institute. His repertoire for the evening included an organ duet, sonata in D minor by Merkel, which he played in conjunction with Mr. Butler. The double pedal action rendered the work of the two players difficult, especially in the Fugue movement. The solos were the Introduction to Wagner's "Parsifal" and the lovely "Pilgrim's Chorus" from "Tannhäuser," Grand Prelude and Fugue in C minor, by Krebs, Andantino by C. Franck, Polonaise in C major by Rubenstein, and a brilliant "Festal March," composed by the performer himself. An additional interest is added to this piece, as it was expressly composed to be played on the occasion of his appointment as Prov. Grand Organist for Surrey.

Prince Henry of Battenberg has consented to preside at the 73rd Anniversary Festival of the German Society of Benevolence, to be held at the Hôtel Métropole on the 24th February, 1891.

In future the Government Institution, which is known as the Normal School of Science and Royal School of Mines, will, by command of her Majesty, be known as "The Royal College of Science, London."

Lord Egerton of Tatton has presented his portrait to all the lodges in the Province of Cheshire. The likeness is an excellent one, and presents his lordship in his Masonic clothing as Provincial Grand Master.

The Michaelmas sittings of the Royal Courts of Justice opened on Friday, the 24th ult., when the judges, after breakfasting with Bro. Lord Halsbury at his official residence at the House of Lords, attended in great force.

At the moment of going to press we hear that Bro. S. H. Parkhouse, P.M. 511, 1642, of North Kensington, was presented on Wednesday evening with a testimonial consisting of an illuminated address, a gold watch, and a purse containing a cheque for £150. We shall refer to this more particularly in our next issue.

We regret to hear that the Countess of Jersey caught a slight chill in going to Balmoral the other day, and this has since developed into typhoid fever. The Countess, however, according to the latest accounts, is progressing favourably. In consequence Bro. the Earl of Jersey has been compelled to postpone his departure for Australia.

The British Astronomical Society, which has been formed as a supplement to the Royal Astronomical Society, held its annual general meeting at the Society of Arts on the 24th ult., when, according to the reports presented, it was found that there were 283 members, and that the society had a balance at its bankers of close on £200.

The William Shurmur Lodge, No. 2374, will be consecrated at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, on Monday, the 24th instant. The ceremony of consecration will be performed by the Provincial Grand Master, the Right Hon. Lord Brooke, and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., will install the W.M.

The Grand Superintendent of Essex, Comp. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, will consecrate the Warner Chapter, No. 2256, on Saturday, the 8th instant, at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford. Comp. William Shurmur, P.Z., M.E.Z., and Z. elect 1471, is the M.E.Z. designate; Comp. Daniel Pound Holness, P.M., P.Z. 1471, H. designate; and Comp. T. Scoresby Jackson, P.S. 1471, J. designate.

The *South Australian Freemason* says:—"Excellent as is R. F. Gould's 'History of Freemasonry,' it is doubtful whether it will in any great degree become popular. There is a want of abridgment of it. Such a work will be well received by the Masonic world, and would probably lead many Masons to peruse the greater work and thereby further the growing taste for Masonic study."

The entertainment organised by the directors of the Empire Theatre for the benefit of the survivors of the Balacava Charge was a great success. By permission of the respective managers, a great array of talent was there to give their services, which was very good of them, and their respective managers, especially Bro. Edward Terry, who permitted himself to come, and who was very heartily received. The proceeds, we believe, will form a substantial contribution to this very deserving fund.

Speaking on the word "Freemason," Bro. W. Simpson, of Lodge Quatuor Coronati, says we do not know the exact meaning of the name. Many etymologies have been suggested. All the languages in Europe having been exhausted in attempts, the ancient languages of the East are now being attacked as a solvent in this case. Bro. J. H. Little has dived into the hieroglyphics of Egypt, and has derived the word from that source. He puts it as *Phre-masson*.

The marriage of Bro. G. Loder, the junior M.P. for Brighton, with the Lady Louise de Vere Beauclerk, eldest daughter of Bro. the Duke of St. Albans, was solemnised at St. Peter's, Eaton-square, on Saturday last. The Prince of Wales was present, and among the congregation and at the wedding breakfast were Bro. the Duke and Duchess of St. Albans, the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, Bro. Sir W. Marriott, M.P., and Lady Marriott, and Bro. Sir Raymond and Lady Burrell. In the afternoon the bride and bridegroom left for Beechwood, Herts, for the honeymoon.

The Crystal Palace Dog Show, which was opened on Tuesday and remained open the two following days, was on a larger scale than any that has yet been attempted. It was conducted under Kennel Club rules, but was organised by the Palace Company. The exhibits numbered over 1700, and were divided into more than a hundred classes, while the sum distributed in prizes was £1350, irrespective of 175 special prizes. Among the best and most numerous represented heads were the St. Bernard's, the bloodhounds, and pugs, and there were some very fine foreign dogs, in particular a team of Eskimo dogs.

The following circular has been issued by the Provincial Grand Secretary of Somerset:—"By command of the V.W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master in charge, Bro. R. C. Else, P.G.D., I beg to inform you that the postponed Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge will be held on Thursday, November 6th, at the Public Rooms, Clevedon, at one o'clock, under the banner of the Coleridge Lodge, No. 1750, when the business set out in the already issued summons, dated July 28th, will be the only matter transacted. The R.W. Provincial Grand Master designate, the Right Hon. Viscount Dungarvan, having postponed his installation until next year.—John C. Hunt, P.P.S.G.W., Prov. Grand Secaetary."

A farewell banquet was given at Sydney on Monday by the leading colonists of New South Wales to Bro. Lord Carrington, on his vacation of the Governorship of the colony. Among the principal guests were Bro. the Earl of Hopetoun, Governor of Victoria; Bro. the Earl of Kintore, Governor of South Australia; and the principal members of the Ministry. The health of his excellency was drunk with the utmost enthusiasm. A grand ball was to be given in his honour on Thursday. To-morrow (Saturday) his lordship will hold his last levée, after which he and Lady Carrington will leave by the overland route for Adelaide, where they will embark for England on board the Orient line steamer Orizaba.

Foremast Church, near Derby, has been thoroughly restored, at the cost of Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.M. of Middlesex.

Mr. Edwin Drew will give an elocutionary and musical evening at Exeter Hall, on the 10th inst., this being his first appearance at this celebrated centre.

We learn from a dispatch recently received at Berlin from Zanzibar that Vice-Admiral Fremantle captured Vitu on Tuesday and burned the town to the ground.

Tuesday night's *Gazette* contained an announcement that the Queen has been pleased to command, on the recommendation of her Majesty's Chapel Royal Commission, that the Chapel Royal, Whitehall, shall be permanently closed.

The Exhibition of the Works in Pottery, Stone, and Glass, to which the prizes annually given by the Turners' Company had been awarded, was opened at the Mansion House on Wednesday.

The state of the eyesight of Bro. Alderman Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott is a cause of anxiety to him. An eminent oculist who has been consulted advises the Alderman that, though he can read the smallest print, he must scrupulously avoid overtaxing the strength of his eyes.

The Dutch States General by a vote of 109 to 5 votes have declared his Majesty the King, on account of the state of his health, to be incapacitated from carrying on the government of the country, and a bill providing for a Regency is expected to be passed in the course of the next fortnight.

Bro. Henry Lorraine, the scholarly Shakesperian tragedian, who has this week been winning high eulogiums by his masterly interpretation of the Ghost in "Hamlet" and Iago in "Othello," at Sadler's Wells Theatre, has been engaged to support Mrs. Langtry in the forthcoming production of "Cleopatra" at the Princess's Theatre.

Bro. Lord Mayor Sir H. A. Isaacs and the Lady Mayoress, accompanied by Sheriffs Farmer and Bro. Augustus Harris, attended the Guildhall School of Music on Wednesday evening for the purpose of distributing the prizes to the successful pupils. The prizes were distributed by the Lady Mayoress, and his lordship acknowledged the vote of thanks for their attendance.

It is the intention of Bro. the Earl of Jersey to leave England for Sydney, N.S.W., as soon as the convalescence of his wife is thoroughly established, and her ladyship will follow him to Australia when she is strong enough to travel. Their children, who had arrived at Brindisi and were stopped by the news of her illness, are expected to return to England the end of the present week.

It is announced that a history of the Craft in Austria and Hungary will shortly appear. The historian is Bro. Louis Argner, and it will be published in German in monthly parts. There was existing in Hungary in the last century a system of Masonry called the system of Count Draskovich, the details of which are promised by Bro. Argner.

The Duke of Clarence and Avondale visited Liverpool on Wednesday, for the purpose of opening the new Royal Infirmary. As may well be imagined, the city was *en fête* in honour of the event, and the Prince, both in the Town Hall, where he was received by the Mayor and Corporation, and the Infirmary, met with a most hearty reception, an address in a choice gold casket being presented to his Royal Highness in the Town Hall, and a gold key, with which he unlocked the door leading to the main corridor, and declared the new buildings open at the infirmary. A number of ladies presented purses afterwards, the amount thus raised being reported as £4,500. The day's rejoicings concluded with a grand ball, at which the Prince was present.

Mr. Charles E. Mudie, the founder and chief proprietor of the celebrated Select Library, which in all probability will always be distinguished by his name, died at his residence at Hampstead on Tuesday at the ripe age of 72 years. The deceased had been in failing health for a long time, nor had he taken an active part in business for some six or seven years. But though his place in New Oxford-street had long ceased to know him, his death will be very generally lamented as that of the founder of the most successful circulating library of this or any other country. "Mudie's," indeed, is an institution, and though all may not have approved of the principles on which it is conducted—as regards the selection of books for circulation—it is generally allowed that the deceased did much to promote the interests of a sound and wholesome literature. It has been said that he was narrow and somewhat bigoted in his views, especially in religious matters, but though some good works may have been excluded from his catalogues, none were ever included that were calculated to exercise a baneful influence on religion and morals.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Northumberland and Durham was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Durham, on the 21st ult. The Provincial Grand Master, Bro. the Rev. Canon Tristram, presided, assisted by Bro. R. B. Reed and the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge. After the usual routine business had been transacted, very satisfactory reports were presented by the Masters of the various lodges in the province, showing that there had been an increase of members during the past year, and that there was every likelihood of one or two new lodges being consecrated during the ensuing year. The Grand Master afterwards appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Thomas Bell, 356, Prov. S.G.W.; A. J. Maine, 135, Prov. J.G.W.; William Lyon (T.I.), Prov. G.M.O.; Geo. Porteous, 124, Prov. S.G.O.; William Brown, 203, Prov. J.G.O.; Thomas Randell, 356, Prov. G. Chap.; W. H. Massenberge, 250, Prov. G.R. of M.; C. B. Ford, (T.I.), Prov. G. Sec.; C. Spencer, 122, Prov. S.G.D.; William Green, 103, Prov. J.G.D.; Thomas Mason, 39, Prov. G.I. of W.; J. H. Corder, 346, Prov. G.D. of C.; G. F. Allen, 122, Prov. G.S.B.; Thomas Purvis, 346, Prov. G. Std. Br.; Jacob Barker, 366, Prov. G. Org.; and John Hepple, 362, Prov. G.I.G.

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