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## THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUSSEX.

During the past few years the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex has been for the most part held at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, no doubt because the accommodation in that hall is ampler, and the facilities for reaching Brighton by road or rail greater. But this year the gathering was held in the Town Hall, Eastbourne, under the banner of the Tyrian Lodge, No. 1110. Bro. Sir W. T. MARRIOTT, Q.C., M.P., Deputy Prov. G.M., presided, in the absence from England of the Duke of CONNAUGHT, Prov. G.M., and the attendance was on a numerous scale, there being quite 200 brethren present at the banquet which followed. Great preparations had been made for the reception of members, and the utmost credit is due to the Tyrian Lodge, and especially to its I.P.M., Bro. HOWARD, for the completeness of the arrangements. The reports were very favourable, the returns of the Provincial Grand Secretary showing that the number of subscribing members was 1275, or 75 in excess of what it was the preceding year. As this was the first occasion on which the Provincial Grand Lodge has met in this popular watering place, Bro. Alderman MORRISON, Prov. J.G.W., Mayor of Eastbourne, must be delighted that the invitation to Provincial Grand Lodge, which was forwarded at his suggestion, had been accepted, and that everything passed off so satisfactorily. We heartily congratulate our Sussex brethren on the successful manner in which they carry out their duties, and the excellent spirit which always prevails among them at these important meetings.

## BRO. TEW'S ADDRESS AT HALIFAX.

The addresses which our respected Bro. TEW, Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire, is in the habit of delivering at the meetings of his Provincial Grand Lodge are invariably as interesting to read as they are to listen to, and that with which he favoured the brethren at the Provincial gathering on the 15th ult. proved no exception to the rule. On this occasion it took the form of a review of recent events, and will enable our readers to form some idea of the manner in which the affairs of Freemasonry are managed in West Yorkshire, while at the same time it will enable them to understand how and why it is the Craft prospers so abundantly in that province. The subjects to which he had occasion to refer were numerous and varied in their character. Thus, the contemplated erection of new lodge quarters at Batley, Hebden Bridge, and Castleford afforded him the opportunity of congratulating the brethren on their preference for private rooms or halls in which to hold their lodges and chapters over the hotel or tavern. Laxity on the part of some lodges in the observance of a particular law furnished him with a justification for impressing on them the necessity for a strict observance of the Book of Constitutions, while the presence at the meeting of Bro. J. M. MCLEOD, the new Secretary of the Boys' School, enabled him not only to congratulate that brother on the success of his candidature for the office and bid him heartily welcome to West Yorkshire, but also to congratulate the province on the prominent part it had taken in securing that success and enabling him to extend that welcome. Then followed references to the Girls' School and its Centenary Hall as well as to the Boys' School and its re-organisation, the latter subject giving him the opportunity of extolling the services rendered by Bro. W. F. SMITHSON, J.G.D. of England, both as Chairman of the West Yorkshire Charity Committee and as a member of the Provisional Management Committee of the Boys' School. Other matters were likewise referred to, the gift of carpenters' benches and tools to the Boys' School, so that the pupils may receive manual as well as mental instruction; the forthcoming Festival of the same Charity, and the necessity the province was under of responding generously to Bro. MCLEOD'S appeal for donations and subscriptions on that occasion; and last,

but not least important of all, the lamented death of the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of CARNARVON, to whose high qualities as a Statesman and man of letters and to whose services as a Mason Bro. TEW paid a just tribute of respect. These were the principal matters to which Bro. TEW had occasion to refer in this particular address, and we think those who have read the report in our issue of the 1st inst. of the meeting at which it was delivered, will agree with us that they were all dealt with by Bro. TEW in a just and proper manner. It is almost needless to add that the tenour of the proceedings harmonised well with the tone of his speech.

## THE PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER OF OXFORDSHIRE.

The presence of Bro. the Earl of JERSEY, Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire, at the recent annual meeting, at Oxford, of his Provincial Grand Lodge afforded the brethren of that prosperous and well-regulated Province the opportunity—of which, it is needless to say, they were most prompt to avail themselves—of congratulating his lordship on his appointment to the important office of Governor of New South Wales, and at the same time wishing him "GOD speed" on his departure from this country to enter upon his government. It is some six years since the noble Earl was installed Provincial Grand Master in succession to the late lamented Duke of ALBANY, and during that period the bonds which in Masonry invariably unite the ruler and his subjects, and make them one, has been growing stronger and stronger, so that there is no doubt whatever that at the present time there is no Province in England in which the relations between the Provincial Grand Master and his lodges are on a firmer or more friendly footing. His lordship has at all times exhibited the deepest interest in whatever was calculated to promote the welfare of Freemasonry, both in Oxfordshire and generally, while the brethren on their part have shown their appreciation of his efforts in this direction by loyally seconding them on all occasions, and to the utmost of their ability. Thus the greeting which Bro. Lord JERSEY received both in Provincial Grand Lodge and at the festive board was of the most enthusiastic character, and the brethren may consider themselves fortunate in having had so able and eloquent an interpreter of their feelings towards their respected chief as Bro. the Rev. H. A. PICKARD, Past Grand Chaplain of England, to whom was entrusted the agreeable duty of proposing his lordship's health at the Provincial banquet. We trust the state of the Countess of JERSEY'S health will enable his lordship to make an early start for Australia; that during the period of his service as Governor he will administer the affairs of New South Wales with the success which has characterised the government of the distinguished brother who has immediately preceded him and is now on his way to England; and that on his re-appearance in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Oxfordshire five years hence the welcome he will receive will equal, if it does not exceed, in heartiness that which he experienced in Oxford at its most recent meeting.

## A MASONIC GEM.

Bro. Speth, Secretary of the "Quatuor Coronati" Lodge, has lately issued the most remarkable book of the series he has so ably edited, and as there are *only 60 copies for sale*, at a guinea and a half each, the number being nearly all subscribed for before publication, I fear many brethren will have to be disappointed. "First come, first served," is a well-known motto, and it will be found true enough in relation to this souvenir of the days of yore.

The wee booklet is an exact *fac-simile* of the noted and invaluable "Cooke" Manuscript, or "Additional MS., 23,198," even to the illuminated or rubricated initial letters, and done on *vellum*, as the original.

In fact, if the reproduction were used a bit it would be quite easy to mistake it for the genuine copy of the "Old Charges" located in the British Museum.

Such a result would not have been possible had the *fac-simile* been bound in the ordinary way, but the originality of the editor is exhibited by his determination to make the reproduction in all respects as its model. To achieve this the vellum leaves are bound, or rather sewn, with the back all exposed, exhibiting the process of binding, and the whole is enclosed in covers of wood with a silver clasp. *This must be seen to be appreciated.*

As a curiosity, the covers exceed those of the *fac-similes*, and are an attraction beyond what was offered in the circular announcing the volume, besides being at no extra cost to the subscribers.

Bro. Speth tells us that a small, plain block of oak, of great age, but, alas! sadly worm-eaten, and crumbling to decay, was removed from the "Fitz Alan chapel," the place of sepulture of the Dukes of Norfolk at Arundel, and came into the possession of Mr. J. Compton Price, the *fac-similist*. If only enough could be utilised, it was decided to use the wood for the covers of the *fac-simile*, and "by dint of the most reverend care, an adequate quantity was rendered available." These "beautiful oak covers" are in all probability 800 or 900 years old, possibly of the same age as the original covers to the MS. in the Museum. Another link of interest attached to the old oak is that Thomas, Duke of Norfolk, who died in 1732, whose remains lie in this chapel, was Grand Master of England in 1730.

Certainly we are highly favoured, and I value my copy "beyond that of rubies."  
W. J. HUGHAN.

### CONSECRATION OF THE BUSHEY PARK LODGE, No. 2381.

The roll of lodges in the Province of Middlesex—the number on which has remained stationary during the past four years—was increased to 40 on Saturday last by the consecration of the Bushey Park Lodge, No. 2381, at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court. A strong body of founders was formed, and Bro. W. H. Lee, P.P.G.D., Prov. A.G. Sec., having been designated as the first W.M., a petition was forwarded to the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., who recommended it to the favourable consideration of the M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who was graciously pleased to accede to the prayer of the petitioners, and in due course a warrant was issued authorising the formation of the new lodge.

The ceremony of consecration was ably performed by Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp, P.A.G.D.C., D.P.G.M., in the unavoidable absence of the Prov. Grand Master. The Consecrating Officer was assisted by Bros. Lieut.-Col. H. Bullock, Prov. S.G.W., as S.W.; A. E. Sansom, M.D., Prov. J.G.W., as J.W.; Rev. G. Nugee, Prov. G.C., as Chaplain; Howard H. Room, Prov. G. Sec.; Dr. W. Cock, P.P.G.D., as I.G.; and W. Wright, Prov. G. Org., as Organist.

The visitors present included—

Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; J. F. H. Woodward, P.G.S.B.; Thos. Poore, P.M. 720; J. E. Harling, P.M., Treas. 30; C. Veal, W.M. 1549, P.P.S.G.D. Surrey; Rev. J. Seaver, P.M. 36; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; J. H. Hoit, P.P.G.S.B. Cornwall; G. H. Lindsey Renton, J.W. 183; R. P. Angel, 179; S. H. Latham, 1962; W. G. Kentish, P.M. 1293; R. F. Godfrey, 141; Walter Wingham, P.M. 25; F. A. Powell, P.P.G. Supt. of Works Monmouthshire; H. J. Gardiner, I.G. 1261; A. J. Hirsch, P.M. 183; Hugh Wilson, I.P.M. 1293; J. B. Mella, 1559; and A. J. Hilliard, 1076.

The founders, all of whom were present, are Bros. W. H. Lee, P.P.G.D., W.M. designate; W. W. Lee, J.D. 1897, S.W. designate; A. Blenkarn, S.W. 1558, J.W. designate; Geo. R. Langley, P.M. 183; J. D. E. Tarr, Prov. G.D.; H. J. Wicks, P.M. 1269; G. W. Castle, 1050; S. Richardson, P.M. 183; H. Hooper, P.M. 183 and 1986; and C. Fruen, W.M. 1632.

The Provincial Grand Officers having entered in procession, the Consecrating Officer took the chair, and appointed his officers *pro tem.*, and the lodge was opened in the Three Degrees. The hymn—"Hail, Eternal by whose aid," was then sung by all present, and the D.P.G.M., addressing the brethren, said they had met that day for a very important event in Masonry—to consecrate and dedicate a new lodge. He would commence the proceedings by calling upon the Prov. Grand Chaplain for prayer.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND SECRETARY stated the wishes of the founders to the Consecrating Officer, who replied, and gave the necessary directions. The founders were arranged in order, and having received some excellent advice from the Deputy Provincial Grand Master respecting the care necessary to be exercised in the admission of new members, signified their approval of the officers named in the petition and warrant.

An eloquent oration was next delivered by Bro. Rev. G. NUGEE, Prov. Grand Chaplain, which was much appreciated by the brethren. The ceremony was then proceeded with, and the lodge was solemnly dedicated and constituted in the usual manner.

The W.M. designate, Bro. W. H. Lee, P.P.G.D., Prov. Asst. Grand Secretary, was presented by the Prov. Grand Secretary, and regularly installed by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master. Bro. J. D. T. Tarr, Prov. G.D., was unanimously elected Treasurer, and the officers were invested as follows: Bros. W. W. Lee, S.W.; A. Blenkarn, J.W.; J. D. T. Tarr, Prov. G.D., Treasurer; G. R. Langley, P.M., Secretary; H. J. Wicks, P.M., S.D.; G. W. Castle, J.D.; S. Richardson, P.M., I.G.; H. Hooper, P.M., D.C.; C. Fruen, W.M. 1632, Stwd.; and F. G. Mitchell, Tyler. The customary addresses were delivered by the Installing Master, Bro. Raymond Thrupp, Deputy Prov. Grand Master.

On the motion of Bro. LANGLEY, Secretary, seconded by Bro. TARR, Treasurer, a cordial vote of thanks was accorded the Consecrating Officers for their kindness in attending to perform the ceremony, and they were unanimously elected honorary members.

The DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER thanked the brethren for the compliment paid the consecrating officers, and expressed the pleasure it had afforded them to attend to take part in the proceedings.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER then drew attention to the presence of two distinguished Grand Officers—Bros. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, and J. F. H. Woodward, P.G.S.B., and having thanked them for their attendance, proposed that they should also be elected honorary members.

This was carried *nem con.*, and duly acknowledged by the Grand Officers concerned.

The founders were appointed a Committee to frame the by-laws. Propositions, consisting of seven candidates for initiation and joining were received, and the lodge closed.

An excellent banquet, which reflected the highest credit on the host, Bro. J. B. Mella, was followed by the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

"The Queen and the Craft" was first given, and heartily received with the customary honours.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER in proposing "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," said it was now something like 15 years since he witnessed the installation of H.R.H. in the Albert Hall in the presence of the most influential body of Masons ever assembled in this country. The good results expected from that event had been realised, for Masonry had made rapid advances, its prestige widely extended, and their Masonic Charities had benefited from the exertions from time to time put forth.

"The Grand Officers" was next given by the WORSHIPFUL MASTER, who said that in the Earl of Lathom they had a Deputy Grand Master who was deservedly popular throughout the Craft, whilst in West Lancashire, over which he so ably presided, he was held in high esteem. The Grand Officers had great duties to perform, and wherever there was important work to be done, they were always to the front. On the present occasion they were honoured with the presence of three Grand Officers, and he, as the Worshipful Master, could only say the members were grateful for that honour. They had the esteemed Grand Secretary, Bro. Col. Shadwell Clerke, whose name was known and respected throughout the world. As he should have something to say of their Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. Raymond Thrupp, P.A.G.D.C., at a later period, he should pass on to Bro. Woodward, P.G.S.B., who was a P.P.G. Secretary of Middlesex. He had the pleasure of working with Bro. Woodward for some time during his tenure of office, and his efforts resulted in the work of the province being brought to a much more satisfactory state. As the brethren had ample evidence of the work of the rest of the Grand Officers, he should ask them to be upstanding and drink the toast, coupling with it the name of Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, the Grand Secretary.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, Grand Secretary, in reply, said: Allow me to thank you very much indeed for the very kind and flattering way in which you have received the time-honoured toast of the Grand Officers. I can assure you we are always grateful for the kind way our names are received, and let me assure you that I may say, and believe it to be true, that the Grand Officers are willing to do everything in their power for the furtherance of the good of the Order, and show they are not undeserving of the honour paid them. To-night I am happily circumstanced, because I need not say much of the Grand Officers, as I am supported by two Grand Officers of your own province, and to whose exertions your province owes a great deal. I remember when your province was not so prosperous as now, and when those two brethren—Bros. Thrupp and Woodward—threw themselves into the work, with the result that it is now in a different position than it was a few years ago. It is entirely owing to them, and I feel that as I am supported by them I trust you will, from their merits, judge of the other Grand Officers. I cannot sit down without congratulating my old friend, the Worshipful Master, who is one of the senior and most energetic of my colleagues, and no question arises but he has the matter at his fingers' ends—and he is a brother for whom I have the highest respect. I am delighted to see him in the chair, and also to see, what must be pleasing and gratifying to him, his son following in his steps as S.W., and who I hope will emulate his father's example. It is a very great and sincere pleasure to be here, and I wish you every possible success.

In proposing "Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.M.," the WORSHIPFUL MASTER said that toast was always well received, and with the utmost cordiality in the Province of Middlesex. Those brethren who a week since saw their Provincial Grand Master initiate his son into Freemasonry in a neighbouring lodge, must have been pleased to see him in such excellent health. They hoped their Provincial Grand Master would be with them for many years to rule over the province in the same kind and genial manner that had characterised his sway during the last 20 years.

"The Deputy Provincial Grand Master and Provincial Grand Officers" was then introduced by the WORSHIPFUL MASTER, who observed that Bro. Thrupp, D.P.G.M., was highly respected throughout the province, and they were much indebted to him for what he had done that evening, and for the very able manner in which he had consecrated the lodge. They were pleased to welcome Bro. Thrupp amongst them to render assistance, and for which the founders returned him hearty and sincere thanks. There were many Provincial Grand Officers present—some were members, some honorary members, and some were visitors—and he was not in a position to sing the praise and glory of the Provincial Grand Officers, being one himself, but he would ask those brethren who had not attained that honour to be upstanding and drink to the honour of those who had.

Bro. RAYMOND H. THRUPP, D.P.G.M., responding, said: It is always a pleasing task to return thanks for the body of men who had won their purple by diligent hard work and good qualities, and I am sure those characteristics are always features in every Provincial Grand Officer appointed by Sir Francis Burdett. That is why we have assembled to-night the two Provincial Grand Wardens, the Provincial Grand Chaplain, the Provincial Grand Secretary, and last, but not least, the Provincial Grand Organist, who all admirably performed their duties in the ceremony of consecration. I think in the Province of Middlesex we are a united body, for whoever is appointed there is no jealousy—you do not envy him, but try to emulate and follow his example. Speaking as one of the Provincial Grand Masters' Council, we have our eye on the Masters who really do their work, and sooner or later their labour is sweet and their reward is sure. It having been especially a great pleasure to attend and consecrate a lodge where there were evidently good men among the founders. When I first heard of a new lodge I shuddered. I knew I had then more work than I could do, and the Provincial Grand Secretary was of the same opinion, and I felt at first inclined to put a pitcher of cold water on it, but on seeing the names of the founders, and on re-consideration I was satisfied that the petition should be granted. I hope we have established a new lodge which will do good work, and where harmony and good fellowship will prevail, and which will be a prosperous one, and do honour to the Provincial Grand Master.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER next submitted the toast of "The Consecrating Officers," and said that as Bro. Thrupp had kindly responded to the preceding toast he should pass him over and refer only to the brethren who, at much trouble and inconvenience, had come down to make the occasion a great success. The Prov. Grand Wardens—Bros. Lieut.-Col. Bullock and Dr. Sansom—carried out their duties in an able manner, whilst the very impressive oration of the Prov. Grand Chaplain, Bro. Rev. G. Nugee, was highly esteemed by the brethren, and on behalf of the lodge he thanked that reverend brother. They had also with them their esteemed Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. Howard H. Room, to whom he tendered their most sincere and hearty thanks for all the trouble he had taken to make the evening a prosperous and successful one, for he knew Bro. Room had taken an immense amount of trouble in bringing the Consecrating Officers together and in making the other necessary arrangements. It had been a great success, and that was to be attributed in a great measure to the Prov. Grand Secretary, who had also performed the double task of D.C., that brother being unfortunately prevented from attending. There was present also his esteemed friend, Bro. W. Wright, the Prov. G. Org., who rendered them valuable assistance, and also Bro. Dr. Cock, who kindly officiated as I.G. To all of those brethren the founders of the Bushey Park Lodge returned sincere thanks, and also for having accepted the position of honorary members, and hoped they would not consider that an empty compliment, but as a sincere wish to see them present on many future occasions.

Bro. Lieut.-Col. H. BULLOCK, Prov. S.G.W., replying, said he did not think he ever remembered seeing a prettier sight—except on Jubilee day—than that which the lodge room presented that evening during the ceremony. His position had

been simply ornamental, but he returned them thanks for the kind manner in which they had received the toast, and for the great honour paid them by electing them honorary members. He hoped that would not be the last time they would appear in the lodge.

The DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER then said: It necessarily follows in a new lodge that there can be no I.P.M., and therefore the pleasing duty of proposing "The Worshipful Master's Health" has on the present occasion fallen into my hands. It is a pleasure, because I have known and have been associated with Bro. Lee for many years in the province, and as being the Asst. Prov. Grand Secretary, a Past Master of the Citadel Lodge, and the Prov. Grand Scribe E. in the Royal Arch; and in every capacity I have known him he has shown an earnestness of purpose and a conscientious discharge of all the duties, and has set a bright example in every chair to his younger brethren. I am sure that in taking the chair of this new lodge he intends to carry out those duties in the same honourable and straightforward manner, and those who are following him will have a bright example. Of his excellence of character the few words of his chief have spoken volumes, and for his Masonic character it will be difficult for his son to excel, or equal, his father, but he will no doubt try to make his name as respected as Bro. Lee has done in the Province of Middlesex. There is only one more observation I wish to make, and that is you have got as good a Master as you can get in the Craft, it is the duty of every member to respect him during his year, and make it a happy one to each other, so that you can look back when he retires and know his year has been prosperous, and that he has done all he could to advance the prosperity of the lodge.

Bro. W. H. LEE, P.P.G.D., W.M., replying, said: I rise with a considerable amount of diffidence to respond to the toast which has been proposed in such flattering terms by the Deputy Prov. G.M., and to thank you for the kind and cordial manner in which it has been received. Having already passed the chair in three Craft lodges, and occupied a somewhat similar position in three Royal Arch chapters, I thought, naturally, of resting after my labours. Some of my friends, however, thought a little more work could be got out of me, and they have brought me to the front again. I am deeply sensible of the obligation and the responsibilities I have undertaken in accepting the Mastership of this lodge, and it shall be my earnest endeavour to do all I can to make it a success. The founders are all brethren well known to me, and will, I know, co-operate with me for the same object. I assure you it is our earnest desire that this lodge shall be a success, and we shall not betray the confidence reposed in us, but that the Bushey Park Lodge shall maintain the reputation and prestige of the province, and shall prove no unworthy addition to the roll of lodges on the register of the Grand Lodge of England, and in no wise unworthy of the great Craft to which we have the pride and privilege to belong.

Bro. J. E. HARLING, P.M. 30, on behalf of "The Visitors," returned thanks for the kind way in which they had been received on the present occasion, and assured the brethren he considered it a distinguished honour to reply. He was quite sure from the way the lodge had been started that it would in time to come be successful. Some few years ago he had the honour to be the first S.W. of a lodge in Kent, in which every officer could work the three Degrees with considerable proficiency. He thought those who had been appointed to office that evening could emulate the case he had mentioned. That was one of the great elements of success in Freemasonry at the present day. There must be no sliphod working if they wished to be successful, and it must be a recognised fact that the Worshipful Masters had to work if they hoped to prosper and attain honour in the Craft. Those appointed that evening would look at it in that light, and the founders would soon have a large following who were worthy Masons, and make the lodge one of the most honoured lodges in the Craft.

Bro. W. G. KENTISH, P.M. 1293, also responded, and said he could hardly understand why the W.M. should have selected him to respond, unless it was that he, in a measure, represented a neighbouring lodge in the province. When the D.P.G.M. said there was no jealousy in the province, he could assure them he endorsed that sentiment. They were delighted to find a new lodge springing up in their neighbourhood, and he extended the right hand of brotherly fellowship to the Bushey Park Lodge that evening. It had been formed, he was sure, under the most favourable auspices, and he looked upon that day as an augury of the future, and hoped the lodge would prove one of the brightest ornaments in the province.

In proposing "The Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. said Bro. Tarr, Prov. G.D., Treasurer, was highly respected amongst a large circle of friends, and none more, so and would look after the finances of the lodge in an able manner. Bro. Langley, P.M., Sec., was a very earnest and excellent Mason, and he was pleased to have him associated with him in the formation of that lodge. It had been an immense amount of work to Bro. Langley, and to him in a very great measure the grand success of the evening was due. Bro. Langley was fond of work, and was therefore the brother for the post of Secretary to a new lodge.

Bro. J. D. E. TARR, Prov. G.D., Treas., returned thanks, and said that up to the present time his duties had been light, but he was certain with a large number of new members coming forward, the money would roll in, and he would lay it out to the best of his ability.

Bro. G. R. LANGLEY, P.M., Sec., thanked the W.M. in the first instance for the very flattering manner in which he had coupled his name with the toast. The W.M. had said he had had some work to do, and that he would venture to say was as well known to the W.M. as to himself, and need not be known any further. All the work had been a labour of love, and entirely so. The future success of that lodge had been the highest extent of their efforts. They had endeavoured to make that meeting a success, and he thought they could take the remarks that had been made in their integrity, and say it had been so, and they intended to make the lodge a still further success, if they could do so, than the consecration meeting had been. He could only say that anything he could do at any time he might be called upon, he hoped he should be found able to do, and he could assure them he should always be found willing.

In giving "The Officers," the W.M. observed that the brethren who had accepted the various collars were highly capable of carrying out the duties. Many of them had already passed the chair, and all were thoroughly qualified to perform any duties called upon. He might mention one important fact showing the interest they took in Freemasonry, that every officer was to be found as a Life Governor of one or more of the Institutions.

Bro. W. W. LEE, S.W., responded, expressing his gratification at being again under the ruling of the W.M., his appreciation of the fraternal feeling which had prompted the founders to designate him for the important position of S.W., and his desire, in conjunction with the other officers, to make the lodge one of the most successful in the province.

Bro. A. BLENKARN, J.W., also replied, expressing his intention of doing his utmost to make the lodge a success, and assuring the W.M. that feeling was shared by all the officers.

The Tyler's toast then closed a highly successful and very enjoyable meeting, which, if taken as an augury of the future success of the new lodge, points to a speedy realisation of the wishes expressed by one and all present.

It is only necessary to add that the musical arrangements were in the able hands of Bro. W. Wright, Prov. G. Org., who carried them out with his well-known ability, in which task he was ably supported by Bros. Angel, Hoit, Kentish, and Harling.

Letters regretting inability to attend were received from Bros. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg.; T. Fenn, Pres. B.G.P.; R. F. Gould, P.G.D., and other brethren. The lodge was furnished by Bro. George Kenning.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF CHESHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Chapter was held on Thursday, the 30th ult., under the banner of the Stone of Friendship Ezel Chapter, No. 287, at the White Lion Hotel, Stockport, one of the oldest hostelries in the county of Chester. There was a very large attendance of companions from all parts of the province, and amongst others, the following signed the attendance book:

Comps. the Rev. C. W. Spencer-Stanhope, M.A., G. Supt.; W. Astle, P.Z. 295, P.G.H.; W. Johnson, P.Z. 721, P.G.J.; H. Claud Lisle, P.Z. 321, P.G.S.E.; T. Lockwood, P.Z. 425, P.G.S.N.; P. Wadsworth, P.Z. 295, P.G. Treas.; T. Drinkwater, P.Z. 361, P.G.R.; R. Finlow, P.Z. 321, P.A.G.S.; J. Slack, P.Z. 323, P.G.S.B.; S. Cotterill, P.Z. 533, P.G. Std. Br.; M. Alcock, P.G. Janitor; S. W. Wilkinson, P.P.G.H.; F. K. Stevenson, P.P.G.J.; W. H. Vaughan, P.P.G.P.S.; W. Cartwright, P.P.G.P.S.; T. A. Daniel, P.P.G.P.S.; W. Mellor, P.P.G.P.S.; W. Eardley, P.P.A.G.S.; J. E. Steward, P.P.A.G.S.; J. Hamilton, P.P.G.P.S.; S. Blackshaw, P.P.G.S.B.; T. Lockitt, P.P.G.S.B.; H. Finch, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Booth, P.P.G.D. of C.; T. E. Mason, P.Z. 361; J. White, P.Z. 758; F. T. Tapp, P.Z. 287; A. Taylor, Z. 287; W. H. Hughes, H. 287; G. Hunt, J. 287; S. B. Broadbent, S.N. 287; J. Gardner, 287; John Scott, P.Z. 322; C. Hulme, P.Z. 322; S. Lowe, P.Z. 323; J. K. Green, P.Z. 323; T. Eldon, P.Z. 321; C. Vickers, 321; E. G. Lingard, P.Z. 361; H. Smith, J. 361; W. James, S.E. 361; G. W. Sidebotham, 361; T. C. Thorburn, P.Z. 577; W. Orrey, P.Z. 533; C. E. Hindley, P.Z. 148; B. R. Leech, P.Z. 295; J. A. Smith, 430; W. Dale, 941; M. Coffey, 89; Col. Fernley, Z. 321; Joseph Marsden, S. Thompson, 1045; and R. H. Yeomans, 758.

The Provincial Grand Chapter having been opened, the minutes of the last Provincial Grand Chapter, held at Chester, were read and confirmed.

On the roll of chapters being called over, it was found that, with one exception, all the chapters in the province were represented.

The Grand Superintendent re-appointed three members of the Provincial Council, and, on the motion of Comp. W. CARTWRIGHT, P.Z., seconded by Comp. H. FINCH, P.Z., the other three retiring members were re-appointed.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND TREASURER next read his statement of accounts, showing a balance in hand of £70 2s. 7d., and after some discussion the statement was duly received and passed. It was decided that in future a copy of the accounts should be sent previous to the annual meeting to each chapter and to all Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT then addressed the companions on the state of Royal Arch Masonry in the province, and called their attention to some little details, attention to which would materially improve the working in the chapters concerned. He also alluded in very feeling terms to the loss that Royal Arch Masonry, as well as other Degrees of Freemasonry, had sustained by the sad and somewhat premature death of the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Z., and moved that an expression of the regret of this Provincial Grand Chapter be recorded on the minutes.

This was seconded by the P.G.H., and duly carried.

The next business was the election of Prov. G. Treasurer, and on it being announced that Comp. P. Wadsworth, the present P.G. Treasurer, did not seek re-election, a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded him for his services during the past seven years.

On the motion of Comp. Col. WILKINSON, P.P.G.H., seconded by Comp. W. JOHNSON, P.G.J., and supported by Comp. H. FINCH, P.P.G.D.C., Comp. W. Cartwright, P.Z. 287 and 1235, P.P.G.P.S., was unanimously elected Prov. Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The Grand Superintendent then appointed his officers for the ensuing year, and the following companions were invested with the collars and insignia of their respective offices:

Comp. Thos. C. Thorburn, P.Z. 577	...	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" E. G. Lingard, P.Z. 361	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" H. Claude Lisle, P.Z. 321 (re-appointed)	..	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" Samuel Lowe, P.Z. 323	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" W. Cartwright, P.Z. 287 and 1235, P.P.G.P.S.	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Walter H. Vaughan, P.Z. 287, P.P.G.P.S.	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" James White, P.Z. 758	...	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" B. R. Leech, P.Z. 295	...	...	...	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" W. H. Hughes, H. 287	...	...	...	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" Samuel Thompson, P.Z. 1045	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" W. Orrey, P.Z. 533	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Samuel B. Broadbent, S.N. 287	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" H. Ellis (re-appointed)	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Mark Alcock (re-elected)	...	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

An appeal was made by Comp. F. K. STEVENSON, P.P.G.J., on behalf of the Cheshire Masonic Educational Institution, with the result that 20 guineas was voted to qualify the second chair as Life-Governor, and 10 guineas as first moiety towards similarly qualifying the third chair.

All business being concluded, the Prov. Grand Chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to an excellent banquet provided by the hostess, under the able and genial presidency of Comp. T. C. Thorburn, Prov. G.H.

The duties of Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies were performed in a most efficient and exemplary manner by Comp. H. Finch, P.P.G.D.C.

## CONSECRATION OF THE WARNER CHAPTER, No. 2256.

The Warner Chapter, No. 2256, was consecrated on Saturday, the 8th inst., at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, in the presence of a very large gathering of Royal Arch Masons. The new chapter is attached to the Warner Lodge, No. 2256, which during its brief career of two years has attained a considerable amount of success, and increases the total of Royal Arch chapters in the Province of Essex to seven. The interesting ceremony was performed by Comp. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Reg., the Grand Superintendent of Essex, assisted by Comps. J. L. Mather, P.D.G.D.C., as H.; G. H. Finch, as J.; Ralling, as S.E.; and Lucking, Prov. G.D.C., as D.C.

The founders are Comps. William Shurmur, P.Z. and M.E.Z. 1471, Prov. Grand Treasurer, M.E.Z. designate; D. P. Holness, P.Z. 1471, H. designate; T. Scoresby Jackson, P. Soj. 1471, J. designate; Courtenay Warner, H. French Bromhead, J. Speller, W. Fortescue, J. Radkin, B. Nicholson, C. Tichiaz, J. Wilson, G. W. Knight, J. J. Briginshaw, G. Cackett, H. F. Inman Hallows, C. G. Cutchey, J. Holland, R. Martin, and W. M. Butcher. Amongst the large number of visitors present were:

Comps. C. F. Matier, P.D.G.D.C.; C. F. Hogard, P.D.G.D.C.; H. Sadler, Grand Janitor; W. Cock; J. Pinder, P.Z. 141; J. H. Wildash, 141; J. M. Scarlett, H. 1471; P. H. Stimson, 1471; D. Campbell, 1471; W. Land, P.Z. 25; W. Hancock, P.S. 1614; W. H. Caton, 1471; H. Poston, 1471; W. D. Church, J. 1471; W. H. Silverthorne, P.S. 1607; W. S. Whitaker, P.Z. 1471, 1572; J. J. Cavill, Z. 276, P.P.G.S.B.; T. Page, P.Z. 214, P.G.S.N.; H. Hobson, H. 214; J. Roberts, P.Z. 65; G. S. Ayres; J. Graveley, P.Z. 554; Caleb Stanger, P.M. 12; G. Harrison, P.Z. 51, P.G.S.; M. J. Mumford, H. 1538; Horace T. Bonner, 1601; W. Ganton, J. 214; W. H. Bullock; T. C. Edmonds, P.Z.; H. Wilson; H. Clare, S.N. 1365; G. Gregory, P.P.G. Treas. Middx.; G. R. Dawson, Z. 1000; R. J. Warren, M.E.Z.

1437; C. Hart; J. F. Saunders, D.C. 1507; T. Humpheys, H. 1437; J. H. Collingridge, 1403; H. Forss, 1623; J. T. Bailey, Z. elect 51; F. Jameson, 2108; R. Martin; J. T. Davies, 1348; Lennox Browne, P.Z. 2108; T. B. Goodfellow, Z. 1183; J. Bunker, 1471; T. W. Eastgate, I.P.Z. 1000; W. Maclure, P.Z. 1305; S. C. Kaufman; J. W. Cain, P.S. 179; J. M. McLeod, P.P.G.S.B. Notts, Sec. R.M.I.B.; W. A. Frost, 1706; S. J. Vaughan; E. J. Bell, 1524; and W. W. Lee, 1524.

The convocation having been opened, the GRAND SUPERINTENDENT, addressing the companions, said they had met together for a very happy and, he trusted, very auspicious occasion, which they recognised and understood as a very interesting one in the history of Royal Arch Masonry, and which always commanded the sympathies of members of the Order. They had met to consecrate a new chapter, which would make the seventh, a number to be noted by all Masons as truly Masonic. It was, moreover, the consecration of a chapter to be attached to the Warner Lodge, which had been in existence in the province something like two years or rather more, and which starting with good auspices had thoroughly fulfilled the hopes of those who were privileged to take part, as he was, at the consecration and the hopes of the founders, and had in a most legitimate and thoroughly Masonic spirit progressed and flourished that it was seeking to have a chapter attached to it. He thought, therefore, that on that occasion they might feel the lodge had done good service, and worthily upheld the name of a respected brother (Bro. Courtenay Warner) whose name it bears. The task of founding Royal Arch chapters was one not undertaken by many lodges entitled. It involved responsibility of a greater and higher degree, as the Degree itself was higher than Craft Masonry, but when the proposition to start the chapter came before him he had pleasure in recommending it. As he would have an opportunity later in the evening to remark upon Royal Arch Masonry in the province, he would not detain them further, but proceed with the ceremony by calling upon the acting Scribe E. to state what the proceedings had been which led to the meeting.

The ceremony proceeded, and an oration was delivered by Comp. FINCH, acting J., after which the chapter was dedicated and constituted.

Comps. W. Shurmur, P.Z., and D. P. Holness, P.Z., were inducted into the chairs of M.E.Z. and H. respectively, and Comp. T. Scoresby Jackson was impressively installed as J. by Comp. W. S. Whitaker, P.Z. The following officers were elected and invested: Comps. J. Wilson, P.Z., acting I.P.Z.; Courtenay Warner, Treas.; H. French Bromhead, S.E.; G. W. Knight, S.N.; J. Speller, P.S.; J. Badkin, P.Z., 1st A.S.; B. Nicholson, 2nd A.S.; N. Fortescue, D.C.; J. G. Cackett and J. J. Briginshaw, Stewards; J. Verry, Janitor; and Ives, Asst. Janitor.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Consecrating Officers, who were each presented with a founder's jewel and elected honorary members of the chapter.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT returned thanks, and expressed the pleasure it had afforded them to be present.

The M.E.Z. was elected to represent the chapter as Steward at the next Festival of the R.M.I. for Boys, and numerous propositions for exaltation and joining having been made, the chapter was closed.

After banquet the customary toasts were duly honoured.

Comp. J. L. MATHER, P.D.G.D.C., replied for "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," and said that nothing gave those companions greater pleasure than to attend these meetings and do all they could to uphold the integrity, harmony and prosperity of Grand Chapter. They had experienced great pleasure in assisting at the consecration that day. He felt it an honour to have been elected an honorary member and to receive the handsome jewel, which he should wear with pleasure. In thanking the companions for their kindness, he hoped to be present on many future occasions, when he should have more time to thank them than on the present occasion.

In proposing "The Grand Superintendent," the M.E.Z. said Comp. Philbrick had by his geniality, kindly condescension, and natural kindness of heart endeared himself to every Mason who had had the good fortune to come into contact with him. The founders, and also the visitors, were deeply indebted to him for the beautiful and impressive manner in which he had carried out that splendid consecration ceremony.

Comp. F. A. PHILBRICK, Q.C., Grand Superintendent, in reply, remarked that if he did not feel at home amongst his companions of the Essex chapters, and of that the youngest of them all, he should be a little taken back, not at the kindness, for that was no new thing to him, not at the heartiness, for they were nothing if not hearty in Essex, and not for the want of Masonic feeling, for that he was happy to say was always shown in the unity of the province in which they had had happily no unfortunate circumstance to deplore. Therefore he felt in rising to respond to the toast so kindly proposed by the senior officer of the youngest chapter in the province, that he must, as being in charge of the province, heartily congratulate it on No. 7. It was late, perhaps, that evening to refer to matters so distinct from Masonry as the smaller poems which were taught and learned by the younger of their daughters, but "We are seven" was always a little pathetic, and always arrested attention, and, as he said previously, the number was truly Masonic. Since he had the honour to be called to the position which by their kindness he held, they had increased the number of chapters from four to seven, and, if what he heard on a previous night was true, they should increase to eight, and therefore it would be a hundred per cent. In the words of the glorious ritual they had heard that night it had produced fruit a hundred-fold, and it was indeed good fruit—the full year of the ripe corn; not brought perhaps by the oldest lodge in the province, not brought perhaps by the most numerous lodge, but still brought by one of the lodges which knew and recognised most fully the true principles of Masonry, and which felt, as every Mason who had seen the light of Royal Arch Masonry must know, that that Supreme Degree was the cope-stone and the crown of Craft Masonry. In a peculiar sense, therefore, Royal Arch Masons enshrine the best traditions of the Craft, and carry them out to their legitimate and proper consummation in the Royal Arch. He had watched with peculiar pleasure the progress of the Warner Lodge, and had seen how well it had borne glorious fruit, and he was glad on the part of the province to acknowledge that, and to welcome the large increase to their numbers. He was sure he should be expressing the wish of all present when he said he trusted the new chapter would have a long, prosperous, and successful career. For those who had started it, there should be no doubt in their minds: for those who were to continue, he was not sure that the goodly list of names announced might not be quite sufficient warrant that it would last as long as they could hope to continue. It had their sincere wishes, and, starting as it did, had the best augury of success. While thanking them very sincerely for the kindness with which they had received him, in conclusion he expressed his heartiest wishes for the success of the chapter as a chapter, and to its founders individually, and his great trust that whatever chapters might be founded, and however numerous might be the recruits to the Order in Essex, the Warner Chapter would be always able, both by the quality of those it admitted to the honours of membership, and by the excellence with which it worked according to the traditions of the Order, and by the great vitality with which it adhered to the great principles it professed, it would be an example, and one to be followed by all the chapters and the province.

Comp. FINCH, Prov. G.J., responded for "The Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," and expressed the regret of the Prov. G.H. at not being able to attend. It was his (Comp. Finch's) privilege to be a Warden at the consecration of the Warner Lodge, the success of which had been great. On behalf of the Provincial Grand Officers he thanked them, and trusted the Warner Chapter would be equally successful.

"The Three Principals" was given by the GRAND SUPERINTENDENT, who said he regarded the privilege as a great one on the present occasion. They all knew what an active and energetic man and Mason the M.E.Z., Comp. Shurmur, was, and he was the right man in the right place; for he occupied his position, not

merely with the good will of the founders, but with the good will of all present, for they had seen how admirably he had conducted the proceedings. With regard to his assistants the M.E.Z. could not say "How happy could I be with either," as he required both. The H. and J. would support Comp. Shurmur during his year, and if at any time were called upon to occupy a similar position would worthily endeavour to discharge their duties and make the chapter a great success.

Comp. W. SHURMUR, M.E.Z., thanked the Grand Superintendent very sincerely for the cordial manner in which he had proposed the toast, and the companions for their hearty reception. It would be their desire, as he said in the chapter, to make the Warner Chapter one of the best in Essex, over which province their beloved Grand Superintendent presided. There were good working companions in the chapter, and he thought that perhaps they would be able to make the working second to none in the world. Comp. Holness, H., was his father in Freemasonry, and what he knew he attributed to him, and but for his kindness and encouragement he should have remained a full private in the ranks of Masonry. Since he had been a working Mason, however, he had tried to fulfil his duties efficiently and well. In the J. they had a companion who had discharged his duties in the Craft most excellently, and given entire satisfaction. In conclusion, he again thanked them for the cordial reception given the toast.

Comp. D. P. HOLNESS, H., replied, and remarked that the Grand Superintendent had well said that those appointed to support the M.E.Z. would endeavour to follow in his footsteps as far as the working was concerned. No efforts would be wanting on his part to support the M.E.Z., and although he came among them as a stranger with a little reputation, he should endeavour to sustain the good opinion they had of him.

Comp. SCORESBY JACKSON, J., said the success of the Warner Lodge was due to the unanimity of the working, and he trusted the members of the chapter would work in the same spirit.

Comp. the Rev. Dr. DUNBAR, replying for "The Visitors," said it was one of the greatest honours and pleasures of life to attend such a meeting as that. He thought the Grand Superintendent had put before them in words and expression and given them time to fully realise his meaning—the meaning of the surroundings they had seen, and the feelings which accompanied those surroundings. There was something indeed very grand and magnificent in Royal Arch Masonry, and he fully realised that it was the climax of Masonry. He regretted it had been his lot for many years not to know much of Arch Masonry, but he thought the ceremonies they had seen performed must have deeply impressed the visitors. He must congratulate the members on the happy name they had selected for the new chapter, for if he were called upon to express what Masonry was he would say look upon Mr. Courtenay Warner, and he would defy anyone to be in that companion's company without being comfortable, being at good will with all mankind, and that was the foundation of Masonry.

Comp. W. S. WHITAKER, P.Z. 1471, said the M.E.Z. could not have chosen a companion to reply who could more earnestly wish the chapter God-speed. It might be possible to have too many lodges, but it was barely possible to have too many chapters, providing the necessary lodges were forthcoming. He thanked the M.E.Z. for the kind remarks made with reference to the small services he had rendered in installing the J., in which he did his best, and was pleased to think his efforts had met with their approbation.

Comps. WILDASH, T. C. EDMONDS, P.Z., CAMPBELL, J. BUNKER, 1471, and others also responded.

"The Masonic Charities" was next given, and replied to by Comp. J. M. McLEOD, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, who thanked the members for appointing a Steward to represent them, and asked the companions to heartily support their M.E.Z. in his efforts.

"The Officers" was heartily honoured, and the Janitor's toast closed the proceedings.

The musical arrangements were ably carried out under the direction of Comp. Dr. J. F. Haskins, assisted by Comps. Frost, Bell, and A. Kenningham.

In addition to the 97 companions attending the ceremony, letters of regret for non-attendance and expressions of good wishes for the success of the chapter were received from Comps. Lord Euston, Lord Dungarvan, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E.; A. A. Pendlebury, A.G.S.E.; Asher Barfield, P.G. Treas.; Rev. T. S. Raffles, Prov. G. Chap.; S. Barton Wilson, J. Terry, P.G.S.B., Secretary R.M.B.I.; and many others.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

The annual meeting of this body was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield, on Wednesday, the 29th ult. A lodge of Mark Masters having been opened by the W.M. and officers of the Britannia Lodge, No. 53, the P.G.M., Bro. Charles Letch Mason, accompanied by his Deputy and the P.G. Officers, entered the room. The Provincial Grand Lodge was duly opened, and the following officers were present:

Bros. Rev. Dr. Thomas C. Smyth, P.G. Chap., D.P.G.M.; Henry J. Garnett, P.G.D., P.S.G.W.; John Barker, P.G.I. of W., P.P.G.W., as P.J.G.W.; J. W. Monckman, P.P.G.W.; J. Unwin, P.G.I.G., P.P.G.W.; Christopher William Fincken, P.G.M.O.; Thomas Myers, P.P.G.I. of W., as P.S.G.O.; Hugh S. Holdsworth, P.G. Stwd., P.P.G.W., as P.J.G.O.; J. E. Darling, P.P.G.O.; John Shaw, P.P.G.O.; Rev. J. H. Evans, M.A., P.G. Chap.; Rev. Wm. Dunn, M.A., P.P.G. Chap.; John P. Hewitt, P.G. Reg.; Wm. Cooke, P.S.G.O., P.G. Sec.; Simeon Whiteley, P.S.G.D.; Charles Woollons, P.P.G.D. of C., as P.J.G.D.; Francis Smith, P.P.G.W., as P.G.I. of W.; Robert Drake Kendall, P.A.G.D. of C., P.G.D. of C.; Alfred Gill, P.G.S.B.; Charles J. Schott, P.G. Std. Br.; Wragg, P.P.G. Org., as P.G. Org.; Edwin Billington, P.G.I.G.; and Wm. Haigh, Isaac Eyre, Frederick Simpson, and Alfred Parkin, P.G. Stwds.

The P.G.D.C. then called upon the brethren to salute the P.G.M. and his Deputy. In reply to the salutation,

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER addressed the brethren at considerable length. He thanked the brethren for the hearty reception accorded to the Provincial Grand Lodge, and especially the brethren of the Britannia Lodge, under whose banner they had met, and congratulated the Sheffield brethren on the increase of their numbers. After a sympathetic reference to the loss the Craft had sustained in the death of the Pro Grand Master, and the loss to the province by the death of Bro. Normanton, he went on to notice the prosperous condition of the funds of the Mark Benevolent Fund, and other matters more especially connected with the province, and finally referred to the resignation of the Provincial Grand Secretary in the following terms: There is one other matter which I must refer to, viz., the resignation of our very worthy and esteemed Prov. Grand Sec., Bro. William Cooke. Bro. Cooke intimated to me some time ago that he was desirous of retiring, more especially as he felt so keenly the loss of his old friend and fellow-worker, Bro. Normanton. After some hesitation, and after again being pressed to allow him to retire, I reluctantly accepted his resignation. Bro. Cooke was initiated into Masonry on the 30th June, 1858, in the Loyal Antient Lodge of St. James, now No. 448 on the roll of the Grand Lodge. From the very first he took an active interest in Masonry, and rapidly rose to be W.M. of his lodge in 1862. He was one of the founders of De Warren Lodge, No. 1302, and with a short break has acted as Secretary ever since its consecration. He was appointed P.A.G.D. of C. by Bro. Sir Henry Edwards in 1878. In Royal Arch Masonry he has also taken an active part. But it is to his connection with our own Order we are more particularly concerned to-day. Bro. Cooke joined Mark Masonry in 1862, at the old Mark lodge at Eastwood, shortly before it gave its allegiance to

the Grand Mark Lodge of England. We find in the same year he was one of the petitioners for a new Mark lodge, to be called the Fearnley Lodge, No. 58, which was granted, and he was the first S.W., and shortly after was installed the Master. In 1865 he was appointed Secretary, which office he held for 18 years. In 1864 he was made S.G.O. of England; and on the formation of our Prov. Grand Mark Lodge he was appointed P.G. Secretary, which office he has held up to the present time. Bro. Cooke has always been a warm supporter of our Masonic Charities. The resignation of such an active Mason and important officer naturally caused a good deal of anxiety—anxiety not only to secure the services of one well able to discharge the duties of the office, but one also who would be acceptable to the brethren of the province. After careful consideration and consultation with my very worthy Deputy and several other members of the Order, I have offered the appointment to Bro. Tudor Trevor, and he has accepted it. Bro. Trevor is a Mark Mason of many years standing, and both in England and India has studied to promote the welfare of our Masonic Order. I believe you will find in him a true, genuine brother, and I commend him to your most kind support, and ask you to assist him in carrying on the work of the province in a thoroughly efficient manner.

The roll of Provincial Grand Officers was called, and apologies read from those unable to attend.

The roll of lodges was next called, when it was found there were representatives present from every lodge in the province.

The P.G. Registrar then read his statement of the numerical position of each lodge up to December 31st, showing an increase of 11 members.

Bro. F. Cleaves, W.M. 53, was then unanimously elected as P.G. Treasurer, in succession to the late Bro. G. Normanton, Past G.I. of W., who had occupied the position of P.G. Treasurer ever since the formation of the Provincial Grand Lodge in 1871.

The Provincial Grand Master then invested the following officers for the ensuing year:

Bro. Rev. T. C. Smyth, D.D., P.G.C., St. Chad's Lodge	...	Dep. Prov. G.M.
" W. Cooke, P.S.G.O., Fearnley Lodge	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Alfred Parkin, Danum Lodge	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Isaac Eyre, Britannia Lodge	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" Edwin Billington, Portal Lodge	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" Wm. Haigh, Prince Edward Lodge	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" Rev. Thomas J. McNulty, M.A., Copley Lodge	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Fredk. Cleaves, Britannia Lodge	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Frederick Simpson, Integrity Lodge	...	Prov. G.R. of M.
" Tudor Trevor, Copley Lodge	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" John J. Green, Fearnley Lodge	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" C. J. Schott, Old York Lodge	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" Alfred Gill, Truth Lodge	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" William Langbridge, Danum Lodge	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Alfred Tupman, Prince Leopold Lodge	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" William D. Shoebriidge, Fearnley Lodge	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" C. F. Seward, Portal Lodge	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Henry Fountain, Portal Lodge	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Henry Oxley, Integrity Lodge	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" V. G. S. Dearden, Britannia Lodge	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" William Flockton, Portal Lodge	...	
" Archibald H. J. Fletcher, Truth Lodge	...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
" John Robert Wellsman, Old York Lodge	...	
" Samuel Barrand, Copley Lodge	...	

The two P.G. Wardens and three P.G. Overseers were then elected on the General Purposes Committee, in place of five retiring members.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then, in very impressive terms, dwelt upon the services rendered by the Prov. G. Secretary, and his great regret at his resignation. He had called a meeting of the General Purposes Committee and Worshipful Masters, and they had decided that some token of respect should be given to Bro. Cooke at the next meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge. The matter was brought before each lodge a few weeks ago, and the result was sufficient for a very handsome timepiece, with side ornaments, an illuminated address in frame, and a case of silver spoons, silver sugar basin, &c., for Mrs. Cooke, which he now had the greatest pleasure in handing over to Bro. Cooke, with the wish that he might live long to enjoy his well-merited repose. To the timepiece was attached a brass plate with the following inscription engraven upon it: "Presented to V.W. Bro. Wm. Cooke, P.M. Fearnley Lodge, No. 58, Past S.G.O. of England, by the Mark Master Masons of West Yorkshire, as a slight acknowledgment for services rendered as Prov. Grand Secretary for a period of nearly 20 years. 29th October, 1890."

Bro. Dr. SMYTH, D.P.G.M., then presented the address, which he read as follows: "West Yorkshire Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown. To Very W. Bro. William Cooke, P.M. Fearnley Lodge, No. 58, Past Grand Senior Overseer of England, Provincial Grand Secretary of West Yorkshire, We, the members of the several Mark lodges in the Province of West Yorkshire, desire to tender you our best thanks for many kind services rendered as Provincial Grand Secretary during a period of nearly 20 years, and ask your acceptance, on your appointment as Prov. S.G. Warden, of the accompanying timepiece and ornaments, also a case of silver plate for Mrs. Cooke, as a mark of our esteem; and we pray that it may please the Grand Overseer of the Universe to preserve you and yours in health and happiness for many years to come. Signed, on behalf of the subscribers, C. Letch Mason, Provincial Grand Master. October 29th, 1890."

Bro. COOKE, who was almost unable to speak, said he could not sufficiently thank the brethren for the kind language in which his services had been spoken of. He did not know that he had done anything beyond his duty, and he had done it from a feeling of gratitude for the M.W.G.M. having conferred upon him in 1864 the proud position of Senior Grand Overseer of England.

Invitations having been given from Huddersfield for either of the meetings in 1891 to be held there, and from Doncaster for the April meeting to be held there, the Provincial Grand Lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the dining-room, where, under the presidency of the P.G.M., they enjoyed themselves till the time arrived for them to leave for the various trains homeward.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF SOMERSETSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Yeovil, on Wednesday, the 28th ult., under the presidency of the P.G.M., Bro. R. C. Else, P.G.D. England. There was a numerous and influential attendance of brethren, all the lodges in the province being represented. Those present included Bros. Col. Wm. Long, D.P.G.M.; Robt. Leach, P.S.G.W.; Wm. Roberts, P.J.G.W.; Frank Gaylard, P.G.S.B., P.G. Treas.; W. J. Nosworthy, G. Org. England; P. S. H. Colmer, P.M., P.S.G.D., P.J.G.O., P.S.G.O.; H. C. Tompkins; H. A. Budd, P.M., P.J.G.O.; C. W. Radway, S.G.D. England, P.G. Treas.; T. Partter, P.M.; A. J. Spiller; J. A. Lloyd, P.G.C. England; W. Bidgood; and many others.

By desire of the members of the receiving lodge, the ceremony of advancement was first proceeded with, Bro. Louch being advanced, the ceremony being conducted by the Provincial Grand Officers. A special musical programme was arranged by Bro. Nosworthy, G. Org. of England, and Bro. the Rev. J. A. Lloyd, P.G. Chaplain of England, also took part in the ceremony, the lodge being presided over by the P.G.M.

The Prov. Grand Treasurer, Bro. RADWAY, reported a balance in hand of £73 8s. 7d.

On the proposition of the P.G.M., Bro. ELSE, seconded by Bro. RADWAY, P.G.D. of England, it was unanimously resolved: "That the Mark Master Masons of Somersetshire desire to place on record their feelings of deep grief at the death of the illustrious Past Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, and their sense of the great loss the Degree has sustained thereby."

Bro. R. C. Else was unanimously, and with warm acclamation, re-elected to the position of P.G.M. for the next three years, on the proposition of Bro. RADWAY, seconded by Bro. Lieut.-Col. LONG.

Bro. Radway was re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer, on the motion of Bro. NOSWORTHY, seconded by Bro. LAWSON HOWES.

The Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year were invested as follows:

Bro. Lieut.-Col. Long	...	...	...	D.P.G.M.
" W. J. Nosworthy	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" A. G. Hayman	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Colmer	...	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" T. H. Holroyd	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" Thomas Parker	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" Rev. J. C. McConnell	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" J. T. Dunsford	...	...	...	Prov. G.R. of M.
" F. T. Elworthy	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. B. Milborne	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" C. Barrett	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" A. Bidwood	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" G. Peckitt	...	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" C. Humphrey	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" J. W. Roberts	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" W. Sparrow	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" R. Leach	...	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" W. R. Shrapnell	...	...	...	Prov. G. Stwd.
" A. G. Salter	...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

A sum of £3 3s. was voted to the Corporation Almshouses.

Bro. NOSWORTHY then proposed that a sum of five guineas be given towards the purchase of an organ for Grand Lodge, to be erected there in memory of the late Canon Portal, but Bro. LLOYD proposed, as an amendment, that, considering the fact that the present Grand Organist was to be one of the Committee for selecting the organ, and that he was S.W. of the province, a sum of 10 guineas should be given to Bro. Nosworthy.

This was carried unanimously, and Bro. NOSWORTHY suitably thanked the brethren.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed.

### PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF HANTS AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Albion-place, Southampton, on Saturday, the 25th ult. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, P.G.M. England, Prov. G.M., presided, and amongst those present were—

Bros. R. Loveland Loveland, P.G. Steward England, D.P.G.M.; J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G.M.O. England, P.P.S.G.W.; G. F. Lancaster, P.M. 2, P.J.G.O. England, P.P. J.G.W.; W. E. Leamy, W.M. 2; A. Howell, S.O. 2; Rev. J. H. Anderson, 2; J. W. Boughton, I.P.M. 17, P.P.G. Std. Br.; H. P. Holley, P.M. 17, P.P.J.G.D.; H. T. Thatcher, P.M. 37, P.P.G.S.B.; E. W. Simmons, J.W. 37; G. Richards, S.W. 54, P.G.I.G.; H. T. Holmes, M.O. 62, P.G. Steward; C. W. A. Jellicoe, P.M. 63, P.G. Sec.; G. Cross, P.M. 63, P.P.J.G.O.; D. O. Hobbs, P.M. 63, P.P.G.M.O.; M. Emanuel, P.M. 63, P.P.J.G.D.; L. Steele, P.M. 63, P.G. Steward England; R. Boughton-Smith, P.M. 63, P.P.J.G.W. Leicester and Rutland; W. O'Neill, R. of M. 63; Rev. G. M. Walker, 63, P.G.C.; J. B. Atkinson, P.M. 125, P.P.S.G.W.; W. H. Humphrey, W.M. 125, P.G.S.B.; W. Townsend, Org. 125, P.G. Org.; G. Darby, P.M. 305, P.P.G. Steward; T. W. Faulkner, P.M. 140, P.P.S.G.W.; T. M. Taylor, M.O. 140; H. Barlow, S.O. 140, P.P.G. Steward; T. G. Harewood, I.P.M. 349, P.J.G.O.; W. E. Millett, J.O. 320; and J. Exell, 17, P.G. Tyler.

The Prov. Grand Lodge being opened, the minutes of the last annual meeting, held at Portsmouth, were read and confirmed.

The Prov. Grand Treasurer's accounts, showing a balance in favour of the Prov. Grand Lodge of £46 15s. 3d., were received and adopted.

A vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. T. W. Faulkner, P.G. Treas., who was again unanimously re-elected.

Bro. W. W. B. BEACH, P.G. Master, congratulated the Prov. Grand Lodge on the admirable work done since the last meeting, and expressed the hope that the prosperity of the province would continue.

The following brethren were then appointed officers for the ensuing year:

Bro. R. Loveland Loveland	...	...	...	Dep. Prov. G.M.
" A. Dashwood, 320	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" G. Darby, 305	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" W. H. Humphrey, 125	...	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" W. E. Leamy, 2	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" J. W. Boughton, 17	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" Rev. A. M. Walker, 63 (re-appointed)	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. J. H. Anderson, 2	...	...	...	
" T. W. Faulkner, 140	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" A. W. Ward, 381	...	...	...	Prov. G. R. of M.
" D. O. Hobbs, 63	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" C. F. Simmons, 37	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" J. Youd, 54	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" W. Dart, 62	...	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" W. E. Foster, 349	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. M. Taylor, 140	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" E. Brown, 63	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" H. T. Holmes, 62	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" W. Townsend, 125	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" H. P. Holley, 17	...	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" T. Walton, 63	...	...	...	Prov. G. Stwd.
" J. Exell, 17	...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

Bro. R. LOVELAND LOVELAND proposed, and Bro. J. E. LE FEUVRE seconded, that the sum of £10 10s. be voted to the Mark Benevolent Institution, which was carried unanimously.

Nothing further offering for the good of Mark Masonry or the province in particular, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the banquet, over which Bro. W. W. B. Beach, Prov. G.M., presided. The usual toasts were duly honoured.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1890.

**Masonic Notes.**

In our remarks last week on the recent Boys' School Election we noticed that the boy E. J. Brown, who was returned second on the poll, though hailing from the Province of Lincolnshire, owed his success to the support given him by the brethren of Hertfordshire, in which county the boy's mother resides. As a matter of fact, his success is entirely due to the latter province, whose Charity Organisation adopted the case as its own, and the officials of the said organisation, but especially Bro. C. E. Keyser, P.P.J.G.W., who undertook the office of Secretary at the beginning of the present year, deserve every credit for the manner in which they worked the case.

The candidature of the boy Phipps, who was a first, and at the same time a last, case, was withdrawn at the last moment. The Herts Charity Organisation would willingly have supported it, as it was a genuine Herts case, but they were already pledged to the support of Brown, and they were therefore unable to render effective support. However, a younger brother of Phipps will be on the list of candidates in due course, and we understand the Herts Association will use their utmost efforts to ensure his election.

That was, indeed, an eloquent tribute of respect which Bro. the Rev. H. A. Pickard, Past Grand Chaplain of England, paid to the memory of the late Earl of Carnarvon at the recent annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Oxfordshire. The late Earl, though initiated in the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, early in 1856, became a joining member of the Apollo University Lodge of Oxford the year following, when Bro. Pickard, who was at the time Master of the latter, had the honour of welcoming his lordship on his introduction into his lodge. Thus Bro. Pickard had known him throughout his whole Masonic career, and there was no one, therefore, with the exception of Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., more competent to describe accurately the labours and achievements of our departed Pro Grand Master in Freemasonry than Bro. Pickard.

There was a large attendance at the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland held last Thursday, the 6th inst., in Edinburgh, and more than usual interest was manifested in business, which is, as a rule, passed over as routine. The absence of a number of the responsible officers of Grand Lodge, says the Masonic editor of the *Glasgow Evening News*, was a regrettable circumstance, but in Sir Charles Dalrymple, Bart., who presided, the M.W. has a competent substitute, and save that at so important a meeting one would rather see all the office-bearers in their proper

places, the meeting on Thursday may be regarded as a success, albeit the minutes of Grand Committee, and even of Grand Lodge, proved a bone of contention and were a cause of unnecessary carping.

A very excellent scheme has been put forward by Bro. Geo. N. Milward, I.P.M. 1163, Birmingham, and one which we are sanguine enough to believe will stand a fair chance of being successful. His idea is that in every large city and town where several lodges are held there might be established a Masonic Musical Union or Society, in which members of lodge would have the opportunity of meeting for practice in singing and instrumental music, and also of taking part in recitations, and giving entertainments which would prove generally attractive and might at the same time be made beneficial to our Charitable Institutions.

Bro. Milward has already started a "Warwickshire Masonic Musical Union," and has been so far successful that Bro. Lord Leigh, Prov. G.M., has consented to become Patron of the society, while the Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. J. T. Collins, J.P., will be one of the vice-Patrons. The number of brethren who have undertaken to join as members is 60, and as Birmingham has about 16 lodges meeting within its boundaries, the constituency is quite large enough to furnish three or four times as many more.

As regards our Institutions, Bro. Milward's idea is to organise entertainments from time to time, and a ballot to take place annually for every 10 pounds or guineas which may be realised as profit from such entertainment. For ourselves, we regard the notion as an admirable one. There are many lodges, and even some few provinces, which have annual balls, concerts, and the like, the proceeds of which, if any, are handed over to one or other of our Central Institutions, or distributed amongst them in equal parts, or the local Masonic Charities are thus benefited. Bro. Milward's proposed "Masonic Musical Union" is, however, a step further in the same direction. It will be located permanently in one central town, the members will all be members of the local lodges, and the concerts, readings, &c., will be entirely for Masonic charitable purposes. We cordially wish Bro. Milward all success in his proposed organisation of a Warwickshire Union, and we trust the idea will be taken up, and successfully carried out in the large cities and towns in our other provinces.

The Mayoralty of Bro. Sir Henry Isaacs will be remembered in connection with Masonry chiefly from the fact that he was absolutely the first Freemason who ever held a Masonic lodge within the walls of the Mansion House, he himself having been installed there as W.M. of the Drury Lane Lodge in February last. Sir Henry's first Masonic duty after vacating the chair of Chief Magistrate was to preside on the following day at a meeting of this same lodge at Drury Lane Theatre, on the occasion of the election of his successor, Bro. James Fernandez.

There is now in the Bangor Union Lodge a mallet, which is probably without an equal in the world. It was presented to Lord Clanmorris by the Marquis of Dufferin and Ava in 1883, and the following letter, which accompanied it, tells the history of the find. The mallet is laid in the lodge room under a glass case, and bears evidence of good usage, the edges being completely rounded. The letter is as follows: "Clandeboye, 3rd September, 1883. My dear Clanmorris,—At last I have found the mallet, which I have much pleasure in sending you. Its great merit is its genuineness. On that you may rely, for I myself dug it out of a temple tomb erected by King Mentu Hotep, of the 11th Dynasty, a personage who certainly flourished before Moses. The mallet was buried beneath the sand and ruins with a number of articles of the same date. Its handle still shines with the sweat of the old Egyptian Masons, and I have great pleasure in presenting it to your lodge.—Yours sincerely, DUFFERIN."

The fund that for some time past has been in course of being raised in order to erect a Masonic memorial of the ceremony performed by our late Pro Grand Master—as representative of H.R.H. the M.W. Grand Master—in 1884 has not yet closed. There is, therefore, still time for brethren to contribute towards this laudable object, and we trust the amount required by the Committee for the work which has been undertaken will be obtained. A goodly proportion of it has been already promised or subscribed, and we have no doubt that the Craft will take care there is no deficit.

## Correspondence.

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

## "THE APPOINTMENT OF I.P.M."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

While there is a great deal of memory work to be performed in lodge, it will be necessary that the W.M. should have some one in the lodge who can give him assistance in time of need.

Who is able to do this but a P.M.? This work, of course, cannot be done by a P.M. of a new lodge. Consequently it is customary for the W.M. to ask some capable P.M. to act as I.P.M.

The I.P.M. is not an officer (Art. 129, Book of Constitutions).

The W.M. of "Gavel's" lodge did exactly as other W.M.'s have done, and, of course, if he wanted assistance at any time he would expect it from the brother who undertook to act as I.P.M.—I am, dear Sir and Brother, fraternally yours,

C. W.



## ORIGIN AND HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY, 1890.

This neatly got-up pamphlet represents a paper read before the Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 1380, Lathom Hall, Seaforth, by Bro. Patrick Sword, the zealous Worshipful Master. So pleased were the members with this effort of their W.M. to interest and instruct them that they have had the paper printed at the expense of the lodge, and the whole of the proceeds are to be handed to the "West Lancashire Masonic Charities." Copies may be had for one shilling net (postage one penny) each from Bro. G. G. Walmsley, 50, Lord-street, Liverpool, or from the W.M. of 47, South John-street, Liverpool, and we hope that the whole edition will soon be subscribed for. Bro. Sword presented to his audience (and now to his readers) an abridged or very condensed sketch of Findel's History of Freemasonry, and as the brochure is recommended by the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Prov. Grand Master of West Lancashire, &c., as "a most valuable contribution to our Masonic history," we advise brethren to purchase copies and peruse the paper for themselves. We may, however, point out that all the works of late years published by what may be termed the "English School" are entirely ignored, and apparently are unknown to Bro. Sword, though all printed since the advent of Bro. Findel's History. Had he been familiar with these volumes (by far the best and most reliable, as well as the most exhaustive ever published) he would not have reflected on English Craftsmen as he has.

## THE MASONIC RECORD OF WESTERN INDIA, FOR JULY, 1890.

The Masonic Record of Western India, for July, 1890, now received in this country, has a long and interesting account of the *Bengal Masonic Association for Educating Children of Indigent Masons*. The annual meeting was held on the 24th July, 1890, the Hon. H. T. Prinsep, D.G.M., being in the chair, and a large number of subscribers attended. The report by the Honorary Secretary, Bro. J. Lewis, is a most cheering one, as he states—"All our wards in the several schools in which they are being educated are doing well." Thirty-seven have already been educated, and there are now the very satisfactory number of 31 on the fund. Over 78,000 rupees have been donated to the capital account since the Association was started. The revenue account is also on an equally satisfactory basis, and the "Capitation Assessment of Lodges" to this department during the six months ending 30th June, 1890, amounted to 2338 rupees. It is most gratifying to find such good work being done in Bengal, and it is to be hoped the example thus set by brethren so far from this country may prove contagious in some of our home counties, all being under the same jurisdiction.

## GOLDEN LIVES: THE STORY OF A WOMAN'S COURAGE, By FREDERICK WICKS. William Blackwood and Sons.

Mr. Wicks has succeeded in producing one of those tales of modern life, just sufficiently dashed with criminal incident and detective lore as will in these galloping days awaken the interest of the busy, bustling man of the world. In doing this he has fully carried out the intention expressed in the short dedication which does duty for a preface and in which he gratefully acknowledges the fact that much of the merit of his work is due to the nervous pencil of Mr. de Paleologue. In the Member for Stockton and in his partner, Joshua Cope, we would seem to have alighted on a couple of creations, were it not that the latter recalls almost too vividly a remembrance of our old enemy, Quilp, albeit a Quilp of broadcloth and half-crown cigars. Of plot, as plot, there is little, but then the art of Mr. Wicks needs no plot to give interest to his knowledgeable drawing of every-day scenes and his clever portrayal of every-day

life, be it high or low. Brighton and London, the palace and the hovel, the office and the workshop, the Senate and the detective's bureau, each in turn serves as a back-ground, while instead of laboured description and tedious delineation of character he gives us plentiful and ocular demonstration of his meaning in the delicately executed studies of his illustrator. One word as to these drawings; delightful in their delicacy, though vigorous in their execution, they open up a new era in an almost lost art, and since the days when Phiz laid down his pencil and Cruikshank rested on his laurels, we have never been so interested nor so pleased. But, Mr. Wicks, change your title. "The Story of a Woman's Courage" would stand by itself excellently well. Your book is not a tract.

## Masonic Notes and Queries.

## 920] PICART'S "CEREMONIES."

In the catalogue just issued by Messrs. J. E. Garratt and Co., 48, Southampton-row, W.C., I noted Picart's "Ceremonies," A.D. 1741 (abridged edition), folio, old calf, many plates (but two wanting), for 15s. It is from the "Hopwall Hall Library," and not feeling sure about the edition, I wrote the above firm, who courteously reply that the celebrated plate of lodges (1735) is not reproduced in this volume (complete in itself), neither are there any Masonic references in it, though else an able abridgment of the large edition. J. and M. L. Tregaskis, 232, High Holborn, have two fine sets of the complete work. Amsterdam, 1723-37, for £6 10s., and the one in Dutch, 1727-38, for £3 3s.

W. J. HUGHAN.

## 921] THOMAS DUNCKERLEY.

In referring to Dunckerley's works Dr. Oliver mentions: "A Sermon preached at St. Peter's Church in Colchester, June 24, 1777, By W. Martin Leake, before the Provincial Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Essex. To which is added a Charge by Bro. Dunckerley, and an Address by Bro. Henry Chalmers. Colchester, 1778." I should be glad if anyone could inform me where this pamphlet can be obtained, as I wish to include the address at Colchester along with those delivered at Marlborough and Plymouth in my new work on Dunckerley, which is now in the press.

H. SADLER.



## Craft Masonry.

## METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

**Duke of Edinburgh Lodge (No. 1259).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Cape of Good Hope Tavern, on Wednesday, the 5th inst., under the presidency of Bro. J. R. Omer, W.M., assisted by the following brethren: Bros. Geo. Parrett, S.W.; R. Fuller, J.W.; H. Buchan, P.M., Sec.; J. Lusty, J.D.; G. H. Siddars, Org.; Primus Moore, I.P.M.; R. Atkin, P.M.; W. W. Esmond, P.M.; C. Wakefield, P.M.; L. Ettling, P.M.; A. G. Holland, G. F. Thomas, F. Adams, J. W. Ellick, G. L. Gumprecht, W. Tyrell, and H. Busbridge. Visitors: Bros. J. Mason, 309, 1567, P.P.S.G.D. Middx.; G. H. Seage, 781; T. Neale, 1981; J. J. Berry, P.M., P.Z. 554 and 1278; C. Bridgeman, 1815; W. Clarke, 1382; E. J. Capon, 1306; B. Cundick, P.M. 1421; G. J. Anderson, 781; J. G. Horn, 1306; F. Robinson, P.M. 781; and J. Mills, 1765.

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Adams was raised to the Degree of M.M. Bro. Parrett, S.W. and W.M. elect, was presented to the W.M., and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, Bro. Parrett was installed in the chair of K.S. The new W.M. appointed the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Fielder, S.W.; Trappitt, J.W.; Wakefield, P.M., Treas.; Buchan, P.M., Sec.; J. Lusty, S.D.; Powell, J.D.; Gumprecht, I.G.; Esmond, P.M., D.C.; Siddars, Org. (for the 11th time); and Thomas, Steward.

The remaining Masonic business having been dispatched, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment and harmony.

After a well-served and bounteous repast, the W.M. rose and proposed the loyal toasts, which were well received, and honoured with "Kentish fire."

"The Grand Officers, Present and Past," was also duly honoured.

The I.P.M., Bro. Omer, then proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and hoped that he would be as well supported by his officers as he had been during his year of office, and was sure that from the manner in which he had performed all the duties of his past offices that he would prove a credit to the lodge.

The W.M. having responded, proposed the toast of "The I.P.M.," who fitly replied.

"The Installing Master" was proposed, and Bro. J. Mason, P.P.S.G.D. Middlesex, replied, thanking the brethren for the very cordial way in which they had accepted the toast. He felt that in following so eminent a member of the Fraternity as Bro. J. Terry he was at some disadvantage, but he had done his best, as he always did, in fulfilling his various duties in many parts of the country when called upon. He concluded by delivering the whole of a Masonic poem he had composed during one of his railway journeys, which gave great pleasure to the brethren.

For "The Visitors," Bro. J. Berry, P.M. and P.Z. 554, 1278, replied, thanking the W.M. and the brethren, and complimenting them on the good work done in the lodge.

Bro. Cundick said he was glad to be again present. It was the first time for 18 years. He was present at the consecration of the lodge, but, from various causes, had found no opportunity of visiting them till now.

For "The Past Masters" Bro. Moore and others replied.

Bro. Buchan responded for "The Treasurer and Secretary."

Bros. Fielder, Trappitt, J. Lusty, and others replied for "The Officers."

During the intervals Bros. Anderson, Buchan, Wm. Parrett, Capon, and others contributed various songs.

**Asaph Lodge (No. 1319).**—The installation meeting of this dramatic and musical lodge was held on the 3rd inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. James D. Beveridge, W.M., presiding. There was a large attendance of brethren, among them being Bros. T. de B. Holmes, S.W.; A. Bishop, J.W.; C. Wellard, P.M., Treas.; W. A. Tinney, P.M., Sec.; W. S. Penley, S.D.; F. H. Macklin, I.G.; S. Johnson and F. Stewart, Stwds.; J. Gilbert, Tyler; G. E. Fairchild, P.M.; Chas. E. Tinney, P.M.; James Weaver, P.M.; W. Lestocq, P.M.; Edward Swanborough, P.M.; E. Frewin, P.M.; C. S. Jekyll, P.M., P.G.O.; J. Guilmartin, C. J. Coxhead, W. F. Holloway, L. Lablache, W. L. Abingdon, C. Dodsworth, J. W. Mathews, J. J. Solomon, J. E. Hamilton, Carl Kiefert, Howard Reynolds, C. E. Howson, Frederick Burgess, P.G.S.; H. Snyders, A. W. Cornish, Algernon Syms, Sidney Valentine, H. Jalland, H. W. Cushing, G. H. Allen, Louis Honig, F. G. Hambleton, Edward Humphreys, P.M.; John Geary, H. J. Calcott, J. E. Hambleton, Arthur Thomas, Chas. H. Fox, Chas. B. Powell, R. F. Goodwin, Richard Temple, Lionel Brough, Algernon S. Rose, J. L. Simon, A. Woodhouse, Ormond Yearsley, A. Blackmore, J. Ettinson, and Charles Cote. Visitors: Bros. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary; Robert Pink, W.M. 777; Bassett Roe, 2199; N. Goodwin, 1768; H. H. Vincent Bassett, 392 (S.C.); Thos. W. Harrison, P.M. 442; Frank A. Kinghorn, 1602; W. J. Pilcher, P.M. 442 and 2101; Lionel Rignold, 2127; H. Gillard Glindoni, 1196; Robt. D. Cummings, P.M. 2168; E. J. Beale, P.M. Grand Stewards' Lodge and 8; H. Massey, 160, P.M. 619 and 1928; Harry Nicholls, S.D. 2127; J. P. Fitzgerald, P.M. 2168; J. D. Russell, 126; Robt. Manuel, W.M. 1196; Jas. Irvine, P.M. 862; Chas. Stevens, P.M. 1793; W. E. Chapman, W.M. 2199; R. P. Tabb, J.W. 753; R. P. Stevens, P.M. 901; M. I. Emanuel, P.M., W.M. 205; A. Adams, P.M. 4; E. T. Lynn, P.M. 1310; J. D. White, 190; C. Erhardt, P.M. 1670; F. Dangerfield, W.M. 1260; Chas. Belton, 1, P.D.G.D.C.; F. Jackson, J.W. 1979; Alfred J. Jarvis, 130; J. S. Wood, 2127; G. R. Ousey, P.M. 59; D. A. Mosten, 2168; Edward Terry, Past G. Treas.; H. Savidge, S.W. 22; J. Ll. Jones, P.M. 1670; Hugh Mackintosh, P.M. 4; Jas. A. Brown, 2264; Harper Kearton, 1920; E. Thomas, 1987; Courtice Pounds, 834; J. R. Jekyll; and George Bishop, P.M. 231.

Bro. Beveridge, on presentation of the S.W. by Bro. G. E. Fairchild, installed Bro. Tom de Brunnow Holmes, S.W. and W.M. elect, as Master of the lodge for the ensuing year in splendid style, and the W.M. then invested the following brethren as officers: Bros. Alfred Edward Bishop, S.W.; W. Sidney Penley, J.W.; Charles Wellard, P.M., Treas.; W. A. Tinney, P.M., Sec.; J. E. Hambleton, S.D.; F. H. Macklin, J.D.; G. E. Fairchild, P.M., Director of Ceremonies; C. E. Tinney, P.M., Organist; S. Johnson, I.G.; Frank Stewart and Luigi Lablache, Stewards; and J. Gilbert, Tyler. The I.P.M. then delivered the charge. At the conclusion of the ceremony Bro. James Weaver, P.M., and the last surviving member of the body of founders of the lodge, made a present to the lodge of a complete set of summonses to the lodge meetings since the foundation of the lodge in November, 1870, the only complete set in existence. With these summonses was a beautiful frontispiece designed at the establishment of Bro. George Kenning specially for this collection, with a list of all the Past Masters and founders of the lodge. The collection included the summons for this particular meeting, the whole being bound in a handsome volume. Bro. Weaver, in making the presentation, stated that he was sure the W.M. and the brethren would guard the memorial with due care. The W.M. accepted the gift with his best thanks, and the lodge passed a formal vote of thanks to Bro. Weaver.

The brethren, after some formal business, closed the lodge, and adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant to a choice banquet.

The speeches which followed were very short, Bros. Edward Terry and Col. Shadwell H. Clerke responding for "The Grand Officers" in few words, and the W.M. exhibiting the same quality in his propositions, stating that time was short, and that many of the brethren and officers had to get away to their engagements.

Bro. Beveridge proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master," wishing that brother a happy and prosperous year of office, and hoping that it would not be saddened by such deaths as the death of the Earl of Carnarvon, or of two Past Masters of the lodge, such as Bro. J. M. Maclean and Bro. Chamberlain.

The Worshipful Master then presented Bro. Beveridge with a handsome Past Master's jewel, and proposed his health at once, as Bro. Beveridge had to leave early.

Bro. Beveridge, in response, trusted he had kept up the old traditions of the lodge, which he considered the highest honour in Freemasonry.

The W.M. then replied to the toast of "The W.M.," and in thanking the brethren, said he should try to follow in the footsteps of his predecessor. No lodge in London could show such a grand array of workers as the Lodge of Asaph.

The other toasts followed, and the proceedings terminated.

A beautiful entertainment was given during the evening under the direction of Bro. C. E. Tinney, P.M., Organist, by Miss Helen Nolan, of Boston, U.S.A.; Miss Viola Winchester, Main, U.S.A.; Miss Ethel Newcombe, Nova Scotia; Bros. John A. Brown, Harper Kearton, Arthur Thomas, Charles Stevens, and C. E. Tinney, Bro. Howard Reynolds played the cornet to perfection, and Bro. Low Hay gave a wonderful ventriloquial performance.

**Kennington Lodge (No. 1381).**—A regular meeting of this successful lodge was held at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, on Tuesday, the 4th instant. There was a large attendance of members, including Bros. W. W. Westley, W.M.; J. La Feuillade, S.W.; J. Dennis, J.W.; Geo. Everett, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; A.

Lundie, S.D.; J. N. Hearn, J.D.; J. Burn, Org.; C. Colwell, Stwd.; W. Meham, I.G.; J. Cockburn, P.M.; H. F. Foalé, P.M.; R. La Feuillade, P.M.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W. Middx.; H. Higgins, P.M.; C. H. Köhler, P.M.; and many others. Visitors: Bros. J. M. McLeod, W.M. and P.M. SS4, P.P.G.S.B. Derbyshire; H. Jenkins, I.P.M. 860; W. Burton, W.M. 733; S. B. Cross, 1366; G. Murray, 619; A. J. Newton, 186; W. Poole, 172; J. E. Driver, 1001; J. Wm. Stevens, 2234; G. White, 975; H. Hill, P.M., 1305; and W. W. Lee, S.W. 2381.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed, and Bro. H. Pohl was raised to the Degree of a Master Mason. Bros. F. Penn and H. E. Peck were then passed to the Second Degree, after which Messrs. T. Springthorp, V. O. Clowes, and A. Williams were initiated into Freemasonry. The whole of the ceremonies were performed by the W.M. with the ability for which he is so well-known in the Craft, and more particularly in South London. Bro. F. F. Begg was unanimously elected a joining member.

The lodge was closed, and an excellent banquet was followed by the usual toasts.

Bro. H. F. Foalé, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master," and said there were a large number of brethren—especially the younger members, and their opinion would be endorsed by the Past Masters—who looked upon their present Worshipful Master more as a father than as a Worshipful Master. The great interest taken by Bro. Westley, W.M., in Freemasonry, and particularly in bringing young Masons forward in the lodge of instruction, was second to none, and the Kennington Lodge had in him one of the best Worshipful Masters of the present time.

Bro. W. Westley, W.M., returned thanks, and could only say with regard to that lodge, which received him some years ago with open arms as a joining member, that he had been more at home in it than in any other, and the lodge had done him a great honour by electing him as W.M. In that position he had tried to do his duty and to gain the love of every member. He hoped he had succeeded, and if not his failure was not due to want of trying. He had endeavoured to rule, not with a rod of iron, but with a rod of love, and the interest of the lodge was dear to his heart, for he was only too happy if he could advance its prosperity. He generally attended the lodge of instruction to which so many of the members belonged, and he trusted to see them at some future day in the position he occupied. He hoped to be spared for many years to continue a member of the lodge and join in all the work.

"The Initiates" having been given and duly responded to, the W. Master gave "The Masonic Charities," and thanked Bro. Everett, P.M., for introducing Bro. McLeod, the Secretary for the R.M.I. for Boys, to the brethren. He was pleased to welcome that brother, and hoped he would be a frequent visitor. The Charities were the grandest object in Masonry, and every Mason worthy of the name must try to advance them. Bro. McLeod was the new Secretary, and he hoped that under his captaincy the Institution would prosper.

Bro. J. M. McLeod, Secretary R.M.I. for Boys, thanked Bro. Everett for having introduced him to another good lodge, the W.M. for his kind remarks, and the brethren for their cordial reception. He could assure them it was a very great pleasure to him to be able to visit a lodge and see so many good men and true, in order to talk to them of the Charities in general and more particularly the R.M.I. for Boys. The brethren knew well, and it was not for him to say much of the excellent Charities which they had so well supported in the past. The Institution for the aged people was doing good work and possessed an excellent Secretary, known and respected throughout the Craft. It was not for him to say much of the sister Institution to the one he represented, for the Girls' School was par excellence, the favourite Institution of the three. Favoured in its management by some of the leading men in the Craft, who took good care it was ever to the front, and favoured by its locality. That being the case they could appeal on behalf of the Boys' School very strongly for help to raise it to that good position he would go the length of saying it once occupied, and ought never to have lost, and which he was quite certain it would regain. It was not for him to say it would rise through any efforts of his; he was simply the servant of the executive; it was only for him to point out what had been done by the hard-working Committee. The Management Committee, following upon the lines of the Investigation Committee, tried, and he thought the brethren would say it had succeeded, in placing the School on a good foundation, which would bear fruit in the future. They had improved the moral tone by introducing a Head Master who worked hard, and whom the boys had begun to love, which was a great thing. The boys would now tell them it was something like a school. They had improved the dietary, and also introduced a complete system of sanitation, and if an outbreak of fever should occur the case could be isolated. That was something to their credit, and they had also improved the arrangements for the lavatories, which were now cleanly. Arrangements had also been completed for allowing the boys to escape should a fire break out, and they had the satisfaction of knowing that the boys could be cleared out in less than two minutes. The work had been carried out well and most economically, as well as efficiently. It had not been done without expense, and the brethren knew that for two years the School had received support which was not sufficient to carry out the ordinary expenditure. It was for the brethren to recover the lost ground, to find the sinews of war, and enable the good work to go on, and to let the School continue to be filled with the sons of poor parents. It was for them to do their share, knowing the present management would carefully lay out every penny subscribed. That lodge had taken great interest in the School, and had a P.M. and Treasurer in Bro. Everett who had taken a large interest in the Provisional Management Committee, and had put in hour after hour, and done his best to assist in putting the School in a proper state of efficiency. He (Bro. McLeod) asked the lodge to send a Steward for the next Festival, over which the Earl of Lathom would preside, and support him with a goodly sum. As the W.M. had said that short speeches should be the order, he thought he had said enough to appeal to them to give the Boys' School the support it so thoroughly deserved.

Bros. Burton, W.M. 733; Hill, P.M. 1305; and Jenkins, I.P.M. 860, replied for "The Visitors," and Bro. Foalé, I.P.M., for the "Past Masters."

In giving "The Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. said a large amount of the success of the lodge must be attributed to Bro. George Everett, P.M., Treas., for he took a great

weight off the Master, and gave great satisfaction to every brother. In the finance Bro. Everett always maintained an excellent balance, and above that was a genial and good hearted brother, who in the best part of Masonry—that of Charity—was well to the front. They all knew Bro. Everett was a candidate for the Treasurership of a larger lodge than theirs—the Grand Treasurership—and they hoped he would be successful this year. He almost thought it would be a "walk over" for Bro. Everett, and if he was successful there was no doubt he would keep a good balance to the credit of the Grand Lodge funds. The Secretary, Bro. Stuart, was a good old servant of the lodge, and kept the accounts in a masterly manner.

Bro. George Everett, P.M., Treas., in reply, said he wished he could find something fresh to say with regard to that well-worn and time-honoured toast to which it fell to his lot so frequently to respond. In order to do that he should have to find new words in which to clothe his language, and that was where the difficulty arose. The W.M., with that kind-heartedness which was his great characteristic, had given the toast in such flattering terms, and held him up as such a model Treasurer, that his difficulties were still further increased. To such a practised orator as Bro. McLeod, the difficulty would not be much, but to one like himself, whose innate modesty was proverbial, it was not so easily overcome, and he should therefore content himself with going over the old ground, and telling them how greatly he appreciated their kindly reception, and that the lodge was never in a more flourishing condition than now. Perfect harmony prevailed amongst the members, and all its surroundings betokened a satisfactory future. It had been a great gratification to him to introduce to the lodge the new Secretary of the Boys' School—Bro. McLeod—whose acquaintance with him was of short duration, dating only from the time of his candidature, but he was convinced that the more they knew of Bro. McLeod the better they would like him and appreciate his many good qualities and his fitness for the office. As one of the Provisional Management Committee he was in a position to state that Bro. McLeod had made a good start, and, in order that that good work might continue, he would ask every member of the lodge to do all that lay in his power to assist that brother in the great task before him. He hoped that next year's W.M. would see his way to go up as Steward, when the lodge would support him, and thus give Bro. McLeod a good "send off" in his first year. They had been reminded that he (Bro. Everett) was taking somewhat an active part in the management of the Boys' School, and he was glad to say things were going on in a very prosperous manner, and was sure that with a Head Master who had proved himself most successful in everything he had undertaken, and with such an efficient Secretary the future of the School gave very good promise. He must refer to the kindly allusion made by the W.M. to a matter very dear to his heart—the Grand Treasurership of 1891. He need not go back to the time when he fought an election and was beaten, or how he bore his defeat as a man and a Mason. That had all passed, but he might tell them that if 1500 promises—and amongst them some of the most distinguished and most influential members of the Craft—counted for what they should, his prospects of being Grand Treasurer next year were very bright indeed. He was sure the members of the many lodges to which he belonged would do their best, and he thought success would be the result.

Bro. W. Stuart, P.M., Secretary, also replied, and "The Officers" having been honoured, the Tyler's toast closed an enjoyable evening.

During the evening Bros. Everett, Walls, Davis, McLeod, and others enlivened the proceedings by some excellent music.

**Beaconsfield Lodge (No. 1662).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, E., on Tuesday, the 4th inst. Among the visitors were Bros. Samuel Smither, I.P.M. 193; S. Hooper, W.M. 1987; Donovan, 36; G. H. Brown, P.M. 933; E. Munday, W.M. 1641; Goulding, 1446; E. Gray, 65; and T. Johnson, P.M. 95.

The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed, after which Bro. W. Baker was duly passed to the Second Degree by the W.M., Bro. Fred. Hallows. Bro. Thomas Probert was then duly installed into the chair of K.S. in a very excellent manner by Bro. Fred. Hallows. The officers being invested, the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards sat down to a sumptuous repast provided by the worthy host.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk.

Bro. S. Smither responded for "The Visitors, and, in the course of his remarks, said he was much pleased to visit the Beaconsfield Lodge to see the excellent manner in which the ceremonies had been worked; it was a credit to the lodge. He trusted the W.M. would have a good year of office, with plenty of work, and good and true men as initiates.

Harmony was ably rendered by Bros. Pinder, Keeble, Gray, Johnson, and others, and recitations by Bros. Pinder and S. Smither.

**St. Leonard Lodge (No. 1766).**—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge was held at the Town Hall, Shoreditch, on Wednesday, the 5th inst. Bro. H. J. Thrower, W.M., occupied the chair, and was supported by a large gathering of Past Masters, officers, members, and visitors. There was a full paper of business. Bros. Dellar, Nehm, and Braine were raised to the Degree of M.M., and Bro. Nurcombe passed to the F.C., the ceremonies being worked in an admirable manner. Bro. M. J. Wesson, 65, was unanimously elected a joining member. An interesting feature in the proceedings was the presentation to Bro. L. V. Walker of the vote of condolence, inscribed on vellum and suitably framed, which the lodge passed at its last meeting in regard to the lamented death of Bro. E. Walker, P.M. For the first time in the history of the lodge the W.M. was re-elected to the chair, the S.W. having taken a voyage to Australia, and the J.W. being already W.M. of his mother lodge. Bro. B. Nicholson was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Very Tyler of the lodge. On the motion of Bro. J. Cox, I.P.M., a Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to Bro. Thrower on the completion of his first year of office. After the transaction of some other business, the lodge was closed.

The W.M. having obtained a dispensation from Grand Lodge for the purpose, the banquet was attended by the ladies of the brethren, and shortly before eight o'clock the ladies were received by the Reception Committee, the company in all numbering upwards of 90 persons.

The banquet was served in excellent style by Messrs. Hill and Son, of Bishopsgate, under the genial presidency of the W.M., with Mrs. Thrower on his right.

After grace, the usual loyal toasts were honoured, and brief addresses were made.

In the toast of "The W.M." Bro. Thrower was warmly congratulated alike on his thoughtfulness in behalf of the ladies, and on the honour of his re-election to the chair.

"The Health of the Past Masters" was suitably responded to by Bro. L. Stean, a grand old Mason of some 82 years, initiated over 60 years ago.

The toast of "The Ladies" was given in graceful terms of welcome and appreciation for the chair, and response was made by Bro. J. A. Jones, P.M.

For "The Visitors" acknowledgments were given by Bros. John Lobb, M.L.S.B., E. Barnes, M.L.S.B., Major Wenborn, Capt. Birkett, and G. Edwards.

Bro. Nicholson responded for "The Treasurer and Secretary," and Bro. W. Beasley, J.W., for "The Officers of the Lodge."

The toast of "The Ladies' Banquet Committee" was responded to by Bros. T. W. D'Aubney, Tames, and Levy.

The pleasures of the evening were greatly enhanced by the performance of an excellent selection of music by Miss Jessie Hotine, Miss Ethel Bevans, and Bros. W. Price, W. Bradford, and F. H. Cozens.

**Alliance Lodge (No. 1827).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., on Wednesday, the 5th inst., when Bro. E. F. Fitch was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The members present included Bros. Col. J. Perry Godfrey, W.M.; E. F. Fitch, S.W.; F. S. Jackson, J.W.; Rev. J. Henry Smith, Chap.; H. Clarke, P.M., Treas.; J. E. Turner, P.M., Sec.; Rev. G. J. Scott, S.D.; E. T. Rodney Wilde, J.D.; Sir John Monckton, P.G.W.; T. Roderick, I.G.; F. A. Jewson, Org.; V. Dunfee and W. Westcott, Stewards; J. Perkins, P.M.; Col. T. D. Sewell, P.M., P.G. Stwd.; H. Squire, P.M., D.C.; J. N. Johnson, P.M.; Capt. H. Wright, P.M.; H. Percy Monckton, B. Emanuel, M.A., W. Bruce Clarke, M.A., and others. Visitors: Bros. Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., P.G.W.; E. Letchworth, P.G.D.; J. L. Mather, P.A.G.D.C.; H. H. Thompson, P.M. 170; E. Gamman, 7; S. Gamman, P.M. 206; W. Burr, W.M. 1612; H. S. Foster, 1614; M. R. Webb, S.W. 1656; and W. W. Lee, S.W. 2381.

Lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed, after which Bro. E. F. Fitch was presented as W.M. elect, and duly installed by Bro. Sir John Monckton, P.G.W. The officers for the year were invested as follows: Bros. F. S. Jackson, S.W.; Rev. G. J. Scott, J.W.; H. Clarke, P.M., Treas.; Col. T. D. Sewell, P.M., P.G. Stwd., Sec.; E. R. Wilde, S.D.; Vickers Dunfee, J.D.; F. A. Jewson, Org.; T. Roderick, I.G.; Hy. Squire, P.M., D.C.; B. Emanuel, M.A., and W. B. Clarke, M.A., Stewards; and T. Lovell, Tyler. The addresses to the Master, Wardens, and brethren were then effectively rendered by Bro. Sir John Monckton, P.G.W., the Installing Master. Bro. Sewell, P.M., Sec., proposed that a vote of thanks should be passed and engrossed, and presented to Bro. Turner, P.M., the late Secretary, together with a jewel, in recognition of his valuable services as Secretary for many years past. Bro. Sewell said that their late Secretary had borne the heat and burden of the day when the lodge more particularly required a good Secretary, and the geniality and ability with which Bro. Turner had performed his duties was known to all the members. The motion was seconded by Bro. Clarke, P.M., Treas., supported by Bros. Sir J. Monckton, P.M., and Col. Perry Godfrey, I.P.M., and carried unanimously. Bro. Turner, P.M., thanked the brethren for their recognition of the few services he had rendered, and assured them his heart had been in the work. Votes of thanks were accorded to the W.M. for his kindly and generous gift of a new set of officers' collars, and to Bro. Sir J. Monckton for his kindness in acting as Installing Master. Other business having been transacted, the lodge was formally closed.

The brethren having enjoyed a *recherché* banquet, their attention was directed to the customary loyal and Masonic toasts.

Bro. Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., P.G.W., replied for "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," and expressed his sorrow at not being able to attend the interesting ceremony which preceded the splendid banquet, having had to deliver a lecture which was an engagement of some standing. It always gave one great pleasure, he said, to attend any banquet of brethren of the Order, and particularly pleasing to him because on this occasion he met a great many brethren with whom he was associated in another capacity, and it was owing to his association with them as members of the great corporation that they were kind enough to elect him Lord Mayor, to which he owed the high honour of being J.G.W. of England. The W.M. had alluded to what they must all feel a subject of great sorrow—the great loss the Craft and the country had sustained in the death of the Earl of Carnarvon. It curiously happened that evening in attending a meeting dealing with colonial subjects, that it was his duty to refer to that great man in regard to what was the act of his life, and in connection with which he would be known to posterity. They would remember that the late Earl of Carnarvon passed the act which constituted Canada into a dominion. In addition, he was a man known in a great many ways, was known as a great statesman, as one who distinguished himself as a philanthropist, and as one who, in spite of his afflictions, has left no inconsiderable name as a literary man. They had to mourn him as a Pro Grand Master of the Order, for they had all felt what a great advantage it was to the Craft that one who had so many claims to the sympathy, respect, and honour of his fellow countrymen and mankind at large should have taken such a deep interest in the prosperity of the Order. In the Earl of Lathom they had a man of kindred spirit, who was devoted to the interests of the Order, and whom they must all feel it a great privilege to recognise in the distinguished position he had attained, and one he hoped they should recognise in a higher position. As regards the other Grand Officers, he could wish they were better represented than by himself. He had a brother beside him to whom they were indebted for the way in which he performed the installations. For the rest of the Grand Officers he could only say he believed they had an anxious desire to promote the best interests of Masonry, and it was their united wish it might prosper while they were spared, and that in days to come its traditions might be handed down unimpaired to posterity.

The Immediate Past Master, in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said he was sure that Bro. Fitch felt honoured at being installed W.M. of his mother lodge. He had had the pleasure of serving with the W.M. as a brother officer for some years in the lodge, and had found him most loyal, and that being the case, Bro. Fitch would look, and would not look in vain, for a similar carrying out of commands. Whilst they had in the chair of the lodge one who took such a great interest in Masonry, they could not fail to do well, and although they had done well in the past, they would under such auspices do still better in the future. They were all aware of the interest taken by the W.M. in the lodge, how he had invited the Past Masters to meet together and discuss questions for its benefit, and how good he had been in presenting the lodge with a new set of officers' collars. There was no doubt the toast would be received with the same pleasure as that in which it was given.

Bro. E. F. Fitch, W.M., thanked the I.P.M. and brethren for the kind manner in which the toast of his health had been proposed and received. The present was an important event in his lifetime. He was initiated in the lodge some few years ago and had risen, step by step until by their kind and cordial election he had been placed in the important position of W.M. He had taken great interest in Masonry, and more particularly in his mother lodge. It was not easy for him to say all he could wish, but he thanked them for the kindness with which he had been received, and as far as the interests of the lodge were concerned no efforts on his part would be wanting to merit a continuance of their kindness.

Bro. J. Perry Godfrey, I.P.M., responded for "The Past Masters," and said the brethren knew how well the Past Masters had served the lodge and given satisfaction to the members. He thanked the brethren exceedingly for the very kind support rendered him during his year as W.M., and for the handsome Past Master's jewel which he should always honour and never forget.

The Worshipful Master then gave "The Installing Master, Bro. Sir John Monckton, P.M.," and said it was not the first time that distinguished brother had been thanked for offices performed, for they had seen him install the Masters in that lodge for some years past. He (the W.M.) begged to thank him personally for so kindly installing him that evening, and which he regarded as a great honour, and also for the kindly advice he had at all times most readily given. He regretted he could not give expression to his feelings in words which would merit the merits of the case, but he hoped Bro. Sir John Monckton would accept his few halting remarks in the spirit in which they were intended.

Bro. Sir John Monckton, P.G.W., in reply, said that by the favour of the lodge it had been his privilege to install the Worshipful Masters for some years past, and he supposed it had been somewhat of filial affection as one who stood in the position of father of the lodge. He had installed 103 Masters previous to the installation that evening—and if there should be another 104 he should be pleased—for when a brother knew the ceremony it was as simple as shelling peas. That lodge was now attaining some little age, having been started some eight or ten years ago, and had gone on steadily and well. There had only been one little trouble, and that was their installation night had always fallen on the same evening as the Grand Chapter. The S.W. had given notice of motion that evening which would put their meeting forward just one week, and, if carried, they would on their next installation night have a goodly array of Grand Officers present. He was glad to install a brother that evening who would be an excellent Mason in the chair, for Bro. Fitch had all the attributes a good Mason should have, and would prove a worthy Master of the lodge.

Bros. E. Letchworth, P.G.D., and S. Gamman, P.M. 206, returned thanks for "The Visitors," and "The Officers" having been duly honoured, the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

A choice selection of music was performed under the direction of Bro. F. A. Jewson, Org., assisted by Miss Laura Brown, Madame Raymond, Mr. Ritchie Ling, and Bro. A. Strugnell.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

**Gallery Lodge (No. 1928).**—The ordinary meeting of this lodge was held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Saturday, the 1st inst., when there were present Bros. Herbert Wright, W.M.; W. T. Perkins, S.W.; J. C. Mainwaring, acting J.W.; H. Massey, P.M., Treas.; Thos. Minstrell, Sec.; Basil Cooke, S.D.; E. E. Peacock, J.D.; Percy Wallace, Org.; C. Lock and H. J. Saunderson, Stewards; H. Bussey, P.M.; J. C. Duckworth, P.M.; W. Potts, George Tarran, John Allan, Jas. Walker, S. James, G. E. Saunders, Thos. G. Scott, A. F. Robbins, Geo. Ribbons, Bell, H. J. Fisher, Brodie, J. D. Irvine, Dodds, and W. T. Massey. Visitors: Bros. Edgar, 62 (S.C.), and Cox, 1605.

The lodge having been duly opened, Mr. W. Geo. Kirby was elected as an initiate, Bro. Dodds was passed to the Second Degree, and Bro. Irvine raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. Mr. Kirby was afterwards initiated, the three Degrees being worked with great care and impressiveness by the W.M., ably assisted by the Wardens and Deacons. Bro. Perkins, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M., and Bros. H. Massey and Very as Treasurer and Tyler respectively. The Audit Committee having been appointed, Bros. Robbins, Tarran, and Lock were elected on the Permanent Committee—an important body entrusted with the administration of the lodge Benevolent Fund. On the motion of Bro. Bussey, P.M., seconded by Bro. Perkins, S.W., W.M. elect, a Past Master's jewel was voted to the outgoing W.M.

After some other business the lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to an excellent supper.

The Worshipful Master, in responding to the toast of his health, thanked Bro. Massey for the kind manner in which he had proposed his health, and the brethren for their cordial reception of it. He was, as they were aware, the first initiate of the lodge, and during his year of office he had received great sympathy and support from all the officers and brethren, for which he thanked them most deeply. During the year they had moved away from their original home at Brixton Hall, and that step had been attended by a success which had exceeded his own expectation, although he was the prime instigator of the change. He thanked them all most heartily. The W.M. concluded by proposing "The Health of the Initiate," whom he was sure would do honour to the lodge. Bro. Kirby was personally known to most of the brethren, and they knew that he would be a worthy member of the Craft.

Bro. Kirby briefly responded, remarking that what struck him most was the practical illustration of the Masonic virtue of Charity he had seen in the concluding business of the lodge, when the brethren had dealt with two cases of distress with promptness and generosity.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing what he remarked on that occasion must be considered the toast of the evening, viz., "The W.M. elect," said that his mind went back nine years, when himself and four others, including Bro. Perkins, were initiated as the first initiates. Of those five, three were present that evening. As he had had the honour to be placed in the front, he was at the top of the table, and Bro. Perkins at the bottom, but they were twin brothers in Masonry, and had worked together and gone on step by step since the commencement. In electing Bro. Perkins as their next Master, the brethren had done honour to themselves and an honour to a hard-working Mason. He looked for great things from Bro. Perkins next year, and the task of installing him would be one of peculiar pleasure.

Bro. Perkins, S.W., W.M. elect, said he returned his sincere thanks for the great compliment they had paid him by electing him to the chair of K.S., and it would be his earnest endeavour to fulfil the duties of that supreme office in a Craft lodge. The Gallery Lodge was now getting old enough to have traditions, and it was pleasing to find that the Gallery Lodge had taken a prominent part in Masonic Charity. It would be his most constant desire to continue that special tradition. He hoped they would all strive to attain to the most excellent Masonic work, and they had that day seen their W.M. perform the three Degrees in a manner that could be hardly surpassed in any lodge. He should be content if he could succeed as well as the W.M. The first essential in a lodge was sympathy, for without sympathy Masonic work was almost a farce. That lodge had played a useful part in softening the asperities of Press life. He had had much pleasure in working under the present W.M. and many of the Past Masters, and he trusted the brethren would rally round him, so that they might have good and agreeable meetings and profitable work.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Officers," regretted the absence through illness of Bro. Albery, the J.W., who, as one of the founders and for some time the Secretary, had worked hard and done great service to the lodge.

Other toasts followed, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

**Quatuor Coronati Lodge (No. 2076).**—This lodge met at Freemasons' Hall on Saturday, the 8th inst., when there were present Bros. R. F. Gould, P.G.D., as W.M.; W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B., S.W.; Dr. W. Wynn Westcott, as J.W.; G. W. Speth, Sec.; Rev. J. C. Baer, J.D.; W. M. Williams, Stwd.; W. H. Rylands, P.G. Stwd.; S. T. Klein, Dr. B. W. Richardson, C. Kupferschmidt, and E. J. Castle, Q.C.; and of the Correspondence Circle Bros. S. Richardson, F. Schnitzer, C. N. McIntyre North, C. P. Dyke, Rev. H. C. Houndle, E. L. G. Houndle, C. B. Barnes, J. Seymour, W. H. Lee, Dr. W. H. Kempster, Col. M. Petrie, R. Roy, J. A. Gould, Major G. Lambert, P.G.S.B.; G. Greiner, W. M. Graham, W. G. P. Gilbert, W. Maitland, G. Gregson, E. T. Edwards, Dr. W. R. Woodman, P.G.S.B.; R. Greenwood, G. W. Taylor, Dr. W. A. Barrett, P.G.O.; Prof. F. W. Driver, H. Lovegrove, W. Wingham, W. T. Warner, and Max Mendelsohn. Visitors: Bros. Dr. G. Griffiths, P.M. 2000; W. G. Lemon, A.G.D.C.; H. Hughes, P.M. 809; J. H. Hughes, 404; C. Lambert, 198; G. James, G. R. Langley, P.M. 183; W. T. Barr, P.M. 435; M. Smith, 19; C. R. Sayer, 1076; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Magnus Ohren, P.A.G.D.C.; J. C. Jackson, P.M. 1232; E. Edwards, S.D. 2264; Col. J. Robertson, P.M. 459; and J. Walker, 459.

The following two Grand Lodges, four lodges, and 16 brethren were admitted to the Correspondence Circle:—The Grand Lodge of Victoria, Melbourne, and the Grand Lodge of New York; Probity Lodge, No. 61; Lodge of Harmony, No. 133; Archimedes zer den, 3, Reissbretern, Altenburg, Germany; Astraea Lodge, No. 1376, Thayertrige, Burma; Bros. F. D. MacMillan, 744 (S.C.), and Lars Pedersen, 175 (S.C.), both of Johannesburg, Africa; J. B. Parker, 102, New Orleans; T. J. Dewitt, P.D.G.M., of South Dakota; J. I. MacDougall, 3½ (S.C.); W. P. Cochrane, 602; T. Purvis, 481; T. Dinning, 481, P.P.A. G.D.C. Northumberland; F. S. Cowper, W.M. 2039; J. France, 904; E. J. Hubbard, 904; G. H. Gool, 493; J. A. Gool, 493; T. Cohu, P.M. 193; J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B.; and C. R. Sayers, 1076—thus raising the total of in-trants to 1034.

Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., was unanimously elected an honorary member of the lodge, and expressed his appreciation of the honour conferred upon him. Bro. S. Richardson, acting D.C., having presented Bro. W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B., S.W., for installation, he was placed in the chair of K.S. with the usual formalities by Bro. R. F. Gould, P.M. The officers for the year are Bros. R. F. Gould, P.G.D., I.P.M.; Prof. T. Hayter Lewis, R.I.B.A., S.W.; Dr. W. Wynn Westcott, J.W.; Walter Besant, Treas.; G. W. Speth, Sec.; Rev. J. C. Baer, S.D.; E. Macbean, J.D.; W. M. Williams, I.G.; and C. Kupferschmidt, Steward. The W.M. delivered a long and interesting address from the chair, recounting the progress of the lodge, the advance made in its special objects, and sketching out the hopes of the brethren for the future. In the absence of Bro. Macbean, his paper on the "Formation of the Grand Lodge of Scotland" was read by the Secretary. This did not allow of a discussion, and a vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the author.

The brethren then adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant. In proposing "The Health of the W.M.," Bro. Gould said: Brethren,—In the absence of the I.P.M., the duty devolves upon myself of proposing what on these occasions is rightly deemed the toast of the evening, that is to say the health of the worthy and distinguished brother whom we have just placed in the chair, and whose mission it will be to preside over the destinies of the lodge until the Festival of the Four Crowned Martyrs once more comes round, at the close of which period it will fall to his lot to occupy the position I am filling at this moment, when I trust he may be able to predict, with the same confidence that I now do, a happy and prosperous year of office for the newly-installed Master, together with a steady advance by the lodge towards a full realisation of the various aims for which it was called into existence. These are sanguine anticipations, but I shall hope in some measure at least to justify the prognostication which has been laid before you, by at once proceeding with what I have been able to glean of our W.M.'s

Masonic record in the past, from which, if I do not greatly err, you will, I think, deduce as a conclusion that a continuance of the zeal and assiduity which has hitherto distinguished him may be confidently relied upon in the future. Bro. Bywater saw the light of Masonry in November, 1846. The Royal Athelstan, No. 19, was his mother lodge, and to this, after the lapse of 44 years, he still belongs. Its Mastership he served in 1853, was for 16 years its Secretary, and is at the present moment its Treasurer. Attached to the Royal Athelstan Lodge, is the Mount Sinai Chapter, also of course No. 19, and it almost goes without saying that so exemplary a Past Master of the lodge became in due course a P.Z. of the chapter. But his interest in the Royal Arch Degree was not yet slaked, so to the duties of Secretary to the Royal Athelstan Lodge he added those of Scribe E. to the Mount Sinai Chapter. Nor was this enough for him. He became Secretary of the Percy Lodge of Instruction, and continued to act as such for many years. The brethren are aware that besides what are called the Craft Degrees, or the Degrees of Free and Ancient Freemasonry, there are many rites and orders the membership of which is restricted to Freemasons, and in a number of them our W.M. has played a distinguished part. At the services rendered by him to these associations I shall presently take a parting glance, but I must now pass on to what (with only one possible exception of very recent date) may be described as the crowning honour of his Masonic career. In April, 1887, our brother was invested with the collar of Grand Sword Bearer, and it consequently fell to his lot to bear the sword before H.R.H. the Grand Master in the following June at the great assembly of Freemasons held at the Royal Albert Hall in celebration of the Queen's Jubilee. In the same year he was appointed Grand Standard Bearer in Grand Chapter. Bro. Bywater has been elected a member of the Board of General Purposes no less than five times. He has served twice on the Board of Benevolence. A long list of Stewardships attests his warm interest in the three Charitable Institutions, which are the pride of English Freemasons, and I must not forget to state that he is a Vice-President of them all. Our brother is an active member of several archaeological and other societies, and is a Past Master of the Patten Makers' Company. But unless I am to go on addressing you for the remainder of the evening, I must pass very lightly over all these portions of our Worshipful Master's career, which have no direct bearing upon his services as a Freemason. The point I am next coming to is our brother's connection with this lodge. He was an original member of the Masonic Archaeological Institute. His first contribution to the literature of the Craft was a history of the Royal Athelstan Lodge, No. 19; his second, that charming little book, "Notes on Laurence Dermott and his Work"; and his third, if I may venture to draw an inference from the initials which correspond with his own, appended to a most interesting memoir of the famous Grand Secretary of the Schismatics or Seceders, which will be found in the Dictionary of National Biography. When this lodge was established Bro. Bywater naturally became a member of it, and was the first brother who joined us. I am not forgetting that Bro. Simpson is apparently the first joining member, but this brother we have always regarded as a founder, because the petition for a warrant would have borne his signature had he not been absent at the time as a war correspondent. The lodge was consecrated on the 12th January, 1886, and in the April following we elected the first batch of joining members. Our "Transactions" tell us that on the 7th April, 1886, "The lodge met at F.M.H. There were present Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford in the chair; Bros. W. H. Rylands, R. F. Gould, and G. W. Speth. Bro. W. M. Bywater was admitted in the course of the evening." But I may be permitted to add that does not appear in the printed record of our proceedings, and which I think will amuse you. As acting Secretary at the time, I had written to the manager of the house we are now in, engaging a private room for our lodge dinner, and guaranteeing a minimum attendance of 14. When the day arrived, however, even with the presence of Bro. Bywater, we were only five all-told in the lodge, and as Bro. Rylands could not stay to dine, we were only four instead of 14 for the banquet. In this difficulty I went to the manager, who at once cancelled the arrangement for a private room, and the first night of our settling down to regular work as a lodge was ended by Bros. Woodford, Speth, Bywater, and myself sitting down to dinner, a little party of four, at one of the tables in the public room. Since then many things have happened, but I do not think that the extraordinary success achieved by the lodge during the four-and-a-half years we have been fairly at work can be brought home to you more effectively than by asking each of you to picture in his mind's eye the somewhat unpromising condition under which for the first time after the consecration of the lodge we sat down as members to a common meet. But our first joining member was not the sort of man to despair of the commonwealth. At the next meeting he showed the courage of his opinions by expressing his confident belief that the lodge had a great future before it, and at the following one he presented us with these beautiful gavel of ivory and ebony, one of which was placed in his hand this night as an emblem of his authority—being the same I am now privileged to wield while performing the task which has devolved upon me. From what I have already told you, you will be aware that our W.M. is one of those brethren to whom no labour of a Masonic character comes amiss. But I shall wind up with the fullest recital in my power of the duties which are at present undertaken—and I need hardly add *performed*—by Bro. Bywater. To begin with—our brother is W.M. of this lodge, and he is also W.M. of the Bon Accord Mark Lodge for the second year. He is Treasurer of the Royal Athelstan Lodge, No. 19, and the Invicta Rose Croix Chapter. He likewise holds office in the Cyrus Royal Arch Chapter, No. 21, and the Stuart Encampment of Knights Templar; lastly, he is a member of the 31<sup>st</sup>, A and A.S.R. Viewing all these circumstances, and bearing in mind that whatever the scope of our inquiries, our proceedings as a lodge must always be strictly regulated by the laws of the Society, and I think we should congratulate ourselves in having placed in the chair a brother who is not only a Masonic student, but to whom all the diversified features of lodge work are familiar, and whose past experience as a Master, Treasurer, and Secretary cannot but be in the highest degree beneficial to the Quatuor Coronati Lodge. In conclusion, and I here come to considerations which are more easily felt than described, our brother has shown us that he regards the tie of brotherhood subsisting between the members of this lodge as one of a very binding character indeed. Originating with Bro.

Hayter Lewis, followed up by Bro. Williams, and again by Bro. Klein, the suggestion has been thrown out that the officers and members of the Quatuor Coronati might occasionally unbend from their graver studies and seek the solace of social enjoyment at the dwelling-house of one of their number. In other words, they have been asked to meet together from time to time as friends as well as brethren. The experiments made by the brethren I have named, the S.W., the I.G., and Bro. Klein have borne very good fruit. We are getting to know one another better, and with the gratifying result that a greater familiarity with each other's crotchets has not lessened but increased the binding power of the tie which unites us. Among those whose heart goes out, so to speak, to his brethren on the occasions when we are thus brought together is our new W.M., and I put it to you as being by no means the least of his qualifications for the chair in which we have placed him this evening. A kindliness of disposition we have already learnt to appreciate, and which we feel sure will always be associated with his name and fame when his year of office shall have expired.

**Argonauts' Lodge** (No. 2243).—A regular meeting was held at the Cromwell Hall, Putney, on the 10th inst. Present: Bros. J. F. Savory, W.M.; G. D. Lister, S.W.; T. W. Willis, J.W.; Gordon Smith, Sec.; E. T. Smith, S.D.; H. H. Woodroffe, J.D.; P. Stansfeld Smith, J.D.; E. Monteuuis, P.M., D.C.; C. W. Mapleton, Steward; F. G. Mitchell, Tyler; H. B. Adcock, H. J. Hill, G. Baker, C. W. Hughes, J. A. Drake Smith, Wm. Theobald, H. M. Watt, and A. Thorn. Visitors: Bros. W. J. Sheppard, 14, and E. J. Savory, 1731.

The lodge was opened and the minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Walter Coward, L.R.C., 2000, was elected a joining member. Bros. Baker and Theobald were passed, and Mr. Henry Murray Watt, T.R.C., was initiated, the charge to all the candidates being given by Bro. Gordon Smith. A ballot having been taken, Bro. Gordon Smith was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year; Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., was re-elected Treasurer; and Bro. F. G. Mitchell, Tyler. Notice of motion was given to present the W.M. with a Past Master's jewel in recognition of his services during his year of office. Two candidates, one for initiation and one for joining, were duly proposed, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to their usual excellent cold repast, and afterwards the customary toasts and songs completed the harmony of the evening.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BEAMINSTER.

**Beamminster Manor Lodge**—(No. 1367).—On Tuesday, the 4th instant, the 117th regular meeting of this lodge took place at the lodge room, White Hart Hotel, at which the following officers and brethren were present: Bros. J. S. Webb, P.S.G.W., W.M.; C. Toleman, I.P.M.; H. Maunders, P.G.S., S.W.; R. R. Samson, P.G.S., J.W.; Rev. E. G. Austen, P.P.G.C., Chap.; J. Andrews, P.J.G.W., Treas.; A. Hann, Sec.; O. M. Beament, S.D.; S. R. Baskett, P.P.G.R., D.C.; C. G. Purkiss, P.J.G.D., Org.; W. Oxley, I.G.; J. Keech, Tyler; R. Toleman, P.P.G.P.; C. Hann, P.M.; A. Paul, G. Roberts, F. P. Kitson, and W. R. Pile. Visitors: Bros. A. Hart, P.M. 814, P.P.G.S. Somerset; G. Parry, P.M. 814, P.G.S. Somerset; J. C. Collie, P.M. 1271, P.P.G. Org. Wilts; S. Pile, P.M. 1181, J.D. 814; S. Lawrence, P.M. 814, P.P.G.D.C. Somerset; and A. James, 707.

The lodge having been duly opened, and the minutes of the preceding meeting read and confirmed, Bro. Wm. Robert Pile, 294, U.S.A., was unanimously approved, on the ballot, as a joining member of the lodge. Bro. Kitson was raised to the Degree of M.M. in an admirable manner by the W.M. After "Hearty good wishes" from the brethren present, the lodge was closed.

The customary adjournment for refreshment took place immediately after.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON.

**Friendship and Unity Lodge** (No. 1271).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 28th ult., at the Masonic Rooms, Avon House. There were present Bros. C. W. B. Bryant, acting W.M.; Sparks, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., Org.; H. Merrick, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; W. E. Taylor, P.M.; A. J. Beaven, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., D.C.; Farrington, P.P.S.G.W.; Rev. W. N. C. Wheeler, P.M., P.P.G. Chaplain; A. Wallington, S.W.; A. Scammell, Sec.; W. F. Gaby, S.D.; W. J. Wilkins, I.G.; A. H. Cooper, Stwd.; T. Moore, Tyler; James Taylor, J. Pottinger, and A. H. Handcock. Visitors: Bros. G. L. Palmer, P.M. 632, P.G. Treas.; E. S. Mackrell, W.M. 1478, P.P.G.O.; F. W. Selve, S.W. 632; E. G. Brown, P.J.W. 103; and J. P. Martin, S.D. 663.

The selection of Bro. A. Wallington, S.W., as W.M. elect having been made at a previous lodge meeting, the ceremony of his installation was now most efficiently performed by Bro. C. W. B. Bryant, P.M., after which the newly-installed Master appointed his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. Brereton, I.P.M.; A. Scammell, S.W.; W. F. Gaby, J.W.; W. N. C. Wheeler, P.M., Chaplain; Sparks, P.M., Treas.; D. H. H. Wassell, Sec.; James Taylor, S.D.; W. J. Wilkins, J.D.; C. W. B. Bryant, D.C.; J. Pottinger, I.G.; and T. Moore, Tyler.

The majority of the brethren afterwards adjourned to the Old Bear Hotel, where a banquet, ably presided over by the newly-installed W.M., Bro. Wallington, was provided, the catering by Bro. E. Rossiter being in every way satisfactory.

During the evening, Bro. Sparks, P.M., in proposing the toast of "The Masonic Charities," associated with it the name of Bro. Farrington, P.M., and alluded to the loss which the lodge would sustain in the departure of Bro. Farrington from the town. He gave an outline of the Masonic career of Bro. Farrington from the date of his joining the lodge in 1881 to the present time, and referred to the numerous occasions on which he had been eminently useful to the Craft, and especially to that lodge. So highly did the brethren value Bro. Farrington's services, that the speaker was requested on behalf of several of the Past Masters and brethren to ask his acceptance of a Past Master's jewel, as a token of their regard for him and of their appreciation of his many services to the lodge for over nine years. The jewel bore the following inscription:

"Lodge of Friendship and Unity, No. 1271, Bro. G. J. Farrington, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. Wilts, from brethren of No. 1271, in recognition of his many valuable services to the lodge. 27th October, 1890." In presenting it, Bro. Sparks added the sincere wish that Bro. Farrington might enjoy many years of health and prosperity, and extend his useful services to the Craft in his new sphere.

Bro. Farrington, who was much affected, expressed his thanks in suitable terms, and said that handsome mark of regard was totally unexpected and undeserved, and that though circumstances would necessitate his absence, he should still visit Wiltshire, and hoped to be present at the Provincial meeting at Marlborough, and that wherever he might be he should always retain an affection and regard for the lodge he had been associated with, and among whom he numbered so many friends. Letters of regret were then read from many brethren of the province, and also from the Province of Somerset, at their inability to attend.

The toast of "The Visitors" was very suitably responded to by Bro. E. Brown, 103.

Several brethren rendered capital songs, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

BUSHEY.

**Bushey Hall Lodge** (No. 2323).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at The Hall on Saturday, the 1st instant. The lodge was opened by Bro. Charles E. Keyser, W.M., supported by Bros. James Hall Renton, S.W. and W.M. elect; Wakeford May, J.W.; Thomas Fenn, acting I.P.M.; C. E. Birch, P.M., Treas.; Dr. R. J. Banning, P.M., Sec.; E. W. Jaquet, S.D.; Col. E. de B. Barnet, J.D.; G. E. Lake, Deputy Prov. G.M.; Dr. Beresford Ryley, Col. Thornton, Col. Coyne, Dr. Cornish, W. E. Sampson, S. T. Biggs, and A. R. Bilby. Visitors: Bros. E. J. Barron, P.M. 2, P.G.D.; F. Sumner Knyvett, P.M. 404, P.G.D.; Dr. T. Harvey Hill, P.M., P.G.S.; Sidney Martin, P.M. 404; Henry Glenn, P.M. 19; Dr. Arthur Stradling, W.M. 404; F. M. Bilby, P.M. 1327; C. E. Ferry, P.M. 65; D. Stretch Dowse, and Col. W. H. M. Jackson.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, Messrs. Thomas Earle and Claude Basil Lumley, candidates for initiation, were balloted for and unanimously elected, and the W.M. and his officers showed the brethren present how admirably they could do their work. The whole of the impressive ceremony of initiation was performed in a quiet, thorough manner, which showed at once the "master" hand. Although only a year old, this lodge has already made its mark in the province, and its members are to be heartily congratulated in having had the invaluable aid of Bros. Charles E. Keyser, as W.M.; Thomas Fenn, acting I.P.M.; R. J. Banning, Secretary; and C. E. Birch, as Treasurer, to start the lodge on its career, which bids fair to be very distinguished. Bro. Chas. Keyser installed Bro. James Hall Renton, as W.M. for the ensuing year, and he appointed and invested the following officers: Bros. Charles E. Keyser, I.P.M.; Wakeford May, S.W.; Edward W. Jaquet, J.W.; Rev. H. F. H. Burchell Herne, Chap.; Thomas Fenn, P.M., D. of C.; C. E. Birch, P.M., Treas.; R. J. Banning, P.M., Sec.; Ed. de B. Barnet, S.D.; Charles Newton Cornish, J.D.; Henry W. Coyne, I.G.; Walter Sampson and A. R. Bilby, Stwds.; and J. Middleton, Tyler.

The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the dining hall, where an excellent banquet was served, followed by the customary toasts, which were briefly given, and enthusiastically received.

In the course of the evening a handsome jewel was presented to Bro. Chas. E. Keyser, and, in presenting it, the W.M. alluded in warm terms to the excellence of the retiring Master, and the high esteem in which Bro. Keyser was held not only by the members of the Bushey Hall Lodge, but by every Mason in the Province of Herts.

In response, Bro. Keyser heartily thanked the brethren for that expression of their goodwill, and assured them that he should always look back with pride to the time when he was Master of the Bushey Hall Lodge.

During the evening an excellent programme of music (under the direction of Bro. Stedman) was performed, the violin solos by Miss Kate Chaplain and the singing of Miss Greta Williams, Miss Otie St. Hill, and Bro. Egbert Roberts being specially admired.

CAMBRIDGE.

**Isaac Newton (University) Lodge** (No. 859).—The installation meeting was held at the Lion Hotel, on Tuesday, the 28th ult. Bro. H. C. Knott, W.M., passed two candidates and initiated three gentlemen. Bro. Walter H. Francis was subsequently installed in the chair of K.S., the ceremony being most efficiently performed by Bro. H. C. Knott, the out-going W.M., and Bro. Sudlow, G. Std. Br. England. The newly-installed W.M. afterwards appointed and invested the officers of the lodge for the year ensuing as follows: Bros. G. F. Rogers, S.W.; F. O. Carr, J.W.; Rev. J. H. Gray, P.M., Chap.; F. C. Wace, P.M., Treas.; Denis Hall, P.M., Sec.; A. Hill, S.D.; R. R. Dangar, J.D.; R. E. Campbell, Org.; T. Conolly, D.C.; P. Simpson, A.D.C.; B. R. Hawker, I.G.; R. W. Heaton and A. C. Hall, Stewards; and Ellis and Allen, Tylers.

The brethren subsequently adjourned to banquet, when the usual Masonic toasts were given.

The visitors included Bro. A. H. Moyes, D.P.G.M.

DIDSBURY.

**Doric Lodge** (No. 2359).—The fifth regular meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 8th inst., at the Didsbury Hotel, when there were present Bros. G. S. Smith, P.M., W.M.; C. E. Towell, S.W.; John Fletcher, J.W.; E. L. Little, P.M., P.P.G.P., Sec.; G. A. Myers, W.M. 730, S.D.; A. K. Boothroyd, J.D.; F. Stretch, D.C.; Wilmott Holt, Org.; J. M. Veal, I.G.; John Walker and H. W. Jack, Stwds.; O. D. Langley, Jos. Ward, James Sharples, and A. W. Moore. Visitors: Bros. J. Bowers, S.W. 1730; A. T. Forrest, P.M. 1633; and T. R. Vermont, 1633.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, a ballot was then taken for Mr. R. Felton, which proving favourable, he was subsequently initiated by Bro. Smith, W.M. The presentation of working tools was allotted to Bro. C. E. Towell, S.W., and the charge was rendered by Bro. John Fletcher, J.W. The chair was now occupied by Bro. Little, P.M., who performed the ceremony of the Second Degree, the tools being presented by Bro. Towell. The W.M. resumed the chair, and other business of an important nature was transacted. A

telegram was dispatched to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, congratulating him and wishing him many happy returns of the 9th of November, being his birthday. At the completion of all business, the lodge was closed.

We must congratulate the W.M. and officers of the lodge for the very rapid progress they have made since the consecration, and the efficient way all do their work, considering the short time they have met and the difficulty they experience in having meetings for instruction, as the lodge is composed principally of commercial men who are travelling long journeys during the week, and find it impossible to attend a lodge any other day but Saturday. We are sure, and indeed the great success of the lodge plainly shows, the founding of this lodge was an advantage to the brethren in the district, and has filled a long felt want. We wish them every success. Bro. F. Stretch, the host, has been kind enough to make extensive alterations of the premises, so as to add to the comfort and convenience of all, and he has succeeded to such an extent that the arrangements are complete for the purpose of holding a lodge. The lodge and dressing rooms are entirely isolated from the other portions of the building.

FRIZINGTON.

**Arlecdon Lodge** (No. 1660).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 5th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. J. Wilkinson, W.M., presided, there being present Bros. J. Wakefield, S.W.; H. Hartley, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., J.W.; G. Dalrymple, P.M., P.A.G. Sec., Treas. and Sec.; W. Robinson, S.D.; W. Shaw, J.D.; G. Atkinson, D.C.; S. Hastings, I.G.; J. Singers, Steward; C. Bland, Tyler; Dr. Routledge, J. Jenkinson, and J. Toye.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. Two joining members were balloted for and accepted, and Bros. Routledge and Toye were passed to the Second Degree. One candidate was proposed for initiation, and the lodge was closed.

HASTINGS.

**Derwent Lodge** (No. 40).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 10th inst., at the Castle Hotel, when there were present Bros. W. S. Allen, W.M.; F. C. Edwards, S.W.; G. Randall, J.W.; Rev. J. Puttick, P.P.G.C., Chap.; F. Rossiter, P.P.G.D., Treas.; J. Pearce, Prov. G.S.B., Sec.; R. Walmsley, S.D.; G. H. Gage, J.D.; C. E. Botley, P.M., acting D.C.; C. J. Ticehurst, I.G.; L. J. Jukes, Steward; F. Plowman, P.M.; T. H. Cole, M.A., P.P.A.G.D.C.; G. E. Heaphy, W. C. Bourn, A. G. Foord, H. Boyce, F. G. Tyrrell, R. J. Wilson, W. A. Beck, A. G. Hickman, J. Whitehouse, and H. J. Russell. Visitor: Bro. W. R. Griffin, 1790.

A long report from the Board of General Purposes was read, and several of the recommendations therein contained adopted. The W.M. in very feeling terms alluded to the sad loss the lodge had sustained by the lamented death of their dear Bro. Captain Hennah, P.P.G.D.C. He was a genial gentleman and a thorough Mason, and held in the highest esteem by his brethren, and always took an active part in any work relating to Freemasonry. The W.M. proposed a vote of condolence with the widow and family, which was seconded by Bro. Rev. J. Puttick, P.P.G. Chap., in very touching terms. The W.M. mentioned that Bro. R. J. Wilson was about to take his departure from the Old Country and to seek fresh pastures in Australia. He felt sure that Bro. Wilson had the sincere wishes of the members of the Derwent Lodge for a successful career. Bros. Hickman and Brown were raised, and Bro. Russell passed, the ceremonies being done by the W.M. with his usual ability. Two candidates were proposed, and after transacting other business the brethren, at the invitation of the W.M., adjourned to refreshment.

LANDPORT.

**Portsmouth Temperance Lodge** (No. 2068).—The monthly meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Monday, the 27th ult., at the Speedwell Hotel, Commercial-road. Since the constitution of the lodge in 1884 it had always been held at the Soldiers' Institute, Portsmouth, but Monday night saw its removal to a far more capacious and well-adapted building. The lodge room, which is due east and west, is most artistically fitted up with shields bearing Masonic devices, and the floor is covered with a very fine Brussels carpet, specially made with emblems of Masonry interwoven in same. A corridor divides an ante-room, which members can retire to and chat and smoke, whilst at the end is the preparing room. Every comfort has been well looked after, and Bro. A. Grigsby, manager of the hotel, is most attentive to the cares of all who attend. There was an unusual number of Masons present upon the opening of the new lodge room, among them being Bros. P. H. Emanuel, W.M.; W. Miller, I.P.M.; G. Williams, S.W.; E. R. Fisher, J.W.; J. Palmer, P.M., P.P.G.S., Treas.; G. Boyce, Sec.; H. J. Boyce, acting S.D.; J. Chandler, acting D.C.; T. H. Biggs, I.G.; W. F. H. Merrifield, Org.; A. E. J. Guy, Stwd.; J. Batchelor, P.M.; G. F. Bevis, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; A. Kingsnorth, P.M.; G. Rayment, H. Shepherd, C. Morrice, W. R. Freake, A. Miller, H. Thorp, W. Morgan, G. W. Bile, T. Brown, C. Coote, C. H. Hooper, J. Shoveller, G. H. Good, F. Rycroft, A. H. Conway, C. E. Conway, E. W. Doney, G. Grossmith, H. McPhail, T. Langmaid, H. Stanton, A. Grigsby, W. R. Pither, G. Woollett, W. Robinson, G. H. Goldsmith, R. Bonny, A. W. Bevis, J. B. West, C. Fontaine, W. F. Andrews, G. E. Reading, C. E. Smith, and others. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Capt. W. H. C. St. Clair, R.N., P.M., P.P.D. S.G.W. Malta; E. Nayler, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. Taylor, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; D. Cooper, P.M. 387 (S.C.), and P.M. 1923; Alexander Howell, J.W. 1834, Provincial Secretary to Lodge Quatuor Coronati, 2076; H. Bundy, J.W. 2074; H. Ansell, I.G. 1958; C. Warden, J. Bagshawe and J. Murphy, of 2074; F. Rawling, 1428; J. Slade, 804; H. Thornton, 342; E. Truscott, R.M., 1903; G. H. Cooke and S. Kerwood, of 1776; and others.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were confirmed. The ballot taken on behalf of Lieut. Robert Woodyear Glennie, R.N., was unanimous. Bros. West, Shoveller, and Conway were passed to the Degree of F.C., the working tools being explained by the S.W. Lieut. Glennie was then initiated, the J.W. very impressively delivering the working tools. Among the correspondence read was a letter from Bro. George Kenning, proprietor of the *Freemason*, pointing out the advantages of Masonic literature being spread among the brethren, and calling attention to the fact that the *Freemason* gave reports of all important matters connected with Masonry throughout

the world. The W.M. said it was an important matter to consider, and to his mind every lodge should subscribe to the *Freemason*, and, in fact, that lodges should, if possible, possess a library of Masonic works. He felt sure that a number of the younger members of the lodge had no idea that there were any Masonic journals and books in existence, but such was not the case; the books connected with Freemasonry were innumerable, and new works were continually issuing from the press. If the brethren would accept of them, he desired to present to the lodge that night some 12 bound volumes of the *Freemason* and six volumes of the "History of Freemasonry," by Bro. Gould, upon condition that they should form the nucleus of a Masonic library in connection with the lodge, and that they subscribed weekly to the *Freemason*, and regularly had them bound. He hoped other members would be able to add other books, and in time that the lodge should possess a collection of books that would be prized not only by the members but by all lovers of Masonic works. Bro. G. Williams, S.W., proposed a vote of thanks to the W.M., and also that the lodge should have a library and subscribe to the *Freemason*, which was seconded by Bro. E. R. Fisher, and carried unanimously. The W.M. returned thanks, and asked for a Library Committee to be appointed, which was done. A candidate was proposed for initiation, and "Hearty good wishes" having been offered from the visitors, the lodge was closed.

A supper was afterwards partaken of in a large room adjoining the ante-room, and Bro. A. Grigsby, the caterer, deserves the highest encomiums for the way in which he attended to the many sharp appetites at the festive board.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, the Worshipful Master proposed "The Health of Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M.; Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, J.P., D.P.G.M.; and the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, Present and Past," and remarked that there was no Mason in England who was more sincere to the Craft than Bro. Beach, who was only too pleased to attend to any function in the province, and was often applied to to preside in Grand Lodge. Bro. Le Feuvre was a brother who had the ritual at his fingers' ends, and was a capital support to the P.G.M. In Bro. Goble they had one who commanded the respect and esteem of all. He was most courteous to all who applied to him for advice. The other officers were all well up in Masonry, and did their duties well. They had with them that evening a brother who had done a great deal for the Order—he referred to Bro. St. Clair on his right—and he coupled his name with the toast.

Bro. W. H. C. St. Clair, P.P.G. Reg., P.D.S.G.W. Malta, responded, and thanked all for the hearty reception given him that evening. He always felt happy when visiting lodges in that province, as he was always so well received. All the W.M. had said about the Prov. G.M. was true. To know Bro. Beach was to love and esteem him, and in that province every brother knew his worth. He congratulated the lodge upon the handsome present of books that evening, and urged the brethren to persevere and have a really good and valuable library. He was delighted to see such a large lodge that evening, and more so at the very admirable working therein. He hoped that he would have another opportunity of attending and see still further progress amongst the members.

Bro. Mills, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and spoke very highly of his services to the lodge and the way in which he worked the Degrees.

Bro. P. H. Emanuel, W.M., replied, and thanked the brethren for their support during the time he had been in the chair. It was a great source of gratification to see so many present, as it convinced him that he had endeavoured to meet the wishes of the brethren; such was his desire. He referred to the lodge library, and hoped great interest would be infused into its welfare. Before sitting down he spoke of the valuable support he had received from Bro. Miller, I.P.M., who was ready at all times to give him advice and do anything for the prosperity of the lodge. He could not speak too highly of his services, and hoped the brethren would drink his health with enthusiasm.

Bro. Miller, I.P.M., briefly responded, and said he had only done as those who had preceded him, and nothing would be wanting on his part to keep up the prestige of the lodge.

Bro. H. J. Bryce proposed "The Visitors."

Bro. E. Naylor, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., replied, and spoke of the pleasure it afforded him, as one of the founders of the lodge, to come amongst them as a visitor. He congratulated them upon having Bro. Emanuel in the chair, as anything he took in hand was always a success. He had known him from his childhood and all his family, who were most ardent Masons. He was pleased to see such a large lodge that evening, and also to think that they were about to adopt a plan that many lodges would be most envious of, and hoped the brethren would give the library every support. He thanked them for the hospitable reception afforded the visitors, and expressed his admiration at the manner the officers of the lodge had carried out their duties.

Bro. Pither proposed "The Health of the Initiate," to which Bro. Lieut. Glennie replied.

The Worshipful Master eulogised the support received from his officers, one and all, to which the S.W., J.W., and Secretary replied.

The Tyler's toast concluded a very pleasant evening, which was most happily interspersed with harmony, Bro. T. Wilton ably presiding at the piano.

#### MALDON.

**St. Peter's Lodge (No. 1024).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 5th inst., at the St. Peter's Masonic Hall, the picturesque tower of the old church of St. Peter, the rest of which went to decay over two centuries ago. The brethren present included Bros. Joseph Sadler (ex-Mayor of Maldon), P.P.G. Treas., W.M.; W. Gower, S.W.; C. Dibben, J.W.; Rev. E. R. Horwood, P.M., P.P.G.C., Chap.; F. G. Green, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Sec.; W. Clover, S.D.; C. R. Finch, J.D.; C. F. Rush, Org.; C. R. Gowers, I.G.; W. Howard-Flanders and F. H. Bright, Stewards; G. Huxtable, Tyler; Edmund Gowers, P.M., P.P.G.O., W.M. elect; T. Oldham, P.M., P.P.G.P.; W. H. de Caen, P.M.; John Hutley, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; C. S. Blyth, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; E. Humphreys, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; A. Barritt, P.M., P.P.A.G. Sec.; F. Bird, P.M., P.P.G.P.; J. Megran, J. W. Samms, H. W. Sadd, H. J. England, J. W. Hawkes, Dr. Facey, P. M. Beaumont, R. Orttewell, and others. Visitors: Bros. T. Sadler, 25; F. J. Wiseman, P.M. 160, P.P.J.G.W.; James Blyth, P.M. 173; John Wood, 178; T. Rymer Jarvis, W.M.

276, P.P.G.P.; M. L. Sanders, Sec. 650; F. H. Facey, 818; R. Smith, W.M., and G. Eustace, P.M. 1977, P.P.G.S.B.; M. French Bromhead, W.M. 2318; Rev. T. Lloyd, W.M., P.P.G.C. Staffordshire, R. Galpin, and G. Bawtree, of 2342.

Communications regretting absence were read from Bros. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg., D.P.G.M.; T. J. Ralling, P.A.G.D.C., Prov. G. Sec.; A. Lucking, P.G.P.; and others.

The lodge having been opened, the W.M. presented Bro. Edward Gowers, P.P.G.O., who had served the chair in 1885, to Bro. F. G. Green, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., for installation, the ceremony being performed very admirably. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. Sadler, I.P.M.; C. Dibben, S.W.; W. Clover, J.W.; Rev. E. R. Horwood, Chap.; H. J. Sanson, P.P.S.G.D., Treas.; C. R. Finch, S.D.; C. R. Gowers, J.D.; W. Howard-Flanders and R. Orttewell, Stewards; C. F. Rush, Org.; F. H. Bright, I.G.; and G. Huxtable, Tyler. A vote of thanks to the Installing Master was suitably acknowledged, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The W.M. was unanimously elected to serve as representative of the lodge on the Essex Charity Committee.

At the conclusion of business, the brethren adjourned to the King's Head Hotel, where a most sumptuous banquet was provided by Mrs. Revett.

The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W. the Grand Master" were given from the chair, and enthusiastically received.

In submitting the toast of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. said it was advisable as far as possible at such gatherings as those to avoid all reference to depressing subjects, but they could not help feeling a tinge of sadness at the absence from that toast of the time-honoured name of the late Earl of Carnarvon. His excellent qualities, both as a Mason and outside Masonry were too well known to need comment. But he saw several brethren there who with him could not yet have forgotten the words which fell from the late distinguished brother on the occasion of his installing the late Bro. Lord Tenterden as Prov. G.M. of Essex, not mere empty words, but the eloquent expression of a deep-rooted regard for Masonry and its welfare in that province. Truly in him the Craft had lost one of its most brilliant ornaments. For the rest of the Grand Officers let the well known merits of their Essex brethren, Bros. Philbrick, Ralling, and Lucking, stand sponsor. All of which names were warmly received.

The toast of "The Prov. G.M., Bro. Lord Brooke, M.P.," was received with acclamation, the brethren fully indorsing the W.M.'s remark that no better fellow or worthier Mason was to be found.

The Worshipful Master, in giving the toast of "The D.P.G.M., Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Reg., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," said he must, as one of them, exclude himself from its operation and might, therefore, speak more freely in praise of the noble purple army, of which he was pleased to see so strong a contingent present. Of the Deputy P.G.M. it was unnecessary to say one word, for his name only need be mentioned in any Essex Lodge to evoke the warmest brotherly reception. So far as his experience went the bulk of the Prov. Grand Officers were really active workers and had fairly earned their distinctions, and of course he gave all those credit for having done so. But in his opinion the time was fast approaching when in view of the increasing number of lodges in the province some means would have to be respectfully submitted to the Prov. Grand Master by which the qualifications of all brethren eligible for promotion should be brought before him. It was, they all knew, impossible for Lord Brooke personally to make himself acquainted with the brethren, and hence it was apparent that the submission of names was practically left in the hands of one brother—the Prov. Grand Secretary. They held that officer in high esteem, but, let him be ever so worthy and impartial, it was physically impossible for him to sufficiently know the 31 lodges in the province to be able to distinguish the working bees from the drones. His own idea was that the provincial officers in every lodge should annually submit the names of two brethren of their lodge whom they deemed qualified, giving full particulars of their qualifications, the work they had done, and a report on the way in which they had done it. From those the Prov. Grand Master might be asked to select his officers. That scheme would in no way interfere with the Prov. Grand Master's prerogative—far be it from him to suggest it—but would rather tend to increase the general respect for its exercise, and it would certainly result in adding to the already august body of provincial officers only those who were fit to join them. That, however, was a matter for others' consideration, theirs whose immediate and very pleasant duty was to drink to the health of the officers of the present and past.

The toast was duly honoured, and responded to by Bro. T. Rymer Jarvis.

The Immediate Past Master said sometimes they felt that their duties were rather more than they felt capable of carrying out, and he had a toast to propose to which he felt he could not do justice—it was the toast of "The W.M." He was sure they would drink it in a most enthusiastic manner. Not only since he (the I.P.M.) had been a Mason, but for many years before, he had known Bro. Gowers, and he had been a most zealous and energetic Mason, seeking the interest not only of that lodge in particular, but of the Craft in general. When he went up as Steward on two occasions the interest he took in the Masonic Charities did him great credit. In connection with St. Peter's, not only had he done the work of W.M. in a masterly way, but during the past year he had acted as Preceptor at the lodge of instruction, and had also revised the by-laws in an excellent manner. He had taken the greatest interest in the lodge of instruction, which he believed would be the means of vastly increasing the privileges of the members of St. Peter's. Concluding with a compliment to the Worshipful Master's earnestness, he asked the brethren to warmly honour the toast, which they did.

The Worshipful Master, in a few words, acknowledged the very kind expressions made use of by Bro. Sadler, and the heartiness of the reception accorded to the toast of his health. His second elevation to the chair was an honour of which he felt proud. Of the compliments paid him, he could only admit the truth of those which referred to his earnestness; he certainly made a hobby of Masonry. He never felt more entirely happy than when in the bosom of St. Peter's, where all the brethren were his friends, and he could not perhaps better show his appreciation of the high honour they had conferred upon him than by continued

devotion to the improvement of the working and the general welfare of the lodge.

Bro. F. G. Green, the oldest P.M. of the lodge, gave in felicitous terms "The Health of the Visitors," which was drunk with fitting enthusiasm.

Bros. T. Sadler, Bromhead, and Lloyd, responded to the latter brilliantly and warmly, declaiming against the recent action of the Pope with regard to Freemasonry.

The Worshipful Master gave the toast of "The I.P.M. and the P.M.'s." Bro. Sadler, he said, was an excellent instance of what indomitable perseverance and unceasing devotion to work might accomplish. Six years ago only he was initiated, but it soon became apparent that he was marked for promotion, and last year he reached the chair, the duties of which, notwithstanding that he had at the same time to perform the onerous functions of Mayor and Chief Magistrate, and to manage, not only his own business, but another of which he was trustee, besides going up as Steward for the "Old People," and other duties of a less public nature, he had carried out to their satisfaction. His Masonic career had been crowned by his being elected P.G. Treas.

The toast was heartily received, and Bro. Sadler responded, charging young Masons from the moment of their initiation to work, work!

Bro. T. Oldham, a much respected P.M., also responded.

The Worshipful Master, in giving "The Installing Master," was interrupted by warm applause at the very mention of Bro. Green's name. He claimed that in Bro. Green they had the mainstay—the backbone, in fact—of the lodge. For 25 years he had never missed a lodge or lodge of instruction. He had performed every office, had worked the lectures, and seemed to be thoroughly imbued with Masonry. He himself intended, if he had sufficient support, to work the lectures as he did in his previous year, and he felt certain of Bro. Green's active assistance. Bro. Green proposed him as an initiate, and installed him before, and when asked to do so this time tried to excuse himself on the ground of failing memory, but the way in which he had performed the ceremony that day showed there was nothing wrong with him at present.

The brethren drank the toast most enthusiastically, and Bro. Green feelingly replied.

"The Masonic Charities" was proposed in an able speech by Bro. A. Barritt.

Bro. James Blyth, who responded, gave an interesting description of the troubles the Provisional Committee of the Boys' Institution, of whom he was one, had had to cope with.

"The other Officers," given in complimentary terms by Bro. de Caen, and responded to by each, and "The Musical Brethren," given by Bro. W. Howard-Flanders, and responded to by Bro. Rush, brought a very pleasantly-spent evening to a close just as on the strike of eleven the Tyler impressively gave his toast.

During the evening songs were contributed by Bros. Beaumont, Bird, the W.M., Orttewell, and Rush, and recitations by Bro. F. H. Facey, James Blyth, F. Wiseman, and A. Barritt.

#### SALFORD.

**Newall Lodge (No. 1134).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Adelphi House, on Tuesday, the 4th inst., when there was a large number of members and visitors present to witness the installation of Bro. A. H. Duffin, S.W., W.M. elect, by Bro. Thomas McClelland, W.M. The lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. A. H. Duffin was then presented to the Installing Master by Bro. S. Ayland, I.P.M. Subsequently a Board of Installed Masters was declared, the ceremony was proceeded with, and Bro. Duffin placed in the chair of K.S. On the re-admission of the brethren Bro. Duffin was proclaimed and saluted, the working tools being presented by Bro. W. Nichols, P.M. The W.M. then invested his officers, and they were addressed by Bro. Samuel Ayland, P.M., in the following order: Bros. George Smith, P.M., S.W.; Edward Webb, J.W.; John Holroyd, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., Treas.; John Waring, P.M., Sec. and D.C.; B. Eckersley, S.D.; Charles Driver, J.D.; H. Waterhouse, I.G.; and John Simpson, W. Flett, and R. C. Gray, Stewards. The addresses were given respectively to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren by Bros. John Holroyd, P.M.; J. Mainwaring, and W. Nichols, P.M. The ceremony was brought to a close by the singing of an anthem, "Behold how good," beautifully rendered by the following: Bros. J. H. Greenwood, H. Bowley, S. E. Jupp, P.M., P.G. Org.; and Alfred Lewtas, P.M. The Worshipful Master said the first duty he had to perform as W.M. of the Newall Lodge was one which gave him great gratification in every sense of the word, inasmuch as it not only conveyed his pleasure alone, but concerned every member of the lodge. As each one individually had shown his appreciation of the work done by Bro. McClelland as W.M. during the year that they had unanimously subscribed to present him with the beautiful jewel he had in his hand, and he hoped he would be spared long to wear it, and hand it down to his son as an evidence of the high esteem in which he had been held with the members of the Newall Lodge, and begged him to accept it as an equal gift, and personal good feeling of every one. Bro. McClelland, who evidently spoke with emotion, thanked the W.M. and brethren for the very handsome jewel in acknowledgment of his services, and if he had carried out his duties to their satisfaction he was more than satisfied. The jewel is a very handsome one, 18-carat gold massive square and problem, the handle of the square being exquisitely engraved, the blade being dull gold, whilst on the ribbon is a scroll of solid gold with the words "Newall Lodge, 1134," with raised burnished letters, and two massive bars above and below. The inscription was as follows: "Presented by the brethren of Newall Lodge, 1134, to Bro. Thomas McClelland, P.M., as a token of esteem and recognition of his services as the W.M. Nov. 4th, 1890."

Other important business was dispatched, and "Hearty good wishes" were expressed from numerous brethren members of other lodges. The lodge was closed in a competent manner by the W.M.

Subsequently the brethren dined together in the hall, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

The following brethren were present: Bros. T. McClelland, W.M.; S. Ayland, I.P.M.; A. H. Duffin, S.W.; G. S. Smith, P.M., J.W.; J. Holroyd, Treas.; E. Webb, S.D.; B. Eckersley, J.D.; C. Driver, I.G.; J. Simpson, Steward; J. Waring, P.M.; J. Barker, P.M., P.P.G.T.;

H. Mainwaring, P.M.; J. W. Nichols, P.M.; W. Flett, W. J. Wright, R. W. Martin, J. Ward, J. Green, R. C. Gray, W. E. Hand, H. Waterhouse, and F. Atkinson. Visitors: Bros. C. G. Cheetham, J.W. 223; Hawthorn; R. Thornton, J.W. 2324; Joseph Lees, W.M. 1345; J. H. Greenwood, 1692; G. A. Myers, W.M. 1730; F. R. Bowley, 2216; J. Hooper, 935; A. Lewtas, P.M. 1588; C. Bagot, P.M. 1055; John Rogers, P.M. 1219; J. W. Millward, W.M. 992; B. Carr, P.M. 1161; S. E. Jupp, P.M., P.G. Org.; J. T. Kendall, I.P.M. 1774; J. M. Graham, P.M. 935; G. Gaskill, 163; F. Townsen, W.M. 1713; S. Mills; J. Barrett, P.M., P.S.G.D.; F. Goldnan, 323; C. T. Griffiths, P.M. 935; S. Statham, P.P.G.T.; J. S. Watson, W.M. 1213; and T. Hassall, P.M. 1213.

**Royal Arch.**

**Fidelity Chapter (No. 3).**—This old chapter met at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 7th inst., when there were present, among others, Comps. Heming, P.Z., in the chair; W. J. Collens, P.Z., H.; Capt. W. Williams, J.; H. J. Lardner, P.Z. 1745, P.P.G. Std. Br., acting S.N.; Radcliffe, acting P.S.; Cochrane, D.C.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.Z. 141, P.P.G.P.S.; Mapleton, J. Heming, Hart, and others. Comp. Smith, P.Z. Royal Sussex Chapter, was a visitor.

The ballot having been taken on behalf of Bro. Nash, of St. Michael's Lodge, he was most impressively exalted to the Degree of a R.A.M. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. The election of Principals and officers for the year ensuing then took place, with the following result: Comps. Collens, M.E.Z.; Capt. Williams, H.; Birch, J.; Radcliffe, S.E.; Stevens, S.N.; Heming, P.Z.; Treas.: Larcombe, P.S.; Kinsey, 1st A.S.; Cochrane, 2nd A.S.; Capt. Walls, D.C.; and Goddard, Janitor. A Past Principal's jewel was voted to Comp. C. Greenwood. Apologies for non-attendance were received from the M.E.Z. and Comps. Pearce, P.Z.; F. McDougal, P.Z.; Graves, P.Z.; Birch, S.E.; Stevens, P.S.; Larcombe, 1st A.S.; Kinsey, 2nd A.S.; and others. The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet.

The customary toasts were duly proposed and honoured. The acting M.E.Z. discharged the duties of the chair genially and ably.

The proceedings, which were throughout most enjoyable, terminated at an early hour.

**Metropolitan Chapter (1507).**—The installation meeting of this chapter was held on Thursday, the 6th instant, at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. There were present Comps. T. C. Edmonds, Z.; H. Dickey, H.; W. M. Stiles, P.Z., S.E.; R. W. Fraser, S.N.; F. Silvester, P.S.; M. Little, 1st A.S.; G. Mordey, 2nd A.S.; W. J. Ferguson, P.Z.; G. W. Knight, P.Z.; H. Stiles, P.Z.; J. C. Smith, P.Z.; James Terry, P.Z., P.G. Std. Br. (Hon. Member); and a good number of companions and visitors.

The minutes of the last convocation having been read and confirmed, Comp. J. Terry, P.Z., P.G. Std. Br., most ably installed Comps. H. Dickey, M.E.Z.; F. Silvester, H.; and G. Mordey, J. The following officers were invested: Comps. J. Willing, P.Z., Treas.; W. M. Stiles, P.Z., S.E.; R. W. Fraser, S.N.; M. Little, P.S.; G. Emblin, 1st A.S.; B. Kauffman, 2nd A.S.; J. F. Saunders, D.C.; J. Powdrell, A.D.C.; W. Goldney and M. J. Green, Stewards; and R. Whiting, Janitor. Bros. R. G. Webster, M.P., and E. E. Hawkins were exalted. Comp. E. Hislop, P.Z. 22, was elected a joining member. A number of apologies were received for non-attendance.

Under the M.E.Z. a very enjoyable evening was spent, many companions and the M.E.Z.'s daughter—Miss E. Dickey—giving some good songs. The chapter bids fair to have a very successful year.

**BEAMINSTER.**

**St. Mary Chapter (No. 707).**—At a regular meeting of the above chapter on Tuesday, the 4th instant, at the White Hart Hotel, the following were present: Comps. S. R. Baskett, as Z.; C. Hann, as H.; R. Toleman, as J.; and several other companions. The following brethren were exalted—Comp. S. Laurence acting in the capacity of P.S.:—Bros. C. Toleman, I.P.M. 1367; A. Hart, P.M., and G. Parry, P.M., of St.4; and S. Pile, P.M. 1181.

Nothing further offering, the chapter was closed.

**DERBY.**

**Justice Chapter (No. 253).**—A convocation of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 11th inst., when there were present Comps. Percy Wallis, Prov. G.D. of C., M.E.Z.; W. Naylor, P.G. St. Br. England, P.P.G.J., Prov. G.S.E., as H.; H. Arnold Bemrose, J.; Edgar H. Claye, S.E.; J. O. Manton, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N., as S.N.; E. McInnes, P.S.; A. G. Taylor, P.Z., D. of C.; Thos. Day, Janitor; and Jas. B. Coulson, Comp. Copestick was a visitor.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes read. A convocation of Installed Principals was then formed, and Comp. Bemrose was installed in the chair of H. by Comp. Percy Wallis, Z. Comp. Bemrose then installed Comp. John H. Clarke as J., after which the following officers, who were absent from the last convocation, were invested: Comps. E. H. Claye, S.E., and E. McInnes, P.S. Letters of apology for non-attendance were read from several companions who were attending the centenary festival of the St. John's Lodge, No. 279, Leicester.

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

**Dark Masonry.**

**DERBY.**

**Derby Lodge (No. 302).**—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on Monday, the 10th inst. Present: Bros. R. L. Homer Mole, W.M.; J. Walker, S.W.; W. Whittaker, P.M., P.P.G.D., as J.W.; W. Beadon Woodforde, M.O.; C. D. Hart, J.O.; Jas. O. Manton, P.M., P.P.G.O., Treas.; J. P. Fearfield, Reg. of Marks; W. Cooper, Sec.; W. H. Wheelton, D. of C.; S. J. Sanders, I.G.; W. Stone, Tyler;

A. Woodiwiss, G.M.O. England, P.P.S.G.W.; Thomas Cox, Dep. Prov. G.M.; Percy Wallis, P.G.D. England, P.P.S.G.W.; C. Webster, Prov. S.G.D.; and others.

The minutes were confirmed, and a letter read from Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.W., G. Sec., expressing the gratification which the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Euston, D.G.M., and he had experienced at their recent visit to the lodge, and thanking the brethren for their kind welcome. Several apologies for non-attendance were received, and all business being ended, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the lower hall for refreshment.

**Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.**

**ROBERT BURNS LODGE (No. 25).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 11th inst., at Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road, W., when there were present Bros. Hewett, W.M.; R. Blum, S.W.; J. W. Harvey, J.W.; F. Klein, P.M., acting Preceptor; R. J. Harvey, S.D.; W. Shales, J.D.; F. Marx, I.G.; E. J. Bonham, P.M., Sec.; and C. Grove, P.M. Visitors: Bros. Robert Sweetman and Thomas Hudson.

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. Hudson being candidate. Bro. Hudson answered the questions leading to the Second Degree. Bro. Marx worked the 1st Section of the Lecture. Bros. Robert Sweetman and Thomas Hudson were unanimously elected joining members. The S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, officers to be in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

**MANCHESTER LODGE (No. 179).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 8th inst., at Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road. Present: Bros. Griffiths, W.M.; J. W. Harvey, S.W.; Marx, J.W.; J. Greenwood, acting Preceptor; G. Wood, Sec.; Ryan, J.D.; Giddens, I.G.; Gittens, Mason, Nicholls, Shales, R. Harvey, Cursons, Lane, and Hemming, P.M.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Marx, P.M., worked the 1st Section. Bro. Nicholls having offered himself as candidate, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. The W.M. rose for the first time, when the S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the officers were appointed in rotation. On the W.M. rising for the third time, it was proposed that the Secretary should write to the Preceptor asking his attendance, which was carried, also that Bro. Gittens, W.M. of the mother lodge, should rehearse the ceremony of installation at the next meeting, which was likewise carried unanimously. All business being ended, the lodge was closed.

**WESTBOURNE LODGE (No. 733).**—After a period of six years in repose, this lodge was very successfully resuscitated and opened in full working order by Bro. Burton, W.M. of the mother lodge, on Friday, the 7th inst., at the Swiss Cottage Tavern, St. John's Wood, it having been removed thither from Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood-road.

After the usual formal business had been gone through, the lodge was opened in the First Degree. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Reelands kindly offering himself as candidate. The following brethren were elected and appointed as officers: Bros. C. Wise, P.M., Preceptor; E. W. Hughes, Hon. Treas. (*pro tem.*) and C. Dealey, Hon. Sec. (*pro tem.*) Upon these brethren accepting office, Bro. Burton said that in electing Bro. Wise, P.M., as Preceptor, he felt sure that no better choice could have been made throughout London, for he really believed Bro. Wise must have made Freemasonry a whole life study. Of the other newly-elected officers, he felt that from what he had that evening seen of them that they were both energetic and capable of carrying out the duties allotted to them. Bro. C. Wise, P.M. and Preceptor, replied to the W.M. and brethren in a very neat and suitable address, thanking them all for the honour conferred upon him, and expressing his willingness to at all times, whenever possible, place himself in such a position as to afford that teaching and learning which every brother Mason is so anxious to obtain. Upon the business of the evening being completed, the lodge was closed in the usual manner, and the brethren present met for refreshment.

The toast of "The Queen and the Craft" was most enthusiastically received.

Bro. Burton, in a very neat speech, proposed the toast of "Success of the Lodge of Instruction," coupling with it the name of Bro. Wise, P.M. and Preceptor, and at the same time remarking upon the fact that that day might, he thought, reasonably be considered a red-letter day in the annals of the lodge, it being exactly six years that very day since the lodge was last closed at Lord's Hotel. The lodge was a very old one, having been formed in 1858.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of Bro. Hughes, the worthy Host," who had so kindly placed a beautifully select room at their disposal, and had most elegantly furnished it with every necessary and convenience.

Bro. Hughes replied in a very able manner, stating he felt that in doing what he had done he was only trying to do his duty as a brother Mason and for the love of the Order, and he sincerely hoped that his small efforts would be attended with success.

After a few more remarks from the brethren present, followed by the usual toasts, they all dispersed, after having spent a most enjoyable evening.

This lodge will in future meet at the Swiss Cottage Tavern, St. John's Wood, N.W., every Friday evening, at 8 p.m. All communications may be addressed to the Hon. Secretary (*pro tem.*), 7, Bels'ze-road, South Hampstead, N.W.

**PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale. Present: Bros. J. Hutchings, W.M.; E. T. Taylor, S.W.; M. Bash, J.W.; G. Wood, P.M., Preceptor; W. J. Stratton, W.M. 753, Treas.; J. J. Thomas, P.M., Sec.; W. Chapple, S.D.; E. Wehrle, J.D.; W. R. Playford, I.G.; N. Turner, P.M. 72; R. H. Dillon, P.M. 1567; R. E. Cursons, J. H. Gluckstein, J. W. Curtis, J. R. Hill, B. A. Griffin; E. S. White, S.

Stretch, and J. Hall. Visitors: Bros. C. Robinson, 1897; J. C. Whiddington, 1827; and G. T. Peall, 2361.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. White candidate. Bro. Hall was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Hall candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The S.W., Bro. Taylor, was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. Bros. Robinson, Whiddington, and Peall were elected joining members. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the W.M. for the able manner in which he presided over the lodge for the first time. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, after "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

**RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).**—A meeting was held on the 7th inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. A. Williams, W.M.; T. Jobson, S.W.; E. Lucas, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Preceptor; D. S. Long, Sec.; F. Craggs, S.D.; H. Dyne, J.D.; H. Blackman, I.G.; D. Stroud, P.M.; F. Barth, and R. Reid.

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. Reid being candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Barth offering himself as a candidate for passing, was questioned and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. having risen, Bro. Jobson was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, 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 11th inst., when there were present Bros. C. G. Gray, W.M.; A. Giddings, S.W.; H. B. Harding, J.W., acting Preceptor; J. Petch, P.M., P.G. Std. Br. Herts, Treas.; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; A. Wolter, S.D.; R. Loomes, J.D.; W. T. Crane, jun., I.G.; J. G. Cobb, C. Hiller, C. Isler, D. C. Ritchie, H. J. Kimbell, jun., J. M. Scarlett, P.J.G.W. Essex, and H. J. Kimbell, sen.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Wolter being the candidate. Bro. Kimbell 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. Kimbell being the candidate. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. Bro. Giddings was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The following resolution was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously—"That the members of the Islington Lodge of Instruction, hearing with regret that Bro. Sams has resigned his position as manager of the hotel, desire to express their appreciation of the attention they have received at his hands, and their hearty good wishes for his future welfare." 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 6th inst., when the following were present: Bros. Johns, W.M.; Morgan, S.W.; Dormer, J.W.; Duffield, P.M., Preceptor; Colley, Hon. Sec.; Purkiss, S.D.; Meadows, J.D.; Watts, I.G.; Ives, P.M.; Gaskell, P.M.; Pitt, P.M.; Langford, Charik, Loftus, Williams, Coppe, and Hole.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Langford personating the candidate. The lodge was called off and on, and, it being the evening for the annual election of officers, the W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Morgan was unanimously elected W.M. for the 20th inst., and returned thanks, and appointed officers in rotation. Upon the W.M. rising for the third time, Bro. Duffield, P.M., was unanimously re-elected Preceptor. Bro. Colley was unanimously elected Hon. Treasurer and Secretary, with Bro. Williams as Assistant Hon. Secretary, and the Auditors of the lodge funds were appointed. Votes of thanks were unanimously accorded Bro. Lewis, P.M., for his services as Treasurer to the lodge, and to Bros. Duffield, P.M., Pitt, P.M., Colley, and Williams for their services to the lodge during the year. These having been acknowledged, and 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 7th ult., at the Kensington Park Hotel, Lancaster-road, Notting Hill, W. Present: Bros. R. C. Green, W.M.; J. R. Roberts, S.W.; T. W. Heath, J.W.; G. Davis, P.M. 167, Preceptor; E. Rogers, P.M., P.G.S., Treas.; W. J. Mason, W.M. 2246, Sec.; F. L. Chandler, P.M., S.D.; J. C. Conway, J.D.; H. D. Smith, I.G.; S. H. Parkhouse, P.M.; G. Gardner, W. Middleweek, W. R. Flack, A. F. Scholding, J. Bartlett, and H. Foskett.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. G. Davis, P.M., Preceptor, to work the ceremony of installation. The S.W., Bro. J. R. Roberts, was presented and obligated as W.M. elect. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and all below the rank of Installed Master having withdrawn, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and the work rehearsed in its entirety, Bro. F. L. Chandler being installed into the chair of K.S. The Board of Installed Masters having been duly closed, Master Masons were admitted, and Bro. Chandler vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Roberts. The lodge was resumed in the Second and First Degrees respectively, the W.M., Bro. J. R. Roberts, appointing and investing his officers, and Bro. G. Davis, P.M., Preceptor, giving the charges in a very impressive manner. It was proposed by the Preceptor, seconded by the S.W., Bro. T. W. Heath, and carried unanimously, that in the event of Bro. F. A. Barth not being present on Friday evening next, that Bro. J. C. Conway should take the chair of W.M. Bro. Conway returned thanks, and appointed his officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and received the "Hearty good wishes" of the brethren, and the lodge was closed.

**CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).**—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 6th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. A. Love, W.M.; T. Jobson, S.W.; R. Josey, P.M., J.W.; John Davies, W.M. 169, Preceptor; E. Austin, P.M., Treas.; F. Craggs, Sec. (*pro tem.*); H. Dehane, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. Essex, S.D.; W. Hillier, J.D.; J. Arnott, I.G.; James Sims, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; C. C. Cramp; T. Stevens; D. Stroud, P.M.; H. Nash, W.M. 211; T. Kington; G. Aylett; W. Williams, P.M.; F. C. Mander, W.M. 1828; W. J. Coplestone, P.M.; R. N. Larter; G. E. Higginson; and J. H. Richardson.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed in a very careful and impressive manner, Bro. Richardson acting as candidate. Bro. Richardson answered the questions leading to the Second Degree. At the usual time the elections, according to the by-laws, took place, and resulted as follows: Bro. Austin was re-elected Treasurer; Bro. Chalfont, Secretary; Bro. John Davies, Preceptor; and Bro. James Sims, Deputy Preceptor. Bros. Jobson, Hillier, and Larter were appointed Auditors. Votes of thanks were passed to all the officers for their able services during the past year, and to Bro. Love for the admirable manner in which he had conducted the proceedings for the first time in this lodge. Bro. Richardson was elected a joining member, and the lodge was closed.

**EARL OF LATHOM LODGE (No. 1922).**—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 5th inst., at the Joiner's Arms, Denmark Hill, S.E., when there were present Bros. Andrews, W.M.; Sims, S.W.; Brotheridge, J.W.; Cobham, Preceptor; Stanley, S.D.; Poole, J.D.; Harrington, I.G.; and Wheeler.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st and 2nd Sections were worked by Bro. Andrews, assisted by the brethren. The 3rd Section was worked by Bro. Andrews, assisted by Bro. Stanley. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the second ceremony rehearsed, Bro. Harrington as candidate. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. Taffs, 186, was elected a joining member. He returned thanks, and promised attendance. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Sandals was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The W.M. rose for the third time, and Bro. Stanley proposed, seconded by Bro. Andrews, that Bros. Wheeler and Sims should be elected honorary members in consideration of their services as Treasurer and Secretary respectively, carried unanimously. The lodge was closed.

## Ancient and Accepted Rite.

### DERBY.

**St. Mary Chapter (No. 63).**—A meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 4th inst., when there were present Bros. J. H. Lawson, P.M.W.S., Prelate, as M.W.S. (in the unavoidable absence through illness of Bro. G. T. Wright, M.W.S.); Abm. Woodiwiiss, 1st Gen.; Percy Wallis, P.M.W.S., Recorder; W. H. Marsden, G.M.; Wm. Naylor, Raphael; J. E. Harrison, Herald; G. Morton Bond, C. of G.; W. Stone, O.G.; Geo. Fletcher, and Ill. Bro. W. Milligan, 30°, P.M.W.S. Visitor: Bro. E. C. Milligan, P.M.W.S.

After the minutes had been confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bros. J. R. Fielding and A. W. Slack, and, being favourable, they were raised to the 17° by Ill. Bro. W. Milligan, 30°, P.M.W.S., after which they were duly perfected to the 18° by Bro. J. H. Lawson, P.M.W.S. A vote of sympathy was accorded to Bro. G. T. Wright, M.W.S., in his illness.

Letters of apology were received from a number of brethren and all business being ended, the chapter was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Bell Hotel, where the banquet was served by Bro. Rayner in his usual effective style, and the usual toasts were honoured.

### YORK.

**Hilda Chapter (No. 23).**—On Thursday, the 6th inst., a meeting of this chapter was held in Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, Bro. T. B. Whythead, 30°, presiding, in the absence through severe illness of the M.W.S., Bro. Donald Grant, 30°. The election of M.W.S. took place, with the result that Bro. the Rev. Wm. Valentine, M.A., was unanimously chosen. Bro. Whythead was also re-elected Treasurer.

## MARK MASONRY IN LINCOLNSHIRE.

Mark Masonry is making headway in the Province of Lincolnshire. Following in the wake of Crowle, Sutton Bridge has applied for a warrant to establish a lodge there, which has been granted, and we have the further pleasant information to make to the brethren in this Degree that Spalding will soon follow. This must be gratifying to Bro. Jack Sutcliffe, Prov. Grand Master, and also to Bro. Bates, Dep. Grand Master of Lincolnshire, and other members of Grand Lodge. There are now in Lincolnshire eight Mark lodges. The inauguration of Prov. Grand Lodge was in 1874. The active Prov. Grand Secretary is Bro. Morton, who has just been elected W.M. of Lodge 188. When the Committee for General Purposes was formed at the Prov. Grand Lodge, held in November last, under the banner of the St. Oswald Lodge, No. 387, Crowle, it was decided to have a new banner for the province. Outlines of this new banner were forwarded by Bro. Morton to Bro. George Kenning, of London, who prepared a beautiful design therefrom, and it was submitted to the Committee, which met at the Masonic Hall, Grimbsy, on Tuesday, September 30th; and there were present Bros. A. Bates, D.P.G.M., in the chair (in the absence of Bro. Sutcliffe); T. Stanforth, P.S.G.W.; W. Marshall, P.P.G.W.; Norfolk, P.G.M.O.; and Morton, P.G.S.

It was decided to adopt the design submitted by Bro. George Kenning. It consists of a centre view of Lincoln Cathedral in stone colour on dark-blue silk.

Above the Cathedral are three scrolls in crimson, on which there is this inscription—"Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons Lincolnshire." The emblems of the Order are in gold. The banner is surrounded with crimson fringe. The whole will be a work of art, and will be ready for use at the Prov. Grand Lodge meeting at Gainsboro', in December next. With the banner will be provided a new sword. Bro. R. Wood, W.M. No. 387, is Prov. Grand Sword Bearer, and will have the honour of unsheathing it at the above-named lodge.

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The Prince of Wales has consented to open on Monday, the 24th inst., the Sporting and Art Exhibition at King's Lynn, for the purpose of establishing a "Covert Fund" for the West Norfolk Hunt. His Royal Highness will probably be accompanied by the Princess of Wales and their daughters.

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## MASONIC MEETINGS (Metropolitan)

For the week ending Saturday, November 22, 1890.

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15.

#### CRAFT LODGES.

712, Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel.  
1320, Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
1364, Earl of Zetland, Guildhall Tavern.  
1732, King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel.  
1767, Kensington, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill.  
2308, Viator, Anderton's Hotel.

#### LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.  
Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, at 7.  
Duke of Connaught, Lord Stanley Hotel, Paragon-rd., Hackney, at 8.  
Eccleston, Bro. Dickie's, 13, Cambridge-street, Pimlico, at 7.  
Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8.  
King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.  
Manchester, Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road, at 8.  
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.  
Star, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, S.E., at 7.  
Vitruvian, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitzo-road, St. Katherine's-park, Hatcham, S.E., at 7.30.  
Industry Chapter, Hanover Arms, Clapham-road, at 7.30.  
Mount Sinai Chapter, Red Lion Ho., 14, King-st., Regent-st., W., 8

#### ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tavern.  
1706, Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant.  
2202, Regent's Park, York and Albany Hotel, W.

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17.

#### CRAFT LODGES.

8, British, Freemasons' Hall.  
21, Emulation, Albion Tavern.  
185, Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern.  
720, Panmure, Balham Hotel.  
862, Whittington, Freemasons' Hall.  
901, City of London, Guildhall Tavern.  
907, Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall.  
1506, White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.  
1537, St. Peter Westminster, Criterion.  
1657, Aldersgate, Albion Tavern.  
1724, Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel.  
2060, La France, Gate Royal, Regent-street.

#### LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Coborn, Eagle Hotel, Snaresbrook, at 8.  
Doric, White Horse Tavern, White Horse-lane, Mile End-road, 8.  
Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Atlantic Road, Brixton, at 8.  
Eleanor, Rose and Crown, High Cross, Tottenham, at 8.  
Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland Gardens  
Porchester-terrace, Paddington, at 8.  
Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.  
Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30.  
Marquess of Ripon, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8.  
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.  
Perseverance, Ye Old Cheshire Cheese, 23, Adde-street, Wood-street, E.C., at 7.  
Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202, Whitechapel-road, at 7.  
Queen's Westminster and St. Marylebone, The Criterion, Piccadilly, W., at 8.  
Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, 8 till 10.  
St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance), at 8.  
St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.  
Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, at 8.  
Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, at 8.  
Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 6.  
Strong Man, Bull and Bell, Ropemaker-st., Moorgate-st., E.C., 7.  
Ubique, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, at 7.30.  
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, 7.30.  
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Church-rd., Upper Norwood, 8.  
Upton, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E., at 8.  
Warner, Bridge Chambers, Hoe-street Railway Station, Walthamstow, at 8.  
Wellington, White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, 8 to 10.  
West Smithfield, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C., at 7.  
Zetland, York and Albany, Park-street, Regent's Park, at 8.  
North London Chapter, Grosvenor Hotel, Canonbury, at 7.30.  
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 6.  
Hope Chapter, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 8.  
Israel Chapter, Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road, W.C

#### ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
1593, Trafalgar, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.  
MARK LODGES.  
333, Kintore, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
301, Onslow, Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street.  
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.  
131, Holy Sanctuary, 33, Golden-square.  
154, Shadwell Clerke, 33, Golden-square.

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18.

Board of General Purposes, at 4.

#### CRAFT LODGES.

30, United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern.  
73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel.  
95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
102, Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall.  
194, St. Paul's, Cannon-street Hotel (Centenary Celebration).  
435, Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall.  
704, Camden, Anderton's Hotel.  
857, St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
1805, Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bromley.  
2021, Queen's Westminster, Holborn Restaurant.  
2022, Haven, Lyric Hall, Ealing.

#### LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Brixton, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, S.E., at 8.  
Capper, Railway Tavern, Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.  
Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, at 7.  
Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-street, Borough, at 8.  
Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.  
Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Corner of Queen's-road and Middle-ton-road, Dalston, E., at 8.  
Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.  
Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, at 7.  
East Surrey Lodge of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, High-street, Croydon, at 8.  
Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.  
Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.  
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-road, Rotherhithe.  
Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, at 8.  
Finsbury, London Coffee House Tavern, Ludgate Hill, at 7.  
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30.  
Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.  
Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.  
Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 8.  
Kensington, Scarsdale Arms, Edward-square, Kensington, at 8.  
Mount Edgumbe, Crown Tavern, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8.  
Nelson, Royal Mortar Hotel, Woolwich, at 8.  
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8.  
Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues.  
Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, at 8.  
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.  
Robert Burns, Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road, W.C., at 8.  
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Waltham Green, S.W., at 7.30.  
St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.  
Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma-road, S.W., at 8.  
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Steney, at 8.  
Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.  
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, at 6.30.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 171, Amity, Cannon-street Hotel.
933, Doric, Anderton's Hotel.
1017, Montefiore, Cafe Royal, Regent-street.
1148, Ebury, Freemasons' Hall.
1604, Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall.
MARK LODGE.
238, Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel.
ROSE CROIX CHAPTER.
45, Oxford and Cambridge University, 33, Golden-square.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19.

- General Committee of Grand Lodge and Board of Benevolence, at 6 precisely.
CRAFT LODGES.
Grand Stewards' Lodge.
7, Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, Albion Tavern.
140, St. George's, Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich.
174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern.
190, Oak, Freemasons' Hall.
700, Nelson, New Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
969, Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel.
1044, Wandsworth, East Hill House, Wandsworth.
1156, Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall.
1278, Burdett-Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park.
1340, Friars, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
1360, Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon.
1382, Corinthian, George Inn, Cubitt Town, E.
1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel.
1539, Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1624, Eccleston, Criterion.
1673, Langton, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
1677, Crusaders, Cock Tavern, Highbury.
2241, Cordwainer Ward, Cannon-street Hotel.
2265, Barnato, Cock Tavern, Highbury.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.
Bourgoyne, Essex Head, Essex-street, Strand, 6 to 8.
Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 7 till 9.
Crays Valley, National Schoolroom, St. Mary Cray, 8.
Duke of Albany, Rock Tavern, Battersea-park-road, at 7.30.
Earl of Lathom, Joiner's Arms, Denmark Hill, S.E., at 8.
Fidelity, The Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury, N., at 8.
Guelph, Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone-road, E., at 8.
Hendon, Lower Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8.15.
Industry, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, at 8.30.
Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford, at 8.
La Tolerance, Portland Arms, Great Portland-street, W., at 8.
Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8.
Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse, 7.30.
Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High-street, Boro', at 7.30.
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.
Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.
Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 116, Old Kent-road, at 8.
Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley, at 7.45.
Prosperity, City Arms Tavern, 2, St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7.
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8.
Ravensbourne, George Inn, Catford, at 8.
Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery-lane, at 8.
Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8.
St. Ambrose, Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, at 8.
St. Leonard, Pr. of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-road, Victoria Park, 8.
Stanhope, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Putney, at 8.
Temperance in the East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30.
United Mariners, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto-road, Nunhead.
United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Regent's-pk., at 8.
Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8.
Domestic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

- 1598, Ley Spring, Anderton's Hotel.
MARK LODGES.
181, Sir Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham.
199, Duke of Connaught, Town Hall, Shoreditch.
ROSE CROIX CHAPTER.
79, Orpheus, 33, Golden-square.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20.

- House Committee Girls' School, at 4.30.
CRAFT LODGES.
23, Globe, Freemason's Hall.
49, Gihon, Guildhall Tavern.
55, Constitutional, Cannon-street Hotel.
63, St. Mary's, Freemasons' Hall.
169, Temperance, White Swan, Deptford.
179, Manchester, Anderton's Hotel.
181, Universal, Freemasons' Hall.
733, Westbourne, Holborn Restaurant.
813, New Concord, Guildhall Tavern.
1139, South Norwood, The Pavilion, South Norwood Park.
1227, Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate.
1287, Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall.
1321, Emblematic, Bridge House Hotel.
1365, Clifton, St. Botolph's Chambers.
1475, Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1598, Ley Spring, Anderton's Hotel.
1617, Ripplegate, Albion Tavern.
1901, Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel.
2310, London Scottish Rifles, Mark Masors' Hall, Great Queen-street.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Burdett-Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
Camden, Lewisham Masonic Rooms, adjoining White Hart Hotel, 116, High-street, Lewisham, S.E., at 8.
Clarence, Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham-court-road, at 7.30.
Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
Creaton, Wheatsheaf Hot., Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W., 8.
Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, 9.
Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern (opposite Limehouse Church, E.), at 7.
Ebury, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham Common, at 8.
Eliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham.
High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8.
Highgate, Falkland Arms, Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.
Ivy, Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.
Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, 8 to 10.
Langton, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 5.30.
Leopold, City Arms Restaurant, St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7.
Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House, London Bridge, at 7.
Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte-st., Fitzroy-square, W., at 8.
Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch Lane, at 7.30.
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30.
Rose, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.
Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool-road, at 8.
Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New-road, at 8.
Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-street, Kennington.
Stuart, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, at 7.
The Great City, M.H., Masons'-avenue, E.C., at 6.30.
Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington-road, Bow-road, at 7.30.
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich.
Victoria Park, George Tavern, Broadway, Stratford, at 8.
West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30.
Chancer Chapter, George Hotel, High-street, Borough, S.E., at 8.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida-vale, at 7.30.
Pythagorean Chapter, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 9, Albion, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
507, United Pilgrims, Freemasons' Hall.
834, Andrew, Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith.
1216, Mardonald, Head-quarters 1st Surrey Volunteer Rifles, Camberwell.
MARK LODGE.
357, Chiswick, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge.
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.
154, Shadwell Clerke, 33, Golden-square.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21.

- House Committee Boys' School, at 4.30.
CRAFT LODGES.
143, Middlesex, Albion Tavern.
975, Rose of Denmark, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.
1118, University, Freemasons' Hall.
1623, West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall.
1704, Anchor, Cannon-street Hotel.
1902, London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hotel.
LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.
Albion, The Mitre, 125, Chancery-lane, at 7.
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, at 8.
Clapton, Lord Stanley, Sandringham-road, Hackney, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon, Kensington Park Hotel, Lancaster-road, Notting-hill, W., at 8.
Euphrates, Green Man, Mansell-street, Whitechapel, E., at 8.
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-street, Oxford-st., at 8.
Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8.
Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, High-street, Wood Green, at 7.30.
Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8.
Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7.
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8.
Royal Standard, Builders' Arms, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, N.
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.
Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, at 6.
St. George's, Globe Tavern, Greenwich, at 8.
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8.
St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8.
Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8.
The Abbey, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road, at 7.30.
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.40.
Westbourne, Swiss Cottage Tavern, St. John's Wood, N.W., 8.
Wm. Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George-street, Baker-st., W.
Hornsey Chapter, Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-gardens, Paddington, W., at 8.
Lily of Richmond Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, at 8.
Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.
Strawberry Hill Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, S.W.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.
92, Moira, Albion Tavern.
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.
48, Kemey's Tynte, 33, Golden-square.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22.

- CRAFT LODGES.
1584, Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew.
1679, Henry Muggidge, Anderton's Hotel.
ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.
176, Caveac, Albion Tavern.
1185, Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green.
MARK LODGE.
205, Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, Walthamstow.

MASONIC MEETINGS (Provincial)

For the week ending Saturday, November 22, 1890.

The following is a list of Towns in which the Lodges, &c., whose numbers are appended, meet at the dates given. Further particulars of places of meeting, &c., will be found in "The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar," published annually at the office of The Freemason.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17.

- CRAFT LODGES.
Gravesend ... 77
Dorchester ... 248
Whitby ... 312
Southampton ... 359
Gateshead ... 424
Kettering ... 455
Stamford Baron ... 400
Coventry ... 725
Tewkesbury ... 900
Birmingham ... 945
Whitefield ... 934
Monkwearmouth ... 949
Croston ... 950
Heaton Norris ... 1030
Llangefni ... 1113
Horsham ... 1141
Congresbury ... 1199
E. Stonehouse ... 1205
Dover ... 1208
Plymouth ... 1255
Dawlish ... 1443
Liverpool ... 1502
Gorleston ... 1031
Worsley ... 184
Nottingham ... 1909
Landport ... 2074
Leicester ... 2081
Bournemouth ... 2203
Great Crosby ... 2489
R.A. CHAPTERS.
Cardiff ... 36
Bolton ... 37
Bath ... 53
Hereford ... 120
Bury ... 128
Sheffield ... 139
Swansea ... 237
Boston ... 274
Oldham ... 277
Lancaster ... 1051
Topsham ... 1284
Withington ... 1375
MARK LODGES.
Chipping Sodbury ... 218
Handsworth ... 318
Wilmington ... 322
Rhyl ... 344
Fowey ... 325
Northwich ... 347
Kidderminster ... 350
Ashbourne ... 353
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.
Manchester ... 5

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Exeter ... 39
Birmingham ... 74
Chatham ... 184
Norwich ... 213
Bradford ... 302
Pembroke Dock ... 378
Huddersfield ... 521
Ventnor ... 551
Whitehaven ... 872
Workington ... 962
Levenshulme ... 993
Saltash ... 1071
Ramsgate ... 1209
Mossley ... 1218
Carlton Hill ... 1221
Sutton ... 1347
Canterbury ... 1449
Alford ... 1000

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18.

- CRAFT LODGES.
Margate ... 127
Norwich ... 213
Plymouth ... 243
Bangor ... 384
Hanley ... 418
Nuncaton ... 432
Croydon ... 452
Birmingham ... 408
Carmarthen ... 476
Ventnor ... 551
Stourport ... 500
Malton ... 600
West Bromwich ... 602
Oakfield ... 830
Jersey ... 958
Cardiff ... 900
St. Day ... 1006
Falmouth ... 1046
Manchester ... 1052
Sheerness ... 1089
Barrow-in-Furness ... 1225
Seacombe ... 1270
Milton ... 1390
Newport ... 1410
Pagnell ... 1410
Newcastle ... 1427
Birmingham ... 1551
Liverpool ... 1570
Northampton ... 1704
Buckingham ... 1787
Slough ... 1894
Portsmouth ... 1903
Rugeley ... 1941
Ealing ... 2022
Surbiton ... 2446
Newton-le-Willows ... 2155
R.A. CHAPTERS.
Bath ... 41

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Whitehaven ... 119
Margate ... 127
Weymouth ... 170
Jatley ... 204
Dartford ... 209
Lewes ... 311
Maryport ... 371
Broadstairs ... 429
North Shields ... 431
Rialtax ... 448
Aylesbury ... 591
Lee ... 704
Crewkerne ... 814
Wotton-under-Edge ... 855
Stockton ... 940
Jarrow ... 1119
Edmonton ... 123.
Wrexham ... 1339
Harrington ... 1400
Huddersfield ... 1783
Dartford ... 1837
Beckenham ... 2200

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19.

- CRAFT LODGES.
Chatham ... 20
Penzance ... 121
Poole ... 137
Greenwich ... 140
Ryde ... 175
Wigan ... 178
Scarborough ... 200
Denton ... 210
Bolton ... 221
Guernsey ... 243
Cheltenham ... 246
Taunton ... 261
Shepton Mallet ... 285
Lewes ... 311
Salford ... 325
Landport ... 342
Ipswich ... 376
Ashton-under-Lyne ... 430
Burslem ... 451
Birkenhead ... 537
Openshaw ... 581
Aylesbury ... 591
Worcester ... 592
Bristol ... 610
Manchester ... 633
Newport, Mon. ... 643
Stafford ... 726
Liverpool ... 823
Tunbridge Wells ... 874
Kingston-on-Thames ... 889
Birmingham ... 938
Fleetwood ... 950
Workington ... 992
Canterbury ... 972
Wakefield ... 1019
Driffield ... 1049
Kirkdale ... 1086
Fakenham ... 1114
Rochdale ... 1130
Torpoint ... 1136
Ilkestone ... 1179
Stoke Damerel ... 1212
Aston ... 1246
Grimsby ... 1294
Brighouse ... 1305
Durham ... 1334
Lancaster ... 1353
Hornsea ... 1511
Ramsbottom ... 1634
Lyne ... 1774
Skegness ... 1893
Barmouth ... 1928
Douglas ... 2050
Consett ... 2135
Gosport ... 2153
E. Stonehouse ... 2258
St. Neots ... 2283
R.A. CHAPTERS.
Shrewsbury ... 262
Todmorden ... 288
Torquay ... 328
Dorchester ... 417
Newcastle ... 481
Dudley ... 498
Devizes ... 603
Southend ... 1000
Saltash ... 1071
Jarrow ... 1119
MARK LODGES.
Bury ... 123
Twickenham ... 181
Berwick ... 192
Chester ... 196
Frizington ... 216
Portmadoc ... 259
Cambridge ... 334
Liverpool ... 359
Ashford ... 378
ROSE CROIX.
Warwick ... 15
Southampton ... 41
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.
Nottingham ... A
Southampton ... 32
Darlington ... 139

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Chatham ... 20
Shrewsbury ... 117
Dover ... 199
Bingley ... 439
Haverfordwest ... 404
Newbury ... 574
Liverpool ... 594
Canterbury ... 972
Manchester ... 1166
Sowerby Bridge ... 1283
Liverpool ... 1356
Bromley ... 1805
Herne Bay ... 2099
Hendon ... 2256

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20.

- CRAFT LODGES.
Bury ... 42
Arundel ... 56
Hull ... 57
Lowestoft ... 71
Burslem ... 98
Great Yarmouth ... 100
Colne ... 116
Liverpool ... 203
Devonport ... 230
Jersey ... 245
Macclesfield ... 207
Ashton-under-Lyne ... 268
Huddersfield ... 275
Chelmsford ... 270
Worcester ... 280
Haslingden ... 283
Hadfield ... 332
Uppermill ... 337
Preston ... 343
Blackburn ... 345
Whitworth ... 303
Rochdale ... 397
Southampton ... 394
Chester ... 425
Bideford ... 489
Leicester ... 523
Bradford ... 600
Birkenhead ... 605
Howden ... 630
Blyth ... 659
Totnes ... 710
Runcorn ... 758
Guildford ... 777
Belper ... 787
Derby ... 802
Aberavon ... 833
Worsop ... 939
Stockton ... 940
Southend ... 1000
Manchester ... 1011
Chorley ... 1032
Portland ... 1037
Leeds ... 1042
Melton Mowbray ... 1130
Denbigh ... 1143
St. Germans ... 1104
Battle ... 1184
Buxton ... 1235
West Derby ... 1299
Crediton ... 1332
Northallerton ... 1337
Eccles ... 1345
Liverpool ... 1393
Oswestry ... 1432
West Gorton ... 1459
Gravesend ... 1464
Dunstable ... 1470
Hampton Court ... 1512
Pr-stwich ... 1534
Risca ... 1502
Newtown ... 1594
Landport ... 1770
Brighton ... 1821
Sandown ... 1859
Surbiton ... 1872
Wallingford ... 1887
Carshalton ... 1892
Narborough ... 2028
Settle ... 2091
Newmarket ... 2107
Hoscombe ... 2158
Rhyney ... 2246
Sheffield ... 2258
Ashford ... 2305
Southport ... 2325
R.A. CHAPTERS.
Newcastle ... 24
Canterbury ... 31
Sand-rhand ... 97
Manchester ... 204
Hull ... 250
Beverley ... 294
Fareham ... 309
Middlesborough ... 602
Tofts ... 603
St. Helens ... 897
Eastbourne ... 910
Stonehouse, Devon ... 2025
MARK LODGES.
Milton Mowbray and at Oakham ... 21
Plymouth ... 50
Aldershot ... 54
Barnsley ... 127
Maryport ... 151
Abergavenny ... 214
Stony Stratford ... 292
Longton ... 308
Kew ... 357
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.
Weymouth ... 31

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Leeds ... 31
Nottingham ... 47
Plymouth ... 70
Gravesend ... 77
Sheffield ... 139
Sheerness ... 158
Liverpool ... 216
Liverpool ... 249
Batley ... 204
Leeds ... 289
Uxbridge ... 382
Manselton ... 503
Hartlepool ... 531
Liverpool ... 673
Twickenham ... 780
Rochester ... 1250
Liverpool ... 1181
Sudbury ... 1224
Romford ... 1437
Hatfield ... 1580
Leyton ... 1005
Brighton ... 1829
Shanklin ... 1864
Wallingford ... 1857
Hazelgrove ... 1957
New Brompton ... 1907
Dover ... 2195
Bradford ... 2321

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21.

- CRAFT LODGES.
Manchester ... 152
Brighton ... 271
Helston ... 318
Tipton ... 347
Spilsby ... 420
Lowcester ... 445
Newcastle ... 541
Selby ... 505
Devizes ... 603
Stow-on-the-Wold ... 951
Levenshulme ... 993
Deal ... 1096
Leeds ... 1311
Market Harborough ... 1330
Sale ... 1357
Sunderland ... 1389
Nottingham ... 1794
Clacton-on-Sea ... 2063
Old Trafford ... 2231
R.A. CHAPTERS.
Haslingden ... 283
Huddersfield ... 521
Wimborne ... 622
Ripon ... 837
Landport ... 1428
Hull ... 1005
Wolverhampton ... 186
Sheffield ... 16

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

- Newbiggin ... 123
Bristol ... 1034
Keighley ... 205
Bristol ... 326
York ... 1034
Saltash ... 1071
Penistone ... 1462
York ... 1991
Bristol (Province)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22.

- Enfield ... 1579
Hounslow ... 1871
LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.
Birkenhead ... 478

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## MASONIC AND GENERAL TIDINGS

Bro. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B., was installed W.M. of the Derwent Lodge, No. 884, at the last meeting.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Lathom have been among the guests who have been visiting the Prince and Princess of Wales at Sandringham.

We are asked to state that the Lewis Lodge of Instruction meets every Friday, at the Fishmongers' Arms, High-street, Wood Green, at 7.30.

Bro. Wilhelm Kuhe, P.G. Org., will give an evening concert at the Dome, Brighton, to-day (Friday), when Madame Albani will make her only appearance during this season.

Bro. George H. Reynolds, son of Bro. George Reynolds, P.M., Secretary of the Anglo-American Lodge, was on Tuesday last unanimously elected W.M. of the Covent Garden Lodge, No. 1614.

Bro. Rev. J. Denton, P.P.S.G.W. Leicestershire and Rutland, has been made a canon of Peterborough Cathedral. Canon Denton is a well-known zealous member of the Craft, and senior P.M. of Lodge 779.

Bros. Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor), Lord Ashbourne (Lord Chancellor of Ireland), Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., and Lord George Hamilton attended the Cabinet Council on the 7th inst.

Bro. J. Derby Allcroft, Treasurer of the Institution, will preside at the 36th annual meeting of the Royal Hospital for Incurables, which will be held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Friday, the 28th inst.

Canbury Gardens, Kingston-on-Thames, was formally opened by Lady Ellis, wife of Bro. Sir J. W. Ellis, Bart., M.P., on Saturday last, when the whole riverside was gay with bunting in honour of the occasion.

Bro. Alderman Sir J. Whitaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., ex-Lord Mayor of London, has at length acceded to the wishes of the new Corporation of Richmond, and has consented to become the first Mayor of the new borough.

The marriage of Mr. H. S. Rawlinson, 60th Rifles, eldest son of Major-General Sir Henry C. Rawlinson, with Miss Coleridge Kennard, daughter of Bro. J. Coleridge Kennard, was solemnised at St. Paul's, Knightsbridge, on the 6th instant.

Bro. Lord and Lady Brassey have promised to attend the prize distribution of the Wolverhampton Science and Art Institute, on Tuesday next, the 18th instant, when her ladyship will distribute the prizes, and Bro. Lord Brassey deliver an address.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Lewis Lodge of Instruction, No. 1185, to-morrow (Friday), and on Friday, the 21st inst., at eight p.m., at the Fishmongers' Arms, High-street, Wood Green. Bro. H. G. Gush, P.M. 1541, will be W.M.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, which meets at the Green Dragon, Spring-gardens, Stepney, on Tuesday evening, the 25th inst. Bro. T. J. Barnes, P.M., will preside, and Bros. Pringle, Berry, and Musto will act as S.W., J.W., and I.P.M. respectively. The Secretary is Bro. D. McNish, 25, Arbour-square.

Plans have been passed at a special meeting of the Wallsend Local Board for the erection of a Masonic Hall at Wallsend. The new building, which will cover an extensive area, will be in the Elizabethan style of architecture. The estimated cost is £2500. A company, known as the Tyne Masonic Hall Company, has been formed, and, at a preliminary meeting, 750 £1 shares were taken up, it having been determined to raise the necessary capital on that principle.

Bro. the Rev. Dr. Lemon, Prov. Prior of Devon, purposes holding at the Loyal Brunswick Priory, St. George's Hall, East Stonehouse, on the 24th inst., a Provincial Priory of Knights Hospitaller of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes, and Malta, for the inception of such Knights Templar of the Province as Knights of Malta who have not yet been received, and are desirous, upon ballot approval, of being admitted into the Order of Malta upon presenting themselves for that purpose.

THE PROPOSED ESCULAPIAN LODGE.—At a meeting of the founders of the above lodge, held at Craven House, on Thursday, the 23rd ult., it was agreed to at once petition Grand Lodge for a warrant. Other matters, *re* fees, days of meeting, &c., were duly arranged and agreed to. Any duly registered medical practitioner, attached to a regular lodge, can have full particulars by applying to the acting Secretary, Thomas Dutton, M.D., P.M. 1726, Craven House, Northumberland-avenue, London, W.C.

The producers of mourning stationery appear to be aiming at the same simplicity as the modern undertaker, who is now in a fair way to abolish the dreadfully heavy and sombre trappings which have for so long a period been associated with the funerals of all classes of her Majesty's subjects. Messrs. John Stoneman and Co.'s registered "Unique mourning" stationery simply consists of a black margin on the left side of the sheet of paper, the effect of which is artistic and simple to the last degree. It will, we feel sure, be in great demand as soon as it becomes known.

Messrs. Griffith, Farran and Co. will issue on the 1st December a biography of Isaac Pitman, of Bath, the inventor of phonography, by Thomas Allen Reed. It will be illustrated with woodcuts and facsimile pages, and published in cloth for 3s. 6d. Mr. Isaac Pitman's life has been one of extraordinary usefulness and activity. He has worked for over 50 years with unceasing energy to perfect the system of shorthand with which his name will go down to posterity, and to bring about a reformation of our mode of spelling. The number of writers of his system of phonography is now enormous, and by these, as well as by the general public, this biography will be looked forward to with great interest. To the name of T. A. Reed will be almost as familiar as that of Isaac Pitman, and no better pen could have been found to write a life of the "father of phonography."

Bro. Lord and Lady Hothfield, who have been spending the holidays at Appleby Castle, Westmorland, have arrived at Hothfield Place, near Ashford.

We are glad to hear that Bro. Sir H. Drummond Wolff has sufficiently recovered from his late dangerous illness as to be able to leave Teheran for England.

Bro. Major George Lambert, F.S.A., presided at a dinner on behalf of the Watch and Clock Makers' Pension Society, at the Holborn Restaurant, on Monday last.

We regret to hear that the Countess of Jersey has experienced a relapse, and that in the early part of the week considerable anxiety was felt as to her condition.

An International Challenge Cup, value £500, has been instituted by the Royal Victoria Yacht Club, the first competition, which will be open to the world, being arranged to take place during the 1891 season.

The Prince of Wales, accompanied by Major-General Ellis and Bro. Sir Francis Knollys, left Marlborough House for Sandringham on the 7th instant. His Royal Highness has appointed Bro. Sir Oscar Clayton, extra surgeon, to be surgeon-in-ordinary.

The Great City Lodge, No. 1426, have arranged with Bro. James Stevens for the delivery of his lecture on "The Ritual and Ceremonial of the Symbolic Degrees in Freemasonry," at the next regular meeting of the lodge at Cannon-street Hotel, on Saturday, the 14th prox.

It is said that Bro. the Earl of Egmont is disposing of his Irish property. His lordship recently sold Lohort Castle, near Canturk, County Cork, on which he not long ago spent £40,000, to the well-known cricketer Mr. T. C. O'Brien, nephew and heir-presumptive of Sir Patrick O'Brien, Bart.

Bro. F. G. Faithfull, who has held the position of Clerk to the Merchant Taylors' Company for nearly 20 years, has resigned on account of ill-health. At the Livery dinner in the hall, the Master referred in eulogistic terms to the able conduct of Bro. Faithfull in the discharge of his duties, and to the esteem and respect in which he was held by the members of the company.

It was announced at the Birmingham City Council on Monday that Mr. G. F. Muntz, brother of the late Mr. P. H. Muntz, M.P., had invested £21,000, the annual income of which was to be distributed among the medical and surgical charities of the city, and that Mr. Richard Cadbury had given his house and grounds at Moseley Hall, valued at £30,000, for a children's convalescent home.

At the annual meeting of the Holland County Council on Friday, the 7th inst., Bro. Alderman Barrell, P.M. 469, P.A.G.D.C. Lincolnshire, was unanimously elected Chairman of the Council. Bro. Barrell was first Chairman of the Council, but last year he voluntarily retired from the premier position to that of Vice-Chairman. Many of his friends strongly urged him to resume his former position, with the result that he is again Chairman by the unanimous vote of his colleagues.

Bro. Alderman Savory, the new Lord Mayor of London, was formally admitted into office on Saturday last at the Guildhall. Previous to the ceremony the retiring Lord Mayor (Bro. Sir H. A. Isaacs) and the Lord Mayor elect entertained at breakfast at the Mansion House the Court of Aldermen, the Sheriffs and Under-Sheriffs, the Chaplain, the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs' Committee, and the members of the various guilds to which the new Chief Magistrate belongs. The party afterwards adjourned to the Guildhall, where the oath of office was taken by Bro. Alderman Savory.

During the week commencing the 24th instant a series of dramatic representations will be given in the Theatre Royal, Edinburgh, under the auspices of Dramatic and Arts Lodge, No. 757. Friday evening will be reserved for a concert in fancy costume of date 1715. The performance on the 24th is under the patronage and presence of Bro. Sir Archibald Campbell, Bart., and authority has been given by the Grand Lodge for the appearance of the Craft in full Masonic regalia. The proceeds of the week's entertainment will be devoted to the Annuity Fund of Scottish Masonic Benevolence.

The title of Mr. Julian Cross's new piece to be produced at Terry's Theatre on the morning of December 2nd has been finally decided upon. It is to be called "The Penalty," and among the artistes engaged will be found the following names: Messrs. Henry Dana, Henry Bedford, W. F. Hargreaves, Robert Soutar, and Julian Cross, who will play the part of an Italian adventurer; while the ladies are Miss Elinore Leyshon, Miss Marie Linden, Miss Alice Bruce, Miss Rose Dearing, and Miss Ruth Rutland, who will play the leading part, Cora Montez, a Spanish creole.

The festivities in honour of the Prince of Wales's 49th birthday were held on Monday, the chief feature at Sandringham being the dinner given to the workmen and employes on the Royal estate. Sir Dighton Probyn, Comptroller of the Prince's household, presided, and while the dinner was in progress the Prince and Princess of Wales, accompanied by the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, and the Princesses Victoria and Maud, and attended by Lady Sulfield, General Ellis, and Bro. Sir Francis Knollys, entered and received a hearty greeting, the loyal toasts being honoured during their presence. At Windsor a Royal salute was fired in honour of the event, while in London the Royal Warrant Holders dined together under the presidency of Bro. Colonel Howard Vincent, M.P.

STAMMERING: ITS TREATMENT.—Under this title is published a very interesting and exhaustive treatise on impediments in speech, by Mr. B. Beasley, of Brampton Park, Huntingdon, who is indebted for his knowledge of the subject to the study and research consequent upon 30 years of personal suffering, and who now claims to have cured himself by his own system. In these days of keen competition and overcrowding in the professions, it is not to be wondered at that the authorities of the church, the army, and the navy are growing more and more particular about admitting young men into their ranks who cannot speak properly, and it clearly behoves parents to look well after this important branch of the education of the rising generation. Mr. Beasley entirely disproves the common theory that the stammering child will "grow out" of his impediment if left alone, and equally upsets the absurd dictum that the malady is incurable. The pamphlet is illustrated with a few sketches of Brampton Park, Mr. Beasley's unique establishment for the reception and treatment of stammerers.

The box plan for Mr. Julian Cross's *matinée* of "The Penalty" will open on Tuesday, the 25th instant, when the rush for seats is expected to be very great.

The marriage of the Hon. Francis Dudley Leigh, eldest surviving son and heir of Bro. Lord Leigh, with Miss H. F. Beckwith, is fixed for Saturday, the 29th instant.

It is understood that the total of the sums received in aid of the Hospital Saturday Fund amounts to £20,000, and that the Committee in charge will forthwith distribute £16,000.

The Queen has directed letters patent to be passed under the Great Seal appointing the Earl of Northbrook, Lieutenant and Custos Rotulorum of the County of Southampton, *vice* Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon deceased.

The corner-stone of a splendid Masonic Temple was laid in Chicago on Thursday last week. The ceremonies were most impressive, and included a procession of 4000 knights wearing full regalia. The site of the new temple originally cost \$1,100,000, and is now worth \$2,500,000. The building is estimated to cost a further \$2,000,000.—*Dalsiel*.

"Sweet Lavender" will be withdrawn on Friday evening, the 21st instant, to make room for A. W. Pinero's three-act play "In Chancery," which will be produced on Saturday evening, the 22nd inst., and for which the following ladies and gentlemen have been engaged: Mesdames Elinore Leyshon, Alice Yorke, Kate Mills, and Rose Dearing. Messrs. H. Dana, F. W. Irish, Robert Soutar, Geo. Belmore, Prince Miller, and Edward Terry.

The Emblematic Lodge of Instruction, No. 1321, lately meeting at the Mona Hotel, Henrietta-street, Covent Garden, on and after Tuesday, the 18th inst., will meet at the St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly. All Masons will receive a hearty welcome. Lectures and ceremonies are worked at each meeting. Bro. J. Greenway is the Preceptor, Bro. J. H. Price, Treasurer, and Bro. G. F. Swan, Secretary.

A complimentary dinner was given on Thursday evening, the 6th instant, at the Holborn Restaurant, to Bro. J. Lewis Thomas, chief surveyor War Office, on his retirement after a service of 46 years, by several of his friends and colleagues at the War Office. The chair was taken by General Sir Lothian Nicholson, R.E. (Inspector-General of Fortifications and Royal Engineers), supported by Colonel H. Lockock, R.E. (Deputy Inspector-General of Fortifications), and amongst those present were Colonel Sir Robert Harley, Major-General Sim, R.E., Major Watson, R.E., Captain C. Bate, R.E., Surgeon G. Harley-Thomas, and Messrs. Hammond, Hurst, Condy, Ingress-Bell, Frederick, Collins, Gamble, and others.

At the close of the Masonic business of the Palladian Lodge, No. 120, at Hereford, on Thursday, the 6th inst. Bro. O. Shellard, P.M., was presented by the brethren with his portrait, and they subsequently received it from his hands to add to the portraits of distinguished Masons which already adorn the walls of the lodge room. It is an enlarged photograph, three-quarter figure, half life-size, finished in monochrome, and framed in gilt decorated with Masonic emblems. Below the portrait is the following inscription:—"Orlando Shellard, 1890, P.M. and D.C. Palladian Lodge, 120; P.Z. and Tr. Palladian R.A., Chapter 120; P.P.S.G.W. Herefordshire. Also P.M. St. Ethelbert Mark Lodge, 243, and D.P.G.M. of Mark Masons, Gloucestershire and Herefordshire."

Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M. 1611, G.S.B. England, &c., has just had published a most useful and much needed little manual, entitled "Ceremonies suitable for the occasion of the Funeral of a Worshipful Master, Past Master, or Warden, for use in open lodge." The preparatory instructions are very appropriate and comprehensive, and the ceremonial is arranged by a master-hand. Opening with Psalm xv., and followed by a series of questions and replies by the W.M. and Wardens respectively, and then chants by the choir, the words of King Solomon, Eccles. xii., are fittingly introduced, and some beautiful music, with suitable hymns, continue on the ceremony, one of the tunes being quite a gem, and apparently new or generally unknown. The symbolism is very suggestive and imposing, and altogether the *brochure* is a most valuable contribution to a department much neglected in England. Copies may be had of the publishers—*Yorkshire Gazette* Office, York—at 6d. each, post free, or £2 2s. per hundred.

Lord Mayor's Show, in spite of the somewhat unfavourable weather, attracted the usual throngs of sightseers along the line of route, and Bro. Savory must have been immensely gratified by the hearty reception he met with. The Show itself was on a grander scale than usual, and the various pageants were greeted with cheers as they passed. But the heartiest welcome of all was accorded to the Crimean soldiers and sailors, the men who had helped to carry the heights of Alma, had fought so stubbornly at Inkerman, or ridden in the famous charge of the "Light Brigade" at Balaclava, the trumpeters who sounded that memorable charge being especially greeted. At the banquet which followed, and at which Bro. Lord Mayor Savory very graciously presided, the principal guests included the Prime Minister and the Marchioness of Salisbury, the ex-Lord Mayor, Bro. Alderman Sir H. A. Isaacs, Bro. Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor) and Lady Halsbury, Bro. Lord Ashbourne (Lord Chancellor of Ireland), Bro. Lord and Lady George Hamilton, Bros. Sir W. Hart-Dyke, Bart., Sir J. Ferguson, Bart., Sir E. Clarke (Solicitor-General), Sir Redvers Buller, and Bros. Alderman Sir F. W. Truscott, Sir H. E. Knight, Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., Sir P. de Keyser, Sir James Whitehead, Bart., Gray, Evans, Renals, Davies, and Newton, Sheriff Farmer, and Bro. Sheriff Augustus Harris, and Bros. Board, M.P., General Goldsworthy, M.P., and John Aird, M.P.

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