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THE NEW PROVINCE OF BERKSHIRE.

Arrangements are in progress for the installation of his Royal Highness the Duke of CLARENCE AND AVONDALE, P.S.G.W. of England, as Provincial Grand Master of the newly-constituted Province of Berkshire. The ceremony has been appointed to take place at Reading, on Monday, the 15th December, and it is both hoped and expected that his Royal Highness the M.W. GRAND MASTER will preside on the occasion and conduct in person the ceremony of installation. That the gathering will be a memorable one, not only in the annals of Berkshire Freemasonry, but in those of the English Craft generally, needs not to be demonstrated. Other members of our Royal Family, both of this and former generations, have been inducted into offices of exalted rank in the midst of more or less splendid surroundings, but the circumstances attending the forthcoming ceremony will constitute a unique chapter in the history of the Royal Craft in this country. Royal personages as we have said have been installed in office, but on no previous occasion during the career of our modern system of Freemasonry has it been the good fortune of any one of our Royal Grand Masters to preside at the induction of his eldest son and heir into a position second only in importance to that occupied by himself. There is, therefore, small reason to doubt that our Berkshire brethren will spare no efforts to ensure, not only the success of the gathering at which the rule of their new and illustrious chief will be formally inaugurated, but also such a success as shall prove in every way worthy of so rare, and, at the same time, so auspicious an event.

As regards the lodges which are comprised within the Province of Berkshire, and over which the Duke of CLARENCE AND AVONDALE will preside as Prov. G.M., their loyalty to the principles of Freemasonry has been again and again demonstrated during the government of their late lamented ruler, while their number is by no means inconsiderable. The senior lodge on the roll is the Etonian, No. 209, Windsor, which was founded by the Grand Lodge of the "Ancients" in 1794, and the next, the Union, No. 414, Reading, which dates from the year 1833. The Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, No. 574, which is located at Newbury, stands third in order of seniority, and then come pretty close together the second Windsor lodge—the Windsor Castle, No. 771—and the St. John's, No. 795, Maidenhead, the former of which was constituted in 1858, and the latter in 1859. The Abbey Lodge, No. 945, Abingdon, was founded in 1863, and the second lodge at Reading, namely, the Grey Friars, No. 1101, in 1866. These seven lodges were in existence when, in 1868, the late Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., was appointed Provincial Grand Master of Bucks and Berks, the remaining six having been constituted during the *régime* of that distinguished brother and since the installation of the Prince of WALES as M.W. Grand Master. The Ellington, No. 1566, the junior lodge at Maidenhead, dates from 1875; the Vale of the White Horse, No. 1770, Faringdon, from 1878; the St. Hilda, No. 1887, from 1880; the Wellesley, No. 1899, Sandhurst, from 1881; the third Reading lodge—the Kendrick, No. 2043—from 1884; and the junior lodge of all—the Dene, No. 2228, Cookham—from 1887. Thus there are at present 13 lodges comprised within the new Province of Berkshire, of which three meet in Reading, two in Maidenhead, two in Windsor, and the remaining half dozen in the towns of Abingdon, Cookham, Faringdon, Newbury, Sandhurst, and Wallingford respectively. Several of these lodges are strong in point of membership, and all, according to their opportunities and ability, have given valuable support to our Masonic Institutions. Thus the conditions under which the Provincial Grand Master nominate enters upon his duties are probably as favourable as they could well be, and we may rely with the utmost confidence on the more experienced brethren in the county zealously supporting the efforts of his Royal Highness to strengthen and promote the well-being of Freemasonry as well generally as in this district in particular.

FREEMASONRY IN QUEENSLAND.

Our Queensland brethren are to be congratulated on the measures they have recently adopted for the establishment of a General Fund of Benevolence. At the regular meeting of this District Grand Lodge, at Brisbane, on the 30th September, a resolution was adopted to the effect "That, in addition to the contributions to the District Grand Lodge already established, a further contribution be established for the Fund of Benevolence under the District Grand Lodge of one shilling per quarter for each member of every lodge in the District." Previous to the subject having been brought under consideration, the necessary notification that it would be considered had been sent to all the lodges in the Colony, with the result that the great majority declared themselves in favour of the proposal, while the few which expressed themselves in the opposite sense did so not because they considered it undesirable, but because their funds were not in a sufficiently flourishing condition—chiefly by reason of the heavy outlay they had incurred in erecting premises—to enable them to contribute without experiencing a certain amount of difficulty. It was suggested, however, that in the case of these lodges—which were only two or three in number—the annual subscription should be increased by 4s., and the suggestion, if it did not evoke any expressions of approval from the representatives who were present, was listened to with that sympathetic silence which is commonly understood to imply assent. At all events, when the question that the above resolution be agreed to was formally submitted to District Grand Lodge, 23 votes were recorded in its favour and none against it. Therefore it only now remains for the minutes of this District Grand Lodge to be confirmed at the regular communication next month, and for the proposition to be referred for ratification to the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and Queensland will be in a position to provide for the necessities of its indigent brethren, and that without any serious strain being felt by the lodges. At the same time, when the resolution has been confirmed, a further proposal will be made to the effect that a sum of £500 shall be contributed by District Grand Lodge towards the same fund, and as one lodge has expressed its readiness to vote 10 guineas for the same object, in addition to its fixed quarterly contribution, and others are certainly inclined, if they are not at the moment prepared, to follow its example, we may look forward to this Fund of Benevolence being sufficiently large to allow the poor Mason, and possibly his widow likewise, to be provided for permanently. Indeed, our Queensland friends appear to be bent on establishing a fund which shall correspond on the one hand with our Fund of Benevolence as administered by Grand Lodge, and on the other with our Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for aged and indigent Masons and their widows. It is, therefore, a more ambitious project than the title would appear to suggest, but nevertheless it is one which we doubt not the English Craft in this prosperous colony are quite capable of carrying to a successful issue. It has, therefore, our hearty good wishes in its favour, and we trust ere long to hear that the fund has been established on a scale sufficiently large to allow of the demands which may be made on its resources, both now and in the future, being liberally met. We also rejoice to hear that the friendly relations between the authorities of the District Grand Lodges of the English and Scottish Constitutions, which for a brief season had been interrupted, have been renewed. A difference about a small matter of discipline should never have been allowed to arise between the two bodies, but it is at least satisfactory to hear that having arisen, it has been put an end to so summarily.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

A Quarterly Communication of this Grand Lodge was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on the 6th inst. There was a large attendance of members. The throne was occupied by Bro. Sir Charles Dalrymple, Bart., M.P., the Substitute Grand Master; Bro. J. Dalrymple Duncan, acted as Senior Grand Warden, and Bro. James Drummond, W.S., P.M. 2, as Junior Grand Warden. Amongst others present were Bro. James Berry, Prov. Grand Master of Forfarshire.

It was reported that the Grand Secretary had received the following letter dated from Norway:

"DEAR BROTHER MURRAY LYON,—I shall be much obliged if you will convey to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the other members of the Grand Lodge, my deep sense of appreciation, and my mother's, of the mark of affection the representatives of Grand Lodge paid my father in attending his funeral. I have lost a most loving father and the Craft of Freemasonry one of its most devoted sons.—Yours fraternally,
"ROSSLYN."

The Grand Secretary had, in the name of Grand Lodge, sent a letter of condolence to the Dowager-Countess of Rosslyn.

A vidimus of the income and expenditure prepared by the Grand Cashier for the quarter ending 25th October showed that the income had been £876, being £370 in excess of the expenditure. There had been 1200 entrants to the Order. The income for the first eleven months of this year had been £4765, compared with £4742 for the corresponding period of last year. It was reported that the income of the Fund of Scottish Masonic Benevolence during the past quarter had been £283, and that £192 had been voted in grants to Masons or the widows of deceased members of the Craft. An eighth list showing about £140 from lodges to the extended scheme was submitted. It was agreed to issue a charter to the Lodge Hinchinbrook, Ingham, Queensland.

On the recommendation of the lodges in the province, Grand Lodge appointed Bro. Major James Johnston to be Provincial Grand Master of Elgin and Moray, in room of Bro. the Hon. George Duff, deceased.

It was reported from Grand Committee that the patronage of Grand Lodge had, at the request of the Lodge Dramatic and Arts, No. 757, been given to a dramatic entertainment in the Theatre Royal in aid of the approaching grand Masonic bazaar. The Grand Secretary was to consult the Grand Master as to the presence of Lady Campbell and himself on the occasion; and authority had been given for the appearance of the Craft in full regalia, and it was hoped there would be a large attendance of the office-bearers and members of the Grand Lodge and of subordinate lodges and members thereof. This was approved.

It was reported from Grand Committee that they had considered the report by the Grand Secretary as to the constitution of Grand Committee. It was led to by a remit from Grand Lodge in May last to the effect that as during the past year 17 provinces in Scotland, in which were comprised 186 lodges, had been unrepresented in Grand Committee, the Committee should report what alterations should be made on the mode of election to secure a more direct representation of each province, and thereby promote a wider interest in the affairs of the Grand Lodge and of the Craft generally. The Grand Secretary had prepared an elaborate report as to the changes on the composition of the Committee, which concluded that altogether the Grand Committee was never more representative in its composition than under the reformed constitution, and that to its wisdom in counsel, independence, impartiality, and carefulness in the consideration of the manifold subjects coming before it the Craft was largely indebted for the unparalleled success that had during the last 12 years attended the business of Grand Lodge in all its branches. After careful consideration of the remit and of this report Grand Committee unanimously recommended that matters be allowed to remain as they are. This was adopted by Grand Lodge.

Grand Committee reported that Grand Secretary had submitted to them the result of replies to these queries addressed to the home lodges: "Does your lodge meet in premises licensed for the sale of excisable liquors? Could premises other than licensed be obtained without serious difficulty? What fees are charged for initiation?" Having taken into consideration the answers relative to the number of lodges that meet in licensed premises, Grand Committee, while not disposed to lay down a hard and fast rule on the subject, recommended to Grand Lodge to enjoin all lodges to take the earliest opportunity to arrange for meeting elsewhere, and to instruct Provincial Grand Masters to report annually to Grand Lodges the changes in unison with such injunction that have been made in their respective districts during the preceding year. This was adopted by Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of office-bearers.

On the motion of Bro. Sir CHARLES DALRYMPLE, the Grand Master, Bro. Sir Archibald Campbell, Bart., M.P., was unanimously re-elected to the highest office.

In intimating to the Grand Committee that he would be pleased to again accept office, the Grand Master stated that he would ask the Earl of Haddington and Sir Charles Dalrymple again to act as Depute Grand Master and Substitute Grand Master respectively. Accordingly the following is a complete list of the office-bearers for the year:

Bro. Sir Archibald C. Campbell of Blythwood, Bart., M.P.	Grand Master.
" Sir Michael R. Shaw-Stewart of Greenock and Blackhall, Bart.	P. Grand Master.
" Earl of Haddington	G. Master Depute.
" Sir Charles Dalrymple of Newhailes, Bart., M.P.	Sub. G. Master.
" Lord Saltoun	S.G. Warden.
" J. Dalrymple Duncan, Glasgow	J.G. Warden.
" D. Murray Lyon	Grand Secretary.
" David Reid	Grand Cashier.
" Rev. John Glasse, Edinburgh	Grand Chaplains.
" Rev. John Murray, Glasgow	
" Lieut.-Col. Campbell, Perth	Senior G. Deacon.
" Robert Nisbet, Glasgow	Junior G. Deacon.
" P. L. Henderson, Edinburgh	Grand Architect.
" A. C. Rait, Edinburgh	Grand Jeweller.
" Colin Gellatly, Glasgow	G. Bible Bearer.
" George Christie, Stirling	G. Dir. of Cers.
" Dr. Pryde, Edinburgh	Grand Bard.
" Major F. W. Allan, Glasgow	G. Sword Bearer.
" James A. Moonie, Edinburgh	G. Dir. of Music.
" George C. H. M'Naught, Glasgow	Grand Marshal.
" James M. Malloch, Glasgow	G. Inner Guard.

The brethren at present comprising the Board of Grand Stewards were re-elected, and the following were elected to the vacant seats: Bros. James Boyd, Glasgow; Robert Macdonald, Glasgow; R. W. Johnstone, Uddingston; Thomas Davies, Kilmarnock; W. Phillips, Glasgow; J. H. Forshaw, Aberdeen; General J. J. Boswell, Melrose; H. J. Humphreys, Glasgow; and R. K. Stewart of Murodstown, Newmains.

WAKEFIELD MASONIC LITERARY SOCIETY.

LECTURE BY BRO. R. F. GOULD, P.M. QUATUOR CORONATI LODGE, &c.

The first meeting of the winter session of this Society was held at the Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield, on Wednesday, the 12th instant. The Provincial G. Master of West Yorkshire, Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P., who is the President of the Society, occupied the chair. He was supported by the Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. H. Smith, and many other influential members of the Craft. Amongst these were Bros. Major Bolton, P.M., J. Gerrard, P.M., and Hedley, of 154; B. F. Glover, P.M., H. Goodyear, P.M., and Schotten, W.M. elect, of 495; A. W. Stanfield, P.M., P.P.G.R., H. G. E. Green, P.M., Prov. G. Sec., T. Howden, J.P., P.M., W. H. Milnes, P.M., W. Pickard, P.M., W. Sanderson, P.M., W. Ash, P.M., F. Simpson, P.M., J. J. Martin, W.M., Lee, W. Hall, jun., Dunnill, Banks, E. White, Sheard, Gosney, and Stevenson, of 1019; also Bros. W. H. Kingswell, Treasurer, and J. Matthewman, P.M., Prov. Asst. Grand Secretary, and H. S. Childe, 154, Honorary Secretaries of the Society. There were also present Bros. C. L. Mason, P.M. 2069, P.P.G.T.; Tudor Trevor, the newly-appointed Prov. Grand Mark Secretary; W. F. Smithson, P.M., Grand Deacon of England, and Chairman of the West Yorkshire Charity Committee; R. Fisher, W.M. 910; Atkinson, 910; and others.

After reading the minutes of the last meeting, which were duly passed and signed, the Secretaries announced letters of apology from Bros. the Rev. T. C. Smythe, D.D., P.G. Chap.; Rev. Canon Bullock, W.M.; T. W. Embleton, P.M. 1513; Gratton, P.M. 1513; J. Barker, P.M. 1102; J. Atherton, P.M. 439; Forth, W.M. 242; Symons, W.M. 2330; J. W. Monckman, P.M. 1018; W. C. Lupton, P.M. 974; W. Fennell, W.M. elect 154; W. H. Haley, P.W. 1019; and H. Onley, P.M. 495, all of whom expressed regret that they were unable to be present on so important occasion.

The PRESIDENT then rose and said: Brethren.—It is my pleasure to-night to introduce to your acquaintance Bro. Robert Freke Gould, Barrister-at-Law, P.M. Quatuor Coronati Lodge, Past Senior Grand Deacon of England, author of the "History of Freemasonry; its Antiquities, Symbols, Constitutions," &c. The title of his lecture is "The Degrees of Pure and Antient Freemasonry." We have all heard much of the great research and deep learning which our gifted brother has brought to bear upon Masonic history, and we recognise the immense labour which must have been required to produce so elaborate and exhaustive a work as that which bears his name. He is about to give us the result of his own observations whilst investigating the records of the organisations of the Fraternity in the British Empire, France, Germany, and the United States. To-night we all or most of us for the first time meet him face to face, and I think I may in your name assure him that we shall listen to his remarks with the closest attention and with profound respect. Allow me, however, to prelude his lecture by saying that I, as a Masonic student myself, regard his "History of Freemasonry" as a most able and stupendous effort, a work which rescues the antiquities of Freemasonry from clouds of darkness and uncertainty, and bridges over the chasm of speculation which has so long existed between Antient and Modern Freemasonry. And here I may mention that in our library at the office in this city we possess two copies of Bro. Gould's book. I recommend it to your careful study, for there you will find full and excellent accounts, not only of the ancient mysteries, but of the societies called the Essenes, the Roman Collegia, the Culdees, etc., and will be able to form some opinion as to modern Freemasonry being or not being in its symbolic forms a successor of the ancient mysteries. This work of our learned brother forms a bridge or connecting link of evidence between the legendary and the authentic histories of the Craft. Bro. Gould has applied the laws of legal evidence to the traditionary histories, and rescued facts out of that chaos which lies between the mythical romance period and the era of Grand Lodges. This epoch of transition cannot be defined with chronological precision, but from the facts and figures which the lecturer has placed upon his black board, an approximate estimate of it may be made. Much has been said on the subject of lodge minutes, and besides our Bro. Gould, we have Bros. Hughan, Whythead, Todd, and others, who have given us the results of their research in this direction, but I will not go into that subject. In the formation of the first Grand Lodge in 1717, we can at any rate say that Mythico-Historical Freemasonry terminates, and the modern history of the Craft commences. It is from this date that the lecturer will chiefly consider the subject, noting the additions, innovations, and changes which have characterised this period. In thus briefly touching upon Bro. Gould and his book, I am quite naturally reminded of a worthy and well-beloved brother who once was prominent amongst us, and who had the honour of being the first Chairman of our West Yorkshire Charity Committee—I allude to Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford. A written record of Bro. Woodford's opinion of Bro. Gould's labours is still extant, and declares that "his historical studies carried a policy of dynamite," and that what he called "divine" Bro. Gould describes as "idolatrous." Now, Dr. Arnold has remarked that "to tax a person with want of reverence because he pays no respect to what we venerate is either irrelevant or mere confusion." If what our reverend and venerated brother regarded in ancient Freemasonry as "divine," Bro. Gould, by applying the laws of evidence, discovered to be an idol, the author of the "History of Freemasonry" was bound to pull it down and have it ground to powder. Bro. Gould has pulled down many Masonic idols, and dispelled numerous misconceptions; he has removed the impeding masses of tradition which choked the sources and checked the flow of Masonic knowledge; he has lived down much of the opposition which was made to his views; has been connected with, and been highly esteemed by, Bro. Woodford, and now is one of the chief of that small band of pioneers who, by founding the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, set on foot a movement of Masonic inquiry and research, and kindled a burning zeal for information, whose results it would be impossible at present either to anticipate or estimate. The progress in Masonic knowledge which has taken place during the Grand Mastership of our M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales, has not only been great, but also satisfactory, because it has been obtained by legitimate methods. We in West Yorkshire are anxious to participate in that progress, we are loyal to established Constitutions, and we will be charitable to the views of all writers. We welcome Bro. Gould as the exponent of the new Masonic school, and I call upon him now to give us his opinions upon the subject which has been duly announced to you.

Bro. R. F. GOULD, who was most warmly received, then delivered a lecture "On the Degrees of Pure and Antient Freemasonry," the leading features of which may be summarised as follows:—The lecturer in the first instance drew attention to the infinity of Degrees, and proceeded to show that by tracing backwards they, one and all, with the exception of the first three, gradually dropped off in the process of the genealogical inquiry. This brought them to the year 1717, the date of formation of the Grand Lodge of England. That year was an important one, and formed a dividing line between the domain of Ancient and Modern Freemasonry. But it was not until the example set in London had been followed in Edinburgh (1736) that the old system was practically supplanted by the new, and from this period a feature was added to Freemasonry—its universality—

upon which great stress was laid by the lecturer. A system of Scottish Masonry, differing from that of England, might have continued to exist side by side with the latter, and that it did not was a matter of great importance. The Ancient landmarks had never been defined, but if they possessed any meaning at all the inclosure they marked out could not be lessened in size by their being set back, neither could it be extended by their being pushed forward so as to comprise any territory beyond the former boundaries. Hence it seemed to follow that it was beyond the power of Grand Lodges to dispense with any one of the first Three Degrees, and as they could not subtract from neither could they add to the ceremonial or secrets of Ancient Freemasonry. The ceremonial of Ancient has been preserved in the Degrees of Modern Masonry, but it had been contended that besides the Degrees of E.A., F.C., and M.M., that of Installed Master had also an existence in a period of time at least equally remote. But though in the first half of the last century a new Master was installed, so also were the Wardens, and the ceremony was as simple and devoid of the elements making up a Degree in the one case as in the other. In support of this position three reasons might be assigned, each of which would establish to the entire satisfaction of Masonic students that the Degree of Installed Master was unknown in the English lodges during the first half of the last century. The Royal Arch Degree was first heard of in 1744, and that of Installed Master in 1762. These Degrees were adopted by the Original or Regular Grand Lodge of England on its fusion with the Schismatics or "Ancients," and this action on their part had been regarded by foreign critics with disfavour, though, on the principle that "the end justified the means," it had been viewed with complacency by English Masonic writers. But one of two conclusions was alone possible. Either Ancient Freemasonry was composed of three Degrees only, or there was no limit whatever to the number of ceremonies that might be made Masonic by adoption. The first three Degrees therefore reposed upon a higher plane than the others. The remaining Degrees to which Freemasons only were admitted had their special merits and attractions, but of one and all it might be said, without in the slightest respect deprecating their value, that they did not, and could not, be said to form an integral part of the system of pure and Ancient Masonry which preceded their own existence.

The lecture, the salient features and dates of which were emphasised by means of a blackboard, was followed with considerable interest, and at its close a very interesting discussion arose upon several of the points raised, notably on the subject of the Royal Arch and Installed Masters' Degrees.

The LECTURER having replied, a vote of thanks to Bro. Gould, proposed by Bro. C. L. MASON, seconded by Bro. A. W. STANFIELD, J.P., and supported by Bro. J. GERRARD, P.M., was carried by acclamation.

Bro. GOULD thanked the members of the Wakefield Masonic Literary Society for their intelligent interest in and appreciation of his lecture, and spoke in very warm terms of the hearty welcome which he had received from his Yorkshire brethren at this the outset of his tour. He explained that he was at Huddersfield on the previous evening, and that he contemplated visiting Halifax, Dewsbury, York, Hull, and Sheffield, at all of which places he had arranged to deliver lectures. He especially thanked the Prov. G.M. for paying him the compliment of his presence that evening, and above all for the kind and generous terms in which he had spoken of him in the very able address which had preceded his lecture.

The brethren then adjourned for refreshment, and "The Health of Bro. Gould," proposed in graceful terms by the D.P.G.M., Bro. H. SMITH, who presided, was drunk with Yorkshire heartiness.

We understand that the course of lectures projected for Bro. Gould was duly carried out, that the arrangements at Huddersfield were in the hands of Bro. A. J. H. Fletcher and the W. Masters of Lodges 275 and 290, that Bros. A. Robertshaw, W.M., and Austin Roberts acted for Lodges 61 and 448 at Halifax, and Bros. Whythead, Shackles, Binney, and A. Shaw managed matters for the various lodges at York, Hull, Sheffield, and Dewsbury, at all of which places the suggestion of a visit from Bro. Gould was eagerly entertained. The author of the "History of Freemasonry," we are informed, has every reason to be gratified with his Yorkshire tour, and we should not be surprised to learn that as one immediate result the numbers of the Correspondence Circle of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge will be materially increased.

A strenuous effort on the part of Bros. T. W. Embleton, P.M.; J. H. Gration, P.M.; and Chas. Lingard, Sec. (all of Lodge 1513, Barnsley), to secure a visit and lecture from Bro. Gould unfortunately failed. The dates at the disposal of the Barnsley brethren could not be made to fit in with Bro. Gould's arrangements.

CENTENARY CELEBRATION OF ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 279, LEICESTER.

It will be in the recollection of our readers that the members of this the mother lodge of the Province of Leicestershire and Rutland, and a large number of visiting brethren from that province, and from adjacent and distant provinces, celebrated the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the lodge by attending a service of thanksgiving at St. George's Church, Leicester (the foundation-stone of which church was laid in 1825 with full Masonic honours by this lodge) on Sunday, the 31st August last, that day in 1790 being the date of the warrant of the lodge. It was on that occasion announced that the centenary would be further celebrated under the sanction of the Provincial Grand Master of Leicestershire and Rutland by a lodge of emergency and banquet on the 11th November (that date in 1790 being the date of the consecration of the lodge and the installation of its first Master). In fulfilment of that announcement the W.M. of the lodge, Bro. William Kelly, F.S.A., F.R.H.S., P. Prov. G.M. (for whose restoration to health after a most serious illness may the G.A.O.T.U. be praised), summoned the members to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Tuesday sen'night, and a cordial invitation was issued to every member of the other 11 lodges within the province, and to a goodly number of distinguished brethren outside the province, to attend on the occasion. Moreover, in honour of the event Bro. the Earl of Ferrers, Prov. G.M., summoned the Present and Past Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge to attend him on a state visit to the lodge.

Accordingly on Tuesday, the 11th instant, a very large number of brethren from all parts of the country being present, the W.M. opened the lodge, and immediately afterwards the Prov. G.M., the Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. S. S. Partridge, P.A.G.D.C. England, the Officers Present and Past of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Leicestershire and Rutland, and several Past Officers of the Grand Lodge of England and Officers of neighbouring Provincial Grand Lodges were admitted and received with the customary salutations.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER having very briefly thanked the assembled brethren for the cordiality of their reception, the hymn "Hail Eternal, by whose aid" was sung in a thoroughly reverend, hearty, and inspiring manner, Bro. C. E. Birch, P. Prov. G. Org., the present Organist of St. John's Lodge, officiating at a new organ of beautiful tone kindly lent by Bro. J. Herbert Marshall, S.W. and P.M. 1007, Prov. S.G.W.

The lodge room at this moment presented probably the most magnificent sight ever beheld within its walls, the display of Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge clothing, and of jewels, surpassing in splendour, and the assemblage of

brethren far exceeding in number, anything before witnessed at Masonic ceremonies in this province.

The impressiveness of the proceedings at this stage was increased by the reading of Bro. the Rev. J. HENRY SMITH, M.A., Chaplain and P.M. of the lodge, of the 1st and 133rd Psalms, and by the delivery of a special prayer written by him for the ceremony.

After an unmistakeably responsive "So mote it be," our venerable, trusty, and well-beloved Bro. KELLY rose to deliver an introductory address, which, coming from one who has done exceptionally good suit and service to Masonry in the province over which he held sway as Prov. Grand Master for several years, and whose example has been followed and influence felt in every spot into which the ramifications of Masonic life have extended, deserves to be set out *in extenso*, and this we have special pleasure in doing:—"Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Right Worshipful, Very Worshipful, and Worshipful Sirs, and brethren all,—Holding as I have had the distinguished honour to do for the fifth time the honourable position of Worshipful Master of St. John's Lodge on this ever memorable occasion of its centenary festival, allow me to welcome you all most heartily to this meeting, which I sincerely trust will pass off to the honour of the Ancient Craft and to the satisfaction and enjoyment of all present. Brethren, it has been sagely remarked 'that no one ought to prophesy until he knows,' but I think everyone of us may sagely prophesy that whilst some of the names of those now present may be handed down to future generations of the Craft, not one of those now present will ever take part in a second centenary festival of St. John's Lodge, No. 279. My intention is now to address you as briefly as possible, as the list on the agenda paper is somewhat long. I will therefore explain that in my first year as Provincial Grand Master of this province in 1870 I issued a history of Freemasonry in Leicestershire from 1775 to that time, which has been out of print for many years; and in 1888, when celebrating my Masonic Jubilee, I had printed for presentation to the brethren of the lodge a little work entitled 'Fifty years of Masonic Reminiscences briefly Told.' It had been my intention to-day to have brought down this sketch of the history of St. John's Lodge to the present day, but the serious, and what might have been fatal, accident which befel me on the 28th September last has up to the present time prevented me from taking any active part in the preparations for this important day's celebration, and the Immediate Past Master, Bro. W. Maurice Williams, has very kindly and in a truly fraternal spirit undertaken the literary duty which should otherwise have devolved on me, and for which, with the other many important duties which he has so kindly performed, I shall ever feel greatly indebted personally, and for which the brethren of the lodge generally are, I am sure, deeply obliged to him. Brethren, I have now to congratulate you on the fact that our learned and distinguished Masonic author, Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D. of England, P.P.S.G.W. of Cornwall, and an honorary member of St. John's Lodge, No. 279, has been good enough to send in a short paper on 'English Masonry in 1790,' when our mother lodge was founded; but, contrary to my full expectation of receiving him as my guest on this occasion, he has been prevented being with us in person to-day by his doctor's orders, owing to an unfortunate attack of paralysis. Those who had the privilege of hearing the sermon of the Rev. Charles Martyn, P.G. Chap., Chaplain to the Queen, &c., at St. George's Church, on the 31st August last, will be delighted to have him once more with us, and to listen to the oration which he had been good enough to prepare for this auspicious occasion. Without taking up more of your valuable time I will now call upon the Secretary to read the Centenary warrant."

The grand old Mason was very affectionately received, and the delivery of the address was, in Masonic fashion, warmly applauded. Many were the heartfelt congratulations offered to him by his brethren of high and low degree on his having been spared to see the completion of the Centenary of the lodge which so far back as the 7th November, 1838, gave him Masonic birth. With Bro. Kelly absent from the Centenary Festival the event would indeed have been shorn of the chief interest which attached to it, and he it was who, during the whole of the day's proceedings, was rightly the centre of attraction, and whom above all others the brethren delighted to honour. That he may live many years to extend to the brethren of his province the benefit of his long and wide Masonic experience is the devout and ardent prayer of every Mason who, either personally or through his Masonic work and writings, has the enviable privilege of his acquaintance.

To return to the order of proceedings. On the completion of Bro. Kelly's address the Secretary of the lodge, Bro. CHAS. BENNION, Prov. G. Stwd., read the Centenary warrant, which having been handed to the Prov. G.M., was presented by him to the W.M. in an exceedingly neat and graceful speech, in the course of which he congratulated the aged chief on the consummation of the wish which had for so long a period found prominence in his heart, the members on the high and much-coveted distinction which their lodge had attained, and himself the Prov. G.M. on being privileged to attend on an occasion so unique and auspicious.

A short but extremely interesting paper on "English Freemasonry in 1790" by Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D. England, P.P.S.G.W. Cornwall, and an honorary member of the lodge, was then read by Bro. the Rev. C. HENTON WOOD, M.A., P.P.S.G.W., Prov. G. Sec.

The absence of Bro. Hughan, and especially the cause of his absence, was much and generally regretted.

Bro. Hughan's paper was followed by a brief historical account of the lodge from 1790 to 1890 by Bro. W. Maurice Williams, I.P.M., P.P.J.G.D.

The W.M. then unveiled a commemoration tablet of brass, mounted in a massive oak frame, specially and elegantly designed by, and executed under the superintendence of, Bro. W. H. Noble, Steward of the lodge. The tablet bears the following inscription:

St. John's Lodge, No. 279, Province of Leicestershire and Rutland.
R.W. Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl Ferrers, Prov. G. Master; W. Bro. Samuel S. Partridge, P.A.G.D.C. Eng., D.P.G.M.

The St. John's Lodge, No. 279, having completed the 100th year of its existence on the register of the Grand Lodge of England has placed this tablet as a permanent record of that auspicious event. Consecrated on the 11th day of November, 1790, and having during the before-named period existed in perfect unanimity and concord, it is now under the rule of its beloved chief, the R.W. Bro. W. Kelly, P.P.G.M., for the fifth time W.M., and for upwards of 50 years a subscribing member, desires by this memorial to record its gratitude to the Great Architect of the Universe for having so long preserved it, and to express earnest hope that its present prosperity and progress may be maintained for the welfare of the Craft and for the promotion of the great Masonic principles of brotherly love and relief and truth until time shall be no more.

Officers—R.W. Bro. William Kelly, P.M., P.P.G.M., Worshipful Master; Bros. J. Maurice Williams, P.P.J.G.D., Immediate P.M.; J. Herbert Marshall, Prov. S.G.W., Senior Warden; Edward Holmes, Junior Warden; the Rev. J. Henry Smith, B.A., Chaplain; Robt. Mitchie, P.P.J.G.D., Treasurer; Walter D. Grant, Senior Deacon; Henry Pickering, Director of Cers.; John Clifton, Inner Guard; James Tanser, Prov. G.T., Tyler; Chas. Bennion, Prov. G. Std., Secretary; Charles Lakin, Junior Deacon; Chas. E. Birch, P.P.G.O., Organist; William H. Noble and John Butcher, Stewards. Past Masters—Bros. W. Kelly, R.W.P.P.G.M.; W. H. Marris, P.P.S.G.D.; L. A. Clarke, P.P.S.G.W.; C. Stretton, P.P.S.G.W.; G. W. Statham, P.P.A.G.D.C.; S. Cleaver, P.P.S.G.W.; J. H. Smith, P.P.G.C.; J. O. Law, P.P.J.G.D.; C. Gurden, P.P.A.G.D.C.; R. Michie, P.P.J.G.D.; R. Rowley, P.P.A.G.D.C.; C. F. Wike, P.P.J.G.D.; W. M. Williams, P.P.J.G.D.

The Organist having played a voluntary, a singularly appropriate hymn (380, Hymns, Ancient and Modern) was sung.

Bro. the Rev. C. J. MARTYN, M.A., P.G.C. England, D.P.G.M. Suffolk, and Chaplain-in-Ordinary to our Chief Patroness her Majesty the Queen, who attended at considerable inconvenience (having journeyed to Leicester from Felixstowe,

where he had on the previous day performed the arduous duties of consecrating a new lodge) delivered an oration. This was, as all Bro. Martyn's utterances are, listened to with wrapt attention, and rarely have the principles of Masonic life and conduct and the symbolic teaching of Masonic ritual been expounded, or found so intelligent and earnest an expositor, as at the Centenary celebration of No. 279.

The good old Masonic hymn, commencing with the words "Now the evening shadows closing" having been sung, the lodge was closed.

In graceful and grateful recognition of the honour conferred upon the lodge by the Prov. G.M. by his presence, and of the valuable and highly appreciated services rendered to the lodge by Bro. the Rev. Chas. J. Martyn, both these eminent Masons were unanimously elected honorary members of the lodge.

Among the brethren present at the ceremony were—

Bros. Kelly (in the chair); the Right Hon. the Earl Ferrers, Prov. G.M.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C. England, D.P.G.M. Suffolk; Rev. T. Robinson, P.G.C. England; S. S. Partridge, P.A.G.D.C. England, D.P.G.M.; G. Toller, P.G.S.B. England, P.D.P.G.M.; R. Berridge, P.G.D. England; James Terry, P.G.S.B. England; T. Cox, P.P.S.G.W. Derbyshire; Rev. C. Henton Wood, P.P.S.G.W., Prov. G. Sec.; H. R. Hatherley, Prov. G. Sec. Notts; W. L. Ball, P.P.G.W. Derbyshire; H. J. Mason, P.P.G.C. Dorset; G. Jessop, Prov. G.D.C.; W. Maurice Williams, I.P.M. 279, P.P.J.G.D. (Hon. Secretary to the Centenary Committee); S. Cleaver, P.M. 279, P.P.S.G.W.; Rev. J. H. Smith, P.M. 279, P.P.S.G.W.; J. O. Law, P.M. 279, P.P.J.G.D.; C. Gurden, P.M. 279, P.P.A.G.D.C.; R. Michie, P.M. 279, P.P.J.G.D.; R. Rowley, P.M. 279, P.P.A.G.D.C.; C. F. Wike, P.M. 279; P.P.J.G.D.; E. J. Crow, Mus. Doc., P.M. 279, P.P.S.G.D.; Miles J. Walker, P.P.J.G.W.; T. Wright, P.P.G. Reg.; G. W. Speth, P.M.; J. T. Thorp, P.P.S.G.W.; F. J. Baines, P.P.S.G.W.; H. Pickering, D.C. 279; B. A. Smith, P.P.J.G.W.; J. B. Waring, Prov. A.G.D.C.; W. J. New, P.P.A.G.D.C.; C. K. Morris, P.P.G. Supt. of W.; J. L. West, P.P.G.P.; W. H. Noble, Stwd. 279; S. Knight, P.P.G.P.; G. C. Oliver, P.P.G.P.; F. B. Wilmer, P.P.G. Supt. of W.; A. H. Marsh, Prov. J.G.D.; J. Bland, P.P.J.G.D. Derbyshire; Claud H. Lisle, P.P.J.G.D. Cheshire; J. Butcher, Stwd. 279; J. B. Fowler, P.P.G. Reg.; G. Oliver, P.P.G.P.; G. S. Catlow, Prov. G. Stwd.; J. G. Bower, W.M. 1391; E. H. Butler, P.P.G.S.B.; J. H. Marshall, P.M. 1007, S.W. 279, Prov. S.G.W.; T. B. Laxton, Prov. G. Org.; R. L. Gibson, P.P.G.P.; J. L. Hassan, Prov. G. Std. Br.; W. T. Rowlett, Prov. G. Org.; R. Taylor, P.P.G. Supt. of W.; T. A. Wykes, P.P.G. Treas.; J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B.; Rev. S. W. Wigg, P.P.G.C. Leicester and Rutland, and P.P.G.C. Norths and Hunt; Rev. Herbert Price, P.P.G.C. Derbyshire; W. J. Freer, P.P.G.S.B.; T. Jesson, Prov. G. Stwd.; Rev. J. W. Wilson, Prov. G. Chap.; H. Nicholson, P.P.G.O.; E. Holmes, J.W. 279; W. H. Barrow, P.P.G.O.; W. B. Ray, W.M. 1330; J. H. Price, W.M. 1321; W. H. Lead, P.P.S.G.D.; T. Coltman, P.P.G. Reg.; E. Horne, P.P.G.D. Derbyshire; F. S. Preston, Prov. G. Reg.; J. H. Thompson, P.P.S.G.D.; W. W. Vincent, Prov. S.G.D.; C. Oliver, P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. Harrison, P.P.G. Std. Br.; C. Bennion, Sec. 279 (Hon. Sec. to the Centenary Committee); J. Kidney, Prov. A.G.P.; C. R. Williams, Prov. G.S.B.; T. Carter, Prov. G.P.; W. G. S. Rollenston, Prov. G. Stwd.; A. H. Burgess, P.P.G. Reg.; W. Richter; W. D. Grant, S.D. 279; Dr. C. Lakin, J.D. 279; J. Clifton, I.G. 279; J. Tanser, Tyler 279, Prov. G. Tyler; F. Birch, Sec. 1007; J. J. W. Knowles, S.D. 1007; T. S. H. Ashwell, S.W. 1391; J. G. Parr, S.W. 2081; and others.

Letters and telegrams, some congratulatory and many expressive of unfeigned regret at enforced absence from various causes, were received from the following distinguished brethren:

Bros. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M.; the Right Hon. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., S.G.W.; his Grace the Duke of St. Albans, Prov. G.M. Notts; Frederick A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Reg.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sec.; Lord Leigh, P.G.M. Warwickshire; J. T. Collins, D.P.G.M. Warwickshire; George Beech, Prov. G. Sec. Warwickshire; W. Naylor, Prov. G.W. Derbyshire; Percy Wallis, Prov. G.W. Derbyshire; Abraham Woodiwiss, Prov. G.W. Derbyshire; Rev. Frederick V. Russell, M.A., D.P.G.M. Notts; Butler Wilkins, D.P.G.M. Norths and Hunts; Frank G. Buckle, Prov. G. Sec. Norths and Hunts; Col. Foster Gough, LL.D., Prov. G.M. Staffordshire; Lieut.-Col. J. A. Brindley, D.P.G.M. Staffordshire; Charles Fendelow, P.P.G.W. Staffordshire; Thos. W. Tew, Prov. G.M. West Yorks; Henry Smith, D.P.G.M. Yorks; John W. Woodall, P.P.G.W. Yorks; the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, P.G.M. N. and E. Yorks; Lieut.-Col. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, D.P.G.M. Yorks; his Grace the Duke of Abercorn, Hon. Member 279; W. J. Hughan, P.G.D. Eng., Hon. Member 279; the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Peterborough, Hon. Member 279; Sir Henry Halford, Bart., P.D.P.G.M.; F. R. W. Hedges, Sec. R.M.I.G.; J. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B.; the Most Noble the Marquis of Granby, M.P., 1007; John Lane, P.P.G.R. Devon; Col. Starkie, P.G.M. Lancashire; J. W. Fowler, D.P.G.M. Lincolnshire; T. W. Everard, W.M. 2028; Robt. Brewin, P.P.G.W.; Rev. C. J. B. Scriven, P.G. Chap.; Rev. Dr. Sanders, P.P.G. Chap. Norths and Hunts; Rev. Canon Denton, P.M. 779, P.P.G. Chap.; Arthur H. Lock, P.P.G.R. Dorset; the Mayor of Dewsbury; the Mayor of Loughborough; Arthur H. Marsh, P.M. 1130, P.J.G.D.; and many others.

The business of the emergency meeting being ended, perfect goodwill and harmony having prevailed throughout the entire proceedings, the brethren proceeded in carriages, provided by the lodge, to the County Assembly Rooms, which, through the fraternal kindness of Bro. Sir Henry Halford, Bart., had been placed at the disposal of the Centenary Committee, the banqueting-room in which, with the staircase and corridors, had been elegantly decorated for the occasion. Here a most sumptuous and *recherché* banquet was provided, to which nearly 150 sat down. Bro. Kelly presided, and had "to right of him, to left of him, and in front of him" brethren of high Masonic rank.

The customary Masonic toasts were duly proposed and honoured, and the "concord of sweet sounds" discoursed by Bros. Nicholson, Wykes, Barrow, Richter, Birch, Marshall, Page, J. Henry Smith, and Noble contributed largely to the enjoyment of the guests, and the success of the banquet.

So ended a memorable day in the history of the mother lodge of the Province of Leicestershire and Rutland, and in the Masonic life of the father of Freemasonry in that province.

The arrangements throughout were under the management of a Committee of the lodge, assisted by the energetic and much esteemed D.P.G.M., Bro. S. S. Partridge (the value of whose services to the Committee cannot be fully measured), and these brethren may all fairly be congratulated on the highly satisfactory result of their labours.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

A convocation of the above Prov. Grand Chapter was held in the Masonic Hall, Longcauseway, Dewsbury, on Friday, the 7th inst., by the invitation of the Three Grand Principles Chapter, No. 208, when there were present Comps. Thomas William Tew, J.P., P.G.P.S., Grand Superintendent; Rev. T. C. Smyth, D.D., P.A.G.S., Prov. G.H.; John Booth, P.P.G.J., as Prov. G.J.; C. L. Mason, P.P.G.H.; Col. J. Hartley, D.L., P.P.G.H.; R. I. Critchley, J.P., P.P.G.H.; John Wordsworth, P.P.G.H.; Thomas Ruddock, P.P.G.J.; Geo. Brooke, P.P.G.J.; Henry Smith, P.P.G.P.S., Prov. G.S.E.; William Harrop, P.P.G.J., as Prov. G.S.N.; and many other P. Prov. Grand Officers and Principals of chapters in the province.

The Principals and companions of the Three Grand Principles Chapter, No. 208, opened a chapter, and Comp. T. W. Tew, J.P., Grand Superintendent, and Officers entered, and Prov. Grand Chapter was opened.

The minutes of the meeting held at Leeds, on the 3rd May last, were read and confirmed.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT then delivered the following address:—

Principals and Companions,—The convocation of Prov. Grand Chapter, holden at Leeds on the 3rd of May, marked in some measure the close of the first epoch in West Yorkshire of Royal Arch Masonry, whilst our assembly to-day at Dewsbury surely inaugurates the commencement of a second auspicious period of this exalted Order of the Craft in this province. It was with no common feelings of pleasure that an invitation was received from Comp. Dr. W. F. Watts, Z., to meet under the banner of Three Grand Principles, No. 208, this afternoon; and we acknowledge the kindness of the Worshipful the Mayor, Alderman Comp. George Clay, J.P., who invites the companions to be his guests after the transaction of our business, and to inspect the magnificent Town Hall. These invitations must have called to the recollections of our companions the reasons why special cordiality in asking this Grand Chapter to the ancient Saxon town of Dewsbury (as it is named in Domesday book), has been exercised in so marked a manner. Companions, this is the 50th meeting of Provincial Grand Chapter, which was established at Dewsbury on the 5th of May, 1838. In that year the first meeting was held under the banner of Three Grand Principles, then No. 251, now 208; and this is the seventh meeting held in this ancient village of Dui or Dew, the original planter who, previous to the arrival of Paulinus, had fixed his abode and fortified his "Burgh." It is to your Superintendent, also, no ordinary occasion, because it further reminds him that he enters the 33rd year of his Masonic life, having been admitted in 1858, in the Scarsdale Lodge, No. 981, Chesterfield. I have, therefore, known every one of your Grand Officers from Lord Mexborough, and Comp. Dr. Fearnley, the First Grand Superintendent of this Province, to the person of myself, who cordially acknowledge the compliment as the successor of Comp. Bentley Shaw in this exalted office. On the 5th May, 1838, eight out of seventeen chapters on the roll were represented, viz.: 139, 208, 258, 275, 289, 290, 302, and 600. At this inaugural Royal Arch meeting there were present Comps. the Rev. Dr. Senior, John Booth, David Salmond, John S. Spiking, Thomas Hill, and Henry Smith, who are still members. In 1858 Three Grand Principles had 27, now it has 72 members. In looking over these past years, and contrasting them with the present, I think there is much matter for general congratulation, first, in the rapid progress which Royal Arch Masonry has made under H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.E.Z.; next, in the marvellous contributions in support of the Masonic Institutions which Dewsbury has made, which our county has made; and lastly, in the marked improvement in many circumstances essential to national prosperity and the happiness of the people. It must be a source of sincerest pleasure to all of us to perceive that even those outside our mystic circles are recognising the popularity of our "Orders and Degrees." The true principles of progress are with the Freemasons, because they desire themselves to co-operate with others for the spread of those virtues which benefit mankind, and because they cultivate those peaceful pursuits of arts and commerce which have led to their individual happiness and prosperity, and to the general welfare of the country, and of this town more particularly. To show what Royal Arch Masons are doing for the beautifying of their old Saxon town, for its municipal government, and for the spiritual requirements of its inhabitants, let me mention the present Parish Church of Paulinus, which although repaired in 1767 and again in 1821, has been completely renovated during the vicariate of the Rev. Canon Whitby, at a cost of upwards of £20,000. It is a work worthy of those Craftsmen who took so large a part in its restoration; and under the Rev. Lowther Clarke, the incoming Vicar, an accomplished Craftsman, to whom I am sure you will accord a warm reception, I feel confident this house of Jehovah may bring increased blessings to the worshippers therein for generations to come. The great bell of this church still rings at midnight on Christmas eve to tell the people of the Advent of the "Sun of righteousness." This knell is now, as of old, called the "Devil's passing bell," for on the morrow the prophecy in Genesis was fulfilled—the Serpent's head was bruised, although the Serpent, the symbol of evil, the symbol of death, "did bruise His heel." The new Town Hall is another evidence of enterprise. The first stone was laid by our good Bro. T. B. Fox, when Mayor, on 12th October, 1836, and the building was completed and formally opened by Bro. J. Walker, the Mayor, on 17th September, 1839, the total cost being under £50,000, exclusive of the clock and bells, stained windows, and other generous gifts. It is one of the most complete and perfect halls in this province, and in the consideration of its details and the perfectness of its various chambers, testifies to the ability of its designer. The Mayor invites us to inspect this structure, to mark the significance of its symbolism, which he will explain, and to rejoice with him over the accomplishment of this architectural achievement. The companions will be pleased to hear that at the London Masonic elections on Friday, October 31st, and Saturday, November 1st, we secured the election of one boy and two girls at a very heavy cost in votes. I cannot close this address without reminding you of the death of the late Pro Grand First Principal. You all know how excellently he discharged the duties of his office in the Royal Arch, and that anything he had to do was well done. I, therefore, as Acting First Principal, propose that there be recorded on the minutes of this Prov. Grand Chapter an expression of the great grief of its members at the loss Royal Arch Masonry has sustained by the death of the Earl of Carnarvon. Companions, I ask all of you to help the executive of this province to maintain the 38 chapters in prosperity, and to induce every P.M. to be exalted in one or other of them. Thanking every companion in Dewsbury for this day's reception, and with the assurance of my respect and affection towards each one of you personally, I pray Jehovah may grant you years and years of health and life to enjoy and witness the benefits you have individually and collectively conferred as good citizens, and exalted Masons, upon your town and county, to the glory of God and the benefit of your fellow townsmen.

After some other business it was resolved "That the sum of £21 be given from Prov. Grand Chapter funds to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys at the Annual Festival, 1891, to constitute the office of First Principal a Vice-President of that Institution."

It was further resolved "That it is desirable that a Standard be purchased to support the dignity of the office of Grand Superintendent of this province."

Comp. WM. WATSON, P.Z. 304, P.P.G. Soj., stated that he had received a carbon photograph (10 by 12) of the warrant of every lodge in the province, and he would be glad to receive similar copies of the charters of all chapters in West Yorkshire as early as convenient. He stated that the library was making satisfactory progress and had received many interesting and valuable contributions.

After a vote of thanks to Comp. Dr. W. F. Watts, M.E.Z., and companions of Chapter No. 208, for their kind invitation and excellent arrangements for the comfort and convenience of the companions,

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT announced that he had decided to hold the annual convocation in May, 1891, at Keighley, under the banner of Judea Chapter, No. 265, on the celebration of its centenary.

Provincial Grand Chapter was then closed.

CLERICAL SYSTEM is the system invented by Starck, court preacher at Darmstadt, in 1767, and others, and which was a modification of the Strict Observance. It seems to have been a combination of theosophy, alchemy, and magic, though, to say the truth, not much seems to be really known about it. Its founders, Starck, Günther von Böhnen, Von Raven, and others were termed "Clerici Ordinis Templariorum," or "Clericorum Ordines Templarii;" and Thory terms them "Clerics de la Stricte Observance." They professed to reform their mother-rite, and to claim more influence over the order, alike because they were the "Spirituality" as that they were in possession of superior knowledge. Lenning says that it consisted of 12 grades—namely, the three symbolical grades; and 4, the Young Scottish, or Jung Schotte; 5, Scottish Past Master, or Knight of St. Andrew, (Schottische Altmaster, oder St. Andreas Ritter); 6, the Provincial Capitular of the Red Cross (der Provinzial Capitular von Rothen Kreuze); 7, the Magus, or the Knight of Purity and Light (der Magus, oder der Ritter der Klarheit und des Lichts). This 7th grade was subdivided into other five, namely 1, the Knight Novice of the Third Year (der Ritter Noviz vom Dritten Jahre) the Knight Novice of the Fifth Year (der Ritter Noviz vom fünften Jahre) the Knight Novice of the Seventh Year (der Ritter Noviz der Sibenten Jahre); the Levite (der Levit), and the Priest (der Priester). This order seems to have disappeared about 1778.—*Kenning's Cyclopaedia of Freemasonry.*

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.D., President of the Board, presided, and Bros. James Brett, P.G.P., Senior Vice-President, and C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, occupied their respective chairs. There were also present Bros. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S., A. A. Pendlebury, Asst. G.S., W. Dodd, and W. Lee, representing the Grand Secretary's office; David D. Mercer, Charles Dairy, Henry Garrod, G. B. Chapman, W. B. Brown, J. H. Matthews, S. Vallentine, George Read, A. C. Woodward, R. J. Taylor, W. M. Bywater, J. Bunker, J. R. Grieve, George R. Langley, W. G. Lemon, Sir Henry A. Isaacs, Frank Richardson, E. Shedd, Samuel Brooks, W. J. Newell, George B. Lewis, C. J. R. Tijou, A. C. A. Higerty, Henry J. Moxon, E. Adamson, H. Massey, R. K. Bull, Edwin J. Davey, Robert Main, Henry Cox, T. Brady, J. W. Robinson, S. Stretch, jun., W. Groome, J. J. Thomas, John Webb, H. Hooper, W. J. Stratton, C. N. McIntyre North, F. T. Reade, M. I. Emanuel, Pelham C. Maitland, Wm. Allingham, Richard Jennings, Thos. West, Henry T. Gordon, T. Kipp, T. Weeks, C. H. Cox, S. H. Goldschmidt, W. Martin, F. Burgess, J. A. Hughes, J. M. Margason, J. Prentice, Herbert Wright, John Beddoes, Thos. Hutton, George Mudon, G. M. E. Hamilton, C. Jolly, H. J. Wicks, F. T. W. Oldfield, Richard Cossham, Albert Govier, S. M. Reddall, J. S. Cumberland, James Gaywood, H. B. Gray, J. R. Orme, J. H. Price, William S. Howey, W. Maple, Robert Webber, H. Dehane, W. P. Dicks, N. Goodchild, and Henry Sadler, G. Tyler.

The Board of Masters was first held, and the agenda paper for next Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge was read to them, and the Scrutineers for the porch were selected.

At the Board of Benevolence the brethren first confirmed recommendations made to the Grand Master at the October meeting to the amount of £360. There were 37 new cases on the list, qualified through lodges in the London district, and at Whitehaven, Chester, Gloucester, Oswestry, Great Yarmouth, Towcester, Hyde, Gravesend, Newbury, Sunderland, Meerut, Dover, Sheffield, Southampton, Liverpool, Woodbridge, Hull, and Budleigh Salterton. Three of the cases were deferred, being incomplete. The remainder were relieved with a total of £925. This was made up of the following sums: One recommendation to Grand Lodge for £100, six recommendations to the Grand Master for £40 each, and 11 of £30 each, eight grants of £20 each, three of £15 each, and five of £10 each.

Before the Board was closed,

Bro. JAMES BRETT, Senior Vice-President, said that as that was the last time during the existing appointment of the President that the Board met, it would be a great omission if the brethren separated without recording its sense of the courtesy and geniality with which Bro. Robert Grey had presided over them during the year, and the close attention he had paid to every case which had been brought before them. The brethren must all feel that they had had a most excellent President, a brother eminently qualified for the post by his tact, good temper, discretion and patience, whose place it would be of the utmost difficulty to supply. On behalf of the brethren he returned his hearty thanks to Bro. Grey, and moved "That the best thanks of this Board be returned to Bro. Robert Grey, President, for the courtesy and geniality with which he had presided over the Board during the past year."

Bro. C. A. COTTEBRUNE, J.V.P., most cordially seconded the motion, and hoped that Bro. Brett would add to his motion "that the vote be recorded on the minutes." This had never been done before. It was done at the Board of General Purposes, and he did not see why it should not be done at the Board of Benevolence.

Bro. BRETT adopted the suggestion, and the motion was carried unanimously.

For the vacancy among the 12 Past Masters to serve on the Board of Benevolence, the name of Bro. Goldschmidt, P.M. 1329, was the only name given in. There will, therefore, be no election for this Board at the next Quarterly Communication.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF VICTORIA.

A Special Communication of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Collins-street, Melbourne, on Monday, August 4th. The M.W. Grand Master, Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., presided. Immediately after the Grand Lodge had been opened the M.W.G.M. made the official announcement of the death of Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, on account of which the Grand Lodge was draped in mourning.

This being a Special Communication for the further consideration of the Book of Constitution the debate on that question was resumed. After the roll of lodges had been called and answered by a number of lodges, Articles 253 to 261 were carried without any alteration, except that the newly-created Grand Trumpeters appeared again on the *tapis*, and were provided with a jewel of crossed trumpets and with a rank after the Assistant Pursuivant. Clauses 262 to 276 were then carried with a few slight alterations. Then the postponed clauses, referring to the election or appointment of officers of Grand Lodge and of private lodges,

raised a storm. First the Grand Registrar, Bro. C. Finlayson, objected to the discussion of these clauses on the ground that the question had been already decided by a vote of the lodges. The M.W.G.M. ruled that it would be discussed, as he had given his promise to that effect. Bro. J. Copeland, P.S.G.W., then objected, because there had been a definite understanding that the question would not be brought before a meeting unless all the members of the Grand Lodge had received due notice of such intention. The M.W.G.M. thought that the notice on the circular, referring to the consideration of the Book of Constitution, covered the question. A lengthy debate ensued, Bros. the Rev. D. Meadowcroft, Grand Sec. Foreign Correspondence; J. Dowding, P.J.G.W.; Hobson, P.M.; Vahland, P.J.G.W., and others taking part. A ballot was taken, and was announced as follows: For election 45, for appointment 79, which means 124 votes out of over 800 members of the Grand Lodge.

It was resolved, on the motion of Bro. G. S. COPPIN, P.G.M., that—"1. Every application for a patent to establish a Provincial Grand Lodge must be by petition to the Grand Master, signed by at least seven Masters of lodges representing a majority of private lodges regularly registered under the Constitution of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria, within the proposed province. The petition must accurately describe the extent and boundary of the proposed province, the number and names of all lodges registered and working within its limits, and give a list of Provincial Grand Lodge officers nominated for the first year."

"2. Every Provincial Grand Lodge shall be solemnly constituted by the Grand Master with his Wardens, or, in the absence of the Grand Master, by a Past Grand Master, or in the absence of a P.G.M., by the Deputy Grand Master."

"3. Four Provincial Grand Lodges shall be holden for Quarterly Communication in each year, viz., on the—"

It was further decided, on the motion of Bro. W. F. LAMONBY, P.S.G.W.—"173. Honorary membership confers no positive rights. An honorary member, therefore, cannot hold any office in the lodge which so honours him, nor can he vote on any subject which may be under discussion in such lodge. That the clauses in the Book of Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of England, referring to centennial lodges and centennial jewels, be adopted in the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Victoria, except for the words 'centennial,' 'centenary,' and 'one hundred years,' 'jubilee or fifty years,' be substituted."

Clauses 76 to 100, relating to the formation of Provincial Grand Lodges, were adopted, and 227, 232, 111, 118, 122, 161, 162, 166, 200, 202, were carried.

The title page as prepared was adopted, and the ancient charges ordered to be inserted. The M.W.G.M. having retired, the Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.—*Melbourne Argus.*

MASONIC LECTURE AT CHATHAM.

The Royal Kent Lodge of Antiquity, No. 20, the first on the roll of all Provincial Craft lodges, held an emergency meeting on Wednesday, the 5th inst., in the spacious and well-appointed lodge room at the Sun Hotel, Chatham, for the purpose of hearing Bro. James Stevens deliver a lecture on "The Ritual and Ceremonial of the Symbolic Degrees in Freemasonry." Nearly 100 brethren were present, representing the immediately local lodges and others at Gravesend, Maidstone, Ramsgate, Deptford, and other towns in the Province of Kent.

Amongst the large gathering were Bro. George R. Cobham, W.M., who presided, and the following officers and brethren of Lodge No. 20, viz: Bros. Thomas Clibbon, I.P.M.; T. S. Warne, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; J. T. Funnell, P.M.; W. T. Wiggins, S.W.; J. H. Collins, J.W.; Rev. T. Arthur, Chap.; C. R. Cockburn, P.M., Sec.; C. E. Skinner, S.D.; George Church, J.D.; E. Bacon, I.G.; C. D. Levy, Stwd.; T. Williams, Org.; J. Orun, Prov. G.T., Tyler; W. Payne, A. Cooper, R. D. Batchelor, W. J. R. Robins, H. Tomlin, W. Hewit, J. M. Mathison, W. Burgess, G. A. Bond, J. Cabburn, and T. Stafford. Bro. Charles T. Smith, T.C., of Rochester, and W.M. 1426, London, who had been mainly instrumental in making the arrangements for the meeting, was unfortunately prevented by temporary indisposition from attending, and his absence was greatly regretted by the members of his lodge and their visitors.

The lodges represented were the Lodge of Freedom, No. 77, Gravesend, by Bros. Frank Hitchens, W.M., R. Beamish, I.P.M., and J. Solomon, S.W.; the United Chatham Lodge of Benevolence, No. 184, New Brompton, by Bros. J. Ranger, P.M., Prov. A.G.P., J. Gray, C. G. Butler, G. Taylor, C. O. Stephenson, A. T. Griggs, H. G. Gaskin, and A. J. Trueman; the Adams Lodge, No. 158, Sheerness, by Bro. R. J. E. Brown, P.M.; the Royal Navy Lodge, No. 429, Ramsgate, by Bro. J. Garratt; the Belvidere Lodge, No. 503, Maidstone, by Bro. Edwin Weller, J.D.; the Gundulph Lodge, No. 1050, Rochester, by Bros. James Gilbert, W.M., T. Watson, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., W. Watson, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., F. Nicholls, P.M., H. S. Bagshaw, I.G., R. Termouth, W. Hocking, H. Littlewood, S. A. Dunn, A. J. Brown, J. W. Reed, W. Mason, J. Morris, and E. J. Mantell; the Malling Abbey Lodge, No. 1063, Malling, by Bros. D. T. J. Lyle, W.M., and Silas Wagon, P.M.; the Pentangle Lodge, No. 1174, Chatham, by Bro. Griffiths, P.M.; the Brownrigg Lodge of Unity, No. 1424, Brompton, by Bros. S. E. Morgan, P.M., Prov. G. Std. Br., and G. A. Burrell; the Beacon-

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The lodge having been duly opened, the Worshipful Master introduced the lecturer, who was very cordially received, and he at once commenced his address. We have had to refer to Bro. Stevens' lectures on former occasions, and to express our appreciation of his efforts to explain the allegories and symbols by means of which the art of Freemasonry is veiled from those who have not entered the Order. He minutely expounds their nature and the connection, through them, of the whole system, and contends that unless their meaning is fully understood by practitioners in the art, they cannot fulfil the purposes for which the science was instituted. We are, as our readers will plainly understand, precluded from making generally public the *matter* of Bro. Stevens' lectures; they must be heard in open lodge only, and no opportunity of hearing them should be neglected. The *manner* of delivery is always satisfactory, and for two hours the lecturer keeps his audience interested and regardless of the lapse of time.

At the termination of his address, many portions of which had been received with applause, the W.M., Bro. COBHAM, in proposing, and Bro. T. S. WARNE, P.P.S. G.W., in seconding "That a vote of thanks to Bro. Stevens should be entered on the minutes of the lodge," respectively gave expression to the pleasure which had been afforded them by the clear, lucid, and comprehensive instruction which had been afforded to the lodge and its visitors, and hoped that the lecturer might have still more to say to them on the same subject at no very distant date.

Bro. STEVENS having offered his acknowledgments, the lodge was closed.

A large number of the brethren remained to partake of supper, and a brief hour or two of social enjoyment followed before the inevitable parting.

Red Cross of Rome and Constantine.

Premier Conclave.—This distinguished conclave met at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 3rd inst. Among those present were Sir Knights Heard, M.P.S.; N. Prower, M.A., V.E.; Keyser, S.G.; Purrott, I.G.; John Mason, P.G.J.G., P.M.P.S., Recorder; Robinson, Prelate; Pakes, Prefect; W. Lake, I.P.M.P.S.; Marsh, P.G.J.G., P.M.P.S.; Capt. T. C. Walls, G.J.G., P.M.P.S.; Scurrah, and J. N. Frye.

The minutes of the previous conclave were read and confirmed. Bro. Cooper was down on the agenda of business for installation, but he was prevented from attending. The resignation of Sir Knight E. Storr was received with regret. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Sir Knights H. H. Shirley, M.A., P.M.P.S., George Graveley, and others.

The conclave was then closed, and the sir knights adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern, where an excellent banquet was provided.

The customary loyal toasts having been honoured, Sir Knight Capt. Walls responded on behalf of "The Grand Council," and Sir Knight W. Lake for "The Grand Senate."

In proposing "The Health of the M.P.S.," Sir Knight Lake dwelt at length upon the long and distinguished services rendered to all grades of Masonry by Sir Knight Heard, and it was greatly to be regretted that the candidate had not presented himself for induction into the Red Cross Order, as he, the speaker, was confident that the work would have been well and worthily performed by the M.P.S.

Sir Knight Heard, in reply, briefly said that he certainly would have liked to have inducted into the Degree Bro. Cooper, who was an old friend of his. He felt highly gratified at holding so prominent a position in the Premier Conclave, and he hoped to bring in several members before he left its chair. In conclusion, he said that he missed that evening several well known faces, notably Sir Knights T. Cubitt, H. H. Shirley, and H. J. Lardner, who had done so much for the conclave.

"The Health of Sir Knight J. N. Frye" followed. In introducing this toast the M.P.S. said that Sir Knight Frye was their youngest member, but had been prevented from attending their banquets, and consequently his health had never been honoured. He proposed it now, and he trusted that the sir knights would receive it with extra warmth.

Sir Knight Frye having replied, "The Past Sovereigns," coupled with the name of Sir Knight Lake, came next in order.

This toast having been acknowledged, Sir Knight John Mason replied at length on behalf of "The Treasurer and Recorder."

"The Healths of the V.R.E." and "The Officers," terminated the proceedings.

Bro. Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor) and Lady Halsbury, the Marquis and Marchioness of Salisbury, and Count Herbert Bismarck arrived at Sandringham, on Saturday last, on a visit to the Prince and Princess of Wales.

The Duke of Clarence and Avondale left London on Saturday evening last for Berlin to attend the marriage of the Princess Victoria of Prussia, sister of the Emperor William. His Royal Highness was met on his arrival in the Prussian capital the following evening by Prince Leopold of Prussia, representing the Emperor, the Duke of Sparta, the Duke of Connaught, Bro. Sir E. B. Malet, and the staff of the British embassy.

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To Correspondents.

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CRAFT LODGES—Union Waterloo, No. 13; York, No. 236; Zetland, No. 511; Temperance, No. 739; Belgrave, No. 749; Merchant Navy, No. 781; Capper, No. 1076; Sphinx, No. 1329; Islington, No. 1471; Israel, No. 1502; Sir Francis Burdett, No. 1503; Addiscombe, No. 1556; Earl of Carnarvon, No. 1642; Ubique, No. 1789; Fidelity and Sincerity, No. 1966; Prince Edward, No. 2109; Pantiles, No. 2200; Acacia, No. 2321; Warrant Officers, No. 2346; and Bushey Park, No. 2381.

ROYAL ARCH—Orpheus Chapter, No. 1706.

MARK LODGES—Dove Valley, No. 353; and Royal Connaught, No. 409.

A. AND A. RITE—Mount Calvary Chapter, No. 3.

Provincial Grand Lodge of North Munster.

Provincial Grand Chapter of Devon.

Centenary Festival of St. Paul's Lodge, No. 194.

Masonic Service at the New Jerusalem Church, Southport.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The South African Freemason," "Keystone," "Boletín Oficial," and "Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of the State of Indiana."



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1890.

Masonic Notes.

At the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, which will be held on Wednesday, the 3rd prox., his Royal Highness the M.W.G.M. intends conferring the rank of Past Grand Master on his brother, the Duke of Connaught. In former days this compliment was almost invariably paid to members of the Royal Family on its becoming known that they had joined the Craft. Our M.W.G.M. was also honoured in like manner when it was announced that he had joined the Order in Sweden, under the auspices of the late sovereign of that country. Hitherto, however, the custom has not been observed in the case of our other Royal Craftsmen who have had Grand Lodge honours conferred upon them, and been appointed Provincial Grand Masters.

But everyone will rejoice to learn that the Duke of Connaught has had this high distinction conferred upon him. He has been a member of our Society for upwards of 16 years, and has rendered many valuable services to Freemasonry both in England and in India. His new rank, therefore, is a recognition of these services rather than a compliment to his exalted position.

On the same occasion the M.W. Grand Master will propose that a sum of £105 be voted to the fund which is being raised to relieve the sufferings caused by the loss of H.M.S. *Serpent*. By this terrible catastrophe some 170 officers and men have perished, many of them leaving widows and children without any, or with but small means for their future maintenance. It is to provide them with help that the fund is being raised, and we may be sure that Grand Lodge will be only too willing to vote its contribution towards the relief of these helpless widows and children.

We congratulate the members of the St. Paul's Lodge, No. 194, on the brilliant success which attended the recent celebration of the centenary of its constitution. The lodge was established by the "Ancients" in 1790, and having been able to satisfy the Grand Lodge that its work had been continuous since that date, H.R.H. the Grand Master has been pleased to grant it a centenary warrant, with the accompanying privilege in the case of subscribing members wearing a centenary jewel. We have a full report of the meeting which was held to commemorate this auspicious event but the heavy demands on our space have obliged us to hold it over till next week.

We offer the same reason as our apology for delaying the report of the installation meeting of the La France Lodge, No. 2060, on Monday. We may state, however, that Bro. St. Clair, who has presided over the lodge as W.M. for the last two years, installed Bro. Lacoste as his successor, the ceremony being most admirably rendered by the retiring Master, while Bro. Thomas Fenn, President of Board of General Purposes, contributed to the success of the meeting by delivering the addresses, which, it is needless to say, he did very effectively.

We congratulate our veteran Bro. William Kelly, F.S.A., Past Prov. Grand Master of Leicestershire and Rutland, on having been spared to take part in celebration of the centenary of the constitution of his mother lodge—St. John's, No. 279, Leicester—in which he was initiated as far back as the year 1838. It is not given to many men to attain to so ripe an age as our respected brother, but fewer still are spared to participate in celebration of a centenary in which they are so deeply interested.

Notes and Queries of the 15th instant contains a very interesting communication signed "W. C. B.," and relating to a lodge "St. Frédéric des amis Choisis," at Boulogne, in 1817. The selection from the list of members with which he has favoured our contemporary, is composed for the most part of military officers, but amongst them we note Bro. G. Daniel Harvey, Provincial Grand Master of Hertfordshire, whose patent of appointment we have had the privilege of seeing. We shall have something to say further on this next week.

We heartily congratulate Bro. G. J. McKay, Prov. Grand Secretary of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cumberland and Westmorland, on the municipal distinction recently conferred upon him. Bro. McKay is not a native of Kendal, but he has resided there for the last 20 years, during which period he has won the esteem and respect of all with whom he has been associated, and on Monday, the 10th inst., the Corporation unanimously elected him to the important office of Mayor for the ensuing year. The applause which greeted the announcement was most enthusiastic, and, after being invested with the insignia of his office, Bro. McKay took his seat as Mayor, and returned thanks in eloquent terms for his election to the highest municipal office in the power of his fellow Councillors to bestow.

In concluding his remarks Bro. McKay expressed the hope that in the event of his being spared to complete his full term of office, he should hand over the chain and jewel with which he had just been invested "as pure and unsullied" as he had that day received it. We trust Bro. McKay will be spared to complete a year of Mayoralty, which we are confident will be as honourable to him and as beneficial to the people of Kendal as that of any of his predecessors in office.

Bro. Col. Samuel Dunlop, R.A., C.M.G., District Grand Master of the Eastern Archipelago, who at the time appears to have contemplated retiring from office, must be extremely gratified at the kind and complimentary terms of the address presented to him by the officers of his District Grand Lodge in May last, "as a slight token of the esteem, respect, and regard" in which he had always been held by them. After expressing regret at his contemplated retirement, and the hope that, even in the event of his not returning to the colony, he may see his way to retain his office, the address proceeds to say "Under your fostering care and encouragement, and aided by the benefit of your firm and beneficent rule, Freemasonry in the Eastern Archipelago has grown and flourished to an extent but little anticipated a few years back, and may now be said to rest on that solid foundation which should at all times characterise the establishment and progress of a Fraternity so widely extended as our ancient and honourable Institution."

There is more of a similar character, and reference is made in support of these statements to the establishment of new lodges in Perak, Selangor, and Penang, as well as to the very considerable increase in membership which has taken place in the lodges and chapters in the district under Bro. Col. Dunlop's auspices as District Grand Master and Grand Superintendent. As we have said, Bro. Col. Dunlop must have been gratified indeed at receiving an address so eulogistic of his services, and at the same time so replete with kindly feelings towards himself.

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 WITHDRAWAL OF HART, No. 47 ON LIST, AT THE BOYS' SCHOOL ELECTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In your leader on the Boys' School election it is stated that the boy Hart, standing at No. 47 on the list, had his name withdrawn by his friends after the issue of the voting papers. This statement is perfectly true, but it may mislead those friends who gave me their votes for this case. His name was withdrawn as I had made arrangements for him to go in the School on the "Sir Watkin Presentation."

In order to prevent any misunderstanding, may I add that the votes given to me for the boy Hart were not thrown away, but were of practical use to the case for which they were intended.

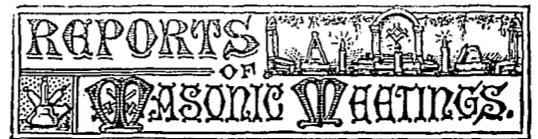
I would like to add also that Hart was the protégé of North Wales only.—Yours fraternally,

C. K. BENSON,
North Wales Representative.

Review.

THE MASTER MASON'S HANDBOOK, by Bro. F. J. W. CROWE, with an Introduction by Bro. W. J. HUGHAN, P.G.D. of England, &c. (London: GEORGE KENNING.)

It is difficult to adequately describe this handsome and useful handbook without seeming to exaggerate its value and importance, but we are fully persuaded that even a casual glance through its pages will reveal its worth, and prove that Bro. Crowe has given us a work which has long been wanted, and will be accepted as a veritable boon by the younger members of the Craft. Our Brother Hughan is not the one to write the introduction without being assured of the character of its contents, and the acceptance of the dedication by the Grand Registrar of England would of itself be a sure index of the reliable nature of the information afforded. There is not another volume like this handbook to be had, for it is a condensed cyclopædia of Freemasonry—an accurate guide to every-day Masonic jurisprudence, and a safe instructor as to all Degrees which are recognised and generally worked in England. We have carefully tested many of its pages, even hypercritically, but have so far failed to detect an error. The particulars concerning clothing, jewels, and customs peculiar to the English Craft are not only most interesting, but are all based on the rules and regulations of all the organisations concerned, and, moreover, cannot fail to become a standard work for new members especially, and for brethren generally. A copy of this handbook, with the by-laws and "Constitutions," should be presented to every candidate. Were this the usual practice there would be much more intelligent interest taken in the Society, and Masonic students would be on the increase everywhere. The publisher, Bro. George Kenning, has decided to supply copies at one shilling each, so the price is merely nominal.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Royal Commemoration Lodge (No. 1585).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the White Lion Hotel, Putney, on Wednesday, the 5th instant. Among those present were Bros. Harding, W.M.; Sandalls, S.W.; Coombe, S.D., acting, J.W.; Watkins, Treas.; Williams, P.M. Sec.; Wright, J.D., acting S.D.; Grundy, I.G., acting J.D.; Collings, P.M., D.C.; Knight, Asst. Org., acting I.G.; Gordon, Org.; Fayers and Tildesley, Stwds.; Wakley, Tyler; V. Wing, I.P.M.; Robinson, P.M.; Pardoe, P.M.; and Collick, P.M. Visitors: Bros. Burgess, P.M. 1325, P.P.G.P. West Lancashire; Green, P.M. 865; Willcox, W.M. 975; Browne, P.M. 1567; Dale, W.M. 1987; Parsons, S.D. 156; and Lane, 704.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Messrs. W. A. Weeks, Walter Prestige, and Thomas Lightfoot, which being unanimous in their favour, they, together with Mr. Halfpenny, who had been elected at the last meeting, were duly initiated by the W.M. Bros. G. Tildesley and Carlo Manzoni were passed to the Degree of F.C., both ceremonies being ably and impressively rendered. After some routine business, five guineas was voted from the lodge funds to a distressed brother, and the lodge decided to forward his petition to the Board of Benevolence. Three names were submitted for election at the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren, to the number of 45, then adjourned for refreshment, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

Bro. Wing, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," complimenting him on the able manner in which he had performed the work, and the W.M. made a short but suitable reply.

The next toast was that of "The Initiates," and the W.M. expressed himself as being proud at having introduced four such good members into the Order.

The Initiates replied in turn, each expressing their sense of the honour done them, and of the impressiveness of the ceremony they had just gone through.

"The Health of the Past Masters" followed.

In proposing "The Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. said he should not give many words to the Secretary, Bro. Williams, P.M., as he had already figured among the Past Masters. But that being the 30th anniversary of the battle of Inkerman, and the Treasurer, Bro. Watkins, being one of the survivors of that memorable day, he would wish the lodge to do especial honour to him that evening.

Bro. Wing, I.P.M., begged to add a few words to the W.M.'s remarks, not as an Inkerman hero, but still as a Crimean veteran.

The toast was received with acclamation, rendered with hearty "fire," and accorded musical honours, followed by cheers for the Crimean heroes.

Bro. Watkins sang a song entitled "The Army and Navy," written on board the Agamemnon to commemorate the battle of Inkerman, and Bro. Wing, his contemporary veteran, accompanied him on the piano.

Bros. Watkins and Williams responded.

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

Aldersgate Lodge (No. 1657).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 17th inst., at the Albion Tavern. Present: Bro. A. B. Hudson, W.M., who was supported by the following officers, brethren, and visitors: Bros. M. R. Webb, S.W.; S. White, P.M., Treas.; E. V. Jolliffe, P.M., Sec.; E. F. B. Fuller, S.D.; G. Rawlinson, J.D.; J. Shott, I.G.; W. H. Froom, P.M.; E. Anderton, P.M.; and S. Croft. Visitors: Bros. W. H. Hopkins, P.M. 1385, P.G.S.B. Herts; H. W. Cooper, 92; A. Pearce, P.M. 1572; and G. Harlow, W.M. 2147.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Audit Committee was elected, and Bro. M. R. Webb, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. S. White was re-elected Treasurer. A brother having been proposed as a joining member, the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to a banquet, presided over by the W.M.

Trinity College Lodge (No. 1765).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 6th inst., at 13, Mandeville-place, under the presidency of Bro. E. Burritt Lane, when the following were present: Bros. T. E. Biddlecombe, S.W., W.M. elect; J. B. Sarjeant, J.W.; J. A. Hammond, Treas.; Jno. Mills, Sec.; C. J. Ozanne, S.D.; S. J. Wilford, J.D.; Aubrey Howard, P.M., D.C.; J. T. Hutchinson, I.G.; W. Hutchinson, Steward; Pettit, Org.; G. Harrison, Tyler; Plant Martin, P.M.; Bradbury Turner, P.M.; J. E. Turner, P.M.; H. V. Geary, J. Bennett, Scott Hatley, E. C. M. Tischel, L. J. Van der Heyden, H. E. Robertson, T. Pettit, and Sinclair Dunn. Visitors: Bros. F. W. Dives, P.M. 1445; A. W. Lane, 167; G. H. Frankland West, 1148; D. Hatch, 1507; J. H. Matthews, P.D.G. D. of C. England; W. T. Rundell, P.M. and Sec. 1716; C. M. Brander, W.M. 1563; J. G. Hoppood; H. T. Paget, P.M. 194; S. Flinn, 1731; C. Wakefield, P.M. 1259; and C. W. Pearce.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes were read and confirmed, and the Auditors' report was unanimously adopted. Bro. Scott Hatley having been passed to the Second Degree, Bros. Geary and Bennett were afterwards raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Masons. Bro. T. E. Biddlecombe, W.M. elect, was introduced to the W.M. as a candidate for installation in the chair of K.S. A Board of Installing Officers was formed, and Bro. Biddlecombe was then installed in the chair of K.S. The new W.M. then appointed the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. J. B. Sarjeant, S.W.; C. J. Ozanne, J.W.; J. Hammond, Treas.; J. Mills, Sec.; S. Wilford, S.D.; J. T. Hutchinson, J.D.; W. Hutchinson, I.G.; Aubrey Howard, P.M. D.C.; Van der Heyden, Stwd.; and Pettit, Org. The duties of Installing Master were performed by Bro. E. Burritt Lane, I.P.M., who acquitted himself of his honourable task in a way that reflected no less credit on his lodge than on himself. He delivered the charge with eloquence and impressiveness. The way in which he has carried out his duties during his year of office has pleased all the brethren, and his year was thus fitly closed. The W.M. having appointed his officers, in the name of the lodge presented Bro. Burritt Lane, I.P.M., with a Past Master's jewel, adding a few appropriate words, and hoping that his own year of office would be equally satisfactory. The remaining business having been transacted, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment and harmony.

The first duty having been satisfactorily enacted, the loyal toasts were proposed and honoured with the usual Masonic enthusiasm.

To the toast of "The Grand Officers" Bro. J. H. Matthews, P.D.G.D.C., replied, complimenting the lodge on its working, and congratulating it on the possession of a good body of working officers. He was an old friend of the I.P.M., and knew that he always did well whatever he undertook, and he felt sure that the new W.M. from what he had seen of him would do his best to emulate his predecessor.

"The Installing Master" was then proposed, and briefly responded to in apposite terms.

To the toast of "The Worshipful Master" Bro. Biddlecombe replied, saying how proud he felt in that coveted position, and that he intended to do the best he could during his year of office, and was sure his officers would support him with all their power.

For "The Visitors" Bros. Matthews, Rundall, Brander, A. W. Lane, Wakefield, and others replied.

For "The Past Masters" Bros. Bradbury Turner, Aubrey Howard, and others replied.

During the intervals the brethren were entertained with an admirably-arranged musical programme. Bros. Pearce (Mus. Doc.) and B. Turner (Mus. Bac.) gave a fine rendering of Guilment's Duo, organ and pianoforte "Pastorale";

Bro. Plant Martin gave Lohr's "Love's Proving" with delicacy and expression; Bro. J. T. Hutchinson with Sullivan's "I wish to tune my quivering lyre"; and Bro. Sinclair Dunn with "Lovelight," by Hutchinson, brought down the house. Bro. J. Sarjeant, always appreciated, was especially good in Adam's recitation, Rubenstein. Bro. T. Pettit was in his usual good form in Gounod's march, "La Reine de Saba." A most interesting item of the programme was that of Master A. W. Kettelby, who is under 15 years of age, and has gained the Queen Victoria Scholarship of Trinity College, tenable for three years, but in his special case, on account of his extraordinary talent, extended on his behalf to six years. He played three compositions of his own on the pianoforte—"La Danse du Paysan," "Barcarolle," and "Scherzo." Scarcely less noteworthy was the violin performance of A. Mistowski, student, and Henry Smart, exhibitor of Trinity College. He played two of his own compositions—"Romanze" and "Saltarelle."

Derby Allcroft Lodge (No. 2168).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 6th inst., at the Midland Hotel, St. Pancras, Bro. Harold Halliday, W.M., presiding. Among the numerous other brethren who attended—a party of about 100—there were present Bros. John D. Allcroft, P.G.T.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.; A. Boden, D. A. Mostyn, Wm. Laurence, Wm. Bradford, Dixon, Mackie, Martin, Herbert Sidney, Coke, Morton, Gregory, Smerdon, Demetrius, Cunningham, Conolly, Charles, Thomas, Michie, McLearn, Curnick, Rawlinson, Hahn, Titford, Taylor, Smythe, Muir Smith, Marcus Bromet, Hyman, Barnett, and Robinson. Visitors: Bros. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; Manuel, W.M. 1196; Dr. Powdrell, I.P.M. 2271; Geo. E. Fairchild, P.M. 1196; Henry Povey, P.M. and Treas. 22; Chas. Dickens, P.M. 969; R. P. Stevens, P.M. 901; W. Kent, J.W. 1321; A. J. Bolton, P.M. 862; Chas. Townley, 2190; Alderman Renals, I.P.M. 1656; Dr. Hunter, P.M. 1677; H. J. Allcroft, 289; and F. H. Macklin, 1319.

There was no work before the lodge but the installation of the W.M., which was immediately proceeded with after the opening of the lodge and confirmation of the minutes. Bro. Halliday, with great fluency, delivered the usual ritual, and installed Bro. Joseph Corbett, P.M., W.M. elect, in the chair. The following brethren received the officers' collars: Bros. Harold Halliday, I.P.M.; J. P. Harding, P.M., S.W.; W. F. Lord, J.W.; E. Y. Jolliffe, P.M., P.Z., &c., Treas.; Robert D. Cummings, P.M., P.Z., Sec.; W. Thomas, P.M., S.D.; D. A. Mostyn, J.D.; J. W. Dixon, P.M., I.G.; S. Garcia, P.M., D.C.; James Haskins, Org.; and Geo. Godfrey and Alfred A. Millward, Stwds.

The lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren adjourned to one of the choicest of banquets. The usual toasts followed.

Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sec., replied as a Grand Officer to the toast of "The Deputy Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and said it was a pleasure to respond to the toast, as it included the names of many noble, industrious, and good men, who with all their cares in the outer world found time to devote to the good of the grand old Order. It pleased him much to be again among the brethren of the Derby Allcroft Lodge, which he consecrated four years ago in a room not so handsome as that in which they were assembled that day. He found a marvellous change and improvement, on which he most heartily congratulated the brethren. Such a dignified place was rare in London. Both in work and hospitality the lodge was much to the fore. Altogether the lodge stood well, and not the least of the circumstances in its favour was its having such an excellent godfather as Bro. Derby Allcroft, who was still a member of the lodge. He was sure that when next he came to the lodge he would find an improvement on the improvement, if that was possible.

Bro. Harold Halliday, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M." He said Bro. Corbett was worthy of his position; he was a true Mason, and would be a faithful Master. Past experience had taught them that, and that he would transmit to the memorials of the lodge all the best traditions of Freemasonry.

The Worshipful Master, in response, assured the brethren that it afforded him infinite pleasure to occupy the chair of the Derby Allcroft Lodge. It was a position to which he had aspired ever since his connection with it, and he hoped he should do credit to it; at all events, he should have in the Past Masters who had passed the chair men well able to work and carry out their duties to the satisfaction of the brethren. If he trod in their footsteps he could not go very far wrong. Therefore, relying on the support which he was sure he should always receive from the brethren, and, stimulated by a desire to do his best for the lodge, he looked forward to a bright year for the Derby Allcroft Lodge. He also had to thank the I.P.M. for the very kind and complimentary terms in which he had been pleased to introduce the toast. He really could not lay claim to all he had said, but as he had said before, it had always been his desire to do his best. That course he should endeavour to pursue in that lodge, and he hoped that at the end of his year the brethren would not regret having placed him in that proud position. He next proposed the toast of "The I.P.M.," which all the brethren would appreciate. The brethren had been privileged to see the admirable working of the installation ceremony by Bro. Halliday, as well as the other ceremonies during his year of office, and they could not fail to come to one conclusion, which was that Bro. Halliday had been animated by an earnest and conscientious desire to discharge his duties to the full extent of his ability, and that he had succeeded in doing so. It was not possible in any lodge to have a more strictly conscientious earnest Master than Bro. Halliday, who had not only maintained the reputation of the lodge, but had enhanced it by his grand, manly work. He had crowned his efforts that evening by his impressive performance of the installation ceremony. In conclusion, he presented Bro. Halliday with a Past Master's jewel, together with the best wishes of all the brethren.

Bro. H. Halliday, I.P.M., replying, said he had done his best, but there was no reason why such loud praises should have been pronounced. Still he thanked the brethren sincerely for having voted him the jewel, and as long as he lived he would think of it as a mark of the consideration of the brethren of the Derby Allcroft Lodge.

Bro. John Derby Allcroft, P.M., P.G. Treas., replied to the toast of "The P.M.'s," of whom he was proud to be the first. He would look with pleasure to the progress of

the lodge, which he hoped would go on for many years to come. He hoped the prosperity and renown of the Craft would be promoted by the Derby Allcroft Lodge. He had now another pleasurable duty to perform, to propose "The Health of Bro. J. Percy Fitzgerald, P.M.," and to make a presentation to that brother. Bro. Fitzgerald had been a Mason 20 years, and had performed excellent service in the Earl of Zetland Lodge. Brethren of that lodge were now present, which was very agreeable to know, because it showed the esteem in which the Earl of Zetland Lodge held him. Bro. Fitzgerald was a founder of the Derby Allcroft Lodge, and he considered him the father of the lodge, although Bro. Fitzgerald got him to be the first Master, and to consent to give his name to the lodge. This step by Bro. Fitzgerald had been very successful. Bro. Fitzgerald's tact, energy, and good management had been the means of forming a nucleus of Masons in that neighbourhood who were an honour to the Order. The lodge began at Camden Town, almost outside the border of civilisation, but they had left that dark forest and come to locate where they met to-night. A Benevolent Fund had been established, which showed they were actuated by the spirit of Freemasonry. They had proceeded in a good work, which he hoped would go forward in the future. This had been originated by Bro. Fitzgerald. He then presented to Bro. Fitzgerald a magnificent silver tea and coffee service with a silver salver. On the salver was the following inscription: "Presented with a silver tea and coffee service by the members of the Derby Allcroft Lodge, No. 2168, to Bro. James Percy Fitzgerald, P.M., P.Z., as a mark of respect and esteem and a token of sincere fraternal regard on his retirement from the office of I.P.M., also as a special recognition of his invaluable services in establishing the lodge. Midland Grand Hotel, 13th November, 1890."

Bro. Fitzgerald, replying, thanked Bro. Allcroft and the brethren for the presentation, and in the course of his remarks said there were other brethren besides himself who had worked hard for the lodge, among them being Bro. Derby Allcroft himself. But he thanked the brethren from the bottom of his heart for the kind feeling which had been shown to him. Bro. Fitzgerald also paid a very high tribute to Bro. Cummings, the Secretary of the lodge, for his invaluable services in promoting in every way its interests.

The other toasts followed before the brethren separated. Under the direction of Bros. J. F. Haskins and W. Bradford, a beautiful selection of music was performed by Miss Julia Jones, Miss Dews, Bros. James Goodthorp, F. W. Stephens, and W. Bradford, Bro. F. R. Kinkeed accompanying on the pianoforte.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

DARLINGTON.

Marquess of Ripon Lodge (No. 1379).

On Thursday, the 6th inst., the last meeting of this lodge under the presidency of Bro. Dr. Hill-Drury, was held. Every seat in the lodge room was occupied; brethren hailing from distant lodges in the Province of Durham and North-east York coming to honour one of the most popular Masons in "the North Country." The following lodges, among others, sent representatives: Rose of Raby, Norman, Wear Valley, Philanthropy, Restoration, Ferrum, Universities, Fenwick, Harbour of Refuge, Barnard, Marquess of Granby, Marwood, Unity, and Foundation. Proceedings began at 6.30, and after the minutes of the last regular meeting and an emergency meeting were read and confirmed, Bro. T. W. Marley was raised to the Degree of a Master Mason, the ceremony being performed in a most solemn and impressive manner by the W.M., assisted by Bro. Sam Wilson, P.M., who gave the traditional history. The music which accompanied the whole of the ceremonies was rendered by Bros. Whitehead, Leatham, and Nutton, of the Durham Cathedral choir, assisted by Bros. F. Martin, and other musical brethren. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year then took place, when Bro. Thompson Howlett, S.W., was unanimously chosen.

Other business being concluded, and "Hearty good wishes" having been given by the large concourse of visitors, the lodge was closed, and, at the invitation of the W.M., the brethren adjourned to dinner.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The Worshipful Master proposed "The Health of the P.G.M., Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., and the rest of the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, Present and Past," remarking that seldom in a private lodge were so many purple seen, and he felt it a great honour that so large a gathering of brethren from a distance, occupying such high positions in the Craft, should have assembled on that "the Master's night."

Bro. Bradley, P.P.S.G.W., in reply, expressed the great pleasure it had given him to be present, and said that he had never seen, nor did he think any brethren had ever seen the ceremonies rendered in such an impressive manner.

"The Visitors" was then given by Bro. J. W. Marshall, P.M., P.P.G.O., first Master of the Marquess of Ripon Lodge.

Bro. the Rev. Canon Kynaston, replying, said that, although he had known their W.M. for only a short time, he had learned to esteem him as a man of sterling worth and a most indefatigable Mason. It was entirely due to him that the Universities' Lodge, of which he (Canon Kynaston) was the W.M. elect, was established.

Bro. the Rev. R. H. Yeld, P.P.G.C., said that his acquaintance with Bro. Hill-Drury was different to that of Bro. Kynaston, for he had known him for more than 20 years, and it had given him more than ordinary pleasure to be present that night, and he wished not to thank him only for the pleasure he had derived in witnessing the elaborate and solemn musical ceremonies, but for the sumptuous entertainment he had spread before them.

The S.W. then gave what he thought would be considered the toast of the evening. He was sure none of them would say that it was a mere figure of speech when he said that what they had witnessed that night was unique. Not only was the work that night rendered, he ventured to say, in a way it was never before rendered, but the music planned out by the W.M. was such as few brethren would ever again have the opportunity of hearing associated with our beautiful ceremonies. The W.M. was a Mason of whom any lodge would be proud, but he was also one who took a great interest in everything connected with Masonry. The banqueting room in which they now sat was restored and beautified entirely through his energy, and the decora-

tions in the adjoining lodge room, which were only recently finished, were done by their W.M. at his sole cost. He proposed his health, knowing that no toast would ever in that room be more cordially responded to.

Bro. Hill-Drury, after thanking the S.W. and brethren for the hearty way they had responded to the toast, said that he was extremely gratified to know that his efforts had been so warmly appreciated by the lodge and the many visiting brethren who had honoured him with their presence that evening, and, in addition to cordially thanking the musical brethren for their assistance, wished also to thank his officers for the painstaking and careful manner in which they had performed their share of the work. No Master was ever more pleased in his officers than he had been, and he hoped his successor would be equally fortunate in his selection.

Bro. Barron, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., then proposed "The W.M. of the Sister Lodge Restoration," and spoke of the cordial relationship which existed between the two lodges.

The W.M., Bro. R. M. Wilkes, of the Restoration Lodge, expressed his thanks for the hearty reception the brethren of the Restoration Lodge always met with in coming to their daughter lodge, and thanked Bro. Hill-Drury for initiating the practice of official visits between the lodges, for during his year not only had their W.M. assisted in the work of his (Bro. Wilkes) lodge, but he had acted on the injunction laid down in the Book of Constitutions, and had on one occasion visited the Restoration Lodge attended by all his officers, and had twice invited him (Bro. Wilkes) to take a portion of the work in the Marquess of Ripon Lodge. Their W.M. was the first to introduce music so extensively into the ritual, and, he was bound to admit, with the most unqualified success.

Bro. J. J. Wilkes proposed, in a capital speech, "The Health of the W.M. elect," to which Bro. Howlett suitably responded.

Other toasts, interspersed with songs and glees, followed until the Tyler's toast concluded a most successful and enjoyable meeting.

The following is a list of music in the order in which it was rendered; the place ascribed to each piece will easily be understood by our Masonic readers: "Tuscan March," *J. E. Newell*; "Hail Eternal! by whose aid;" "Angel Voices," *Dr. E. F. Monk*; Sonata X, "Andante," *Beethoven*; "All glory to the Most High;" "Brief Life," *Passion Chorale*; "Old Hundredth," *Gondimel*; "Dead March in Saul," *Handel*; "Glory be to Thee O Lord," *Dr. Baker*; "Blessed be the name of the Lord," *Dr. Baker*; "Senator's March," *A. Graham*; "Come ye blessed of my Father," *J. Fitzgerald, P.M. 377*; "Now the evening shadows closing;" March from "Scipio," *Handel*.

HORWICH.

Horwich Lodge (No. 2324).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 11th inst., at the Public Hall, under the presidency of Bro. John Rogers, P.M., W.M. There was a very large number of brethren present, the event being doubly interesting to the members and brethren of neighbouring lodges, by the fact of the W.M. installing his successor, and Bro. Dr. G. H. Whitaker, S.W., W.M. elect, who is very deservedly popular in the district, both Masonically and otherwise, being installed. Among those present were the following: Bros. John Rogers, P.M., W.M.; Layland Eccles, P.M.; J. G. Christian, P.M.; Dr. G. H. Whitaker, S.W.; Hawthorn Thornton, J.W.; R. Hampson, Treas.; J. G. P. Simpson, Sec.; E. Hindley, I.G.; W. M. Varley, Stwd.; James Lamb, Tyler; John Fletcher, John Evans, J. Ryder, W. Taylor, W. Greenwood, S.W. 348; Geo. Holford, G. Hughes, J. Howarth, J. S. Hinchcliffe, J. M. Palmer, J. E. Lambert, and M. Rufus. Visitors: Bros. Wm. Goodacre, P.G.S.B. Eng., P.G. Sec.; E. G. Harwood, P.P.G.W.; J. Barrett, P.G.D.; N. Nicholson, P.P.G.D.; Thos. Nevett, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. S. Jackson, 1403; J. Goulburn, 1723; G. H. Needle, J. Bromley, 730; G. S. Smith, P.M., W.M. 2359; T. B. Long, P.M.; W. Townsend, H. Pool, J. Waring, P.M.; and A. H. Duffin, W.M. 1134.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting was read and confirmed. The W.M. having raised two brethren, Bro. Dr. Whitaker was presented to the Installing Master by Bro. Thos. Nevett, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., and, after the usual formula, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Dr. G. H. Whitaker was duly placed in the chair of K.S. The working tools were presented by Bro. Rogers. The W.M. invested his officers, and they were addressed by Bro. J. Waring, P.M. 1134, as follows: Bros. J. Rogers, P.M., I.P.M.; Hawthorn Thornton, S.W.; C. Hindley, J.W.; R. Hampson, Treas.; J. G. O. Simpson, Sec.; W. M. Varley, S.D.; M. Rufus, J.D.; J. Whitaker, I.G.; and Palmer, Sprague, and Hughes, Stwds. The address to the W.M. and brethren was given by Bro. W. Goodacre, and that to the Wardens by Bro. N. Nicholson. All Masonic business being completed, the lodge was closed by the newly-installed W.M.

The brethren subsequently adjourned to a banquet admirably served in the public hall. The toast list was proceeded with without delay. Bro. Dr. Whitaker proved himself an admirably genial host. The speeches in response to the various toasts were admirable, all pithy, but to the point.

The lodge during its first year under the Mastership of Bro. John Rogers has initiated, passed, and raised 14 candidates, and to show how the brethren appreciated his service they presented him with a chaste and handsome Past Master's jewel, with the following inscription: "Presented by the brethren of Horwich Lodge, 2324, to Bro. John Rogers, P.M., as a token of their esteem and in recognition of his services as first W.M., November 11th, 1890." The jewel was designed specially for the occasion, and manufactured by Bro. G. Kenning.

JERSEY.

Prince of Wales Lodge (No. 1003).—This lodge met on Wednesday, the 5th inst., the principal business on the summons being the passing and raising of several brethren, also the election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler, which drew together a large number of members and visitors, as well as Masters and Past Masters of the various lodges in the province. The lodge being opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Bro. Healy was passed to the

Second Degree, and Bros. Copp, Dennis, and La Motté were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. The next business was the election of W.M. for the ensuing year. The W.M. then rose, and, in introducing the S.W. of the lodge, Bro. Dodman, urged the brethren one and all to be unanimous in their voting for an old member, an esteemed brother, a generous man, a good Mason, and one whom, he was sure, would prove to be a good Master. The ballot was then taken, and proved unanimous in Bro. Dodman's favour. Bro. Dodman having thanked the lodge for the unanimity of feeling expressed, trusted that the same kindly, generous, and fraternal help would be afforded him as had been given to the present W.M. The next business was the election of Treasurer, and Bro. G. J. Renouf, P.M., was re-elected for the 10th year in succession. Bro. Rogers, P.M., was unanimously re-elected Tyler for the 18th time. Bro. W. B. Bois proposed that a Past Master's jewel, of the value of 10 guineas, should be presented to the W.M., and, in making the proposition, said he thought if any Master was entitled to a testimonial, the present W.M. was that brother, he having been the means in 14 years of bringing in the largest number of brethren, all of whom had proved themselves good workers and good Masons; moreover, he had filled every office in the lodge, and had done so with ability and credit. The I.P.M., Bro. Godfrey, having seconded the proposition, and made a few appropriate remarks, it was put to the vote, and carried with acclamation. The next business was a petition from the W.M., P.M.'s, officers, and members of the Prince of Wales Lodge for permission to hold a lodge of instruction at the Masonic Temple under their warrant No. 1003, to be held every Friday evening. This was also carried by a unanimous vote.

The brethren, to the number of 50, then adjourned for refreshment, when the usual toasts were proposed and responded to.

LEEDS.

Prudence Lodge (No. 2069).—On Saturday, the 8th instant, there was a very large and influential gathering of brethren resident in Leeds and the more distant portions of the Province of West Yorkshire to witness and take part in the installation proceedings of this popular and successful lodge. The meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, and upwards of 70 brethren, including four Grand Officers, testified their interest in the event by their presence. Among the many brethren who supported the W.M., Bro. Chas. Middleton, at the opening of the lodge were Bros. Henry Smith, D.P.G.M., Past G. Deacon of England; W. F. Smithson, P.M., G. Deacon of England, and Chairman of the Charity Committee of West Yorkshire; Col. Hartley, P.M. (a Past G. Officer); Rev. Dr. Smyth, D.D., LL.D.; Past G. Chap. of Eng.; Joseph Binney, P.M., P.P.G. Registrar; J. C. Malcolm, P.M., P.P.G. Registrar, W.M. elect of 306; Chas. Letch Mason, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; W. Fitton, P.M., P.P.A. G.D.C.; Herbert Green, P.M., Prov. G. Sec.; Matthewman, P.M., Prov. Asst. G. Sec.; and Rev. J. H. Evans, M.A., P.P.G. Chaplain. The W.M.'s of the other seven Leeds lodges, with one exception, were present, namely: Bros. E. Wales Smith, 289; Lawson, 304; Batt, 306; Cowbrough, 1042; Canon Bullock, P.P.G. Chap., 1211; Tomlinson, 1221; and in the unavoidable absence of the W.M. of Zetland Lodge he was represented by Bro. Clayton, S.W. and W.M. elect. There was a numerous gathering of Leeds Past Masters, whilst Bros. Auty, W.M. 2321, and Last, Sec. 2321, represented the Bradford brethren. Every officer of Prudence Lodge was in his place, and there was a large assembly of the brethren of that lodge, indeed the gathering was in all respects a most brilliant and successful one.

The distinguished visitors having been saluted according to ancient custom, and the minutes of the past meeting having been adopted, Bro. Trevor, P.M., D.C., presented Bro. Fretwell for the benefit of installation, remarking that as Bro. Fretwell's old and close friend, and as the one who introduced him into Masonry, he esteemed it a privilege to have been asked to perform that pleasant duty. Bro. Fretwell had passed through the various offices of the lodge, and was the first initiate to be presented for installation, the brethren having ratified that choice by their unanimous vote. The ceremony was then proceeded with, and was taken part in by Bros. Dr. Smyth, Middleton, Mason, Trevor, and Dimery. The difficult though most interesting part of the ceremony allotted to Bro. Dr. Smyth was splendidly performed, and was a revelation to those visiting brethren who had not previously had the privilege of hearing our venerable and distinguished brother go through the ritual. The brethren having been admitted to the lodge, the ceremony was completed in a manner which gave the keenest enjoyment to all who were privileged to take part in it, and redounded to the credit of the lodge, which is fortunate to possess such a brilliant and distinguished body of Past Masters. The W.M., Bro. Fretwell, then invested his officers as follows: Bros. Middleton, I.P.M.; Tom Atkinson, S.W.; Robert Abbott, J.W.; C. L. Mason, Mason, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; Arthur Butterworth, Secretary; B. Sykes Bailey, S.D.; R. Alfred Smithson, J.D.; Tudor Trevor, P.M., D. of C.; H. Begbie Abbott, I.G.; J. Thornton Jones and Edward Ellis, Stewards; James Buckley, Org.; and S. Barrand, Tyler. The W.M. addressed a few suitable words of congratulation to each of his officers, and at the conclusion of this pleasing duty said that he felt it due to the lodge that his first official duty should be to thank his brethren once more for the proud and honourable position in which they had unanimously placed him. They had conferred upon him the highest honour it was in their power to give, and there was no more honourable position in Masonry than for a brother to be W.M. of his mother lodge. Their great confidence and their continued affection demanded great things from him. Though he might fall short of his own ideal, he was sure they would always give him credit for a sincere attachment to that lodge, and an earnest desire to promote its welfare. Peace and harmony reigned in that lodge; it was one of their distinguishing characteristics, and he hoped, nay, he was sure, it would be maintained. He felt like the captain of a goodly craft that was wafted from the harbour by a favouring breeze; might it please the G.A.O.T.U. to permit him to bring it safely to port after a prosperous and a happy voyage. Bro. Watson, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., after five years' service as Charity representative of the lodge on the Provincial Committee, resigned. An honourable and successful record for Charity has been made, thanks to Bro. Watson's persistent efforts, and a most cordial vote of thanks was presented to that brother for his

brilliant services. In his stead Bro. Tudor Trevor was unanimously elected. The two Wardens were selected to represent the lodge upon the Local Charity (Almoner's Fund), the W.M. being joint Auditor with Bro. Rickard, P.M. 304. Bro. Fretwell then, on behalf of the lodge, presented to the I.P.M. a handsome Past Master's jewel in recognition of the efficient manner in which he had discharged his duties during his year of office. In making the presentation the W.M. bore cordial testimony to the urbanity and the kindness of heart which had characterised Bro. Middleton in all his dealings, and assured him that on vacating the chair he possessed the sincere affection of every member of the lodge. He would wear the jewel near his heart, and that would remind him that his happiness and prosperity were very near the hearts of his brethren. Bro. Middleton, in reply, bore eloquent testimony to the assistance he had received from his Past Masters and officers, and said that not one unpleasant word had been used. He reciprocated from his heart the affectionate feelings which the brethren entertained towards him. The remainder of the business having been transacted, Bro. Henry Smith, D.P.G.M., addressed a few words of congratulation to the brethren, and complimented the newly-appointed officers on the manner in which they had performed their duties.

"Hearty good wishes" were exchanged, and the proceedings in the lodge were brought to a close.

Letters of regret at absence and congratulation for the W.M. were read from Bros. Scott Young, P.M., Prov. G. Std. Br. West Lincs. (an old member of the lodge); Webster, Lucas, Robert Craig, P.M., P.P.G.D. (whose absence owing to ill-health was sympathetically alluded to by the W.M. and other brethren); Townsend, P.M., P.P. G. Org.; and others. The P.G.M., Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P., wrote, stating that, owing to an attack of asthma, he had been forbidden by his medical adviser to be out in the evening. Deep sympathy was expressed for the popular ruler, who is beloved by every lodge in his large province.

An adjournment was made to the banquetting room, where, under the presidency of Bro. Fretwell, a well-served repast, provided by the Tyler, Bro. Barrand, was partaken of.

The loyal toasts having received hearty recognition, the W.M. proposed "The Grand Master and the Grand Lodge," to which Bro. Dr. Smyth responded. In the course of a pointed and eloquent address he expressed pleasure at so many of his clerical brethren joining the Order. It was many years ago that he became a member of the Craft, and in those days it was considered a shame for a clergyman to be a brother. No doubt in those days objectionable incidents were noticed in some lodges, but that could no longer be said in the present day, and the clergy by joining the Order did incalculable good. The Order was flourishing in a most wonderful manner, and it would continue to do so more and more.

Bro. Trevor gave "The Provincial Grand Master, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," and bore earnest tribute to the wisdom which marked the rulers of the Craft in that province. Bro. Tew stood prominent in the Craft as one of the most cultured and industrious Masons in the country. They were very proud of him, and prayed that the G.A.O.T.U. might spare him for many years to rule over the province which loved him so well. He also spoke in eloquent praise of the D.P.G.M. and other members of Prov. Grand Lodge.

Bro. H. Green, Prov. G. Sec., responded, as also did Bros. Col. Hartley and Matthewman.

The toast of "The W.M." was received with enthusiasm, and suitably responded to by Bro. Fretwell.

"The Sister Lodges" was a toast received with much honour, and it was responded to by the W.M.'s present.

Bro. Trevor, the newly-appointed Charity representative of the lodge, in felicitous terms, proposed "The Charities," to which Bro. C. L. Mason responded. He earnestly pleaded on behalf of the Boys' School, which he said had been heartily recognised. The changes had been brought about in a great measure by the action of West Yorkshire, and he earnestly besought the brethren by their subscriptions to enable the Committee to carry on their great and noble work to a successful issue.

"The Visiting Brethren" called forth a cordial and fraternal speech from Bro. Auty, Acacia Lodge, Bradford, a lodge founded on similar principles to those of Prudence Lodge. He expressed the hope that the coming year would be marked by an interchange of visits, a suggestion which was cordially received.

Bros. Last, Rickards, and others also responded, wishing every success to the lodge and its W.M.

Bro. Fretwell then gave the toast of "The Officers," and expressed his belief that, aided by so capable a body of Masons as were his officers, his year of office promised to be a happy and successful one. It was six years that very night since the consecration of the lodge. Now an initiate was W.M., and with three exceptions all the officers were initiates, a good augury for future success.

Each one of the officers suitably responded, all expressing affectionate regard for the newly-installed W.M.

The Tyler's toast brought this most successful meeting to a conclusion.

During the evening songs and recitations were given by Bros. Buckley, Organist; T. Atkinson, S.W.; W. Storey, Fitton, Begbie Abbott, and others.

SOUTHALL.

Jersey Lodge (No. 2163).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 3rd inst., at the Railway Hotel, when there were present Bros. S. Meech, W.M.; W. C. Hall, P.G. Std. Br., Org., and I.P.M.; J. Tidmarsh, S.W.; G. Harper, J.W.; W. Seward, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., Treas.; E. J. W. Herbert, Sec.; W. A. Cocks, S.D.; W. F. Sanger, J.D.; C. Mead, D.C.; C. C. Sanger, I.G.; S. Johnson and W. F. Field, Stewards; G. L. Duffin, Tyler; and a strong muster of the brethren. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Howard H. Room, P.G. Sec.; J. W. Nicholson, P.M. and Sec. 382, P.D.G.D.C.; J. O'Connell, W.M. 1851, P.M. 2157, P.G.O. Surrey; A. G. Fleming, W.M. 382; J. B. Foster, S.W. 1184; J. R. Phillips, J.D. 2157; W. H. Reed, I.G. 382; J. Rowline, I.G. 2012; G. H. Heathcote, Stwd. 2157; C. Martin, 65; R. Martin, 65; P. Wallis, 177; L. H. Walker, 2157; J. W. Martindale, 1685; W. G. Curnick, 55; A. Chappell, 382; T. Smith, 152; and W. W. Mumford, 1549.

The lodge having been duly opened, the minutes of a regular and those of an emergency meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. John Tidmarsh, S.W. and W.M. elect, was then presented to the W.M., and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, Bro. Tidmarsh was installed in the chair of K.S., the ceremony of installation being performed by the retiring W.M. in a masterly and most impressive manner. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows; Bros. Samuel Meech, I.P.M.; George Harper, S.W.; E. J. W. Herbert, J.W.; W. Seaward, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., Treas.; W. A. Cocks, Sec.; Rev. C. E. Britton, Chap.; W. F. Field, S.D.; C. Mead, J.D.; J. Passmore, I.G.; F. Foster, D.C.; W. C. Hall, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., Org.; W. Freemantle and T. Payne, Stwds.; and G. L. Duffin, Tyler. The report of the Audit Committee was accepted, approved of, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. A letter was read from Bro. the Earl of Jersey, thanking the brethren for their present of an illuminated album containing a vote of congratulation, &c., on his appointment to the Governorship of New South Wales. The W.M. then, in complimentary terms, presented a handsome Past Master's jewel to Bro. Meech, who suitably acknowledged the gift. A resolution offering the best thanks of the lodge to the I.P.M. for the admirable manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation was carried by acclamation, and ordered to be duly recorded on the minutes. On the proposition of the W.M., Bro. Howard Room, P.G. Sec., was offered the honorary membership of the lodge, which was cordially accepted by that brother. It was decided to hold a ball in aid of the Charities, the arrangements for which were left in the hands of the W.M., Past Masters, and officers of the lodge.

After "Hearty good wishes" was then tendered by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed, and an adjournment made to the supper table, where an admirable repast had been provided by the worthy hostess.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the W.M., whose conduct in the chair and whose work in the lodge called forth many encomiums from the visiting brethren and others.

An admirable programme of music under the direction of Bro. W. C. Hall, P.M., Organist, added much to the enjoyment of the meeting, which was one of the most successful ever held under the banner of the Jersey Lodge.

YORK.

Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—The annual ceremony of installing the W.M. for the ensuing year took place at the Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, on Monday, the 10th inst. The lodge was opened by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M., G.S.B., there being also present Bros. G. Chapman, W.M.; J. S. Cumberland, P.M., P.P.G.W.; M. Millington, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. Blenkin, P.M.; A. T. B. Turner, P.M.; W. Brown, P.M.; J. T. Seller, P.M., P.P.G.D.; W. B. Dyson, P.M.; S. J. Dalton, P.M.; and the whole of the officers, and many brethren and visitors.

After the transaction of the ordinary business of the lodge, Bro. George Lamb, who had been unanimously elected as W.M. for the ensuing year, was presented for installation to the Installing Officer, Bro. T. B. Whytehead, who was assisted by Bro. J. S. Cumberland, P.M. The musical portion of the ceremony was efficiently carried out by Bro. W. S. Child, P.P.G.O. At the conclusion of the ceremony the W.M. invested the following brethren for the ensuing year: Bros. G. Chapman, I.P.M.; W. Storey, S.W.; J. H. Shonksmith, J.W.; Rev. R. P. T. Tennent, Chap.; G. Balmford, P.M., P.P.G.O., Treas.; J. Kay, Sec.; P. Pearson, S.D.; J. L. Spetch, J.D.; F. W. Halliwell, D.C.; W. Sharp, I.G.; W. S. Child, P.P.G.O., Org.; J. Smith and A. Archer, Stewards; and T. Dunlop, Tyler. The W.M. also announced that Bro. T. B. Whytehead had accepted the post of Librarian and Bro. W. Brown that of Preceptor. Bro. Whytehead was appointed Charity Representative, and the revenue and expenditure account was submitted and adopted.

The installation banquet afterwards took place at the De Grey Rooms. Bro. F. W. Halliwell catered in his usual excellent style.

The W.M. presided, being supported by the following amongst many other brethren and visitors: Bros. the Very Rev. the Dean of York, Past G. Chap.; M. C. Peck, P.G. Std. Br., Prov. G. Sec.; Cowper, P.M.; C. M. Forbes, W.M. 236; J. E. Wilkinson, W.M. 1991; Graham, Canterbury, New Zealand; Brereton, and many others.

At the conclusion of the banquet the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted, including "The Worshipful Master and Prosperity to the Lodge," proposed by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, which was received with enthusiasm.

The speeches during the evening were of a practical character, and referred mainly to the growth of Masonry in that and other provinces, and to the efforts to aid the Masonic Charities, Bro. the Dean of York making an eloquent speech in returning thanks for "Grand Lodge."

Musical contributions were given by Bros. Child (accompanist), Wilkinson, G. A. Chapman, W. Blenkin, Cumberland, Pearson, Halliwell, Archer, and others.

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BRADFORD.

Old York Lodge (T.I.).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Darley-street, on Thursday, the 23rd ult., when there were present Bros. Chas. J. Schott, P.G. Std. Br., W.M.; Simeon Whiteley, I.P.M.; Joseph Wilson, S.W.; W. Robt. Welsman, J.W.; Thos. Norfolk, M.O.; T. P. Pattinson, S.O.; T. E. Greenough, J.O.; John T. Last, S.D.; R. H. Bonsor, as J.D.; Geo. Althorp, P.M., Treas.; John Turner, P.M., P.P.G.O., Sec.; Chas. Crabtree, P.M., P.P.G.D., Chap.; J. R. Lund, I.G.; John Hill, Tyler; Jeremiah Atherton, P.M., P.P.G.W.; Wm. Laycock, Jas. Dewhurst, P.M.; F. D. Harrison, John Niven, Geo. Beanland, and Tudor Trevor, P.M., P.G. Sec.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been duly confirmed, Bro. Chas. Letch Mason, P.G. Std. Br., P.G.M. entered, and was saluted by the brethren. Bro. George Hornby Dexter, J.P., 48, was then advanced to the Degree of M.M. by Bro. C. J. Schott, W.M., in a very creditable manner, the lecture being given by Bro. Whiteley, I.P.M. At the request of the W.M., Bro. Atherton, as Installing Master, assumed the chair,

and Bro. Welsman, J.W., was presented by the retiring W.M., Bro. Schott, for the benefit of installation, and he was in due form installed and proclaimed W.M. for the ensuing year, and appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. C. J. Schott, P.G. Std. Br., I.P.M.; Thos. Norfolk, S.W.; S. O. Gaulcke, J.W.; F. Harrison, M.O.; T. E. Greenough, S.O.; Michael Hayes, J.O.; J. R. Lund, S.D.; Wm. Laycock, J.D.; Geo. Althorp, P.M., Treas.; John T. Last, Sec.; J. Martin, I.G.; Simeon Whiteley, P.M., Org.; John Niven, R. of M.; Rev. Benj. Mayon, Chap.; R. H. Bonsor, D.C.; and J. Hill, Tyler.

The Treasurer presented his balance-sheet, showing a satisfactory balance in his favour, when a resolution was passed, deferring the consideration of the balance-sheet until the next meeting. The P.G.M. congratulated the lodge on the efficient manner in which both the ceremonies of advancement and installation had been worked. Three brethren received their certificates, after which the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, and a pleasant evening was spent.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

ROBERT BURNS LODGE (No. 25).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 18th inst., at Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road, W., when there were present Bros. R. E. Cursons, W.M.; W. H. Munday, S.W.; R. Blum, J.W.; F. Marx, P.M., Preceptor; J. Blundell, P.M., Treas.; F. J. Bonham, P.M., Sec.; F. Klein, S.D.; W. Shales, I.G.; J. G. Thompson, and R. Sweetman.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Cursons worked the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sections of the Lecture respectively. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Shales being candidate. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. The S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, officers to be in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

CLARENCE LODGE (No. 263).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Thursday, the 6th inst., at Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road. There were present Bros. A. E. Barrett, W.M.; D. G. Imlay, S.W.; H. T. Sykes, J.W.; W. H. Kirby, Preceptor; W. Baker, acting Sec.; H. S. Wellcome, S.D.; F. Mason, J.D.; J. W. Cooper, I.G.; H. H. Nuding, C. Hurst, Miller, Moss, E. P. Debenham, C. F. Cox, J. W. Drysdale, D. D. West, J. Corp, H. Neville, W. Thompson, and J. Pullman. Visitors: Bros. Richards, P.M. 8, and E. E. Pullman, J.D. 8.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the meeting held the 30th ult. were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Bros. John Pullman and E. Norton, which proved unanimously favourable to their election as joining members. The lodge was afterwards opened in the Second Degree, and, after enlisting the services of Bro. Nuding as candidate, he was examined and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, the candidate re-admitted, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, when the lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bros. Richards and E. E. Pullman were proposed as joining members. Bro. Imlay conveyed to the lodge the promise of Bro. Blundell Maple to present a handsome set of tracing boards, and Bro. Kirby expressed the gratification the brethren felt for this kind and handsome present from their honorary member, and proposed "That the hearty thanks of this lodge be conveyed to Bro. Blundell Maple for the useful and acceptable present, and that the same be entered upon the minutes of the lodge." Bro. John Pullman was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and appointed his officers, and announced that the work would be the first ceremony, the charge, and the 1st Section of the First Lecture. All business being ended, the lodge was closed.

A meeting was also held at the above address on Thursday, the 13th inst., when there were present Bros. J. Pullman, W.M.; H. T. Sykes, S.W.; H. H. Nuding, J.W.; W. H. Kirby, Preceptor; W. Freemantle, Sec.; F. Mason, S.D.; E. E. Pullman, J.D.; J. Corp, I.G.; W. Baker, H. Sadler, R. Horne, C. F. Cox, H. Cubitt, J. B. Corpe, H. Neville, J. T. Ashby, F. J. Sykes, D. G. Imlay, J. Thompson, and W. Stevens. Visitors: Bros. Tidmarsh and W. Cocks, 2163, and J. M. Thompson.

The lodge being duly opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Bros. E. E. Pullman and A. A. Richards, which proved unanimous in their favour, they were heartily welcomed as joining members. Bro. D. G. Imlay constituted himself the candidate of the evening, and the ceremony of initiation was worked in a most impressive and able manner by the W.M., who also delivered the charge after initiation. Bros. H. Sadler and W. H. Kirby then jointly worked the 1st and 2nd Sections of the First Lecture. Bro. J. M. Thompson was proposed and seconded as a joining member. Bro. J. T. Ashby was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and having returned thanks for the election, appointed his officers, and announced that the work would be the second ceremony, an explanation of the tracing board, and the 1st Section of the Third Lecture. Bro. Kirby proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded Bro. J. Pullman on the occasion of his first occupying the chair of this lodge, and conducting the business in so pleasing and eminently able a manner. This was unanimously carried, and acknowledged by Bro. Pullman in a series of agreeable remarks. All business being ended, the lodge was closed.

PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 18th inst., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale. Present: Bros. B. A. Griffin, W.M.; W. Mathews, W.M. 2029, S.W.; S. Stretch, J.W.; G. Wood, P.M., Preceptor; W. J. Stratton, W.M. 753, Treas.; J. J. Thomas, P.M., Sec.; E. S. White, S.D.; R. H. Dillon, P.M., J.D.; F. Devin, I.G.; J. W. Cuff, P.M. 511; C. J. Biorn, P.M. 733; W. J. Mason, W.M. 2246; J. Thwaites, W. H. Reddrop, H. J. Thomas, A. W. Thompson, J. Hutchings, H. Weston, A. Pozzati, and J. R. Hill. Visitors: Bros. W. E. H. Stone, 2087, and W. H. Wilcocks, 2150.

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. Cuff candidate. Bro. Biorn was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Biorn candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. invested his officers. Bros. Wilcocks and Stone were elected joining members. Bro. Mathews was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed on Tuesday, the 25th inst., by Bro. R. H. Dillon, P.M. 1567. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, after "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 17th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. J. W. Belsham, W.M.; M. J. R. Dundas, S.W.; W. Hillier, J.W.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425, Deputy Preceptor; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; J. C. Conway, S.D.; J. Van Praag, J.D.; E. M. Mayer, I.G.; H. Ward, Stwd.; J. W. Cuff, I.P.M. 511; J. R. Allman, P.M. 1425; J. W. Curtis, E. Webb, H. Campbell, N. Spyer, H. Windeatt, and O. W. Battley.

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. Cuff being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Curtis assumed the chair at the request of the W.M., and, after the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Spyer being the candidate. Bro. Belsham then re-assumed the chair, and the lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Dundas was elected W.M. for the next meeting—the officers to be in rotation. Bro. Dundas suitably acknowledged the compliment. The Auditors presented their report, which was accepted, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Bros. Allman, Campbell, and Windeatt received a vote of thanks, which Bro. Allman acknowledged, paying a marked tribute to the Secretary, Bro. Dehane, for the admirable manner the accounts had been kept. Bro. Dehane received a unanimous vote of thanks, to be entered on the minutes, and, in the course of expressing his thanks, pointed out the increased attendance, and the vast amount of work that had been rehearsed during the past year, no less than 13 brethren having perfected themselves so as to be able to occupy the chair for the first time with credit to themselves and to the worthy Bros. Read and Chalfont, who had been Preceptors. 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 18th inst., when there were present Bros. A. Giddings, W.M.; H. B. Harding, S.W.; R. Loomes, J.W.; W. Hancock, Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; C. G. Gray, S.D.; C. Horst, J.D.; T. Williams, I.G.; D. P. Holness, P.M.; S. Napper, C. Isler, D. C. Ritchie, H. J. Kimbell, jun., H. J. Kimbell, sen., and J. M. Scarlett, P.J.G.W. Essex.

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, when Bro. Isler answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Isler being the candidate. The W.M. gave the traditional history. The 3rd Section of the Lecture was then worked by the W.M., assisted by the brethren. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. Bro. Harding was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. A cordial vote was unanimously accorded to the W.M. for the very admirable manner in which he had performed the duties of the chair for the first time in the lodge, and the same ordered to be entered on the minutes. Nothing further offering, the lodge was 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 13th inst., when the following were present: Bros. Kemble, W.M.; Dormer, S.W.; Morgan, J.W.; Duffield, P.M., Preceptor; Lewis, Hon. Treas.; Colley, Hon. Sec.; Williams, Asst. Sec.; Ives, P.M., S.D.; Meadows, J.D.; Watts, I.G.; Gaskell, P.M.; Penney, P.M.; Antunovich, Barrett, Lord, Charik, Davey, Gregory, Bradley, White, Horwill, and others.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. called upon the Hon. Secretary for his annual report as to the work and progress of the lodge. The Hon. Secretary then in an able report showed that the lodge was making speedy progress, and the hope was expressed that the brethren would do all they could to aid the Preceptor and officers in the good work being done by the lodge. The Auditors' reports of the lodge and charitable funds showed both to be in a flourishing condition, and some other business having been transacted, the members and numerous friends adjourned to the fourth annual supper of the lodge. The W.M. of the mother lodge, Bro. J. W. Kemble, occupied the chair, being supported by Bros. Dormer and Morgan, the Senior and Junior Wardens respectively of the mother lodge.

After a good repast, well served by Bro. Chatrian, the usual toasts were duly honoured, the toasts of "The Preceptor," "The Treasurer," and "The Hon. Secretary" being coupled with that of "The Success of the Lodge of Instruction."

These having been acknowledged by those officers, the brethren indulged in music and song until time called upon them to part.

During the evening the following afforded pleasure by their playing and singing: Bros. Williams, Watts, Jessie, Norman, Horwill, Murphy, Hole, W. A. Smith, Penney, Colley, and Gregory.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 14th inst., at the Kensington Park Hotel, Lancaster-road, Notting Hill, W. Present Bros. J. C. Conway, W.M.; M. J. R. Dundas, S.W.; J. Powell, J.W.; G. Davis, P.M. 167, Preceptor; E. Rogers, P.M. 1238, P.G.S., Treas.; W. J. Mason, W.M. 2246, Sec.; W. Middleweek, S.D.; G. Gardner, J.D.; A. Ellenden, I.G.; J. K. R. Cama, P.M. 2202, P.P.G. Reg. Surrey; F. L. Chandler, P.M. 1656, P.G.P. Middx.; G. English, W. H. Armfield, H. Foskett, H. Armfield, W. R. Hatton, and H. D. Smith.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The

lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. W. H. Armfield having answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, was duly entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. W. H. Armfield being the candidate. The 2nd and 3rd Sections of the Lecture were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The S.W., Bro. M. J. R. Dundas, was elected W.M. for the next meeting, 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.

LANGTON LODGE (No. 1673).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 13th inst., at the White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, E.C. There were present Bros. De Paiva, W.M.; Jupe, S.W.; Smiles, J.W.; Hobbs, Preceptor; Mapleton, Sec.; Lister, S.D.; Woodroffe, J.D.; Vaisey, I.G.; Marshall, Barnett, Schofield, White, and Glanville. The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bro. Barnett acting as candidate. Bro. Mapleton gave the charge after initiation. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. Jupe, S.W., was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation, and gave notice that the ceremony of passing and the explanation of the second tracing board would be rehearsed. The W.M. rose for the second time, and a hearty vote of thanks to the W.M. for the very excellent manner he had filled the chair for the first time was carried unanimously, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Bro. Lister was elected a member of the lodge. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 18th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. W. Hillier, W.M.; G. Swann, W.M. 865, S.W.; J. R. Hubbard, J.W.; G. Read, P.M.; Preceptor; R. H. Williams, P.M., Treas., Deputy Preceptor; F. Craggs, Sec.; James Wiggins, S.D.; C. E. Betts, J.D.; E. J. Green, I.G.; J. H. Neville, W. B. Neville, C. G. Hatt, A. G. Talbot, H. Wake, C. Woods, W. G. Danby, W. C. Williams, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. Middx.; F. Finch, and D. Stroud, P.M.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hatt acting as candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Green answered the questions leading to the Third Degree. Bro. W. B. Neville offered himself as a candidate for raising, and was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The Auditors' report and balance-sheet were received and adopted. The ballot took place, and resulted in favour of Bro. Hubbard. Bro. R. H. Williams was elected Deputy Preceptor. Bro. Swann was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. Finch was elected a joining member, and the lodge was closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 13th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. T. Jobson, W.M.; Weinell, S.W.; W. G. Jennings, J.W.; S. Cochrane, P.M., acting Preceptor; F. Craggs, Sec. (*pro tem.*); T. J. Head, S.D.; T. Stevens, J.D.; J. Arnott, I.G.; and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bro. Jobson vacated the chair of W.M. in favour of Bro. Weinell, who opened the lodge in the Second Degree. A brother offered himself as a candidate for raising, and he was therefore examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed in a very effective manner. Lodge having been resumed to the First Degree, Bro. Jobson was reinstated as W.M. Bro. Weinell was elected a joining member, and also W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

The audit took place on the 15th inst., and proved very satisfactory. Two ballots having occurred during the past year, and a balance carried forward towards another.

ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).—A meeting was held on the 12th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, when there were present Bros. W. Fayers, W.M.; C. C. Barber, S.W.; Joseph Cox, J.W.; Jesse Collings, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, Sec.; G. Swann, S.D.; L. Nathan, J.D.; E. J. Green, I.G.; Ambler, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Green offered himself as a candidate for passing, and having answered the usual questions in a satisfactory manner, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed in a clear and perfect manner. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the 2nd Section of the Lecture was worked by the brethren, under the guidance of the Preceptor. Bro. Barber was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and Bro. Joseph Cox was elected Treasurer. The ballot will be decided at the next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

THE ABBEY (WESTMINSTER) LODGE (No. 2030).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 7th inst., at the Town Hall, Westminster, when there were present Bros. Bonwick, W.M.; Barber, S.W.; Dottrell, J.W.; Gibson, P.M., Preceptor; Hobbs, Treas.; P. Coughlan, Sec.; K. White, S.D.; Roberts, J.D.; Budd, I.G.; Balchin, Stwd.; Brindley, P.M.; Stutfield, Piper, Chabot, Smith, Purnell, and Poole.

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. Stutfield being the candidate. Bro. Purnell, a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Purnell being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. L. Berry, 2030, was unanimously elected a joining member. Bro. Barber was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

A meeting was also held at the above address on Friday, the 14th inst., when there were present Bros. Barber, W.M.; Dottrell, S.W.; White, J.W.; Gibson, P.M., Preceptor; Coughlan, Sec.; Roberts, S.D.; Budd, J.D.; Chabot, I.G.; Brindley, P.M.; Bonwick, Badderly, Ramsay, Lute, Wilson, Saunders, Purnell, Martin, and Poole.

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. Badderly being the candidate. Bro. Martin, a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Martin being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. T. Wilson, Broxbourne Lodge, was unanimously elected a joining member. Bro. Dottrell was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed, to be recorded on the minutes, to the W.M. for the very able and efficient manner in which he had worked the ceremonies of initiation and passing. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 15th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith, W., when there were present Bros. J. Cox, W.M.; F. A. Barth, S.W.; W. Hillier, J.W.; A. Williams, P.M., acting Preceptor; J. Brown, Sec.; R. Keer, S.D.; W. S. Whitely, J.D.; F. Craggs, I.G.; T. Willcox, P.M., Stwd.; M. Speigel, P.M.; W. Pine, L. Lee, R. W. Allison, G. Kirkham, E. Macey, T. W. Biggs, Gilbert, W. F. Harbord, J. Davies, and T. Jobson.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Pine answered the questions, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Pine acting as candidate. Bro. Macey answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Macey acting as the candidate. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree. On the usual rising, Bro. Barth was elected to occupy the chair at the next meeting. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

ANDREW CHAPTER (No. 834).—A meeting of this chapter was held on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, when several companions were present, and the chapter having been opened, the ceremony and lectures were rehearsed, and much R.A. business transacted. The meeting adjourned until Wednesday, the 20th inst.

HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).—A meeting was held on the 14th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. W. H. Chalfont, J. 975, M.E.Z.; G. March, H. 733, H.; J. Cruttenden, 779, J.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; J. C. Tilt, 1st A.S. 862, S.N.; W. Hillier, 834, P.S.; M. Speigel, 834, 1st A.S.; and O. W. Battley, 2246. Visitor: Comp. S. H. Cliff, 289.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Cliff being candidate. Comp. Cliff informed the companions that that was his first visit to a chapter of improvement, and expressed his thanks for the amount of instruction he had received, and the great pleasure it had given him to witness the admirable way the ceremony had been rehearsed, and wished they in Leeds had a chapter of improvement managed in the way the Hornsey was. The officers were elected for the ensuing two weeks—Comp. March as M.E.Z. The M.E.Z. rose the usual number of times, and after "Hearty good wishes" the chapter was closed.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting of this chapter was held at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell, on Friday, the 7th inst., when there were present Comps. Grummant, P.Z., Treas. elect 1275, Preceptor and M.E.Z.; Scott Young, H.; Phillips, P.Z., J.; C. H. Stone, 1275, S.E.; Stone, S.N.; North, J. elect 1275, P.S.; Benedetti, M.E.Z. elect 1275; and Dickson, M.E.Z. elect 1572.

The chapter was opened, and the ceremony of exaltation rehearsed, Comp. Benedetti candidate. Comp. Scott Young was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. A vote of thanks was accorded to Comp. Scott Young for the able manner he performed the ceremony of H., being the first time in this chapter of instruction. The chapter was then closed.

Order of the Secret Monitor.

Alfred Meadows Conclave (No. 1).—This distinguished conclave met at the Holborn Restaurant on the 11th inst. Among those in attendance were Bros. Dr. Zacharie, Supreme Grand Ruler; J. M. Collins, P.G.C., S.R.; W. G. Lemon, G.T., Treas.; Dr. Charles Gross, M.D., P.G. Gdr., Sec.; F. West; Capt. T. C. Walls, G.S., V.D.; Nelson Prower, M.A., Gdr.; J. Lewis Thomas, P.G.R.; R. Roy, Baron de Ferrieres, Gammon, Brown, Magnus Ohren, Dr. W. H. Kempster, M.D., and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the communications and reports of the Visiting Deacons were received. The following notice of motion by Bro. W. G. Lemon, G. Treas., was considered: "That in recognition of their eminent services to the Order of the Secret Monitor the following brethren be elected honorary members of the conclave—Bros. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.S.R., and F. A. Philbrick, O.C., P.G.S.R." This was seconded by the G.S.R., and unanimously passed.

Numerous apologies for non-attendance having been received, the conclave was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet.

The usual toasts followed. This conclave, the premier, now meets on the second Tuesday in November, March, and May (installation), and numbers amongst its members many distinguished brethren.

The new Orpheus Club held its first reception and concert in the galleries of the Royal Society of British Artists, Suffolk Street, Pall Mall, on Sunday evening last. The orchestra numbered some fifty performers, and there was a large and fashionable attendance.



We are not surprised that Bro. Tree has revived Mr. Comyn Carr's melodrama, "Called Back," because it met with such a favourable reception some seven years ago at the Princes's Theatre, and it was in this play that Bro. Tree made one of his earliest hits which have led him on and on to the road of fame. Judging by the enthusiastic reception "Called Back" has met with it bids fair to have a tolerably lengthy fresh lease of life. It deals with the love of a young Englishman for a girl who is mixed up in political conspiracies, and who, after seeing her brother foully murdered, loses her reason. Her lover, who is temporarily blind, comes in, and stumbling across his sweetheart's body believes her to be murdered. In the end, on being confronted with her brother's assassin the girl suddenly from the shock recovers her senses, and the couple are united. Bro. Tree plays his original part, which is a most picturesque one, in a masterly manner. Not only has he not deteriorated, but if any change be noticeable it is that Bro. Tree plays even more strongly the character he created with such marked ingenuity in 1884. Miss Julia Neilson, who succeeds Miss Alice Lingard, gives a fine rendering of Pauline. We saw Miss Neilson recently in "Comedy and Tragedy," and noticed such decided progress in her acting that we anticipated her Pauline would be an ideal one. We have not been disappointed. Bro. Fernandez repeats his brilliant acting throughout, and is especially strong in his death scene. Mr. Fred Terry, who follows Mr. Kyrle Bellew, has also of late made rapid strides towards perfection in his elocution, action, and posture. A more passionate and manly lover it would be hard to find, nor would woman want. Miss Horlock looks pleasing, but is still rather jerky in her speech. On Monday next, the 24th instant, Bro. Tree gives, as the special evening performance, Messrs. Henley and Stevenson's play, "Beau Austin," which is a remarkably vivid representation of the manners, customs, and costumes of the beaux and belles of the beginning of this century. As it is not likely to be put in the regular bill, it behoves lovers of the play to see it now.

Obituary.

BRO. EDWARD TOZER.

This brother died at his residence, Crabtree Lodge, at Pitsmoor, on the 10th inst., at the age of 70 years, after a long illness. Deceased was one of the partners of the firm of Steele, Peach, and Tozer (Limited). He was first returned to the Sheffield Town Council in 1871, and three years later he was elected an Alderman. He was appointed Master Cutler in 1875, and re-elected in 1876. Bro. Tozer, Mr. Steele, and Mr. H. Hampton purchased the Phoenix Bessemer Works in the same year for £35,000, and shortly afterwards the business was turned into that of a private limited company, with a capital of £70,000. Bro. Tozer was elected Mayor of Sheffield in 1879, and in the same year he was placed on the School Board. During his Mayoralty he raised £1600 in aid of the Irish Distress Relief Fund. He laid the first stone of the Baslow Hydro-pathic Establishment in 1880, and in 1881 he was made a Justice of the Peace. He retired from the Council in the same year, and has taken little part in public matters since. He was initiated in the Britannia Lodge, No. 139, in 1877, and was filling the chair of W.M. and that of S.G.W. of the province at the time of his death. He leaves a widow and five children. His remains were interred at the Ecclesall Cemetery. Besides the relatives, the funeral was attended by the representatives of the Borough Magistrates, the Freemasons, the Cutlers' Company, of which Bro. Tozer had been a member for many years; the Yorkshire County Cricket Club, with which he was connected for over 30 years; the Sheffield Deaf and Dumb Institution, All Saints' Church, and other bodies.

The Prince and Princess of Wales and the Princesses Victoria and Maud, attended the meet at Congham House, of the West Norfolk Hunt, on Saturday last, and received a hearty welcome. Unfortunately the coverts were all drawn blank, to the very great disappointment of the master and the field.

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Bro. Lord Norton and his daughters, the Hon. Misses Adderley, who have been paying a round of visits, have returned to their residence in Eaton-place.

Bro. the Marquis and Marchioness of Breadalbane have been detained at Oban by an accident to his lordship, which, however, is happily not of a serious character.

The editor of *Great Thoughts* has made arrangements with the Countess of Meath to contribute a series of articles for the new volume of *Great Thoughts*, which commences January 3rd, 1891.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Wharnclyffe have left Euston Hall, Thetford, where they have been staying with the Duke of Grafton, and on Monday journeyed to Welbeck Abbey, for a visit to Bro. the Duke of Portland.

The new Lord Mayor, Bro. Alderman Savory, presided for the first time at a Court of Common Council of the City of London on Thursday, the 13th instant, and opened the proceedings with a brief but graceful speech.

Blanche, Countess of Rosslyn, widow of the late Bro. the Earl of Rosslyn, and her daughters, the Ladies Sybil and Angela St. Clair Erskine, leave England to-day (Friday) for Madeira, in order that her ladyship may recruit her health.

The Duke of Cambridge has sanctioned the dates for the Royal Military Tournament of 1891. The tournament will commence on Tuesday, 26th May, and terminate on Saturday, 6th June, immediately following the Horse Show, at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington.

Bro. Lord Mayor Savory, accompanied by the Lady Mayoress and Sheriff Farmer, presided at the 14th annual meeting of the Working Lads' Institute, Whitechapel, on Monday, when the Lady Mayoress distributed the prizes to the successful pupils in the evening and swimming classes.

We noticed last week that Bro. the Rev. John Deakin, M.A., P.P.S.G.W. Leicester and Rutland, had been appointed a Canon of Peterborough Cathedral. Canon Deakin was duly installed last Saturday, and the stall (No. 5) assigned to him is one of two presented by the Freemasons.

We are glad to hear that the condition of the Countess of Jersey has improved, but Bro. the Earl of Jersey has given up all idea of leaving England in order to assume the Governorship of New South Wales until her ladyship's state is such as to justify a reasonable hope of her complete recovery.

At the recent meeting of the Court of Aldermen, the first held during the Mayoralty of Bro. Alderman Savory, Bros. Sir F. W. Truscott, Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., and Alderman Gray were among the Aldermen elected as Almoners of Christ's Hospital under the new scheme of organisation of that institution. Bro. Lord Mayor Savory is an *ex-officio* Almoner.

The annual county ball, which is given by the Prince and Princess of Wales in honour of his Royal Highness's birthday, took place at Sandringham on Friday, the 14th inst., there being present, in addition to their Royal Highnesses, the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, the Princesses Victoria and Maud, Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Lathom, Bro. Lord and Lady Suffield, and others.

We regret to announce the death on Saturday last, at Caddington Hall, Dunstable, of Bro. Sir John Gaze Saunders Sebright, Bart., aged 47 years, he having been born in the year 1843. He was educated at Christ Church, Oxford, and while there was initiated in the year 1862 in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357. He is succeeded by his son Egbert Cecil, born in 1871. The baronetcy dates from the year 1626.

The arrangements for the Naval Exhibition to be held at Chelsea next year are already in an advanced stage. The Committees for the various sections have been appointed, and among them are several influential people, who will work with zeal and energy in order to secure the success of the display. An addition of three acres of ground has also been obtained, so that the Executive Committee will not be hampered for want of sufficient space, as was that of the recent Military Exhibition.

The Royal National Lifeboat Institution has been doing great service latterly during the heavy gales of a fortnight since. Thirty of their boats were launched, and were the means of rescuing the lives of 114 persons, the number saved thus far during the present year being 667, while the number of vessels saved from destruction is 20. Lady Erle has recently subscribed £700 for a lifeboat to be placed at Swanage, to be named the "William Erle" in memory of her late husband, Sir William Erle, who was for many years Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas.

The customary Latin service was held in Westminster Abbey, on Monday, in celebration of the founding of St. Peter's College, Westminster, by "Good Queen Bess." There was a large congregation present, and in the sermon preached by the Dean of Lincoln, reference was made to Henry VIII., Queen Elizabeth, James I., George I., George II., and others who had conferred benefits and privileges on the schools. Afterwards the Head Master held a reception in the great school-room, at which Bro. Lord Halsbury, the Lord Chancellor, and Bros. Sir John Mowbray, Bart., M.P., and Sir Frederick Abel, together with other old Westminsters, were present.

Bro. Major Carrell's Company of the London Irish Rifles has achieved a record during the past year. They have won the efficiency prize of the regiment, the volley cup (fourth year in succession), second prize for recruiting, prize for best signalling detachment (third year in succession), the Burke Challenge Cup, the gold medal, the silver medal, the field firing prize (percentage of hits 25.16), the second prize brigade competition at Aldershot, and the first and third battalion marksmen. These are good results in a large company of 124 men, and will make the Major a large recipient of prizes at the hands of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, the Colonel of the regiment, on Monday, Dec. 31st.

Her Majesty will hold a Council at Windsor to-morrow (Saturday), when the speech will be submitted for her approval.

The 22nd annual Poultry, Pigeon, and Rabbit Show has been open at the Crystal Palace during the present week, the number of entries being over 6700, in 461 classes.

Bro. the Duke and Duchess of St. Albans, after a residence of about three weeks at Bestwood, their seat in Nottinghamshire, have gone on a visit to Mrs. Adair at Beechwood, Herts.

Bro. Lord Halsbury (Lord High Chancellor), Bro. Lord Ashbourne (Lord Chancellor of Ireland), and Bro. Lord George Hamilton attended the Cabinet Council held at the Foreign Office on Monday.

By leave of Lady George Hamilton, wife of the First Lord of the Admiralty, a sale of work will take place at the Admiralty, Whitehall, to-day (Friday), in aid of the Parochial Women's Mission.

Lady Edith H. Edgcumbe, third and youngest daughter of Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, will launch the cruiser Edgar at Devonport on Monday next. This is the largest vessel as yet constructed at this dockyard.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cambridgeshire was held on Wednesday afternoon, at the Cambridge Town Hall. The brethren previously attended Divine service at Great St. Mary's Church. Our notice is held over till next week.

At the next meeting of the Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1288, to-morrow (Saturday), the ceremony of raising will be rehearsed with full choir and organ accompaniment, and on this occasion there will be a double choir, and a brother eminent in the musical world will preside at the organ.

The Princess Victoria of Prussia was married on Wednesday to Prince Adolf, son of the Prince of Schaumburg-Lippe. Of all the petty German States Schaumburg-Lippe, which is situated between Hanover and Westphalia, is one of the smallest. It is about two-thirds the size of Middlesex, with a population of about 40,000.

Parliament will meet for the new session on Tuesday next, the 25th inst., while the customary Parliamentary banquets will be given by the Prime Minister and Mr. W. H. Smith, and Bro. Earl Granville and Mr. W. E. Gladstone as leaders of the Ministry and Opposition in the House of Lords and House of Commons respectively.

Bro. Lord Ashbourne, Lord Chancellor of Ireland, attended a large meeting at the Lambeth Polytechnic on Sunday, and delivered an interesting and eloquent address on "Talkers," which was listened to with marked attention by his audience. His lordship was greeted very heartily both on his arrival and at the close of his address.

We have just been informed at the hour of going to press of the death on Monday last, after a long illness, of Bro. George T. Carter, for many years Vicar Choral at Westminster Abbey. Our deceased brother was well known, and will be much missed in musical and Masonic circles. The funeral takes place to-day (Friday), at Wandsworth Cemetery about 2.15.

We regret to say that in the advertisement of the Clyde Crutch, which appeared last week, the block representing the surgical boot which plays so important a part in Mr. Brown's admirable patent, was placed upside down. A glance at the advertisement as it appears now in our columns will show what this boot is like, and how capably it is adapted for the part designed for it by the patentee.

Bro. George Gardner, P.M. and Sec. Chiswick Lodge, No. 2012, has started a subscription in connection with the above lodge and friends of the members—maximum subscription 2s. 6d.—and has already obtained a good number of subscribers towards the Fund now being raised for the families of the crew that perished with H.M.S. *Serpent*. We may add that the first Lord of the Admiralty is a P.M. of this lodge.

A deputation from the Fruiteers' Company, headed by Bro. Alderman Sir James Whitehead, Bart., waited on Bro. Lord Mayor Savory at the Mansion House on Monday to bespeak his lordship's interest in the steps which are being taken by the Company in concert with local horticultural societies to promote an increased culture of fruit. His lordship expressed his cordial concurrence in the objects submitted to him, but for the present reserved his decision as to starting a Mansion House Fund in aid of the movement.

Mr. Tree contradicts the reports which have appeared to the effect that he has arranged to undertake an American tour next year under the management of Messrs. E. Gilmore and Alexander Comstock. Mr. Tree has had no communication whatever with these gentlemen, and has no intention of visiting America next year. Owing to the demand for seats for "Beau Austin," Mr. Tree will repeat the performance of this piece at the Haymarket on Monday next, and on Monday, December 1. On Thursday, December 4th, Mr. Tree and his company will play "Beau Austin" at the Crystal Palace.

The annual festival of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Masonic Institution will be held at Southampton, on Monday, December 31st, under the presidency of the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P. At a largely attended meeting of the Royal Gloucester Lodge, Southampton, on Thursday, the 13th inst., Bro. D. W. B. Taylor, the W.M., presented to the lodge a large and very handsome white satin lodge banner, bearing the arms of the Duke of Gloucester, after whom the lodge is named, beautifully executed in colours and gold and Masonic emblems, including an enlarged representation of the centenary jewel which the members of the Royal Gloucester Lodge are entitled to wear. In making the gift the W.M. referred in respectful terms to the ancient and tattered banner now possessed by the lodge, and added that the arms of the Duke had only been ascertained after considerable research, in which valuable aid had been rendered by the Rev. G. W. Minns and Mr. B. W. Greenfield, and the heraldry on the new banner had been vouched for as correct by the Garter King at Arms. On the motion of Bro. T. P. Payne, seconded by Bro. J. P. Thomas, two Senior Past Masters of the lodge, a cordial vote of thanks was passed to the W.M. for his handsome gift.

Bro. R. F. Gould, following up his successful meeting at Wakefield on the 12th inst., of which we give a report in another column, delivered a lecture at York on Monday last. A report will appear in next week's *Freemason*.

The Lord Mayor has promised to become President of the Hospital Saturday Fund for the ensuing year.

Thursday's *Gaulois* contains the announcement that Princess Beatrice will exhibit a picture in the next Salon, the subject of which is the Champs Elysées, and, possibly, a painting of orchids also.

The Four Kings Council, No. 7, meeting under the authority of the Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees will meet on the 25th inst. at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street (by dispensation), in lieu of the 15th instant.

Bro. Mostyn T. Pigott, B.A. Oxon, and Scholar of Middle Temple, who was this week called to the Bar, is J.W. of the Apollo Lodge and P.P.G. Organist of Oxford, and is the only son of Bro. Dr. Turtle Pigott, D.C.L., P.A.G.D.C.

The annual installation meeting of the Royal Naval College Lodge, No. 1593, was held at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, on Tuesday evening, the 11th inst., when Bro. Robert Main, Assistant Accountant General of the Navy, was elected and installed as Master for the ensuing year.

Princess Louise opened on Wednesday in the Queen's Rooms, Glasgow, a bazaar in aid of the Highland churches. Lord Lorne was also present. There was a guard of honour of the sergeants of the Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders, and the ladies and gentlemen were in Highland costume. The Princess is taking a personal part in the bazaar.

There will be a morning performance of "Ravenswood" at the Lyceum Theatre on Saturday, December 6th, at two o'clock, for the benefit of the Actors' Benevolent Fund. The ladies and gentlemen of the company and chorus, the gentlemen of the orchestra, and the entire supers and staff and employés of the theatre, both before and behind the curtain, have, one and all, most generously volunteered their services for the occasion.

One of the branches of the Royal Naval Exhibition to be held at Chelsea next year will comprise a series of objects relating to the art of navigation. An effort will be made to secure a display of specimens of all the instruments of navigation in use from the earliest times to the present, so that visitors may be able to appreciate the steps by which the present condition of the art and its splendid instruments have been reached. An appeal is therefore made to the public to assist the Committee by the loan of interesting specimens.

A Masonic concert, under the patronage of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow, was given in St. Andrew's Hall, on the 14th inst., in aid of the Grand Lodge bazaar scheme for the Annuity Fund. Bro. John Graham of Broadstone occupied the chair, and in the course of some remarks at the outset said that it was hoped the bazaar to be held in Edinburgh would realise not less than £10,000. The object was not to benefit any special thing, but to enable the brethren to show that spirit of Charity which was their distinguishing characteristic. A miscellaneous programme was afterwards gone through, comprising solo singing, readings, and bagpipe playing.

This story is told of Mr. Herbert Spencer: "The other day he sauntered into the billiard room at the Senior Club, and invited a young major there to take the cue. The major did so, beginning to play with deliberation, the philosopher gave a miss in baulk. His opponent cannoned off the red, and left off, at 37, with all the balls out of play. Mr. Spencer made another miss. Then the major ran out. 'Sir,' the philosopher said, as he gravely put his cue into its case, 'a certain dexterity in games of skill indicates a well-balanced mind; but expertness such as you have displayed is strong presumptive evidence of an ill-spent youth, I wish you good afternoon.'"

Mrs. Langtry had a brilliant audience on Tuesday. She and her enterprise were honoured by the presence, in the boxes, of the Turkish Ambassador, of Lady Randolph Churchill, and of Mdme. Patti and her husband, the *diva* being, naturally, "the cynosure of neighbouring eyes." The stalls were full of well-known people, the law being represented by Bro. Sir Edward Clarke, Sir Charles and Lady Russell, Mr. Lockwood, and Mr. George Lewis; art, by Mrs. Jopling; literature, by Miss Marie Corelli and Mr. Eric Mackay; the stage in retirement by Mrs. Bancroft, Mrs. Kettlewell, and Miss Nellie Bromley; the stage on more or less active service by Mr. Henry Arthur Jones, Mr. Jerome K. Jerome, Mr. Norman Forbes, Mr. M. L. Mayer, Mrs. George Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. John Lart, Mr. and Mrs. F. Horner, and others.

The Secretary of the Shipwrecked Mariners' Society, Mr. W. R. Buck, has addressed a letter to the daily press intimating that with a view of allaying public anxiety as much as possible on behalf of distressed dependents of the lost crew of her Majesty's ship *Serpent* at Devonport, Plymouth, &c., special instructions have been given to the society's local representatives for instant relief of the immediate wants of each necessitous family, which timely help will, as usual, be continued in every case of need, pending the institution of any arrangements for the more permanent aid of the sufferers generally. This action is that uniformly taken in all instances of shipwreck disaster, happily but rarely involving so many bereaved dependents connected with the Royal Navy, at the hands of this society as the National Maritime Relief Organisation, of which her Majesty the Queen is patron; Admiral his Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, President; and Admiral James C. Prevost, Chairman of the Committee of Management, an executive body comprising a large and influential number of naval and other officers, week by week meeting in London.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Though good health is preferable to high honour, how regardless people often are of the former—how covetous of the latter! Many suffer their strength to drain away ere maturity is reached, through ignorance of the facility afforded by these incomparable Pills of checking the first untoward symptoms of derangement, and reinstating order without interfering in the least with their pleasure or pursuits. To the young especially it is important to maintain the highest digestive efficiency, without which the growth is stunted, the muscles become lax, the frame feeble, and the mind slothful. The removal of indigestion by these Pills is so easy that none save the most thoughtless would permit it to sap the spring of life.