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OF MANY FOREIGN GRAND LODGES.

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EAST LANCASHIRE.

As a rule the off meetings even of our largest Provinces fare badly, both as regards attendance and the business appointed for transaction, by comparison with the principal meetings, but the recent Half-Yearly Communication at Manchester of the Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire appears to have been an exception. The attendance was by no means inconsiderable, only four of the one hundred and odd lodges in this division of Lancashire being unrepresented, while the business done, though quickly dispatched, was of great importance, and is in every way creditable to our East Lancashire brethren. In the first place, it was agreed that the interest on a sum of £700 vested in the Trustees of Provincial Grand Lodge should be regularly paid to the East Lancashire Systematic Educational and Benevolent Institution, on condition that the latter should maintain an annuitant out of the said interest whenever called upon to do so. In the next place, 100 guineas was voted to the Boys' School and 50 guineas each to the Girls' School and Benevolent Institution, the larger sum being allotted to the Boys' Institution on the ground that Bro. the Earl of LATHOM, Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire, was going to preside at its Annual Festival, and East, as well as West Lancashire, is desirous of lending him all the support in its power. Subsequently, a cheque was handed over for £150, being the amount realised for the Charities by the garden party held at the Royal Botanical Gardens, Old Trafford, in the course of last summer, and there was similarly handed over a donation to the Charities of 30 guineas, being the surplus of the Starkie Portrait Fund. These various sums are pretty considerable, even for so important a Province as East Lancashire, and the appropriation of some, and the receipt of others, may be held to represent a good day's work—a day's work on which we think our readers will join with us in congratulating the Province.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WILTSHIRE.

In the absence, through illness, of the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Methuen, the meeting of the members of this Provincial Grand Lodge, held at the Town Hall, Marlborough, on the 3rd inst., was presided over by Bro. Sir Gabriel Goldney, Bart., P.G.W., the Deputy P.G.M., who was supported by upwards of 50 members of the Prov. Grand Lodge.

After the roll of lodges had been called, and the minutes of the last Prov. Grand Lodge, held at Trowbridge, had been confirmed, the report upon the accounts of the Prov. Grand Treasurer, Bro. Frederick Hastings Goldney, P.G.D. Eng., was taken, showing a balance in hand on general account, after paying the expenses of the year, of £12 os. 2d. It appeared from this account that not only every lodge, but also every chapter in the Province had sent a subscription, through the Prov. Grand Treasurer, to the Binckes Pension Indemnity Fund, which appeared to indicate that the Wiltshire brethren viewed with satisfaction what had been done by their Prov. Grand Secretary since he had served upon the Provisional Management Committee of the R.M.I. for Boys.

It appeared from the Charity accounts that a balance of £88 2s. 3d. remained in hand, after the payment of grants of £21 to the Girls' School, and £10 10s. to the Boys' School during the year. It was resolved, out of this balance, to make a grant of £31 10s. to the Boys' School, and to make such an addition to the investment in Consols as would bring up the invested fund to an even sum of £300 Consols.

The Provincial Benevolent Fund account appeared to be steadily increasing, and, as there was no drain upon it, the Prov. Grand Treasurer was instructed to add the £59 3s. 4d. shown to be in hand to the existing fund, thus bringing up the Stock held on this account to upwards of £550.

The P.G. Registrar's report, which had been printed, was then taken as read, and was adopted, with a vote of thanks to Bro. Foley for the trouble he had taken in preparing so careful a report.

The D.P.G.M. then moved the adoption of the report of the Provincial Benevolent Fund and Charity Organisation Committee, and, in so doing, tendered to

Bro. Henry Kemble, the Provincial Steward at the last Festival of the R.M.I.G., and to Bro. Bevir, the acting Charity Secretary of the province, the thanks of the members of the P.G. Lodge.

The report was adopted *nem. con.*

The D.P.G.M. then addressed the brethren, and alluded to the regret with which every Wiltshire Freemason would receive the news of Lord Methuen's illness, and promised to convey to his lordship the kind expressions of the brethren. He went on to say that he regarded with much satisfaction the substantial funds being built up in the province as shown by the P.G. Treasurer's accounts just presented, and said that such funds would become general in all well-managed and carefully administered provinces. He further referred to the re-organisation of the R.M.I.B., and thought that the province was indebted to Bro. Bevir for having served upon the Provisional Management Committee. He expressed a hope that it would at no distant date be found practicable to do something further for promising boys at the Institution by supplementing the education given at the School by exhibitions at South Kensington or something of that kind, by which lads of ability might get a good start, and have a chance of rising to prominence.

All offices having been declared vacant, Bro. F. H. Goldney was re-elected P.G. Treasurer, and Bro. W. Dean was elected P.G. Tyler.

Bro. John Savory, the late P.G. Tyler, who has held the office since 1869, was present at the Prov. Grand Lodge, and as a mark of the respect and esteem entertained for him by his brethren, a grant of £5 5s. was directed to be paid to him from the General Fund, for which mark of good feeling to him Bro. SAVORY expressed his thanks.

The new laws of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys were then referred to by Bro. F. H. GOLDNEY, and upon his proposition, seconded by Bro. B. H. WATTS, the Provincial Grand Lodge nominated Bro. Bevir, on behalf of the province, as a candidate eligible for election in April next upon the Board of Management to be then constituted.

A slight alteration was made in the by-laws of the province by providing that the P.G.S.E. of the P.G.R.A. Chapter of Wilts should be a member of the Charity Committee, and thus ensure the Charity work of the province in both Craft and Arch Masonry being carried on upon the same lines.

The following officers were then appointed and invested:—

Bro. B. H. Watts, 335 and 626	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
„ W. T. Briscoe, 626	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
„ Rev. W. Gardiner, 1533	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
„ F. H. Goldney, P.G.D. Eng., 335, P.P.S.G.W. Wilts, 626	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
„ R. W. Murrinan, 1533	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
„ Harry Bevir, 335, 355, 592	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
„ W. S. Bambridge, 1533	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
„ John Rumbold, 586	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
„ F. A. Brooks-Hill, 1533	...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
„ John Chandler, P.P.S.G.W. Wilts, 355, 1295	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
„ J. K. Read, 1478	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
„ George North, 1295	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
„ Richard Dean, 586	...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
„ W. H. Godding, 1533	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
„ C. J. Hibbard, 626	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
„ G. M. Wilson, 586	...	...	...
„ E. Cruse, 1478	...	...	...
„ H. Reeves, 2227	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
„ Wm. Dean, 355	...	...	...

After the close of the Provincial Grand Lodge between 30 and 40 brethren sat down to the banquet, at which Bro. Sir Gabriel Goldney presided.

The usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the pleasures of the evening were much added to by the excellent musical programme arranged by Bro. Bambridge.

The whole of the arrangements for the reception of the Provincial Grand Lodge were carried out in a capital manner by the members of 1533.

CONSECRATION OF THE ST. CLAIR CHAPTER, No. 2074.

The very unusual ceremony of constituting and consecrating a Royal Arch Chapter in the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, drew together a large attendance at the Masonic Hall, Commercial-road, Landport, on Friday, the 28th ult.

The St. Clair Lodge, No. 2074, was constituted six years ago, and was named after its first W.M., Bro. Capt. W. H. C. St. Clair, R.N., P.P.G.R., a brother who has taken deep interest in the Craft, not only in this province, but likewise in the Mediterranean and other places. The lodge, numbering some 140 odd members, may now congratulate themselves upon having a chapter connected with their assembly.

The ceremony of consecration was most impressively performed by Comp. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., G. Supt., assisted by Comps. J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G.H.; Col. J. F. Crease, C.B., P.P.G.J., acting as P.G.J.; E. Goble, P.G.S.E.; G. J. Tilling, P.G. Treas.; E. Nayler, P.G. Std. Br.; W. Milles, P.A.G.D.C.; and a large number of Provincial Grand Officers, present and past, and companions of other chapters.

All Principals having assembled in the chapter, formed a column on either side, when the Consecrating Officers entered, solemn music being played during the procession. The three Principals having opened the chapter, the companions entered and saluted the M.E.Z.

Comp. W. W. B. BEACH, G. Supt., addressing the companions on the nature of

the meeting, said they were assembled on that occasion for the purpose of constituting and consecrating the St. Clair Chapter. It was nothing but natural and not unreasonable that when a lodge succeeded well in carrying out the principles of Freemasonry that they should seek for a chapter to be attached, so that brethren would be able to attain the privilege of Royal Arch Freemasonry. In some cases it was not advisable to have a chapter, but in the present instance it was quite different, as the St. Clair Lodge had a number of members attached to it, and he believed they all felt themselves imbued with a spirit of Royal Arch Masonry, and they would do their utmost to carry out the principle of the chapter. Those brethren belonging to the lodge and to the new chapter will feel that the credit of the chapter should be sustained by them. Those companions already members of the Royal Arch Degree will feel bound to extend their knowledge in the Arts, Sciences, and Mystery cognisant to themselves. He felt that the consecration and constitution under such happy auspices as he saw that day would leave no doubt when he saw the names of the first principals and founders.

The founders having formed in two columns and the companions standing, the P.G.S.E. read the petition, which was signed by 22 companions, and likewise the warrant. The G. Supt. inquired of the companions if they approved of the principals named in the charter to preside over them, and they having signified their approval in proper form, resumed their seats.

The first portion of the dedication prayer was given by the J., who also gave a most instructive and interesting oration upon the nature and object of the Royal Arch Degree.

The usual ceremonies having been performed, the G. Supt. then constituted the chapter, and the J. gave the patriarchal benediction, and the choir sang an anthem. The P.G.D.C. presented the Principals, who, having been already installed, were inducted into their respective chairs.

The Principals were Comps. W. H. C. St. Clair, R.N., P.Z., Z.; J. Brickwood, P.Z., H.; and W. Dart, P.Z., J. The following were balloted for and invested with their collar of office, the Z. ably giving the usual address to each recipient: Comps. C. V. Birch, Z. elect 804, S.E.; F. H. Woodrow, Z. elect 1428, S.N.; W. C. Webb, H. 903, Treas.; H. Silvester, P.S.; W. Bates, J. 487, 1st A.S.; G. R. Sherman, 2nd A.S.; J. Taylor, P.Z., D.C.; J. Prior, Org.; Capt. W. A. Chauncy and Lieut. C. Organ, Stewards; and J. Exell, Janitor.

The foregoing, and Comps. E. Boorman, H. Williams, T. J. Hill, F. T. Adshhead, S. Robbins, A. N. Y. Howell, C. E. Little, F. Jerome, and G. Morley comprise the founders.

The M.E.Z. said he had a duty to perform to thank Comp. W. W. B. Beach for his kindness in being present that evening. The companions knew his time was much occupied, and especially so now, and they also knew of his many excellences that it would be superfluous for him to eulogise them.

Comp. W. W. B. BEACH, G. Supt., thanked the M.E.Z. and companions, and assured them it gave him great pleasure to be present, and to see so much happiness in store and prosperity in the future of the St. Clair Chapter. It had started under happy auspices and with such well-known and good Principals, and he had therefore no doubt as to its success. He hoped to attend on some future occasion to see that his anticipations had been realised.

The M.E.Z. proposed, and the H. seconded, as honorary members, Comps. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., G. Supt.; J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G.H.; J. Cole, P.G.J.; E. Goble, P.G.S.E.; and Col. Crease, C.B., P.P.G.J.

Nine names were proposed for exaltation, and three as joining members.

The chapter was then closed.

During the ceremony Comp. J. W. D. Pellow, P.P.G. Organist, played several selections, and the choir, which was most proficient, consisted of Comps. G. F. Lancaster, P.P.G.J.; F. Sanders, P.P.G. Org.; G. Pearman, P.P.G. Org.; J. Jenkins, H.; C. W. Bevis, J.; and G. Sperring.

The companions then adjourned to the banqueting room, where ample justice was done to a capital banquet, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND AND THE FESTIVAL OF ST. ANDREW.

The Grand Lodge of Scotland celebrated the festival of St. Andrew, on the 1st inst., by the usual banquet in the Masonic Hall, George-street, Edinburgh. Previous to the dinner, the annual communication of the Grand Lodge was held, when the following office-bearers were elected for the year, and those present were duly installed:—

Bros. Col. Sir Archibald C. Campbell of Blythswood, Bart., M.P., Grand Master; Sir Michael R. Shaw-Stewart of Greenock and Blackhall, Bart., Past Grand Master; the Earl of Haddington, Grand Master Depute; Sir Charles Dalrymple of Newhailes, Bart., M.P., Substitute Grand Master; Lord Saltoun, Senior Grand Warden; J. Dalrymple Duncan, Junior Grand Warden; D. Murray Lyon, Grand Secretary; David Reid, Grand Cashier; Rev. John Glasse and Rev. John Murray, Grand Chaplains; Lieut.-Col. John Campbell, Senior Grand Deacon; Robert Nisbet, Junior Grand Deacon; P. L. Henderson, Grand Architect; F. D. Rait, Grand Jeweller; Colin Galletly, Grand Bible Bearer; George Christie, Grand Director of Ceremonies; David Pryde, L.L.D., Grand Bard; Major F. W. Allan, Grand Sword Bearer; James A. Moonie, Grand Director of Music; Robert Davidson, Grand Organist; George C. H. M'Naught, Grand Marshal; J. MacGregor Malloch, Grand Inner Guard; and Andrew Landells, Grand Tyler.

About 150 brethren were present at the dinner, the Grand Master, Sir Archibald Campbell, M.P., presiding, and the Grand Wardens acting as croupiers.

After dinner, and the lodge having been constituted, the GRAND MASTER gave the toasts of "The Queen and Craft," and "The Prince and Princess of Wales and other members of the Royal family."

Bro. JAMES BOYD proposed "The Navy, Army, and Reserve Forces," for which Sir James Buchanan, Major Disney Innes, and Major F. W. Allan replied.

Lord SALTOUN, in giving "The Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Scotland," said that of all the Grand Masters who had gone before Sir Archibald Campbell, no one had done so much for Grand Lodge, or had devoted so much time and energy to the Craft.

The GRAND MASTER, in responding, said he felt most deeply the confidence reposed in him, a confidence which he entirely reciprocated. In giving a few statistics for the past year, he said these augured well for Grand Lodge and for the future of Scottish Masonry. What they had to do was to bring Masonry as a permanent and fighting force before the people of the country, and in the bazaar of the present week they would do a great deal towards that end. Let them do what they could to show that they were determined to make Masonry in Scotland what it was in England and elsewhere—a really charitable institution—which should embrace all classes upon that great plane and level of which they were so proud, and in doing so they would add one more great link to the chain which they were forging, and which led up to absolute prosperity. He felt certain that the efforts which the brethren were making on behalf of the benevolent movement would be crowned with success.

Colonel LUMSDEN of Pitcaple gave the toast of "Lady Campbell, and Success to the Bazaar."

The GRAND MASTER acknowledged the toast.

A number of other toasts followed.

During the evening a band, under the leadership of Bro. H. Dambmann, discoursed music, and songs were given by several of the brethren.

GRAND MASONIC BAZAAR IN EDINBURGH.

There was opened in the Waverley Market, Edinburgh, on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., a grand Masonic bazaar, the object of which is to raise a fund to be applied in the relief of necessitous brethren or the widows and orphans of Freemasons. Since 1888 an Annuity Fund has been in existence, under the management of the Committee of Grand Lodge, but its benefits have been uncertain and restricted. Last year, out of 147 deserving applications, the Committee were able to deal only with 45, a number rightly held to be "totally disproportionate to the distress in so large a body as the Freemasons' holding of the Grand Lodge of Scotland." In execution of an idea conceived by Sir Archibald Campbell, M.P., Grand Master of Scotland, Bro. J. MacIntyre Henry, Grand Architect, the Waverley Market was transformed into as close a likeness to the interior of an Egyptian temple as, perhaps, with wood and painted canvas, it is possible to reach. The stalls were numerous, and the character of the exhibits denoted to some extent the localities from which the work had come. Thus, Glasgow City Stall showed, among other things, a couple of sailing boats, and one of them was more than a model—"full-rigged and ready for the water." Ayreshire produced many specimens of her needlework, pottery, furniture, and what specially interested all followers of "the rearin' game," curling stones. An autograph poem of Burns was also on view. Lanarkshire sent silk handkerchiefs and mufflers woven in the county, while the work at the Indian and Colonial Stalls need not be more particularly specified. The attendants at each stall had each their own well-defined colours, and the kaleidoscopic variety of costumes on view was not one of the least attractive features of the show. The amusements provided included entertainments of various kinds in a neat little theatre, a gipsy tent, a menagerie, a shooting gallery, and Edison's phonograph.

The opening ceremony was conducted by Bro. Sir Archibald Campbell, and among the large company present were—

Bros. Sir Michael Shaw Stewart, P.G.M.; Earl of Haddington, D.G.M.; Sir Charles Dalrymple, Sub. G.M.; Lord Saltoun, S.G.W.; J. Dalrymple Duncan, J.G.W.; D. Murray Lyon, G. Sec.; Rev. John Glasse, G. Chaplain; G. C. H. M'Naught, G. Marshal; Lieut.-Colonel Campbell, S.G.D.; David Reid, G. Cashier; Marquis of Breadalbane, P.G.M. Perthshire East; Lord Glamis; Sir Alexander Mackenzie; Major D. Innes, P.G.M. Kincardineshire; F. E. Villiers of Closeburn, P.G.M. Dumfriesshire; John Graham of Broadstone, P.G.M. Glasgow; J. M. Martin of Auchindennan, P.G.M. Dumbartonshire; the Hon. T. Cochrane, P.G.M. Ayrshire; H. R. Wallace, D.P.G.M. Ayrshire; Col. Lumsden, of Capel, P.G.M. Aberdeenshire West; J. Berry, P.G.M. Forfarshire; P. M'Lagan, M.P., P.G.M. Linlithgowshire; J. T. S. Elliot of Wolflee, P.G.W.; Gen. J. J. Boswell, Sub. P.G.M. Roxburghshire and Selkirkshire; and Provost Brand, D.G.M. Haddingtonshire.

The brethren having assumed their regalia in the theatre, marched thence in procession to a platform in the hall, where Bro. Sir Archibald Campbell was called on to preside.

The Grand Chaplain having opened the proceedings with prayer, and the "Old Hundredth" having been sung,

Lord SALTOUN said he had come as a spokesman for the Provinces of Aberdeen City and East and West Aberdeenshire, in order to present a cheque for the proceeds of the auxiliary bazaar held in Aberdeen last week. His lordship pointed out that it was with considerable difficulty that the permission of Grand Lodge Committee was granted for the holding of this bazaar, and that he then promised that three provinces would be able to raise a sum of £600 or £700. Since that time every Mason had done his utmost both in the city and the provinces, and the result was one which must be very gratifying to the Grand Lodge and to everybody interested in the object of this bazaar. The proceeds were made up as follows: From East Aberdeen, 82 guineas; from West Aberdeen, 150 guineas; and from the City Province of Aberdeen, £1169 3s. 5d. Sundries amounted to £139 11s. 5d., and the total to £1541 odd. They would understand that there were many expenses connected with the bazaar, but he had now the honour of handing to the Grand Master a cheque for 1200 guineas, with the assurance that some small sums now being collected would afterwards be made over to the Committee of the Grand Lodge.

Bro. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL suitably acknowledged the gift, and thanked his brother Masons for the honourable position he had been called upon to fill in that day's proceedings. The object they had in view was to raise as large a sum of money as they could, and to invest it, for the purpose of using the income, added to the half of the free income of Grand Lodge, entirely for charitable purposes. The money had previously been devoted to the widows of Masons, to old Masons, and to the education of children. The Grand Committee looked over every claim, and this year they were giving over £1700 for the purposes he had indicated. He trusted that they might be able to add considerably to that sum. During the past year over 300 applications were made, every one of them being vouched for most particularly by the Masters and Wardens of the lodges to which the applicants belonged, and it was with great difficulty that the Committee were able to discern between the cases, and with a sore heart that they were obliged from want of funds to decline to give a pittance that they were so willing and so anxious to give to many who desired it so much. They felt that something more ought to be done by Scottish Maonry than had been done in the past; that though it was established on a firm basis, it did not, as it ought, embrace all classes, as Masonry did in England and in Ireland. They felt that the reason of that must be because they were not a sufficiently active force, and that if they could once bring to the people of Scotland a knowledge of the power they were and might be, their position would be altered, and men of position and of wealth would be added to their ranks. He had to thank all the ladies, and the many kind friends who did not belong to their Order, for the amount of work that they had done, and all those who in distant parts of the country and in all parts of the world—in New Zealand, Canada, Australia, and India—had lent their aid. He trusted that the bazaar would be a success, and would begin a new era in Scottish Masonry by placing them on the foundation they desired to be—that of a Charitable Institution.

Lord HADDINGTON said that in his visits to the various lodges in the extensive province over which he presided, he had met with nothing but a ready response to his appeals, and an earnest endeavour on the part of all to render the special provincial stall of that great bazaar a success. Nor was it from the rich, nor from the middle classes alone, but from the poor that he had received even money contributions. Nothing was more grateful to their senses than to see the gratitude of the poor for what they received, and nothing more touching in its beauty than the noble, the great-hearted way in which the poor came forward to render assistance to a brother man when called upon to do so. He had to move a vote of thanks to the ladies, who, he said, could not but sympathise with an order whose rock and foundation was religion, and whose mainsprings were charity and benevolence. Freemasons owed much to the ladies, but they as women owed much to Freemasonry.

The motion was cordially approved, and another Psalm having been sung the Grand Chaplain asked a blessing, after which the Grand Master declared the bazaar open. The drawings on the first day were as follows:—Stalls, £3248; entertainments, £44; admission, £144; making a total of £3616. The £1260 received from the Aberdeen Provinces made the grand total £4876.

The bazaar was continued on Wednesday and Thursday with all the success which characterised the opening day, and throughout the afternoon and evening the market was thronged, and an extensive business was done. During the afternoon and evening the theatre at the East-end was turned to good account in the way of special entertainments. The total receipts for the three days was £8503.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of Management held their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday. Bro. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., occupied the chair, and there were present Bros. C. A. Cottebruné, P.G.P.; David D. Mercer, G.P.; W. H. Hibbert, James Brett, P.G.P.; Charles Lacey, J. Newton, A. H. Tattershall, Charles Daniel, Charles Kempton, Robert Griggs, W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B.; W. H. Making, Thomas G. Bullen, G. Std. Br.; Alex. Mullord, Thos. Cubitt, P.G.P.; Stanley J. Attenborough, C. H. Webb, J. S. Cumberland, James P. Fitzgerald, Hugh Cotter, John Larkin, and James Terry, P.G.S.B., Secretary.

The minutes of the previous Committee having been read and verified, the Wardens' report for the past month was read. Seven petitions (six men and one widow) were duly considered, with the result that all but one of the male petitioners were accepted, and the names directed to be entered on the list for the election in May, 1891. A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

We omitted to notice at the usual time that two deaths (male) were reported at the November Committee, and that of eight petitions (four men and four widows) presented and considered, one man's case was deferred for proof of age, and the rest were accepted and their names ordered to be placed on the list of candidates.

EAST SURREY LODGE OF CONCORD, No. 463.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

The annual festival of this successful lodge of instruction was held on the 25th ult., at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, under the presidency of Bro. Fred. West, Deputy Prov. G.M. in charge, Surrey, who was supported by a number of Prov. G. Officers and other brethren.

The lodge was formally opened and closed, and the brethren having enjoyed an excellent repast, the customary toasts were given.

Bro. R. C. SUDLOW, G. Std. Br., replying for "The Grand Officers," said he felt extremely diffident in responding, as there was a senior officer present. He could not help thinking that Grand Officers were in their proper place at such a meeting as this, for it was a very important feature in the Masonic world that there should be lodges of instruction, and they must necessarily take a very great interest in knowing that the ritual was worked well. Personally he was very pleased to be present, as the East Surrey Lodge of Concord was his mother lodge in which he was initiated by Bro. Sharpe, who urged him to immediately become acquainted with the ritual. He took the hint and was enrolled a member of the lodge of instruction, as the ritual to which he was now wedded was not then taught. Bro. Hobbs was not then Preceptor, and that was his loss, because when he migrated he had to unlearn a great deal of what he had carefully studied. He thanked them for the great honour recently conferred upon him by electing him an honorary member, and was glad of the opportunity of saying he appreciated the compliment very highly indeed, and hoped to be allowed to come amongst them now and again, to congratulate them on the success he saw they had attained.

Bro. H. M. HOBBS, P.P.G.W., proposed "The Health of Bro. F. West, D.P.G.M. in charge, the Chairman of the Evening," to whom they all owed allegiance in Surrey. For many years the province had a most distinguished brother as Provincial Grand Master, under whom Masonry increased and multiplied exceedingly. It was with great regret they heard of his death, as they had previously suffered the loss of two Deputy Grand Masters in Bros. Arnold and Greenwood. Under these circumstances it would not have been a matter for surprise if Freemasonry had suffered, but they rejoiced in the fact that not only had the lodges and chapters increased, but the number of members was also larger. This result was in a very large measure due to the distinguished brother in the chair. It was not enough that Bro. West had to preside over 200 or 300 brethren at Provincial Grand Lodge, and carry on the other affairs of the province, and prove himself an able worker, but it was to his credit that he did so much to encourage an institution such as that lodge of instruction. They all thanked Bro. West sincerely and heartily for the kind interest he always evinced in them and their Masonic work, and more especially in attending and making the meeting such a great success.

Bro. F. WEST, D.P.G.M. in charge, in reply, said he very much appreciated the distinguished privilege of occupying the chair that evening, and further did he value the very kind terms in which Bro. Hobbs had proposed the toast, and the acclamation with which it had been received. It was an encouragement when one received, as a leader of a province, such a welcome. The Province of Surrey was a large one, so far as the lodges were concerned, and the great area over which they were spread, and it was very difficult to visit them all quite as frequently as he could wish. He was glad to know he had a pretty accurate estimate of the abilities of every lodge, and he thought he had visited them all, and had had a good opportunity of comparing their different management and the way in which the ritual was performed. He felt proud to say the province would rank with any other so far as the work of the lodges, the ritual, and the enthusiasm of Masonry was concerned. If one could only hear from time to

time that their efforts were appreciated it was a matter of great satisfaction. He very much appreciated the kindness he had received in the province, and particularly in the borough of Croydon, where there was a large centre of Masonry.

"The Provincial Grand Officers" was given in cordial terms from the chair, and ably responded to by the Prov. Grand Chaplain, Bro. Rev. Cator.

In giving "Prosperity to the East Surrey Lodge of Concord Lodge of Instruction," Bro. WEST said no brother could properly learn his duties unless he rehearsed them at a lodge such as they were celebrating the festival of that evening. He did not think a Master was qualified to fill the chair who could merely render the Masonic ceremonies, for a brother to properly fill that position ought to be not only a capable instructor and able to manage the affairs of the Lodge, but ought also to have practised business habits and be well qualified to deal with a body of men in a businesslike way. As far as the instruction was concerned, he would leave it in the hands of Bro. H. M. Hobbs, the Preceptor. The Province of Surrey was immensely pleased to have the opportunity of raising that brother to the position he now holds, because Bro. Hobbs was a man who had been raised to that post by merit. He gave it to the brethren present in the strongest terms of recommendation to follow in Bro. Hobbs's footsteps, and he saw no reason why in future years they should not occupy quite as exalted a position.

Bro. H. M. HOBBS, P.P.G.W., having returned thanks, said the lodge of instruction was a far more important matter, and he was glad to say it was never in a more successful and prosperous condition than now. Every year they lost members, but every year they had a larger number coming on to assist with their experience and talents. It was pleasing to think he had had some small share in its success, but that success was not due to himself alone, but also to Bro. Ridpath, who always took his place when he was absent, and Bro. Fox Hawes, the Secretary. He hoped to be associated with the brethren for many years to come, and was convinced that as long as the brethren evinced the same spirit as in the past, that lodge of instruction would go on and prosper.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" was next given by the CHAIRMAN, who referred to the excellent services rendered by Bro. Streeter, Treasurer, whom they were glad to see present, and well enough to join in the festivities. How well Bro. Fox Hawes performed the duties of Secretary was best known to all present, for he was highly respected in the lodge and justly so. He could well understand why he had had placed in his hands a very beautiful gold pencil case and an illuminated address, which he was called upon to hand to the Secretary, Bro. Fox Hawes, when he knew that brother to be the present W.M. of the East Surrey Lodge of Concord and the present Prov. Grand Registrar. They knew the Secretary gave up a great amount of time to the management of the affairs, and of that he would say little. He would simply ask Bro. Fox Hawes to accept the gifts he had mentioned as an expression of gratitude, subscribed for by all the members of the lodge of instruction, and nothing he could say would enhance the charm it would be to the recipient to receive them.

Bro. STREETER, Treasurer, having responded, Bro. FOX HAWES, Prov. Grand Registrar, said he was utterly taken by surprise, and could only thank them for the kind way in which they had expressed their satisfaction. The pencil case presented to him would remind him of the members, and he thought his services to the lodge had been but small, although he had done his best to promote its prosperity. He felt certain that those who attended and worked carefully under Bro. Hobbs would in time attain high honour. His feelings on the present occasion were too deep for words, and he would simply thank them for the kind gifts, which he should appreciate even more when he had had time to think over the events of the evening.

Bro. J. H. PRICE, W.M. 1321, replied for "The Visitors," and Bros. RIDPATH and KILVINGTON for "The Testimonial Committee."

Other toasts were given before the brethren separated, a pleasant evening having been spent by all present.

Cryptic Masonry.

Grand Masters' Council (No. 1).—This old council met at the Grand Mark Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 28th ult. Among those in attendance were Bros. H. J. Lardner, P.G.M., T.I.M.; Baron de Ferrieres, acting D.M.; R. B. Bryant, P.C.W.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.G.D.M., P.T.I.M., Recorder; George Powell, C. of C.; E. Storr and R. Roy, Marshals; Sir Love-Jones Parry, Bart., N. Prower, M.A., Andrew McDowall, Pakes, Briggs, Giffin, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken on behalf of Bros. Vincent, P.M., &c., and Crook, P.M., &c., and, it being unanimous, they were impressively admitted and greeted as members of the Order. The resignation of Bro. Brittain was received with regret. A vote of condolence was passed to Bro. D. P. Cama, P.T.I.M., &c., on the great loss he has sustained by the death of his wife.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. Major G. Lambert, Major J. E. Anderson, Captain W. B. Williamson, J.P., R. L. Loveland, J.P., T. Cubitt, G. Graveley, G. Everett, and others.

The council was then closed, and adjourned in the Degree of Select Master, and the brethren dined at the Holborn Restaurant. The usual toasts followed.

The Princess of Wales has presented her portrait to the band of the Royal Horse Guards in recognition of their services last week at Sandringham.



"In Chancery" is one of Bro. Pinero's funniest farcical comedies, and Bro. Edward Terry does well to revive a play which met with hearty support at the Gaiety some six years since. As the man who through a railway accident has entirely lost his memory—we believe this is founded on fact—and does not even know his name—Bro. Terry is seen in one of the best characters he has ever yet portrayed. It is very quaint to hear him say that if a man is married the chances are he would know if he is married, yet, as Mr. Jolliffe, he is quite oblivious as to whether he is a bachelor or not. Bro. Terry is supported by a good company, consisting of Mr. Julian Cross, Mr. Dana, and Mr. Prince Miller; Miss Rose Dearing, Miss Kate Mills, and Miss Elinor Leyshon. When "In Chancery" has had its run, we would advise Bro. Terry to revive another of his old successes "The Rocket."

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We can only confess to a feeling of disappointment at Mrs. Langtry's Cleopatra, for we had felt that she was our actress, who is fitted by nature for such a difficult character. We think her recent severe illness must have injured her physically, for, though Mrs. Langtry looks lovely, she does not look a queen. There is nothing majestic about her Cleopatra, and she never appears to be great. It is all through only acting. Still, as a stage production it is archæologically magnificent, and when years have rolled by, Mrs. Langtry's mounting of "Antony and Cleopatra" will be well remembered. For this reason it behoves every one interested in the drama and Shakespeare to visit the Princesses Theatre. Mr. Coghlan's Antony is a remarkably strong piece of acting, and a contrast to Mrs. Langtry, who is too gentle, soft, and graceful as the queen. We thought she would have inspired passion in the heart of the man she loved, but she fails just where we anticipated she would be strongest. In the drawing-room comedies and dramas of to-day, such as "Peril," Mrs. Langtry is seen at her very best.

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To many playgoers "London Assurance" is only a name. One of the earliest pieces of the late Mr. Dion Bouicault, it is still one of his best. There are many living who remember its production at Covent Garden half a century ago. Since then it has frequently been on one or other stage, the latest instances in London being at the old Prince of Wales and the Vaudeville. Its revival at the Criterion will be welcome to all and new to many. Bro. Chas. Wyndham has added fresh interest to this reproduction by dressing the comedy in the costumes worn at the time it was written, and though they may not be particularly picturesque, yet the elaborate cravats, the coloured waistcoats, the blue coats and yellow buttons of the gentlemen, and the loose sleeves and flannel dresses of the ladies of those days have a charm about them which the Criterion management have put to the best use. We need say but little regarding a caste including such talented members of the profession as Mrs. Bernard-Beere, Lady Gay Spanker; Miss Mary Moore, Grace Harkaway; Bro. George Giddens, Dolly Spanker; Mr. W. Farren, Sir Harcourt; Mr. Cyril Maude, Cool; and Bro. Chas. Wyndham, who, as Dazzle, plays in his own mercurial fashion, in which he has no equal.

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It is quite certain that "The Pharisee" will have a longer run at the Shaftesbury than did "The Sixth Commandment." It deals with a subject not altogether new to the stage, in which a woman has won the love of an honourable man, and lived happily with him for a number of years. But she has a past history, which becomes known to her husband through a friend of his, who turns out to be the very man who had in earlier days betrayed the woman who is now a wife. Her father—a designing and wicked man—had promised before the marriage to inform the husband of his daughter's false step, and lied to her by telling her he had done so, and that the husband had agreed that neither he nor his wife were ever to allude to it. When the truth is out, and the husband's and wife's happiness is about to be wrecked, all ends well through their being in possession of one of those jewels of married life—a sweet little child, for whose sake the husband forgives the treachery of his father-in-law, and the wife once again is made an honest and happy woman. The acting in "The Pharisee" is without a fault. Never have we seen Mrs. Lancaster Wallis so well suited to a part. In the first act she won the sympathy of her audience, and in the third she quite moved the whole house by her intense earnestness. Miss Wallis is now fitted with a character in which she can display her artistic talent. Mr. Lewis Waller again played excellently well. Dear little Minnie Terry got a round of applause when she appeared, and was cheered again and again for her perfect rendering of her part as a child. Miss Sophie Larkin and Bro. Marius play the light comedy parts, and to them fall some of the cleverest lines. Not one point do they miss or fail to make their audience appreciate. Nearly the whole of the second act they have to themselves. Mr. Herbert Waring, as the wronged but forgiving husband, plays with his accustomed skill. Although in three acts the play is one set scene, thereby reminding us of "Sweet Lavender."

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DECEMBER 20th, 22nd, 23rd, and 24th Tickets will be issued in advance, and dated as required, at King's Cross, Moorgate-street, Aldersgate-street, Victoria (L.C. & D.R.), Ludgate-hill, Farringdon-street, Holloway, Finsbury Park, the various West End, City, and other offices, and at the offices of Swan and Leach, 3, Charing Cross, and 32, Piccadilly-circus.

DECEMBER 20th, the 8.0 p.m. EXPRESS will be run from London to York, Newcastle, and Edinburgh. The 8.30 p.m. EXPRESS from King's Cross will run to Edinburgh, Glasgow, Perth, and the North of Scotland.

DECEMBER 24th, ADDITIONAL TRAINS will be run to meet requirements of traffic. The 8.0 p.m., 8.30 p.m., and 10.40 p.m. EXPRESSES from King's Cross will be run to York, Newcastle, Edinburgh, Glasgow, and other places as advertised in November Time Tables, and a SPECIAL EXPRESS will leave London (King's Cross) at 12.0 midnight for Welwyn, Stevenage, Hitchin, Biggleswade, Sandy, St. Neots, Huntingdon, Peterborough, Spalding, Boston, Grimsby, Grantham, Linc In, Nottingham, Newark, Retford, Doncaster, Wakefield, Leeds, Bradford, Halifax, Selby, York, Darlington, and Newcastle.

CHRISTMAS DAY the Trains will run as on Sundays, except that the 5.15 a.m. EXPRESS from King's Cross will be run to Peterborough, Essendine, Stamford, Bourn, Grantham, Lincoln, Nottingham, Newark, Retford, Bawton, Doncaster, Wakefield, Leeds, Bradford, and Halifax, stopping at the Intermediate Stations at which it ordinarily calls, and will be continued to York, Newcastle, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Perth, Aberdeen, &c.

HENRY OAKLEY, General Manager.

London, King's Cross, December, 1890.

To Correspondents.

The following communications unavoidably stand over:

CRAFT LODGE—Derwent, No. 40; Scientific, No. 88; St. John's, No. 104; St. Luke's, No. 144; Unanimity, No. 287; Pattison, No. 913; St. Thomas's, No. 992; Prince of Wales, No. 1003; Kennington, No. 1381; Clausentum, No. 1461; Henley, No. 1472; Duke of Cornwall, No. 1529; Mount Edgcombe, No. 1544; Arle don, No. 1600; and Kensington, No. 1707.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION—Robert Burns, No. 25; Clarence, No. 263; Zetland, No. 511; Prince Frederick William, No. 753; Hyde Park, No. 1425; Islington, 1471; Kensington, 1707; Chiswick, No. 2012; Warner, No. 2192; and Hornsey Chapter, No. 890.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER—Kennington, No. 1381.
MARK LODGES—St. Andrew's, No. 34; and St. Martin's, No. 144.
Provincial Priory of Hants.



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1890.

Masonic Notes.

The installation of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, P.S.G.W. of England, as Prov. Grand Master of the newly-constituted Province of Berkshire, will take place on Monday next, the 15th instant, unless anything intervenes between now and then to the contrary; the ceremony will be performed by his Royal Highness the M.W.G.M. in person. The Duke of Connaught, Prov. G.M. of Sussex, has also announced his intention of being present, so that there is little doubt that the Town Hall, which will be the scene of the unusual spectacle, will be crowded to its utmost capacity. It is certain also that the proceedings will pass off amidst hearty demonstrations of loyalty and fraternal goodwill. The event, as we remarked in a former number of this journal, is unique in the annals of the Craft, and those who may be present at it will have good reason to be proud at having enjoyed so great a privilege.

We have been requested to state that as the special train, which by the courtesy of the Great Western Railway Company has been placed at the service of brethren visiting Reading to take part in this ceremony, will return at the early hour of 3.10 p.m. those who find themselves not ready to leave so soon will be allowed to return to Paddington, or intermediate stations, by any of the ordinary trains the same day, and, in consequence of the early return of the special train, the Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened at 12 o'clock, and the luncheon will be at 1.30, instead of 2 o'clock, as previously announced.

We must not omit, in making reference to this important ceremony, to offer our warmest congratulations to the Craft in Berkshire on their being constituted as a separate and distinct province. When the lamented Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., was appointed Prov. G.M. of Berks and Bucks, in 1868, there were not as many lodges in the two counties combined as there are now in either one of them. This shows how admirably

Freemasonry fared under the guidance of the late Sir Daniel, while at the same time it encourages us to hope that under the auspices of his Royal successor in Berkshire the influence of our Society will be still further strengthened and extended. We do not desire to see any undue multiplication of lodges—the constitution of lodges, where there is no absolute necessity for them—either in this or any other county. But Berkshire is populous enough and rich enough to allow of Masonry being extended without detriment to the interests of the lodges already established.

The Grand Masonic bazaar organised by the Aberdeenshire provinces in aid of the extended scheme of Benevolence sanctioned by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, which was held in the Masonic Hall, Aberdeen, on Friday and Saturday, the 21st and 22nd ult., appears to have been a magnificent success. The ceremony of opening on the former day was performed by Bro. Sir Archibald Campbell, Bart., M.P., Grand Master of Scotland, who travelled at an early hour all the way from Glasgow to Aberdeen in order to be present and discharge the duty. On the latter day, the bazaar was declared open by Bro. Lord Saltoun, Prov. G.M. of Aberdeen City, who is a most energetic Mason and popular throughout his own and the neighbouring provinces. The result of the two days' fête was announced late on Saturday evening as amounting to upwards of £1500, of which nearly £826 was received on the opening and the balance on the second day. We are delighted to find that the Craft in the three provinces into which the city and county of Aberdeen are divided have achieved so conspicuous a success, while it must have been especially gratifying to Bro. Sir A. Campbell, M.W.G.M., to have had such excellent news to communicate on the occasion of his organising the great bazaar held at Edinburgh last week in aid of the same scheme.

It will be seen from the report we publish elsewhere that the success of the principal bazaar, namely, the one held in Waverley Hall, Edinburgh, like the subsidiary at Aberdeen above referred to, has proved a magnificent success, the proceeds of the Edinburgh gathering for the three days being upwards of £8000. Indeed, we have heard the total result stated at £15,000. But whether this is so or not, Masonry in Scotland has just achieved a grand success, and merits the heartiest congratulations which can be expressed in words.

The District Grand Secretaries of Otago and South Island, Bros. Sydney James and Henry Neill (for Scotland and England respectively), have just officially issued a table exhibiting all the lodges under each of the District Grand Lodges in New Zealand that have remained under their parent Grand Lodges, and those which have joined the *new Grand Lodge*. The statistical table has been carefully prepared down to the date of issue—October 1st, 1890—the following being the result:—

Lodges under England, Ireland, and Scotland... 96
Lodges which have seceded 52
So that out of a total of 148 lodges in New Zealand, the large proportion of 96 retain their allegiance. Surely these figures are remarkable, and justify all we have contended for.

A special Communication of the so-called Grand Lodge of New Zealand was held in the Oddfellows' Hall, Dunedin, on the 14th October, when Bro. Charles J. Ronaldson was installed W.M. of the Lodge of Otago (lately No. 844, E.C.), and appointed his officers. The Grand Master (Bro. Henry Thompson) was present, and at the banquet which followed a number of speeches were made, that of Bro. Thompson himself being for the most part conceived in excellent taste, while what Bro. A. H. Burton, Grand Superintendent of the Otago District, is reported to have delivered, seems to be as objectionable in tone as it was coarse in language. The conduct of a brother who, in the first instance, had been favourable to the establishment of an independent Grand Lodge, and then retracted his opinion, he describes as "renegadism." The inclusion of sundry lodges in a list purporting to be composed of the lodges remaining loyal to their old allegiance is stated point-blank to be "a lie," while certain other lodges in which an opinion as to the advisability of joining or not joining the new and irregular body were pretty evenly balanced are said to have been held back from joining "by the pigheadedness of a few, and the stupidity of brethren who unworthily for a time held office." His speech concluded as follows: "Let us resolve that we will be true Masons at all hazards, and that as for us and our lodges we will serve the Lord." The statements we have quoted require no comment.

We have to acknowledge receipt of the proceedings of the Regular Communication of the District Grand Lodge of South Africa, Eastern Division, held at Port Elizabeth, on the 4th June last. The reports included are very favourable, that of the Prov. Grand Treasurer showing a balance in bank at close of the account amounting to £131. The statement showing receipts and expenditure in respect of the Masonic Educational Fund shows that the receipts, including balance from previous account, amounted to over £676, while the sum expended for the education of children exceed £181. The difference between these amounts is the balance on deposit or in bank. Our South African brethren of this division have good reason to be proud of such work.

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,

For the information of "P.P.G.J.," whose letter appeared in your issue of the 29th ult., I beg to state (from recollection) that Rule No. 97 of the proposed Royal Arch Regulations was rejected in 1886, because the members of the Grand Chapter were of opinion that it did not come within their province to specify what clothing should be worn, or should not be worn, in Craft lodges, that being a matter for the Grand Lodge to determine, not the Grand Chapter. I distinctly remember one of the companions present at the meeting, stating that in his opinion the rule was superfluous, as it was not likely anyone would wish to wear a Royal Arch collar in a lodge, and upon being informed that it was done in some of the provinces, he expressed surprise, and said that the Master of any lodge at which a brother appeared in a R.A. collar might request the wearer to remove it as it formed no part of the regalia of Craft Masonry. As the Book of Constitutions clearly specifies the regalia appertaining to the several Degrees and offices of Craft Masonry, it seems to me that it would be irregular to wear insignia not mentioned therein. If officers of Provincial Grand Chapters are to be permitted to wear their collars in Craft lodges, why should they not wear their aprons and sashes also, and why should not officers of the Supreme Grand Chapter and the officers of private chapters be similarly distinguished? It is my impression that Rules 94 and 95 of the existing Regulations were proposed by the Revision Committee in lieu of 97, and that Grand Chapter approved of the alteration as being sufficient to meet the case.—Yours fraternally,

P.Z.

RE GRAND TREASURERSHIP, 1891.

To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,

Will you kindly permit me through the medium of your valuable paper to explain to those brethren—London and Provincial—who had kindly offered me their support for the above, why I was not nominated at the meeting of Grand Lodge on Wednesday last.

First, let me say that, at the request of many brethren, I agreed to be proposed, as it was felt that it was the turn for a provincial brother to come forward, seeing that the last three Grand Treasurers were from Metropolitan lodges, and if Bro. Everett were elected, he would make the fourth in succession.

Bro. Everett was a candidate in 1889, when Bro. Edward Terry was elected, and in 1890 he stood aside for the present Grand Treasurer, Bro. Augustus Harris, but was again to be proposed for the coming year.

After consulting with my friends, and in order to avoid a contest, I decided not to be nominated this year, and so allow Bro. Everett to be elected unopposed, being well aware of his standing in the Craft and how much he had done for many years past for all the Masonic Charities.

A strong opinion, however, was expressed by my friends that I ought to be proposed in order to place myself in evidence before the Craft even if I afterwards withdrew in favour of Bro. Everett, but I felt were I to do this it might look like an arrangement, I, therefore, adopted the course which I thought was the best.

I am only writing this letter so that the brethren may know why I was not nominated, especially as I have had the question put to me many times since Wednesday night last.

I have consented to be nominated next year, and I venture to hope that some courtesy will be extended to me by Bro. Everett and his supporters, and that I may count upon the generous and fraternal assistance of the brethren generally.—Yours very fraternally,

J. S. CUMBERLAND,

P.M. 1611 and 2128, P.P.G.W. North and East Yorks, P.Z. 1611, P.P.G.T. North and East Yorks.

December 8th.

FIELD LANE REFUGES AND RAGGED SCHOOLS—CHRISTMAS APPEAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Sir,

I trust you will allow me, with your usual kindness, to make an appeal again this Christmas on behalf of this Charity, which has been at work amongst the poor and homeless of London for nearly half a century. The demands upon our resources are so great that we cannot meet them without an increase of public support. I shall be happy to send a report to any of your readers who may wish to have one, but I may briefly say that the benefits conferred upon the poor weekly amount to upwards of 3500, in addition to the maintenance of over 250 men, women, and children in our homes and refuges. The Committee desire also to provide Christmas dinners, as usual, for 700 homeless men and women, about 500 poor deserving families, and 700 poor children. Contributions will be thankfully received by our Treasurer, W. A. Bevan, Esq., 54, Lombard-street, or by your obedient servant,

PEREGRINE PLATT, Secretary.

December 4th, 1890.

WEST HAM HOSPITAL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In connection with a fund the Freemasons of West Ham (West Ham Abbey Lodge) are raising in aid of the West Ham Hospital—the foundation-stone of which was laid some two years ago by his Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge, and formally opened by his Grace the Duke of Westminster—I have, as honorary secretary, received cheques this morning for £50 from Lord Salisbury and £10 from the Duke of Westminster, accompanied by letters of good wishes. The Borough of West Ham, with its 200,000 population, consisting chiefly of the working-class element, has been hitherto severely taxed for want of hospital accommodation, and although the number of beds, we are happy to say is on the increase, the provision in this respect at the present time is still very inadequate.

Every effort is being made to supplement the fund amongst our influential local bodies and resident gentlemen, and we are in hopes of raising a further substantial sum by giving a ball at the Town Hall, Stratford, on the 11th of this month. The munificent gifts alluded to above I hope may operate as a stimulus to others in assisting us in this laudable effort, however small the amount may be.

I am very reluctant to make an appeal to public generosity at this period, when so many calls are being made upon it, but the goodness of the cause must be my excuse.—I am, dear Sir, your obedient servant,

W. G. NORMAN, Hon. Sec.

December 3rd, 1890.



923] COLONEL MCLEOD MOORE.

I was very pleased to read the appreciative account of my lamented friend, Colonel W. J. McLeod Moore, by Bro. Dr. Clarke, in the *Freemason* of the 6th inst. As the writer states, "It will be a long time before the void made by his removal can be filled up." There is a biography of our dear brother deceased, in the *Freemason* for December 17th, 1870, and on reading it once more I find he was initiated 17th August, 1827, whilst "under age," in No. 333, Scotland (? 328, then 257, Glenkindy, since extinct), and ten years later was "exalted" in Aberdeen. Some of the particulars given do not seem to be quite correct, but the year 1844 is noted when our brother received the K.T. just as Dr. Clarke states. In 1849 he was the W.M. of "St. John and St. Paul's" Lodge, Malta, so that Col. Moore belonged to the three jurisdictions of England, Ireland, and Scotland. Brethren interested in the career of this zealous and veteran Knight Templar, whose eloquent addresses have been the admiration of the Templar world, should consult the excellent history of Knights Templars in Canada, now published by my friend, J. Ross Robertson, of Toronto, the distinguished Grand Master of Canada.* Colonel Moore had no equal as an exponent of Templar law and practice.

W. J. HUGHAN.

924] ANOTHER MASONIC MS.

My friend Bro. Andrew Hope, of Exeter, has just sent me the annexed excerpt from *Notes and Queries* for December 6th, 1890. I have communicated with the writer, Mr. Hamilton, and hope to be favoured with a reply ere long, as well as sight of the document. Another Masonic student has been for some time on the trace of a copy of the "Old Charges," at Newcastle, and this doubtless is the roll in question. More anon.

W. J. HUGHAN.

December 6th, 1890.

* FREEMASONS' CHARGE, 1687.—A friend has sent me from Newcastle a parchment roll, 12 feet long by 7½ inches wide, which is endorsed as above. It consists of six skins neatly sewn together, and is closely covered, on one side only, with old fashioned writing in faded ink, and the orthography of the period. It is

* George Kenning, London.

surmounted by a hand-sketch of a coat-of-arms, which I read as follows:—Sable, a chevron argent between three castles of the same, 2 and 1. Motto: 'In the Lord is al our Trust.' Part of the last clause is damaged by damp, but these words remain: 'These charges that we have worded untoe you ye shall well and truly keep to . . . yr power, soe helpe yr God,' &c. It is signed 'Edward Thompson, Anno Domi 1687.' Unfortunately I am not a free and accepted Mason, but I believe that such an early record of the Craft is a rarity. Will some Masonic reader give information on this point?

WALTER HAMILTON.

"Elms-road, Clapham."

Have heard since from Mr. Hamilton, who says he has promised the MS. to three gentlemen in turn, and that on the chevron is a pair of compasses, extended, sable. I hope one or more of those who are to see it will report to the *Freemason*, or to W. J. H.

925] FRATERNAL COURTESIES.

I have received the usual "annual" from Bro. Berry, as follows, and hope the ever increasing "circle" in Great Britain and Ireland will remember to respond about 5 p.m.

W. J. HUGHAN.

"Portland, November 25, 1890.

"Dear Sir Knight,

"Will you join the Templar Correspondents on Christmas, December 25th, at noon Eastern Standard time (equivalent to 5 p.m. Greenwich), in a libation pledging Grand Master John P. S. Gobin, the sentiment to be—

"To our Grand Master, with Christmas Greetings, from 84,000 American Templars."

"The Grand Master sends the following response:

"Responsive greeting to the great army of Templars, an incomparable body of Christian Knights, with hearts united in fraternal bonds, and glowing with

"The all-absorbing flame,

Which, kindled by another, grows the same,

Wrapt in one blaze."

"Will you also extend the invitation to your friends.—Courteously and fraternally yours,

"STEPHEN BERRY,

"Templar Correspondent Maine.

"R.S.V.P."

Malta.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE.

We are glad to hear from this active Masonic centre, with which many of us have such pleasant associations. The regular half-yearly Communication of the District Grand Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Valetta, on Tuesday, the 25th ult. Bro. Col. Marmaduke Ramsay, D.G.M., occupied the throne. The District Grand Lodge was received by the Union of Malta Lodge, No. 407 (E.C.) The D.G.M. entered the lodge in procession, preceded by his officers, being received with the usual honours.

The District Grand Lodge having been opened, the D.G.M. expressed his pleasure at seeing the brethren around him in such numbers. The demise of the Pro Grand Master, the late Lord Carnarvon, was referred to; also the circumstance that the Dist. G.M. had presided as M.W.G.M. at the September meeting of Grand Lodge, and was called upon to perform the sad duty of proposing the vote of condolence in Grand Lodge on that account. The Dist. G.M. also gave some interesting details of the meetings of Grand Lodge which he attended while in England.

The address of the D.G.M. bore pleasing testimony to the harmony existing in the district, the general good working and the progress of the lodges, both numerically and financially. The Malta Masonic Charities Association was another pleasing reference. This useful channel of help for the widows and orphans of Malta Masons thrives well under its new by-laws, revised by the present D.G.M., who had the pleasure of announcing that the funds had doubled since the March Communication. The organization is now complete, and two local cases are in hand, besides the candidature of the girl England for the Girls' School, for which she will present herself in April next for the 6th and last time.

DISTRICT GRAND MARK LODGE OF THE MEDITERRANEAN.

The regular half-yearly meeting of the District Grand Mark Lodge of the Mediterranean was held in the Masonic Hall, Valetta, on Friday evening the 28th ult., Bro. Col. Marmaduke Ramsay, D.G.M.M. on the throne. District Grand Mark Lodge was received by the Union of Malta Mark Lodge, No. 263, and there was a numerous gathering of officers and brethren.

Many of our readers will be interested to hear that Lodge Leinster, No. 387 (I.C.), which has held its meetings in the Masonic Hall, Strada Due Porte, Isola, Malta, for upwards of 40 years, has been removed to Strada San Giuseppe, Isola, and in the same neighbourhood.

There was a lawn meet of the West Norfolk Hunt at Sandringham on Saturday, the attendance, which included the Prince and Princess of Wales and their daughters, the Princesses Victoria and Maud, being very numerous. About noon a move was made for the coverts, and a good afternoon's sport was the result.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Moira Lodge (No. 92).—The anniversary festival of this ancient lodge, which dates its existence from the year 1755, was held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Friday, the 5th inst. The lodge was opened by Bro. Colonel Sir Norman W. D. Pringle, Bart., W.M., supported by Bros. Gotthelf Greiner, S.W., W.M. elect; J. P. Murrough, J.W.; T. L. Wilkinson, P.M., Treas.; R. F. Gould, P.M., P.G.D., Sec.; R. W. Tweedie, I.P.M.; H. Carter, P.M.; Adam Pringle, P.M.; Bertram Noakes, P.M.; W. Bohm, P.M.; S. Shorter, P.M.; G. C. Andrew, P.M.; M. F. Tweedie, S.D.; J. P. Fearfield, J.D.; J. M. Mitchell, Rev. R. I. Woodhouse, J. M. Davis, M. A. Tweedie, and A. J. P. Wise. Visitors: Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; E. J. Barron, P.G.D.; Raymond H. Thrupp, P.A.G.D.C.; Hy. Reid, I.P.M. 142; G. R. Ousey, P.M. 59; C. Kupferschmidt, P.M. 238; J. Peeke Richards, P.M. 1584; F. Hallows, P.M. 861; Geo. Gardner, P.G.S.B. Bucks; W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B.; W. H. Hooker, S.W. 1670; H. M. Beadington, 10; Charles Oberthür, 238; J. M. Hamm, 238; H. A. Reed, P.M. 181; C. T. Naylor, 1465; Lewis Wilson, P.M. 1465; J. H. Smith, 279; J. C. Partridge, 1074; Aron Saxon, U.S.A.; E. J. Castle, P.M. 143; B. Newton, 1169; F. W. Pisle, 150; Dr. C. Harrer, W. Bentham, 293; W. Ganz, P.G. Org.; T. Roe, M.P., P.G. Treas. Derbyshire; and W. W. Lee, S.W. 2381.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Gotthelf Greiner, was presented to the chair, and duly installed with the usual formalities. The following are the officers for the year: Bros. Sir Norman Pringle, Bt., I.P.M.; Michael F. Tweedie, S.W.; J. P. Fearfield, J.W.; Wilkinson, P.M., Treas.; Gould, P.M., Sec.; E. Greiner, S.D.; M. A. Tweedie, J.D.; J. M. Mitchell, I.G.; W. Noakes, Stwd.; Rev. R. I. Woodhouse, Chap.; and Banks, Tyler. The addresses were then effectively rendered by Bro. Gould, P.G.D. Expressions of regret at being unable to attend the meeting were announced from the G. Master of Scotland; the Grand Secretary of Scotland; Bros. Philbrick, G. Reg.; Fenn, Pres. B.G.P.; Dr. Gooding, P.G.D.; Magnus Ohren, P.A.G.D.C.; T. B. Whythead, G.S.B.; Major Lambert, P.G.S.B.; Walter Besant, Dr. W. Westcott, and others.

The lodge was then closed, and a well served banquet was followed by the customary loyal and Masonic toasts. "The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," having been heartily honoured, the W.M. proposed "The Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Officers," and referred in sympathetic terms to the loss sustained by the death of the Earl of Carnarvon Pro G.M. For the last time in that lodge they were wearing mourning on account of that loss, but the memory of the late Pro G.M. would remain as long as Masonry existed, for never was there a better Mason, or a Statesman of greater integrity, ability, or uprightness of character. He was pleased to be supported that evening by no less than five distinguished brethren of the upper house, and it was therefore unnecessary for him to dwell on the toast.

Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., said he felt highly honoured at being permitted to return thanks for so distinguished a toast as the Grand Officers—a toast which comprehended so many good, true, and worthy brethren who had given long service to the Craft, and who had done, he ventured to say, good work for the furtherance of the Order, and who were only too pleased to do in the future what they had done in the past. He was quite sure the Grand Officers were exceedingly pleased to be present at the interesting ceremony of installation in so distinguished and old a lodge as the Moira Lodge, which went back for nearly 140 years, and one which had always held an excellent position in the Craft, and to the present day had upheld the principles of Masonry to a high degree. He believed that over 100 years ago that lodge adopted for itself a very charming name, calling itself in 1777 the Lodge of Freedom and Ease. That name it kept for 26 years, and although at the end of that time it assumed the higher name of the Moira Lodge, yet he thought that perhaps some brethren of the present day looked back with lingering eye to the delightful symbol of freedom and ease. Under these circumstances he would not detain them further but again thank them.

Bro. T. L. Wilkinson, P.M., Treas., in an eloquent speech, asked the brethren to drink "To the Memory of the eminent brother whose name the lodge bears." He said it was impossible to propose the toast he was about to give without experiencing a feeling of sadness. It brought vividly to the mind the fact that during the year which was now rapidly drawing to a close they had experienced two great losses. By the death of Bro. George Atkins the last link, so far as this lodge was concerned, was snapped with the generation in which the Earl of Moira was a power in the country. The toast he was about to give was first given in that lodge at the anniversary dinner of 1827, a few days after the news of the death of the Earl of Moira reached England. Bro. Atkins was present as an Entered Apprentice on the second occasion, in 1828, and only passed away during the present year. Their brother died as they would all wish—in peace, and an honoured member of the lodge in which he had spent so many hours. The second loss they had sustained was one which they shared with all Masons—for the Masonic services of the distinguished brother for whom they were in mourning were rendered to the Craft in general. The distinguished services of the Earl of Carnarvon had been already mentioned by the W.M., and he would not therefore mention them on that occasion were it not that it seemed invidious to dilate upon the Pro Grand Master who ruled during the 16 years preceding 1814, whilst remaining silent about him who ruled during the 14 years preceding 1890. Although the Earl of Moira and the Earl of Carnarvon differed widely in many things—in politics, in life, temper, and tastes, their devotion to Masonry showed a marked similarity. The Earl of Carnarvon, a conservative, a scholar, statesman, and man

of letters differed from the Earl of Moira, a liberal amongst liberals, and a soldier who seemed to breathe forth every year the lines of Scott, "Sound, sound the clarion," but each sprang from an ancient historical family. Each had ancestors who had been ready and willing to lead wherever Englishmen were ready and willing to follow. Each had shown a rare independence in thought and action, when the interests of the country were being sacrificed in the interests of a party, and it could be said, as of the ideal knight of King Arthur, that each had "The desire of fame and love of truth, and all that makes a man." It redounded much to the honour and advantage of the Craft that it should have numbered such devoted and highly placed brethren. As of all ancient Institutions, so with Masonry, the question must arise—"Of what good is it?" And although they might reflect with pride that the world is infinitely richer by the labours of operative Masons to whom they owed the name of Winchester and many other splendid works which yearly attracted cultivated men from every quarter of the globe, yet it was that system of morality such as they knew by the name of speculative Masonry which was calculated to touch the heart and which had from generation to generation affected the greatest lights of the country, and numbered many of the ruling men of England. It was because the Earl of Moira was a great Mason and a great man that they kept his birthday and bore his name, and he asked the brethren to join him in drinking to the memory of Francis, second Earl of Moira.

"The Health of the W.M." was given by Bro. Col. Sir Norman Pringle, Bart., I.P.M., who said he could hardly do full justice to the toast after the eloquent and glowing speech and tribute to the past which had been delivered. The W.M. possessed all those good qualities necessary to make a man noble, having great Charity, single-mindedness, and a strong faith in Masonry, and he would remind them to use the words of the poet, that—

"Kind hearts are more than coronets,
And simple faith than Norman blood."

He congratulated the lodge on having selected Bro. Greiner as its Master, for, although a young Mason of only six years' standing, that brother was so earnest in his Masonry that he was a member of no less than six lodges. Amongst those lodges the Moira was his mother lodge, and the next was the Pilgrim, No. 238, a lodge working in the German language, which had in England been unique in its character since its foundation in 1779. Bro. Greiner had also joined the Correspondence Circle of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, which was of new birth, but which had made a progress hitherto unknown to the annals of the Craft, and had shed a light on Masonry of which every Mason should be proud. The W.M. had also joined two lodges of instruction, and was not an idle man, being on the senior livery of one of the City guilds. Bro. Greiner had further shown his appreciation of this country by choosing in the land of his adoption an English lady for a life-long companion. The W.M. was surrounded that evening by many compatriots and members of the Pilgrim Lodge, who he hoped would take away such a greeting that they would often come and support him while in the chair. He (the I.P.M.) congratulated the W.M. on attaining the highest dignity the brethren could bestow, and he felt certain that when his time came to join the phalanx of the Past Masters, he would see that his efforts had been crowned with success, and that the Past Masters would consider he had added fresh laurels by his accession to their number.

Bro. G. Greiner, W.M., said he did not know how to reply, as the I.P.M. had spoken of him in terms which he really did not deserve. Those who were present last year would remember how eloquently the W.M. responded to that toast, and he would be delighted to give them a similar treat if it were in his power. He came from a place in Germany where Masonry was unknown in his day, and consequently he could not point to a roll of Masonic ancestors such as their I.P.M. was able to bring before them on the last occasion. He modestly hoped, however, that at some future time a Greiner might point back to that night with pride, and refer to the honour they had done him in drinking the toast in such an enthusiastic manner. He was afraid he should never shine in speech-making, but he would do his very utmost to further the welfare of the Craft in general, and of that lodge in particular.

"The Visitors" was briefly given from the chair, and appropriately responded to by Bros. Castle, Roe, and Hamm.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Past Masters," and said that as the hour was late, he could not refer to each individually, but he felt obliged to say a few words of special commendation respecting their I.P.M. The I.P.M. could not only look back on his ancestors with pride from a Masonic point of view, but also for their military achievements, his father having commanded the 21st Regiment of Foot, or Royal North British Fusiliers, at the battle of New Orleans, and his grandfather having fought with the same gallant corps at the battle of Culloden. He had special gratification in referring to that illustrious regiment, as their worthy Grand Secretary served in it throughout the whole of his military career, including the battles of the Crimea. The I.P.M. joined the 35th Regiment in 1858, and served in it for 31 years, in the latter portion of which he held the command. His Masonic career commenced in the Moira Lodge in 1880, where in due course he attained the rank of J.D., but being suddenly called away with his regiment could not reach the chair in the regular rotation. Upon his return, however, they were pleased to again receive him in the lodge, also to see him placed in the S.W.'s chair, and from the manner in which he had occupied that position, and afterwards presided over them as W.M. last year, there was no doubt he had won the esteem and respect of every member of the lodge.

Bro. Col. Sir Norman Pringle, Bart., I.P.M., in the course of his reply to the toast, thanked the W.M. for his kind words, and said that any little trouble he had taken had been quite a labour of love. He then proceeded to give the brethren some interesting information respecting previous Past Masters who had rendered good service to the lodge, including Bro. J. H. Sarratt, who in 1813, at the Union of the two Grand Lodges of England, was selected by the Duke of Sussex as one of the nine brethren to be nominated by himself as members of the Lodge of Reconciliation; Bro. Phillips, who transcribed the famous Harleian manuscript now in the British Museum, and which was published in 1835; Bro. John Bigg, who was Master for two years, during which time he initiated 35 candidates, and at the end of his term of office was presented by the lodge with a jewel of the value of £40; Bro. Isaac Walton, who shared with Dr. Crucefix the honour of having

founded what had since become the R.M.B.I.; to the latter brother being due the credit of having created the asylum; and to the former one that of having successfully carried out the scheme of an Annuity Fund. (The two institutions were separate organisations until 1850, when an amalgamation was effected); and Bro. Potter, P.G.D., who was for a lengthened period their Treasurer, and who at the anniversary meeting 19 years ago, when standing up in response to the toast of his health, was struck down by paralysis, but insisted on being propped up again by those sitting next to him, and actually completed his speech. These were memories which the lodge, dating back from 1755, had a right to be proud of, and the I.P.M. said that he felt honoured in being associated with such a lodge in the ranks of the Past Masters.

Bro. Tweedie, S.W., on behalf of "The Officers," thanked the W.M. for appointing them, and assured him of their intention to do their utmost to make the coming year as successful as that of his predecessor.

In giving "The Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. said Bro. Wilkinson, P.M., Treas., initiated him, which he believed was the last occasion he performed a ceremony in the lodge. The Treasurer managed the finances in an exemplary manner, for during a long course of years the balance had invariably been on the right side. He did not know what he could say of Bro. Gould, the Secretary, because he was a Grand Officer, and the greatest authority they had in this country, or any other, on Masonry. Bro. Gould was the author of a history of Masonry, which he (the W.M.) strongly recommended the brethren to study.

Bro. Wilkinson, P.M., Treas., having very briefly returned thanks,

Bro. R. F. Gould, P.G.D., Sec., said he should like to say a great many more words than time would permit. He regarded the speech of the Grand Secretary as admirably conceived and expressed, and as showing his singular facility of remembering at just the right time the most pleasing traditions of his hearers, when visiting lodges throughout the country in which he held a position of such honour and distinction. He felt great pride in being a Grand Officer, but when he was present at the Moira Lodge his only thought was that his position there was that of a Past Master in it. The Treasurer and Secretary would endeavour to carry out the intentions expressed by the S.W., and if they did not possess the youth attributed to the officers by the W.M., they would act as if they had it, and do their best. A year previously they had heard another brother speak to the toast for which he was then replying, and in taking over the books and papers from him he felt there was no one could have better performed the duties of Secretary than his predecessor in that office. He wished to mention that circumstance because the I.P.M. would no doubt have referred to it when speaking of the distinguished Past Masters if time had permitted. The greatest attraction (continued Bro. Gould) that could draw him to any lodge to which he belonged, was the fact that there was work for him to do when he got there. Hence, in attending the meetings of the "Moira," he not only had the pleasure of associating with very old friends, but enjoyed the comforting reflection that he was performing a certain amount of useful work on their behalf. While, therefore, they remained satisfied with the manner in which his duties were performed, it would afford him the highest possible gratification to continue in the office to which he had that evening been re-appointed.

The Tyler's toast then closed the proceedings.

A most excellent programme of music enhanced the enjoyment of the brethren. Miss Marie Groebel (of D'Oyly Carte's new Theatre Company), Bro. Wilhelm Ganz, P.G. Org.; Bro. Chevalier C. Oberthür, and Bro. Dr. C. Harrer, friends of the W.M., rendered good service in this direction, whilst enjoyable items were also furnished by Miss Ada Patterson, Miss Marie Schumann, Miss Louise Schumann, and Bros. J. Gawthrop, Stanley Smith, J. Lawler, and Fountain Meen.

Faith Lodge (No. 141).—This old lodge met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 25th ult. Among those present were Bros. Walter Langdale, W.M.; Sheppard, S.W.; Welsh, J.W.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Taylor, S.D.; Trott, I.G.; C. Wetzlar, I.P.M.; E. Hopwood, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W.; Frommholz, P.M.; Hudson, P.M.; Hakim, P.M.; Nathan Godfrey, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The case of a distressed brother was referred to the Benevolent Committee to adjudicate upon. Bro. Carter, P.M., Treasurer, sent an apology for non-attendance. The lodge was then closed and adjourned till the last Tuesday in January next. There was no banquet.

Farringdon Without Lodge (No. 1745). This civic lodge met at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel, Holborn Viaduct, on the 24th ult. Among those present were Bros. R. Webber, W.M.; Phillips, acting S.W.; Nelson Prower, M.A., J.W.; H. J. Lardner, P.P.G.D.C.; Surrey, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Jackson, P.M., Sec.; P. N. Lardner, J.D.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W.; D.C.; Matson, A.D.C.; Bachnoffner, Stwd.; J. Young, P.M.; T. Simpson, P.M.; G. Herbert, P.M.; Schultz, P.M.; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. A. E. Salt was then impressively raised. Bro. F. Kent, S.D., sent an apology for non-attendance.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren and their visitors adjourned to the banquet. Among the latter were Bros. Seton, W.M. 1965; Armitage, P.M. 859; Dalman, 1431; Headley Carus, Org. 1891; and others.

The customary toasts received ample justice. During the proceedings Bros. H. Carus, P. N. Lardner, G. Herbert, J. Young, S. Shapcott, and others, instrumentally and vocally entertained the brethren.

Borough of Greenwich Lodge (No. 2332).—The extraordinary success that has attended the above lodge since its foundation in November, 1889, may fairly lead all those who have the success of the Craft at heart to reflect upon the necessity of relief for some of the greatly congested portions of the London district that at the present moment are craving for it. The Borough of Greenwich Lodge was consecrated just 12 months ago, and has so increased during that time that it now has no less than 68 members on its books, a majority of whom are initiates made in the lodge. The first Master, Bro. T. W. Board, M.P., P.G.D. England, installed his successor on Wednesday, the 26th ult., and so concluded his year's excellent work in the lodge with *éclat*.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. A. H. Bateman, acting I.P.M., initiated Messrs. J. T. Andrews, E. Dawes, and R. Oakes, and passed Bros. Pace, Pain, and Pocock. Bro. Boord then assumed the chair, and raised Bro. Relf in rare form. Bro. H. Roberts, P.M., J.W., and W.M. elect, was then presented to him to receive at his hands the benefits of installation, and in due course that worthy brother was placed in the chair of K.S., and saluted. He appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. T. Carter, S.W.; J. Thomas, P.M., J.W.; W. T. Hunt, P.M., Treas.; W. Huntley, Sec.; A. Oakley, S.D.; T. Newton, J.D.; J. J. Pitt, P.M., I.G.; A. H. Bateman, P.M., D.C.; W. Carpenter and J. Pearson, Stewards; and E. Spinks, Tyler. Bro. Boord then delivered the addresses in a most impressive manner, and so concluded a splendidly worked ceremony. He was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel and a vote of thanks, the latter to be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge, for both of which he returned thanks. The Grand Officers present were saluted, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren sat down to one of Bro. G. Burney's handsomely served banquets, the manner of which was perfect.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. W. Kipps, P.M. and P.P.G.O. Kent; H. Cross, J. O. Pearson, T. Evans, G. W. Higgs, A. Witshire, S. W. Phillips, F. Burney, J. F. Sexton, W. J. Frooms, G. Burney, W. Burney, G. Burney, jun., T. Janes, D. Bean, H. McCann, J. S. Newton, C. Featherstone, R. H. Brutton, E. Eades, F. Winter, C. R. Huskinson, E. Dawes, J. Anderson, C. Warren, J. Smith, and E. Burrell, all of the lodge. Among the visitors were Bros. R. Gooding, M.D., P.M. 1, P.P.G.D. Eng.; W. Bristow, P.M., P.G. Std. Br. Eng.; E. Stidolph, P.M.; Col. E. Hughes, M.P., W.M. 913; E. E. J. Gittens, W.M. 176; J. Newall, W.M. 73; F. Frigout, W.M. 171; W. Tailby, P.M. 13; J. Watts, P.M. 158; A. Holmes, P.M. 548; B. R. Banks, P.M. 147; C. W. Syder, P.M. 79; W. C. Burney, M.D., P.M. 140; J. A. Wardell, P.M. 200; E. J. Williams, P.M. 1539; T. Heaps, Sec. 1973; G. Bolton, sen., J. W. 1155; G. E. Femister, P.G. Org.; W. T. Marney, S.D. 1297; E. T. Edwards, Stwd. 1893; A. Bargent, 1632; J. Horrock, 1382; F. W. White, A. C. Crofield, 547; W. C. Hett, 860; G. Case, 1556; G. Pooley, 813; C. Smith, 2186; T. Pegwell, 2182; C. Jolly, P.M. Sec. 1472; and others.

"The Queen and the Craft," and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, G.M. of the Order" having been duly honoured, the W.M. gave that of "The Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." He said it was a most important one, and he was proud to say that three of that august body were present in the persons of Bro. Boord, their esteemed I.P.M., and Bros. Gooding and Bristow. He had had the pleasure of knowing them for a good many years, and hoped to have that pleasure a good many more. He asked the brethren to drink the toast with all the enthusiasm it deserved.

Bro. Gooding said it had fallen to his lot to say something in response to the toast so eloquently put, and so heartily received by the brethren, but would at once say that it had better have fallen into the hands of Bro. Boord, who was the senior officer of Grand Lodge present. Now they had all heard their W.M. say that the speeches must be curtailed, so as to give way to those vocal powers that they always heard with so much pleasure, but he must say something about those distinguished English gentlemen and brothers, whom he had that night the honour to represent. They had lately sustained a great loss, and a great loss to the Craft, by the death of their late beloved and estimable Bro. Lord Carnarvon, their Pro Grand Master, one who was acknowledged not only to be a perfect English gentleman and a noble peer, but a most excellent Mason. What they could do at Grand Lodge without the services of their regretted brother he did not know, but as the appointment rested in the hands of their Grand Master there was no doubt that he would do his best to find a good successor. Those of the brethren who attended the meetings at Great Queen-street knew how thoroughly the duties of the Grand Officers were carried out, and the importance of their deliberations, more especially with reference to matters touching the consolidation of their rule in the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown. Their position to the Grand Master was identical, or, at least, much the same as the position held by the Past Masters of a lodge to the W.M., and it was their duty to advise, assist, and carry out the result of those deliberations, and the ceremonies attached to their respective offices. He then spoke of the personal work he had done as a Grand Officer at Oxford and elsewhere, and concluded by asking the brethren never to drink the toast in a conventional or perfunctory manner, but to remember that, while they were honouring the toast they were honouring their Grand Master, and for the manner in which they had that night received it, he thanked them most heartily.

Bro. Bristow said it simply remained for him to thank them. He was present when the lodge was consecrated, and it seemed to him as if it was going to be popular, and live to a good old age, and while they had such good Masters as Bro. Boord and his energetic successor he had no fear of its decadence.

Bro. Boord then proposed the toast of "The W.M." He said the W.M. had entrusted to him the gavel, which, by the bye, wanted mending, but the use he was about to put it to was a very important one. That evening they celebrated a very important occasion, for they celebrated the installation of the first Master chosen by the brethren of the lodge generally. He himself had been chosen under different circumstances. He trusted and believed that under their new Master the lodge would go on smoothly, and that being so, he asked them to drink his health cordially, and wish him every prosperity during his year of office.

Bro. Roberts, in response, said he owed a deep debt of gratitude to Bro. Boord, not only for his kind remarks that night, but for the admirable manner in which that excellent brother had installed him that day. He was very glad to be the Master of such a lodge as theirs, and would do his best. He had been a Mason over 25 years, and had, he trusted, done something for Masonry during that time. He was pleased to say they had formed a lodge of instruction, and urged its usefulness on the younger Masons present. He concluded by thanking them most heartily for their general reception of the toast.

Bro. Boord, who was heartily cheered when he rose to respond to an enthusiastic reception of the toast of "The Installing Officer," said he was obliged to them for their reception of the toast, and to the W.M. for the complimentary words with which he had introduced it. Instead,

however, of their thanking him for having performed the ceremony, and thereby merely doing his duty, he thought that he ought to thank them for giving him an opportunity of so doing the work, by placing him in the chair of the lodge at its consecration. He felt further grateful to them for giving him an opportunity of resuming his acquaintance with the ritual and lodge work after some years of abstention from the practice of either. However, he found that a little practice had enabled him to carry out the duties of the position, but felt that a little more would be of great service to him. Although his actual work in the lodge would now cease, his interest in it would not. Now with regard to their lodge of instruction, there were two systems of instruction in London, one the emulation, and another, which differed in some most important details, and he should be sorry to find their Preceptor was not perfectly accurate, as it was of the utmost importance that the phraseology of the ritual should be perfect, and he believed that the most perfect was that taught in the various lodges of instruction using the emulation ritual and working. He thanked them both for their kind reception and for the opportunity given him of resuming some of his earliest moments in Freemasonry.

The other toasts were "The Initiates," "The Visitors," "The Past Masters," "The Officers," and Tyler's toast.

Bros. T. Powell, E. Smith, and A. Hubbard, under the direction of and accompanied by B. Kipps, sang selections during the evening, and the whole affair was a complete success.

Warrant Officers Lodge (No. 2346).—At a meeting held at Freemasons' Hall, on the 21st ult., a long and interesting discussion took place with the object of starting a Benevolent Fund in connection with the lodge, and the Secretary was instructed to draw up a rule for the approval of the brethren. Mr. Fred. R. Binskin was initiated, and four gentlemen were proposed as candidates, also one member for affiliation. The W.M. gave the charge in a very able manner to all this year's initiates (seven in number.) "Hearty good wishes" were given from Nos. 337, 398, 1208, 1327, 1604, and 1890.

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

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

ALDERLEY EDGE.

Alan Lodge (No. 2368).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., at the Queen's Hotel. In the absence, through Parliamentary duties, of Bro. the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P., the W.M., Bro. A. Lawley, P.A.G.S., Treas., took his place in the chair. There were also present Bros. H. Gordon Small, S.W.; T. W. Markland, J.W.; F. Baxter, jun., Sec.; A. Keymer, S.D.; J. B. Gemmell, J.D.; W. Ramsden, P.M., P.P.G.D., D.C.; A. W. Henry, Org.; J. Moffatt, I.G.; J. Walsh, Stwd.; and others.

After the confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, the ballot was taken for the Rev. James Henry Whitehead, and this proving favourable, he was initiated by Bro. Lawley, P.A.G.S., acting W.M. Bros. James Gow and E. A. Crompton were then passed to the Degree of F.C. in a most creditable manner by Bro. E. T. Everett, P.M., P.P.G.D., and the charge given by Bro. Small, S.W. Bros. W. R. Dambull-Davies and R. L. Bourne were then raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Masons, the former by Bro. W. Ramsden, P.M., P.P.G.D., and the latter by Bro. A. Lawley, P.A.G.S. Two very interesting presentations were made to the lodge, the first being a set of three books, beautifully made, for the circulars of the three principal officers, by Bro. W. Ramsden, and the second a handsome American organ (by the Dominion Company, walnut and 10 stops) by Bro. Jones, P.M., one of the founders of this lodge. Bro. Jones, in a few appropriate remarks, asked the lodge to accept his gift from the great interest he had in Freemasonry at large, and of this lodge in particular. Bro. Henry then played a voluntary to test the merits of the beautiful instrument, which was declared perfect. The lodge was then closed.

BEAMINSTER.

Beaminster Manor Lodge (No. 1367).—The 118th regular meeting of this lodge was held at the White Hart Hotel, on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., when there were present Bros. J. S. Webb, P.S.G.W., W.M.; C. Toleman, I.P.M.; H. Maunder, S.W.; C. G. Purkis, P.J.G.D., Org., acting J.W.; A. Hann, Sec.; J. Andrews, P.J.G.W., Treas.; O. M. Beament, S.D.; W. Oxley, I.G.; J. Keech, Tyler; C. Hann, P.M.; R. Toleman, P.P.G. Purst.; W. R. Pile, and F. P. Kitson.

After the lodge had been opened, the ballot was taken for the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, and the unanimous choice of the brethren fell upon Bro. Harry Maunder, S.W., who acknowledged the compliment paid him in appropriate terms. Bro. T. Andrews, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. J. Keech was re-elected as Tyler. The following brethren were appointed to audit the accounts of the past year—Bros. C. Hann, P.M., H. Maunder, W.M. elect, and A. Hann. The opinion of the brethren having been asked as to the desirability of admitting ladies to the banquets held after Provincial Grand Lodges, it was found that it was unanimous in disapproving of such a step. The name of a brother having been proposed as a joining member, the by-laws of the lodge and the inventory of the furniture of the lodge were read, after which the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned for the customary refreshment.

BOLTON.

Anchor and Hope Lodge (No. 37).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 1st inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bros. R. Nightengale, W.M.; W. Golding, S.W.; W. Forrest, J.W.; W. R. Clayton, P.P.G. Chap., Chap.; John Booth, P.M., Treas.; R. H. Hinnell, Sec.; Thos. Murphy, S.D.; John Thompson, J.D.; F. W. Briscoe, Org.; T. Barnes, I.G.; F. Brockbank and F. W. Broadbent, Stwds.; T. Higson, P.P.G.T., as Tyler; S. Rawsthorn, Asst. Tyler; J. Naylor, I.P.M.; John Hardcastle, P.M.; E. G. Harwood, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; T. B. Longe, P.M.; H. Mason, Gidlow Fell, F. W. Isherwood, G. E. Greenhalgh, Thos. Cooper, Gilbert J. French, and Harold O. Bailey. Visitors: Bros. W. Nicholl, P.M. 317, P.P.G. Treas.; G. A. Crighton, 1011; W. Hasselgreu, Prov. No. 2, Gottenburgh; J. W.

Poyntz; W. Long, Sec. 146; Hugh White, H. Mitchell, and J. F. Elliston, all of 221; and Harry Thompson, Constantinople.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Mr. Gilbert J. French, which proved unanimous, when he was initiated by the Worshipful Master, who also gave the charge and address. Bro. John Booth, Treas., then took the chair, and passed Bro. Harold O. Bailey to the Second Degree. The chair was afterwards taken by the Rev. W. R. Clayton, P.P.G. Chap., who raised Bro. Gidlow Fell to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. The whole of the ceremonies were performed in a very creditable manner, and well befitting such an ancient lodge. Bro. Forrest, J.W., was elected the W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. Booth was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Rawsthorn, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was ordered to be bought at the lodge expense for the W.M., and to be presented at the next meeting. "Hearty good wishes" having been expressed by the visiting brethren the lodge was closed, a very enjoyable evening being spent.

DERBY.

Arboretum Lodge (No. 731).—The usual monthly meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Gower-street, on Wednesday, the 12th ult., when there were present Bros. John Walker, W.M.; G. Sutherland, S.W.; Dr. W. N. Wright, J.W.; Rev. Thos. Orrell, Chap.; W. Whittaker, P.M., Treas.; G. N. Ward, Sec.; John Jones, S.D.; A. Smith, J.D.; W. W. Neywood, D. of C.; R. Legge, Org.; G. C. Copestick, I.G.; L. Linkler and A. Butterworth, Stwds.; T. Day, Tyler, T. Cox, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; J. Bland, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; C. Webster, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; E. Horne, P.M., P.P.G.R.; A. Woodiwiss, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; F. Ball, J. Melrose, W. Forman D. Woollak, H. Horne, T. Jordan, W. Lynch, W. Walkerdine, D. Ottewell, B. Toft, W. Sayer, and W. N. Toft. Visitors: Bros. A. J. Flint, W.M. 253; G. S. Smith, W.M. 802; H. W. Pike, W.M. 1085; J. O. Manton, P.M. 1085; and Dr. Rowan, 802.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Arthur Roberts was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by the W.M., who presented the working tools and gave the charge. A notice of motion was then given by Bro. J. Bland, P.M., "That two guineas be voted towards the Masonic Stalls Fund for Peterborough Cathedral." Four gentlemen were proposed as candidates for initiation. Attention was also feelingly called to the continued illness of Bro. G. T. Wright, the oldest Past Master of the lodge, and Bros. S. Taylor and J. Copestick, Past Masters, to whom messages of condolence were sent.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Lower Hall for refreshment.

After supper the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M.

The toast of "The Provincial Grand Lodge" was entrusted to the able hands of Bro. Sutherland, S.W., and that of "The W.M." to Bro. Bland, P.M., who, in the course of his speech, read some interesting extracts from the lodge minute book with respect to the November meetings, which were closely listened to by the brethren.

Bro. Whittaker, P.M., Treas., with much warmth, proposed "The Visitors."

As some of the principal ones had left, the following responded: Bros. A. J. Flint, W.M. 253; J. O. Manton, P.M. 1085; and Dr. Rowan, 802.

Of the remaining toasts Bro. T. Orrell, Chap., proposed "The Past Masters," and Bros. E. Horne and J. Bland suitably responded.

The W.M. proposed "The Officers," which having been responded to by the S.W., J.W., J.D., and Steward, the Tyler's toast closed a happy meeting.

HERTFORD.

Hertford Lodge (No. 403).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Town Hall, on Thursday, the 27th ult. Amongst those present were Bros. the Rev. W. Mills, W.M.; A. Baker, S.W.; G. Price, J.W.; Rev. C. W. Harvey, P.M., Chap.; J. R. Cocks, P.M., Treas.; T. S. Carter, P.M., Sec.; J. L. Campling, S.D.; O. Wigginton, J.D.; C. E. Keyser, P.M.; W. P. Willson, P.M.; J. D. Medcalf, P.M.; J. Chalmers-Hunt, P.M.; E. A. Simson, P.M.; J. Boatwright, P.M.; Rev. W. d'A. Crafton, P.M.; and W. J. Morris, P.M. Visitors: Bros. G. E. Lake, Deputy P.G.M.; J. Purrett, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Wurr, P.P.G. Org.; Dr. Trevor Dagg; Rev. P. Deedes, P.P.G. Chap.; and others.

Bro. Cocks, P.M., initiated Mr. James Farley in a very able manner. Bro. Chalmers-Hunt, P.M., installed Bro. Alfred Baker, S.W., P.P.G.S.B., as W.M. of the lodge, the ceremony being performed in a most impressive manner. The W.M. appointed and invested as his officers Bros. J. L. Campling, S.W.; G. R. Durrant, J.W.; Rev. C. W. Harvey, Chap.; J. R. Cocks, P.M., Treas.; T. S. Carter, P.M., Sec.; A. Wigginton, S.D.; Col. Daniell, J.D.; M. Heywood, Org.; J. A. Waddington, I.G.; A. G. Thorowgood, D.C.; J. T. W. Wells and J. E. Burnard, Stwds.

The brethren afterwards partook of a banquet in the Shire Hall, which was well served by Bro. Campling.

LIVERPOOL.

Kirkdale Lodge (No. 1756).—It is now 12 years since this lodge was launched on what has proved to be a remarkably successful career, in which each year has added prosperity to the preceding one, until it has attained the proud position of being placed among the leading and most influential lodges in the province. Since its consecration this lodge has taken a prominent part in supporting the Masonic Charities, especially the three local Institutions—the Hamer, the Alps, and the West Lancashire. From the balance-sheet of the past year, it appears that a considerable sum has been thus contributed, while beyond this £32 has been given to relieve immediate cases of distress, and a further sum handed over to the lodge benevolent fund.

The installation ceremony on Wednesday, the 26th ult., was attended by over 130 brethren, including some of the most influential in the district. Bro. J. Molyneux, W.M., opened the lodge, supported by the following officers:—Bros. E. Johnston, P.P.G.D.; J. A. Kellie, P.M.; R. T. Britten, P.M. and W.M. 823; H. Marshall, P.M.; H. Ferguson, P.M.; J. Grierson, P.M.; R. E. Stitton, P.M.; C. Johnson, S.W.; W. Bushell, J.W.; J. Milne,

Sec.; J. Macaulay, S.D.; Dr. Ricketts, J.D.; Rev. Dr. Hyde, Chap.; C. Bargery, P.P.S.G.D., D.C.; T. Hood E. C. Gaskell, and C. F. Reid, Stewards; and E. Watson, Tyler. The visitors included Bros. Councillor J. Houlding, P.P.G. Reg.; Dr. D. D. Costine, P.P.G. Reg.; W. C. Erwin, P.P.A.G. Sec.; J. Whalley, P.P.G.D.C.; J. R. Bottomley, P.P.A.G.D. of C.; George Broadbridge, P.P.G.D. of C.; J. Williams, P.P.G.D.; J. Pilling, P.P.G. Std. Br.; B. Armitage, P.P.A.G.S.; C. Birch, P.M. 203; J. Booth, P.M. 1289; M. Davies, P.M. 249; W. Mackney, P.M. 1620; J. Boyle, P.M. 823; W. Jones, P.M. 220; W. Maddox, P.M. 823; J. W. Hounsell, P.M. 203; J. Unsworth, P.M. 1086; L. Peake, P.M. 1035; J. Hogarth, W.M. 1473; R. Foote, W.M. 2335; J. W. Baker, W.M. 203; and W. Rawsthorne, W.M. 1182. After preliminary business, including the initiation of a candidate, had been transacted, the W.M. elect, Bro. C. Johnson, was presented for installation by Bros. C. Bargery, P.P.S.G.D., and E. Johnston, P.P.G.D., and the ceremony was most efficiently performed by Bro. Molyneux, the retiring W.M. Bro. Johnston then invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. J. Molyneux, I.P.M.; William Bushell, S.W.; J. Milne, J.W.; Rev. Dr. Hyde, Chap.; J. Croxton, Treasurer (re-elected seventh time); J. Macaulay, Secretary; Dr. Ricketts, S.D.; T. Hood, J.D.; C. Bargery, P.P.S.G.D., as D.C.; C. F. Reid, I.G.; E. C. Gaskell, J. Hughes, T. Hillman, and J. O. Ellams, Stewards; and E. Watson, Tyler.

The investiture being over, the brethren subsequently dined together, after which the usual loyal toasts were given by the W.M., and heartily responded to.

Bro. Johnson, in proposing "The Health of Bro. Molyneux, I.P.M.," presented him with a handsome gilt drawing-room clock, subscribed for by the members of the lodge as a slight token of their esteem for him, in addition to the usual Past Master's jewel, manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

Bro. Molyneux appropriately responded.

During the evening the following brethren, conducted by Bro. George Eytton, gave musical selections: Bros. Pugmire, Nicholls, Williams, and Fargher.

RICHMOND.

Richmond Lodge (No. 2032).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Greyhound Hotel, when there were present Bros. J. M. Margason, W.M.; A. Crewe, S.W.; A. Aldin, J.W.; Reynolds, Treas.; G. C. Rowland, Sec.; Aldridge, S.D.; Trinder, J.D.; Abell, I.G.; Nash, Stwd.; Mitchell, Tyler; Sapsworth, I.P.M.; B. E. Blasby, P.M.; E. Dare, P.M.; Pentelow, Robinson, Breadmore, Syrett, Pouling, Laker, Downs, Skewes, Cox, Nash, Grey, Merritt, Hopkins, Goddard, Bray, Skene, Ford, Keyes, Hester, Axten, Mouffet, Amy, Ambrose, Payze, Williamson, Smith, and Hampton. Visitors: Bros. Rydon, S20; Brodrick, 2309; Dawson, 679; Butler, 55; Long, 206; and Wickins, 1744, 471.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and Bros. Merritt and Axten passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft. The ballot was taken for Mr. Charles William Capel Smith, and proving unanimous, he was initiated into Freemasonry. The by-laws of the lodge were read. Five guineas were voted to the W.M. as Steward to one of the Charities.

SALFORD.

Newall Lodge (No. 1134).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at Adelphi House on Tuesday, the 2nd inst. This being the first night after the installation of Bro. A. H. Duffin, W.M., a large number of friends gathered together evidently to see how the new officers did their respective work, for there were over 40 brethren present, amongst whom were the following: Bros. A. H. Duffin, W.M.; T. W. McClelland, I.P.M.; George S. Smith, P.M.; S.W.; E. Webb, J.W.; John Holroyd, Treas.; John Waring, Sec.; Ben Eckersley, S.D.; C. Driver, J.D.; H. Waterhouse, I.G.; J. B. Knot, Tyler; J. B. Aske, P.P.G. Treasurer; H. Mainwaring, P.M.; J. W. Nicholl, P.M.; John Ogden, R. W. Martin, A. K. Boothroyd, H. F. Atkinson, W. J. Wright, Jas. Green, and W. E. Hands. Visitors: Bros. H. Whitcombe, H. Thornton, E. W. Ogden, G. Gaskell, E. Winter Hotton, Isaac Thompson, J. M. Graham, P.M.; E. L. Littler, P.M., P.P.G.P.; W. Jones, 654; and A. T. McGregor, P.M. 654.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., every newly-appointed officer being in his place punctually at the time. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for a candidate, which having proved favourable, he was initiated by Bro. Duffin, W.M. The working tools were presented by Bro. E. Webb, J.W., the charge being given by Bro. G. S. Smith, P.M., S.W. The Third Degree ceremony was performed by the W.M. A notice of motion by Bro. G. S. Smith, S.W., that the sum of 10 guineas be given to the East Lancashire Systematic Benevolent Institution, who spoke in high terms of this institution, was warmly seconded by Bro. T. McClelland, I.P.M., and supported by Bros. John Barker, P.P.G.T.; John Holroyd, P.P.G.S. of W.; and the W.M., and carried unanimously. The balance-sheet for the previous year was adopted, which showed a considerable balance in hand.

After other important business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the festive board, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

All the visitors expressed themselves in high terms respecting the work they had witnessed, and congratulated the W.M. and officers on the great efficiency they had attained.

SALTASH.

Zetland Lodge (No. 1071).—The annual installation meeting of the members of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., in the lodge room, Alexandra-square. The W.M. elect, Bro. Thomas Shaddock, being well known and highly respected, there was a large attendance of brethren. The ceremony of installation was ably performed by Bros. T. Nancarrow, the retiring W.M., and R. C. Revell, P.M., Bro. W. R. Rawling, P.M., delivering the charges to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren in an admirable manner. The Board of Installed Masters was composed of Bros. E. Herring, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; J. Pearce, P.M., P.P.G. Purst.; T. D. Deeble, P.M., P.P.G. Stwd.; E. R. Doney, P.M.; E. C. Vosper, P.M.; John Deeble, P.M.; R. Pearce, P.M.; John Niness, P.M. 699, P.P.G.R.; J. Pearce, P.M. 1136; H. Bowden, P.M.; and

the following Devonshire brethren: Bros. Major M. Tracey, R.A., P.M. 1247, P.P.S.G.W.; Rev. Dr. T. W. Lemon, P.M. 189, P.P.J.G.W.; J. R. Lord, P.M. 1247, P.P.G.T.; E. Aitken Davies, P.M. 1099, P.P.G.S. of W.; R. Pike, P.M. 230, P.P.G.O.; B. S. Johns, P.M. 159, P.G.S.B.; James Gidley, P.M. 2025, P.G. Stwd.; F. R. Thomas, P.M. 189; John Bray, P.M. 1212; W. H. Williams, P.M. 1847; W. L. Lavers, P.M. 1255; J. T. Rook, W.M. 1847; John G. E. Elliott, P.M. 1212; John Wallis, P.M. 1212; and W. H. Crimp, P.M. 1255. The Board of Installed Masters being declared closed, the W.M. invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. T. Nancarrow, I.P.M.; John Lander, S.W.; T. D. Netting, J.W.; E. R. Doney, P.M., Chap.; Jas. Pearce, P.M., P.P.G. Purst., Treas.; T. D. Deeble, P.M., P.P.G. Stwd., Sec.; R. T. Meadows, S.D.; F. A. Rawling, J.D.; J. Brooking, D.C.; E. Prout, I.G.; J. Braund and J. T. Brooking, Stwds.; and J. Deeble, P.M., Tyler.

The other brethren present, in addition to those named, included Bros. Geo. Payne, W.M. elect, 223; C. F. Matthison, J.W. 2025; S. G. Hallett, C. Smale, and J. Cocks, all of 1212; G. T. Keys, 202; A. J. Williams, 230; J. Berry, 1212; J. Angwin, 1212; H. G. Runnalls, 159; H. McCullough, 230; Thos. Vickery, C. Taylor, Wm. Hearn, J. B. Pearce, W. H. Hun, J. Mitchell, F. C. Keast, W. W. Harvey, and J. Moon, all of 1071.

The annual banquet took place on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., at the Commercial Hotel.

TEDDINGTON.

Sir Charles Bright Lodge (No. 1793).—This prosperous lodge met at the Clarence Hotel, on the 26th ult., when there were present among others Bros. A. J. R. Simmonds, W.M.; Barns, S.W.; Playford, acting J.W.; John Piller, P.M., Treas.; R. W. Forge, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Sec.; W. Middleweek, S.D.; Ruffell, Org.; B. Müller, D.C.; Capt. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., Stwd.; W. J. Porter, I.P.M.; E. W. Warner, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. Finch, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; F. Chandler, P.M. 1036, P.P.G.P.; J. Barns, T. Middleweek, J. Hall, H. Hall, and others. Bro. Beard, P.P.A.G.D.C., was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Edwin Grice was impressively passed to the Second Degree. Bros. J. R. Barns was elected W.M.; J. Piller, Treas.; and J. Gilbert, Tyler. The by-laws, as revised by the permanent Committee, were adopted with the exception of a few trifling amendments. A Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to the W.M. Bro. Forge, P.M., Sec., proposed "That a Benevolent Fund be formed for the relief of distressed brethren in the Sir Charles Bright Lodge, and that 5 per cent of the lodge income should be set apart for the support of the fund." This was seconded and carried unanimously. Bro. Capt. Walls gave a notice of motion "That the sum of five pounds be voted from the lodge money to form a nucleus to such fund."

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

A few toasts were given, and an excellent programme of music carried out by Bro. J. E. Ruffell, assisted by Bros. J. and E. Hall, T. Middleweek, and others.

THORNE.

St. Nicholas Lodge (No. 2259).—The monthly assembly of this lodge was held on the 3rd inst., at Peace Hall, when among those present were Bros. J. H. Bletcher, W.M.; A. L. Peace, I.P.M.; W. G. Winter, P.M.; S. H. C. Ashlin, S.W.; J. Constable, J.W.; Rev. J. J. Littlewood, Chap.; W. P. Robotham, Sec.; A. Goodhend, Org.; T. Livingstone, Almoner; G. Kenyon, S.D.; W. Martin, J.D.; W. Pickering, I.G.; T. Barber and R. N. Brunyee, Stwds.; W. Chamberlain, P.M. 1482; W. Robinson, 1482; T. Turner, 1482; H. J. Pawson, F. Webb, T. Foster, 242; W. Ainlay, 242; H. Simpson, 1221; and others.

The lodge was opened, after which the W.M. initiated Mr. F. P. Turner, being ably assisted by Bros. Peace and Ashlin.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to their club room for refreshments, when the usual Masonic toasts were given, interspersed with songs by the W.M., and Bros. Ashlin, Peace, Constable, Pawson, Webb, Simpson, Littlewood, and others.

YORK.

Albert Victor Lodge (No. 2328).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held in Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, on Tuesday, the 25th ult. The lodge was opened, and an accepted candidate—the Rev. E. Bulmer—was initiated. There were present Bros. the Dean of York, P.G.C., W.M.; T. B. Whytehead, G.S.B., S.W.; H. L. Swift, J.W.; Rev. H. Lowther Clarke, as Chap.; W. Lawton, P.M., Treas.; C. E. Wright, Sec.; J. E. Jones, S.D.; F. Shaun, I.G.; J. R. Parker, Tyler; J. W. Woodall, P.G.T.; J. Melrose, Capt. Grant, A. H. Russell; and the following visitors:—Bros. T. W. Tew, P.G.M. West Yorks; W. H. Cowper, P.M., Provincial Charity Representative; C. M. Forbes, W.M. 236; T. S. Brogden, W.M. elect 236; G. Lamb, W.M. 1611; J. E. Wilkinson, W.M. 1991; J. Ramsay, 236; J. Todd, P.M., Vice-Chairman Charities Association; H. E. Cousins, P.M.; F. R. Hansell, W.M. 1416; Rev. H. Puxley, P. Pearson, and W. S. Child (who kindly presided at the organ).

The W.M. elect, Bro. T. B. Whytehead, was presented to the W.M. for installation, and having gone through the ceremonies, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Whytehead was placed in the chair with the usual ceremonies by the Dean of York, who then closed the Board. The ceremonies were then taken up by Bro. J. W. Woodall and completed. The W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. H. L. Swift, S.W.; Donald Grant, J.W.; W. Lawton, P.M., Treas.; C. E. L. Wright, Sec.; Rev. R. Blakeney, Chap.; J. E. Jones, S.D.; F. Shaun, J.D.; A. H. Russell, I.G.; C. G. Padel, P.M., Org.; and J. R. Parker, Tyler. Several letters of congratulation were read from absent members and honorary members of the lodge, and the name of a candidate for initiation having been proposed, the lodge was closed.

The brethren subsequently dined together in the supper room with their visitors. Owing to the limited space available it had been determined to limit the attendance of invited guests, so that the comfort of the party should not be destroyed as would otherwise have been the case by overcrowding. The W.M. presided, and some excellent speeches

were made by Bro. the Dean of York, the P.G.M. of West Yorkshire, Bro. W. H. Cowper, P.M., and other brethren.

During the proceedings the W.M. announced that he purposed being a Steward for the Boys' Festival next year, and would be supported by his Wardens, also as Stewards.

Royal Arch.

YORK.

Eboracum Chapter (No. 1611).—The regular meeting of this chapter was held on the 2nd inst., in Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, when there were present Comps. T. B. Whytehead, P.Z., as Z.; W. Brown, P.Z., as H.; S. J. Dalton, J.; J. Kay, S.E.; F. W. Halliwell, as S.N.; G. Chapman, P.S.; and others.

Ballots were taken for two candidates, and both were elected. The scroll was then taken for principals and officers, resulting thus: Comps. J. T. Sellar, P.Z., Z.; S. J. Dalton, H.; G. Chapman, J.; J. Kay, S.E.; G. Lamb, S.N.; T. B. Whytehead, P.Z., Treas.; W. Cheeseman, S.N.; W. Storey and J. H. Shonksmith, Asst. S.; J. T. Watson, Org.; and P. Pearson, Janitor. On the motion of Comp. Brown, ten guineas were voted from the funds to the restoration fund of an hall. The names of two candidates were proposed. Two auditors were appointed, and the chapter was closed.

The companions afterwards supped together, and entertained the visitors from other chapters who were present.

Mark Masonry.

Grand Stewards Lodge.—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Monday, the 1st inst. Bro. W. C. Gilles, Grand Treas., W.M., was supported by Bros. C. F. Hogard, P.G.S.B., Sec., W.M. elect; F. Driver, S.W.; J. Tomkins, M.O.; W. E. Stewart, P.M.; W. E. Williams, R. of M.; H. Stone, J.D.; J. Boulton, I.G.; G. Powell, P.M.; C. F. Matier, P.G.W., G. Sec.; T. E. Biddlecombe, H. H. Shirley, J. S. Cumberland, and H. Von Joel. Visitors: Bros. E. Stone, 54; H. L. Warner; and W. W. Lee, J.D. 400.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was submitted and adopted. The following Grand Stewards were unanimously elected joining members: Bros. H. H. Shirley, W.M. 1; L. Steele, W.M. 350; J. H. Thompson, 194; G. Gregory, P.M. 355; G. F. Edwards, W.M. 8; and Capt. G. P. Airey, S.O. 247. Bro. C. F. Matier, G. Sec., then assumed the chair, and impressively installed Bro. C. F. Hogard, P.G.S.B., as W.M. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. F. Driver, S.W.; J. Tomkins, J.W.; W. C. Gilles, P.M., Treas.; J. E. Anderson, P.M., Sec.; D. P. Cama, M.O.; W. B. Williamson, S.O.; W. E. Williams, J.O.; J. S. Cumberland, R. of M.; H. Stone, S.D.; J. Ramsey, J.D.; J. Boulton, D.C.; H. Von Joel, I.G.; F. Levick and G. Allen, Stewards; T. E. Biddlecombe, Org.; and Mills, Tyler. The addresses having been delivered by the Installing Master, the W.M. presented Bro. Gilles, I.P.M., with a Past Master's jewel as a slight recognition of his valuable services to the lodge. Bro. Gilles, I.P.M., appropriately acknowledged the gift, which would remind him of a pleasant connection with the lodge. Five guineas was voted to the Organ Fund in memory of Canon Portal, and other business having been transacted, the lodge was closed.

The brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where a *recherché* repast was served, at the conclusion of which the customary toasts were honoured.

Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.W., replying for "The Grand Officers," said it was an honour to respond for this toast in a lodge, the membership of which was restricted to those brethren who had filled, or were filling, the distinguished office of Grand Steward. It was a great pleasure to him to have installed Bro. Hogard as W.M. that evening, for that brother was the Grand Recorder of another Order with which he was connected, and a most valued colleague of his own. He was present at the consecration of this lodge, and had been present on every occasion since in spirit, if not actually. He thanked the lodge for all it had done for the Mark Benevolent Fund, and especially his friend and colleague the I.P.M., Bro. Gilles, whom he initiated, passed and raised, advanced, and installed into the first chair he ever held in St. Andrew's Lodge at Manchester.

Bro. Gilles, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," and said they had been indeed fortunate in installing Bro. Hogard as their W.M., for he was a brother who had done good suit and service in this Degree for many years. During the time Bro. Hogard had been associated with them they knew what work he had done, for he had everything to do in organising the lodge and seeing it run smoothly. They had great pleasure in honouring their present W.M., of whom it would be needless to say more to ensure a hearty reception for the toast.

Bro. C. F. Hogard, W.M., said he was much obliged for the manner in which the toast had been proposed and received. It was quite true he had been the Secretary since the formation of the lodge, and had watched it from a very small beginning to what he might call fair proportions. They did not wish to make a large lodge, but one where every member was a friend and also a welcome guest. That was the ideal of what a lodge should be, and he thought their lodge was of that standard. Their selection was limited to those who had been appointed Grand Stewards, and they were always ready to welcome those who wished to rally round them. It was quite true, as the Grand Secretary had said, that they had supported the Mark Benevolent Fund, for hardly a year passed without a Steward being sent up from the lodge, and such assistance voted as their circumstances warranted. That Benevolent Fund was unique on account of the expenses being small. He hoped they should continue to support that Charity, and he believed the Grand Secretary had his (the W.M.'s) name already as a Steward for the next Festival, and he should appeal to the members to assist him. He thanked them heartily, and presumed he had discharged his duties as Secretary to their satisfaction, or he would not have been placed in the honourable position of W.M.

Bros. H. H. Shirley and Steele responded for "The Joining Members," after which the W.M. proposed "The Past Masters," and said they ought to be proud of their

I.P.M., Bro. Gilles, who received the unanimous suffrages of the brethren in June last for the office of Grand Treasurer, than which no higher honour could be conferred.

Bro. W. C. Gilles, I.P.M., said he was pleased, if in the fulfilment of his duties, he had been considered to have discharged them satisfactorily. It was a distinguished honour to be placed in the chair of such a lodge as this, because it was the acme of Mark Masonry.

Bro. G. Powell, P.M., also responded, after which "The Visitors" was given in cordial terms, and thanks duly returned.

Bro. Driver, S.W., replied for "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast closed a pleasant evening.

BELVEDERE.

Saye and Sele Lodge (No. 309).—The installation of the above lodge took place at the Masonic Rooms on Thursday, the 27th ult., when Bro. T. Heaps, P.G.I.G., S.W., and W.M. elect, was installed W.M. by Bro. A. H. Bateman, P.M., P.G.M.O., and Sec., in a most perfect manner; Bro. F. Wood, P.M., P.P.G.M.O., acting as S.W. He appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. H. E. Russell, P.P.G.O., I.P.M.; C. W. Blaxland, S.W. (by proxy); H. T. Crump, J.W.; W. O. Robinson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; A. H. Bateman, Sec.; C. Jolly, P.P.G.O., M.O.; H. F. Greig, S.O.; Dr. A. Greenaway, J.O.; and H. W. Church, S.D. The addresses having been given, and a cordial vote of thanks passed to Bro. Bateman. Bro. Russell was presented with a Past Master's jewel, and both those worthy brethren returned thanks. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a superb banquet served in the dining-room of the establishment. Bros. Dr. G. Mickley, P.G.D. Grand Mark Lodge, and W. H. Thomas representing the visitors.

Bro. Mickley, in responding for the toast of "The Grand Officers Present and Past," said so far as the Grand and Deputy Grand Masters were concerned it would ill become him to say one single word of praise, because their splendid work for Masonry, both in the Craft and Mark, spoke for itself. So far as the rest of the Grand Officers went, he could only say that they were men of good position in life, as well as in Masonry, and who had the interest of the Mark Degree at heart. Those who were at the present time in office would, as those who had preceded them had done, do their best for the Order, and then make way for others to take their place. He thanked them for their kind invitation, and would always be pleased to attend a lodge where the Grand Officers were evidently so well esteemed.

The Worshipful Master then proposed the toast of "Bro. Robinson, Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Hayman Cummings, D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past." He said that lodge had received a number of favours from Prov. Grand Lodge. He was sorry that their Prov. Grand Master had not attended because at the late meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge at Tunbridge Wells Bro. Robinson had promised to attend, but at the last moment was unable. He was sorry, because Bro. Robinson was a splendid installing officer. He, however, asked them to drink the toast heartily.

Bro. Wood having briefly responded,

Bro. Russell, in suitable terms, proposed the toast of "The W.M.," who, in response, said he was proud of the position, and as Bro. Russell had set him so good an example, he should follow it. He hoped to have two or three good advances during his year of office, and would endeavour to do the work to their satisfaction, although now that he was getting on for 60, they must not expect too much from him.

Several other toasts followed, and the evening was in every respect a most delightful one.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on the 5th inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. E. Lucas, W.M.; F. Craggs, S.W.; H. F. Williams, J.W.; A. Williams, P.M., S.D.; R. Reid, J.D.; H. Blackman, I.G.; J. Sims, P.M.; J. H. Wood, P.M.; H. Wake, and R. H. Williams, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. Middx.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. A brother having offered himself as a candidate for passing, proved his proficiency in the former Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Sims, P.M., was congratulated on his recovery from his sickness, and elected W.M. for the next meeting, on which night the Fifteen Sections will be worked. The lodge was then closed.

The annual supper of this lodge of instruction will take place on Friday, the 19th inst., at 7.30 p.m.

FINSBURY PARK LODGE (No. 1288).—A meeting of the above lodge was held on Saturday, the 22nd ult., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there was an unusually large attendance of members and visitors to hear a rehearsal of the Third Degree, with full musical accompaniment, assisted by an efficient choir. The interest in the proceedings was still further enhanced by the presence of several Grand Officers. Bro. Dr. Lott, P.G.O., presided at the organ. Among those present were Bros. H. Hill, P.M., W.M.; J. P. Cohen, P.M., S.W.; Hodges, J.W.; J. Oldis, P.M., Treas.; M. H. Hale, P.M., Sec.; G. Reed, S.D.; Macnamara, I.G.; T. Williams, Tyler; J. Terry, P.G.S.B.; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; J. L. Mather, P.A.G.D.C.; J. M. McLeod, P.M., Secretary, R.M.I.B.; and over 100 members and visitors.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, the W.M. rehearsed the Degree of M.M. in a most faultless manner, which was rendered still more impressive by the beautiful musical accompaniment, which was most ably rendered by the following choir, Bros. H. Macfarlane, Org.; W. T. Glaisher, V. Lee, H. Reynolds, T. Powell, W. H. Pocklington, W. Sicklemore, and E. Smith, which was most attentively listened to. Bros. Dr. Lott, P.G.O., and J. M. McLeod, P.M., Sec. R.M.I.B., were unanimously elected honorary members, and a hearty vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Dr. Lott for his great kindness in so efficiently presiding at the organ. These propositions having been severally responded to,

the W.M. proceeded to give a short account of the aim and object they had in view in rehearsing these musical ceremonies, claiming that they were the first to introduce them into the London district. It was, he said, becoming more and more an admitted fact that the ceremonies which were very impressive in themselves, were rendered very much more so by the addition of suitable music, such as they had just heard, and suggested the formation of a Masonic Musical Association to give concerts and entertainments for the benefit of the Charities. There being no further business the lodge was closed, and the brethren went away gratified at having had a unique Masonic treat.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W.; on the 4th inst., when there were present Bros. G. A. Bergholz, W.M.; G. H. Reynolds, S.W.; E. J. D. Bromley, J.W.; W. Brindley, Preceptor; J. Greenway, Deputy Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; F. M. Noakes, S.D.; F. S. Jarvis, J.D.; T. C. Seary, Org.; A. Cogliati, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; J. Rowe, A. Mulvey, W. Hancock, D. Gall, and A. Cator.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Preceptor worked the 1st Section, the Deputy Preceptor the 2nd Section, and the Preceptor the 3rd Section of the First Lecture. Bro. James Burgess having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. On rising for the second time, Bro. G. H. Reynolds, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, the Secretary proposed that the by-laws be suspended on Thursday evening, the 8th January, 1891, that the W.M. and the W.M. elect of the mother lodge may have the opportunity of rehearsing the ceremony of installation; seconded by the Deputy Preceptor, supported by the Preceptor, and carried unanimously. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 5th inst., at the Kensington Park Hotel, Lancaster-road, Notting Hill, W. Present: Bros. J. C. Conway, W.M.; E. Rogers, S.W.; F. L. Chandler, J.W.; G. Davis, P.M. 167, Preceptor; W. J. Mason, W.M. 2246, Sec.; H. Armfield, S.D.; J. Powell, J.D.; W. H. Armfield, I.G.; G. Gardner, H. Foskett, and E. J. Day.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. H. Foskett being the candidate. Bro. G. Gardner having answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, was duly entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. G. Gardner being the candidate. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. The S.W., Bro. E. Rogers, was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 4th inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. W. Hillier, W.M.; W. G. Jennings, S.W.; Alfred Love, J.W.; John Davis, W.M. 169, Preceptor; E. Austin, P.M., Treas.; F. Craggs, Sec. (*pro tem.*); John Arnott, S.D.; T. S. Stevens, J.D.; T. Kington, I.G.; C. R. Cross, P.M.; H. P. Gilbert, P.M.; J. H. Richardson, T. J. Head, T. Jobson, R. N. Larter, and T. Stonnill.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read, confirmed, and signed. The 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture were worked by the W.M., assisted by the Preceptor and the brethren. Bro. Head offered himself as a candidate for passing, and he was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and ceremony rehearsed. Bro. Richardson answered the questions leading to the Third Degree. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Jennings was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

THE ABBEY (WESTMINSTER) LODGE (No. 2030).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 5th inst., at the Town Hall, Westminster, when there were present Bros. R. White, W.M.; Chabot, S.W.; Saunders, J.W.; Gibson, P.M., Preceptor; Coughlan, P.M., Treas.; Budd, Sec.; Hobbs, S.D.; Badderley, J.D.; Hayler, I.G.; Balchin, Stvd.; Brindley, P.M.; Green, P.M.; Dunstan, Barber, Piper, Wilson, Stutfield, Bonwick, and Edwards.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Barber being the candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair, and Bro. Dunstan took the chair. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Hobbs, a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, answered the usual questions and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Hobbs being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. re-occupied the chair. Bro. Chabot was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was also unanimously recorded for the minutes for the able and efficient manner in which the W.M. had carried out the duties of the chair for the first time. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting of this chapter was held at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell, on the 5th inst., when there were present Comps. Kimpton, M.E.Z.; Scott Young, H.; Phillips, P.Z., J.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; C. H. Stone, 1275, S.E.; V. T. Murche, 1329, S.N.; Grumant, P.Z., Treas. elect 1275, P.S.; Voisey, P.Z., S.E. 1329, Treas.; Goodwin; G. Powell, P.Z.; Benedetti, Z. elect 1275; Davis, 1329; H. Martin, A.S. elect 1275; North, J. elect 1275; F. H. Smith; J. H. Price; Axford; C. W. Davis, 1216; T. C. Edmonds, P.Z. 1507; and J. J. White, 1329.

A conclave of Third Principals was formed, and Comp. Hilton, P.Z., installed Comp. Phillips, P.Z., into the third chair. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Goodwin personating the candidate. Comps. Davis, White, and Edmonds were elected joining members. Comp. Scott Young was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. It was unanimously resolved that the three installation ceremonies should be rehearsed on January 9th, 1891.

STOCKWELL LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1339.

The annual banquet of the above was held at the White Hart, Abchurch-lane, Cannon-street, on Monday, the 24th ult., when the following members and visitors were present: Bros. C. G. Scott, P.M. 452, W.M.; F. H. Harvey, 1339, S.W.; W. D. T. Turnpenny, J.W. 749, J.W.; Herbert Moss, P.M., P.Z. 1339, Preceptor; T. H. Ellis, 1339, Asst. Sec.; A. W. Davis; F. S. Smyth, S.W. 1982; E. Attenborough, A. L. Butters, S. W. Minns, C. H. Bryson, W. H. J. Alexander, S. G. Southcombe, C. R. Blyton, F. Blyton, J. W. Curtis, W.M. elect 733; A. G. Boswell, P.M., Z. 1339; G. Anderson, P.G.S., P.M. 60; and J. H. Proff. Visitors: Bros. H. Darbyshire, P.M. 581 and 199; A. H. Barnard, S.D. 2024; E. H. Rolfe, P.M. 125 and 2147; J. Pollard, P.M. 2147, J.W. 1339; A. Jones, 1339; D. Hickson, 2147; and G. Blyton, 2148.

After a sumptuous repast provided by the host, Bro. Anderson, the W.M. rose to propose the first toast, "The Queen and the Craft," and said this toast is one always received with heartiness and all honour that is due to it, and without further comment I will thank the brethren to rise and assist me in drinking it.

After the National Anthem, the next toast being that of "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," the W.M. said: Brethren this toast requires no commendation from me, it recommends itself to every member of the Craft. During the time he has been our M.W.G.M. Masonry has made unprecedented progress, and I hope our M.W.G.M. will long be spared to fill that high office.

The toast having been duly honoured, the **WORSHIPFUL MASTER** rose to propose that of "The Deputy Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and said: This toast, brethren, is one that is always well received. It is very lamentable that we have had during the past year a loss that would be very difficult to replace, I refer to the death of the Earl of Carnarvon, our late Pro G.M. Most of us can bear witness to the assiduity with which he carried out his work, and to which all who have the privilege of attending Grand Lodge can testify. With regard to the Grand Officers, we cannot honour them too much for the manner in which they perform their respective duties. It is good we can find such men to lead us. We have with us this evening a brother who is a Past Grand Steward—I mean Bro. Anderson, and although not a Grand Lodge Officer, I shall couple his name with this toast.

The toast having been suitably acknowledged by Bro. ANDERSON,

Bro. BOSWELL, P.M., rose and said: Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Brethren,—You are perfectly well aware of the reason I am in possession of the gavel, it is to propose the toast of "The Worshipful Master." It is an easy task, for this reason, I feel quite sure that every word of commendation from me will receive an echo in the heart of every brother present, and, certainly, every member of the Stockwell Lodge of Instruction, and those who have known Bro. Scott longest can best appreciate his merit. We have many estimable Masons in this lodge of instruction, and we have in its Treasurer (our W.M. this evening), a brother who is much esteemed. He has been a member from its foundation, being one of the few brethren who founded the lodge. He is also a most constant attendant, and has the welfare of the lodge at heart. It is not necessary for me to say more, and I feel perfectly sure that you will rise with the greatest pleasure to assist me in the drinking of the toast.

The **WORSHIPFUL MASTER** said: Bro. Boswell, P.M., and Brethren,—I thank you for the very kind manner in which you have proposed my health, and you, brethren, for the way in which you have received it. I can assure you that at all times it will be my very best endeavour to do what I can for this lodge of instruction. I am sure in looking round me we shall so build up the lodge as to make it second to none, and I feel confident the brethren will go hand in hand to make it a success.

The next toast being that of "The Visitors," the **WORSHIPFUL MASTER** said: This is a toast always well received. There is no greater pleasure than to see our brother visitors. I trust they will all be with us next year, and hope we shall be able to enrol them as members of this lodge of instruction, and I am sure they will not have cause to regret the Masonic knowledge which our Preceptor is able to impart to them. The visitors who have honoured us with their presence this evening are numerous, and I have much pleasure in coupling the names of Bros. Darbyshire, Pollard, Rolfe, Barnard, and G. Blyton with this toast.

The visitors having replied,

The **WORSHIPFUL MASTER** rose and proposed "The Stockwell Lodge of Instruction, Root and Branch," and said: You have heard how this lodge took its rise when a few of us met in a small room in St. Mary Axe. We began with the very humble number of four members, now we have about 50. It is an instance of what comes of very small beginnings. As a result of the instruction received we have many who can go through the ritual of the Three Degrees in a perfect manner. We are well aware that unless we have received some tuition how very small we feel, and with what little confidence fill important offices. It is only in a lodge of instruction that we can gain the knowledge which is necessary. This lodge of instruction has always had in view the benefit of its members; it is chiefly for that reason that those who are not already members should become so at an early opportunity. I trust the lodge will still continue to increase in num-

bers, therefore, I give you "The Stockwell Lodge of Instruction, Root and Branch." There is just one other matter I should like to call your attention to—that is our late Preceptor, Bro. Frances. We are not insensible to the great benefits he conferred on us; we appreciate to the utmost the great advantages of his tuition. It would be difficult to find a more efficient Preceptor, and we must not let the toast pass without evincing our gratitude to him, and I am sure all present wish him every happiness. I couple with this toast the names of our late Preceptor, Bro. Frances, and our present Preceptor, Bro. Moss.

The Preceptor, Bro. Moss, then replied as follows: Worshipful Master, Bro. Wardens, and Brethren,—I must thank the W.M. for the very kind manner in which he has proposed this toast, and you, brethren, for the way in which you have received it. As regards our Bro. Frances, I am sure his knowledge of Freemasonry is excelled by none and equalled by few. I am comparatively a young Preceptor, but am an old Secretary, having held the latter position since the formation of this lodge of instruction. I take this special opportunity of thanking the brethren who are attending regularly, and who have supported the lodge from its foundation. Everything points to this becoming—as the W.M. has already informed you—one of the strongest lodges of instruction. It has always been to me a great pleasure to assist in anything connected with this lodge, and I trust always will be, and I ask all present to support me. What we desire is good fellowship, combined with instruction. We have sent up a very fair amount to the Charities, and, now we are increasing in numbers, hope to send up a great deal more.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER next proposed the toast of "The Secretary and Assistant Secretary," and said: Before referring to the present Secretary and Assistant Secretary, I think this a fitting opportunity to refer to our Preceptor. While he held the post of Secretary we all know what a hard worker he was, how he has stuck to it from the first, and has been present at all meetings. We cannot but be grateful to our Bro. Moss, P.M., for all he has done in the past. He has done the work in admirable form, and I am quite sure we shall find that he performs the duties of Preceptor as he has done those of Secretary. With regard to our present Secretary, Bro. E. H. Minns, it is extremely regretful to find him suffering from a very severe illness, for a more conscientious worker it would be difficult to find. Like his predecessor, he has always been present, and I am sure we all sympathise with him on account of his illness and wish him a speedy recovery. We have in the Assistant Secretary, Bro. Ellis, one who will carry out the duties of his office in a thoroughly satisfactory manner, and who, I am sure, will do in the future all he has done in the past to promote the interests of the lodge.

The toast having been acknowledged by Bro. Ellis, the W.M. proposed "The Senior and Junior Wardens," and said: Brethren, we have all noticed the rapid strides made by our S.W. When he first joined the lodge, his knowledge of the ritual was very limited. He is now able to fill any office, and is a constant attendant. As regards our J.W., we all know how energetic he is and what great progress he has made. It is not an easy matter for any brother to go through all the Degrees; it requires close application and assiduity, a brother must attend regularly, and it is absolutely necessary if he wishes to work the ceremonies with satisfaction to himself and those in the lodge to be painstaking; in that respect, both with regard to our S. and J. Wardens we have all those qualities.

The SENIOR WARDEN rose and said: Worshipful Master and Brethren,—I thank you very much for the kind words you have said of me. I have since I joined this lodge endeavoured to be a constant attendant, and avail myself of the advantages offered as regards tuition. This lodge is remarkable for the number of Past Masters who still attend it, and who, I trust, will continue to do so.

The JUNIOR WARDEN rose and said: It is a very great pleasure to me to be here this evening, and certainly to hold the position I hold. I am very proud to be a member of this lodge of instruction, for in its members we have thorough good, hard-working Masons, brethren who will do their utmost to serve a friend or brother in time of need, and who will do their utmost to promote the interests of the lodge.

The Tyler's toast brought to a close a most harmonious and enjoyable evening.

MASONRY AT DIDSbury.

Bro. G. S. Smith, W.M. of the Doric Lodge, No. 2359, has taken the initiative in a very praiseworthy undertaking which must commend itself to the Craft in general. On Friday evening, the 5th inst., the W.M. and his officers entertained some 700 children and their parents, at the National Schools, consisting of a lime-light trip to the Isle of Man, comprising some 100 views of the most interesting spots in the island. Perhaps the most pleasing feature was the singing of appropriate hymns, during the representation of the various church views, by a choir of well trained boys, with the W.M. presiding at the organ. We must also mention a very excellent view of a White Star Line steamer in motion, rendered more effective by the accompanying song, "Rocked in the cradle of the deep."

The humorous portion of the programme was most ably and amusingly delineated by Bro. Fred Stretch, D.C., not forgetting the graphic manner in which Bro. Edgar Towell, the S.W., performed his duties as

lecturer. Mr. Ernest Towell, assisted by Mr. John Barke manipulated the limelight views and effects with their customary skill. We cannot conclude this notice without awarding a word of praise to the Head Master of the school, Mr. Samuel Brown, for the excellent manner in which the children had been trained—a more orderly and well-behaved number could not be desired, showing their appreciation of the efforts made by the members of the Doric Lodge to please the eye and improve the mind.

Bro. Jos. Ward, assisted by Bros. Langley and Sharples, very successfully looked after the comfort of all concerned.

The evening was brought to a close by the whole company singing "God bless the Prince of Wales."

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS.

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.

The company have made arrangements for the issue of tickets of all classes at no less than 12 of their City and West End offices in the Metropolis, viz.:—193 and 407, Oxford-street; 23, New Oxford-street; Holborn-circus; 29, Charing Cross; 5, Arthur-street East, London Bridge; 82, Queen Victoria-street; 269, Strand; 43 and 44, Crutched Friars; 26, Regent-street; 67, Gresham-street; and 4, Cheapside; at either of which places tickets can be obtained on and after Thursday, December 18th. This arrangement cannot fail to be a boon to those travellers who desire to avoid the trouble of obtaining a ticket at a crowded railway station. The booking office at the Paddington station will also be open for the issue of tickets each day during the week preceding Christmas day. Ordinary tickets obtained in London between December 18th and 24th will be available for use on any day between and including those days. Cheap third class tickets at reduced fares will be issued from London to the Yeovil and Weymouth districts and to stations in the West of England; similar tickets will also be issued from those districts to London. In order to meet the extraordinary demands upon the company's resources occasioned by the enormous parcels traffic despatched both from and to London at Christmas time, special fast trains carrying parcels only, and calling at the principal intermediate stations will run between London and Plymouth, Birkenhead, Worcester, and New Milford. On Wednesday, December 24th, the 1.0 and 5.0 p.m. trains from Paddington to Plymouth will be extended to Falmouth and Penzance; and the 6.20 p.m. train from Paddington to Bristol will run to Exeter, a special train will leave Paddington at 10.0 p.m. for New Milford, and will call at the same stations as the 9.15 p.m. ordinary train, and a special express to the West of England will depart at 11.50 p.m. (midnight.) On Christmas day the usual Sunday service of trains will be run, but for the convenience of persons who are unable to leave town before the morning of Christmas day, the 5.30 a.m. train will run as on week days to Oxford, Bristol, Weston-Super-Mare, Worcester, Banbury, Leamington, Birmingham, Dudley, and Wolverhampton, in which towns the London morning papers will consequently be distributed at the usual hour. On the afternoon of Sunday, December 28th, special trains will run to London from Plymouth, Swansea, and Wolverhampton, calling at the principal intermediate stations.

LONDON AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY.

The ticket offices at Euston, Broad-street, Kensington, and Willesden Junction will be open throughout the day from Monday, December 15th, to Wednesday, December 24th (Sunday excepted), so that passengers wishing to obtain tickets for any destination on the London and North-Western Railway can do so at any time of the day prior to the starting of the trains. The tickets will be dated to suit the convenience of passengers. Tickets for all the principal stations on the London and North-Western system and its connections can be obtained at any time—Sundays and Bank Holidays excepted—at the following town receiving offices of the company:—15, Queen-street, E.C.; Spread Eagle, 3, Whittington-avenue, Leadenhall Market, E.C.; Swan-with-two-Necks, 65, Gresham-street, E.C.; 13, Eastcheap; Cross Keys, 1, Wood-street, Cheapside, E.C.; 22, Aldersgate-street, E.C.; 65, Aldgate, E.; 30, West Smithfield, E.C.; 8 and 9, Clerkenwell-green, E.C.; Bolt-in-Tun, 64, Fleet-street, E.C.; 116, Holborn, E.C.; George and Blue Boar, 285, High Holborn, W.C.; 43, New Oxford-street, W.C.; Universal Office, Spread Eagle, Piccadilly-circus, W.; 34, Parliament-street, Westminster; Golden Cross, Charing-cross, W.C.; Hotel Windsor, Victoria-street, S.W.; 231, Edgware-road, W.; Atlas Office, 167, Tottenham-court-road, W.C.; 70, St. Martin's-lane W.C.; 3, James-street, Covent Garden, W.C.; Lion, 108, New Bond-street, W.; 496, Oxford-street, W.; Griffin's Green Man and Still, 241, Oxford-street, W.; 33, Hereford-road, Bayswater, W.; Knightsbridge, 34, Albert Gate, S.W.; Kensington, 33, High-street, W.; 117, High-street, Borough, S.E.; 233, and 234, Blackfriars-road, S.E.; Surrey Railway Office, 138, Newington Causeway, S.E.; 194, Westminster Bridge-road, S.E.; Islington, "Angel," 5, Pentonville-road, N.; London, Brighton, and South Coast Company's Office, 8, Grand Hotel Buildings, Charing Cross; and at Gaze and Sons's Offices, 142, Strand, W.C. The ordinary service of express and mail trains will be supplemented by additional express trains as named below: On Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24th, a special train will leave Euston at 2.35 p.m. for Bletchley, Wolverton, Northampton, Rugby, principal stations on the Trent Valley Line, and Stafford, in advance of the 2.45 p.m. ordinary train from London (Euston). The 4.30 p.m. Euston to Birmingham, will be divided—the first portion which will run express to Coventry and Birmingham, will leave Euston at 4.25 p.m.; the second portion of the train will leave Euston at 4.30 p.m. as usual, and convey passengers for Northampton, Rugby, Coventry, Birmingham, Walsall, Dudley, and Wolverhampton. The 7.0 p.m., Euston to Birmingham, will be divided, the first portion, which will run express to Coventry and Birmingham, will leave Euston at 6.55 p.m., the second portion of the train will leave Euston at 7.0 p.m., and convey passengers for Bletchley, Northampton, Rugby, Coventry, Birmingham, Dudley, Wolverhampton, and Walsall. The night Irish mail,

due to leave Euston 8.20 p.m. will not leave until 9.0 p.m. Passengers from Birmingham, Liverpool, and Manchester, for Holyhead and Ireland, will leave at the usual hours, and will be taken forward to Holyhead in advance of the London train. The mail packet for Kingstown will not leave Holyhead until the passengers from London are on board. The 12.0 night train from London (Euston), due at Warrington at 5.15 a.m. on Christmas Day, will be extended from Warrington to Carlisle, Edinburgh, and Glasgow as on ordinary week days, and will, by special arrangement, take passengers for Kendal and Windermere. On Christmas Day the usual Sunday service of trains will be run with the following additions: The 5.15 a.m. newspaper express from London (Euston) will run to Northampton, Rugby, Birmingham, Nuneaton, Tamworth, Lichfield, Rugeley, Stafford, Crewe, Liverpool, Manchester, Warrington, Wigan, Preston, Lancaster, Carnforth, Oxenholme, Kendal, Windermere, Tebay, Penrith, Carlisle, Edinburgh, and Glasgow. The 7.15 a.m. down day Irish mail from Euston to Holyhead, and the 11.30 a.m. up day Irish mail from Holyhead to Euston will be run on Christmas Day the same as on week days. The down mail will call, if required, at Rhyl, Conway, and Bangor; and the up mail, if required, at Bangor, Conway, Colwyn Bay, Rhyl, and Holywell. The 11.17 a.m., Chester to Birkenhead, will wait at Chester the arrival of the 7.15 a.m. from London. On Friday (Bank Holiday), December 26th, numerous residential trains in the neighbourhood of important cities and towns will not be run.

GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY.

The Great Northern Railway Company announce that on Saturday, December 20th, the 8.0 p.m. express will be run throughout from London to Edinburgh. The 8.30 p.m. express from King's Cross will run to Edinburgh, Glasgow, Perth, and the North of Scotland. On Wednesday, December 24th, the 8.0 p.m., 8.30 p.m., and 10.40 p.m. expresses from King's Cross will be run through to Edinburgh, Glasgow, and other places in Scotland at times advertised in November time tables. An additional express train will leave King's Cross station at 12.0 midnight for Welwyn, Stevenage, Hitchin, Biggleswade, Sandy, St. Neots, Huntingdon, Peterborough, Spalding, Boston, Grimsby, Grant-ham, Lincoln, Nottingham, Newark, Retford, Doncaster, Wakefield, Leeds, Bradford, Halifax, Selby, York, Darlington, and Newcastle. On Christmas day, December 25th, trains will run as on Sundays, except that the 5.15 a.m. express from King's Cross will be run to Stamford, Bourn, Lincoln, Nottingham, York, Wakefield, Leeds, Bradford, and Halifax, stopping at the intermediate stations at which it ordinarily calls.

A special express, conveying parcels only, will leave London (King's Cross) at 9.55 p.m. on December 20th, 22nd, and 23rd, for Lynn, Norwich, Yarmouth, Nottingham, Melton Mowbray, Leicester, Derby, Burton, Lincoln, Sheffield, Manchester, Liverpool, Wakefield, Leeds, Bradford, Keighley, Halifax, York, Hull, Newcastle, and all places in the North of England and Scotland. To prevent inconvenience from crowding at the Company's principal terminal station, King's Cross, arrangements have been made for the issue of passenger tickets, dated in advance, at King's Cross, at other London stations, and at the following offices: Star Office, 138, Victoria-street, S.W.; Albert Gate Office, 1, William-street, Lowndes-square; 169, Edgware-road; 285, Oxford-street; 90, Tottenham Court-road; 264, High Holborn; 111, Strand; Royal Oak Office, 6, Porchester-road, Westbourne-grove; 3, King Edward-street, Newgate-street; 22, Wood-street; 44, Bread-street; 1, Whittington-avenue, Leadenhall-street; 16, Fish-street Hill; Bee Hive, Whitecross-street; 43 and 44, Crutched Friars; 30, Bishopsgate-street Without; Charles-street, Farringdon-street; 95, High-street, Borough; 190A, Westminster Bridge-road; Great Northern Company's Poplar Docks Station, Preston-road; Victoria Docks and Albert Docks (G.N. Offices); 7, Beresford-square, South Woolwich; and at the offices of Swan and Leach, 3, Charing Cross, and 32, Piccadilly Circus.

South Africa.

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DURBAN.

Prudent Brethren Conclave (No. 15).

The annual installation meeting of this conclave was held at the Masonic Hall, Durban, Natal, recently, under the presidency of Bro. R. I. Finnemore, 32°, Grand Guide, when Bro. W. F. Stanton, 30°, was inducted into the Order, and Bros. L. E. S. Torgius, 18°, G. Leask, and W. H. Harris were advanced to the Second Degree of the Order. Bro. Thomas Cook, 31°, was installed as Supreme Ruler, and appointed Bros. J. Schulz, M.D., 30°, as Counsellor, and Treasurer *pro tem.*; W. H. Harris, Guide; G. Leask, Sec.; L. E. S. Torgius, V.D.; and W. F. Stanton, I.G. The Treasurer reported a balance in hand of £7 19s. Draft by-laws were brought up and passed, subject to approval of Grand Council. "Hearty good wishes" were conveyed from two other South African conclaves, viz.: Southern Cross Conclave, No. 18, and Natalia conclave, No. 19.

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MASONIC AND GENERAL TIDINGS

The consecration of the Clarence Lodge will take place at Chester on Saturday, the 20th inst.

The partnership heretofore subsisting between Bro. J. A. Mallett, and Bro. Pearce Morrison, C.C., has been dissolved by mutual consent.

The Duke of Connaught dined with Lieut.-Col. the Hon. J. C. Vanneck, and the officers of the 2nd Battalion Scots Guards, at the Victoria Barracks, Windsor.

Bro. James Gardiner, J., F. R. Sewell Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, 213, was unanimously elected N., and Bro. Thos. Atkinson, C.N., was elected Treasurer, on the 28th ult.

It is intended to hold a Masonic ball at Blackburn early in January, 1891. Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, Prov. Grand Master East Lancashire, will be present on the occasion.

The Prince of Wales, accompanied by Bro. the Duke of Fife, and the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, with a large party, were present at the Comedy Theatre on Monday evening.

By the kind permission of Bro. Henry Irving, M. Maurel, the celebrated baritone, gave a lecture at the Lyceum Theatre on Monday afternoon, on the "Modern Development of the Lyric Art."

The revival of "Much Ado About Nothing" at the Lyceum is announced for the 5th proximo. The cast is exceptionally strong. On the 20th and 27th inst., "The Bells" will be revived.

A special meeting of the Swansea Town Council was held on Monday, when it was unanimously decided to invite her Majesty to visit Swansea in August next on the occasion of the National Eisteddfod.

Bro. T. Sutherland, M.P., presided at the annual meeting of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company on Tuesday, when a dividend of 9 per cent. was declared, and a sum of £85,000 carried over to the reserve fund.

Bro. Wm. Dewsberry, S.W. 441, P.P.G.O., has been unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year of the Three Grand Principles Lodge, Cambridge, in succession to Bro. J. F. Symonds, and will be installed on Monday evening, the 5th prox.

The students of Trinity College, London, gave a very successful orchestral concert at Princes' Hall, on Tuesday evening. There was a large attendance, and the programme was well carried out. The vocalists were Miss May Pinney and Mr. John Buller Guy.

The Stock Exchange Orchestral Society gave their opening concert of the season at St. James's Hall on Tuesday. There was a large and friendly audience, and the several items of the programme well deserved the applause which was liberally awarded them.

The Prince of Wales occupied the chair at a meeting on Tuesday of the Council of the Hackney Horse Society, and on the proposition of his Royal Highness, the Princess of Wales, the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, and Prince George were elected members of the Society.

We regret to announce the death of the Countess of Ravensworth, who was married to Bro. the Earl of Ravensworth in December, 1852. The sad event occurred quite suddenly on Monday evening, and is attributed to her ladyship having taken a sudden chill.

The betrothal of Princess Louise, youngest daughter of Prince and Princess Christian, to Prince Aribert, third surviving son of the Duke of Anhalt-Dessau, took place on Monday. The Prince, who is 26 years of age, is a lieutenant in the First Regiment of Dragoons of the Prussian Guards. The Princess is in her 19th year, having been born on the 12th August, 1872.

Among the guests invited by Lord and Lady Alington to meet their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales and family at Crichele are Bros. the Earl of Hardwicke, Sir Frederick Johnstone, Bart., and Montague Guest. The Royal visit will terminate to-morrow (Saturday), when the Prince and Princess will go to Windsor on a visit to her Majesty, in order to be present at the memorial service to the late Prince Consort on Sunday, the 29th anniversary of his death.

A meeting of the Court of Governors of the West Lancashire Hamer Benevolent Institution was held on the 5th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope street, Liverpool, under the chairmanship of Bro. T. Banner Newton, one of the Vice-Presidents of the Charity. An application for the benefits of the Institution from a distressed brother was approved; and it was further resolved in future to close the annual accounts of the Institution on the 31st December. A Committee was appointed to revise the by-laws.

Under the presidency of Bro. Dr. T. Clarke, P.P.G.R., Vice-Chairman, a meeting of the members of the Masonic Ball Committee was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on the 5th inst., when it was announced that Bro. Councillor J. J. Bamford had most generously undertaken to provide the badges for the ball Stewards, who now number about 200. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Bamford for his generous gift in aid of the funds of a deserving Charity, the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution.

A most enjoyable ball was held on the 4th inst. at the City Hall, Eberle-street, Liverpool, under the auspices of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Foote, P.P.G.T., and the officers of the Cycling and Athletic Lodge of Freemasons, No. 2335. This is the first social event in connection with the lodge, the previous "At Home," held a couple of months ago, having been promoted by the members of the club as distinguished from the lodge. The proceedings last night were carried to a successful issue under the able direction of Bros. F. P. Hodgson and J. C. Robinson as Masters of Ceremonies. There was an active body of Stewards engaged, and these were assisted by Bro. A. Morecroft, Treasurer, and Bros. T. G. Parkes, W. O. Callow, and J. F. Walker, Hon. Secretaries.

The Doric Lodge, No. 2359, is held at Didsbury on every second Saturday in each month, at Didsbury Hotel.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Lathom, who have been visiting the Earl and Countess Howe, have returned to Lathom House, Ormskirk.

In accordance with orders received from the Admiralty, the new cruiser Mohawk has been prepared for sea, to take the place of the ill-fated Serpent, and will be ready by to-morrow (Saturday).

Mr. Spencer J. Portal, second son of Bro. Wyndham S. Portal, Past G. Warden of England, and Mary, eldest daughter of the late Lieut.-Col. Muir, were married at Holy Trinity Church, Sloane-street, on the 4th instant.

The Queen and Princess Beatrice left Windsor Castle on Saturday last, and, travelling *via* the South-Western Railway to Farnborough, visited and lunched with the Empress Eugénie at Farnborough Hill, returning to Windsor by 5.30 p.m.

The death of "Honest John" Phelps of Fulham, the well-known Thames boatman, will cause very general regret. Phelps, who was aged 86 years, died on Saturday last, after having been a prominent figure in aquatic circles for upwards of 50 years.

The Queen has been pleased to grant a charter of incorporation to the Newspaper Press Fund, which was founded in 1864, and of which Bro. Sir A. Borthwick, M.P., is President. It numbers about 700 members and has an average income of about £2500.

Bro. the Earl of Jersey left England for New South Wales on Friday, 5th instant, travelling from Victoria station for Brindisi. The Countess of Jersey is now able to get up every day, and on Thursday next will leave for Stoneleigh Abbey, the residence of her father, Bro. Lord Leigh.

Prince and Princess Christian left England for Berlin on Saturday last, travelling by the Queenborough and Flushing route, their object being to bring back to England their two daughters, who have been staying with the Empress Frederick. Their Royal Highnesses will return in about a fortnight in time to spend Christmas at Cumberland Lodge.

We learn that Bro. Jas. Stevens, P.M., P.Z., has resigned the office of Preceptor of the Camden Lodge of Instruction, No. 704, and Bro. A. A. Drew, P.M., has been elected in his stead. Under his able Preceptorship, last Thursday, the 4th inst., at the Lewisham Masonic Rooms, the ceremony of initiation was worked in the presence of a large number of local brethren.

Bro. Lord Mayor Savory and the Lady Mayoress, accompanied by Sheriffs Farmer and Bro. Augustus Harris, visited the Crystal Palace on Saturday last for the purpose of attending the annual distribution of prizes. The distribution was made by the Lady Mayoress, and the vote of thanks to her ladyship for her kindness in undertaking the duty was acknowledged suitably by Bro. the Lord Mayor.

The 93rd annual show of fat stock by the Smithfield Club was opened at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, on Monday, and will remain open till the evening of to-day (Friday). The number of entries is larger than in any previous year, with the exception of 1888, while the quality of the exhibits is admirable. The Queen is one of the principal exhibitors, and at the same time one of the most successful.

The Prince of Wales left Sandringham for London early on Monday morning in order to visit the Cattle Show, and was followed by a later train by the Princess of Wales and the Princesses Victoria and Maud. On Tuesday their Royal Highnesses, accompanied by the Duke of Clarence and Avondale and their two daughters, left Marlborough House for Crichele, near Wimborne, on a visit to Lord and Lady Alington.

The Guelph Exhibition, which will be opened at the New Gallery, in Regent-street, at the beginning of the New Year, will comprise upwards of 400 portraits, besides miniatures and personal relics. Among the contributors are her Majesty the Queen, who lends 33 pictures, the Prince of Wales, Princess Louise, the Duke of Cambridge, Bro. the Duke of Fife, Bros. the Earls of Chichester, Crawford, and Wharcliffe, Bro. Earl Bathurst, the Duchess of St. Albans, the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, the Bodleian Library, and the Corporation of London.

It is understood that Her Majesty, on leaving Osborne for Windsor in February next, will land at Portsmouth dockyard, and be present at and take the chief part in launching the Royal Sovereign, twin-screw armoured battle-ship of the first-class, and the twin-screw cruiser Centaur. It is 30 years since Her Majesty took part in such a function at Portsmouth. Her Majesty will afterwards honour Bro. Admiral Sir E. and Lady Commerell with her presence at luncheon, at Admiralty House. It is also believed that in the course of the summer the Queen will be present at a review of the troops in garrison at Portsmouth, under the command of the Duke of Connaught, who will enter upon the duties of his command on New Year's day.

The Duchess of Albany and suite attended a special service at the Dutch Reformed Church, Austin Friars, held on the 4th instant, in memory of her late brother-in-law, William III. King of the Netherlands. The Dutch minister in London and his staff, and the Consul-general and other officials were present, as was likewise a numerous congregation, which included many of the foreign Ambassadors and Ministers in London, representatives of the Queen, the Prince and Princess of Wales, and other members of the Royal Family, Bro. Sir James Fergusson, Bart., M.P., representing the Foreign Office; Bro. Lord Mayor Savory, accompanied by Sheriffs Farmer and Bro. Augustus Harris, and Bro. Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., M.P., and Sir Polydore de Keyser.

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Bro. Charles Arkell, Commission, Shipping, and Insurance Agent, has removed from Trinity-square, to 9, Union-court, Old Broad-street.

Bro. George Kenning has purchased the stock of Masonic goods from Bro. Joseph Starkey, of Conduit-street, in consequence of the department being discontinued.

Bros. Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor), Lord George Hamilton, and Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., attended the Cabinet Council held at the Foreign Office on Monday.

Bro. Lord Mayor Savory, Sheriffs Farmer and Bro. Augustus Harris, Bro. Sir B. Samuelson, Bart., M.P., and others, were the guests of the Plumbers' Company on Monday evening.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Derbyshire will be held at the Masonic Hall, Derby, on Monday next, under the presidency of the Prov. G.M., the Marquis of Hartington.

Bro. the Duke of Fife visited the People's Palace on Wednesday evening, and distributed prizes to the pupils of the Technical Schools, now the Drapers' Company's Institute. There was a large and enthusiastic attendance.

The Duke of Connaught, who is honorary Colonel of the regiment, distributed the prizes to the London Irish Rifles at Freemasons' Tavern on Monday, and congratulated both officers and men on the continued efficiency of the corps.

We are asked to state that the Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction will in future meet at the Navarino Tavern, Navarino-road, Dalston. The first meeting at the new address will take place to-morrow (Saturday), at eight o'clock.

The annual festival of the Langton Lodge of Instruction will be held at the White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, E.C., on Thursday, 18th inst., at 6.30 p.m., and the next regular meeting of the lodge will be held on Thursday, the 5th prox.

A life-size statue of Bro. Henry Irving has just been presented to the Corporation of London by the sculptor, Mr. E. Onslow Ford, A.R.A., and has been placed in the permanent Art Gallery, which is open free to the public. Bro. Irving is represented seated, in the character of Hamlet.

We would remind our readers of the approaching annual benefit concert to be given by Bro. Seymour Smith, at the Peckham Public Hall, on Monday next. The programme contains as usual a goodly array of names well-known in the musical world, and from past experience we are justified in assuring those who can be present they will have a most enjoyable musical evening.

Bro. Henry Clarke, P.M., 1827, is a candidate for the vacant directorship of the Board of the London Life Association. The election is in the hands of the members, amongst whom we recognise many members of the Craft both in London and the country. Bro. Henry Clarke is a member of the Corporation of the City of London, and also of the London County Council.

At the meeting of the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928, at Anderton's Hotel, to-morrow (Saturday), when Bro. W. T. Perkins will be installed Worshipful Master, a musical entertainment will be provided by the following artistes, who have volunteered their services:—Bros. Dalgety Henderson, Lucas Williams, Sackville Evans, James Budd, H. W. Schartau, McCall Chambers, Fred Cusins, and Morton Clark.

The first annual dress ball of the Perseverance Lodge was held on the 3rd inst. in the Artillery Drill Hall, Hebburn. There was a large number of couples present, who danced till an early hour in the morning. The music was supplied by Bro. Amers' band, while the refreshments were purveyed by Mr. Waugh, of the North-Eastern Hotel, Jarrow. Bros. Storey and Matheson acted as M.C.'s, while Bros. Roy and Voss officiated as stewards. Bro. J. B. Pratt was the secretary of the committee that had charge of the arrangements.

We remind our readers that Bro. James Stevens will deliver his lecture on the ritual and ceremonial of the Symbolic Degrees in Freemasonry in the Great City Lodge, No. 1426, at the Cannon-street Hotel, E.C., this (Saturday) afternoon. Lodge will be opened at four o'clock by Bro. C. T. Smith, W.M., under the united banners of the Tyrian Lodge, No. 253, and the Arboretum Lodge, No. 731. Bro. Stevens will lecture at the Masonic Hall, Derby, on Friday next, the 19th inst.; and on the 13th of January in the New Cross Lodge, No. 1559, at the Portland Hotel, Greenwich.

The palatial Savoy Hotel is the latest addition to the list of Masonic homes. The Castle Lodge of Harmony, No. 26, having left Willis's Rooms, has taken up its quarters at the Savoy, and, judging from the satisfaction expressed by its members at the meeting held on the 24th ult., we think it will be a long time before they will wish to make another change. Bro. E. Echenard, the courteous manager, made the most careful preparations for their reception, and provided a "Savoy" banquet.

The *World* this week has the following notice of the portrait of Bro. Fenn presented to Grand Lodge last week: "At the Grand Lodge of Freemasons on Wednesday an emphatic compliment was paid to 'Brother' Thomas Fenn, probably the most distinguished and hard-working all-round Mason of this generation. An excellent portrait by Mr. B. S. Marks, and paid for by private subscription, was accepted by Grand Lodge and ordered to be placed in the board-room, to perpetuate for all time the eminent and useful services rendered by Brother Fenn to the Freemasonic body, to which he has belonged nearly 40 years."

The Carl Rosa Company, at their visit to the Metropolis at Easter, will, in all probability, not occupy Drury Lane Theatre. Arrangements are being made for some other house, and it is more than likely that a home will be found for English opera for a month or six weeks at the Grand Theatre, Islington. This arrangement is necessitated by the fact that Bro. Harris has in contemplation a cheap Italian season at Covent Garden in the spring, and the running of opera at both houses at the same time would imperil the prospects of each. How far a "cheap" season at Covent Garden would affect the season proper in the summer will, of course, have to be considered; but if Bro. Harris does not undertake it, someone else may at another house; hence the shrewd *impresario* would prefer to be wounded by his own hand rather than by a thrust from another man's weapon.