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THE BOYS' SCHOOL ELECTION.

The autumn election of children into the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held at Freemasons' Tavern on Friday, the 31st ult., when 19 candidates were chosen by ballot to fill up as many vacancies from an approved list of 52, the boy HART, standing at No. 47, and hailing from the Provinces of Bedfordshire and North Wales, having had his name withdrawn by his friends after the issue of the voting papers. The result shows that the poll was a heavy one, and that the voting was close, there being a difference of about 1000 votes only between the boy who headed the poll and the lowest successful candidate. Not far short of 400 votes separated the latter from the highest unsuccessful candidate, between whom and the candidate who obtained the thirtieth place there was a difference of about 1100 votes. The votes cast for the remaining 22 candidates were few in number, but with the exception of two of them, they will all have one or more opportunities afforded them of obtaining admission into the School.

The approved list contained the names of 13 London candidates, two of partly London and partly Provincial origin, and 38 Provincial, since reduced by the withdrawal of HART, as above mentioned, to 37, while the successful comprise seven London boys, one partly London and partly country, and 11 from the Provinces. Thus London has succeeded in carrying more than half its candidates, while the Provinces have failed to carry one-third. London had also the honour of heading the poll, one of its half-dozen new cases, No. 39, polling 3397 votes right off the reel, while the Lincolnshire lad, with 1779 votes from April last, stood second with 3146 votes, thanks to the support vouchsafed it by the Hertfordshire brethren, who, as the widow resides in their Province, adopted the candidate as their own. No. 3, hailing from London and Surrey, and having 1343 votes in hand, scored 1764 additional votes, and thus raised his total to 3107 votes. No. 4, London, with 1697 votes brought forward, increased his total to 3099, and then followed one of the two Warwickshire boys, who polled 3062 votes, of which 363 were brought forward. Had the exertions put forth in behalf of this lad been less considerable, he would have failed altogether, as this was his only remaining chance of obtaining admission into the School. No. 6, standing No. 52 on the list, had the support of Worcestershire and Cheshire, and, thanks to the exertions of his friends, obtained 3055 votes. One of the three Durham boys, who had only this chance left him and but 604 votes in hand, secured the next place with a total of 3044 votes, the Monmouthshire candidate, with still fewer votes (210) to his credit, being close at his heels with 3041, and a West Lancashire lad, who brought forward 489 votes, well up with 3037 votes. Thus between Nos. 1 and 9, the difference in the votes they obtained is only 360. Two boys from London obtained the tenth and eleventh places, the former, who was a last case, and had 1058 votes to his credit, scoring 2931, and the latter, with 1249 votes to the good, 2894. A second West Lancashire boy, who was a candidate for the second time, stood twelfth with 2887 votes, of which 239 were polled in April last; while a Kent boy, with 56 votes brought forward from the same election, secured the thirteenth place with 2733 votes. The East Lancashire candidate, with 2715 votes, was fourteenth in order, the West Yorkshire next with 2692 votes; two more London boys next with 2573 votes and 2525 votes respectively; one of three candidates from Derbyshire, with 1498 votes to his credit, raised his total to 2524 votes; and a seventh London boy brought up the rear with 2368 votes, of which 311 were already in hand.

The highest unsuccessful candidate hailed from London, his total being 1999 votes, of which 1484 were brought forward. Probably had his friends been a little less sanguine, his position would have been higher. The Suffolk boy stood next with 1872 votes, and then came the youth from South America, who carries forward his 1602 votes to the election in April next. The Berks and Bucks boy was twenty-third on the list with 1448 votes, and the Notts boy next with 1374 votes. Then followed a

London boy with 1250 votes; one of the Somersetshire candidates with 1203 votes; one of the three from Kent with 1154 votes; and then three others who each of them scored over 800 votes, and will therefore stand proportionately well for the next election. The remaining 22 candidates did nothing to speak of. The total number of votes issued and brought forward reached 77,500, of which 16,042 were in hand already, while of the 61,458 issued for this election 56,160 were received and passed by the Scrutineers, the number unused or rejected being 5298. Of the five last cases, three succeeded, the two unsuccessful hailing from London and Hertfordshire respectively. It is manifest, however, from the fact of the latter obtaining only eight votes that he never had the remotest chance of winning, and it seems to us that it would have been better, and would certainly have saved trouble, had his case never been submitted for approval. The number of candidates who will go forward to the election in April, 1891, is 31.

THE GIRLS' SCHOOL ELECTION.

As might have been expected from the more limited number of candidates, the polling on Saturday last for the election of candidates into the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was individually far heavier than at the Boys' Election the day previous. At the latter, the highest individual poll was 3397 votes, and the lowest successful candidate obtained 2368 votes, the highest unsuccessful scoring 1999 votes. On Saturday last the girl returned at the head of the list polled 4212 votes, and No. 16, the lowest successful, 3563 votes, while there were two children who obtained upwards of 3000 votes, and failed to secure places, and a third in a similar position, who obtained upwards of 2300 votes. Taking, however, the aggregate at the two elections, we find that there were more votes passed by the Scrutineers out of a somewhat smaller issue for the Boys' Election than at that of the Girls' School.

The approved list of candidates contained the names of 32 girls, of whom one, however, was withdrawn after the voting papers had been distributed. Of these nine hailed from London and 22 from the Provinces and Districts abroad. London carried four of its candidates, and polled over 3000 votes in the case of two others, while the Provinces placed 12 candidates. The highest successful child hailed from New Brunswick, and starting with 691 votes in her favour, obtained a total of 4212 votes. Of the two girls from Norfolk, one had 2141 votes to her credit, and increased her total to 4073 votes, thereby securing the second place, while a London candidate, who figured in this capacity for the first time, was placed third with 4014 votes. One of two Sussex children stood next with 3957 votes, and a Suffolk girl next with 3832 votes. The candidate from North and East Yorkshire, with 2593 votes to the good, scored 3829, while one of three from the contiguous Province of West Yorkshire, who had 2470 votes in hand, came next with 3771 votes. The second Suffolk girl stood eighth with 3760 votes, and the one Hants and Isle of Wight candidate ninth, with 3731 votes, a second West Yorkshire girl, who was only one vote behind No. 9, being next with 3730 votes. No. 11 from London polled 3680 votes, and No. 12 from Durham 3654 votes, of which 908 were brought forward from the April election. Nos. 13 and 14 were from London, and scored 3631 votes and 3630 votes respectively, the former being 1124 votes to the good at starting, and the latter 634 votes. The second Norfolk girl secured the fifteenth vacancy with 3602 votes, of which 2273 votes already stood to her credit, while one of the Devonshire girls obtained the sixteenth place, with a total of 3563 votes, 429 votes being brought forward, and 3134 votes polled on this occasion. The highest unsuccessful candidates were two London girls with 3406 votes and 3062 votes respectively, the former having 1531 votes at starting, and the latter 884, the next child, who brought forward 1517 votes and increased her total to 2339 votes, being from Malta, and the

next with 1343 votes, the second candidate from Sussex. Of the two *last* cases, one headed the poll, and the other, from London, only obtained 183 votes, and will therefore have her name removed from the list, so that the number of children who remain eligible will be 14. The votes brought forward from April were 17,689, and the votes issued 61,524, making a total of 79,213, but the total poll was 73,590 votes, so that 5623 votes were either unused or rejected by the Scrutineers.

THE RIGHTS OF MINORITIES UNDER ARTICLE 219.

It is evident that we have not heard the last of the Grand Registrar's ruling in respect of Law 219, Book of Constitutions, and its applications to the case of lodges which determine by a majority of votes to secede from the English Constitution. It will be remembered that this law provides that "should the majority of any lodge determine to retire from it, the power of assembling remains with the rest of the members, but should the number of members remaining at any time be less than three, the warrant becomes extinct." According to a letter from our Grand Secretary, written after consultation with the Grand Registrar, to the District Grand Secretary of Wellington, N.Z., in November last, it was "officially decided" at the time the new Australian Grand Lodges were being formed, that "the rule contained in Art. 219, Book of Constitutions, which allows three members to hold the warrant, did not apply" to cases in which a majority of the members of any lodge determined on joining a newly-formed local Grand Lodge, or one in course of formation, on the ground that "the majority were not 'retiring' from the lodge, but were merely transferring its allegiance to another Masonic power." To this was added the further information "that it was always ruled in the Australian cases that such a question cannot be discussed in open lodge." To this we objected in the article which appeared in our issue of the 20th September, "that (1) there is nothing in the wording of the Article (219) itself to indicate that the word 'retire' possesses, or is intended to possess, the particular meaning assigned to it by the Grand Registrar in this or any other class of cases; and (2) it is not in the power of a majority of the members of a lodge to 'merely transfer' its allegiance from the Grand Lodge which constituted it to 'another Masonic power.'" We further pointed out that, as "such a question cannot be discussed in open lodge," no lodge, as such, could determine in favour of "merely transferring its allegiance to another Masonic power," that though the members might meet together as individual Craftsmen, and as such determine by a large or bare majority on transferring their allegiance to another Masonic power, such decision would not, unless otherwise previously arranged, be binding on the minority; and that such minority would therefore retain the right secured to them by Article 219 of assembling as a lodge, provided always that they were not "less than three" in number.

We have more than once referred to this subject, and every now and then we receive intelligence, either through our exchanges or from private sources, which confirms us in our opinion that the Grand Registrar's interpretation of this particular law is not justified either by the language in which the law is expressed, or by any other law in the Book of Constitutions. Very recently we have received a letter from a loyal member of the Cambrian Lodge of Australia, No. 656, Sydney, New South Wales, in which he says, "While freely admitting the right of a majority—when not a packed meeting—in all cases where there is no rule or course laid down in the Book of Constitutions for guidance, we totally disagree with Worshipful Brother PHILBRICK'S opinion in our particular case, and you cannot, Sir, wonder at the widespread dissatisfaction such an opinion has caused. In fact, the leading members of the Craft in the Colonies are perfectly astounded at the manner in which the *loyal* members of Cambrian Lodge, No. 656, E.C., have been dealt with and Article 219, B.C., rendered void." After expressing a doubt as to whether our Grand Lodge has decided in accordance with the Grand Registrar's ruling, the writer goes on to remark—"That the language of Article 219 admits of only *one* reading, and that that reading is plain and simple I think you will agree with me, for a third-form boy could not misconstrue the language used in B.C., viz., *three members may hold the charter of the lodge*." In a postscript the writer adds, "May I ask what would the Grand Registrar say to the casting vote of a partisan Chairman on a proposition to join a Constitution which does *not* recognise the G.A.O.T.U., if that casting vote were given in favour of joining the new Constitution? Would the majority then have the right to remove a God-recognising lodge to an infidel Constitution?"

As regards intelligence of an official character relating directly or indirectly to this branch of the New Zealand question,

we may state, firstly, that in a letter dated "Auckland, May 8th, 1890," the District Grand Secretary of Auckland, writing by direction of the District Grand Master, informs the Worshipful Masters of lodges in that jurisdiction that "until recognised by the Grand Lodge of England, no intercourse should be held with the so-called 'Grand Lodge of New Zealand,' and its members should not be admitted as visitors or otherwise into our lodges;" and further, that "in the event of his electing to erase or suspend the warrant of any seceding lodge, he (the D.G.M.) intimates that if any members, not less than three in number, and not being connected with the so-called 'Grand Lodge of New Zealand,' are desirous of retaining their lodge warrant, and continuing the working of the lodge, he will be prepared to grant such request upon application." In a circular dated "Christchurch, 20th May, 1890," Bro. P. CUNNINGHAM, District Deputy G. Master in charge of the District Grand Lodge of Canterbury, E.C., after cautioning Masters of lodges in the District against surrendering the warrants of their lodges, except to the authority by which they were granted, writes, "I may state, however, that lodges having a satisfactory number of working members (although a minority of the original members of such lodge) will be granted permission to retain their warrants, names, and numbers, and continue to work under the Grand Lodge of England." But the most important utterances on the subject are contained in a letter addressed under date of "Auckland, 10th May, 1890," by Bro. Sir FREDERICK WHITAKER (Attorney General N.Z.), District Grand Master of the North Island, N.Z., under the Scotch Constitution, to the Worshipful Masters of the lodges under his obedience. This distinguished brother says, among other things, (1) "No lodge, whatever number of members are in favour of it, can transfer the allegiance of the lodge as a body, and by the laws of our Constitution it is prescribed that 'should the majority of any lodge retire from it, the power of carrying on the work remains with the minority. Should the number of members of a lodge be reduced to less than three, the charter becomes extinct.'" (2) "Now, as to the position and duty of the Master and members of your lodge. If the lodge has passed a resolution at a duly constituted meeting to transfer their allegiance, or a resolution in any form inconsistent with their charter and the allegiance they owe to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, any such resolution was *ultra vires*, and, putting it in the least offensive form, a mistake made under a misapprehension: but if not that, and it was passed deliberately, with a full knowledge and appreciation of the situation, it would not be unduly harsh to characterise the act as a revolt on the part of the lodge, and on the part of the Master, if he concurred therein, a violation of the solemn obligations entered into by him at his installation. A statement of the circumstances is alone, in my judgment, sufficient to demonstrate the absurdity of a contention that a lodge, duly constituted by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, to which, by solemn engagement, it owes allegiance, can possess the power to transfer that allegiance to another body, even if that other body were a duly constituted Masonic body, much less to a body not even recognised by the Grand Lodge of Scotland. At the same time it is, of course, the unquestioned right of any members to duly retire from their lodges, and, if they think fit, to transfer their allegiance as individuals to any other duly constituted and recognised lodge, or indeed to any other body by whatever name it may please to call itself." These, it must be remembered, are the utterances, not of a layman, but of a legal colonial luminary, and deserve, therefore, to be well pondered.

In the meantime, we commend to the notice of the Grand Registrar the following queries:—

(a) How can a majority of the members of a lodge legally transfer its allegiance to another Masonic power, if the question "cannot be discussed in open lodge?"

(b) If a majority of the members agree among themselves, but not in open lodge, to transfer their allegiance, what is that but an act of secession or retirement on their part; and in what way can such an agreement, arrived at outside the lodge, be made legally binding upon the minority who remain loyal, if the latter determine upon availing themselves of "the power of assembling," which is secured to them under Article 219?

(c) If it is in any way possible for a majority of the members of a lodge to transfer its allegiance to another Masonic power, and by so doing revolt from the authority of that which constituted it, are the minority who decline to have part in such revolt to be punished for remaining loyal by deprivation of the rights secured to them by law?

Though the town of Richmond has received its charter of incorporation, it has not yet succeeded in obtaining a Mayor. It, in the first instance, approached Bro. Alderman Sir J. Whitaker Ellis, who is an ex-Lord Mayor of London, and represents the Richmond Division of Surrey in the House of Commons. The latter, however, did not see his way to accepting the offer, but the Corporation of Richmond have again desired Bro. Sir J. W. Ellis to accept the office, and as he has invited the Members to dine with him at Buccleugh House, on Monday, the result of the second application will, no doubt, shortly be known.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was holden on Wednesday evening, in the Temple, Freemasons' Hall, when a large number of companions attended.

The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation having been read and confirmed, the following report of the Committee of General Purposes was, on the motion of Comp. ROBERT GREY, seconded by Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON, taken as read, and received and ordered to be entered on the minutes:

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.

The above recommendations having been moved by Comp. ROBERT GREY, and seconded by Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON, were severally agreed to, and Grand Chapter was then closed.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Quarterly Court of this Institution's Governors and Subscribers was held on Friday, the 31st ult., at Freemasons' Tavern. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight, presided. He was supported right and left by Bros. R. Eve, Spaul, Le Feuvre, G. Everett, J. Glass, and S. J. Attenborough.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, Bro. JOHN GLASS moved "That the by-laws as amended by the Provisional Management and General Committees be submitted for approval." In doing so he said that more than 12 months since, in response to an expressed opinion of a large number of the supporters of the Institution, and at the desire of those to whom the management of the Institution had been for a time committed, a Sub-Committee was appointed to revise the by-laws of the Institution. At the first meeting of this Committee it was resolved that lines on which such revision should proceed would be to frame the laws upon broader principles of administration than heretofore, and endeavour to prevent the management of the Institution degenerating into narrow channels and cliques. At the same time care was to be taken that the fundamental

principles of the Institution and its benefits should be in no way impaired. Every member of the Committee expressed in writing his views upon the several points that in his opinion required alteration; in addition to which numerous suggestions were made by many brethren who took a warm interest in the affairs of the Institution, who were well qualified by their experience to offer valuable and important suggestions as to the future administration of the Institution. Bro. Philbrick undertook to consolidate all the suggestions, &c., into a formal code of laws, this work requiring a great deal of patient labour and careful detail. The work was accomplished by the eminent brother named, and he was assisted in his task by Bro. J. D. Langton, the Hon. Sec. of the Committee, and to both of these brethren the subscribers were much indebted. A draft of these laws was submitted to the Provisional Committee at a special meeting about last June. The meeting was adjourned from time to time until the whole of the proposed laws had been discussed. The Provisional Committee, being a larger and more important representative body, were undoubtedly in a position to give expression to the requirements of the Craft upon many matters appertaining to the government of the Institution. It was also found that as the Provisional Management Committee had compiled a code of regulations for the guidance of the officers and servants of the Institution, some of the proposed laws were unnecessary; some also which had been framed in accordance with suggestions made to the Sub-Committee as to "last chance" cases, and certain advantages to be given to the children of deceased brothers who had during their lifetime been Life Governors of one or other of the Institutions, were rejected by the Committee, after consideration, upon the grounds that either they were unworkable or unfair. After several meetings these laws were as amended submitted to the General Committee for consideration. This was a still larger and more important body, with yet wider experience and more expansive views upon the subject. This Committee sat one day for six consecutive hours. There was at that meeting at first considerable divergence of opinion upon some essential points. There was much searching and sifting, and there was, of course, a rich harvest of academical discussion. All the brethren, however, exercised considerable self-denial, and generously met each other upon matters of detail, and the happy result of that meeting was the almost unanimous resolve that these laws as then amended should be submitted to the present Committee—the supreme governing body of the Institution—for approval. After referring to the most important points, Bro. Glass said that although the Committee were aware that the by-laws as submitted were not perfect in the estimation of every brother, the Committee were strongly of opinion that they should be passed in their present form, and given at least a 12 months' trial. It would of course be necessary that they should be confirmed at the next Quarterly Court before they could become operative, and the Committee therefore asked the meeting to approve them that day. Most members of the Committee had had to sacrifice some pet theory upon the altar of expediency, and the Committee asked the brethren who were not quite satisfied with these laws to follow the example set by the Committee. The Committee knew it was not by a code of laws alone that they could rely upon the Institution accomplishing its full and proper mission of charity and love towards the children committed to its care; but they believed that if those laws were administered in the same spirit in which they had been conceived, that School would take high rank amongst similar institutions in the country, and would receive that generous support of the Craft in the future which had been afforded to it in the past. For those reasons the Committee asked for a unanimous vote.

The motion was seconded, and agreed to.

A long discussion then followed on different articles, and some alterations were made. Law 35 was altered from the last Friday to the second Friday in April and October for the elections, it being stated that the Girls' Institution would agree to alter their meeting from the last to the second Saturday. Law 96 was struck out, which authorised the payment of commission on subscriptions collected by local agents in large towns.

As Bro. Beach was obliged to leave before the election, he appointed Bro. R. Eve to take his place, whereupon a vote of thanks to Bro. Beach, proposed by Bro. GEORGE EVERETT, and seconded by Bro. SCURRAH, was carried unanimously, and Bro. BEACH having replied, the meeting proceeded to elect 19 boys out of an approved list of 53 candidates.

The list of successful candidates will be found in our advertising columns, and we append a list of those who were unsuccessful.

NAME.	VOTES.	NAME.	VOTES.
Mears, William Arthur	1999	Levey, Richard William (last)	175
Hitchcock Cecil Mahon	1872	Ferguson, Dudley Ward	171
Dodds, Herbert Alexander		Whitehall, Frederick Bristowe	100
Christopher	1602	Webster, Richard John Godfrey	94
Rogers, Robert Arnold	1448	Seward, William Renell	81
Gee, Redfern Edward	1374	Robinson, Maurice William Leonard	76
Blyther, Leonard Charles	1250	Golightly, Matthew	47
Chedzey, Edward	1203	Bennett, Sampson Taylor	39
Martin, Herbert Horace	1154	Fowke, James Frederick	28
Steele, Frederic William	901	Howell, Bernard Brockas	20
Goldsmith, Harold Streeter	897	Bennett, William Robert	19
Maiden, Frank	864	Drewitt, Herbert John	18
Fairlie, Allan Horace	472	Bolsolver, Neville Miles	16
Puntis, Harvey Josiah	333	*Hart, Aubrey Oswald	15
Morris, Reginald William Henry	307	Phipps, Charles Joseph (last)	8
Campbell, Archibald Wallace	304	Perkins, Alfred Ernest	5
Roberts, Lewis Oldham	277	Pugh, William Ralph	3
Binks, William Robson	200	* Withdrawn.	

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Quarterly Court of Subscribers to this Institution was held on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Tavern, Bro. J. H. Matthews, P.A.G.D.C., in the chair.

The business was only of a formal character. The election of 16 candidates then took place. The names of the successful applicants will be found in our advertisement columns. The following were unsuccessful:

NAME.	VOTES.	NAME.	VOTES.
Payne, Maud Catherine	3406	Blackler, Ann Lydia	93
Gardner, Elsie Marian	3062	Constable, Susan Ellen	88
England, Helen Maud	2339	Scholes, Mary Beatrice Woodroffe	42
Lewns, Mildred Julia	1343	Turner, Olive Lilian	33
Vivian, Margaret	953	Collinson, Alice May	20
Lucas, Nathalie Mary	716	Carter, Minnie Kate	8
Tomalyn-Potts, Mina A. V.	335	*Elliott, Kate Elizabeth	—
Le Gros, Agnes	300	* Withdrawn.	
Miller, Ethel Blanche (last)	183		

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At a QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of this Institution, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C., on Saturday, November 1st, Bro. J. H. Matthews, Patron, in the chair. After the general business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the ELECTION by BALLOT of 16 girls into the Institution from a list of 31 approved candidates, when the following were declared duly

No. on Poll.	No. on List.	ELECTED:	Votes.
1	3	Hooke, F. E.	4212
2	1	Haylett, A.	4073
3	24	Wallden, B. M.	4014
4	32	Wood, E.	3957
5	29	Strathern, M. E.	3832
6	12	Smith, A. E.	3829
7	11	Booth, S. W.	3771
8	25	Fisk, B. A.	3760
9	30	Hickman, M. J.	3731
10	28	Douthwaite, A. M.	3730
11	23	McLeod, G. R.	3680
12	4	Robson, M. G.	3654
13	6	Whiteford, E. M. M.	3631
14	17	Sands, E. L.	3630
15	18	Blott, E.	3602
16	16	Anthony, C. M.	3563

The number of votes recorded for the Unsuccessful Candidates can be obtained on application at the Secretary's office, and will be duly carried forward at the next election, if eligible.

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SUCCESSFUL:	Votes.
1. Sandy, G. T.	3397
2. Brown, E. J.	3146
3. Truine, C.	3107
4. Aldous, H. J. M.	3099
5. Bullivant, G. F.	3062
6. Longbottom, J. C. A.	3055
7. Atley, W. J.	3044
8. Fothergill	3041
9. Hutton, W. P.	3037
10. Woodhams, G. L.	2931
11. Kemp, W. L.	2894
12. Dickinson, P.	2887
13. Sole, E.	2733
14. Lowenthal, L. C. E.	2715
15. Broughton, H. M.	2692
16. Arkell, W. C.	2573
17. Bliss, A. C.	2525
18. Rangeley, J. H.	2524
19. Hayward, E.	2368

List of candidates, with full particulars of the poll, may be had on application at the Office.

Votes of Unsuccessful Candidates will be carried to the credit of those qualified for election in April next.

* The NINETY-THIRD ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL will be held at the end of JUNE, 1891, under the distinguished Presidency of the Right Hon. the EARL OF LATHOM, R.W. Deputy Grand Master, and Prov. Grand Master West Lancashire. The services of Brethren as Stewards, representing Lodges or Provinces, are earnestly solicited and will be gratefully acknowledged, the present exceptional requirements demanding exceptional support.

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columns. Brethren not satisfied can always appeal to
Grand Lodge.

The following communications unavoidably stand over:

CRAFT LODGES—Isaac Newton (University), No. 859;
St. Peter's, No. 1024; Duke of Edinburgh, No. 1259;
Asaph, No. 1319; Kennington, No. 1381; Beacons-
field, No. 1662; Gallery, No. 1928; Portsmouth
Temperance, No. 2068; and Jersey, No. 2163.
Provincial Grand Lodge of Somerset.
Provincial Grand Lodge of North Wales.
Provincial Grand Chapter of Cheshire.
Consecration of the Bushey Park Lodge, No. 2381.
Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Hants and the Isle of
Wight.
Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of West Yorkshire.
Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of North Munster.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Masonic Review," "Madras Masonic Review," "Keystone,"
"Proceedings of Grand Lodge of Arkansas," and "Canadian
Craftsman."



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1890.

Masonic Notes.

We are in a position to contradict the statement
recently made by an evening contemporary in its
Masonic News Column, to the effect that the Execu-
tive of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys con-
template holding the next Anniversary Festival some-
where in the North of England.

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We do not think that such a proposal would find favour
with any considerable section of the Craft, excepting,
of course, those living in the town or city that might be
chosen for the celebration, and the province in which
it was situated. True, in the case of the Boys' School,
the Festival has been held two or three times at Brighton,
but that is virtually a part of London, and the provincial
brethren attending the festivity were as ready to dine at
Brighton as at the Crystal Palace or Freemasons' Tavern.
But it strikes us the Executive of the Charity have
sufficient on their hands to attend to without going
out of their way to increase the additional labour which
such a visit would entail on them. At all events, we are
able to state that so insane an idea has never at any
time been contemplated by any of the officers of the
Institution.

However, if there is any desire on the part of the
Metropolitan or provincial brethren for a change of
locality in connection with the Boys' School Festival
next year, we venture—on our own responsibility, be it
said—to think it would be difficult to find a more con-
venient or appropriate place than the Great Hall of the
Institution itself at Wood Green. It is large enough
to dine some 500 guests, and there would be no
difficulty as to the catering, while the celebration would
take place within the very walls of the Charity which
the Craft were being invited to support. As a rule,
we think these gatherings should be held always
at some central spot, but if, as we have said, a change
be thought desirable, let the School Hall be chosen.

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Bro. P. H. Emanuel, W.M. of the Portsmouth
Temperance Lodge has set an excellent example, which
we hope will be extensively followed. At the last
meeting, held on the 27th ult., he made a present to the
lodge of some 12 volumes of the *Freemason* and a set
of Gould's "History of Freemasonry," as a nucleus
for a lodge library, prefacing the presentation by some
apposite remarks on the great advantage to be derived
by young Masons from the study of Masonic literature,
the variety and merits of which were unknown to
a large number of brethren, especially the younger
members of the Craft. Other Worshipful Masters
please copy!

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A cablegram from Toronto reports the arrival of the
Grand Master, M.W. Bro. J. Ross Robertson, from his
tour in Europe, and gives particulars of his reception
at the Masonic Temple on Friday night by upwards of
700 brethren, including 150 Masters and Past Masters.
An address of welcome was presented to him,
and a lengthy reply by Bro. Robertson was enthusias-
tically received. In short, the worthy Grand Master
was the subject of a great ovation. Eulogistic speeches
were made by leading Grand Officers and prominent
Craftsmen, and the largest gathering of the kind that
ever took place in Canada was a further evidence, if
any were needed, of the great esteem and affection in
which this popular ruler is held by his brethren.

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We heartily congratulate our worthy contemporary,
the *South African Freemason*, on the success which
has thus far attended its labours, and we trust it may
have before it a long career of usefulness. It entered
on its fourth year in October, and to judge from the
manner in which it has fulfilled its duties as the organ
of the Craft in South Africa, it deserves every encour-
agement. May good fortune preside over its destinies
in the future!

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Our Australasian contemporaries, the *Victorian
Freemason* and the *Australasian Keystone*, have been
amalgamated, and while the title of the latter journal
will be retained, the interest of the two sections of
subscribers will be impartially looked after and pro-
moted. We trust the change will be beneficial to the
Craft in the Australasian Colonies, and that it will be
our good fortune to peruse the pages of our old friend
the *Keystone* for many years.

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According to a return we have received from New
Zealand there are only 36 lodges which have given in
their adhesion to the so-called Grand Lodge of New
Zealand, while 29 lodges are as yet undecided as to
whether they shall cast in their lot with the unrecog-
nised body or remain true to their old allegiance. The
number of lodges which still work under the Grand
Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland is 79, or
considerably more than half of the lodges in existence
at the time the scheme for establishing a new Grand
Lodge for the whole colony was launched.

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We cannot, of course, hold ourselves responsible for
the accuracy of these returns, but if we assume they are
approximately true, it is clear that our estimate of the
extent to which the secession movement had been suc-
cessful has been largely in excess of the reality. Our
idea, based on the not particularly impartial statements
of the *New Zealand Craftsman*, has been hitherto that
rather more than half the lodges supported the Grand
Lodge movement, while rather less than one-half were
in favour of retaining the *status quo*. If the figures
we have quoted above are trustworthy, it is precisely
the other way about, and the desire for a New Zealand
Grand Lodge has found even less support than we had
supposed. If this is so, the case of those who have
knowingly thrown the whole of New Zealand free-
masonry into disorder is by no means an enviable one.

India.

AN "AT HOME" AT POONA.

On Wednesday, the 3rd September, the Masons of Poona held an "At Home" at the Masonic Hall, at which a large number of guests were present. Advantage was taken of the occasion by the members of the fraternity under the English and Scottish Constitutions to present Bro. Captain C. D. Wise with a very handsome gold lever watch and chain, in token of their appreciation of the valuable services he had rendered to the cause of Freemasonry in that station during the many years he had been there. Bro. Captain Wise belongs to the Adjutant-General's Department, and will shortly retire from the service. He has now accepted the office of Grand Secretary of the Scottish lodges in India.

Among those present to witness the interesting ceremony were Lady Morland; Bro. Col., Mrs., and Miss Lloyd; Bro. Colonel and Miss Godfrey; Bro. Captain Prior; Bro. Major Mackenzie; Bro. Major and Mrs. Newnham Smith; Col. Spring; Bro. Dunsterville; Bro. and Mrs. Morgan; Mrs. and Miss Wise; Bro. Dr. Fearn, Mrs. and the Misses Fearn; Bro. R. Dickie, Mrs. and Miss Dickie; Bros. N. C. Macnee, R. Livingston, J. Turner, Pallonjee Nusserwanjee and Mrs. Pallonjee; Bros. F. J. Laville, Khan Saheb, D.D., Khan Calter, Captain Nugent; Mrs. and Misses Wiseman, and many others.

The entire building was thrown open to the guests, several of whom were non-Masons. The rooms were very prettily decorated with Masonic flags and banners, the large banners of the two lodges in Poona—Orion in the West and St. Andrew in the East—being conspicuously shown at the back of the dais. The inner hall had been very nicely arranged as a drawing room, with a number of foliage plants happily disposed here and there, and the refreshment tables were laid in one wing. The front room was given up to dancing. The guests began to arrive at nine o'clock, and were received by Bro. Dr. Fearn, the Secretary, and the members of the Hall Committee.

Dancing, to the strains of the excellent band of the 2nd (P.W.O.) Grenadiers, commenced soon after nine o'clock.

Bro. Dr. Fearn, the Secretary of the Hall Committee, and W.M. of St. Andrew's Lodge, presented Captain Wise to Colonel Lloyd, to whom, as President of the Committee, and W.M. of Lodge Orion, was entrusted the pleasing duty of making the presentation.

In doing so, Bro. Col. Lloyd regretted that there were not more Masons present. The principal witnesses of the scene that evening were, he said, ladies, whom they did not recognise in Masonry. However, they were all delighted to see the ladies there on that occasion. The gift had been subscribed for by H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and all the Masons in the station. Colonel Lloyd hoped that his friend Bro. Capt. Wise might be spared for many years to come to make use of the watch.

Cheers were given for Captain Wise, and all present joined in singing "For he's a jolly good Mason."

Captain Wise, in accepting the gift, said he could hardly find words to express his feelings at that moment, and he felt that he was very unworthy of the honour that had been done him. He had merely endeavoured to do his duty, and he believed that if others had had the same opportunity they would have accomplished what he had done, and perhaps would have done it better. He thought that the gift was due more to the kindness and good feeling of his brethren than to any merit he possessed. He had certainly looked for a reward, but we all do, as it is the "hope of reward that sweetens labour," but his had been a labour of love, and the only reward he had looked for was the approbation of his brethren. He would value the gift, which would remind him of those Masons in Poona with whom he had long been associated, and with whom he had spent many happy hours. He assured those who were outside the pale that Masonry was something more than a name. In conclusion, he thanked all the brethren for the great honour they had done him.

The following was the inscription on the watch: "Presented to Wor. Bro. Charles D. Wise, Past G.D. Grand Mark Lodge of England, Past Dist. G.D. of Grand Lodge of England, P.D.S.G.W. Grand Lodge of All Scottish Freemasonry in India, by H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, Dist. Grand Master Bombay, and the members of the English and Scottish lodges in Poona, in token of their brotherly love and esteem for his services of over 17 years' Masonry in Poona, 1889."

The presentation over, dancing was resumed, and the pleasant gathering broke up shortly after midnight.

Bro. Capt. C. D. Wise, G. Sec. All Scottish Freemasonry in India, and P.G.S.E. of P.G. Chapter of W.I. (S.C.), was initiated into Freemasonry on 8th January, 1866, in Lodge Hope, No. 350 (S.C.). He is P.M. of Lodges Nos. 343 (S.C.) and 415 (E.C.); was annually elected Treasurer of No. 415 from 1885 to 1889; P.Z. No. 68 (S.C.), P.M. Ararat Lodge, Royal Ark Mariners (S.C.); P.M. (Mark) No. 134 (E.C.); P.D.S.G.D. Bombay (E.C.), P.D.J.G.W. Bombay (Mark), P.S.G.W., A.S.F.I.; P. Dep. P.Z. of Western India (S.C.), P.S.G.D. England (Mark). He was one of the founders and first T.R.S.T.A. of Morland Chapter, Royal Order of Scotland; is P.G. Sec. Royal Order of Scotland for West India, Sec. St. John's Chapter, 18° (S.C.), and M.P.S. Roman Eagle Conclave, Red Cross of Rome and Constantine. He was Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Poona Masonic Hall Committee from 1873 to 1889, and is a Life Governor of the Bombay Masonic Association.

RE-OPENING OF THE MASONIC HALL, BATH.

The brethren of the three Bath lodges—Royal Cumberland (No. 41), Royal Sussex (No. 53), and Lodge of Honour (No. 379)—met on Thursday evening, the 30th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Bath, to celebrate the re-opening on the completion of the alterations to their hall. For a considerable time the Masonic body at Bath have felt it was necessary to spend a very large sum of money in restoring and decorating their present building. It may here be stated that the present building was formerly the old Bath Theatre, but about 75 years ago it was purchased by the Roman Catholic body in Bath, and converted by them into their place of worship, and large numbers of their communion were buried in the vaults underneath the present hall. On their removal to their present handsome structure some 25 years ago the chapel was purchased by the Masonic body in the city and adapted to their wants, but at the present moment underneath the lodge room the remains of many devout Catholics still remain, and on a recent visit to the vaults we found 30 to 40 very handsome memorial tablets on the walls underneath the building. This we should think is almost unique in the history of the Masonic body in this country.

Last year, by the efforts of Bro. Dyer, W.M. of the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 53, and Bro. Gregory, W.M. of the Royal Cumberland Lodge, No. 41, a joint Committee of the Bath lodges was appointed to take steps to carry out the necessary alterations. Under the superintendence of a Sub-Committee, the work has been accomplished, and, we think, to the satisfaction of the brethren. The lodge room has been entirely re-decorated, and fitted with handsome oak stalls and other Masonic furniture. The ceiling of the ante-room has been raised, and above it has been constructed a large and handsome room for the banquets and suppers of the respective lodges. New lavatories have been formed, and a capital heating and ventilating apparatus placed in the building, which will add greatly to the comfort and convenience of the brethren. The Bath lodges may congratulate themselves on possessing one of the most imposing and complete Masonic buildings in the West of England.

After inspecting the various alterations and improvements, the brethren sat down in their new banqueting room to a very *recherché* supper, provided by Bro. Fortt in his usual Masonic style.

The brethren present included Bros. J. G. Wilton, W.M. 41; W. F. Gould, W.M. 53; Rev. McConnell, W.M. 379; Gregory, I.P.M. 41; Dyer, I.P.M. 53; Rev. J. A. Lloyd, P.G. Chap. England; J. L. Stothert, P.G. Std. Br. England; Milsom, P.M.; Col. Ford, P.M.; Hopkins, P.M.; Walker, P.M.; Sonderman, P.M.; Radway, P.M.; Cater, P.M.; Watts, P.M.; Timmins, P.M.; Gill, P.M.; Braham, P.M.; Fuller, P.M.; and many other members of the three Bath lodges, to the number of 60.

Grace having been said by the P.G. Chap. England, Bro. Lloyd, the brethren proceeded to enjoy the good things provided for them.

The usual Masonic toasts followed, after which Bro. Lloyd proposed the toast of the evening, "The Healths of the Sub-Committee," coupling with the toast the names of Bros. Dyer, Radway, and Gill, the architect.

Bro. Dyer suitably responded, referring to the difficulties the Committee had to contend with when the alterations were first proposed, but he felt sure every brother present was delighted with their present handsome and commodious premises, and he felt sure that each individual member of their respective lodges would vie with each other to see who could do most to pay off their present liabilities.

Bro. Radway, in responding, thought it advisable to remind the brethren that they had spent nearly £1000 on their behalf. He knew that many of their older Past Masters were anxious to relieve themselves of their superfluous wealth, but he thought that even after their very handsome contributions were received, there would still be room for the many contributions that their younger brethren were so anxious to hand over. He trusted that every brother would consider it his duty to give in proportion to the means the G.A.O.T.U. had endowed him with.

Some capital songs were rendered by Bros. Gould, Graham, Robinson, Sonderman, Moger, Radway, and others. An excellent duet by Bro. Von Pragg on the violin and Bro. Sonderman on the piano being highly appreciated by the brethren.

We trust that a new era in the annals of Freemasonry has been inaugurated in Bath, for without doubt this was the most enjoyable and fraternal Masonic meeting that has ever taken place under the banners of the Bath lodges. May Freemasonry in Bath flourish!

Correspondence.

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

PRESENTATION OF CHARITY JEWELS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

A short time ago a brother was enquiring in your columns as to the practice of Provincial Grand Lodges in respect of presenting Charity jewels. The

practice which has obtained in the Province of Cheshire for the last dozen years has been embodied in one of the rules of the recently revised by-laws, and is as follows:—

Rule 21.—"A brother who is entitled to wear the Charity jewel or bars, shall, on application to the Provincial Grand Secretary, be presented with the same at the annual meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge, and the cost thereof shall be defrayed out of the Provincial Fund of General Purposes."—I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours truly and fraternally,

CESTRIAN.

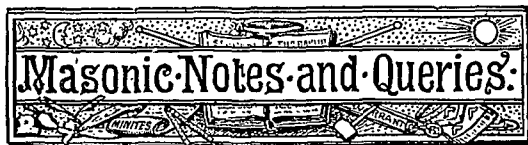
THE APPOINTMENT OF I.P.M.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have been appointed acting I.P.M. of a Craft lodge recently formed under the E.C. The appointment has been challenged (in a friendly spirit) as an improper one, on the ground that there cannot be an I.P.M. of a new lodge until the first W.M. has completed his year of office and until his successor has been installed in his stead. Is this view of the matter correct? The acting appointment seems to have the sanction of custom, if not of law, (vide the reports of the formation of new lodges appearing in almost every issue of the *Freemason*). I may add that I am a P.M.—Yours fraternally,

GAVEL.



918] BRO. SADLER'S NEW WORK.

I was very pleased to read in *Masonic Notes* (Oct. 25th) so warm a commendation of Bro. Sadler's decision to do justice to the Masonic career of the R.W. Bro. Thomas Dunckerley, and feel assured that your very favourable estimate of the value of the work will be abundantly confirmed. Had not Bro. Sadler intended to write a history of such an enthusiastic Mason, when time permitted it would not have been left undone, as I should have attended to such a duty myself, if for no other reason than for that already indicated. To my mind Dunckerley has been strangely neglected, though beyond question the most active, industrious, and zealous Craftsman of his time. In fact, it is impossible to write his life, *Masonically*, without treating of the main characteristics of the two rival Grand Lodges from 1767 to his decease in 1795; the origin and spread of Royal Arch Masonry, and especially of the Knights Templars (in which two bodies he took such an interest), and the inauguration of several Provincial Grand Lodges through his instrumentality. Most of the Provincial Grand Lodges of the latter half of last century owe their origin mainly to Dunckerley, and this is still more so with regard to Provincial Grand Chapters. If Bro. Sadler's work on the "Life, Labours, and Letters of Thomas Dunckerley" is not soon subscribed for, it can only be because the great services of that noble brother on behalf of the Craft are unknown to present-day Freemasons. Of course this would be the reason why its publication is still more needed, but it is to be hoped there will be no delay, at all events, on the part of Masonic students in at once subscribing. Bro. Sadler has sent me three of the illustrations for the volume, being autotype reproductions of old prints. These are very satisfactory in character, and will form an attractive feature of the book. I must not omit to state that Bro. W. H. Rylands, F.S.A., has promised to write a preface, so that there will be no lack of attractions.

W. J. HUGHAN.

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THOMAS DUNCKERLEY'S PORTRAITS.

Replying to Bro. Lamb-Smith's enquiries in the *Freemason* of the 25th ult., I much regret that at present I am unable to inform him of the whereabouts of the original portrait of Dunckerley, painted by Thomas Beach and engraved by John Jones, which was published in 1789. Both these artists were celebrated in their respective professions, the former having been a pupil of Reynolds and a frequent exhibitor at the Royal Academy. The catalogue of exhibits at that institution about the time the portrait in question was painted contains no reference to it, unless in the guise of "A Portrait of a Gentleman," but this I think is scarcely probable. I have been on the look out for this portrait for some years past and have reluctantly arrived at the conclusion that it is no longer in existence. However, as a reduced *fac simile* of the engraving will form the frontispiece to "Dunckerley's Life," &c., now in the press, it may possibly be the means of throwing fresh light on the subject. The only original portrait of Dunckerley with which I am acquainted hangs in the Masonic Hall at Poole, and is the property of the Lodge of Amity, No. 137, for which lodge it was painted in 1783, by Philip Vandyke, a comparatively unknown artist, although evidently possessed of considerable talent. This portrait was also engraved in mezzotint, by Charles West, and published in 1786. The latter engravings are now rarely met with; indeed, I only know of two in existence, one belonging to the Lodge of Unity, No. 132, at Ringwood, and the other to the Governors of the Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.

H. SADLER.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Faith Lodge (No. 141).—This old lodge met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 28th ultimo. Among those present were Bros. C. Wetzlar, W.M.; Langdale, S.W.; W.M. elect; Sheppard, J.W.; Carter, P.M.; Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; C. Welch, S.D.; J. C. Taylor, J.D.; W. Ryan, I.G.; J. Trott, Steward; E. Hopwood, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; C. Dairy, P.M.; G. Rumball, P.M.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M.; P.P.G.W.; R. F. Jordan, P.M.; C. W. Frommholz, P.M.; G. Corp, P.M.; G. C. Hudson, P.M.; W. J. Hakim, I.P.M.; Longstaffe, Tyler; and others. Among the visitors were Bros. Cordell, W.M. 813; Galer, P.M. 2086; Body, 72; Horton, 72; White, 1107; McNamara, 1288; T. West, 1301; Harroul, 1331; Gregory, 1420; Bonner, 1601; Worster, 1563; Hoffmann, 1623; Ward, 2086; W. Wright, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. M. Wilson was impressively raised to the Third Degree. The report of the Audit Committee having been received and adopted, Bro. C. G. Wetzlar, W.M., proceeded to install Bro. Langdale into the chair of K.S., assisted by Bros. Dairy, P.M., as S.W.; Hakim, P.M., as J.W.; Capt. Walls, P.M., as D.C.; and Hudson, P.M., as I.G. The ceremony was well performed. The appointment and investiture of officers then took place as follows: Bros. Sheppard, S.W.; Welch, J.W.; Carter, Treas. (32nd time); Stuart, Sec.; Taylor, S.D.; Ryan, J.D.; Trott, I.G.; O. Sharpley, Org.; While and J. Moss, Stewards; Nathan, D.C.; Godfrey, A.D.C.; and Longstaffe, Tyler. A vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Officer, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

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

Upon the removal of the cloth, the usual toasts followed. "The Health of the W.M." was proposed in fluent terms by the I.P.M.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, stated that he had a somewhat difficult task to perform in following so excellent a Master as Bro. Wetzlar. He hoped to do the work of the lodge to the satisfaction of the brethren, but he felt convinced that he should fail as a speaker. The I.P.M. possessed oratorical powers, and had the facility of clothing well-worn toasts with much original matter, a gift which he (the W.M.) did not possess.

"The Installing Master" came next in order. The W.M., after complimenting Bro. Wetzlar upon the very able manner in which he had discharged his duties that evening, presented him with a very handsome Past Master's jewel.

The I.P.M., in reply, expressed himself as being exceedingly grateful with the way in which he had been treated by all the brethren of No. 141 during a by no means uneventful year of office. That day they had heaped more honours upon him by passing a vote of thanks for his poor services, and by presenting him also with a jewel, which gift he should ever treasure as a most interesting souvenir of his occupancy of the chair in the old Lodge of Faith.

The toast of "The Visitors" drew interesting replies from Bros. Cordell, Gala, and others. The "Past Masters" was responded to by Bro. Hopwood, "The Treasurer and Secretary" by Bros. Carter and Stuart, "The Masonic Charities" by Bros. C. Dairy and G. C. Hudson, and "The Officers" by Bros. Sheppard and Welch.

A most charming programme of music was furnished by Bro. O. Sharpley, assisted by Bros. J. Hoffman, W. Wright, P.G. Org. Middx., Mr. Alfred Probert, and Mesdames P. Hope and L. Auther.

The proceedings throughout were of a most enjoyable nature, and reflected great credit upon the executive.

St. Mark's College Lodge (No. 2157).—The fifth installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 24th ult., at the Holborn Restaurant. The lodge having been opened by the W.M., Bro. J. Easterbrook, and various routine matters having been disposed of, Bro. W. R. Carter, B.A., P.P.G.S. Herts, S.W., was presented as W.M. elect for installation. The ceremony was admirably worked by Bro. Easterbrook, his delivery of the charge being worthy of the best traditions of the Craft. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. J. Tidmarsh, S.W.; W. Goulden, J.W.; Rev. G. W. Gent, M.A., Chap.; Rev. J. H. Smith, B.A., Treas.; J. Stanton, Sec.; A. Preece Lye, B.A., S.D.; J. R. Phillips, J.D.; G. W. Stevens, D.C.; R. H. Catling, I.G.; G. H. Heathcote and J. L. Johnson, Stewards; A. Streeter, Org.; and G. W. Rowe, Tyler.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, ably presided over by the W.M., at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the evening's entertainment enlivened by song and glee.

Among the visitors were Bros. Dr. Barrett, P.G. Org.; H. Hills; A. F. Jeffery, P.M. 452; E. Ayling, P.M. 975; J. Millier, P.M. 173; R. Voisey, P.M. 1329; J. E. Green, P.M.; A. J. Bolton, P.M. 862; W. Cocks, S.D. 2163; G. L. Crickmay, S.W. 170; Dr. Scanes Spicer, 2033; and others.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Queen," said that to fitly describe the progress and development of the Craft during the reign of her Most Gracious Majesty he should have to refer to it as the Victorian era in Masonry.

Bro. Dr. Barrett, P.G. Org., in a humorous response for "The Grand Master," expressed his regret that he was not a collegian, but only an examiner, at St. Mark's College, and a visitor at St. Mark's College Lodge.

Bro. O'Connell, who was warmly received, acknowledged the toast of "The Past Masters."

The toast of "The Installing Officer" afforded an opportunity for presenting to Bro. Easterbrook a Past Master's jewel, as a token of the high esteem and admiration in

which he was held by the brethren, no less for his work as a Mason, which in all respects bore the hall-mark of excellence, as for his adherence to established procedure and pure ritual.

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

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BOLTON.

Anchor and Hope Lodge (No. 37).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 3rd inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Silverwell-street, when there were present Bros. R. Nightingale, W.M.; W. Golding, S.W.; W. Forrest, J.W.; W. R. Clayton, P.G. Chap.; Chaplain; John Booth, P.M., Treas.; H. L. Humell, Sec.; Thos. Murphy, S.D.; J. W. Thompson, J.D.; W. Briscoe, Org.; Thos. Barnes, I.G.; Brockbank and Broadbent, Stwds.; Thos. Higson, Tyler; Jno. Hardcastle, P.M.; Jas. Naylor, I.P.M.; Jas. Newton, P.M., P.A.G. Sec.; John Walker, G. Greenhalgh, and T. Cooper. Visitors: Bros. Jas. Walker, P.M. 221; Jas. R. Stewart, 2269; Harry Thompson, Constantinople; Robt. Temps, Thos. R. Haslan, 1009; and Jas. Martell, J.W. 348.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, Bro. Gidlow Fell was passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft, and Bro. Harold O. Bailey was initiated, both ceremonies being performed in a most efficient manner by the W.M., who also gave the charge.

"Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the social board, where a most enjoyable evening was spent.

DUNMOW.

Rosslyn Lodge (No. 1543).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 29th ult., at the Saracen's Head Hotel. The officers for the ensuing year were invested as follows: Bros. Dan Millbank, W.M.; W. C. Sams, S.W.; John Wright, J.W.; F. J. Snell, P.P.G.R., Treas.; J. M. Welch, P.G. Stwd., Sec.; W. Rivers, S.D.; W. R. Hoskins, J.D.; W. Chapman, D.C.; F. J. Carter, I.G.; T. Millbank and J. C. Newman, Stwds.; Fred Warner, Tyler; H. E. Dehane, P.M., P.P.G.D.; A. Rattray, P.M., P.P.A.G.S.; E. F. Ferris, P.M.; R. T. Lyle, I.P.M., P.J.G.D.; T. J. Ralling, P.M. 51, P.A.G.D.C. Eng., P.G. Sec.; R. T. Scarr, P.M.; R. Brazier, P.M.; J. G. Mackenzie, J. G. Pegrum, Robt. Marsh, and C. Bint, P.G. Stwd. Visitor: Bro. J. Rogers, 1457.

After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, the principal business was the installation of Bro. D. Millbank, which was most ably performed by Bro. Rattray, who was heartily thanked for his services. In acknowledging the compliment, he said he felt it an honour and pleasure to have acted as Installing Master, from the fact that it was during his Mastership that Bro. Millbank was admitted into Freemasonry, and he felt that in placing him in the chair that day he was only putting a coping-stone to the work he had commenced. The following gentlemen were balloted for, viz.: Messrs. Alfred Bradridge and Edmund Piper, and after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

After the banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. Bro. Ralling responded for the latter, and paid a marked tribute to the late Pro. G.M., and extolled the many great and good qualifications of the late Bro. Lord Rosslyn, the patron of the lodge.

The toast of "The Provincial Grand Master, Lord Brooke," was most cordially received, as also "The Deputy, Bro. Philbrick, Q.C."

Bro. Lyle responded for "The Provincial Grand Officers," and concluded by proposing "The W.M." in warm and eulogistic terms, expatiating on his steady advance in Freemasonry, prognosticating for him a busy and prosperous year of office.

Bro. Millbank, in a short and pithy speech, acknowledged the toast, promising a punctual attendance at the meetings, and to do his duty to the best of his ability.

"The I.P.M. and P.M.'s" were duly toasted, as also "The Installing Master."

The visitor, Bro. Rogers, said as he should soon become a member of the lodge he would only express his thanks for the hospitality he had received and gratification at the way the installation had been done.

Bro. Snell, in proposing "The Charities," alluded to them as "the backbone of the Craft," and Bro. Ralling as the backbone of the Provincial Charities, as he was Secretary to the Committee, and was looked to when trouble came upon any brother for advice, and was ever ready to give it and assist in alleviating trouble and distress.

Bro. Ralling was deeply touched by the kind words that had been spoken of him, and felt gratified that the hard work he did in the cause of Freemasonry and Charity in the county of Essex was appreciated, and strongly pressed the claims of the Boys' School on the brethren, asking them now the lodge had become so prosperous to send up a Steward with a good list to support that eminent Bro. Lord Lathom, who would preside at the Festival, and referred to Bro. Dehane, one of the elected representatives of the Charity Committee, as the brother who was entrusted with the management of their votes, and who had been so eminently successful at all the elections since the Charity Committee had been in existence.

Bro. Dehane, who was called upon, thanked Bro. Ralling for the complimentary way he had spoken of his services at the elections, and said that as long as the Committee elected him he would, in conjunction with his colleagues, Bros. Shedd, Wood, and Clowes, do his best, and was glad Bro. Ralling had brought the Boys' School so prominently to their notice, fully concurring in the advice he gave them to establish a lodge of instruction in Dunmow, and have a Benevolent Fund in connection with it, by means of which every brother of the lodge would be able in course of time to become a Life-Subscriber to one or other of the three grand Masonic Institutions.

The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings, which had been enlivened by songs and recitations.

HARWICH.

Star-in-the-East-Lodge (No. 650).—There was a large muster of members and visitors at the meeting of this lodge at the Great Eastern Hotel, on Tuesday, the 14th ultimo, to witness the installation of Bro. John Henry Vaux, Prov. Grand Stwd.,

S.W., as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The proceedings took place in the restaurant attached to the hotel, which, by means of flags, upholstery, and plants, had been converted into a very handsome lodge room. The ceremony was ably performed by Bro. A. J. H. Ward, P.M., P.P.G.R. (who has been acting W.M. in the absence abroad of Bro. S. Winter Parker), and at its close the officers for the year were invested as under: Bros. A. J. H. Ward, P.M., P.P.G.R., acting I.P.M.; A. C. Parsons, P.M., S.W.; C. S. Whyatt, J.W.; Wm. Groom, P.P. G. Std. Br., Treas.; M. L. Saunders, P.M., Sec.; H. Gurney, S.D.; Warren Ellis, J.D.; H. G. Everard, P.M., P.P.A.G. Sec., D.C.; C. R. Salter, Org.; J. Downie, I.G.; W. Salter and J. Smith, Stewards; and Barlow, Tyler. The new W.M. having received the hearty greetings of the brethren present, Bro. Richard Clowes, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., was unanimously re-elected to represent the lodge on the Essex Provincial Charity Committee. Bro. Clowes, in returning thanks, took the opportunity to remind the brethren to send in their proxies early, in order that the Committee might have the use of them, as at nearly every election votes were lost through their not coming in time.

Between 70 and 80 brethren subsequently dined in the handsome coffee room of the Great Eastern Hotel. The new W.M. presided in his usual genial manner, and made every provision for the comfort of his guests.

After dinner the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Bro. A. J. H. Ward, in proposing "The Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," spoke of the great loss the Craft had sustained in the death of Lord Carnarvon. Bro. Ward coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Ralling, who they were all very glad had received Grand Lodge honours.

Bro. Ralling responded.

"The Prov. G.M., Bro. Lord Brooke, M.P.; the D.P. G.M., Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg.; and the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," was proposed by Bro. Helsdon, P.M., and responded to by Bros. Jarvis, Lowman, Cobb, and Clowes.

Bro. A. J. H. Ward then, amidst loud cheering, proposed the toast of the evening, "The Health of the Worshipful Master." Bro. Vaux, he said, was well-known amongst them at Harwich as a most kind-hearted and liberal friend of all; and, as a proof of the esteem in which he is held, mentioned that their W.M. had been five times Mayor of the borough. They were all delighted to see him in the chair, would do all they could to support him, and all wished that the coming year might be a happy and prosperous one to him and his.

Bro. Vaux, who received quite an ovation, said that it was a maxim with him that whatever he undertook he should do as well as he possibly could. He was anxious that their lodge should prosper, and it would be his aim to do all he could to that end.

The other toasts were "The Past Masters," acknowledged by Bro. Saunders; "The Visitors," acknowledged by the Mayor of Harwich (Bro. James Durrant, at one time Master of the lodge) and Bro. H. Finer, I.P.M. 2063; "The Masonic Charities," "The Wardens and Officers," and "The Musical Brethren."

Between the toasts a choice musical programme was performed by Bros. J. A. Brown, J. Gawthorp, Turle Lee, and Fred. Bevan, and was much appreciated.

SUTTON BRIDGE.

Alexandra Lodge (No. 985).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 27th ult. at the Bridge Hotel, Bro. S. S. Mossop, W.M., P.P.G.P., in the chair. The following visitors were present: Bros. W. W. Copeland, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., G. F. Barrell, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., Benner, P.P.A.G.D.C., and Fletcher, S.W., all of 469; J. Brown, S.W., G. Bishop, S. A. P. Dickinson, Stwd., all of 107; S. A. Coxon, 107 and 442; W. Dixey, P.M., Sec. 442; Bray, P.M., Sec., R. Smith, S.W., and Thom, P.M., P.J.G.W., all of 509; and G. Jarvis, 792.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed, and the W.M., Bro. S. S. Mossop, presented a pedestal, and Bro. C. E. Ward, I.P.M., Prov. G. Charity Steward, P.S.G.W., presented a Charity box to the lodge. The chair was then taken by Bro. C. E. Ward, who installed the W.M. elect, Bro. J. E. Townsend, being assisted by Bro. G. F. Barrell. Before lodge closed it was proposed by Bro. Ward, and carried, that the lodge subscribe to the *Freemason*, and that a copy be sent each week to the address of the W.M. for the time being, and afterwards be bound for lodge library. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. S. S. Mossop, P.P.G.P., I.P.M.; S. Coupland, S.W.; E. Sunderland (by deputy), J.W.; Rev. G. F. H. Foxton, P.P.G. Chap.; Chaplain; Mark Cox, P.G.S. of W., Treas.; J. R. Clarke, P.G.A.P., Sec.; C. E. Ward, P.S.G.W., P.G. Ch. Stwd., D.C.; J. D. Dunlop, S.D.; H. Palchett, J.D.; G. P. Hobson and Jesse Caudwell, Stwds.; H. Healey, Org.; J. H. Brooks, I.G.; and D. Oliver, Tyler.

A *recherché* banquet was provided by Host Clarke, to which about 40 brethren sat down, after which the W.M. proposed "The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W. G.M."

Bro. W. Abbott, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., was entrusted with the toast of "The D.G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

"The Prov. G.M., the D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," was proposed by Bro. W. Millar, P.M., and responded to by Bro. S. S. Mossop, P.P.G.P., I.P.M.

The next toast, "The Masonic Charities," was proposed by Bro. W. W. Copeland, and responded to by Bro. Chas. E. Ward, Prov. G. Charity Steward, on behalf chiefly of the R.M.I. for Boys.

"The Worshipful Master" was proposed by the I.P.M., Bro. S. S. Mossop, and responded to in a few feeling sentences by the W.M.

"The Installing Masters" was then proposed by Bro. J. R. Clarke, and Bro. G. F. Barrell responded in an able speech, Bro. Ward having had to leave by train.

"The Immediate and other Past Masters" was proposed by the S.D., Bro. J. G. Dunlop, and responded to by Bros. S. S. Mossop and W. Abbott.

Bro. R. P. Mossop, P.M., P.P.G.S., proposed "The Visiting Officers and Brethren," which was responded to by several of the visitors, after which the W.M. proposed "The Officers of the Lodge," to which Bro. S. J. Coupland, S.W., responded.

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

YORK.

Albert Victor Lodge (No. 2328).—This lodge resumed its session on Tuesday, the 28th ult., there being present Bros. the Dean of York, W.M.; William Lawton, I.P.M. and Treas.; T. B. Whytehead, S.W.; H. L. Swift, J.W.; J. E. Jones, S.D.; Rev. R. Blakeney, Chap.; Sir J. Terry, and others, and amongst the visitors were Bros. G. Chapman, W.M. 1611; Rev. Canon Bullock, Rev. H. A. Wilson, 236; P. Pearson, 1611; and others.

The business consisted of the raising of Bro. Lieut.-Col. Russell to the Third Degree, after which the brethren proceeded to elect a Master for the ensuing year, their suffrages falling on Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M., G.S.B. of England. Bro. Wm. Lawton, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer. Two Auditors were appointed. Bro. J. R. Parker was re-elected Tyler, and Bro. Sir J. Terry was re-elected Charity Representative. On the proposition of the W.M., Bros. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D.; R. F. Gould, P.G.D.; and M. C. Peck, P.G. Std. Br., and Prov. G. Sec., were elected honorary members of the lodge. The name of a candidate for initiation was submitted, and the lodge was closed.

Royal Arch.

Star Chapter (No. 1275).—The election meeting of this chapter was held at the Ship, Greenwich, on Tuesday, the 28th ult., when there were present Comps. Crook, M.E.Z.; Benedetti, H.; W. Cowley, P.Z., as J.; Meierhoff, S.N.; Capt. C. Woolmer Williams, P.Z., S.E.; C. Woods, P.S.; Fry, 1st A.S.; Dr. Makeham, 2nd A.S.; Patrick, Janitor; Grummant, P.Z.; North, C. H. Stone, and W. Ekersall. Visitor: Comp. Kipps, P.Z. 79.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Comp. Benedetti was elected M.E.Z., and the election of officers took place, resulting as follows: Comps. Fleck, H.; North, J.; Capt. Williams, P.Z., S.E.; Grummant, P.Z., Treas.; Meierhoff, S.N.; Fry, P.S.; Dr. Makeham, 1st A.S.; Hy. Martin, 2nd A.S.; and Patrick, Janitor. On the proposition of Comps. North and Meierhoff, it was unanimously resolved that Comp. Major Williams, first Z. of the chapter, who resigned the position of Treasurer, be elected an honorary member, and that an illuminated address should be presented to him at the next meeting, expressing the gratitude of the members for the support he had given the chapter since its consecration.

At the banquet which followed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were heartily received.

The toast of "The M.E.Z." was proposed by Comp. Addington, I.P.Z., and received a hearty response.

The toast of "The Joining Members" was suitably responded to by Comp. Ekersall, who excused his absence on the previous occasion through family affliction. He trusted to become a useful member of the chapter.

The P.Z.'s who responded to that toast were Comps. Cowley, Grummant, and Addington.

Comp. Benedetti, M.E.Z. elect, as H., said that he trusted he should have a very successful year of office.

Comp. Cowley, P.Z., responded on behalf of the absent J.

The visitor, Comp. Kipps, said he was pleased to be present, and hoped he should have that pleasure on many future occasions. He had for the second time filled the chair of First Principal in a neighbouring chapter, and had always felt great interest in that chapter.

Comp. Capt. Williams, S.E., responded on behalf of himself and his respected father. He was sorry his father could not continue the office of Treasurer, but could only say that he hoped he might long be spared to occupy the position that had been conferred upon him that evening.

Comp. Grummant, Treas. elect, said he was delighted, as one of the first exaltees of the chapter, to be elected Treasurer, and trusted that he might well and honourably fill that position.

In response to the toast of "The Officers" Comps. Benedetti, Meierhoff, Woods, Fry, and Dr. Makeham responded.

Comp. Woods said he was sorry that pressure of other engagements prevented him accepting office.

Comp. Stone responded as a lay member, and urged the claims of the Star Chapter of Instruction.

The Janitor's toast closed a very happy evening.

Songs and recitations were given by Comps. Addington, North, Stone, and Meierhoff.

Islington Chapter (No. 1471).—The installation meeting of this flourishing chapter was held at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, on Wednesday, the 29th ult., when over 50 companions attended. Comp. W. Shurmur, to whose efforts the phenomenal success of the chapter is in a great measure due, commenced his third year of office as M.E.Z., and some idea of the work performed by him in this capacity may be gathered from the fact that during the past year he exalted 26 brethren into Royal Arch Masonry, and received 14 joining companions as members. The members present included Comps. W. Shurmur, M.E.Z.; J. M. Scarlett, J.; H. Cox, Treas.; Sidney Napper, S.E.; R. Loomes, S.N.; W. E. Sutton, P.S.; J. Terry, P.G.S.B.; G. F. Cook, P.Z.; W. S. Whitaker, P.Z.; W. D. Church, 2nd A.S.; C. Stanger, D. Campbell, G. Colls, J. Bunker, J. Holland, T. Scoresby Jackson, T. W. Vaughan, E. Brooks, W. Gibbs, C. H. Stevenson, E. Golding, G. Chamberlain, W. W. Fletcher, N. Fortescue, E. A. Beer, S. C. Korfman, H. Glenn, and others.

Visitors: Comps. H. Radcliff, P.Z. 813; J. Wilson, P.Z. 1365; Lutwyche, P.Z. 1365; G. Graveley, P.Z. 514; G. H. Knight, P.Z. 1507; Archdeacon Dunbar, J. S. Cumberland, P.Z., P.P.G.J. N. and E. Yorks; Gregory, P.Z. 1538, P.P.G. Treas. Middx.; J. Garrod, P.Z. 1237; T. C. Edmonds, M.E.Z. 1507; J. McLaren, M.E.Z. 1602; W. Hancock, P.S. 1614; F. Jamson, 2108; A. Rechie, 173; J. H. Collingridge, Lee, 1524; and T. Simkins, 179.

The convocation was opened and the minutes confirmed, and Comps. J. M. Scarlett and W. D. Church were installed into the chairs of H. and J. respectively by Comp. Terry, P.G.S.B. The following brethren were then exalted into Royal Arch Masonry, the ceremony being most impressively performed: Bros. W. S. Wright, W. H. Bullock, C. Isler, W. Gibbs, C. H. Stevenson, and C. Horst. Comps. W. Finch, B. Nicholson, and J. Holland, being in attendance, were received as joining members. The officers

invested by the M.E.Z. were Comps. H. Cox, P.Z., Treas.; R. Loomes, S.E.; W. E. Sutton, S.N.; T. Scoresby Jackson, P.S.; J. Speller, 1st A.S.; W. W. Futcher, 2nd A.S.; C. G. Cutchey, D.C.; D. Campbell, A.D.C.; J. Bunker and J. H. Thompson, Stwds.; and J. Ives, Janitor. Letters of regret for non-attendance were announced from Comps. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E.; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg.; Lennox Browne, Asher Barfield, P.G. Treas.; W. Darnell, P.Z.; Luxmore Marshall, W. J. Rundell, P.Z.; and S. Barton Wilson. Other business was transacted, and the convocation was formally closed.

An excellent banquet was admirably served under the superintendence of Comp. Sams, and was followed by the usual toasts.

Comp. W. S. Whitaker, I.P.Z., said that all Masons had duties, very similar and important, to perform, and they ought also to have pleasure. He was in that happy position to ask them to combine the two by drinking "The Health of the M.E.Z." It was unnecessary for him to dilate upon Comp. Shurmur's excellences, for they knew them well, and had given that companion convincing proofs of their opinion of him, inasmuch as he had been installed for the third time in the chair of that chapter. They were pleased to see Comp. Shurmur presiding, knowing he had performed the duties well, and could, and would, perform them well in the future. It was somewhat unusual to propose the M.E.Z.'s health for the third year in succession, but he did so with great pleasure, and was gratified to be enabled to pin upon Comp. Shurmur's breast the P.Z.'s jewel, with an additional bar, commemorative of the completion of his second year of office. In conclusion, he trusted the M.E.Z. would live long to wear the jewel with contentment and pleasure.

Comp. W. Shurmur, M.E.Z., in reply, said he was deeply grateful to the members for the exceedingly high compliment they had conferred, in having unanimously, for the third time, elected him to preside as First Principal over so highly important a chapter. During the past two years they had more than doubled their numbers, and during the past 12 months it had been their proud privilege to exalt into Royal Arch Masonry 26 candidates, and also to receive 14 companions as joining members, making a total of 40 new members in one year, all of whom they would be proud to meet anywhere. It was indeed a very great honour, and certainly unique, to be elected for the third time to the principal chair of such an important chapter. He most gratefully thanked the I.P.Z. for the kind manner in which he had proposed the toast, and also sincerely thanked the companions for their cordial reception of the toast, for their unanimous support in the chapter, and also for the generous manner in which they had replied to his appeals on behalf of the Charities, enabling him to take up 50 guineas to the R.M.I.B., and a similar amount to the R.M.B.I.

In proposing "The H. and J.," Comp. Shurmur, M.E.Z., said it had been his privilege to be associated with Comp. Scarlett, H., from the very commencement of his career in Freemasonry. He had seen Comp. Scarlett work in the different offices in the Craft with credit to himself and advantage to the lodge, and had seen him discharge his duties as W.M. in a provincial lodge, which had so commended itself to the provincial authorities that he had been appointed Prov. J.G.D. They could judge of his work in Royal Arch Masonry, having heard him deliver the lecture that evening. As to their good friend, Comp. Church, J., he could not speak too highly in his praise, as anything he took in hand he carried out under the advice of their Grand Master, King Solomon—"Whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might." In the Clapton Lodge Comp. Church's Mastership would constitute an era.

Comp. J. M. Scarlett, H., thanked the M.E.Z. for his kind and flattering remarks, but must add that ever since he had been associated with Comp. Shurmur he had endeavoured to emulate him.

Comp. W. D. Church, J., in response, said he would endeavour to do his duty in this, his mother chapter, as he had done in his mother lodge. He had visited many chapters, and the remarks made with regard to the Islington Chapter had been very flattering, for he had heard it said to be considered the premier chapter in London. All the officers would continue to make it so, and he would personally do his best to keep it up to its present position. They had a splendid pattern of excellence in the M.E.Z., and they could not go wrong in following his footsteps.

"The Past Principals" was next given by the M.E.Z., and with it he coupled that of "The Installing Principal." There was only one P.Z. present, whom he could say was the best of them all—Comp. Whitaker, I.P.Z. The I.P.Z. could perform any ceremony in Arch Masonry and give any lecture, including the installation ceremonies, and was always willing to perform any office, even the lowest in the chapter.

Comp. W. S. Whitaker, I.P.Z., in response, said that although he was the only P.Z. present, it by no means followed that they had no Past Principals. He had seen several P.Z.'s perform their duties during their year of office very creditably and satisfactorily. He was an exalte of that chapter, and had performed every office from the lowest to the highest, and since that time he had seen with great satisfaction the successful efforts of those who had followed him. On behalf of the P.Z.'s he returned sincere thanks, and should occasion arise they would one and all be happy to do all they could for the chapter.

Comps. Rev. Archdeacon Dunbar, F. C. Edmonds, P.Z., and others, replied for "The Visitors," expressing their extreme gratification at the very admirable working they had witnessed, and their appreciation of the profuse hospitality accorded them.

Other toasts were given, and a successful gathering concluded with the Janitor's toast.

Sir Hugh Myddelton Chapter (No. 1602).—A convocation of this chapter was held at the Cock Tavern, Highbury-corner, on Thursday, the 23rd ult. The members present included Comps. J. E. McLaren, M.E.Z.; C. Dearing, J.; John Weston, P.Z., Treas.; J. Osborn, P.Z., S.E.; J. Bailey, 1st A.S.; T. I. Bird, P.Z.; W. C. Wigley, P.Z.; W. Barnes, C. A. Cox, G. R. Dix, W. Wright, Org.; J. Chivers, H. Skinner, T. Green, and others. Visitors: Comps. T. C. Edmonds, M.E.Z. 1507; H. Cox, P.Z. 742; and W. W. Lee, 2nd A.S. 1524.

The chapter having been opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. Bros. J. Chinery, J. White, and H. Skinner, all of No. 1805, were unanimously approved by ballot, and were exalted into the Royal Arch Degree in

excellent style, the lectures being impressively rendered by the M.E.Z., Comp. T. C. Edmonds, P.Z., acting H., and Comp. C. Dearing, J. Comp. C. L. Clark, 874, was unanimously elected a joining member. The installations were next proceeded with, and Comps. C. Dearing and J. Bailey duly installed as H. and J. respectively. Comp. R. A. Homan, M.E.Z. elect, was, to the extreme regret of the companions, unable to attend owing to the lamented death of his wife, which occurred the day previous, and a vote was passed sincerely sympathising with him in his great trouble. The following officers being in attendance were invested: Comps. Weston, P.Z., Treas.; Osborn, P.Z., S.E.; Langdale, 2nd A.S.; and Wright, Org. A Past Principal's jewel was presented to Comp. McLaren by Comp. Osborn, P.Z., who referred to the excellent services and admirable working of the M.E.Z., and said that no jewel had been more richly earned. Comp. McLaren appropriately acknowledged the gift, and expressed his intention of exerting his interest on behalf of the chapter in the future as in the past. The resignation of Comp. Von Holtorp was accepted with regret, and the chapter was closed.

Ample justice having been done to an excellent repast, the usual toasts were honoured.

In proposing "The M.E.Z.," Comp. Weston, P.Z., said the chapter was nearly a dozen years old, and numbered amongst its Past Principals companions who had done their work to the best of their ability, but however well it had been done in the past, it had never been surpassed by the manner in which it had been performed by the present occupant of the Z. chair. The working of Comp. McLaren was perfection itself, and it was a great pleasure to those Principals who had passed the chair to see the example they strove to set, not only so well followed, but maintained and enhanced. As brevity was the order of the evening, he would ask the companions at once to drink to the health of the M.E.Z. with the enthusiasm it so well deserved.

Comp. J. McLaren, M.E.Z., thanked them sincerely for the kind manner in which his health had been proposed and received on this as on former occasions. As the evening was late they would excuse him saying all he felt, but, having thanked them, he must pass on to propose "The Exaltees," all of whom hailed from the Bromley St. Leonard's Lodge.

Comp. Green, in reply, said that, as candidates that evening, they could not be expected to say much in criticism, for they had been struck with wonder. There were few who, having seen the ceremony that evening, could fail to be impressed with its beauty, more particularly those who had taken an interest in biblical history. On behalf of the exaltees he tendered thanks for the reception accorded them.

"The Visitors" was given, and responded to by Comp. W. W. Lee, 1524, after which "The P.Z.'s" was given by the M.E.Z., who referred to the valuable services rendered by each and all of the companions who had passed the chair.

Suitable responses having been made to this and other toasts which followed, the Janitor's toast closed the proceedings.

During the evening the companions had again the pleasure of hearing the youthful and gifted daughter of the M.E.Z.—Miss McLaren—play several selections on the violin, which she performed with her customary ability, Comp. W. Wright, Organist, presiding at the pianoforte.

STONEHOUSE.

Brunswick Chapter (No. 159).—The members of this chapter held their annual meeting at the Ebrington Hall, Hobart-street. The Principals elect were installed as follows: Comps. N. Radmore, Z.; C. Marshall, H.; and F. J. Price, J. The Installing Officer was Comp. J. R. Lord, 70, P.G.P.S., assisted by Comp. the Rev. Dr. T. W. Lemon, 189, P.P.G.P.S., Prov. Grand J. The Board of Installed Principals also included Comps. S. Jew, 105, P.P.G.T.; E. Aitken-Davies, 159, 1099, P.P.G. Reg.; C. A. Nicholson, B. S. Johns, H. Mortimore, 159; R. Pike, 230; J. Gidley, 189; and W. Powell, H. 1205. The officers invested were Comps. E. Aitken-Davies, S.E.; T. Stoner, S.N.; J. T. Rook, P.S.; C. H. R. Sellick, 1st A.S.; J. Harvey, 2nd A.S.; C. A. Nicholson, Treas.; and James Bartlett, Janitor.

At the close of business the companions adjourned to the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, where they were joined by Comp. E. H. Littleton, 230, and entertained by the new Principals.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE.

Inkerman Chapter (No. 1222).—The annual meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall on Monday, the 27th ult., when Comp. G. E. Alford was installed as M.E.Z.; Comp. G. H. Perrett, as H.; and Comp. H. B. Sfarington, as J. The ceremony of installation was most ably performed by Comp. Col. Long, P.G.H., assisted by Comps. S. Lewis, P.Z., and W. E. Perrett, P.Z. The following companions received collars of office: Comps. E. E. Baker, P.Z., as S.E.; J. James, as S.N.; W. E. Perrett, P.Z., as Treas.; S. Sellick, P.S.; F. Blackmore and H. Butt, as Asst. Sojs.; S. Lewis, P.Z., as D.C.; and C. Cornelius, as Janitor.

After the chapter was closed the companions sat down to a banquet at the Masonic Hall.

Mark Masonry.

Earl of Carnarvon Lodge (No. 211).—This lodge met at Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, on the 31st ult. Among those in attendance were Bros. J. N. Frye, I.P.M., as W.M.; Dr. E. Pocock, S.W.; French, J.W.; Monson, M.O.; Huish, S.O.; Parkhouse, J.O.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M.; P.G.S.B., Sec.; Wadham, S.D.; Dr. Kiallmark, J.D.; R. Louson, P.P.G.M.O.; Rickwood, P.M.; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Dr. Pocock was unanimously elected to fill the chair of A.; Bro. J. N. Frye, P.M., Treas., and Bro. Schofield, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. F. C. Frye. The resignation of Bro. John Mason, a founder, first Master and Treasurer of the lodge, was received with great regret. A vote of condolence was passed to Bro. D. P. Cama upon the sad loss he has sustained by the recent death of his wife. Bro. Dr. Pocock, S.W., was elected to represent the lodge as its Steward at the next Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund. Apologies for non-attendance

were received from Bros. F. C. Frye, W.M.; J. Mason, P.M.; Goodall, P.M.; A. S. Harris, P.M.; and others. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. The usual toasts followed. Bro. J. N. Frye presided most ably and genially.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.

Lodge of Industry (No. 293).—The regular meeting of this improving lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on Monday, the 3rd inst., under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Wm. Brown, supported and assisted by Bros. Robert Whitfield, I.P.M.; W. F. Carmon, P.M.; John Page, P.M.; John Wood, P.M., Treas.; W. M. Lyon, W.M. Northumberland and Berwick-on-Tweed Lodge (T.I.), as S.W.; Robert Wilson, J.W.; W. Richardson, M.O.; Alf. Simpson, S.O.; J. A. Armstrong, J.O.; T. R. Short, R. of M.; T. R. Jobson, Sec.; A. Dodds, S.D.; C. P. Laidler, J.D.; W. J. Jobson, as I.G.; R. Ferry, Org.; Joshua Curry, Tyler; John Hedley, Hugh Jackson, and others.

The ballot having been taken for Bro. J. K. Sinton, and he being in attendance, was duly advanced to the honourable Degree by the W.M., who explained the working tools and gave the charge incidental to the ritual.

Other formal business was transacted, after which the lodge was closed, and the brethren finished the evening in their usual agreeable and harmonious way.

MANCHESTER.

St. Andrew Lodge (No. 34).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 30th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street. There were present Bros. W. Nicholl, P.G.D. Eng.; J. T. Richardson, P.P. G.I. of W.; H. L. Rocca, P.P.G.M.O.; J. M. Sinclair, P.P.G.M.O.; Arensburg, P.P.G.D.; E. L. Littler, J.W.; C. E. Towell, M.O.; G. S. Smith, S.O.; and George Langley, I.G.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. All other business being transacted, the lodge was closed. Bro. J. T. Richardson presided, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. S. Kelly, G. Stwd., W.M.

OXFORD.

Alfred Lodge (No. 247).—The annual festival of this lodge took place on the 15th ult., in the Alfred Masonic Hall, when, after the preliminary work, Bro. W. R. Bowden, W.M. (Bertie Lodge) P.S.G.O., was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed by the I.P.M., Bro. Dr. E. Horne, after which the W.M. proceeded to appoint and invest his officers for the year as follows: Bros. Horne, P.P.G.R. of M., I.P.M.; S. J. Shipp, S.W.; F. Bacon, P.G.R. of M., J.W.; W. W. Wyatt, P.P.G.S., M.O.; Capt. G. P. Airey, P.P.G.S.B., S.O.; R. Corden, P.J.G.D., J.O.; Rev. J. H. Jukes, P.G.C. Eng. and P.P.G.C., Chap.; James Jenkin, P.P.G. S. of W., Treas.; Charles Phillips, P.P.G.I.G., Sec.; William Knowles, R. of M.; A. Rowley, P.G.O. Eng., Org.; Mark Weyland, J.D.; H. O. Crane, P.P.G.R. of M., D.C.; P. W. Margetts, P.P.G.S., Stwd.; W. Rowbottom, I.G.; and George Norwood, P.G. Tyler, Tyler.

In consequence of the City Council Dinner to the Earl of Jersey taking place the same evening, the annual banquet of the lodge is deferred to the December meeting.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

ROBERT BURNS LODGE (No. 25).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road, W., when there were present Bros. F. Klein, W.M.; W. Densham, S.W.; W. Shales, J.W.; F. Marx, P.M., Preceptor; F. J. Bonham, P.M., Sec.; W. H. Munday, S.D.; J. Blundell, J.D.; R. J. Harvey, I.G.; R. Blum, P.M.; J. W. Harvey, P.M.; and C. Grove, P.M.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Harvey answered the questions leading to the Third Degree. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Harvey being candidate. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Grove being candidate. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. Bro. Marx worked the 1st Section of the Lecture. The S.W., Bro. Densham, was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, officers to be in rotation. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

MANCHESTER LODGE (No. 179).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 1st inst., at Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road. Present: Bros. Mason, W.M.; G. Griffith, S.W.; J. W. Harvey, J.W.; Greenway, Deputy Preceptor; W. Ryan, S.D.; R. J. Harvey, J.D.; W. Nickolls, I.G.; Marcus, and Cursons.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st Section was worked by the W.M. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Harvey being candidate. The 2nd Section was worked by Bro. Greenway, with the assistance of the brethren. The S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the officers were appointed in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, when a conversation took place on the absence of the Preceptor and Secretary regretting their non-attendance to their duties. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

CLARENCE LODGE (No. 263).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Thursday, the 30th ult., at Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road. There were present H. H. Nuding, W.M.; J. W. Drysdale, S.W.; D. G. Inlay, J.W.; W. H. Kirby, Preceptor; C. Bulling, Treas.; W. Baker, acting Sec.; H. T. Sykes, S.D.; F. T. Rushton, J.D.; J. B. Corp, I.G.; H. Neville, C. Hurst, J. Corpe, J. W. Cooper, C. F. Cox, D. D. West, D. Carpmal, W. Pasmore, F. J. Sykes, and C. E. Barrett. Visitors: Bros. Norman, 2020, and Pullman, 8.

The goodly number of members present enabled the W.M. and officers to enjoy a well-occupied time of meeting, during which much instruction work was performed. After the lodge had been duly opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Bros. Moss and Miller, both of 228. They were unanimously elected as joining members, and welcomed accord-

ingly. Bro. Nuding then ably rehearsed the ceremony of passing, using the volunteered services of Bro. J. W. Cooper as candidate. The ceremony of installation was then admirably worked by Bro. Deanson Carpmal, who installed Bro. Nuding. The investiture of the officers was marked by the bringing into use for the first time the new collars and handsome jewels which have been presented by various members of the lodge at the last two meetings. The addresses by the I.P.M. to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren were given quite correctly in a very agreeable and impressive manner. Bros. Pullman and Norman were proposed as joining members. Bro. Dr. Barrett was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting. He appointed his officers, and announced that the work would be the ceremony of raising, and one or two Sections of the First Lecture as time might permit. All business being ended, the lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 27th ult., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. George Read, P.M. 511, Treas., W.M.; John Davies, W.M. 169, S.W.; James Sims, P.M. 834, J.W.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425, Deputy Preceptor; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; W. Hillier, S.D.; T. Middleweek, J.D.; J. C. Conway, I.G.; T. Jobson, Stwd.; J. R. Allman, P.M. 1425; D. Stroud, P.M. 55, 1637, and 2045; J. C. Tilt, P.M. 1962; G. Davis, P.M. 167; W. J. Mason, P.M. 1328; H. Campbell, M. Rosenberg, J. Cruttenden, O. W. Battley, J. W. Belsham, H. Windeatt, C. Ward, and J. V. Woodman. Visitors: Bros. J. A. Hattersley, 297; Capt. Malcolm, and J. R. Dundas, 1361.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed. The Second Lecture was afterwards worked by the following brethren: 1st Section, Bro. J. C. Tilt, P.M. 1962; 2nd, Bro. J. Davies, W.M. 169; 3rd, Bro. J. Sims, P.M. 834; 4th, Bro. J. R. Allman, P.M. 1425; and 5th, Bro. Geo. Davis, P.M. 167. The Third Lecture was worked by the following brethren: 1st Section, Bro. W. Hillier; 2nd, Bro. J. C. Conway; and 3rd, Bro. G. Davis. A vote of thanks was passed to Bros. Read, Davies, and Sims, and also to the brethren who had worked the Sections. Bros. Read and G. Davis returned thanks. Bros. Hattersley and Capt. Dundas were elected members, and both, in acknowledging the compliment, expressed great feelings of satisfaction at the way the work had been done. £10 10s. was voted from the funds of the lodge to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to be placed on Bro. Stroud's list, who, in thanking the brethren, expressed the great satisfaction he felt at being the channel through which the Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction would become Vice-President of the R.M.B.I., and hoped he might live to see it hold the same honourable position in the other two great Masonic Institutions, towards which the lodge had well advanced. A communication from Bro. D. P. Cama was read, thanking the brethren for their condolence in his sad bereavement, which letter was ordered to be entered on the minutes. Other communications from Bros. Cuff, Mote, Godwin, and Smith were read, expressing their inability to be present. It was agreed that a supper should take place on Monday evening, the 24th inst. Bro. Curtis was elected W.M. for the next meeting. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

A meeting was also held at the above address on Monday, the 3rd inst., when there were present Bros. J. W. Curtis, W.M.; T. Middleweek, S.W.; J. W. Belsham, J.W.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1423, Deputy Preceptor; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; J. C. Conway, S.D.; E. M. Mayes, 194 (visitor), J.D.; M. J. R. Dundas, I.G.; J. Van Praag, Stwd.; J. Sims, P.M. 834; J. W. Cuff, I.P.M. 511; John Davies, W.M. 169; J. R. Allman, P.M. 1425; H. Windeatt, H. Campbell, M. Spyer, T. Jobson, J. Cruttenden, and O. W. Battley.

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. Spyer being candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and after the usual preliminaries the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Campbell being candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Middleweek was elected W.M. for next meeting, the officers to be in rotation. Bro. E. M. Mayes was unanimously elected a member, and acknowledged the compliment in suitable terms. Bro. George Read was re-elected Treasurer and Preceptor; Bro. H. Dehane, Secretary for the ensuing 12 months; Bro. W. H. Chalfont, Deputy Preceptor; and Bros. Allman, Windeatt, and Campbell were elected Auditors. Bros. Dehane, Chalfont, and Allman thanked the brethren for their confidence, and promised a due attendance to their respective duties. The by-laws were read, and after "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, on Tuesday, the 4th inst., when there were present Bros. A. Wolter, W.M.; C. G. Gray, S.W.; A. Giddings, J.W.; Walter Hancock, Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; Benton, S.D.; C. Horst, J.D.; T. Williams, I.G.; E. H. Moore, D. C. Ritchie, E. Kressell, S. Napper, H. J. Kimbell, jun., R. Loomes, H. J. Kimbell, sen., and J. M. Scarlett, Prov. J.G.W. Essex.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Kressell 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. Kressell being the candidate. The W.M. then rehearsed the ceremony of installation, with Bro. S. Napper as W.M. elect. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and resumed in the Second and First Degrees. Bro. Gray 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 30th ult., when the following were present: Bros. Wood, W.M.; Johns, S.W.; Morgan, J.W.; Pitt, P.M., Preceptor (*pro tem.*); Colley, Hon. Sec.; Stafford, S.D.; Hole, J.D.; Watts, I.G.; Ives, P.M.; Gaskell, P.M.; Dormer, Meadows, Minett, Seagrave, Larter, Gregar, and Antunovich.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initia-

tion was rehearsed, Bro. Dormer personating the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Larter having answered the usual questions leading to the Third Degree, was entrusted and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Seagrave, who rehearsed the ceremony of raising Bro. Larter to the Degree of a M.M. The W.M. having again assumed the chair, the lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rising for the first time, the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Johns was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and returned thanks, and appointed officers in rotation. Upon the W.M. rising for the third time, a unanimous vote of thanks was accorded him for his working in the chair for the first time. 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 31st ult., at the Kensington Park Hotel, Lancaster-road, Notting Hill, W. Present: Bros. W. J. Mason, W.M.; E. Rogers, S.W.; J. Powell, J.W.; G. Davis, P.M. 167, Preceptor; H. Armfield, Sec. (*pro tem.*); J. C. Conway, S.D.; M. J. R. Dundas, J.D.; W. H. Armfield, I.G.; F. L. Chandler, P.M. 1656, P.G.P. Middx.; C. Breitbart, P.M. 1828; H. D. Smith, T. W. Heath, J. R. Roberts, S. Ransom, G. Gardner, A. Ellenden, J. W. Curtis, H. Foksett, and C. T. Butt.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. J. R. Roberts was presented and obligated as W.M. elect. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. J. R. Roberts was duly installed into the chair of K.S., Bro. G. Davis, P.M., Preceptor, acting as D.C. The lodge was resumed in the Third and Second Degrees respectively. The W.M. having invested his officers, the charges were given by the Installing Master, Bro. W. J. Mason. The 1st Section of the Lecture was given by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The officers to be as appointed, next Friday being officers' night of the mother lodge. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. W. Dresden, W.M.; C. Woods, S.W.; G. A. Knight, J.W.; R. H. Williams, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. Middx., Treas.; F. Craggs, Sec.; J. H. Neville, S.D.; W. B. Neville, J.D.; J. R. Hubbard, I.G.; W. C. Williams, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. Middx.; H. Wake, N. Foley, T. Jobson, A. Ellenden, G. Swann W.M. 865; E. J. Green, D. Boyce, and E. E. Gelfowski.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Foley acting as candidate. The W.M. gave the charge at its conclusion. Bro. Jobson offered himself as a candidate for passing, and was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Woods was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. R. H. Williams was re-elected Treasurer; Bro. F. Craggs was also re-elected Secretary; and Bro. George Read, P.M., was likewise re-elected Preceptor. Bros. Swann, Knight, and Hubbard were elected Auditors. Notice of motion was given that on the next meeting a Deputy Preceptor would be proposed. The lodge was then closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 30th inst., at the Wheatheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. John Davies, Preceptor, W.M.; R. Josey, P.M., S.W.; E. Austin, P.M., J.W.; James Sims, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; T. Jobson, and F. Craggs, Secretaries (*pro tem.*); R. H. Williams, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. Middlesex, S.D.; W. G. Jennings, J.D.; J. Cruttenden, I.G.; T. S. Stevens, Stwd.; C. R. Cross, P.M.; J. J. Cantle, P.M.; J. R. Allman, P.M.; E. Child, P.M.; A. Williams, P.M.; H. Stiles, P.M.; D. Stroud, P.M.; H. Dehane, P.M.; R. H. Rogers, P.M.; H. P. Gilbert, W.M. 1828; S. Cochrane, W.M. 2345; F. A. Barth, H. Bright, A. Love, R. N. Larter, C. Horton, J. Arnott, W. Dresden, J. Sansom, J. Brown, G. Aylett, W. F. Harbord, and T. Kington. Visitor: Bro. Arlidge.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. This being Section night, the lodge was duly opened in the various Degrees, and resumed. The Fifteen Sections of the Lectures were worked in a very efficient manner by Bros. Arnott, Jobson, Stroud, Cruttenden, Davies, Sims, Craggs, Allman, Josey, and Williams. Votes of thanks were passed to Bro. Davies and the Wardens for the able manner in which they had conducted their various duties; to the Section workers for their excellent rendering of all the Sections, many having volunteered their services without previous notice, as several of those members whose names were announced for Sections were absent. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Sims for the special assistance he had afforded to all in his position of Deputy Preceptor. Bros. H. Stiles, G. Aylett, T. Kington, and W. F. Harbord were elected joining members. At the third time of rising, "Hearty good wishes" were given, and acknowledged by Bro. Davies, W.M., who decided to express his sincere gratitude for the attention and consideration of the brethren, and particularly to those who had so willingly come forward to assist him in carrying on the heavy duties involved in a Section night under peculiar and trying circumstances. The lodge was then closed.

ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).—A meeting was held on the 29th ult., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, when there were present Bros. Joseph Cox, W.M.; J. N. Baxter, S.W.; C. C. Barber, J.W.; Jesse Collings, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, Sec.; W. Fayers, S.D.; F. Thomas, J.D.; W. Hillier, I.G.; James Sims, P.M.; W. C. Williams, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. Middx.; W. G. Danby, J. H. Morrish, C. Manzoni, C. Woods, H. F. Williams, G. Swann, W.M. 865; L. Nathan, J. B. Cory, C. G. Hatt, T. Green, R. Kew, and others.

The lodge having been opened in due form, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Morrish acting as candidate. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sections of the Lecture were worked by various brethren, under the guidance of the Preceptor. The balance sheet and report of the Auditors was received and adopted. Bro. Collings was re-elected

Preceptor, and Bro. Craggs, Secretary. The usual votes of thanks were passed, and responded to. Bro. Baxter was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bros. Kew, Hatt, and Green were elected joining members, and the lodge was closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 1012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 1st inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith, W. Present: Bros. T. Willcox, W.M.; W. S. Whiteley, S.W.; J. Cox, J.W.; A. Williams, P.M., acting Preceptor; G. Gardner, P.M., Treas.; J. Brown, Sec.; G. MacCrow, S.D.; T. W. Biggs, J.D.; F. A. Barth, I.G.; R. J. Steel, Stwd.; M. Spiegel, P.M.; D. Stroud, P.M.; T. Jobson, W. F. Harbord, L. Lee, and Kirkham.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Spiegel candidate. The 2nd and 3rd Sections of the Lecture were worked by the brethren, the questions being asked by Bro. Spiegel, P.M. Bro. Whiteley was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

THE ABBEY (WESTMINSTER) LODGE (No. 2030).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 31st ult., at the Town Hall, Westminster, when there were present Bros. Piper, W.M.; Bonwick, S.W.; Budd, J.W.; J. Gibson, P.M., Preceptor; Hobbs, Treas.; P. Coughlan, P.M., Sec.; Badderly, S.D.; Dottrell, J.D.; Barber, I.G.; Balchin, Stwd.; Jeffries, P.M.; Brindley, P.M.; Chabbot, Holland, Stutfield, Lawson, Roberts, H. White, Ramsey, Phillips, Fraser, Chilcott, and Evans.

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. Holland being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Roberts, 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. Roberts being the candidate. The lodge was closed down. Bros. Lawson, 901; Phillips, 2157; and Evans, 2021, were unanimously elected joining members. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).—A convocation was held on the 31st ult., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. J. Cruttenden, 779, M.E.Z.; W. H. Chalfont, J. 975, H.; R. D. Poppleton, P.S. 51, J.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; G. March, H. 733, S.N.; W. R. Hatton, 1642, P.S.; J. C. Tilt, 862, 1st A.S.; George Gregory, 862; J. R. Allman, Treas. 890; and O. W. Battley, 2246.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Gregory being candidate. The officers were elected for the ensuing two weeks—Comp. Chalfont as M.E.Z. A vote of thanks was passed, to be entered on the minutes, for the able manner Comp. Poppleton had discharged the duties of J. for the first time, and Comp. Tilt was also thanked for his able assistance. After the M.E.Z. had risen the usual number of times, the chapter was closed.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting of this chapter was held at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell, on Friday, the 31st ult., when there were present Comps. J. Hill, M.E.Z.; Benedetti, Z. elect 1275, H.; Scott Young, J.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; C. H. Stone, S.E.; Phillips, P.Z., S.N.; Towers, P.S.; Cowley, P.Z.; Worstencroft, S.N. 186; W. R. Smith; and V. T. Murché, P.S. 1329.

The chapter was opened, and a convocation of Third Principals was formed, and Comp. Scott Young was installed as J. by Comp. J. Hill. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Worstencroft personating candidate. Comp. Worstencroft was elected a joining member. Comp. Benedetti was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting, and appointed the officers in rotation, after which the chapter adjourned to the 7th inst., at 7.30 p.m., for the installation ceremony.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

HUDDERSFIELD.

Prince of Wales Chapter (No. 69).—The above chapter was opened by the M.W.S., Ill. Bro. Gill, 30°, at the Masonic Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, on Saturday, the 25th ult., assisted by his officers. Two candidates came up for perfection—Bros. Garbut and Mathewman—the other two being unable to attend. Ill. Bro. J. L. Atherton, 30°, P.M.W.S., gave the first part of the Degree, at the request of the M.W.S., the M.W.S. the second part, and Bro. Frank William Banister, P.M.W.S., the third part, at the request also of the M.W.S. E. and P. Bro. Wellsman was unanimously elected M.W.S., and E. and P. Bro. H. Shaw re-elected Treasurer. A letter was read from Ill. Bros. Charles James Banister, 33°, S.G.I.G., Inspector-General of the District, stating cause of his inability to be present. His health was much better, but he was still confined to the house. Much regret was expressed by the members, with the sincere hope that they should see him present at their next meeting. Other business having been transacted, the chapter was closed.

The brethren assembled in the dining hall for refreshment, under the presidency of the M.W.S., who proposed in rotation "The Health of her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen," "Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," and "The Supreme Council, 33°, and a speedy recovery to their old and valued friend Ill. Bro. Banister, 33°, Inspector-General of the District," which was responded to by his son, Bro. F. W. Banister, P.M.W.S., stating that his father's medical man has forbidden him leaving home until he gives his consent, or he would no doubt have been with them that day.

Bros. J. Craven, P.M.W.S., and J. L. Atherton, P.M.W.S., each alluded to the illness of Ill. Bro. Banister, expressing their kind condolence with him in his long illness, and, with all the members, trusted that he would be well enough to be with them at their next meeting.

The other Masonic toasts were duly proposed and responded to, and a truly happy evening was spent by all.

KESWICK.

Border Chapter (No. 102).—The quarterly meeting of this chapter was held at the Keswick Hotel, on Wednesday, the 29th ult., for the purpose of installing the M.W.S. and perfecting the candidates. The chapter was opened by Ill. Bro. Col. F. R. Sewell, 30°, M.W.S., supported by his officers. The minutes were read and confirmed, and Ill. Bro. C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds, 33°, S.G.I.G., was reported, and received under an arch of steel. Bro. W. H. Atkinson was perfected, and E. and P. Bro. G. Dalrymple, 18°, M.W.S. elect, was presented by Ill. Bro. Sewell to the S.G.I.G. for installation, and he was duly installed, and invested the following as his officers: Bros. J. Hall, H.P.; J. Paterson, 1st Gen.; Rev. H. D. Ravensley, 2nd Gen.; Ill. Bro. Col. Sewell, 30°, Treas.; Bros. P. de E. Collin, P.M.W.S., Recorder; J. C. Thompson, G.M.; Rev. James Anderson, Raphael; T. H. Nesbitt, D.C.; H. Moser, Herald; Spencer Broadbent, C. of G.; and T. Usher and J. Casson, O.G.'s. Bro. Dr. Charles Gore-Ring, 18°, P.M.W.S., was also present, and letters of congratulation were read from Bros. George J. McKay, 32°, P.M.W.S., and T. H. Nesbitt, 18°. One candidate was proposed for perfection, the Treasurer's accounts were audited—with a balance to the credit of the chapter of £16 1s. 4d.,—the alms were collected, and, with other general business transacted, the chapter was closed.

The brethren afterwards dined, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

LEEDS.

Leodiensis Chapter (No. 77).—This chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, on Tuesday, the 21st ult. The chapter was opened by the M.W.S., E. and P. Bro. W. J. Beck, assisted by his officers. The following visitors were present: Ill. Bro. Alfred Gill, 30°, M.W.S. 69; E. and P. Bros. F. W. Banister, P.M.W.S. 69; J. W. Monckman, P.M.W.S. 69; and C. J. Schott, 69; Ill. Bro. Tudor Trevor, 30° (S.C.); and E. and P. Bro. W. H. B. Atkinson, 23.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Letters of apology were read from Ill. Bro. John Barker, 30°, P.M.W.S.; E. and P. Bros. Hargreaves, P.M.W.S., and Jas. Walsley, Ill. Bros. T. B. Whythead, 30°, P.M.W.S. 23, and Walter Reynolds, 32°, 68; E. and P. Bros. Jack Sutcliffe, 68, and Thos. Oates, 68; Ill. Bros. J. L. Atherton, 30°, P.M.W.S. 69, and Charles Crabtree, 30°, P.M.W.S. 69; E. and P. Bros. Aulay Macaulay, John Royle, and Thomas Pickle, of 69. The ballot was taken for a M.W.S. for the ensuing year, when E. and P. Bro. Thomas Bateman Fox was unanimously elected. The ballot for Treasurer was taken, when E. and P. Bro. John Dunning Kay, P.M.W.S., was elected. It was proposed that the annual subscription to the chapter be reduced from £1 1s. to 10s. 6d., which was carried. The Prelate, E. and P. Bro. Thomas Bateman Fox, gave notice that at the next meeting he should propose that the advancement fee be reduced to £3 3s. and the joining fee to £1 1s. The M.W.S., E. and P. Bro. W. J. Beck, said that it was with very great regret that they heard that their Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister, 33°, S.G.I.G., was unable through illness to be present that evening. They had hoped to have had the pleasure of handing to him a golden wedding present which had been voted out of the funds of the chapter. It was a source of great gratification to know that their illustrious brother was slowly improving, and that they might in all probability see him at their next meeting. He should, therefore, hand the present to his son, E. and P. Bro. F. W. Banister, asking him to give it to his esteemed and much respected father, and at the same time assure him of the loyalty of his brethren, and their best thanks for all the many kindnesses he had rendered, and that it might please the Heavenly Father to shortly restore him to good health and grant to him and his dear wife many years of happiness together. The present consisted of four Jubilee £5 pieces in a suitable case. E. and P. Bro. F. W. Banister replied: "On behalf of my father I have much pleasure in accepting the very kind present, and I am sure it will be received by him with equal pleasure. He desired to be remembered to all present most kindly, and to state that nothing but illness, which illness had kept him to the house nearly four months, prevented him being present, and to acknowledge personally your great kindness and affectionate regard which all the members of the chapter had shown him ever since it was consecrated. He desired me further to say he sincerely trusted and hoped that the chapter might prosper, and that each individual member might be thrice blessed in this world, and inherit eternal happiness in those Heavenly mansions where he trusted we should all meet at last, and, further, he earnestly hoped to be with you at your next meeting, and then thank you all personally." E. and P. Bro. J. D. Kay, Treas., said he had great pleasure in being present that night, and should have liked to have had the presence of Ill. Bro. Banister, that they might have personally thanked him for the great interest he had at all times taken in the welfare of the chapter. Bro. Banister had never spared time or trouble on their behalf, and had they been an older chapter and had a larger number of members, no doubt the offering would have been greater. E. and P. Bro. Monckman, P.M.W.S. 69, said that as one who had known Bro. Banister he could bear testimony to the kindness shown to him personally from the day that he was a boy up to the present time. He remembered the very genial manner of Bro. Banister to all with whom he came in contact, and was glad to have been present, and to have taken part in the evening's proceedings.

The chapter was shortly after closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall, where a very pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent.

Scotland.

FRATERNAL VISIT OF THE ST. NICHOLAS LODGE, No. 1676 (E.C.), TO ST. DAVID'S LODGE, No. 36 (S.C.).

On the 21st ult., the W.M. of St. Nicholas Lodge, Bro. T. Lewins, accompanied by Bros. W. Charlton, jun., S.W.; R. H. Holme, J.W.; A. Scott, I.P.M.; R. W. Cummins, D.C.; G. Richardson, S.D.; J. G. Cole, J.D.; Wm. Guthrie and R. Bellwood, Stwds.; F. J. Allen, M. Dodsworth, Jos. Donkin, Geo. Donkin,

E. T. Dodds, H. Himsworth, P. T. Paley, and Wm. Pickering, all of Lodge No. 1676, and supported by Bros. S. F. Bates, P.M. 1664; R. Raeburn, W.M. 48; T. Pickering, Steward 24; W. Dorman, 406; A. Kinghorn, 481; and P. W. Turnbull, 1342, left Newcastle-on-Tyne at 11.10 a.m. in a saloon carriage, and proceeding by North British Railway (Waverley route), arrived at Edinburgh in the afternoon. They were met at the station there by a deputation from St. David's Lodge, Edinburgh, and conducted to the Imperial Hotel, where a special and ornate dinner was provided for them by the proprietors, Messrs. Pickett.

After dinner, the visitors clothed and attended lodge, when the Third Degree was admirably worked by the R.W.M., Bro. Robertson, assisted by his officers and a distinguished company of Scottish brethren. Adjourning from the lodge room to the banquet hall, the lodge was again opened, and the different deputations were admitted with musical honours. The lodge being called from refreshment to labour, the R.W.M. affiliated the W.M. of St. Nicholas Lodge to St. David's Lodge, and presented him with a jewel and his certificate from the Grand Lodge of Scotland in a leather case, with gilt inscription.

A most delightful evening was then spent, the brethren contributing to the harmony in a praiseworthy manner, and the lodge was closed.

From the expressions of all the brethren who addressed the gathering it was patent that the bond of fraternity between the English and Scotch brethren had been incalculably increased and cemented by the visit.

The next morning the visitors were photographed, and part visited the Forth Bridge and other places of interest, while the remainder visited the ancient lodge room of Canongate Kilwinning, where the records and relics of that most celebrated lodge were exhibited and explained by the Right Worshipful Master of Kilwinning, Bro. Grey. The old minutes were read, and the hallowed memories of those elder brethren so celebrated in song and story, political, civil, and military triumph recalled. Interested beyond description, and instructed most usefully, the visitors assembled once more at the Imperial to enjoy dinner, when the Right Worshipful Master of St. David's, supported by his Past Masters and the Right Worshipful Master of Kilwinning were guests of the W.M. and brethren of St. Nicholas.

The return journey was commenced at 4.20 p.m. on the 22nd, and during the journey Bro. Himsworth, on behalf of himself and the brethren of the St. Nicholas, presented the W.M. of St. Nicholas with a memento of the visit in the shape of a case of solid silver salt-cellars and spoons for Mrs. Lewins, and a chaste brooch for Miss Lewins, so that the recollection of this the first visit of St. Nicholas Lodge over the borders might remain an enduring memory not only with him, but with his household. Refreshments were served during the return journey, and the distance rendered almost unnoticeable by harmony and pleasant converse.

It is worthy of note that the old lodge of St. David's (the mother lodge of Sir Walter Scott) has not been visited by any English lodge since 1845. It is impossible to find words to describe all the events of the trip, or to convey a fair impression of the enjoyment of the brethren, but so pleasant did the visit prove that they have determined at no distant date to journey towards "Auld Reekie" and have a repetition of the pleasures.

GLASGOW.

Glasgow Chapter (No. 50).—A special meeting of the above Royal Arch chapter was held at the St. Mark's Masonic Hall on the 29th ult., the proceedings being of an unusual character. Comp. E. Macbean, the M.E.Z., determined that the decease of the lamented Comp. T. W. Brownlee, P.Z. 50, &c., should not be passed over according to the ordinary custom which prevails in the neighbourhood on the death of Masonic worthies, but that a commemorative funeral service should be held, hence the special chapter.

The form of service, arranged by the M.E.Z., appears to be as near perfection as possible, and forms a choice souvenir of the event. There was a large and deeply interested number of companions present, who entered most zealously into the several portions of the service, and everything passed off without a single hitch, though many of the arrangements were entirely novel as respects a funeral commemoration in Scotland.

The eulogy by Comp. E. Macbean, M.E.Z., Grand Treasurer of the province, was especially appropriate, and was considered to rank amongst his best efforts, and in his address his kind and appreciative references to Comp. Hughan, of Torquay, who is the oldest member of the chapter now on the roll, were well received. The ceremony will not be soon forgotten by those present, and all feel much indebted to the M.E.Z. for the imposing and suitable memorial of a worthy companion.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. S. H. PARKHOUSE, P.M. 1642, &c.

On Wednesday evening, the 29th ult., a party of brethren and non-Masonic friends, numbering about 70 or 80 in all, assembled at the Ladbroke Hall, North Kensington, to do honour to the above well-known brother, on the completion of his 50th year. Bro. J. Bartle, P.M. 1642, occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. R. C. Green, W.M. 1642, and H. Holmes, P.M., in the vice-chairs.

Amongst those assembled we noticed Bros. Captain James, R.E., L.C.C.; G. N. Watts, P.M.; Jubal Webb, P.M.; P. Monson, P.M.; F. Chandler, P.M.; R.

Broom, P.M.; G. H. Davis, P.M.; W. J. Mason, P.M.; E. M. Lander, P.M.; E. Rogers, P.M., P.G.S.; J. Adkins, P.M.; J. Woodmason, P.M.; W. W. Buckland, P.M.; W. J. Murlis, P.M.; and Dr. F. E. Pocock, P.M., the last two brethren having acted as Hon. Secs. to the fund.

Letters regretting their inability to attend were read from Bros. D. P. Cama, P.G.T. (owing to the recent death of Mrs. Cama); F. C. Frye, L.C.C.; Alderman J. Backer, L.C.C.; and several more brethren and friends.

Mrs. Parkhouse, accompanied by many other ladies, was present in the gallery.

At the conclusion of the supper, the CHAIRMAN proposed "The Queen and Royal Family."

Bro. G. NELSON WATTS then proposed the toast of the evening. As an old friend of Bro. Parkhouse—having known him for over 30 years—he said he obeyed the mandate of the Chairman with feelings of the very greatest pleasure. Bro. Parkhouse was well known in the neighbourhood as a thoroughly honest, upright, and earnest man. Whatever he put his hand to was certain to turn out well, or, if there were any hitch, it was not from the want of any hard work on Bro. Parkhouse's part. He was one of the most wonderful organisers of work that he knew. For 25 years or more he had laboured on behalf of the old Town Ward Association, which was now better known, perhaps, under its present name of the Ratepayers' Association. In connection with the Philanthropic Society, he had no hesitation in saying that for many years Bro. Parkhouse had kept it together and prevented it from collapsing, with what result his hearers would know from the very flourishing state in which it at present was. Of his Masonic work it was hardly necessary to speak in North Kensington. To be brief, their friend was initiated in the year 1869. He was a founder and P.M. of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, and founder and P.Z. of the chapter attached. He was also P.M. of the Zetland Lodge, and was always ready to do anything—possible or impossible—for the good of any or all of them. He was a Life-Governor of, and had served the office of Steward to each of our Masonic Charities. As to elections, he would take upon himself to say that Bro. Parkhouse's face was better known in the different election rooms than that of almost any other brother in the Craft. He always took care to get his candidates in, and that with as little an expenditure of votes as possible. They had met that evening to do honour to their friend on his 50th birthday, but although there was no betting over certificates of birth, he was sure all would agree with him in saying that Bro. Parkhouse looked more like 35 than 50.

The CHAIRMAN then presented Bro. Parkhouse, in the name of about 200 subscribers, with an illuminated address, a gold watch with monogram, and suitable inscription, and a purse containing a cheque for £150 "on account." He would impress upon his hearers that the list still remained open, and within the next week or two the Treasurers or Secretaries would be pleased to receive further names. He hoped he should preside at a like meeting to do honour to Bro. Parkhouse 50 years hence.

Bro. PARKHOUSE, in reply, said he could not by any means express his feelings in words. He begged his friends to believe that he thanked them from the bottom of his heart. He had come to Notting Hill not knowing one single individual in the neighbourhood. Now he had the pleasure of numbering scores—nay, he might say hundreds—among his friends. Since he had been a Mason he had always endeavoured to act in accordance with Masonic teaching, and, doing that, he was sure one could not go far wrong. Although he was 50 that day he did not feel it, though he must confess that at times he did, but thanks to Providence he was in the possession of good health. He assured his hearers he thoroughly appreciated their kindness to him, and more particularly he desired to thank the Treasurers, Bros. D. P. Cama and J. Bartle, and the Secretaries, Bros. Murlis and Dr. Pocock.

The toast of "The Chairman" was proposed by Bro. JUBAL WEBB, and suitably responded to by Bro. BARTLE. Other toasts followed.

The address was as follows:

"To Mr. Samuel Henry Parkhouse, 29th October, 1890.

"Dear Sir,—We, the undersigned, having had the happiness for a great number of years of knowing, and many of us of benefiting by your sterling good qualities, beg to convey to you our congratulations upon the completion of the 50th year of your age.

"Your inexhaustible patience, cordial sympathy, ready advice, and hearty assistance, which are always at the disposal of any who may require them, have endeared you to a large circle of friends, and it is with special satisfaction to ourselves that we request you to accept at our hands the accompanying gold watch and purse as a slight testimony to the high esteem and affectionate regard which we feel towards you.

"In conclusion, we humbly trust that your life may be spared for many years, so that we may have continually before us the bright example of cheerfulness and content in whatever circumstances—be they happy or be they sad—you may temporarily be placed."

The inscription inside the watch was as follows: "Presented, together with a purse and illuminated address on vellum, to Samuel Henry Parkhouse, by a few sincere and affectionate friends, on the completion of the 50th year of his age. Oct. 29, 1890."

Obituary.

BRO. THE REV. J. E. COX, D.D., PAST GRAND CHAPLAIN.

The Craft has sustained a great loss by the death of Bro. the Rev. John Edmund Cox, D.D., Past Grand Chaplain of England. Though for some years past he had taken but little active part in Masonry, our deceased brother had rendered many important services in days gone by. He was Grand Chaplain of England from 1848 to 1857, both inclusive, and was Grand Director of Ceremonies of Supreme Grand Chapter in 1853. We find him described in the same year as a P.M. of the Unity Lodge, No. 71, Lowestoft, and as a Past G. Commander of the Cross of Christ Encampment of Knights Templar. In December, he took the 30° in the Ancient and Accepted Rite system of Masonry, while some months previously he was nominated in Grand Lodge to serve on the Board of General Purposes and the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. In 1854 he was again elected to serve on the same Board and Committee, and was President of the Board of Stewards at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. About the same time he was elected a joining member of the Polish National Lodge, No. 534, and on the 22nd of October took a prominent part in the installation of the late Bro. Lord Sherborne as Prov. G. Master of Gloucestershire. He was a Life Governor of all three Institutions, and had served as Festival Steward for the Boys' School and Benevolent Institution, as well as for the Girls' School. His services, however, to the Masonic Schools were not restricted to Stewardship. On several occasions he undertook the responsible duties of Examiner, and was busy in his attendance at the Committees at the time when steps were being taken to improve and extend the scheme of education, which had previously been limited to the English education of the plainest character. Bro. Cox, also, will always be remembered in Masonic literary circles, not only as a frequent and respected contributor to the Masonic periodical press of his more active days, but likewise, and in a more especial degree, as the able and careful editor of a work comprising the several successive editions—from 1723 downwards—of our Book of Constitutions. In short, whether as a contributor to our most important literature, as a supporter and promoter of our Institutions, or as an able and active member for many years of various private lodges and chapters as well as Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, the memory of our late reverend brother will always be held in the highest esteem and respect. But Bro. Cox was even better known outside the Craft than in it. He was for many years connected with *Bell's Weekly Messenger*, had been musical critic of the *Observer*, and was author or editor of many works, the most important among which were his "Annals of St. Helen's," of which parish he was vicar for close on 40 years, which was published at the instigation of the Merchant Taylors' Company, the patrons of the living, "A Life of Cranmer," "A Life of Luther," "The Works of Cranmer" (for the Parker Society), and "Musical Recollections of the last Half Century." The late Dr. Cox was born at Norwich in 1812, and was educated at All Saints' College, Oxford, as a Bible clerk. He was ordained by the Bishop of Norwich in 1837, and after labouring for some years in that diocese, moved to London in 1847, where he received, as his first appointment, a curacy in the parish of Stepney, being afterwards appointed to the vicarage of St. Helen's, Bishopsgate. He was a member of the Athenæum Club, served as Chaplain to the late Alderman Sir Thomas Ouden during his Mayoralty, and was Chaplain to the Turners' Company, the Royal Society of Musicians, and the British Society of Musicians. His death took place at Richmond, at the ripe age of 78 years, and his remains were interred in Norwood Cemetery on Friday, the 31st ult., the officiating clergy being the Rev. J. A. L. Airey, his successor at St. Helen's, and the Rev. J. D. Donovan, who was present at his death bed, while among those present were his sons, the Rev. J. Bell Cox and Mr. B. Cox, Bro. Turtle Pigott, D.C.L., P.A.G.D.C., and others.



With such a sweet title "Sunlight and Shadow," one might expect a highly interesting play, and Mr. R. C. Carton's new piece at the Avenue is just one unalloyed evening of pleasure. We are reminded strongly of Robertson, Albery, and Pinero, as we at once recalled the delightful hours we spent seeing "Caste," "Two Roses," and "Sweet Lavender." Mr. Carton gives us a touch of the true ring of human nature. We want no Ouida, Zola, or Ibsen's plays adapted or dramatised, and we hope Mr. Carton will go and do something even better than the lovely comedy Mr. Alexander has just produced. There are no striking sensations, no fresh melodramatic points, in fact nothing original, for the story is not even new, but the theme is so well put together and worked out in such a refreshing manner and acted so admirably, that every one must not only be highly delighted, but also be the better for a visit to the Avenue. Its simplicity and sweetness are fascinating. Dr. Latimer has two daughters, both true to nature. Helen, always think-

ing more of others than herself, and Maud, selfish, but not viciously so, merely a feather-brain girl, given to tennis, tea, and dancing. Helen loves Mark Denzil, a man whose life is clouded, for in his youth he married an adventuress, but, believing her to be dead, he woos the doctor's eldest daughter. Just as Helen has given her consent the former wife appears on the scene. George Addis is a very intimate friend of the Latimer family, and he, too, loves Helen, but, being a cripple, is afraid to declare himself. Helen has always looked upon George in the light of a brother or dear friend. Addis comes into a large legacy, and gets Jane Felton, the wife, away, and pays to keep her in London so as not to annoy Denzil or the Latimers. He receives a letter informing him of her death, but he has now ventured to speak of love to Helen, and she agrees to marry him, partly out of pity and partly because her father has had an appointment offered him abroad, which he cannot accept unless he can leave his daughters settled. Denzil comes to bid farewell to Helen, for he, too, is going away for ever. George Addis struggles with himself, for he knows Helen still loves Mark. If he divulges the contents of the letter he can unite two lovers at the bitter cost of his own sacrifice. If he keeps it back Denzil will be out of the way, and he is free to marry Helen. The spirit of self-sacrifice prevails, and he nobly gives her up, gaining happiness in his declining years from the thought that he has put a jewel in the crown of the woman he loves. In our short space it is impossible to indicate the charming detail, the truly human pathos, and the beautiful work with which "Sunlight and Shadow" abounds. It is a play which must be seen to be properly appreciated. We would defy the greatest purist to pick out a flaw. It is really true to nature, every line of it. In most plays the last act is occupied by clearing up the former acts, but in this play the last is the strongest of the three. In it the hero and heroine, Mr. George Alexander and Miss Marion Terry, have their best scenes. Mr. Alexander's study of the character is singularly delicate, at the same time firm. We do not know whether he is greater in the passionate or the pathetic parts. It is impossible to imagine a more sympathetic creation. Miss Marion Terry—whom we are all glad to welcome back after her long absence from the stage, seems to combine all the sweetness in her acting of her three sisters, Kate, Florence, and Ellen, and gives a most charming rendering of the part of Helen, a character, by-the-bye, very difficult to play, and we can call to mind no one who could touch it so gently and effectually, and so completely win the sympathy of her audience as does Miss Marion Terry. The merry girl, Maud, is exquisitely rendered by Miss Maude Millett. To her falls many of the smartest lines in the play, and she never misses a point. We have before said Miss Millett is the very best exponent we have on the stage at present of the type of the real, pure English girl, full of mischief and fun, but as gentle and loving as a dove. In fitting the pattern of a dress she has to say "It's a dream, it's a poem." This accurately describes her acting in a few words. We have heard a whisper that Miss Millett aims at playing pathetic parts. We are selfish enough to hope that no manager will let her, for she will be a decided loss to comedy. Mr. Ben Webster makes an excellent Mr. Bamfield, Mr. Nutcombe Gould as the father is all that can be desired, and Mr. Yorke Stephens thoroughly grasps the character of Mark Denzil. There is one thing, we hope, Mr. Alexander will alter. The cripple has to say that because of his affliction he is the scorn of God and man. A cripple may be the scorn of men, but he is one of God's creatures, and the Great Architect of the Universe scorns nothing he has made. We trust the allusion to the Deity will be expunged.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF TYRONE AND FERMANAGH.

The above Provincial Grand Lodge held its usual Quarterly Communication in Dungannon, County Tyrone, on Monday, the 27th ult. Some important business was transacted, and officers for 1891 elected. Brethren from Ballyshannon, Enniskillen, Strabane, Omagh, Cookstown, Castlederg, and Aughnacloy were in attendance. Bro. Sir J. M. Stewart, Bart., D.L., P.G.M., presided.

This province comprises the Counties of Tyrone and Fermanagh, in which are Lodges Nos. *9, 122, 129, 185, 204, *205, 210, *230, *251, *332, 334, 350, 453, *470, 473, 479, 482, 547, 799, 819, 891, and 994. Lodges marked with an * have Royal Arch chapters attached.

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Reports of the consecration of the Bushey Park Lodge and other important meetings are in type, but are crowded out, and stand over until next week.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will hold its next monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at 4 p.m.

Bro. Viscount and Viscountess Sherbrooke have taken up their residence at Torquay for the winter season.

Telephonic communication between London and Paris will be opened on January 1.

The Lady Mayoress held her final reception at the Mansion House on Tuesday, between the hours of three and five p.m. The attendance was more than usually numerous.

The Prince of Wales will complete his 49th year on Sunday, having been born on the 9th November, 1841. The Royal tradesmen will celebrate the auspicious event on Monday next.

Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to become Patron of the British Archaeological and Architectural Society, which was founded in 1840, and has just completed its jubilee.

Bro. Lord Mayor Sir H. A. Isaacs presided for the last time at the meeting of the Common Council on the 30th ult., when a cordial vote of thanks was passed to him for his geniality and kindness in the chair, and gracefully acknowledged by his lordship.

Bro. Sir Somers Vine, of the Imperial Institute, arrived at Zanzibar from the Mauritius on Saturday last, and after an interview with our Consul-General—Col. Euan Smith—was introduced to the Sultan and a number of Arab and European merchants.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Crawford and Balcarres and Bro. Davenport-Bromley, M.P., were among the guests invited by the Earl and Countess of Sefton to meet H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence and Avondale during his recent visit to Croxteth Park, Liverpool.

What is known as the Lord Mayor's Show will take place on Monday next, and, from all accounts, will be on a scale of unusual magnificence. We can hardly wonder at this, seeing that Bro. Sheriff Augustus Harris has been taking a very active part in the arrangements.

A new African Exploring Expedition will leave England shortly under the command of Bro. Commander Cameron, R.N., for the West Coast of Africa. The expedition is of a private nature, but the Colonial Office has promised to give it friendly assistance through our representatives.

The Grand Commandery of Iowa held its 27th annual Conclave at Templar Park, near Spirit Lake, on Tuesday, the 19th August last. The meeting proved so agreeable that Templar Park has been chosen as the locality of the annual conclave in 1891. Sir Knight J. A. Grant was elected Grand Commander for the ensuing year, and Sir Knight A. Wingate, Grand Recorder.

The annual Grand Conclave of the Knights Templar body in the State of Ohio, U.S.A., was held at Toledo, on the 21st August. There was a large attendance, and it was agreed by a large majority to vote \$5000 towards the Masonic Home in Ohio. Sir Knight W. B. Melish was elected Grand Commander for the ensuing year, while Sir Knight John N. Bell remains at his post of Grand Recorder. Cincinnati was chosen for the annual meeting in September, 1891.

Bro. John N. Macomb, jun., G.M., presided at the annual session of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of New York, held in the Masonic Hall, New York, on the 9th September last. All the Grand Officers were present, and there was also a large attendance of members. The number of active Councils in the State is 25, and the aggregate membership about 3000. The officers of the Grand Council were all re-elected for the ensuing year.

Messrs. Fox and Bousfield offered for sale on Wednesday three-fourths of a freehold King's Share in the New River Company, divided into 20 lots, each comprising the 120th part of a King's Share, and seven lots each comprising the 20th part of a King's Share. Of the 20 120th parts the first lot was sold for £800, the second for £780, the third for £790, five for £780, one for £760, and one for £770. Another was sold for £760, and one or two more for £750, while of the seven lots of a 20th part two were sold for £4500 each.

On Saturday last the Prince and Princess of Wales visited Seaham Harbour, inspecting the works, the coal and shipping offices, the Drill Hall of the Seaham Artillery Volunteers, and afterwards luncheon in Seaham Hall. The lodge located there presented a loyal address of welcome, which was graciously acknowledged by his Royal Highness. Lastly the Prince inspected the Volunteers, and then, with the guests who had accompanied the Royal party, returned to Wynyard Hall. Their Royal Highnesses concluded their visit to the Marquis and Marchioness of Londonderry on Monday, on which day, in company with the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, they returned to Marlborough House.

The Prince of Wales, who was accompanied by the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, the Duke of Westminster, Bro. the Earl of Cork, and other gentlemen, opened the City and South London Electric Railway on Tuesday, Bro. Lord Mayor Sir H. A. Isaacs, Sheriff Farmer, and Bro. Sheriff Augustus Harris, with others officially and financially interested in the success of the enterprise, being likewise present. His Royal Highness was received at the King William-street terminus, and having turned on the electric current, the whole party was conveyed by train to the Oval Station, where a brief stoppage was made, and thence to Stockwell, where a large concourse of people had assembled and gave the Prince a hearty welcome. A luncheon followed, at which, after returning thanks for his health, his Royal Highness proposed the toast of "Success to the City and South London Railway." The proceedings terminated shortly afterwards.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, accompanied by the Duke of Clarence and Avondale and Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Fife, visited the St. James's Theatre on Monday evening.

Bro. Lord Mayor Sir H. A. Isaacs presented the prizes won at the recent Exhibition of the 'Turners' Company in the Egyptian Hall of the Mansion House on Friday, the 31st ult.

On Wednesday, November 12th, Bro. Terry proposes inaugurating a series of Wednesday *matinées* for the purpose of trying several new plays, and reviving some old ones from his *répertoire*.

An expenditure of £2000 has been sanctioned by the Court of Common Council for the renewal and decoration of the apartments in the Mansion House in view of the new Mayoralty, which begins on Monday next.

The Indian troopship Serapis arrived at Portsmouth on Monday morning, having on board, among other troops, the 17th Lancers, which has been absent from England for 11 years. The regiment will be quartered for a time at Shorncliffe.

The Queen's Staghounds opened the season with the customary meet at Salt Hill, near Slough. The Master of the Buckhounds was present, as well as a large field, the deer being taken at the close of a good run, near Chalfont St. Giles.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., addressed a large political meeting at Edinburgh on the 31st ult., among the principal personages present on the platform being Bros. Sir Charles Dalrymple, Bart., M.P., the Earl of Stair, the Earl of Haddington, and the Earl of Home.

On and after Wednesday, the 5th inst., the doors of Terry's Theatre will open at 7.30 p.m., and the performance commence at 7.45 with an original play, in one act, by Messrs. Goldsworthy and Norman, entitled "My Friend Jarlet," followed at 8.30 by "Sweet Lavender."

The Craft of the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland cannot but be highly gratified to learn that Bro. Geo. J. McKay, Provincial Grand Secretary, has, by a unanimous vote of the Council, been elected Mayor for the ensuing year of the ancient borough of Kendal, and it is expected that the Arts and Crafts Exhibition will be ready for opening some time next autumn, and a visit is anticipated of a few high civic dignitaries during the year.

The M.W. Grand Master of Victoria, Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke, and his officers having accepted invitations were present in Adelaide on September 27th, when the M.W. Grand Master of South Australia, Bro. His Excellency the Right Hon. the Earl of Kintore, laid the foundation-stone of St. Peter's Cathedral. The M.W. Pro Grand Master of New South Wales, Bro. the Hon. Dr. Tarrant, M.L.C., was also present.

A new Masonic Temple at Henley was dedicated on Monday, the 27th ult., for the use of the members of the Thames Lodge. In the absence of both the Prov. Grand Master, the Earl of Jersey, and of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Reginald Bird, the ceremony was performed by Bro. the Rev. H. Sayers. It was followed by the installation of the W.M. for the ensuing year. The proceedings were successfully carried through, and the brethren afterwards dined together at the Red Lion Hotel.

The Arboretum Lodge, No. 731, Derby, has arranged with Pro. Stevens for the delivery of his interesting lecture on "The Ritual and Ceremonial of the Symbolic Degrees of Freemasonry" in the Masonic Hall, Derby, early in December. Bro. Stevens wishes to call attention to this engagement, and to intimate to the brethren of the Province of Derbyshire that he would be glad to make similar arrangements with other lodges in neighbouring towns for visiting at about that date.

A regular Quarterly Communication of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria was held at Melbourne on Monday, September 15th, the M.W. Grand Master, Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., being present. It was agreed to grant fraternal recognition to the newly-formed Grand Lodge of New Zealand, and to the also recently-formed Grand Lodge of Tasmania. Commissions were received from the United Grand Lodge of England and Wales, and from the Grand Lodge of Arkansas. They were delivered to the representatives. The representative of Arkansas is Bro. J. Coverlid, sen., P.G.R., and that of England Bro. J. James, P.D.G.M. The latter was presented with the elaborate representative's jewel sent by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and which is held by the representative of that Grand Lodge during the tenure of his office.

A meeting of the General Committee entrusted with the arrangements for the annual festival and ball in aid of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution was held on Friday last, at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, under the presidency of Bro. R. H. Leake. As the result of a most cordial and entirely unanimous vote, Bro. Councillor J. De Bels Adam, W.M. 680, who so successfully and courteously occupied a similar position last year, was elected for the second time to occupy the post of Chairman of the Ball Committee. Bro. E. Sherwood, P.M. 786, was chosen Vice-Chairman, and Bro. E. R. Latham, I.P.M. 594, was unanimously selected to fill the post of Honorary Secretary *pro tem.*, in consequence of the unavoidable absence during November of Bro. A. H. Morecroft, C.C., who was elected the Honorary Secretary at the meeting on the previous Friday. The Printing, Music, and Refreshment Committees were appointed, and the meeting was adjourned for a fortnight.

HOOK'S PATENT AUTOMATIC LOCK ENVELOPE.—This invention pleases us immensely, for we feel we have been relieved of a most unpleasant part of our letter writing—the licking of the envelope, for of late years cheapness has, we suppose, brought some most objectionable substances into use described as gum. This envelope has a tab on the flap with two projecting flanges, which are folded over and pushed through a slot, where they catch and literally lock it against inquisitive folk. Its adoption cannot but be general, for we notice eminent medical men, including Bro. Lennox Browne, have already testified to its value in the preservation of health, as serious results have arisen time after time from the old practice of licking. Bro. Hook, the inventor, is well known in the Craft as an old P.M., and we congratulate him on his simple but most useful invention. We understand the manufacturers, Messrs. Millington and Sons, can hardly keep up to the demand. They are now being distributed amongst the stationers.

Her Majesty has been pleased to confer the Grand Cross of the Star of India on the Sultan of Zanzibar on the occasion of her assuming the protectorate over his dominions.

We are glad to hear that the Countess of Jersey is reported to be making most satisfactory progress towards recovery from her recent attack of typhoid fever.

Bro. Sir Henry Drummond Wolff has now, Reuter says, recovered sufficiently to allow of his leaving Teheran for England, on the 12th inst., as was proposed.

The Prince of Wales has consented to become a patron of the Newmarket Stablemen's Institute and Free Reading and Recreation Rooms, and has contributed a donation of five guineas to the funds.

Bro. Sheriff Augustus Harris has kindly promised £5 towards Mr. Charrington's great feed, to be given to the very poor in the Great Assembly Hall, Mile End, on Lord Mayor's Day.

The first meeting after the recess of the Council of the Royal Agricultural Society was held in Hanover-square on Wednesday, among those in attendance being Bros. the Earl of Ravensworth (the President), the Earl of Faversham, and others.

The will, with five codicils, has now been proved of the late Earl of Carnarvon, who died on the 28th June last, aged 59 years. The gross value of the personal estate has been sworn at £313,259 os. 9d., and the net value at £242,419 16s. 9d.

The Duchess of Albany and her children visited the Queen at Balmoral on Wednesday and remained to luncheon, and Major-General Sir J. McNeill and Bro. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., had the honour of dining with the Royal family.

The annual festival of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution will be held at Southampton on the 8th prox. under the presidency of the Right Hon. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. Grand Master.

The 32nd anniversary banquet of Royal Warrant holders, to be held at the Criterion next Monday, under the presidency of Colonel Howard Vincent, M.P., promises to be of exceptional interest. A large number of representative traders, not only from the West-end, but also from the provinces and even foreign countries, have announced their intention of being present.

Bro. Sir R. Fowler, M.P., speaking as Chairman on Wednesday night at the opening of the 30th session of the Institute of Bankers, congratulated the members on the increasing prosperity of the institute, and stated that the current year had been a fairly prosperous one.

Guy Fawkes Day was to a less extent than usual the occasion for the display of uncouth Guys in the streets of London, though in certain towns in the provinces there was the procession, bonfire, and fireworks. We hear, however, that one or two objectionable displays occurred in London, and we should hope the police would in future years take steps to prevent any of a similar character.

The Princess of Wales, accompanied by the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, left Marlborough House on Wednesday afternoon for Sandringham, where they rejoined the Princesses Victoria and Maud of Wales. The Prince, who has been on a visit to Bro. Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild, at Waddesden Manor, will leave London to-day (Friday) to rejoin his family.

Another of Mrs. Baskcomb's pleasant "At Homes" took place on Sunday last at Gloucester-road, Regent's Park. The hostess played two pianoforte solos, which were finely rendered and much applauded. Other contributions to the programme were well received, especially a banjo solo by Mr. J. Shadwell Clerke. We noticed amongst others present Bros. J. H. Matthews, Phipps, Frank Richardson, T. H. Tilton, and Capt. H. Wright.

At the usual quarterly meeting of the Portal Lodge, No. 155, of Mark Master Masons, held at the Masonic Hall, Frome, Somerset, on Thursday, the 30th ult., Bro. A. G. Hayman, 30°, W.M., in the chair, Bro. the Viscount Duncannon, G.S.W. of Eng., was duly elected as W.M. for the ensuing year. The installation will take place at Frome on the 29th January next, when the ceremony will be performed by Bro. R. C. Else, P.G.M., and owing to the grand popularity of his lordship, a large and distinguished gathering of brethren is expected.

On Monday last, the 3rd inst., the much respected W.M. elect of the Kingsland Lodge, No. 1693, Bro. H. C. Turner, was buried at Abney Park Cemetery, the principal officers of the lodge acting as chief mourners in the absence of his mother, who was the only relation he had. He was followed to the grave by a great number of the members of the Kingsland and other lodges, who sent most magnificent wreaths, especially that given by the brethren of his mother lodge. After the service at the grave the W.M., Bro. Mayer, delivered a suitable address.

The half-yearly meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire will take place on the 21st inst., in the Central Hall, Oldham-street, Manchester. Business connected with finance and the Charities of the province will be transacted, and, in accordance with the suggestion thrown out by the Provincial Grand Master at the annual meeting at Burnley, that the Charity Committee should select some Charity for a further donation to be given from Provincial Grand Lodge funds, it will be proposed by the Chairman of the Charity Committee, and seconded by the Vice-Chairman, that the sum of 100 guineas be given to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, £52 10s. in the name of the Prov. S.G.W., and £52 10s. in that of the Prov. J.G.W. After Provincial Grand Lodge is closed, there will be a Court of Governors of the Systematic Educational and Benevolent Institution of the province, to receive a report of the financial position and general working of the Institution.

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