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UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The business to be transacted by Grand Lodge at its Quarterly Communication on Wednesday next, the 3rd prox., is formidable in appearance, and will, no doubt, excite a large amount of interest, but there is nothing proposed to be done which is of a contentious character, and, therefore, we anticipate that the agenda will be dispatched both rapidly and smoothly. First there will be submitted two recommendations by his Royal Highness the GRAND MASTER—(1) that the rank of Past Grand Master be conferred on the Duke of CONNAUGHT on the occasion of his return from service in the East Indies—(we erroneously stated in one of our Notes last week that the GRAND MASTER would himself confer the rank, which he has not the power to do, instead of that he would recommend that it should be conferred)—and (2) that £105 be voted to the "Serpent" Fund. Then will follow the nominations for the offices of Grand Master and Grand Treasurer. There will also be the appointment of a President of the Board of Benevolence, and the election of the two Vice-Presidents, and 12 Past Masters to serve on the same Board, but as only the requisite number of brethren for Vice-Presidents and members have been nominated there will be no contest. The Reports of the Boards of Benevolence and General Purposes will be submitted, and there is also a notice of motion by Bro. T. HASTINGS MILLER, Vice-President Board of General Purposes, inviting Grand Lodge to accept a portrait of Bro. THOMAS FENN, President Board of General Purposes, which has been subscribed for by the friends of that distinguished brother, and to have it hung in the Board Room as a companion picture to that of Bro. Sir JOHN B. MONCKTON, P.G.W. About the acceptance of this gift by Grand Lodge there can be no doubt, any more than there can be any doubt as to the incalculable value of Bro. FENN'S services to Freemasonry. With this notice of motion by Bro. MILLER the agenda closes.

THE PROVINCE OF DURHAM.

We remark with pleasure that the custom of publishing in report form the transactions of Provincial Grand Lodges and Chapters is on the increase. Those who have had any considerable experience in tracing backwards the history of the Craft in any particular locality will bear out our statement that the chief difficulty which such inquirers have to encounter is the irregularity with which, even in Masonic journals, reports of the proceedings of a lodge or Province are published. One year full and detailed accounts are to be found in many papers, both Masonic and local. The year following the reports are less frequent and the particulars vouchsafed less ample; then comes a series of blanks, and the aspirant for Masonic historical honours is at his wits' end to supply the gap—in blank despair at the small chance there is of his ever obtaining the requisite information. Were the example set by Durham and other Provinces, of publishing official reports of proceedings regularly, more generally followed, these difficulties would be greatly reduced. For example, we have before us, in a neat pamphlet, the Proceedings of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham at its annual meeting, at Stockton, on the 30th September, and those of the Provincial Grand Chapter at its convocation in Durham on the 23rd July, together with the reports of the consecration (1) of the Williamson Royal Arch Chapter, No. 949, on the 15th February, and (2) of the Universities Lodge, No. 2352, Durham, on the 22nd of the same month. The statistical and financial reports in the Provincial Grand Lodge Proceedings show that, both in membership and funds, the Province has made very satisfactory progress during the year. The Charities' Report show that it has been doing extremely well in respect of its local educational fund, but that though the Province as such contributes regularly to the central Charities, it is the opinion of the Managing Committee that more might and ought to be done by individual members in support of these Institutions,

especially as it is shown that Durham draws largely upon the resources of the latter. Add to this, that the remarks of the Provincial Grand Master are printed *in extenso*, and that there is a complete list of the brethren appointed to Provincial office for the current year, and it will be seen that a full account of the doings of this Province is given officially within the compass of between 20 and 30 pages. Thus the brethren who read these reports can see almost at a glance what has been the position of the Craft in Durham during the years to which they relate, while in the case of those who dabble in Masonic history, the task of hunting up details relating to this Provincial Grand Lodge ceases to be a difficulty. We congratulate our Durham brethren on the enterprise they have shown in this matter.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

The following is the business to be transacted on Wednesday next, the 3rd prox. :—

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 3rd September, 1890, for confirmation.

2. Recommendations by the Most Worshipful Grand Master :

1. That the rank of Past Grand Master be conferred on Lieutenant-General his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K.G., Provincial Grand Master of Sussex and District Grand Master of Bombay, on the occasion of his recent return from the East Indies, after completion of his term of service there as Commander-in-Chief of the Bombay Army.

2. That the sum of 100 guineas be voted from the funds of Grand Lodge and added to the national subscription now being raised in aid of the families of the crew of her Majesty's late ship *Serpent*, recently lost with all hands, except three, off the coast of Spain.

3. Nomination of a Grand Master for the ensuing year.

4. Nomination of a Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

5. Appointment and investment of a President of the Board of Benevolence.

6. Election of a Senior and a Junior Vice-President of the Board of Benevolence.

7. Election of 12 Past Masters to serve on the Board of Benevolence for the year ensuing.

8. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants :—

The widow of a brother of the Lodge of Israel, No. 205,

London £50 0 0

A brother of the Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192, London... 50 0 0

A brother of the St. James' Union Lodge, No. 180, London... 50 0 0

A brother of the Tuscan Lodge, No. 14, London ... 100 0 0

And a resolution of a vote of thanks to the President, Bro. Robert Grey, for the courteous and able manner in which he has, during the past year, presided over the meetings of the Board.

9. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board of General Purposes beg to submit a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts, at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 14th day of November instant, showing a balance in the Bank of England (Western Branch) of £4094 5s. 11d., and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £100, and for servants' wages £100, and balance of annual allowance for library £36 13s. 11d.

(Signed) THOMAS FENN, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.
18th November, 1890.

10. NOTICE OF MOTION—

By Bro. THOMAS HASTINGS MILLER, Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes :

A portrait of Bro. Thomas Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes, having, at the desire of several of his friends in the Craft, been painted by Bro. B. S. Marks as a companion picture to the one by the same artist of Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W. and Past President of the Board of General Purposes, which was recently presented by him to Grand Lodge, and now hangs in the Board Room of Freemasons' Hall,

These brethren request that Grand Lodge will accept the portrait of Bro. Fenn, and will authorise its being also placed in the Board Room as a memento of the invaluable services rendered by him to English Freemasonry for very many years past.

Names of brethren nominated for election to the offices of Senior and Junior Vice-President of the Board of Benevolence :

Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., as Senior Vice-President, and Bro. Charles Alexander Cottebrune, P.G.P., as Junior Vice-President.

Names of Past Masters nominated to serve on the Board of Benevolence: Bros. William Peter Brown, P.M. 90; James Bunker, P.M. 1158; George B. Chapman, P.M. 27; Charles Dairy, P.M. 141; Simon H. Goldschmidt, P.M. 1329; James Burgess Grieve, P.M. 1351; Lewis Christopher Haslip, P.M. 813; George R. Langley, P.M. 183; George Read, P.M. 511; Ebenezer Shedd, P.M. 276; Robert J. Taylor, P.M. 144; and Alfred Cooper Woodward, P.M. 1538.

List of lodges for which warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge—

- No. 2379, The Woodstock Lodge, Woodstock, South Africa (W.D.)
 „ 2380, The Beneventa Lodge, Daventry, Northamptonshire.
 „ 2381, The Bushey Park Lodge, Hampton Court, Middlesex.
 „ 2382, The Loyal Hay Lodge, Hay, Brecknockshire, South Wales (E.D.)
 „ 2383, The Henry B. Loch Lodge, Beaconsfield, Gricqualand West, South Africa.
 „ 2384, The Mitcham Lodge, Lower Mitcham.
 „ 2385, The Godson Lodge, Oldbury, Worcestershire.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held on the 19th instant, at the Cambridge Town Hall, under the banner of the Isaac Newton University Lodge, No. 859, when Bro. the Earl of Hardwicke, P.G.M., presided. The brethren, to the number of about 60, received the Prov. Grand Master in the small assembly room, which had been appropriately fitted up for the Prov. Grand Lodge.

After the Prov. Grand Lodge had been opened, the brethren went in procession to the adjacent church of St. Mary the Great, where a special order of service took place. Bro. Rev. Dr. Cunningham, vicar, officiated, and the service, which was choral, was much appreciated. The sermon was preached by Bro. Rev. F. J. Foakes-Jackson, M.A., P.G. Chap., from Galatians iv., 24.—“Now these are allegories.”

At the close of the sermon a collection was taken up for Addenbrooke's Hospital, and realised £5 5s. 5d.

The brethren returned in procession to the lodge room at the Guildhall, when the minutes of the last annual Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Wisbech, were read and confirmed.

The roll of the Provincial Grand Officers having been called, the P.G. SECRETARY read the returns from the several lodges, which showed that in the whole province there was a decrease of three in membership on the year.

The Auditors' report of the P.G. Treasurer's accounts was read, and showed that on the year's transactions there was a balance of £17. The amount of money invested was £550.

The seventh annual report of the Cambridgeshire Masonic Charity Association was read. The Committee felt that the province was to be again congratulated on a very successful year in respect of the sums collected by the Stewards attending the Boys' and the Benevolent Institution Festivals for the past year, and also, through having no candidate for either of the Institutions, it had been enabled to so dispose of its votes by lending them to other provinces as to have a number to fall back upon to poll for any future candidate it may have. The province was represented at the Boys' Festival by Bro. B. Chennell, P.M. 88, who took up with him £204 10s., and at the Benevolent Institution Festival by Bro. C. A. Vinter, P.M. 441, who took up £73 10s. The Committee expressed their thanks to Bros. Chennell and Vinter for acting as Stewards, and also to those lodges and brethren who contributed so generously to their lists. The Committee owe 45 men's and 58 widows' votes. They have now owing to them 405 boys' votes, 744 girls' votes, 151 men's votes, and 131 women's votes. The votes in the province are now about 229 boys and 260 girls, half-yearly, and 135 men's and 135 women's yearly. The brethren and others subscribing to the Association in the province are 95. The contributions through Stewards from the province during the years 1883—90 to the three Masonic Charities amounted to £2479 6s. The recipients from the province are—one Benevolent, two boys, and one girl.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER said the thanks of the Masonic body were due to the Committee for the vigilance they had shown, and he was sure he should be signifying the feelings of Provincial Grand Lodge when he thanked Bro. Oliver Papworth, the Hon. Secretary of the Association, for his great assiduity in everything connected with it.

Bro. E. HILLS, P.M., seconded the vote, which was agreed to.

Bro. J. BONNETT, P.G.S., proposed, and Bro. J. SHELDRIK seconded, “That a sum of 15 guineas be voted to one or more of the Royal Masonic Institutions, to be paid through the Cambridgeshire Masonic Charity Association.”

The PROV. GRAND MASTER said that if they had got the money to do so, they could not spend it in a more satisfactory way than in supporting those admirable Institutions.

The motion was agreed to.

Bro. OLIVER PAPWORTH proposed “That the sum of 10 guineas be voted to the Cambridgeshire Masonic Charity Association for current expenses.”

Bro. S. H. SHARMAN, in seconding the motion, said they now had about 1400 votes in hand, and he could not see why they should keep that £550 laying by. He suggested that they should husband their resources for a few years, and then buy a perpetual presentation to one of the Charities, which might be called “The Hardwicke Presentation.” But for their Secretary, Bro. Papworth, they would not have been in half so good a position as they now were.

Bro. B. CHENNEL, P.S.G.W., thought the brethren should know what a presentation would cost. He was told a thousand pounds.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER said he did not wish to be misunderstood. He did say that they could not spend any money they had to spare better than in supporting those Charities, but he was also strongly of opinion that the province should have a fund at its disposal. Circumstances might arise when they might have to fall back upon a good sum of money for a purpose connected with their own province. He should therefore be sorry to see their fund dispersed in purchasing a presentation which would probably cost £1000. He could not urge upon the province, therefore, to carry out such a magnificent act as that suggested by Bro. Sharman, although he regarded as a striking fact the true feeling which existed amongst the Masons of the province towards the Charitable Institutions.

The vote of 10 guineas was agreed to.

Bro. S. H. SHARMAN, P.P.S.G.D., next moved: “That a Committee, consisting of the D.P.G.M., the P.G.S., the Secretary of the Cambridgeshire Masonic Charity Association, and the Secretaries of the various lodges in the province, be formed to revise the Provincial Year Book.”

Seconded by Bro. J. FULLER, P.P.S.G.D.

Bro. FRANK PIGGOTT, P.P.G.S.B., did not oppose the principle of the motion, but submitted that the terms of it should be altered, so as to correspond with facts,

As it stood, it conveyed a presumptive title which belonged to an individual brother. He therefore proposed as an amendment, to add after the words be formed, “to advise and assist the publisher” to revise the “Provincial Year Book.”

Seconded by Bro. G. WHITMORE, P.P.G.S.B.

Bro. W. P. SPALDING, P.P.S.G.W., said his only feeling in the matter was that he thought he might have been consulted before the motion was placed on the paper. As the publisher, he placed himself entirely in the hands of the province.

The amendment was accepted, and the motion, as amended, was agreed to.

Bro. OLIVER PAPWORTH proposed “That a brother be appointed by the Provincial Grand Lodge to serve on the Board of the Royal Masonic Institution for the sons of Freemasons.”

Seconded by Bro. W. P. SPALDING.

Bro. J. M. McLEOD, Sec. R.M.I. for Boys, explained the system of nomination and election, and the motion was agreed to.

Bro. A. H. MOVES, D.P.G.M., proposed, and Bro. W. P. SPALDING seconded, “That Bro. Oliver Papworth be nominated by this province to serve on the said Board of Management.”

The PROV. GRAND MASTER expressed a strong hope that Bro. Papworth would accept the duty, as in him they would have a representative in whom they had every confidence.

Bro. O. PAPWORTH said that if he was ultimately selected he would accept the position.

Bro. J. M. McLEOD, as Secretary of the Boys' Institution, congratulated the Province of Cambridgeshire upon being the first to make a nomination for the Board of Management, and upon selecting Bro. Oliver Papworth, who had great influence both in London and the provinces.

Bro. J. F. SYMONDS proposed, Bro. E. H. JENNINGS seconded, and it was resolved unanimously, that Bro. Barnet Wm. Beales, sen., be P.G. Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The Provincial Grand Master then proceeded to appoint and invest the Prov. Grand Officers as follows:

Bro. B. H. Anningson, P.M. 859	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
„ J. S. Youngman, P.M. 441	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
„ Rev. Dr. Cunningham, 859	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
„ Rev. R. Jackson, 88...	...	...	...
„ B. W. Beales, 88	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
„ J. E. L. Whitehead, I.P.M. 441...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
„ J. Bonnett, 859	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
„ J. R. Green, I.P.M. 1492	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
„ W. H. Francis, W.M. 859	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
„ G. Tindall, S.W. 2107	...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
„ F. Dewberry, P.M., D.C. 441	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
„ J. Royston, J.W. 441	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
„ A. E. Chaplin, Sec. 88	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
„ F. O. Carr, J.W. 859	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
„ A. Hill, S.D. 859	...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
„ C. H. Ellis	...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER made a very feeling allusion to the death of the Earl of Carnarvon, and spoke of the great loss which the Craft had sustained by the death of the late Pro Grand Master.

Bro. B. CHENNEL proposed a vote of thanks to the Chaplains who officiated at Divine service, and to the vicar of the parish for lending the church.

Bro. W. H. FRANCIS seconded, and the proposition was agreed to.

Bro. A. H. MOVES, D.P.G.M., proposed a vote of thanks to the Mayor (Bro. F. C. Wace) for the use of the Guildhall for the purposes of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

Bro. E. HILLS seconded, and it was agreed to, the P.G.M. adding that he heartily reciprocated the sentiment.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed.

The banquet was subsequently served at the Lion Hotel. The Prov. Grand Master presided, and the usual Masonic toasts were afterwards given.

Some admirable remarks were made in connection with the toast of “The Masonic Charities,” which was proposed by Bro. OLIVER PAPWORTH, and acknowledged by Bro. J. M. McLEOD.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF DEVONSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Chapter was held at the Town Hall, Teignmouth, on the 13th inst. The hall was tastefully fitted up by the members of the Benevolence Chapter, No. 303. Comp. W. G. Rogers, 112, P.G.H., presided, in the absence of Comp. Viscount Ebrington, M.P., as Grand Superintendent, and was supported by Comps. Rev. Dr. T. W. Lemon, 189, P.P.G.P., P.P.G.J., as P.G.H.; Major J. S. Swann, 847, P.G.J.; Major G. C. Davie, 251, P.G.S.E.; J. S. Kersteman, 303, 1138, P.P.G.J., as P.G.S.N.; E. Aitken-Davies, 159, 1099, P.P.G. Reg., P.G.P.S.; J. Moysey, 223, P.G. 1st A.S.; J. Stocker, 112, P.P.G. 1st A.S., as P.G. 2nd A.S.; J. W. Cornish, 223, P.G.T.; C. Croydon, 189, P.G.S.B.; J. R. H. Harris, 230, P.G.D.C.; and H. Shooter, 112, P.G. Janitor.

The P.G.S.E. reported that all the dues were paid, but called the attention of officers of chapters to the new law which was enacted two years since, that all chapters must pay up their dues by March 31st in each year. If a chapter did not attend to that enactment the attention of the Grand Superintendent would be called to that neglect, and the chapter would be fined. During the past year two chapters did not pay their dues until after several letters had been sent them. He did not report them, but should report any defaulter next year.

The P.G. TREAS. reported a balance in hand of £47 10s., from that balance five guineas each would have to be paid to the Devon Education Fund and the Fortescue Fund.

On the motion of Comps. KERSTEMAN and AITKEN-DAVIES 10 guineas were voted to the Aged and Decayed Masons' Institution to be placed on the list of Bro. Rev. Dr. T. W. Lemon as a Steward to that Charity; and, on the motion of Comp. J. STOCKER, supported by several other companions, 20 guineas were voted to the R.M.I.B., to be divided between the lists of three Stewards to that Charity—Comps. G. T. Truscott, W. F. Westcott, and W. Taylor.

On the proposition of Comp. E. AITKEN-DAVIES, seconded by Comp. J. STOCKER, Comp. F. C. Frost, the Z. of the chapter under whose banner the Provincial Grand Chapter was held, was elected P.G. Treasurer.

Comps. F. C. Hallett and J. J. O. Evans were elected Auditors.

The Grand Superintendent then invested the following officers for the ensuing year:—

Comp. W. G. Rogers, 112	...	...	...	Prov. G.H.
„ Rev. G. T. Warner, 1138	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.
„ Major G. C. Davie, 251	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
„ Dr. J. Alexander, 1358	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
„ F. C. Frost	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
„ J. Lane, 328	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
„ B. J. Fisher, 444	...	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
„ H. Stocker, 112	...	...	...	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
„ D. Banks, 156	...	...	...	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.

Comp. A. P. Reece, 494 ...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" W. H. Discombe, 303 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" J. Hammond, 1255 ...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" H. M. Burrow, 251 ...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" A. Andrews, 1125... ..	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" H. Shooter ...	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

A vote of condolence and sympathy was accorded to the Dowager Countess of Carnarvon at the loss of her husband, the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M. of England, and the Prov. G.S.E. was directed to convey the same to the countess by letter.

CENTENARY FESTIVAL OF ST. PAUL'S LODGE, No. 194.

The St. Paul's Lodge, No. 194, having completed the centenary of its existence and obtained the usual centenary warrant, celebrated the event on Tuesday, the 18th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel, in a manner worthy of the occasion. Although the lodge is a small one numerically, the brethren present numbered about 120, and the proceedings throughout were an unqualified success. The senior Past Master, Bro. S. J. Weston, who occupied the chair in 1873, occupied the chair, and was supported by Bro. G. N. Watts, P.M., as S.W., and Bro. H. F. Paget, P.M., as J.W., and the other officers as follows: Bros. C. Hunt, P.M., Hon. Sec.; W. H. Kerr, S.D.; W. Ellis, J.D.; F. W. Crohn, I.G.; W. G. Temple, P.M., Steward; Hermann Crohn, W.M.; A. W. Wright, S.W.; J. H. Mathews, J.W.; and J. F. Haskins, Org.

There were also present—

Bros. the Very Rev. Dr. E. R. Currie, G. Chap.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; Jas. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; Dr. G. G. Brodie, P.G.D.; D. D. Mercer, G.P.; R. C. Sudlow, G. Std. Br.; C. Barry, G. S. of W.; R. L. Loveland, S.G.D.; Dr. E. E. Wendt, G.S. for German Correspondence; H. Crohn, W.M.; W. G. Temple, P.M., Stwd.; C. Hunt, P.M., Hon. Sec.; J. Chapman, P.M.; W. J. Russell, P.M.; F. C. Christmas, P.M.; F. P. Collier, P.M.; F. V. Hawsley, P.M.; C. E. McBean, P.M.; E. Stimpson, J. Brittain, J. H. Baxter, H. Garrod, P.G.P.; J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B.; I. Billing, Dr. T. Ridge-Jones, P.M. 1616; J. H. Savory, W.M. 2243; R. H. Pearson, P.M. 1296; F. Foxley, C. Mayne, H. Roach, T. Marler, W. Fowler, W. A. Dingle, R. Blair, N. Green, P.M. 1962; F. Swaine, Bolding, W. B. Pugh, B. Fountain, G. Wheeler, Jubal Webb, W. J. Compton, Dr. C. Lovegrove, G. Wilkes, J. R. Lovegrove, G. M. Sayle, F. H. Gale, J. Hayward, W. Welford, F. Mimms, E. Witts, P.M. 144; J. H. Mathews, S. H. Baker, P.M. 1260; Dr. B. H. Paul, P.M. 197; J. McKenzie, E. J. Scott, J. H. Clark, E. M. Mayes, V. Abraham, G. D. Rust, W. H. Stone, T. S. Thorold, Charles Butler, Col. Wild, S. Johnson, J. C. Reynolds, Dunn, H. Phillips, B. Whitehead, W. W. Mackay, P.G.S.B. West Yorks; J. W. Tacon, Capt. de Carteret-Bisson, C. L. Thompson, T. Nicholson, W.M. 91, G. Stwd.; W. W. Lee, S.W. 2381; and others.

The lodge was opened, the minutes confirmed, and the Grand Officers saluted. The hymn "O God our help in ages past" was next sung, after which the SECRETARY read the centenary warrant, and afterwards a short abstract from the history of the lodge, which proved very interesting.

Bro. the Very Rev. Dr. E. R. CURRIE, G.C., then delivered an interesting address.

A handsome lodge banner, bearing the motto—"Esto perpetua"—was presented by the Secretary, Bro. C. Hunt, P.M., to whom a hearty vote of thanks was accorded for the gift.

Bro. A. W. Wright, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Weston, P.M., Treasurer, re-elected Treasurer.

A cordial vote of thanks was accorded the Grand Chaplain for his kindness in delivering the address to the brethren.

A Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to Bro. Hermann Crohn, W.M., for services rendered to the lodge during his year of office.

An anthem, "Behold how good, &c.," was sung, and the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a well-served banquet, presided over by Bro. Weston, P.M.

The loving cup having been passed round, the usual toasts were afterwards heartily honoured.

"The Grand Officers" was given by Bro. WESTON, P.M., who said it was his painful duty to call to their memory the irreparable loss they had sustained in the death of the Earl of Carnarvon, an immense part of whose time was spent in advancing the interests of Freemasonry. The late Pro G.M. was a respected and distinguished Englishman, an antiquarian of no mean order, and a very clever man of letters. Outside the Masonic world the late Earl of Carnarvon left a stainless memory, and would long be remembered by the Craft as a hard working Mason. They were honoured that evening by the presence of a number of Grand Officers, to one and all of whom they offered a hearty welcome. The Grand Officers seemed to live in an atmosphere of Masonry, for wherever Masonic work had to be done they were present, and performed it to the satisfaction of all. He would couple with the toast the names of Bros. Wendt and Loveland.

Bro. Dr. E. E. WENDT, Grand Secretary for German Correspondence, said the Grand Officers were deeply sensible of the kind way in which they had been received, and wished from the bottom of their hearts that the festival which had, with great satisfaction, been celebrated that day might be in years to come repeated over and over again. The observation made by the W.M. in the chair when he alluded to the great interest taken by the Prince of Wales was correct, for H.R.H. not only took an interest in Freemasonry in this country, but, as the Grand Master of the oldest Grand Lodge in the world, took an interest in all lodges abroad. He recently represented H.R.H. at two festivals at Berlin and Dresden, and the kind sentiments given him to deliver he was sure would be received by the brethren in this country with heart and soul.

Bro. LOVELAND LOVELAND, S.G.D., also replied, and returned thanks for the privilege accorded the Grand Officers of being present. They had been greatly pleased and interested in listening to a resumé of the history, on which they congratulated the lodge and hoped it would be an augury for the future.

Bro. WESTON, P.M., then proposed "The W.M.," and said that as there was a long musical programme he did not propose to make long speeches, and, therefore, much that he should like to say of the W.M. must be left unsaid. For a small lodge like theirs, Bro. H. Crohn, W.M., had had a fair share of work during his year and had done it to their satisfaction. Uniformly courteous and kind in his behaviour the W.M. had endeared himself to all in the lodge, and they wished him many years of happiness and prosperity.

Bro. HERMANN CROHN, W.M., in response, said he was grateful for the honour done him. He and the Wardens had been most pleased to vacate their chairs in favour of the senior Past Masters, and he was pleased to say those chairs could not have been better filled, and thanked the Past Masters for occupying them on that occasion.

Bro. C. BARRY, G. Supt. of Wks., replying for "The Visitors," said that after the honour done him as a Grand Officer he did not think anything further would be asked of him, but at the same time he was a Mason, and could not help remembering that there were two principles to observe—one was dutiful obedience to those above him in office, and the other was the desire to render fraternal aid to a brother Mason. He returned hearty thanks to the W.M. and brethren for the extremely kind and hospitable reception they had received. He thought that remark would evoke a good response for his brother visitors, and was not disappointed. With reference to the song they had just heard so beautifully

rendered, he hoped it would not be "for years," still less "for ever," before they were visitors to the lodge again.

Bro. W. J. Compton, P.M., also replied, and said that after an absence of five or six years it was a great pleasure to be received so warmly. He was initiated in that lodge, filled the various offices, and served as W.M. for two successive years. He should never forget the kindness he then received, and that evening it was peculiarly gratifying to find his name was remembered by old and new faces.

Bro. JUBAL WEBB, P.M., in response, said the cordiality of his reception, the magnificent hospitality and the pleasant memories he should carry away made that a red-letter day in his Masonic career. He came from an older lodge which was established some 150 years ago in Westminster, and could remember that it was right royally entertained in the City of London by the Fishmongers' Company. He trusted the Great Architect would be merciful to the St. Paul's Lodge in the future, and that the members would be united in this world and not be disunited hereafter.

Bro. G. N. Watts, P.M., acting S.W., proposed "The St. Paul's Lodge, and the Senior P.M. and Treasurer, Bro. S. J. Weston, who presides on this occasion," which he characterised as a toast dear to the hearts of all the members, and one which would not be unfavourably received by the guests. A brother in returning thanks said he hoped the future of the lodge would be maintained as well as its history of the past. They were celebrating its centenary, and had been told by the Secretary that there had been good men and true as W.M.'s in the past. It had not been his privilege to know many of them, but he had known a few. He remembered Bro. Veal, who occupied the chair in 1843 and 1844, telling him that he painted the tracing boards now in use, and in 1841 presented them to the lodge. The memory of many who had left them was dear to them, and he hoped the brethren coming on would do their best for the lodge in its integrity and good working. They had had presented that evening by the Secretary a most beautiful banner. There was one present which was made which was very dear to them, but which they had lost—a very handsome snuffbox given by Bro. David Garrick—which was one of the finest specimens of enamel and silver, and was very valuable, and he hoped it would be found again. "Esto perpetua" was their motto, and might the lodge long prosper! Bro. Weston, P.M., Treas., who occupied the chair that evening, was initiated in the lodge in 1868, served the office of Master in 1873, and during his year worked the ceremonies most admirably, installed his successor, and had since attended the lodge most regularly, and on the death of Bro. Dr. Fowler took up the office of Treasurer. It was the wish of all that Bro. Weston, P.M., would be spared for many years to be with the brethren, who would long remember the summer outing during that brother's year of office, which was held at Richmond at a hostelry on the site of which the Richmond Theatre now stood.

Bro. S. J. WESTON, P.M., thanked the brethren for the signal honour done him in asking him to take the chair, and Bro. Watts, P.M., for the too kind way in which he had spoken of him. It was now 22 years since he was initiated in the lodge. When he looked round the lodge now there was but one face he could see who was present on that occasion—their respected Bro. Temple, P.M. But although old faces had passed away, new faces had come, and the same Masonic feelings, the same kind greetings, and the same friendship were now offered to every new brother as they had been in the past, and as he trusted they would be in the future. He trusted those good feelings of brotherly friendship and brotherly love would dominate the lodge, and would prevail when the next centenary was celebrated. He thanked them from the bottom of his heart for the great honour conferred upon him in asking him to fill the chair.

"The Masonic Charities" was next given in cordial terms from the chair, and duly acknowledged by Bros. J. TERRY and J. M. McLEOD.

"The Past Masters" and "The Officers" were duly honoured, and an eventful and successful evening was closed by the Tyler's toast.

An excellent programme of music was carried out under the direction of Bro. J. F. Haskins, assisted by Miss Jessie Griffin, Miss M. Riversdale, Madam Florence Winn, Miss Emily Foxcroft, and Bros. J. Bartlett, F. Bevan, and G. A. Pritchard.

CONSECRATION OF THE COLLIN LODGE OF ROYAL ARK MARINERS, No. 151, AT MARYPORT.

The Royal Ark Mariners of this province met in great force at the Freemason's Hall, Eaglesfield-street, on Thursday, the 20th inst., for the purpose of witnessing the consecration of a new Royal Ark Mariners lodge, to be named the Collin Lodge, a just and worthy compliment to W. Bro. P. de E. Collin, P.C.N. 213, P.G.D. of England, a brother that has done much and for many years to make Masonry to be respected in the old borough, and the brethren in this part of the province have been perfectly alive to the many good parts played, and have not been slow to determine a scheme whereby the names famous shall be handed down to posterity. There is the Nicholson Royal Arch Chapter and the W. M. Sewell Allied Council, and now the Collin Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, all the three in grateful remembrance for services rendered by two of the three, over 50 years ago, which has been the ways and means of a Masonic edifice being erected a column of strength in the province, and may justly be denominated the Pillar of the West.

The brethren deputed to consecrate the lodge were W. Bro. Colonel F. R. Sewell, P.C.N. 3, 213, D.P.G. Mark Master, and W. Bro. G. Dalrymple, P.C.N. 213, P.A.G.D.C. of England, and the officers designate were W. Bro. P. de E. Collin, P.C.N. 3, 213, P.G.D. of England, N.; W. Bro. Colonel Sewell, P.C.N. 3, 213, D.P.G.M.M.M., J.; W. Bro. T. Mandle, 213, P.P.S.G.W., S.

The brethren assembled in the ante-room, and a lodge of Royal Ark Mariners was opened by W. Bro. Collin, N. designate, and 10 candidates were balloted for, and nine being in attendance, were elevated by the W.C.N. in the chair. W. Bro. Dalrymple was then invited to preside, and proceed with the consecration of the new lodge, with W. Bros. Collin, as J.; Sewell, S.; J. Nicholson, P.C.N. 213, P.G.D. of Eng., D.C.; Jas. Gardiner, J. 213, P.G. Stwd. of Eng., Secretary; and six other petitioners. The warrant was read, and the officers named unanimously approved, and the brethren listened with marked attention to an able and eloquent oration delivered by Bro. Rev. JAMES ANDERSON, W.M. 213, P.S.G.W., P.P.G. Chaplain.

The elements of consecration were then duly applied, and the Collin Lodge, No. 151, was dedicated and constituted to Royal Ark Masonry, and Bro. Smith's musical arrangements were nothing short of perfection.

W. Bro. J. Nicholson presented W. Bro. Collin, N. designate, to W. Bro. Dalrymple for enthronement, and he was enthroned and proclaimed, and he invested the following as his officers: Bros. Nicholson, I.P.W.C.N.; Col. Sewell, J.; Thos. Mandle, S.; J. Gardiner, Treas.; J. O. Scott, Scribe; R. Leach, S.D.; G. Scott, J.D.; J. Abbott, D.C.; J. Smith, Org.; T. Atkinson, Guardian; T. Swainson, Steward; and John Messenger, Warder.

The following brethren were also in attendance: Bros. E. B. Penrice, P.M. 151, P.P.G.R. of M.; T. Annison, R. Brown, J. Reed, and others.

A Committee was appointed to draw up by-laws.

On the motion of W. Bro. GARDINER, seconded by W. Bro. MANDLE, Bros. Anderson and Dalrymple were unanimously elected honorary members of the lodge, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to them for their services, which was duly acknowledged.

With other general business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren, at the invitation of the W.C.N., adjourned to the banquet hall, where refreshments were provided, and a most enjoyable evening was spent with toast and song.

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To Correspondents.

SECRETARY.—We have heard of as many as 12 or 14 candidates being initiated on one day by dispensation in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford. Having, however, read all the early minutes of the Hertford Lodge, now No. 403, we can state with certainty, as recorded therein, that 15 were initiated in that lodge on the 8th September, 1829, the day on which it was consecrated.

The following communications unavoidably stand over:

CRAFT LODGES—Zetland, No. 1311; Lodge of Israel, No. 1502; Hemming, No. 1512; Landport, No. 1776; Audley, No. 1896; and Duke of Fife, No. 2345.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS—Albion, No. 9, and Calder, No. 458.

MARK LODGES—Sir Francis Burdett, No. 181; Prince Leopold, No. 238; and Royal Connaught, No. 409. Consecration of the Loyal Hay Lodge, No. 2382. Consecration of the William Shurmur Lodge, No. 2374. Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire. Grand Lodge of Canada.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Proceedings of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Master of Indiana," "Australasian Keystone," "The Freemason Repository," "Die Bauhütte," "The South Australian Freemason," "First Annual Report of the Art Association of the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia," "The South African Freemason," and "Keystone."



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1890.

Masonic Notes.

The arrangements for the installation of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale as Provincial Grand Master of Berks, are, we understand, progressing satisfactorily. The meeting will take place in the Town Hall, Reading, which is capable of holding about 800 people, and the subsequent luncheon will take place at the Great Room of Messrs. Sutton's, which has been kindly placed at the disposal of the authorities. A special train will leave Paddington at 10.30, arriving at Reading at 11.30, and returning about 5 p.m. We believe the Royal party will join the train at Slough. It would be advisable for all brethren desiring to be present to communicate as soon as possible with the acting Prov. G. Secretary, Bro. J. W. Martin, Town Hall Chambers, Reading, who will, we believe, issue luncheon tickets on application. We hear the Board of Stewards have fixed the price at 21/-, an early application for which is desirable, as the number will necessarily be limited. The customary dress on these occasions, viz.: black morning coat and trousers, and black ties, will be worn. It is hoped that the Duke of Connaught will accompany the Grand Master, and that there will be a large number of Provincial Grand Masters and Grand Officers present.

Bro. Sir Somers Vine, P.G.D., was present at the meeting of the District Grand Lodge of Natal at the Masonic Temple, Maritzburgh, held on the 3rd ult., under the presidency of Bro. R. I. Finnemore, D.G.M. In the evening Bros. Finnemore, Sir Somers Vine, and officers of D.G. Lodge were entertained at a banquet given by the Natalia Lodge, No. 1665, at which Bro. A. R. Payne, P.M., presided, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. Bro. Sir Somers Vine, whose health was proposed by Bro. Finnemore, expressed, in an eloquent address, his appreciation of the manner in which he had been received by his brother Masons in South Africa, and his admiration of the Masonic work he had witnessed.

We are unfortunately unable to find space for our report of the consecration of the William Shurmur Lodge, No. 2374, at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, on the 24th inst. We may, however, state that the ceremony was most imposing, there being about 250 brethren present, or, so far as our experience goes, more than have ever been known to be in attendance at the constitution of any private lodge. We believe the founders are some 80 in number, and that it has been found necessary to appoint as many as six Stewards. Bro. William Shurmur must be proud to have a lodge of such unusual proportions named after him.

We referred in one of our Notes last week to a communication to *Notes and Queries* of the 15th inst. by "W. C. B." relating to the Lodge "St. Frederick des amis Choisis," Boulogne, in 1817. We mentioned also that the list of members furnished to our contemporary included Bro. George Daniel Harvey, P.G.M. for Hertfordshire, and that we had been shown that brother's

patent of appointment as Prov. Grand Master for the county in question. This document, which bears date the 11th May, 1803, is in an excellent state of preservation. It is the property of Bro. the Rev. C. Wigan Harvey, P.M. Hertford Lodge, No. 403, Past Prov. Grand Chaplain Herts, a grandson of the late Bro. George Harvey, and has been lent by its owner to Bro. G. Blizard Abbott for the purposes of his forthcoming "History of Freemasonry in Hertfordshire."

By a singular coincidence this patent bears on its right-hand bottom corner the following endorsement, which fully corroborates W. C. B.'s list of members of the Boulogne lodge so far as Bro. G. Harvey's membership is concerned:—"Vu et fraternellement accueilli dans la R. : L. : de St. Frederick des amis Choisis, Orient de Boulogne, le 31^e jour du 10^e mois l'an de la V. : L. : 5816." It is signed by the Secretary of the lodge, P. Bertrand, C. : K. : G. :., and the Venerable W. Master, whose signature, however, is wholly undecipherable, being composed of a few scratches, as of a pin dipped in ink.

The patent, which is admirably engrossed on vellum, bears the arms of the "Modern" Grand Lodge, and is signed at the top left-hand corner by the Earl of Moira, as Acting Grand Master for his Royal Highness George, Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master, and at the foot by Sir Peter Parker, Deputy Grand Master, and is countersigned "W. White, G. Sec."

It constitutes and appoints "our Right Trusty and Well-beloved Brother George Harvey, Esquire," as "Provincial Grand Master of and for Hertfordshire," giving him "full power and authority in due form to make Masons and constitute and regulate lodges as occasion may require." He is to "take care that all and every the members of every lodge he shall constitute have been regularly made Masons," and that they observe the Book of Constitutions and the Laws and Ordinances of the Craft. He is required "to cause four Quarterly Communications yearly, one whereof is to be upon or as near the FEAST DAY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST as conveniently may be." He is to send yearly "an account in writing of the proceedings therein," as well as a list of all the lodges he may constitute, and of the members thereof, with copies of the Rules and Regulations made for their government. Lastly, he is to remit "to the Treasurer of the Society for the time being at LONDON FIVE POUNDS FIVE SHILLINGS STERLING for every lodge he shall constitute for the use of the Grand Charity and other necessary purposes."

We may add that Bro. George Harvey was initiated in the Shakespeare Lodge, now No. 99, in 1800, served as Grand Steward, and became a member of the Grand Stewards' Lodge in 1803, and was appointed by this patent as Prov. Grand Master of Hertfordshire in succession to Bro. W. Forssteen on the 11th May of the same year. But though Grand Master of the said province from 1803 till 1831, it was not till the year 1829, on the constitution of the present Hertford and Watford Lodges, Nos. 403 and 404 respectively, that he had any lodges to regulate, nor did he hold any Communication of his Prov. Grand Lodge till the 26th November, 1830, at Watford, when he appointed a full complement of Provincial Officers, including Bro. Peter Clutterbuck, who a few minutes previously had been installed as the second W.M. of the Watford—then Bamborough, Lodge—as his D.P.G.M. Bro. Harvey, died in 1833.

Our Masonic friends in Pennsylvania have instituted a somewhat novel way of obtaining supplies for their Masonic Home in Philadelphia. About this time of the year they appoint what they call a "Donation Day," when the Home is open from 9 a.m. "for the reception of coal, flour, groceries, and all non-perishable provisions, while the afternoon is devoted to appropriate exercises, consisting of addresses, music," &c.

Bro. J. Ross Robertson, M.W.G.M. of Canada (Province of Ontario), who recently visited this country, and was so cordially received by our Grand Lodge at its September meeting, has just reached Toronto on his return home, to the infinite delight of the brethren he presides over, who filled the Masonic Hall in Toronto in every part on the evening of his arrival, and greeted him with a genuine heartiness, which must have done our worthy and distinguished brother's heart good to receive. Bro. Robertson has done the Craft in his jurisdiction very great services, and well deserves all the honours which the Craft can bestow, and all the kindness it is in their power to show him.

We need hardly say that Bro. Robertson gave a full, detailed, and very eloquent account of his visit to England, being particularly happy in his remarks about English Masonry, and in his description of the scene which greeted him on his entrance into our Grand Lodge; while the applause with which his speech was interspersed showed that his Canadian brethren were highly gratified by the cordial and courteous reception of their chief by his English brethren. These interchanges of good-fellowship between our Grand Lodge and its daughter Grand Lodges cannot but exercise a beneficial influence on the Craft at large. We are satisfied that all United States and Canadian brethren of distinction who may chance to visit the Old Country will experience as hearty a reception as Bro. Ross Robertson, and we are equally satisfied that our United States and Canadian brethren will appreciate the honours paid to their worthy representatives. We hope to make some further reference to Bro. Robertson's speech next week.

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.]

ROYAL ARCH COLLARS IN CRAFT LODGES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Instructions have lately been given in several of the provinces that officers of Provincial Grand Chapters are not to wear their tricolour collars in Craft lodges. If this is the law, can any companion inform me why No. 97 of the proposed Royal Arch Regulations of 5th November, 1885, was rejected at the revision in Grand Chapter on February 3rd, 1886. I presume it was intended that the custom of wearing them should not be interfered with, but shall be pleased to hear the opinion of any companion present at the revision. The rejected regulation was as follows: "97. The collars of Present and Past Grand Officers of the Supreme Grand Chapter, and of Present and Past Provincial and District Grand Officers are not to be worn in Craft lodges, except in the case of Present and Past Grand Principals and Grand Superintendents, who are entitled to wear their jewels of office suspended from a tricoloured ribbon, not to exceed two inches in width, round the neck, at all Masonic meetings."—Yours fraternally,

November 24.

P.P.G.J.

"THE APPOINTMENT OF I.P.M."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Bro. "Gavel," in your issue of the 8th inst., says that he has been appointed *acting* I.P.M., and that his appointment has been challenged as "an improper one." This is, of course, nonsense. When a lodge is being consecrated *every officer is acting*, from the W.M. to the I.G., and their duties come to an end when the appointed officers are installed in their places. The acting P.M., however, is generally selected from one of the joining Past Masters, and continues to *act* until the end of the year, when the real I.P.M. takes his proper place, and the late acting one is thanked for his help during the past 12 months. There the matter ends, he takes no rank of P.M. by doing that duty. No Mason can rank as P.M. of a lodge until he has been through the chair of such lodge.—Yours fraternally,

MAGNUS OHREN,
P.A.G.D. of C.



922] FREEMASONRY IN 1782.

In reading the experiences of a German reverend gentleman—one Herr C. P. Moritz, of Berlin—on his visit to London in 1782, I find this communication: "Among other places I visited was Freemasons' Hall, at the Tavern of the same name. The hall is of an astonishing height and breadth, and to me it looked like a church. The orchestra is very much raised, and from that you have a fine view of the whole Hall, which makes a majestic appearance. The building is said to have cost an immense sum, but to that the lodges in Germany also contributed. Freemasonry seems to be held but in little estimation in England, perhaps because most of the lodges are now degenerated into mere drinking clubs, though I hope there still are some who assemble for nobler and more essential purposes. The Duke of Cumberland is now Grand Master. What noble and essential purposes Freemasons meet for I have no right to judge, as never having been initiated; but I hope the English lodges will ever be free from the stigma thrown on those of Germany, at being seminaries of anarchy and irreligion." As the expression of a gentleman who admits himself not to have been a Freemason, it may be considered of interest to our Fraternity, now after a period since which more than 100 years have passed.

CHARLES HARDING, P.A.G.D.C.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Belgrave Lodge (No. 749).—The annual meeting of this lodge took place on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. There was a large attendance of members and visiting brethren from the Abbey, Clapton, Crystal Palace, Star of the East, Leopold, and other lodges. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. Weeks, P.M., eliciting the admiration of those present for the impressive manner in which it was done. The unanimous vote of the brethren of the lodge fell on Bro. Edward Triggs as W.M., who appointed the following officers: Bros. Austin, S.W.; Turnpenny, J.W.; Parsons, P.M.; Treas.; H. Garrod, P.M., P.G.P., Sec.; Brand, S.D.; Bank, J.D.; Joseph W. Hobbs, P.M., D.C.; J. Mahon, I.G.; Kedge, P.M., A.D.C.; Bennis and Dorela, Stewards; and Hornewood, Tyler. During the evening Bro. Henry W. L. Hobbs was presented with a handsome jewel in recognition of his services as W.M. during the past year.

At the banquet that followed the installation the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Govier, Org., and a most pleasant evening was spent.

Merchant Navy Lodge (No. 781).—A regular meeting of this lodge, probably the largest of the East-end lodges, was held at the Silver Tavern on the 12th inst., under the presidency of Bro. S. W. Timson, W.M., assisted by the following officers: Bros. Pasfield, J.W.; T. B. Daniell, P.M., Treas.; C. Breden, P.M., Sec.; F. R. Gooch, S.D.; W. E. Turiff, J.D.; E. J. Anderson, I.G.; J. Grout, Org.; and Ellingford, P.M., Tyler. Among the Past Masters present were Bros. F. Robinson, A. Scheerbaum, G. Palmer, H. Shepherd, and Gaisford. The brethren present numbered nearly 60, amongst whom were Bros. E. H. Seage, W. H. Vickers, J. W. Hockley, J. Lancett, and others. Visitors: Bros. J. Lusty, jun., 1259; H. E. Mountford and Allen, 1716; A. R. Morrison, 669 (S.C.); J. Bennett, H. V. Geary, J. Mills, all of 1765; and E. C. Corbett, 737, Mauritius.

The lodge being opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Bros. Walsh and Vickers were raised. After the usual formalities, Bros. Hockley, Spurgeon, Huet, Lane, and Francis were passed. Messrs. C. A. Badcock, W. Beale, W. Dalley, and C. Todd were initiated. Bro. S. W. Timson was aided in his arduous duties by Bros. Shepherd, P.M., Scheerbaum, P.M., and Palmer, P.M., and worked the ceremonies with his wonted precision and impressiveness. The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to refreshment and harmony.

After the usual warm reception of the loyal toasts and that of "The Grand Officers" Bro. Shepherd, P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and congratulated the lodge on the possession of so thorough a Master of the Craft as the W.M., to which Bro. Timson adequately replied.

For "The Past Masters" Bro. Gaisford, in a very practical speech, referred to the working of the lodge and the spirit shown by its officers. He hoped the initiates would not regard the beautiful ritual they had just heard as a mere form of words, but trusted they would stamp its principles in their hearts.

"The Officers" were represented by Bro. P. M. Breden, Sec., who referred to the labour of love he now undertook in looking after the interests of so large a lodge.

Bros. Pasfield, Seage, Burgess, and others replied.

For "The Visitors" Bros. Allen, Bennett, and others replied.

The musical share of the evening was performed by Bros. Grout (piano), George Palmer, J. Bennett, and J. Anderson.

Capper Lodge (No. 1076).—After many years of faithful service Bro. James Tytheridge, S.W. and W.M. elect of the above excellent lodge, was, on Thursday, the 13th instant, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City, and in the presence of brethren from all parts of the metropolis and adjacent provinces, placed in the chair of K.S. as its Master.

The lodge was opened by Bro. A. T. Dale, W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, Bro. C. D. Dunning was raised by the W.M., and Bro. C. R. Short was passed by Bro. J. Doyley-Mears, I.P.M. Bro. Dale then resumed the chair, and installed his successor in ancient form. Bro. Tytheridge, having been saluted, appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Dale, I.P.M.; W. L. Crow, S.W.; J. H. White, J.W.; J. Dorton, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Ware, Hon. Sec.; F. C. Ward, S.D.; C. R. Sayers, J.D.; J. F. Oates, I.G.; C. R. Higgins, D.C.; T. H. Maple, H. W. Lea, Stwds.; M. Sherwin, Org.; and A. K. Turberfield, Tyler. Bro. Dale then proceeded to give the addresses. He was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, the same to be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge, and it was further resolved that they be engraved and illuminated on vellum, mounted and framed, and presented to him at the cost of the lodge. He was also presented with a valuable Past Master's jewel, suitably inscribed, for all and several of which our excellent brother feelingly responded. The long and valuable services of Bro. J. Dorton, P.M., Treas., were recognised by the presentation to him of a handsome Treasurer's jewel of the value of 10 guineas, for which he returned his heartfelt thanks, assuring the brethren that although he never expected any other reward for his services than their approbation, yet the handsome jewel presented to him that day would be prized by him more than he could find words to express. As in the past, so in the future, while he enjoyed their confidence he should carry out the duties of his office, and endeavour to deserve their esteem. Bro. Holliday, P.M., was re-elected President of the lodge Charity Committee, and returned thanks, and after "Hearty good wishes" from the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed.

The banquet, thanks to the active superintendence of Bro. J. Marcham, chief of the staff, was splendidly served.

Grace having been sung, and the usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts honoured,

Bro. Dale proposed the toast of "The W.M.," remarking he felt sure that their W.M. would, in the well-ruling and governing of the lodge, give them every satisfaction, and prove himself worthy of the proud position he had that day achieved.

Bro. Tytheridge, in response, said he knew no language adequate to convey his thanks to them for their kind reception of the toast. He had for many years, as they all knew, aspired to the Mastership of the Capper Lodge, and now that he had attained it, nothing should be wanting on his part to sustain its undimmed prestige, or to render himself worthy of the trust reposed in him. He then proposed the toast of "The Installing Officer," and paid a well-deserved eulogium to Bro. Dale for his good service as Installing Officer that day.

Bro. Dale thanked the brethren for their enthusiastic reception of the toast. He had been actuated with but one desire, and that was to perform the ceremony of installation to their satisfaction, and if there had been any shortcomings they must excuse them. He could only thank them and the officers for their consistent and genial support to him during his year of office, and trusted they would continue that support to their new and esteemed Master, who he had had the pleasure of installing that day.

Bro. Knox, in responding for "The Past Masters," said he believed he was the oldest Past Master of the lodge, and was pleased to be present and see his old friend, Bro. Tytheridge, placed in the chair as its Master. They were brother initiates together, having been initiated in that lodge 20 years ago last March. He sincerely trusted that his old friend would have a good year of office, and be a credit to the lodge; at any rate, he could assure him of one thing—and that was the hearty support and co-operation of the Past Masters.

Bros. Jolly, Woolley, Wood, and Dipple having responded for "The Visitors," "The Masonic Press" was enthusiastically received and acknowledged.

Bros. Crow and White briefly returned thanks for "The Officers."

The Tyler's toast concluded one of the most pleasant of Masonic re-unions.

The toasts were interspersed with some splendid singing by Mrs. Crow, Misses Amy Egerton and Alice Higgins, Bro. R. Bayley, and Messrs. C. Legg, H. J. Chatterton, and C. Harding. Miss J. Badger and Bro. Wormold accompanied, and the whole affair was a perfect and memorable success.

Sphinx Lodge (No. 1329).—The annual installation of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 15th inst., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, when nearly 120 brethren attended. Bro. David Dixon Mercer, Grand Pursuivant, Worshipful Master, presided, and among the brethren who supported him were Bros. G. H. Goldschmidt, I.P.M.; Thos. Edward Webb, S.W.; J. N. Turney, J.W.; J. C. Reynolds, Treas.; R. Elgar, Sec.; C. Wilson, P.M., S.D.; J. A. Thornhill, J.D.; J. C. Bradley, A.D.C.; Dr. C. Gross, P.M., I.G.; R. J. Pitt, Org.; C. Gooding, Stwd.; B. T. Whitehead, Asst. Stwd.; and a large number of members and visitors.

After the lodge had been opened, and the usual preliminaries disposed of, the W.M. passed Bros. W. K. Burton and C. E. Head to the Second Degree, and the report of the Audit Committee, which was exceedingly favourable, was received, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Bro. Thomas Edward Webb, S.W. and W.M. elect, was then presented to Bro. Mercer for installation, the ceremony being performed in splendid style. The Board of Installed Masters consisted of some 40 brethren, an indication of the great popularity of the lodge, and of the out-going and the newly-installed Masters. The following brethren were appointed officers of the lodge for the ensuing year: Bros. D. D. Mercer, I.P.M.; J. N. Turney, S.W.; C. Wilson, P.M., J.W.; J. C. Reynolds, Treas.; Robert Elgar, Sec.; James A. Thornhill, S.D.; Dr. Charles Gross, P.M., J.D.; P. A. Nairne, P.M., D.C.; John C. Bradley, A.D.C.; Robert Irvine, I.G.; Robert J. Pitt, Org.; Charles Gooding and B. T. Whitehead, Stwds.; and George Harrison, Tyler. After Bro. Mercer had delivered the addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren, Bro. Reynolds, Treasurer, in a neat little speech, gave notice of motion for the next meeting, seconded by Bro. Voisey, P.M., to present to the Secretary a Secretary's jewel in recognition of his valuable services to the lodge, without which, Bro. Reynolds said, his own duties must have been rendered much more arduous than they had been. The speech was received with enthusiasm, the brethren all acknowledging that the onerous work of Secretary to such a large lodge as the Sphinx had been exceptionally well carried out by Bro. Elgar, who, notwithstanding his heavy secretarial labours, had found time to perfect himself in all the ritual of Freemasonry. Several propositions for initiation and joining were afterwards given in. The Secretary having announced that he had received a communication from the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, asking for a Steward from the Sphinx Lodge for the next Festival of that Institution in February, 1891, the W.M. said he was going to take that Stewardship himself, and he hoped the lodge and the brethren would strongly support him, as he knew the old people were greatly in need of assistance. The lodge was then closed.

A superb banquet followed in the large hall, after which the usual toasts were honoured.

Bro. Mercer, G.P., responded to the toast of "The Grand Officers," and assured the brethren that the Grand Officers were always ready to do their duty, and to render any services in Freemasonry that might be required of them.

Bro. Mercer, I.P.M., in proposing "The W.M. of the Sphinx Lodge," said the brethren had seen that night—and many of them no doubt had been taken by surprise at it—the way in which Bro. Webb had done his work in the lodge. It augured very well for what they would see during his year of office, and he felt quite sure that Bro. Webb would follow in the footsteps of the Past Masters whom they had seen go before him, and that he would sustain the character of the Sphinx Lodge which had already been established.

The Worshipful Master, who, on rising to respond, was received with hearty applause, thanked Bro. Mercer, first for the very kind way in which he had proposed the toast, and next the brethren for their hearty and generous response. He could assure them it was a very proud moment of his life when he was called upon to preside over the brethren of the Sphinx Lodge for the first time, and he was

glad to see such a goodly array of distinguished brethren around him. He had gone up to the chair step by step, and now that he had arrived at it he was astonished and surprised that there were so many of the founders of the lodge in the company. He hoped he should never do anything unworthy of the Sphinx Lodge. His feelings were heartily with the lodge, its interests were his interests, and he would endeavour to promote those interests in every possible way. He now wished to propose another toast—a double toast, in fact—that of "The Immediate Past Master and the Installing Master," which were indeed concentrated in Bro. Mercer. He could not stop to tell the brethren how many offices Bro. Mercer held; he was a great man at Grand Lodge as well as in the Sphinx Lodge. None of the brethren ever saw the installation ceremony better worked than it had been that evening by Bro. Mercer; it was a great credit to him and an honour to the lodge. While asking the brethren to drink Bro. Mercer's health most heartily, it gave him great pleasure to present him with a Past Master's jewel, which had been voted to him by the lodge. Bro. Mercer's breast was already covered with Masonic jewels, but there was still room for that one, and it gave him great pleasure to place it in such good company. He hoped he would live many years to wear it, for he had shed great lustre upon the lodge by having risen to the proud position of one of the Grand Officers in Grand Lodge. The brethren of the Sphinx Lodge thanked him for that, and he could assure him he would always be kindly remembered by them.

The toast having been enthusiastically drunk,

Bro. Mercer, in reply, said the past year had been to him a year of the very greatest pleasure that any Mason could have passed through. A year ago he thought he had arrived at the summit of his ambition in becoming the Master of his mother lodge; but he had endeavoured to cap that by putting the final stroke to his year of office by installing Bro. Dr. Webb as Worshipful Master in succession to him. He held it to be an object of the greatest ambition as a Mason to undertake the office of Master. In the Sphinx Lodge they had endeavoured to carry it out in practice, and he hoped the brethren would live many years to see it done by all succeeding Masters. Dr. Webb had intimated to him that he would leave no stone unturned to qualify himself in that respect. (He (Bro. Mercer) hoped that Dr. Webb would find during his year of office the same good spirit, kind feeling, and brotherly love from every member of the lodge as he (Bro. Mercer) had during his year. He thought he could conscientiously say that in leaving the chair of the Sphinx Lodge he left it with the fullest sympathy and affection of the brethren. If Dr. Webb should in his year of office require any assistance from him, he would most gladly and heartily render it. For the way the brethren had supported him during his year, he most heartily thanked them, and he hoped they would extend the same support to Dr. Webb. He thanked the brethren for the Past Master's jewel just presented to him. He valued it not for its intrinsic worth, but far above anything in that form: he hoped he would always look upon it as a memento of the kind feeling of the brethren, of the kindness and brotherly love expressed by every brother of the lodge.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Visitors," whom the brethren of the Sphinx Lodge were always pleased to see.

Bros. Hague, W.M. 2105; Jeffery, W.M. 1622; and Robert Davis, W.M. 2266, replied, each expressing his pleasure at seeing Dr. Webb in the proud position of Master of his lodge, and acknowledging the unbounded hospitality which had been extended to the visitors.

Bros. Sugden, P.M., and Goldschmidt, P.M., responded to the toast of "The Past Masters."

Bro. Sugden said that some years ago many kind friends of his applied to the then Grand Master for a warrant for a Camberwell lodge, to be called the Sphinx Lodge, and it was granted, and he was very pleased to know that a large proportion of the members of the lodge consisted of Camberwell men. But they had also had some distinguished brethren from all parts of London connected with them that is, they were initiated in the lodge, and had served the different offices. His dear friend on his right (Bro. Mercer) he initiated, and he was very proud of him, but he thought that was the first time they had had a Camberwell man occupying the chair. He felt sure the W.M. would never do anything to disgrace the lodge. He had known him from a boy, and he knew he had never done anything to disgrace the parish or himself. Dr. Webb now occupied a very prominent position in the parish as a medical man, and they were proud to rub shoulders with him, not only in the lodge, but out of it. He congratulated Dr. Webb most sincerely on the position he held, and trusted he would have a most successful year of office. Nothing would be wanting on the part of the Past Masters to render him any assistance in their power. With respect to Bro. Mercer, he hoped that before they met again the lodge would supply him with a set of Grand Lodge clothing, an act which, by accident, had been overlooked up to the present.

Bro. Goldschmidt promised the W.M. all his support, and was quite sure every other brother would give his assistance. There could be no doubt of a successful year of office, as four candidates had been proposed that evening to begin with. He was sure they would be good men and true from the names of their proposers and seconders. The lodge had had many years of success, and the brethren might look forward to further years of success.

Bros. Reynolds and Elgar responded to the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," and the Senior and Junior Wardens replied to the toast of "The Officers."

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

Under the direction of Bro. Robert J. Pitt, Org., a most agreeable performance of vocal and instrumental music took place, in which the executants were Miss Helen Hughes, Miss Lena Seymour, R.A.M., Bro. Edward Holland, the Unity Vocal Quartette, consisting of Bros. Vernon Lee, W. H. Wheeler, W. H. Pocklington, and Walter Syckelmoore. A fine solo on the violin was performed by Mr. Joseph H. Pitt, Corporation Exhibitioner, Guildhall School of Music. Bro. K. J. Pitt presided at the piano-forte.

Islington Lodge (No. 1471).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 13th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when the following officers and brethren were present: Bros. Sidney Napper, W.M.; H. Hunt, I.P.M.; J. M. Scarlett, P.M.; P. J. G. W. Essex, S.W.; H. B. Harding, J.W.; J. L. Mather, P.M., P.A.G.D.C., Treas.; E. Blinkhorn, P.M., Sec.; C. M. Coxon, S.D.; R. Loomes, J.D.; and Alex. I.G.; H.

Cox, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W. Herts; John Petch, P.M., P.G. Std. Br. Herts; C. H. Stevenson, C. Horst, G. E. Walker, H. S. Trego, C. Itter, J. Amand, C. Weber, T. E. Newman, F. Meyer, A. Fearnhead, A. Snook, E. H. Bury, F. Simmonds, E. J. Harrison, D. C. Ritchie, B. Bridgewater, and others. Bro. F. Binckes, P.G.S.B., was a visitor.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. The by-laws were then read. Bros. Meyer, Newman, and Bury were passed to the Second Degree. Four candidates for initiation were proposed and seconded. The Secretary reported to the lodge the result of the application to the Board of Benevolence of the widow of a late brother. Two applications for assistance were put before the lodge, both of which were met by grants of money. A resolution was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, in recognition of the courtesy and attention the brethren had received from Bro. Sams, who has resigned his position as manager of the hotel. The lodge was then closed.

The brethren dined under the presidency of the W.M., and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were afterwards proposed, and a pleasant evening was spent.

Bros. Itter, Amand, Newman, and Stevenson rendered several songs, Bro. Trego accompanying.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

Earl of Carnarvon Lodge (No. 1642).—

The installation meeting of this successful lodge was held at the Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., on Thursday, the 13th inst., when there was a large attendance of members and visitors. The former included Bros. R. C. Green, P.M., W.M.; J. R. Roberts, S.W., W.M. elect; T. W. Heath, J.W.; S. H. Parkhouse, P.M., Treas.; F. E. Pocock, M.D., P.M., S.D.; E. Rogers, P.G. Stwd., J.D.; E. M. Lander, P.M., D.C.; J. A. Williams, A.D.C.; J. H. Rutherglen, I.G.; J. M. Huish and H. Foskett, Stwds.; R. H. Pearson, P.M.; J. Bartle, P.M.; J. Woodmason, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Middx.; W. W. Buckland, P.M.; J. H. Wood, P.M.; G. Davis, P.M.; J. S. Adkins, P.P. G. Reg. Wales; and many others. Visitors: Bros. W. Clarke, P.G.P.; A. Kenningham, 1706; W. J. Mason, W.M. 2246; W. Kerr Lockhead, 1845; H. Dowsett Smith, J.W. 2045; T. Spink, 1669; W. P. Hatton, 2246; W. P. Flack, W. Conway, P.M. 1425; F. L. Chandler, P.P.G.P. Surrey; W. Matthews, W.M. 2029; A. J. Turner, 1767; C. Woods, J.W. 865; M. J. R. Dundas, J.D. 1361; J. C. Conway, J.W. 1891; L. Bryett, P.M. 1828; W. W. Lee, S.W. 2381; and others.

Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed, after which Mr. Thomas Jameson was impressively initiated into Freemasonry. Bro. W. A. Thomson was next passed to the Second Degree. The W.M. elect, Bro. J. R. Roberts, was presented, and duly installed by the retiring Master. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. T. W. Heath, S.W.; F. E. Pocock, M.D., J.W.; S. H. Parkhouse, P.M., Treas.; E. Rogers, P.G. Stwd., S.D.; J. H. Rutherglen, J.D.; J. A. Williams, I.G.; E. M. Lander, P.M., D.C.; J. M. Huish, A.D.C.; and H. Foskett, Stwd. Bro. W. J. Murlis, P.M., Sec., was re-appointed Secretary, but to the regret of the brethren was absent owing to ill-health. The usual addresses were delivered by Bros. Green, I.P.M., and G. Davis, P.M. It was unanimously resolved that a letter should be sent to Bro. D. P. Cama, P.G. Treas., sympathising with him in the irreparable loss he has recently sustained. Notice of motion was given by Bro. S. H. Parkhouse, P.M., Treas., to vote 20 guineas from the lodge funds to the R.M.I. for Girls. Other business of a routine nature having been transacted, the lodge was closed.

After an excellent banquet the usual toasts were heartily honoured.

Bro. W. Clarke, P.G.P., replying for "The Grand Officers," referred to the great loss the Craft had sustained in the death of the Pro Grand Master. All those who had attended Grand Lodge knew the kindly manner in which the late Pro Grand Master always ruled over them, and the actions of that distinguished brother had endeared him to the hearts of all. On behalf of the Grand Officers, he thanked the W.M. for the kind manner in which he had proposed the toast, and personally, he thanked the W.M. and brethren for the cordial reception he had received. He was invited at short notice, but sweet recollections of a visit some years ago, induced him to attend again. It afforded him pleasure to be present amongst so many friends of his own parish.

"The Health of the W.M." was given by Bro. Green, I.P.M., who said that few words were necessary to introduce the toast to the notice of the brethren, and to ensure for it a very cordial reception. It had afforded him great pleasure to install Bro. Roberts, who had been the S.W. during the past year, into the chair of W.M. he so ably filled, and felt sure he would spend a very happy year of office. There was no doubt but that the choice of the members was a right one, for in Bro. Roberts they had an able Mason and a sincere and excellent friend.

Bro. J. R. Roberts, W.M., said that no words could adequately express his thanks for the kind manner in which his health had been proposed by the I.P.M., and received by the brethren present. He could assure them he had looked forward to the position in which he had been placed that evening for a considerable time. It had been his ambition to become W.M. of that lodge, and he believed it was the desire of all those who took an interest in Freemasonry to become the Master of their mother lodge, but he appreciated the honour more on account of the kind manner in which he had been received. He would promise them to do all in his power for the welfare and good of the lodge, and at the end of his term of office he hoped to be honoured with the confidence of one and all, as he believed he was that evening.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of the I.P.M.," and said that Bro. Green, I.P.M., had performed the duties of W.M. during the past year in a most brilliant manner. The I.P.M. had spared neither time nor money in promoting the interests of the lodge, and had upheld the honour and integrity of the chair, and set a noble example to future Masters. It was a great pleasure to him (the W.M.) to present Bro. Green, I.P.M., with a jewel unanimously voted by the brethren, and he trusted that brother would be spared many years to wear it, and thus be reminded of a happy year of office.

Bro. R. C. Green, I.P.M., acknowledged the kind proposition and cordial reception of the toast. He knew his task of thanking them sufficiently was one of great magnitude, but in receding from the chair he was privileged to join a long list of illustrious Past Masters, and hoped during

the next year to be of some assistance to the W.M. He would combine with the other Past Masters in preserving the high name the lodge had attained. He thanked them for the handsome jewel presented to him, which, as the W.M. had said, would remind him of a pleasant year of office and of the esteem and kindness of the members.

"The Initiate" was next given, and responded to by Bro. Jameson in an appropriate speech.

Bro. R. E. H. Goffin, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, returned thanks for "The Visitors," and said he was quite sure the lodge had that evening added a magnificent pillar—and one that would bear some strength—in the new W.M. They needed such pillars and supports for Freemasonry to build it up in prosperity. There were and had been for years thousands of Masons' hearts beating as one in the work of benevolence and charity. Their hearts were so united that their fellowship extended beyond the lapse of time and space. They had heard from the Grand Officers present of the loss of one whose name was beloved, and if they could hear his words through the azure blue it would be—"Be true to your obligation, true to yourselves, true to your God and your country." Whilst these sentiments continued among Freemasons, they had no fear that the spark of brotherly love would go out.

Bros. Bright, Stevens, P.M.; Watts, Webb, and Mason also replied.

Other toasts were given, and duly responded to, and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

During the evening an admirable selection of music was carried out by Bros. Hodges, Kenningham, Hanson, Shepley, and Heath.

Ubique Lodge (No. 1789).—

The usual quarterly meeting of this lodge was held at the Café Royal, Regent-street, W., on Monday, the 10th inst., when Bro. Major-General A. H. W. Williams, R.A., the Worshipful Master, had the great satisfaction of initiating into Freemasonry, under a dispensation from H.R.H. the M.W. Grand Master, seven candidates, this being the largest number ever initiated in this lodge at any one meeting since its consecration in January, 1879. The seven candidates initiated were as follows: Major W. E. Hardy, Captain J. J. Porteous, Captain G. G. Simpson, Captain G. N. H. Barlow, Quartermaster-Sergeants W. H. R. Prewer and W. T. Bailey, and Battery Sergeant-Major F. H. Gough, all of the Royal Artillery. There were also three joining members, in the persons of Bros. T. H. Barden, W. Adams, and Henry Swinerd, also of the Royal Artillery. The ceremony of passing Bros. Lieutenants R. J. Macdonald and J. F. N. Birch was performed by Bro. W. R. Arnold, I.P.M. and Secretary, and that of raising Bros. Lieutenants H. L. Powell and C. Lyon by Bro. Major-General T. Cuming, P.M.

After the lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, under the presidency of Bro. Major J. Ritchie, R.A., where a few pleasant hours were spent, enlivened with some excellent singing by Bro. A. Kenningham, 1706, Vicar Choral of St. Paul's Cathedral, and Bros. Christian and W. R. Arnold.

Shadwell Clerke Lodge (No. 1910).—

The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Mark Masons' Hall, on Monday last, when Bro. James MacDonald was installed into the chair, and was supported by a large number of Grand and Provincial Grand Officers, amongst whom we noticed Bros. Viscount Dungarvan, Prov. G.M. Somerset; F. A. Philbrick, G. Reg.; Sheriff Augustus Harris, G. Treas.; R. Eve, P.G. Treas.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Sir George D. Harris, S.G.D.; V. P. Freeman, P.G.D.; G. Cooper, P.G.D.; J. L. Mather, P.A.G.D.C.; C. F. Matier, P.G. Std. Br.; C. H. Driver, P.G.S. of W.; Col. Peters, P.G. Std. Br.; R. T. Pigott, P.A.G.D.C.; Lieut.-Col. A. B. Cook, P.A.G.D.C.; and others.

After the lodge was duly opened, the W.M., Bro. Wm. C. Gilles, initiated Mr. A. C. Pirie, and Bro. Gilles, before leaving the chair, presented the lodge with a handsome embroidered banner, as a token of his appreciation of the members, and as a memento of his pleasant year of office, for which a cordial vote of thanks was proposed by the Secretary, Bro. C. F. Matier (who is also the oldest P.M.), and seconded by Bro. C. Belton, Treas. The ceremony of installation was then performed by Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., if possible, in more than his usual impressive manner. The officers being appointed, and several candidates for joining and initiation proposed, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where the banquet was held.

After the usual loyal toasts,

The Worshipful Master gave "The Earl of Lathom, D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and, in reference to which, he said that they had in the person of the Earl of Lathom a brother well fitted in all respects to fill the high and honourable position of Deputy Grand Master, the duties of which he discharged to the satisfaction of all, and with credit to himself. He also said they were honoured that night by the presence of several distinguished brethren—members of the Grand Lodge—and that he would assure them, on behalf of the Shadwell Clerke Lodge and himself as Master, of a hearty and cordial welcome. Amongst the brethren present he was pleased to see the Grand Secretary, their own patron saint, and it was with pride he mentioned the honoured name of Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, who, in installing him into the chair that evening, had invested that ceremony with a solemnity which was most impressive. He would take that opportunity of personally thanking the Grand Secretary for doing him the honour of installing him. He would have coupled the toast with the name of Viscount Dungarvan, P.G.M. of Somerset, but as his lordship's installation into that position did not take place until May, he would merely say that the intense interest he (Viscount Dungarvan) took in Masonry, and his rapid progress in the Craft, had attracted the attention and merited the applause of the brethren. He (the W.M.) would therefore couple with the toast Bro. Sheriff Augustus Harris, the Grand Treasurer, who was elected to that position of honour and trust by the unanimous vote of the Craft. That alone was sufficient to proclaim the man he was, and the brother he was amongst Masons.

Bro. Sheriff Harris, in replying to the toast of "The Grand Officers," said that he was very proud to be called upon to respond, considering how many other prominent Masons were present. When he knew he had for a colleague such a distinguished person as the Earl of Lathom, who was both such a good friend to Masonry, and such a typical Englishman, he (the speaker) was not surprised that

the duties of Grand Lodge were so ably discharged. Finally, he thanked the members of the Shadwell Clerke Lodge for their hospitality, and hoped he would receive another invitation, and that that time would not be far distant.

The toast of "The Worshipful Master" was proposed by Bro. Gilles, I.P.M., who remarked that he was almost afraid to say anything after the great oratorical powers just exhibited by the W.M. He thought that the lodge had been most fortunate in electing Bro. MacDonald. They were familiar with the most able way in which he had always discharged his duties, and he thought that considering the particular knowledge that Bro. MacDonald had displayed on every occasion that the lodge had elected the best possible man. He had had the pleasure of being intimately acquainted with him for some 25 years, and knew for a fact that whatever he (Bro. MacDonald) took in hand he completed it thoroughly. In conclusion, the speaker remarked that he considered it a great honour to be called upon to propose that toast, as the present W.M. was a man he had always looked up to, and he was sure that no better Mason could have been chosen. He felt sure that that day next year the members of the lodge would endorse his opinion.

The Worshipful Master, in rising to acknowledge the toast given in his honour by his friend the I.P.M., thanked him for the flattering terms in which he proposed his health, and also for his allusions to the old and valued mutual friendship, which he trusted would continue to the end of the chapter. He (the W.M.) thanked the brethren for so cordially responding to the toast, and assured them that he appreciated the honour of being elected to fill the responsible position of Master of the lodge. He was conscious of the many responsibilities the office entailed, and would approach them with a due sense of their gravity.

The Worshipful Master then gave the toast of "The Brother Initiates." He took occasion to remark that the toast was an important one to Masonry, affecting as it did its very existence, for should the supply of initiates in any way fall off, the fountains of Masonic life would inevitably dry up. He therefore welcomed the initiates into the fold all the more because they were so precious. He believed there should be as much joy amongst Masons at the advent of an initiate as there was amongst Christians over the conversion of a sinner. They had seen, and taken part in, two impressive ceremonies that night. The Alpha and Omega of Craft Masonry are initiation and installation, and he was pleased to find himself bracketed in these proceedings with his friend, A. C. Pirie, of Aberdeen, the brother initiate of that night. He would assure the brethren from what he knew of Bro. Pirie that he would very soon prove himself to be a zealous and indefatigable Mason. The Shadwell Clerke Lodge had reason to congratulate themselves that they could lure out of the far north such men as Bro. Pirie to come to London and be made a member of the Shadwell Clerke Lodge. He also alluded to Bro. Whitaker, the other initiate, whom he had known since his school-boy days, and who, no doubt, would also prove a good Mason, and a desirable member of the lodge. In point of years he was their youngest member, and he hoped that he (Bro. Whitaker) would live long enough to celebrate his Masonic jubilee.

The Worshipful Master next gave the toast of "The Visitors," and said that "small cheer and great welcome made a merry feast," and hoped that their visitors had been satisfied with what had been set before them at their frugal board, and that as to the welcome, they might rest assured that was genuine and hearty. He would couple the toast with two friends whom he esteemed highly, viz., Bros. Maurice Hart and Thomas A. Richardson. Bro. Hart had been a Past Master for 30 years, and had grown grey in the service of the Craft, and he was pleased to see him there that night. His friend, Bro. Richardson, was Master of the Anerley Lodge, and it was only a few nights ago that he (the W.M.) had the privilege and pleasure of being present when their Grand Secretary installed Bro. Richardson into the chair. He had gone there for the double purpose of enjoying himself and endeavouring to learn lessons, and was pleased to say he succeeded in both to his heart's content.

Bros. Maurice Hart and T. A. Richardson responded for the visitors.

The Worshipful Master then gave "The I.P.M. and the other Past Masters," the P.M.'s being represented by Bros. Matier and Mather. These brethren deserved all the praise they could bestow upon them, for they had borne "the heat and burden of the day," and had contributed in no small degree to make the lodge what it was at the present time. He would couple the toast with their I.P.M., Bro. Gilles, whose year of office was characterised by honest, conscientious work and anxiety for the welfare of his lodge, and a genial, courteous demeanour all through. He had crowned the edifice of his Masonic career by leaving behind him a very hard road for his successor to travel. The W.M. further remarked that the I.P.M. had won his badge by patient industry and loyal adherence to the laws of the Order, and he would now say to him "Well done, good and faithful Mason, enter thou into the *otium cum dignitate* of the Past Masters' *El dorado*."

Bro. Gilles, in reply, thanked the W.M. and brethren, and could assure them they appreciated the kind way in which the toast was proposed, and responded to. Speaking for the Past Masters, he could promise the W.M. every assistance (which he thought would not be required) during his year of office.

The Worshipful Master then gave "The Officers," and remarked that they all knew that the well-being of a lodge largely depended upon the officers, and the manner of men they were. He also thought that if there ever was a Master well placed in that respect he was that man. He would couple the toast with Bro. Reid, their J.W., who had so well and efficiently filled the other offices he had occupied. He looked to great things from Bro. Reid, and did not fear that he would disappoint them in the time that was to come.

The Tyler's toast being given, brought one of the most successful and brilliant Masonic evenings to a close.

Loge La France (No. 2060).—A numerous and distinguished company attended at the Regent Masonic Hall, Café Royal, Regent-street, on Monday, the 17th inst., to see the ceremony of installation performed in French by Bro. St. Clair, who is a perfect master of all the details of the ritual, with the further attraction that Bro. Thos. Fenn, President Board of General Purposes, and Membre d'Honneur of the lodge, gave the three addresses. Bro. T. Fenn, we may say, has performed the part of general utility man in this lodge, as he is always ready to take up the place of any absent officer. At this meeting during the first part of

the ceremony he occupied the S.W.'s chair; Bro. H. Bué was J.W. *pro tem.*; while Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., undertook the duties of D.C.; no wonder, therefore, that the ceremony went off with great *éclat*. The W.M., Bro. B. A. Lacoste, having been installed in the chair of K.S., invested his officers as follows: Bros. A. Sauvé, S.W.; J. Desvignes, J.W.; H. Bué, P.M.; P.G. Std. Br., Treas.; E. Monteuis, P.M.; P.G.S.B., Sec.; E. Pouard, S.D.; E. Chatrian, J.D.; E. St. Clair, P.M.; D.C.; H. Pestard, I.G.; E. Béranger and J. Dreyfus, Stewards; L. Walter, Org.; and A. Oberdoerffer, Tyler. During the course of the evening the Treasurer submitted the audited accounts, which showed a very good balance in hand. The W.M. was elected Steward to the Benevolent Institution Festival, and £5 5s. was voted to be placed on his list. The usual annual subscriptions having been voted to the French charities, a candidate was nominated for election at the next meeting.

Work being ended, the brethren adjourned to refreshment, and Bro. E. Delacoste, the ever-courteous manager, certainly surpassed himself on this occasion.

The usual toasts were honoured with more than ordinary enthusiasm, so much so that the brother on whom we generally rely for a *résumé* of the speeches forgot all about his duties, and hence we are very sorry we cannot give the speech of Bro. F. A. Philbrick, G. Reg., in response to "The Health of the Grand Officers." He quite carried his audience, his remarks were repeatedly cheered, and he sat down amid great applause.

The toast of "The Visitors" was also heartily received, as were the answers of Bros. J. Castello, W.M. 227, and M. J. Jessop, P.M. 2265, who responded.

Altogether a most pleasant evening was spent, and the "Maçons pauvres et malheureux" were not forgotten, as testified by the contents of the alms box.

The following visitors were present: Bros. F. A. Philbrick, G. Reg.; T. Fenn, Pres. B.G.P.; Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Sir G. D. Harris, G.D.; J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.; F. Richardson, P.G.D.; R. Glover, P.D.G.D.C.; W. J. Lemon, Asst. G.D.C.; W. Nettleship, P.G.S.B.; M. Maybrick, P.G.O.; W. Ebbetts, G.S.; G. Hopkinson, P.G.S.; Gordon Smith, P.G.S.; W. Regester, P.G.S.; W. Lake, P.P.G.R. Cornwall; J. Ferguson, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Castello, W.M. 227; J. Graves, W.M. 69; M. J. Jessop, P.M. 2265; Abbott Smith, P.M. 90; G. E. Lewis, S.D. 1415; W. E. Sampson, J.W. 14; W. Barnes, J.W. 754; L. Polak, D.C. 11; W. Wort, 754; W. Eaton, 788; J. C. Castel, 1260; A. Paverkin, 838; P. Berchile, 1676; Z. Lafontaine, 1687; W. C. Smith, 2264; T. Grummant, 1559; C. Dargonne, 1107; E. Daoust, 1627; H. R. S. Pulinau, 2309; Alex. Baume, 180; H. P. Peck, 1381; H. Gesling, 1681; W. Taylor, 193; E. Lechertier, and E. Belhomme, 1743. The following members were also present: Bros. L. Clerc, I.P.M.; E. H. Thiellay, P.M.; P.P.G.S.B.; L. Mallet, J. B. Bouyoud, E. Maigne, N. Ruffior, J. Oppenheim, L. Rousset, J. Piguet, L. Lehmann, P. Saillard, A. Aret, M. Biais, G. Metzger, E. Lautéri, J. Chometre, F. Bohers, E. Périaux, and E. Delacoste.

Warrant Officers' Lodge (No. 2346).—A meeting was held at Freemasons' Hall, on the 17th inst., when the lodge was opened by Bro. M. A. McInerney, the W.M., and Bro. J. Hitchings, acted as S.D., and Bro. Pugh, as J.D., in the absence of those officers.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read, Bro. F. C. Smith was examined and entrusted, and Bro. Smith was duly raised. A motion was brought forward for the best method of establishing a Benevolent Fund for the lodge, which was adjourned till the next regular meeting.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BIRMINGHAM.

Temperance Lodge (No. 739).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 14th inst., when a large number of brethren attended to evince their interest in the lodge, and their appreciation of the retiring Master, Bro. J. C. Stackhouse, and of the W.M. elect, Bro. Locker. Present: Bros. J. C. Stackhouse, W.M.; J. Candelent, I.P.M.; T. Locker, S.W.; A. E. Parkes, J.W.; J. Lees, P.M.; P.P.G.S.B., Chap.; W. H. Haseley, P.M.; P.P.G.P., Treas.; J. Srawley, P.M.; P.P.G.P., Charity Steward; W. Bancroft, P.M.; D.C.; W. E. Thomason, Org.; F. J. North, Sec.; C. M. Wrighton, S.D.; W. A. Parker, J.D.; R. Thomson, I.G.; Lansdale and Reading, Stwds.; and a large number of members and visitors.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. A. K. Cooper as a joining member, and he was unanimously elected. The W.M. elect was then impressively installed into the chair of K.S. by the W.M., Bro. J. C. Stackhouse, assisted by Bros. Wilkinson, P.M., as S.W.; Srawley, P.M., as J.W.; and Bowley, P.M., as I.G. The brethren having saluted the W.M., the Installing Master presented and explained in an appropriate manner the working tools in the various Degrees. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. Parkes, S.W.; North, J.W.; Lees, Chap.; Haseler, Treas.; Parker, Sec.; Wrighton, S.D.; Thomson, J.D.; Taylor, C.S.; Candelent, D.C.; Thomason, Org.; Lansdale, I.G.; Reading and Dawson, Stwds.; and Chapman, Tyler. The Installing Master's delivery of the addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren was very effective. The W.M. then, on behalf of the brethren, presented an exceedingly handsome Past Master's jewel to Bro. J. C. Stackhouse, the Installing Master, and spoke in flattering terms of the very successful manner in which he had conducted the lodge during the past year, and of his able rendering of the Masonic ritual. Bro. Stackhouse suitably acknowledged the present, and assured the brethren that he should always do his best in the future as he had done in the past to further the interests of Masonry in the Temperance Lodge. A candidate having been proposed for initiation by Bro. Taylor, the lodge was closed after "Hearty good wishes" had been given, and a suitable march was played on the organ by Bro. Thomason as the brethren left the lodge room in procession.

An excellent banquet was afterwards served, at which the new W.M. presided in a most able and genial manner, and subsequently gave the toast of "The Queen and the Craft."

The toast was enthusiastically received, and was followed by the National Anthem.

Bro. Stackhouse then called upon the brethren to receive with equal cordiality the toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," and urged that he was a man who would have won distinction in any sphere of life, irrespective of his exalted rank, and that if the office of M.W.G.M. was worthy of a son of our Queen, the Prince of Wales was equally worthy of the office.

The toast having been duly honoured by the brethren, the W.M. proposed "The Earl of Lathom and the rest of the Grand Officers," and regretted that two of the latter whom he had hoped would have been present were unavoidably absent.

Bro. Wilkinson, in enthusiastic and eloquent terms, proposed "The Health of Lord Leigh, P.G.M. of Warwickshire," and the W.M. followed with the toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers." These toasts were cordially received by the brethren, and the latter one responded to by Bro. Colonel Cox, P.G. Treas., and Bro. Srawley, the former of whom bore testimony to the good work done in the Temperance Lodge, and the pleasure it gave him to witness the good feeling which existed amongst its members.

The toast of "The W.M." was given in kindly terms by the S.W., and suitably acknowledged.

The W.M. then gave the toast of "The Visitors," which was responded to by Bros. Tidmarsh, Harris, Bastick, Jenkins, and Everard, all of whom bore testimony to the fraternal welcome which they had received, and expressed in the most eulogistic terms their appreciation of the conduct of the W.M. in the chair, and of the very admirable manner in which the I.P.M. had installed him.

The remaining toasts of "The Installing Master," "Past Masters," and "The Officers" having been duly proposed and responded to, the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

It should be added that the musical arrangements, which were on an unusually extensive scale, and included several concerted pieces, both vocal and instrumental, were under the direction of Bro. W. E. Thomason, the popular Organist of the lodge, Bros. Skevington, Bancroft, Brampton, Adcock, Campion, Laughton, Sampson, and J. F. Thomason, Mus. Bac., assisting him.

BRADFORD.

Acacia Lodge (No. 2321).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 13th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Darley-street, when Bro. S. A. Auty, P.M., W.M., was supported by Bros. Alfred Stephenson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., I.P.M.; Joseph Wilson, P.M., Prov. G. Stwd., as Chap.; G. Althorp, P.M., P.P.G.P.; T. W. Holmes, P.M., P.P.G.O., Org.; S. A. Bailey, P.M., D.C.; T. Jowett, S.W.; John Niven, J.W.; C. H. Ellis, Treas.; John T. Last, Sec.; John Thornton, S.D.; A. J. Boyle, J.D.; G. Root, as I.G.; J. Hill, Tyler; David Milner, J. Morton, J. Banks Fearnley, and E. Pearson Peterson. Visitors: Bros. G. T. Bull, P.M. 750; G. Niven, S.W. 750; W. Leach, 408; and T. Greenough, 1545.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the Treasurer's statement and balance-sheet for the past year, which had been postponed from the installation meeting, was considered and adopted. In pursuance of the lodge by-laws, the Treasurer submitted his estimate of the assets and liabilities for the current year. Mr. A. E. Harris, who had been duly elected at the previous meeting, was then initiated by the W.M. in a satisfactory manner, the working tools being explained by Bro. Niven, J.W., and the charge was delivered by Bro. Wilson, P.M., Prov. G. Steward. The name of a gentleman was submitted for initiation, and apologies received for unavoidable absence from absent brethren, after which "Hearty good wishes" were tendered from the visitors and brethren, and the lodge was closed.

At refreshment which followed the toast of "The Initiate" was proposed, and Bro. Harris responded in suitable terms.

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bro. Bull, P.M. 750, who expressed the pleasure it had afforded him and the S.W. of his lodge to journey from a neighbouring town and visit the lodge, and he complimented the W.M. on the admirable manner in which the business and ceremonies of the lodge had been conducted. He also took the opportunity of addressing some appropriate remarks to the initiate.

The harmony of the evening was promoted by songs and recitations from Bros. Auty, W.M.; Geo. Niven, and J. B. Fearnley.

EAST MOSELEY.

Frederick West Lodge (No. 2222).—At an emergency meeting, held on the 18th inst., at the Castle Hotel, Bro. David Hughes, W.M., had full opportunity of exhibiting his knowledge of the ritual, and he worked all the Degrees in a perfect and impressive manner. Having two Past Masters in the Wardens' chairs who are equally proficient, the working was highly edifying.

The party at the banquet, which was served as Bro. Mayo so well knows how to serve a repast, was partaken of by 22 members.

HAMPTON COURT.

Bushey Park Lodge (No. 2381).—The first regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel, on Saturday, the 15th instant, when the following were present: Bros. W. H. Lee, P.P.G.D., W.M.; W. W. Lee, S.W.; A. Blenkarn, J.W.; J. D. E. Tarr, Prov. G.D., Treas.; G. R. Langley, P.M., Sec.; H. J. Wicks, P.M., S.D.; G. W. Castle, J.D.; S. Richardson, P.M., I.G.; H. Hooper, P.M., D.C.; C. Fruen, Stwd.; S. H. Latham, J. G. Galbraith, J. J. Newland, and C. R. Cutler. Visitors: Bros. W. Spearing, P.P.G.S.B.; W. T. H. Mayer, W.M. 1693; and T. F. Hodgson, 1607.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the consecration meeting read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Mr. J. G. Galbraith, jun., which proved unanimous in his favour, and he was impressively initiated by the W.M., who also ably rendered the ancient charge. The following brethren were unanimously elected joining members: Bros. S. B. Latham, 1962; J. J. Newland, J.D. 1943; C. R. Cutler, 1949; B. Forster, S.W. 1986; and J. H. Haine, 1260. Bro. W. T. H. Mayer, W.M. 1693, was proposed as a joining member, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren adjourned to banquet, and a pleasant evening was spent under the presidency of the W.M. The usual toasts were interspersed with some excellent songs by the members present.

HEATON MOOR.

Prince Edward Lodge (No. 2109).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Assembly Hall, on Thursday, the 13th inst. The lodge was opened by Bro. Edwin Barton, W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the Grand and Prov. Grand Officers were admitted and saluted. The chair was then occupied by Bro. E. Broadbent, I.P.M., who conducted the ceremony of raising Bro. J. R. A. Smith in such a capable and interesting manner that all present expressed themselves highly delighted. The charge was also beautifully rendered by Bro. J. H. Wells, P.M.

It is seldom we have visited a lodge where the rooms are better adapted for the purpose, and the furnishing of the lodge seems complete. It is a lodge which appears to have flourished very rapidly since its formation, we believe, in 1886, and the very energetic Charity representative, Bro. Wells, P.M., has done good service to the various Charities. During this short period it has given upwards of £200 to Charities, and at the present time holds about 120 votes in the various Institutions. In addition to this great achievement, it has connected with it a Masonic library, with a fair collection of books, &c., and a special room is set apart for its members, who meet every Wednesday and Saturday evening; indeed, they possess some very old Masonic works, and at the present time are making a collection of summonses from every lodge under the English Constitution, and these are all arranged in books according to numbers, many hundreds already having been obtained. The President of the library for this year is Bro. T. A. Hopewell, P.M., P.D.G.D.C., and the Librarian Bro. E. Broadbent, I.P.M. May the success they have already attained be continued!

There were present Bros. Edwin Barton, W.M.; Edwin Broadbent, I.P.M.; S. J. Thomson, S.W.; J. W. Beria, J.W.; W. Webster, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Treas.; T. A. Hopewell, P.M., P.D.G.D.C., Sec.; Rev. W. H. Smartt, P.M., Chap.; T. T. Shann, S.D.; A. W. Reynolds, J.D.; S. B. Broadbent, P.M.; J. H. Wells, P.M.; G. Seager, I.G.; W. H. Mortimer, Org.; J. Hurst, W. Coffey, and G. Garnett, Stwds.; C. Birchall, Tyler; J. H. Walteson, Dr. F. W. Jordan, Alfred Ward, Philip Turner, C. Roberts, G. Hallmark, W. H. Kay, E. Dove, G. Walley, J. Gardner, W. C. Massey, J. R. Coxell, M. Preston, J. R. A. Smith, W. Fogg, R. N. Smedley, and R. Lowndes. Visitors: Bros. M. Thomas, W.M. 2363; D. Guymers, 633; T. Thregatt, 1773; F. Townson, W.M. 1773; G. A. Yalis, P.M. 993; A. Lawley, W.M. 1149, P.A.G.S.; A. T. McGregor, P.M. 654; W. Jones, 654; R. K. Forshaw, P.M. 1055; W. Goodacre, P.M., P.G.S.B. England, P.G. Sec., &c.; John Shaman, P.M. 1730, P.P.G.D.; B. Hopkinson, W.M. elect 1459; C. Crowther, W.M. 1993; E. Pemberton, P.M. 1030, P.P.G.D.C. East Lancs.; and G. S. Smith, P.M., W.M. 2359.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.

Dobie Lodge (No. 889).—On the 19th instant, there was a good assembly of the members of this lodge at the Griffin Hotel, when Bro. Colbron, W.M., opened the lodge, but the work expected—that of raising Bro. Goodwin—fell through, owing to a serious illness at his home. The W.M. employed the time well in opening up and closing down—ceremonies too often neglected. It being the night of election of the W.M., a unanimous vote put Bro. F. J. Hayward, S.W., in the proud position of W.M. elect. Bro. J. Drewett, P.M., was in like manner re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Gilbert again put into the office of Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. Colbron as a memento of his year of office in the chair of K.S., in which he has displayed all the qualities essential in its possessor. Three propositions were made for initiation (one being that of a grandson of Sir Richard Westmacott, the eminent sculptor), and Bro. T. Pullen, 2030, was proposed as a joining member. Bro. Josephs, P.M., P.P.G.D. Warwickshire, was a visitor.

A pleasant time was afterwards spent at the supper table.

MANCHESTER.

Yarborough Lodge (No. 633).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 19th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street. The following brethren were present: Bros. W. E. Darwen, W.M.; J. Gardner, S.W.; J. R. Johns, J.W.; W. Cartwright, P.M., P.P.G.P.; D. Guymers, S.D.; W. L. Falk, J.D.; T. Dickson Dodds, I.G.; G. Earle, W. H. Hughes, P.M.; G. B. Broadbent, P.M.; E. Nathan, Eske Robinson, P.M.; Wilson J. F. Sullen, P.M.; F. H. Davidson, P.M.; and G. S. Smith, P.M., W.M. 2359.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. There being no candidate, the brethren transacted some private business, and the lodge was closed.

PLUMSTEAD.

Union Waterloo Lodge (No. 13).—Bro. J. F. Bell, W.M. of the above ancient lodge, opened its 1890-91 session on Wednesday, the 12th instant, at Freemasons' Hall, Mount Pleasant. He was assisted and supported by the following officers, Past Masters, brethren of the lodge, and visitors: Bros. H. Grice, I.P.M.; G. Davis, P.M.; R. Hodgkins, P.M.; J. P. Moore, P.M.; N. Brown, P.M.; T. Cleal, P.M.; C. Jolly, P.M. (Hon.); J. Matthey, J.W.; T. Hutton, P.M. and Treas.; H. S. Syer, P.M. and Sec.; A. Deans, S.D.; Appleby, J.D.; W. Anson, I.G.; Barnes, Stwd.; Col. E. Hughes, M.P., W.M. 913; S. Southgate, W.M. 700; J. McCollough, S.W. 700; H. King, P.M. and Sec. 615; G. Massey, 184; W. Chambers, 700; T. Henderson, 1289; A. W. Jones, 1472; H. Steward, 913; T. Thresher, 1816; J. T. Kipple, 1816; W. Betts, 700; H. Roberts, 700; and others.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, the ballot was taken for Messrs. Barnett and Cuddington, and, proving unanimous, those gentlemen were duly initiated into Masonry. Bro. Easton was passed, and Bros. Moore and Collins were raised. A heavy night's work for a new Master, and wonderfully well did our worthy brother come out of the ordeal.

At the social board the usual loyal and Craft toasts were honoured, and, in the course of an eloquent reply to the toast of "The Visitors,"

Bro. Col. Hughes said that was not the first time he had had the pleasure of being present at their hospitable board. As the W.M. of a neighbouring and kindred lodge, he knew somewhat of the difficult position a W.M. was placed in, especially

when, as in his own case a week before, and in the case of their W.M. that night, they had for the first time to carry out the duties of their position and perform the ceremonies, so that he felt sure that their W.M. was deserving of and would be the recipient of their sympathy. On the occasion of his own first appearance he had not had so much work to do as their W.M., whose responsibilities that night in having to work the three Degrees were perfectly appalling. It was all right and very proper, because he knew well enough that Masonry required an exact ritual; it would not do to substitute another word, even although it had the same meaning as the word for which one might be at a loss, that would not do. He tried to achieve a perfect knowledge of the ritual. He felt it a great privilege to be present, in fact he felt it a great privilege to be a Mason at all, and it struck him that of those privileges, and one that had given him a great amount of pleasure, was the privilege of visiting that lodge, where he saw so many excellent brethren, so many good friends and neighbours; and, above all, the privilege of sitting beside a W.M. who had performed so arduous a task as working the Three Degrees on the first night of his occupying the chair since his installation. Now he would like to say that nothing would give him greater pleasure than to see the whole of the Masons in that district meet together in one great body at least once a year. He believed in big battalions, and if the big battalion of Freemasons in that district were to meet together in one grand assembly, it would present a most imposing picture and produce a good effect. Let them have a grand annual meeting, and call around them both the brethren of the province and their metropolitan lodges, and then a sight would be presented of a band of brothers who for their morality, their virtues, and their brotherly love and Charity no other organisation, or indeed very few other countries, could compete with. After thanking them for their hearty reception of the toast, our excellent brother resumed his seat amid much applause.

Some excellent instrumental and vocal music added a rare charm to the proceedings.

ROCHDALE.

St. Chad's Lodge (No. 1129).—The annual festival of this lodge was celebrated on Wednesday, the 19th inst., at the Roebuck Hotel, when Bro. Wm. Whitehead was installed W.M., and the following officers were invested: Bros. Wm. A. Wright, S.W.; J. W. Hartley, J.W.; J. Hadfield, P.M.; P.P.J.G.D., Treas.; E. J. Fletcher, P.M., Sec.; D. of C.; J. Varty, S.D.; T. Hargreaves, J.D.; C. Parker, Org.; S. L. Lee, I.G.; and W. Swift, P.M., Tyler.

The I.P.M., Bro. J. H. Cade, acted as Installing Master, concluding an arduous year's work, through the whole of which he has proved himself not merely efficient, but an honour to the lodge and a brilliant example of what an ideal Master should be. As if to complete a record necessarily exceptional in the case of a brother only 29 years of age, Bro. Cade became the proud father of a promising son a few days previously, and, as the grandfather, Bro. Cade, senior, is a Past Master of the lodge, it is by no means improbable that in a score of years three generations of this family will be working in the lodge. It is even within the limits of credibility, supposing the infant Lewis to be as fortunate in domestic and Masonic affairs as his father, that in course of time a quartette of Cades may stand "Four-square to every wind that blows," devoted to our ancient Order, and guiding themselves as now by the divine rule, "In all things Charity." A full musical service, arranged by Bro. Parker, was sung, the tuneful choir of brethren displaying a marked improvement as the result of the past year's rehearsals, under the unflagging care of their talented Organist. The newly-installed W.M. made a firm stand against promotion by seniority, passing over certain officers who have been unable to attend to their duties in the past, and selecting as Wardens younger brethren whose regularity and zeal have thoroughly earned the honour conferred upon them. If some slight present disagreement has been caused by this proceeding, it can hardly be doubted that time will prove the course taken to be as wise and beneficial to the whole lodge, as it is unquestionably reasonable, constitutional, and just.

After the business of the day a large gathering of members and visiting brethren sat down to an admirably-served dinner. As a Lancashire operative said on a similar occasion, "T' sarvin were good, t' cookin' were better, an' as for meight an' dhrink we'd welly o' maks. Curran' loave an' ale 'll do noane for you gentry. We should be singers neaw afther o' t' brids we swallowed! They gav' me a rare good supper, but ne'er towed me heaw heavy aw should find it to carry wom." Shakspeare's inexhaustible stores were drawn upon to furnish mottoes for the menu card, some of the quotations being happy enough to suggest that the dead poet must have been a Mason himself. Perhaps Mr. Donnelly will investigate the subject.

The usual toasts followed, accompanied by the usual amount of eloquence. Songs were excellently given by Bros. Cash, I.P.M.; Wilkinson, Norris, Swain, Whitehead, and Parker, and the National Anthem closed the proceedings.

SANDGATE.

Sandgate Lodge (No. 1436).—One of the most successful gatherings in the history of this unique lodge took place in the Masonic Hall on the 10th instant, Bro. W. H. Teesman, W.M., in the chair, when Bro. the Rev. H. R. Wakefield was installed by Bro. R. H. Pledge, P.M., P.P.A.G.S., in a most impressive manner, after which the W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. O. H. Smith, S.W.; J. Roper, J.W.; H. T. Samson, P.M., Treas.; J. J. B. Caudell, P.M., P.G.P., Sec.; Rev. J. Hackett, Chap.; T. H. Goddard, S.D.; W. D. Short, J.D.; R. H. Pledge, P.M., P.P.A.G.S., D.C.; H. T. Longley, Org.; W. L. Chubb, I.G.; T. Onslow and J. Tuck, Stwds.; and Butcher, Tyler. There were also present Bros. W. Perry, P.M.; W. B. Kennett, P.M.; and many others. The visiting brethren were Bros. Magnus Ohren, P.G.D.C.; J. S. Fastes, D.P.G.M.; J. J. Jeal, S.D.; D. J. West, P.M.; G. H. White, P.M.; D. Walter, P.M.; G. S. Wilks, I.G.; G. Taylor, and J. Blight, all of 125; J. Faulkner, W.M. 109; C. W. Bloxland, S.W.; and F. Hall, P.M., of 709; C. Sims, 1208; R. C. Straker, 1210; Col. J. Westropp, 2195; and H. M. Davis, W.M. 153 (I.C.).

After closing the lodge the brethren repaired to the Royal Norfolk Hotel, and partook of a most *recherché* banquet, provided by Bro. G. Akerman, after which some capital songs were sung and interesting speeches made, and a

good sum collected in the Charity bag. Nothing could exceed the *ecstacy* and harmony which existed during the whole evening, and the reception of the loyal, patriotic, and Masonic toasts were most cordial and unanimous, and the Tyler's toast closed a happy and enjoyable evening.

The constitution of the lodge is composed of some 38 each of civilian and military, and four naval brethren.

SOUTHEND.

Priory Lodge (No. 1000).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 20th inst., at the Middleton Hotel, when there were present Bros. W. E. Bridgland, P.M. 933, Prov. G.S.B., W.M.; T. Hood, S.W.; B. Thomas, J.W.; A. Lucking, P.M., P.G.P., Sec.; A. Vandervord, S.D.; C. W. Barnard, J.D.; T. J. Cumine, I.G.; E. J. Bowmaker and C. H. Bowmaker, Stwds.; A. W. Martin, Tyler; G. J. Glasscock, P.M. 1817, P.P. G.S.B.; W. G. Brighten, P.M. 72 and 569, P.P.G.O.; G. R. Dawson, P.M., P.P.G.D.; C. Floyd, P.M. 1817, P.P.A.G.P.; G. Reed, A. Adams, R. J. Smith, J. A. Hobday, J. Pritchard, B. Fearnside, H. Coghill, and G. F. Vandervord. Visitors: Bros. Colonel the Hon. O. G. Lambart, P.M. 1460; H. Harper, P.M. and Sec. 160, P.P.G.S.B.; and J. Speller, J.W. 2256.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. G. Reed was passed. The ballot was unanimous in favour of Mr. J. V. A. Mason and Mr. H. O. Grenfell, and Mr. Mason was duly initiated. A candidate for initiation was proposed, and the lodge was closed, the brethren adjourning to refreshment.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.

Pantiles Lodge (No. 2200).—The brethren of the above lodge had a most successful gathering at the Pump Room on Wednesday, the 12th inst., Bro. Alfred T. Simpson, P.M., Worshipful Master. There was an unusually large attendance of members and visiting brothers, including several Provincial Grand Officers of Kent and Sussex. The lodge was opened in the usual way, and the regular business transacted. Two new candidates were balloted for and declared duly elected, after which Bro. T. Ryder, J.W., was installed W.M., the ceremony being most impressively and eloquently conducted. Bro. A. T. Simpson, P.M., was the Installing Master. The newly-installed W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. N. Grunwell, S.W.; N. Strange, J.W.; J. Willmot, S.D.; B. C. Colls, J.D.; T. Potter, Treas.; E. S. Strange, P.M., Sec.; J. S. Fletcher, D.C.; M. A. H. Edwardes, A.D.C.; A. Burslem, Org.; J. Lessells and J. Corfield, Stwds.; J. G. Gallard, I.G.; and J. Boulter, Tyler. On the motion of Bro. Rufus Stevenson, P.M., who made a very neat speech, it was unanimously decided that a Past Master's jewel should be presented to Bro. A. T. Simpson, P.M., in recognition of his valuable services as W.M. during the past year. Bro. Simpson gracefully acknowledged the compliment paid him, and after the transaction of further formal business an adjournment was made to the Wellington Hotel, where Bro. John Braby supplied a first-class banquet, over which, of course, the newly-elected W.M., Bro. T. Ryder, presided, supported by a large number of visitors and the officers of the lodge above mentioned.

The W.M. having given the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, Bro. Duret, P.M., gave "The Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." Those brothers had all attained very great eminence in the Craft, and discharged their duties from the Prince of Wales downward in an exemplary manner.

Bro. Simpson, I.P.M., proposed "The Provincial Grand Master, Earl Amherst," a name he was sure they would receive with enthusiasm and cordiality. They were all extremely sorry his lordship could not be present at the meeting that day.

Bro. Strange, P.M., proposed "The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. J. Smith Eastes, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past." He very much regretted that circumstances had prevented the attendance of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master that evening, having to attend another meeting, but he had written wishing the Pantiles Lodge a prosperous year. They had, however, present Bros. Birch, P.M., P.J.G.D., and the Rev. T. S. Curteis, P.P.G. Chap., who officiated in the lodge at the time of its consecration. He was sure they were all delighted to see their reverend brother present.

Bro. Birch, P.M., P.J.G.D., responded, and complimented the lodge on the excellency of its working.

Bro. Rev. T. S. Curteis, P.M., also responded, observing that he had never seen the working of a lodge more accurately or more reverentially performed. He could not tell them what feelings of thankfulness he had experienced that afternoon in seeing how, far more than he could have anticipated or even desired, the feelings he had expressed at the consecration of the lodge had been carried out. The work had been carried out with that reverence that showed the members felt they were in the presence of the Great Architect of the Universe. To him, and it was clear to him, as it was to his brothers of the Pantiles Lodge, Masonry was something more than good cheer. He perceived it to be a very grand institution, grand from its antiquity. He wished to bear his testimony to the perfect reverence of the ancient ritual, and the reverential conduct in which the ceremonies that afternoon had been conducted.

The I.P.M., Bro. Simpson, in felicitous terms, proposed "The W.M., Bro. Tom Ryder." He was very glad indeed to see the friendly and Masonic spirit with which they greeted him. Bro. Tom Ryder was the biggest man in the lodge, and one of the best Masons.

The Worshipful Master, in response, said he was glad to find everything had gone off satisfactorily.

Bro. Strange, P.M., proposed "The Visitors," observing how grateful the Pantiles Lodge was at seeing present so many visitors and so many distinguished officers of the Craft. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Calway, P.M., P.P.A.G.P. Sussex.

Bro. Calway, P.M., responded, and said he was glad to know the Pantiles Lodge was prospering.

Bros. Broad and Lyle responded, and said the Masonic work of the Pantiles Lodge had been marvellously well done.

Bros. Larkin and Stone also responded.

The Worshipful Master, in eulogistic terms, proposed "The Healths of the Installing Master and Past Masters of the Lodge."

Bro. Simpson, I.P.M., responded, and again tendered his thanks to the brethren for having presented him with such a beautiful Past Master's jewel. He had met with the very

greatest support from every officer and member of the lodge.

Bro. Stevenson, P.M., also responded, and desired to bear testimony to the very excellent way Bro. Simpson had carried out the work of the lodge. As the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent would be held at Tunbridge Wells this year, he hoped Provincial honours would be bestowed upon their I.P.M.

"The Officers of the Lodge" having been given and responded to, a most enjoyable evening was brought to a termination in the usual manner.

During the after dinner proceedings some capital songs were sung by Bro. Oliver, Le Grand, Skinner, Strange, Larkin, Stone, and others, Bro. Starmer presiding at the piano with his usual ability.

TWICKENHAM.

Sir Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 1503).—This influential lodge met at the Albany Hotel, on the 12th inst. Among those in attendance were Bros. H. Jenkins, W.M.; A. Toulmin, jun., S.W., W.M. elect; the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, P.M., P.P.G.C., acting J.W.; J. T. Briggs, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., Sec.; Capt. R. Perry, S.D.; A. H. Gurney, P.M., P.G. Stwd., acting I.G.; W. H. Saunders, P.M., P.P.G.D.; W. Taylor, P.M., P.P.G.W.; E. W. Jenkins, P.M.; R. H. Thrupp, P.A.G.D.C., D.P.G.M. (Hon. Member); the Rev. R. J. Simpson, M.A., P.G.C. (Hon. Member); and others. Among the numerous visitors we noticed Bros. H. Room, P.G. Sec.; James Fraser, P.S.G.D. Surrey; Nicholas, P.M.; the Rev. Stanley Mansfield, C. Bawly, J. Ruffle, Org. 1793; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. The following resolution was then unanimously passed: "That the June meeting be abandoned, and that the lodge meet in January in lieu thereof." A vote of sympathy was passed to Bro. D. P. Cama, P.G. Treas., on the loss that he has sustained by the death of his wife. The installation of Bro. A. Toulmin, jun., S.W., W.M. elect, was then commenced. The W.M. had the assistance of Bros. W. Taylor, P.M., as S.W.; the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, as J.W.; Capt. Walls, as D.C.; and Gurney, as I.G. The ceremony was most ably performed, and at its conclusion a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. H. Jenkins for his services. The following investitures then took place: Bros. Lieut.-Col. R. Cuming, S.W.; Capt. Perry, J.W.; the Rev. S. Saunders, Chap.; Briggs, P.M., Treas.; Capt. Walls, P.M., Sec.; Bennett, S.D.; Roberts, J.D.; Davis, I.G.; Davison, D.C.; and Harrison, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M. by the W.M. in the name of the lodge. The Treasurer gave a notice of motion—"That the sum of £5 5s. be voted to the R.M.B.I., per the W.M. as Steward, to the Festival in February, 1891."

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.M.; Lieut.-Col. R. Cuming, D. P. Cama, P.G. Treas.; Bennett, Roberts, and others.

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

The customary loyal and Craft toasts having been honoured, Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers." Having dealt extensively with the subject toast, he spoke of his long connection as an honorary member with the Sir Francis Burdett Lodge. It was his good fortune to have assisted at its consecration 16 years ago, and he was greatly gratified to find that it had progressed so well. It had afforded him much pleasure to witness the excellent working of the I.P.M., who, although but a young Mason, had discharged his duties like a veteran in the Craft. The W.M. also, by the manner in which he had invested his officers with their collars and jewels of office, gave every promise of following in the footsteps of his predecessor.

Bro. R. H. Thrupp, in replying to "The Health of the Provincial Grand Officers," said that it would please them all to hear that their worthy chief, Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, was in excellent health. A few weeks ago the P.G.M. initiated his only son into the Craft, and did the ceremony in a highly impressive manner. In concluding his remarks, the D.P.G.M. paid a high compliment to the Installing Officer for the excellency of his working.

"The W.M." came next in order. Bro. H. Jenkins, in proposing this toast, said that Bro. Toulmin, jun., was an initiate of the lodge, and had worked most assiduously since at lodges of instruction, and the result was most satisfactory. He augured for the lodge a successful year of office in every way under their W.M., who was worthy in every respect of the support of his brethren.

Bro. Toulmin having made a neat speech in reply, the toasts of "The Installing Officer," "Visitors," "Past Masters," "Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers" followed in quick succession.

Bro. Howard Room, in acknowledging the toast of "The Visitors," made a very happy speech. Among other matters, he spoke in very high terms of No. 1503. He said it was a source of pleasure to him to attend its meetings; the work was always well done, its members were so genial, and such genuine harmony prevailed.

The proceedings terminated at an early hour, and the W.M. and the Executive are to be congratulated upon the great success that attended the meeting.

WELLINGTON.

Fidelity and Sincerity Lodge (No. 1966).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on Monday, the 10th inst., when the following officers and brethren were present: Bros. J. S. Haddon, acting W.M.; R. Knight, P.P.G.P., as I.P.M.; T. Tyler, S.W.; W. H. Westlake, J.W.; J. Bowyer, Chap.; W. T. Booker, Treas.; F. T. Elworthy, P.P.S.G.W., Sec.; C. Baker, as S.D.; P. P. Long, as J.D.; J. Smith, D.C.; E. T. Howard, I.G.; N. T. Beckingsale, Stwd.; C. Macey, Tyler; J. Gill, P.M., P.G.D.C.; and others.

The lodge having been duly opened, and the minutes of the preceding meeting read and confirmed, Bro. E. Lee Michell was duly passed to the Second Degree by Bro. R. Knight, to whom the gavel had been passed for that purpose. On resuming the gavel Bro. J. S. Haddon said he had now a very pleasing duty to perform, and that not only for himself, but on behalf of the brethren generally of the lodge. They all knew that at the recent meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge, held at Clevedon, their much esteemed and well-beloved brother and Past Master, Bro. John Gill, had been invested with the collar of P.G.D.C., an office which was

undoubtedly one of the most responsible and important it was in the power of the Prov. Grand Master to bestow, for much of the smoothness of the working of the ceremony at the meetings of Prov. Grand Lodge depended upon the skill and knowledge of the P.G.D.C., and he knew the brethren would all agree that a more efficient officer could not be found in the province than Bro. Gill, and all in that lodge felt a peculiar gratification in the knowledge that Bro. Gill had been selected as the bearer of that honour to their lodge. He (Bro. Haddon) was also very pleased that it fell to his lot to ask the acceptance by Bro. Gill of a handsome breast jewel in gold, subscribed for by the brethren of his lodge as a small token of their appreciation of his zeal for Masonry, and also of his generosity and willing helpfulness to the lodge at all times; he could speak with confidence on the matter, for he had worked side by side with Bro. Gill from the very commencement of the working of the lodge, and at no time in its history had there been any occasion when Bro. Gill was not first and foremost in any and everything which would promote its welfare, and in affixing that jewel to his breast he trusted the G.A.O.T.U. would grant him health and life that he might wear it for many years—as he was sure he always would wear it—with honour to himself, credit to his lodge, and as an emblem of Masonic love to the whole Craft. In response, Bro. Gill said that such a handsome mark of their esteem was so totally unexpected by him that he felt himself quite unable to express his thanks to the brethren in suitable terms, but he would assure them that whatever he had done in the lodge or for the lodge had been a real pleasure to him, and he could not but be gratified beyond expression to know that the brethren so thoroughly appreciated it. He had received his Provincial Grand collar with exceeding pleasure, because, although he was not in any way insensible to the honour it conferred upon himself, he regarded it more as a distinction bestowed upon the lodge, of which he esteemed it his great privilege to be a member. He could now only thank them, and express the desire that they might continue to work together in that spirit of love and harmony that had characterised the lodge since its consecration. The jewel, which is a very handsome one in gold, bore the following inscription on the reverse side: "Presented to W. Bro. John Gill by brethren of Lodge Fidelity and Sincerity, No. 1966, in high appreciation of his Masonic merits. Nov. 6th, 1890."

The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to refreshment, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts completed the harmony of the evening.

WOOLWICH.

Nelson Lodge (No. 700).—The opening meeting of the above powerful lodge since the installation of Bro. S. E. Southgate as W.M. took place on Wednesday, the 19th inst., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, and was remarkable especially for the large number of visitors present, no less than 34 signing the attendance book.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed, Bros. Martin and Hill were passed, and Bro. Chennels raised, the work being admirably done by the W.M. and his officers. The long and valuable services of Bro. T. Butt, P.M., as Treasurer—he having held the office for some 11 years—were recognised by the presentation to him of a handsome and costly Treasurer's jewel, the W.M., in presenting it, assuring Bro. Butt that the heartiest good wishes and esteem of every member of the lodge accompanied it, and he trusted he might live long to wear it. Bro. Butt, who was cheered repeatedly, briefly, but with deep feeling, returned thanks, and then the lodge was closed, and a handsomely served supper by Bro. Rymer was partaken of.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. W. Webber, I.P.M.; Rev. R. Jamblin, M.A., P.M., Hon. Chap., P.P.G. Chap.; J. Warren, P.M., Sec.; J. H. Roberts, P.M., Treas.; C. Sweeting, P.M.; J. Naylor, P.M.; H. King, P.M.; C. Jolly, P.M. (Hon.); J. McCollough, S.W.; G. F. Taylor, J.W.; W. Lawson, S.D.; H. Tufnell, J.D.; G. Nichols, I.G.; W. Bidgood, Org.; G. H. Porter, D.C.; and H. Pamment, Stwd. Among the visitors were Bros. J. Aillud, P.M. 615, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Hewett, W.M. 957; J. Bell, W.M. 13; G. H. Letton, W.M. 615; C. Watkins, P.M. 615; W. Tailby, P.M. 13; T. Hosgood, P.M. 13; G. Davis, P.M. 13; T. Spalding, P.M. 1643; W. Busbridge, S.W. 913; G. R. Cashfield, S.W. 615; A. Knight, S.W. 1472; W. Sanders, J.W. 913; C. Goodwin, J.W. 615; H. H. Burney, J.W. 160; A. Deans, S.D. 13; J. Palmer, J. Delo, R. Stephenson, W. Wooster, W. Turvey, and T. Reeves, of 1472; C. Fewtre, 1457; J. Davidson, 13; J. Buchannan, 333; E. M. Taylor and J. Taylor, of 913; L. Richards, 1901; J. Marchant, 1815; J. Jolliffe, C. Howard, J. Skinner, and H. De Gray, of 13; and others.

The I.P.M., in proposing the toast of "The W.M.," said he felt highly delighted, and must say, as that was their W.M.'s first effort in the chair, he had done remarkably well, and he trusted that he would have health and strength to follow up such a splendid success throughout the whole of his year of office. He would not say another word in his favour, but would ask them to show their appreciation by their hearty reception of the toast.

Bro. Southgate said he hardly knew how to thank them, but he thought the I.P.M. had said too much in his favour, for he was himself conscious of several errors in his working of the ritual, errors that he hoped to correct in the future. He was sorry that his year of office had been ushered in by the death of an esteemed brother (Bro. A. Sanderson), and could assure them that it was the wish of the deceased's brother (Bro. J. Sanderson) that the singing at the festive board should not be relinquished. He was using that night an unique ivory gavel that had been presented the lodge by Bro. Butt, P.M., the ivory of which it was made being from a tusk procured in the late Stanley expedition for the relief of Emin Pasha. He concluded by again cordially thanking them.

Bros. Warren and Roberts returned thanks for a warm reception of their names as Treasurer and Secretary, and the other toasts were interspersed with some excellent singing.

YORK.

York Lodge (No. 236).—The regular meeting of this lodge for the election of Master was held in Freemasons' Hall, Duncombe-street, on Monday, the 17th inst., when there were present Bros. C. M. Forbes, W.M.; T. S. Brogden, S.W.; E. W. Purnell, J.W.; J. Todd, P.M., Treas.; H. Foster, P.M., Sec.; E. Carter, J.D.; M. Bryson, I.G.; C. Linley, D.C.; F. W. Loughton and

T. Archey, Stwds.; J. Hall, Tyler; A. Buckle, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. S. Rymer, P.M., P.P.G.R.; G. Balford, P.M., P.P.G.O.; T. G. Hodgson, P.M., P.P.G.D.; G. Garbutt, P.M., P.P.G.D.; W. Draper, P.M.; S. Border, P.M., Prov. G.R.; M. Rooke, P.M., P.P.G.D.; C. Anderson, F. S. Gramshaw, J. A. A. Askew, T. J. Russell, H. J. Rudgard, W. D. Rudgard, A. Jones, D. Scoby, T. Rawling, W. N. Stimpson, J. K. Turner, A. F. King, A. M. White, H. Scott, A. Procter, J. Stead, E. Houlden, J. Biscoomb, T. Smith, H. Churchill, S. J. Crum-mack, and J. Rotherford. Visitors: Bros. George Lamb, W.M., W. Brown, P.M., J. H. Shonksmith, J.W., W. H. Coates, P. Pearson, W. Sykes, F. W. Halliwell, J. L. Spetch, F. H. Vaughan, W. T. Beckwith, J. Mears, Jas. Kay, G. A. Chapman, and J. T. Chambers, all of 1611; J. E. Wilkinson, W.M., C. Garrod, T. Latham, J. Tomlinson, T. Laverack, P. A. Hatfield, B. Kilvington, J. W. Dow, J. Booth, R. B. Gray, J. McGee, J. R. Parkin, and T. Bullock, all of 1991; J. E. Jones, S.D., Lieut.-Col. A. H. Russell, Rev. H. Lowther Clarke, H. L. Swift, S.W., and C. E. Wright, Sec., all of 2328; and others.

The lodge having been opened, the business of the election of Master was taken, and Bro. T. S. Brogden, S.W., was chosen to fill the office. Bro. J. Todd, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer for the 13th time in succession. Both these brethren returned thanks for the trust reposed in them. Bro. Hall was re-appointed Tyler. Some other technical business connected with the furnishing of the lodge was transacted, after which Bro. R. F. Gould, P.M. 2076, P.G.D., was introduced into the lodge, being accompanied by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M. 1611, G.S.B. These brethren having taken their seats were saluted, and Bro. Gould then proceeded to deliver a lecture on "The Degrees of Pure and Ancient Freemasonry," in the course of which he gave a retrogressive sketch of the Craft from the present time to 1717, referring to the Old Regulations of 1723, and the repeal of Regulation 13, the question as the division of the Degrees, and the reason for the existence of "Masters' Lodges," the so-called Degree of Installed Master, and the ceremony of constitution of a lodge, the rise of other Degrees, the Royal Arch and its origin, &c., during the delivery of which address the brethren remained in rapt attention, and the "High Degree" brethren felt that they were historically nowhere, and that they had been considerably, even if good-naturedly, sat upon.

At the conclusion of the address Bro. J. Todd, P.P.G.W., Treasurer 236, after a highly complimentary allusion to the interesting and instructive lecture delivered by Bro. Gould, and to his Masonic work and labours, especially with regard to his great "History of Freemasonry," expressed the gratification it afforded the York brethren to meet face to face and exchange fraternal greetings with a brother whose name was a household word in Freemasonry, and whose services to the Craft were known and appreciated throughout the Masonic world, and concluded by proposing a cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Gould for his able lecture. The proposition was seconded by Bro. J. S. Rymer, P.P.G.R., who expressed a wish that Bro. Gould would at some future day visit York again and give them his opinion on early and mediaeval Freemasonry. Bro. T. B. Whytehead, at the invitation of the W.M. of the York Lodge, also expressed his appreciation of the lecture. The W.M., Bro. C. M. Forbes, by whose kindness the lecture had been arranged, also expressed his gratification at the result of the gathering, and the resolution of thanks was carried by acclamation. Bro. Gould, in reply, said that he regarded York as the Mecca of Freemasonry, and was proud of being an honorary member of the York, Eboracum, and Albert Victor Lodges, all of which bodies were represented that evening by their principal officers. It was one of the largest gatherings of the Craft to which he had lectured, and he would look forward to some future occasion on which he might come to greet his York brethren again.

The lodge was then closed, and the members entertained their visitors in the banqueting-room, where the customary toasts were observed and speeches were delivered by Bros. C. M. Forbes, W.M., Joseph Todd, J. S. Rymer, S. Border, T. S. Brogden, R. F. Gould, T. B. Whytehead, and others, whilst songs and recitations by Bros. J. E. Wilkinson, J. W. Dow, J. Todd, and others enlivened the proceedings, the pianoforte accompaniments being cleverly conducted by Bro. A. Sample.

The installation of Bro. Brogden as W.M. will take place on Monday, the 15th prox., in Freemasons' Hall, Duncombe-street.

On Tuesday morning, Bro. R. F. Gould was conducted by Bro. Whytehead through the ruins of St. Mary's Abbey at York, and also to the Freemasons' Hall in St. Saviour-gate, with the details of which he was much pleased. Before leaving York for Hull he again visited Freemasons' Hall in Duncombe-place, where he was met by Bro. Todd, who showed him the collection of old Constitutions and minutes of the Grand Lodge of All England.

Royal Arch.

Orpheus Chapter (No. 1706).—A meeting of this chapter was held at the Holborn Restaurant, on Saturday, the 15th inst., when there were present Comps. G. Cowell, M.E.Z.; P. H. Waterlow, H.; W. A. Barrett, P.G.O., as J.; R. Eve, P.G.T.; G. Cooper, P.Z., P.A. G.S.; W. Ganz, P.Z., P.G.O.; Dr. Walmsley Little, H. Burry, H. J. Miller, H. R. Rose, and H. Dodd. Visitors: Comps. Large, Dalzell, and Smith.

The chapter having been opened, the installation then took place as follows: Comps. P. H. Waterlow, M.E.Z.; F. W. Imbert-Terry, H.; Little, J.; R. Eve, Treas.; and G. Cowell, S.E. A handsome P.Z.'s jewel (manufactured by Comp. G. Kenning) was presented to Comp. G. Cowell for his services during the past year, and four candidates for exaltation were proposed for next meeting.

All business being ended, the companions sat down to a banquet provided under the personal supervision of Mr. Hamp, and it is hardly necessary to state that the singing and the musical arrangements, under the direction of Comp. Dr. Walmsley Little, were of the most charming description.

Among those who have come to town in connection with the meeting of Parliament are Bro. the Duke of Athole, Bro. the Earl of Feversham, the Duke and Duchess of Roxburgh, the Duke and Duchess of Bedford, Bro. the Marquis and Marchioness of Headfort, and Bro. Lord Arthur Hill, M.P.

Mark Masonry.

ASHBOURNE.

Dove Valley Lodge (No. 353).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Town Hall, on Monday, the 17th inst. Present: Bros. W. H. Tutt, W.M.; G. M. Bond, I.P.M.; J. H. Cooke, S.W.; W. Davenport, J.W.; A. M. Wither, S.O.; J. O. Farmer, J.O.; Jno. Howell, P.M., P.P.G.O., Sec.; H. Brambles, R. of M.; R. Brown, Tyler; and others.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for several brethren, and, being found clear, Bros. Greenslade and Hodgkinson, both Past Masters of No. 456, being present, were duly advanced to the Degree of M.M. by the W.M.

Apologies were received from Bros. Percy Wallis, P.G.D. England, P.P.S.G.W.; J. T. Marple, M.O.; R. Beardmore, J.D.; F. Stone, S.D.; A. Stubbs, P.M., P.P.G.O.; and others.

The lodge was then closed, the brethren adjourning for refreshment to the Green Man Hotel, where a very pleasant evening was spent.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

Mount Calvary Chapter (No. 3).—This old chapter met at 33, Golden-square, on the 14th instant. Among those present were Bros. G. Graveley, C.E., 30°, M.W.S.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M.W.S., Recorder, acting Prelate; H. J. Lardner, 30°, 1st Gen.; Major F. J. Stohwasser, 30°, 2nd Gen.; G. Greenwood, R.; Capt. Hawkins, Herald; L. Steele, D.C.; N. Prower, M.A., A.D.C.; Dr. E. M. Lott, 30°, Org.; Roebuck, 31°, P.M.W.S.; Dr. Coffin, 30°, P.M.W.S.; F. W. Driver, M.A., P.M.W.S.; Major J. E. Anderson, 30°, P.M.W.S.; Dr. Jagielski, C. Jackson, F.R.C.S., W. Maple, W. Barkley, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. F. Egbert Roberts, P.M. 917, and it proving to be unanimous he was ably perfected by the M.W.S., Bro. Dr. Lott's symphonies on the organ adding greatly to the impressiveness of the ceremonial. A vote of condolence was passed to Ill. Bro. W. Paas, P.M.W.S., Treas., on the recent loss of his eldest son.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Ill. Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, 33°, Capt. W. B. Williamson, J.P., 30°; W. Paas, 30°, P.M.W.S.; F. Curlier, 30°, P.M.W.S.; D. Nicol, 30°, P.M.W.S.; E. and P. Bros. C. W. Tayleur, M.A., P.M.W.S.; G. A. Berkeley, P.M.W.S.; Dr. Inglis, Pigache, H. Hills, Andrew Pears, T. Lamb-Smith, and others.

The names of two brethren having been proposed for perfection at the next meeting, and a communication from the Supreme Council read, the chapter was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Café Royal.

The M.W.S. presided most ably, and the pleasures of the proceedings were enhanced by the instrumental and vocal abilities of Bros. Dr. Lott and Egbert Roberts.

South Africa.

ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES.

NATAL.

Port Natal Council (No. 14).—This council met at Durban on the 10th ult. under the presidency of Bro. R. I. Finnemore. There were also present Bros. T. Cook, J. Schulz, M.D., G. Leask, M. O. Sahlstrom, W. F. Stanton, and others. Bros. W. H. Harris and L. E. S. Torgius, two approved candidates, were received and admitted to the Degrees of St. Lawrence the Martyr, Knights of Constantinople, and Red Cross of Babylon. Bro. G. Leask was installed as W.M., and appointed Bro. W. F. Stanton as S.W.; W. H. Harris as J.W.; T. Cook, Treas.; M. O. Sahlstrom, C.; and L. E. S. Torgius, I.G.

Ireland.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

ENNISKILLEN.

Tyrone and Fermanagh Preceptory.—The usual quarterly meeting of this preceptory was held in the Town Hall, on Wednesday, the 19th inst., Sir Knight W. F. Jones, Eminent Preceptor, presided, assisted by Sir Knight Wm. Purdon, Registrar.

Comps. William Ritchie, R. Stover Holland, and William King-Edwards were installed by the Past Preceptor, Sir Knight O. Ternan, M.D., assisted by the Eminent Preceptor, Sir Knight W. T. Jones, in a masterly and dignified manner. The election of officers for 1891 was then proceeded with, and the following were duly elected: Sir Knights William Prudon, C.E., P.J.G.D., Eminent Preceptor; William Teele, J.P., P.G.S., Constable; Archibald Anderson, J.P., P.G.D. of C., Marshal; C. E. R. A. Irvine, I.L.D., Chaplain; Jos. L. Carson, Captain of Guards; W. F. Jones, C.P.S., P.P., P.P.S.G.W., 18°, Treasurer; and O. Ternan, M.D., P.P., P.G.S., 18°, Secretary.

The general quarterly business having been disposed of, the sir knights retired to a substantial banquet, and the evening was passed with knightly enjoyment.

Amongst those present were Sir Knights Col. John G. Irvine, J.P., P.P., P.D.G.M., 18°; J. Athill, J.P.; R. Roulstone, M.D.; Wm. Galt, P.P.; and others.

THE NEW MASONIC HALL AT SIDMOUTH.

The ceremony of opening the new Masonic Hall at Sidmouth was performed on the 6th inst. The building consists of a spacious and handsome room and adjuncts, a reading room and library, used in connection with the Sidmouth Literary Society, and a separate residence for the Tyler. The premises are situated in Fore-street, and stand prominently in one of the best parts of the town, and Sidmouth folk, as well as the Freemasons, are proud of the newly-erected edifice as a

handsome and commodious addition to their public buildings. The style of architecture is Renaissance, and is carried out in red and white brickwork, which has been artistically carved by Mr. J. E. Orchard. The Chairman of the Committee is Mr. J. A. Orchard. The architect who designed the structure and superintended the erection is Mr. Jas. Jerman, F.R.I.B.A., the builder being Mr. Critchley.

The ceremony of dedication was performed by the Deputy P.G.M. of Devon, Bro. W. G. Rogers, assisted by the Prov. S.G. Wardens, the oration being delivered by Bro. E. H. SHORTO, of No. 39, at the unanimous request of the lodge, and his scholarly address on the teaching and symbolism of Freemasons was applauded by the large assembly from all parts of the province.

A pleasing feature of the meeting was the presentation of a silver salver, with an appropriate address engraved thereon, to the honorary architect, Bro. James Jerman, by the W.M., who eulogised the work and skill displayed on the building and the care and attention devoted by him to the requirements of the brethren.

The decorations of the Masonic buildings and the banqueting-room were carried out by Bro. Berwick.

BRO. R. F. GOULD, P.G.D., AT HULL.

On Tuesday evening, the 18th inst., upon the invitation of the Humber Installed Masters' Lodge of Instruction, before a large and appreciative audience of above 80 members of the Craft, our erudite brother delivered a lecture on "The Progress of Pure and Ancient Freemasonry." The chair was occupied by Bro. J. R. Ansdell, W.M., and amongst others the following Past Masters were present: Bros. W. Tesseymann, I.P.M. and Sec.; J. Bilson, S.W.; J. Matthews, W.M. 57, J.W.; J. Markaill, S.D.; A. King, J.D.; G. Wilson, D.C.; E. Corris, I.G.; M. C. Peck, W. D. Keyworth, W. Reynolds, M. Haberland, D. J. O. Donoghue, H. Haigh, T. Thompson, W. C. White-side, L. E. Stephenson, W.M. 250; Thomson Foley, W.M. 294; H. F. Pudsey, T. A. Haigh, W.M. 1511; G. L. Shackles, S. Rutter, John Walton, and others.

The lodge having been opened in the Three Degrees, the W.M. introduced the lecturer as the author of the great "History of Freemasonry," and other valuable works, and the leading spirit of the famous Quatuor Coronati Lodge.

After some prefatory observations, Bro. GOULD first called attention to the date of the first Book of Constitutions 1723, then to the formation of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, 1736, and pointed out the intervening period continuously to 1738, when the second Book of Constitutions was published, as a deeply interesting period. He remarked that up to the latter date the First and Second, or Master Masons' Degrees were alone practised, and that from them the element of universality was absent. The first Grand Lodge, established in 1717, merely held jurisdiction over the cities of London and Westminster; before this date we speak of the art as Ancient Masonry, after 1717 as Modern Masonry. In 1723 the Fellow Craft, or Master Masons' Degree, was conferred only in Grand Lodge or by dispensation. The lecturer stated that all Modern Masonry was directly derived from the Grand Lodge of 1717, and no other Grand Lodge had the power to add to the First, Second, and Third Degrees, according to Article 39 of the Old Regulations. In 1725 the Masters of lodges were for the first time empowered to raise Master Masons, the Third Degree having, however, been for some time practised without sanction, although many brethren did not proceed to that grade. Anderson's Book of Constitutions, 1738, names the E.A., F.C., and M.M. as three separate titles. Some lodges worked only as Master Masons, and were so distinctively named. Amongst other interesting items, Bro. Gould observed that between 1723 and 1738 the W.M. was generally elected every six months. The Third Degree was not worked in Scotland until late in the last century. In 1744 the first mention of the Royal Arch occurs as an organised body of Freemasons who have passed the chair. In 1809 the Lodge of Promulgation practised the ceremony of installing the W.M., and in 1810 the Masters of all lodges were especially summoned to be installed. In 1813 the famous 2nd Article of the Act of Union pronounced that "pure Antient Masonry consists of three Degrees, and no more, viz., those of the E.A., the F.C., and the M.M., including the S.O. of the H.R.A." Between 1717 and 1723 the distinctively Christian character of Freemasonry was abolished, and the doctrine of universality substituted. Bro. Gould then referred to what are termed the High Degrees, in which he appeared to include all those beyond the Master Masons, and enunciated his conclusions respecting them.

At the conclusion of the lecture, which was received with the greatest attention,

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Gould, which was seconded by Bro. M. C. PECK, who expressed his pleasure, not only in the intellectual treat received, but also in meeting Bro. Gould, of whose works he had been a student for years. He knew, however, that the lecturer would not regret to hear that he differed in some respects from the views so ably expressed in the address; and he might be permitted to observe that in his opinion the science of Freemasonry was one of progressive development. We were told that at one period the Craft had but one Degree, then a second was evolved, and ultimately a third. Masonry was made for man, not man for Masonry. Therefore, as the Craft became popular amongst the educated classes, more information was sought upon the subject, and the

Royal Arch, Mark, Knights Templar, and other Degrees were introduced to supply a natural demand. He would remind Bro. Gould that he had only quoted half the 2nd Article of Union, in which Grand Lodge showed a wise toleration of the existing state of the Craft in 1813, and made a broad platform for Masonic Degrees, which it were ungenerous and futile now to make narrower. The entire Article runs thus: "Pure Antient Masonry consists of three Degrees and no more, viz., those of the E.A., F.C., and M.M., including the S.O. of the H.R.A. But this Article is not intended to prevent any lodge or chapter from holding a meeting in any of the Degrees of the Orders of Chivalry, according to the Constitutions of the said Orders." Whilst for his own part he deprecated the present multiplication of Degrees, he would also deprecate wanton attacks upon several pre-Union Degrees, which were entitled to the respect and received the ardent support of the greatest Masons in the country. As to the Royal Arch, it was an integral part of English-speaking Freemasonry, and has long been esteemed an essential addition to every large Craft lodge.

The vote of thanks was supported by Bro. J. WILSON, and carried by acclamation.

The LECTURER acknowledged the vote of thanks, and his gratification to hear the remarks of Bro. Peck, since a little friendly discussion was always more pleasing to a lecturer than an attentive silence. He had the advantage of his critic, in that he would have the last word, and would ask where Bro. Peck found his proof that the Craft had ever but one Degree.*

Bro. GOULD then replied to the questions put by several brethren, and that concluded one of the most interesting of the many literary evenings which have been placed before the Craft resident at Hull by means of the Humber Installed Masters' Lodge of Instruction, which it is hoped will long continue the useful labours in disseminating Masonic knowledge which it inaugurated some years since.

LEEDS MASONIC RELIEF FUND.

The annual meeting of this unostentatious but valuable Charity was held at the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds, on the 18th instant. The Charity has been founded for the relief of itinerant Masons, and during the few years it has been in existence it has done a noble work. Bro. Allison, P.M., P.P.G.D., presided, and there was a good attendance. Bro. Fretwell, W.M. 2069, presented the Auditors' report, from which it appeared that during the year 35 cases had been relieved, at a cost of £8 16s. 6d. The average relief per case was 5s. 1d. of the persons relieved—24 were English Masons; four were Scotch; seven were foreigners; and there were no Irish. In the previous year 44 cases had been relieved, at a cost of £9 12s. 3d. The balance in the hands of the Treasurer is £8 1s. 4d., which will carry the Society on until June next. It is 18 months since there was a levy on each of the eight Leeds lodges of 1/- per member. The report was adopted as satisfactory, and ordered to be circulated amongst the Leeds Masons. Bro. Jose Rickard was elected President; Bro. Tudor Trevor, Vice-President; Bro. Craig, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treasurer; Bro. S. Barrand, Auditor; Bro. R. Lucas, Sec.; and Bros. Fretwell, W.M., and Tomlinson, Auditors. Great credit was given to the Almoner for the careful manner in which he has investigated the cases. It was stated that the formation of the Society has done away entirely with the nuisance of travelling Masons calling upon members of lodges at their private addresses, and it has been the means of exposing many impostors. It would be wise for other towns to copy this Society.

MASONIC SERVICE AT SOUTHPORT.

A united Sunday afternoon service had for some time been under contemplation by the brethren of the various Southport lodges. Application was made in due course to the Provincial Grand Master for the holding of the service in the New Jerusalem Church in Masonic clothing. The dispensation necessary for this purpose was, however, refused. It appears that the ground on which the refusal was based by the Grand Lodge was that there was no precedent for such a service being held in a church not ministered to by a Provincial Grand Chaplain. The united Committee from the several lodges, however, desiring to show their regard for, and appreciation of, the service rendered by Bro. the Rev. J. Ashby during his year of office in the Fernor Lodge, resolved to promote a service under conditions which were possible—namely, to attend wearing only white ties and gloves. Accordingly, on Sunday afternoon, the 15th inst., although the day was exceedingly wet and unfavourable, a large number of the brethren assembled in the new schoolroom adjoining the church in Part-street, and proceeded thence to the church.

The following Worshipful Masters were present: Bros. Richard Sharrock, Fernor Lodge; Miles Blundell, Unity Lodge; Margerison, Scarisbrick Lodge; W. Platt, jun., Rose of Lancaster Lodge; and J. Kilby, Victoria Lodge. The Starkey Lodge was also represented. The other officers of the lodges were also present in goodly numbers. Amongst the Prov. Grand Officers present were Bros. T. Whitehead, P.G. Sec.; J. F. Roberts, P. J. Whitehead, W. Platt, sen., Warwick Wood, G. Duxfield, and others. The musical part of the service was undertaken and efficiently carried out by Bros. Boyce, Kilby, Wooler, Strong, and T. Whitehead, assisted by Mrs. Spratley

*Hughan's Origin of the English Rite, p. 5 et seq. (where Bro. Gould is quoted).

and several members of the church choir. The anthem "God is a Spirit" was beautifully given by Mrs. Spratley, Bros. T. Whitehead, Boyce, Strong, and Wooler. Bro. Hadwin ably presided at the organ throughout the service. Bro. Warwick Wood assisted in the service by reading the lessons.

Bro. the Rev. J. ASHBY, I.P.M., preached an eloquent sermon from the text—"And God said let us make man," Gen. i., 26.

The greatest interest and attention were paid to the delivery of the discourse both by the brethren and the general congregation present at the service. The collection taken was to be devoted to a fund required to start a library in connection with the Sunday school recently erected belonging to the church of which the preacher is the minister. The sum obtained amounted to £9 6s. 6½d.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS. PENSION INDEMNITY FUND.

The following circular is being sent to the Worshipful Masters, Treasurers, and Secretaries of all lodges in London and the provinces that have not yet contributed to the Pension Indemnity Fund. We trust that the response will be such as to ensure the complete success of the Fund:—

"10, New Inn, London, W.C.,

"24th November, 1890.

"Dear Sir and Brother,

"It will be within your recollection that the resolution proposing to grant to the late Secretary of the Institution a retiring allowance of £350 per annum out of the Funds of the Institution was carried at the Quarterly Court, held in October, 1889, by a narrow majority, and the Provisional Management Committee asked the next Quarterly Court not to confirm the resolution, thinking that a scheme to raise a fund of £2500 in lieu of such retiring allowance would be preferable, thus ensuring the relief of the Institution from any charge on its Funds, and at the same time recognising the 28 years' services rendered to the Institution by the late Secretary. This compromise of the matter met with general approval, and the Pension Indemnity Fund was established, having for its object the collection of the quota of £2 10s. from every lodge in London and the provinces, in order to raise the sum of £2500. An appeal was made to the Craft in aid of the Fund, and this appeal met with such success that the Provisional Management Committee was enabled to make the necessary arrangements for the retirement of the late Secretary, and on the faith of the response made by the Craft, paid him with the sanction of the General Committee of the Institution the sum of £2500 out of the funds of the Institution. Towards this sum we have, as Trustees of the Pension Indemnity Fund, paid into the general account of the Institution £1800, and it is our desire to raise the balance, £700, at as early a date as possible, and thus clear the funds of the Institution from all diminution on this score. Sent herewith is a statement of the lodges, both in London and the provinces, who have supported the Fund, and although some of the lodges were not at first disposed to look with favour on the plan, yet seeing that it was a compromise happily suggested to permit of the recommendations of the Committee of Inquiry being carried out under the new management, the brethren ultimately came to the conclusion it was worthy of their generous support, thus meeting the matter in the true spirit which at all times distinguishes our Craft. We earnestly appeal to you as a member holding high office in a lodge from which a donation to the Fund has not as yet been received to bring the matter to the attention of your lodge, and use your influence with the brethren to support the Fund to the extent above indicated, and thus assist us to bring to a speedy conclusion a scheme inaugurated in the best interests of a noble Institution, and which has been so universally accepted as a practical solution of the difficulties involved in starting the new management.

"Begging the favour of as early a reply as possible, and trusting sincerely your lodge will think right to concur in helping in this most desirable object.—We are, dear Sir and Brother, very faithfully and fraternally yours,

"FRED. A. PHILBRICK, Grand Treasurer.

"EDWARD TERRY, Past Grand Treasurer.

"RICHARD EVE, Past Grand Treasurer.

"P.S.—Donations can be sent to the Honorary Secretary of the Fund, Bro. Stanley J. Attenborough, 10, New Inn, London, W.C.

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We are asked to announce that The Great City Lodge of Instruction meets every Thursday at 6.30 p.m. at Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street.

At a meeting of the Natalia Rose Croix Chapter, Pietermaritzburg, Bro. Sir Charles Mitchell, Governor of the colony, was admitted to the 18°.

Bro. Grantham Dodd has been elected the Master of the Bakers' Company, one of the oldest livery companies of the City of London.

Bro. Lord Mayor Savory has consented to open a bazaar in the schoolroom of the Raleigh Memorial Church, Stoke Newington, on Tuesday, the 2nd prox., with a view to reducing the debt on the edifice.

Among the contributions to the Mansion House Fund for the relief of the relatives of the seamen and marines lost in H.M.S. *Serpent* are £100 from Messrs. Rothschild and £21 from the Merchant Taylors' Company.

Bro. Sir H. Drummond Wolff, H.M.'s Minister at Teheran, is expected to arrive at Constantinople to-morrow (Saturday), and will probably arrive in England about the 18th prox. He has now quite recovered from his recent dangerous illness, which is supposed to have been typhoid fever.

The Duchess of Albany, with her son the Duke of Albany and her daughter the Princess Alice, arrived at Windsor Castle on Friday, the 21st instant, on a visit to the Queen. On the same day the Prime Minister and the Marchioness of Salisbury arrived at the castle, returning to Hatfield the following day.

A numerous-attended meeting was held at Reading on Friday, the 21st instant, for the purpose of concerting the necessary arrangements for the installation of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale as Prov. Grand Master of Berkshire. It has been settled that the ceremony, which is fixed for Monday, the 15th prox., shall take place in the Town Hall.

The Duke of Cambridge, who is Colonel-in-Chief of the 60th Rifles visited Aldershot on Saturday last for the purpose of bidding farewell to the 1st battalion of the regiment, which is about to proceed on service to India. His Royal Highness congratulated the officer in command on the fine appearance of his men. The Duke returned to town after lunching with the Royal Artillery men.

The Recorder of London (Sir Thomas Chambers) celebrated the jubilee of his call to the Bar in the Whitehall Rooms of the Hôtel Métropole, on the evening of the 20th instant. The Mayor's Court and the Old Bailey were numerously represented, while among the other guests were Lord Justice Bowen and Bro. Sir Edward Clarke, Q.C., M.P., her Majesty's Solicitor-General.

Lord St. Levan, Mayor of Devonport, presided at a meeting held in the Guildhall on the 20th instant, when it was decided to raise a fund for the relief of the widows and children lost in H.M.S. *Serpent*. The Duke of Edinburgh, the Naval Commander-in-Chief at the port, took part in the proceedings, and at the close of the meeting subscriptions to the amount of £650 were announced.

His Royal Highness the Commander-in-Chief has expressed his gratification at the conduct of the non-commissioned officers and men of the Coldstream and Scots Guards during the recent fire at Wellington Barracks, and has expressed his belief that but for their courage and presence of mind more lives would have been sacrificed. The soldiers concerned have been recommended for the Albert Medal.

Among the contributors to the Serpent Relief Fund are the Queen, who has sent a donation of £50; the Prince of Wales, £26 5s.; Admiral the Duke of Edinburgh, £100; the Duchess of Edinburgh, £26 5s.; the Soldiers' and Sailors' Association, £500; the Trinity House Brethren, £105; Lord St. Levan, £100; the Earl of Northbrook, £50; the National Provincial Bank, £52 10s.; and Bro. Sir Massey Lopes, £50.

The death is announced of William III., King of the Netherlands, born in 1817, and, therefore, in the 73rd year of his age. A few months ago, in consequence of the condition of the deceased monarch's health, a regency was appointed to carry on the government, and this regency will now be continued in the person of the widowed Queen during the minority of her daughter Wilhelmina, now Queen of the Netherlands, who is in her 11th year.

The Duke of Clarence and Avondale arrived at Dover from Calais on Sunday afternoon last, and proceeded to Windsor Castle on a visit to the Queen. His Royal Highness had been attending the marriage of the Emperor William's sister to Prince Adolphus of Schaumburg-Lippe at Berlin, and had taken that opportunity of visiting the tomb of his late uncle, the Emperor Frederick, on whose tomb he placed a magnificent wreath of laurels.

Bro. the Rev. John A. Lloyd, P.G.C. Eng., has been appointed by the Bishop of Salisbury to the benefice of Mere in South Wilts. Our reverend brother has been vicar of Broad Hinton, in the county of Wilts, for over 13 years, and his parishioners and friends have presented him with a handsome testimonial of regard and esteem on his leaving the parish, consisting of an English chiming clock, a library chair, a silver inkstand, and some volumes of theological books. Bro. Lloyd holds the office of P.S.G.W. in the Craft, and P.G.H. in the Royal Arch of Wilts.

The remains of the late Bro. Joshua William Le Ray were laid in their last resting place at the cemetery, Arno's Vale, Bristol, on Wednesday, the 19th inst. This well-known citizen of 53 years' standing, who died on Sunday previous at his residence, St. Vincent's-parade, at the ripe age of 84, was well known in the business circles of Bristol and district. Half a century since he was the first to introduce the importation of French alabaster. At about the same time he opened up direct and regular communication between our port and Guernsey and Jersey, which line has been continued to this day, and Bro. Le Ray was the agent up to the time of his death. Amongst the Masonic Craft Bro. Le Ray was a prominent member up to some few years since.

The Australasian Federal Convention will meet in Sydney, New South Wales, in March next, to consider a scheme for establishing a Federal Constitution for the Australasian Colonies.

For "The Penalty" at Terry's Theatre on the 2nd prox., Mr. Julian Cross has engaged Mr. A. Wood, who play the part of Jack Barnacle, an ancient mariner, who mingles comedy with pathos.

Bro. the Duke of Fife's shooting party at Castle Rising broke up on the evening of the 20th instant, when the Prince of Wales, accompanied by the Duke and the other guests, took their departure for London.

We are glad to hear that the improvement of last week in the Countess of Jersey's condition has been well maintained, and that her ladyship has been making satisfactory progress towards recovery. The Queen sent to make inquiries on Sunday.

There was a large field, including the Master (the Earl of Coventry), Lady Cholmondeley, and others, present at the meet of her Majesty's staghounds, at Brick Bridge, on the 21st inst. The deer was uncared near Westley Mills, and taken after a capital run at Winkfield.

On Friday, the 21st inst., the Empress Frederick (Princess Royal of Great Britain and Ireland), eldest daughter of the Queen, completed her 50th year, having been born on the 21st November, 1840. Her Imperial Majesty received the congratulations of her relations.

The new Commission of Lieutenancy for the City of London, which is issued by the War Office, was opened and read at the Mansion House in presence of Bro. Lord Mayor Savory on the 20th instant. The vacancies, which are filled up by the retiring Lord Mayor—Bro. Alderman Sir H. A. Isaacs—were only seven in number, or about one-half the average for which nominations are required.

The Queen and Court arrived at Windsor Castle from Balmoral about 9 a.m. on the 20th instant, having accomplished the journey of 591 miles by rail within 19 hours. On reaching the castle it was ascertained that her Majesty's watch had been left in the train, and on inquiry it was found in the sleeping saloon which the Queen and Princess Beatrice had occupied, and promptly forwarded to her Majesty.

At the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Naval Exhibition on Saturday last, at which Admiral Sir Houston Stewart presided, in the unavoidable absence of Admiral Sir William Dowell, the Secretary announced that the Guarantee Fund already exceeded £40,000, and that in the course of the present week he had reason to believe there would be a very considerable increase.

The Library Committee of the Corporation of London has just issued to its members and to a number of public libraries its Part II. of the "Calendar of Wills Proved and Enrolled in the Court of Husting, London, between 1258 and 1688." The work has been very ably edited by Dr. Reginald Sharpe, Records Clerk in the office of the Town Clerk (Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton).

The members of the Vyne Hunt met in considerable numbers at the Vyne, Basingstoke, on Saturday, the object being to present Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., with his portrait in recognition of his services as Master for 20 years. Among those present were the Earl of Northbrook, Lord Basing, General Lord A. Russell, Bro. Mount, M.P., General Sir W. P. Radcliffe, Lady Charlotte Portal, and others.

The Feast of St. Andrew, the Patron Saint of Scotland, will be celebrated at the Crystal Palace on St. Andrew's Eve to-morrow (Saturday) by a grand evening Promenade Concert. Favourite Scotch songs will be sung by Madame Antoinette Sterling, Miss Minnie Duffus, and Mr. Iver McKay. The band of the Royal Horse Guards (Blues) has been specially engaged, and will, in conjunction with the Crystal Palace Military Band, play selections of Scotch music. The grand central nave and transept of the Palace will be specially decorated and illuminated for promenade.

Mr. Clement Scott's article in the December *Theatre* on "The Worship of Bad Plays" is a vivacious onslaught on Mr. Wm. Archer for his exaggerated commendation (as Mr. Scott thinks it) of "Beau Austin." In the same magazine Mr. Davenport Adams sketches the stage history of Shakespeare's "Antony and Cleopatra" and other plays on the same subject. A new and excellent feature is the illustrated "Art Gallery." The photographs are of Miss Rosina Filippi and Mr. Fred Terry.

The success Mr. Willard has made in New York in "The Middleman" has been not only with the public but with the critics. *The Tribune*, the *Herald*, the *Times*, the *Sun*, and the *World* of the day following Mr. Willard's appearance as Cyrus Blenkarn are unanimous in saluting the *débutant* as a player of exceptional force and skill. "An actor of splendid power and extraordinary self-discipline"—that is the *Tribune's* verdict; "an extraordinarily good actor" says the *Times*; "an artist" says the *World*. All praise his voice, facial expression, and physique and manner generally. Nor is there any fear that all this eulogium will turn Mr. Willard's head, which is singularly cool and "level."

The new American census shows some wonderful results. In the first place the population, now about 62,500,000, is nearly three times as large as it was 40 years ago. In the second place it has increased by more than 12,000,000 in the last 10 years. But that is the grave fact. This rapid and enormous increase is what most alarms thoughtful American politicians. It is, in fact, the most important question of the day in America; for this large increment is greatly owing to immigration. Naturalisation is an easy thing in America, and a large proportion of the immigrants consist of uneducated, pauperised persons. This domestic question will soon have to be seriously faced.

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We are pleased to see Bro. Matthew Fielding, W.M. of St. George Lodge, No. 1723, was elected Mayor of Bolton for the ensuing year.

The St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction will meet on and after Monday next at the Somerset Arms, 214, Fulham-road (entrance in Seymour-place), at 8 o'clock.

The beautiful chapel of King's College in the Strand is to be utilised during the Sundays in Advent for a course of sermons conducted in the same way as the University Sermons at Oxford and Cambridge.

Her Majesty held a Council at Windsor Castle on Saturday last, at which the Marquis of Salisbury, Viscount Cranbrook, the Earl of Yarborough, the Right Hon. C. T. Ritchie, Lord Justice Kay, and Sir C. Lennox Peel were present.

Bro. H. Roberts, P.M., and W.M. elect, was installed W.M. of the Borough of Greenwich Lodge, No. 2332, on Wednesday, the 20th inst., Bro. T. W. Boord, M.P., W.M. and P.G.D. England, being the Installing Officer. A full report will follow.

On Monday next, at the Haymarket, "Beau Austin" will commence at 8.15, and will be followed by "The Ballad Monger," in which Mr. and Mrs. Tree will play their old parts, with Mr. Fernandez as Louis XI. On Monday, the 8th prox., "The Red Lamp" will be performed.

Mr. Shiel Barry will appear on Monday next for a short season at the Lyric Opera House, Hammersmith, in "Les Cloches de Corneville," supported by Miss Amy Grundy, Messrs. Wm. Hogarth, David James, jun., and a full and efficient company, chorus, and band.

Under the united banners of the Tyrian Lodge, No. 253, and the Arboretum Lodge, No. 731, Bro. James Stevens will deliver his lecture on "The Ritual and Ceremonial of the Symbolic Degrees in Freemasonry" in the Masonic Hall, Derby, on Friday next, the 5th prox. On the afternoon of Saturday, the 13th, he will lecture in The Great City Lodge, No. 1426, at Cannon-street Hotel, London.

Sir Frederick Roberts's five years' tenure of office of Commander-in-Chief in India expires to-morrow (Friday). But the unusual honour of an extension of two years has been conferred upon him. India cannot spare him just yet. He is the best Commander-in-Chief the Indian Army has had for many years. He has done much during his occupancy of the post to develop the efficiency of the army, the frontier and other defences, and the military railways. In another two years his work should be complete.

We regret that we are compelled, by the unusual pressure on our space, to omit this week all reports of lodges of instruction. These records may not be of great interest to brethren not immediately interested in the particular lodge described, but we have reason to believe that they are much valued by our hard-working brethren, who devote so much time and labour to the work of instruction, and we are always glad to be of service in making known the good work done, but occasionally we fear some indulgence must be granted to us during the present very busy season.

The fund for the restoration of the famous Church of St. Saviour, Southwark, has now reached nearly £30,000. The work of removing the nave, which was erected nearly 60 years ago, is now far advanced, and has revealed many portions of the walls of the old church, still *in situ*, but for the most part in such a mutilated condition that it is doubtful whether much can be retained. Perhaps the most interesting discoveries are those of the remains of the ancient doorways—an early English one on the south, a fifteenth century one at the west end, and two Norman doorways into the cloisters on the north side.

The brethren of St. John's Lodge, No. 137, S.C. (Blairgowrie), have forwarded through their Concert Secretary, Bro. Cadenhead, the sum of £10 10s. to the Marquis of Breadalbane, the Provincial Grand Master of Perthshire East, as the proceeds of the concert recently held, to be applied in supplement of the funds to be raised in connection with the Grand Lodge Masonic Bazaar in Edinburgh from the 2nd to 5th prox., and have further forwarded the sum of £2 1s. of special donations for the same purpose. We understand also a large quantity of work to be sold at the bazaar will be forwarded to Lady Breadalbane, Taymouth Castle, on Monday.

A special Masonic service was held on the 23rd inst., in Christ Church, Denton, in connection with the Duke of Athol Lodge. A large number of brethren assembled in the afternoon and walked in procession to the church, wearing the regalia of their respective offices. Bro. Irvine Dearnaley presided at the organ, and Bros. Moore, C. H. Warren, Schotfield, and others assisted in the musical service. The sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. E. Bigoe Bagot, rector of the Bishop Lee Memorial Church, Manchester, P.M., P.P.G.C. of East Lancashire and Cheshire, who took for his text 2nd Chronicles, iii., 17: "And he reared up the pillars before the Temple, one on the right hand and the other on the left, and called the name of that on the right hand Jachin, and the name of that on the left Boaz."

A correspondent of the *Cape Times*, "H.S.," gives several very stirring and interesting accounts of encounters with pirates on the Atlantic in the old days. He brings his articles to a conclusion in these words: Before concluding this narrative of murder and pillage by pirates in the Atlantic in the years 1827-30, I would record an incident which goes far to prove an assertion often made that even among the vilest some good may be found, and that some latent spark of the human may yet exist in the breasts of men, who, by their deeds, have become fiends incarnate. Captain George Carew—a name not forgotten in Cape Town—also fell into the hands of these pirates. I forget what ship he then commanded, but in the hour of his extremity, and when on the point of cruel treatment, the pirate and his prey recognised in each other a brother Mason. All further violence ceased, and Captain Carew, with his fellow voyagers, were allowed to go on their course rejoicing. I know not by what talismanic sign, or by what act of necromancy this recognition was made which ended so providentially for Captain Carew and companions; I state the fact as repeatedly told me by himself, and I commend it to the notice of my valued friend and neighbour, who for so many years has worthily filled the high and honourable office of D.G.M. of the Western Division of South Africa.