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THE INSTALLATION AT READING.

The frost and fogs with which the Clerk of the Weather has recently favoured us, and of which he has given us a longer spell than usual, may have had the effect of deterring some brethren from being in their places in the Town Hall, Reading, on Monday, when the Prince of WALES, M.W.G.M., installed his son, the Duke of CLARENCE AND AVONDALE as Grand Master of the newly-constituted Province of Berkshire; but this in no wise diminished the enthusiasm with which their Royal Highnesses were greeted, and which prevailed during the entire proceedings. Our Berkshire brethren were necessarily in great force, while, from old associations, the lodges in the adjoining county of Bucks were very numerous represented. There were also present many distinguished visitors, prominent among them being Bros. the Duke of CONNAUGHT, P.G.M.; Admiral Lord ALCESTER, Senior Grand Warden; the President of the Board of General Purposes, the Grand Secretary, and several other Grand Officers, Present and Past, as well as Bro. Lord CARRINGTON, who is not only Past Senior Grand Warden of Grand Lodge and Prov. Grand Master nominate of Bucks, but likewise M.W. Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of South Wales. Thus the scene was a brilliant one, and in all respects befitting so important an occasion. As regards the proceedings they passed off successfully, as they always do when his Royal Highness the GRAND MASTER is the principal actor, while the arrangements, both in the Town Hall and at Messrs. Sutton's establishment, where the brethren partook of luncheon, reflect the greatest credit on those who had charge of them. In short, the meeting went splendidly, and the Grand Master, the newly-installed Prov. Grand Master of Berkshire, and the brethren over whom he now presides—and over whom we trust he will be spared to preside for many years—must be exceedingly gratified at the manner in which the new order of things in this highly-favoured province has been inaugurated.

THE SCOTTISH FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

We must congratulate Bro. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL, Bart., M.P., M.W.G.M. of Scotland, and the lodges and brethren under his obedience, on the grand success which has attended their efforts to raise a capital sum of £10,000 in order to make their Fund of Benevolence permanently effective. Not only have they achieved their object, but the amount raised at the recent grand bazaar at Edinburgh has resulted in the realisation of a total of £15,433, while there is still a supplementary bazaar to be held at the Trades' Hall, Glasgow, on the 2nd, 3rd, and 5th January, 1891, the proceeds arising from which will no doubt go a long way towards enlarging the sum total to close on £20,000, or double the amount it was originally proposed to obtain. We rejoice greatly at this success, which redounds so much to the credit of our brethren north of the Tweed, and we trust the career of good fortune which has been theirs for some time past will be prolonged for many, many years.

INSTALLATION OF THE DUKE OF CLARENCE AS PROV. G.M. OF BERKSHIRE.

One of the most brilliant and successful Masonic meetings among the many that have been held during the Grand Master's tenure of office took place at Reading on Monday last, when H.R.H. the Prince of Wales held a Grand Lodge for the purpose of installing H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence and Avondale as Prov. Grand Master of Berkshire. We have from time to time recorded the steps that have been taken since the death of the late Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch, for the separation of the united Province of Berks and Bucks, these proceed-

ings culminated in the imposing ceremony of Monday last, when the eldest son of the Grand Master was, in the presence of a large number of Grand and Provincial Grand Officers and brethren, installed Prov. Grand Master of the newly-formed Province of Berkshire.

A special saloon train left Paddington at 10.30 on Monday morning, containing a large number of brethren who intended taking part in the proceedings. This stopped at Slough, where it was joined by their Royal Highnesses the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, and the Duke of Connaught, who were accompanied by Colonel Egerton, who had driven from the Castle just after a heavy fall of snow, which had made the roads somewhat dangerous for the horses. The whole of the way from town the train went through a snow covered-country, while at intervals there were fleeting falls of snow.

On the arrival at Reading, their Royal Highnesses were welcomed by the Mayor and Corporation and conducted to the carriages in waiting. A guard of honour, composed of the Reading contingent of the Berkshire Volunteers, was drawn up outside the station, while men from the same regiment lined the route to the Town Hall, where the ceremony was to take place. The streets were throughout gaily decorated with flags and streamers, while large crowds were also congregated at all points. These gave a most hearty welcome to the Princes.

The Town Hall had been prepared as a Provincial Grand Lodge. The floor was reserved for Present and Past Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge; while the galleries were devoted to Master Masons. The dais was kept clear for the Grand Master and the Grand Officers. During the period of waiting voluntaries were played.

At 12.30, his Royal Highness the Grand Master, accompanied by the Grand Officers of the year, entered the lodge in procession, a fanfare from the trumpet and the applause from those present being the only accompaniment to the slow march. On arriving at the throne, his Royal Highness was saluted according to ancient form "by nine." An anthem was then sung, and, when concluded, his Royal Highness the GRAND MASTER said—

We have assembled here to-day to install his Royal Highness the Duke of Clarence and Avondale as the Grand Master of the Masonic Province of Berks. This province was established nearly a century ago, and two years later the Province of Bucks, as a joint province, was founded. When, last year, Bro. Sir Daniel Gooch, the Grand Master of Berks and Bucks, died, it was wished to have two separate provinces. I am glad to think that my eldest son will to-day become the Provincial Grand Master of Berks, and that for Bucks a well-worthy Grand Master will be found in my noble friend and brother, Lord Carrington, who has just returned to England, having been Governor of New South Wales for five years, and where he was Grand Master. One of the first Masonic ceremonies I took part in was 20 years ago, when I laid the foundation-stone of the Grammar School of Reading in the presence of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and I need hardly say that it is of still greater interest to me to now install my own son as Provincial Grand Master of this province.

The ACTING INNER GUARD then announced that his Royal Highness the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, K.G., the Grand Master designate of the province, was without, and sought admission, in order that he might be duly installed. The Grand Master directed that he should send in his patent. Bro. T. Fenn, acting as Grand Director of Ceremonies in the absence of Bro. Sir Albert Woods, then left the lodge, returning almost immediately with the patent, which was examined by the Grand Master, after which an escort of Past Masters was directed to conduct his Royal Highness the Provincial Grand Master designate into the lodge. The young Prince was received with due honours, the patent was read, the Grand Chaplain offered prayer, and then, in clear tones, the Grand Master recited the obligation of a Provincial Grand Master, which was repeated by the Duke of Clarence in rather low tones.

The young Prince then ascended the steps of the dais, when he was duly invested with the apron, chain, and jewel of his office. The Prince of Wales then took him by the hand and placed him in the chair which he had previously occupied, taking himself the lower seat on the Duke of Clarence's left hand. The Provincial Grand Master being thus duly installed, was then proclaimed and duly saluted "by seven."

The Duke of Clarence then appointed the Provincial Grand Officers as follows:—

Bro. J. T. Morland, 945 ...	...	...	Prov. D.G.M.
" S. G. Kirchhoffer, 1899 ...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" J. T. Dodd, 414 ...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. Canon Garry, 414 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. A. A. N. Deacon, 1887 ...	...	...
" C. Stephens, 414 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" W. Boutcher, 2228 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. W. Martin, 414 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" S. Knight, 574 ...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" G. Saxby, 945 ...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" C. B. Tubbs, 2043 ...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" W. Hickie, 1101 ...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" W. G. Nottage, 771 ...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" G. Milward, 1770 ...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" John Greenfield, 795 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" A. C. Hewett, 1566 ...	...	...
" G. H. Stubington, 2043 ...	...	...	Prov. Asst. G. Sec.
" W. Sevenoaks, 209 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" R. D. Wilder, 1887 ...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" R. L. Reed, 2043 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" B. W. Bennett, 2043 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" R. J. Ball, 209 ...	...	...
" C. D. Adkin, 945 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" Major E. A. Ball, 1899 ...	...	...
" Charles Dearing, 795 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" J. T. Champion, 1887 ...	...	...
" W. Hemmings, 1101 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

Subsequently the newly-installed Provincial Grand Master presided at a banquet, which was given in the Jubilee Hall, lent by Messrs. Sutton and Sons, who had beautifully decorated the building and its approaches with palms, ferns, cyclamens, primulas, tulips, hyacinths, and a wealth of other flowers which may have caused a momentary forgetfulness of the wintry weather prevailing outside. After the luncheon,

The Duke of CLARENCE AND AVONDALE gave the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," which was enthusiastically received.

The Duke of CONNAUGHT, on rising to propose the next toast, was loudly cheered. He said: I have been asked to propose a toast which I am sure will meet with a very warm reception from all brethren here present. It is "The Health of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales." (Cheers.) Brethren, I am sure that I shall only be expressing the opinion of all of us when I assure his Royal Highness that we appreciate most highly his coming amongst us on this interesting occasion. (Cheers.) We are well aware of the many and onerous duties that are required of him; therefore, we all the more appreciate it when he comes amongst us as he has done to-day. It has been an occasion of great interest to us all, and especially to myself, as representing another province, and also a distant district in the empire—I refer to Bombay. (Hear, hear.) It has been an especial pleasure to me to have been present to see his Royal Highness install my nephew, the Duke of Clarence and Avondale. I am sure that our Grand Master has made a most excellent choice in the appointment which he has just made. (Hear, hear.) His first object, as you know, is to promote the interests of the Craft. We have seen the great development of Freemasonry since his Royal Highness has been at our head, and we thank him most warmly for the admirable manner in which he conducts everything for the good of the Craft. (Cheers.) I hope he will allow me on this, the first public function I have been present at since the high honour was conferred upon me of giving me the rank of Past Grand Master of England, to say that it is an honour that I appreciate most highly, and that I thank him for having given me a distinction which has only been given on rare occasions in the annals of Freemasonry. Brethren, I ask you without further preface to join with me most warmly in drinking "The Health of his Royal Highness our Grand Master." (Cheers.)

The Prince of WALES, in response, said: I must apologise if I cannot raise my voice, but I am suffering, as I daresay many of you are in this inclement weather, from a rather severe cold. At the same time, allow me to respond most cordially for the very kind way in which you have all received my health, and I am very much touched by the flattering terms in which my brother has proposed it. I have not forgotten that four years ago I installed him at Brighton as Provincial Grand Master of Sussex. That was in the summer, and I remember we had remarkably fine warm weather on that occasion; now, four years later, I have had the pleasure of installing my son—(cheers)—amidst snow and frost. Although the weather outside has been inclement, all I can say is, that my reception and his have been most warm—(cheers)—and we also, thanks to the kindness of Messrs Sutton, have this spacious room for our banquet. Though we are here as Masons, and not, as is generally the case here, as seed—(laughter)—still I hope that the good seed sown here to-day will take root—and that, as Freemasonry is increasing and flourishing throughout the Kingdom, I have little doubt that in this Province of Berkshire it will equally flourish and increase. I thank you very much for your kind reception of me, and I assure you of the pleasure it has given me to take part in to-day's ceremony, and you know well enough, that whenever time permits I am always ready to come forward in the interests of Masonry. (Cheers.) Before I sit down I have to give "The Health of the Junior Provincial Grand Master." He is naturally still young and inexperienced in Masonry, but I feel sure he will do his utmost in carrying out the duties which have been thrown upon him to-day. I ask you all to drink most cordially to his good health, with which I beg to couple "Prosperity to this Province." (Cheers.)

The Duke of CLARENCE AND AVONDALE, after returning thanks for the manner in which the toast had been proposed and received, said: I assure you I consider it a very great honour indeed that has been conferred upon me to-day, an honour I shall ever remember as long as I am connected with Freemasonry, which I hope will be for many years to come. I can assure you that I will ever endeavour to discharge to the best of my ability the duties imposed upon me now in this province which I represent, and I feel sure that I can have no better Deputy than the brother opposite, Bro. J. T. Morland. His Royal Highness then proposed "The Health of the Grand Officers," coupled with the name of Lord Alcester, G.S.W., at the same time, in the name of the brethren of the province, welcoming back from Australia Lord Carrington, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

Lord ALCESTER, in the absence of the Earl of Lathom, responded on behalf of the Grand Officers, and

Lord CARRINGTON, in response to loud calls, expressed the fraternal and affectionate greeting of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales to the Province of Berkshire, and its congratulations upon the honour conferred upon the province by the selection of the illustrious Prince who had that day been appointed to rule over its destinies. Those greetings, he observed, were none the less sincere coming from 14,000 Masons, who constituted 180 lodges, because they came from an independent Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge of England had wisely given to the Grand Lodge of New South Wales independent government,

but there was not a single Mason in New South Wales who signed the charter who would not sooner have cut off his hand had he thought it would in any way weaken his connection with the great old country from which they all sprang. (Loud cheers.) He spoke for every Mason and for every Australian when he said, in the presence of the illustrious Prince who would some day reign over England, that his Royal Highness would have no more loyal or dutiful subjects than those who lived in the sunny land of Australia. (Cheers.) The English Government had wisely given self-government to the different Colonies, and worthily they deserved that trust. In like manner self-government had been given to their Masonic bodies. They were thus bound together, and he predicted that so long as the sun continued to rise upon the earth, so long would the great English-speaking Federation, which was already three times as big as Europe, and which three times exceeded the United States of North America in bulk, revenue, and population, under Queen Victoria and her successors remain one, loyal, undivided, and invincible for all time. (Loud cheers.)

This concluded the proceedings, and the Royal party left by special train for London shortly after 3 o'clock.

The Grand Officers of the year present were:

Bros. the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M.; Lord Alcester, S.G.W.; Lord A. Churchill, J.G.W.; Rev. Dr. Currie, G. Chap.; Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.; T. Fenn, P.B.G.P., acting G.D. of C.; Augustus Harris, G. Treas.; Robt. Grey, P.B.B.; Sir George Harris, R. Loveland-Loveland, and W. F. Smithson, G.D's.; W. G. Lemon, A.G.D. of C.; T. B. Whythead, G.S.B.; R. J. Emmerson and R. C. Sudlow, G. Std. Br.; A. A. Pendelbury, A.G. Sec.; D. D. Mercer, G. Purst.; S. Vallentine, A.G. Purst.; and H. Sadler, G. Tyler.

Amongst the other Grand Officers who occupied seats on the dais and in the body of the room were:

Bros. the Duke of Connaught, P.G.M.; Lord Carrington, P.S.G.W.; General Laurie, G.M. Nova Scotia; the Earl of Euston, Prov. G.M. Norths and Hunts; Colonel Foster Gough, Prov. G.M. Staffordshire; W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight; H. D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G.C.; E. Terry, H. B. Marshall, and R. Eve, P.G. Treas's.; Colonel R. W. Edis, P.G.S. of W.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; Peter de Lande Long, P.G.D.; E. Monteuis, P.G.S.B.; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; F. H. Goldney, P.G.D.; Baron de Ferrieres, P.G.D.; V. P. Freeman, P.G.D.; Charles Belton, P.A.G.D. of C.; James Terry, P.G.S.B.; W. Hopekirk, P.G. Purst.; E. M. Money, G. Stwd.; and others.

The Insignia worn by their Royal Highnesses the Duke of Connaught and the Duke of Clarence were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

The Mayor and many members of the Corporation who, not being members of the Masonic Craft, were not able to attend the banquet, were entertained privately, with over 100 other guests, at luncheon by Messrs. Sutton. Mr. Martin Sutton, the head of the firm, was specially thanked by the Prince of Wales for the excellence of the arrangements made.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF ESSEX.

The annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Chapter was held on Wednesday, the 26th ult., at Southend-on-Sea, the Grand Superintendent, Comp. F. A. Philbrick, G. Reg., presiding. There were also present—

Comps. the Rev. T. Cochrane, Prov. G.H.; G. H. Finch, Prov. G.J.; T. J. Ralling, P.G.S.B. England, Prov. G.S.E.; G. R. Dawson, Prov. 1st A.G.S.; R. J. Warren, Prov. 2nd A.G.S.; A. Durrant, Prov. G. Treas.; A. Lucking, Prov. A.G.D.C.; R. Jennings, Prov. G. Org.; F. Wood, P.P.G.S.N.; J. P. Lewin, P.P.G.S.N.; W. Bridgeland, P.P.G.S.B.; Richard Clowes, P.P.G.R.; Wm. Shurmur, Z. 2256; J. Wilson, acting I.P.Z. 2256; J. T. Bailey, Z. 51; F. H. Meggy, A.S. 276; N. Fortescue, 2256; G. L. Glasscock; W. Cock, Z. 2005; J. Speller, 2254; G. W. Knight, N. 2256; J. H. Clare, N. 1365; D. Legg, H. 1365; S. Walker; T. Humphreys, H. 1437; and others.

After the minutes of the last annual meeting, held at Romford, had been confirmed, the PROVINCIAL GRAND SCRIBE E. read a statement showing that at the present time there were 185 contributing members, as against 166 last year; while the report of the Auditors showed a very satisfactory condition of finances.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT, in his address to the companions, remarked that it was a matter for congratulation that the chapters under his rule had held their own during the past year; while the recent accession of the Warner Chapter (constituted on Nov. 8), had brought into their midst a number of companions who, he felt sure, would be a source of strength to the Province of Essex. Their position was also likely soon to be further strengthened by the addition of the Colne Valley Chapter, at Halstead, the warrant for which had quite recently been granted by Grand Chapter; while there were whispers in the air that another warrant would shortly be applied for, to the promoters of which he was sure they should all give their hearty good wishes. After paying a warm tribute to the memory of the late Comp. Barrett, a member of the Southend Chapter, recently deceased, and to Lord Carnarvon, Pro Grand Z., the Grand Superintendent concluded by congratulating the companions upon the manner in which Royal Arch Masonry was conducted by the various Principals of the chapters, and said he felt that they might look back on the past with thankfulness and forward with full encouragement for the future.

Comp. the Rev. T. COCHRANE proposed, and Comp. R. CLOWES seconded, the re-election of Comp. Andrew Durrant as Prov. G. Treasurer, which was unanimously carried.

The Provincial Grand Officers were then appointed and invested as follows:—

Comp. R. Clowes, P.Z. 51 ...	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" F. Wood, P.Z. 1000 ...	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" T. J. Ralling, P.Z. 51, P.G.S.B. Eng. (seventh year) ...	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" Dr. Cock, Z. 2005 ...	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" J. T. Bailey, Z. 51 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Wm. Shurmur, Z. 2256 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Soj.
" T. Humphreys, H. 1437 ...	...	...	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
" J. Wilson, acting I.P.Z. 2256 ...	...	...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" R. D. Poppleton, J. 51 ...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" F. H. Meggy, 276 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" A. Lucking, P.Z. and S.E. 1000, A.G. Soj. England ...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" A. W. Martin ...	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

Ten guineas were voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and a vote of thanks having been passed to the members of the Priory Chapter for the excellent arrangements they had made, the Provincial Grand Chapter was closed.

The companions afterwards dined together at the Middleton Hotel, under the genial presidency of the Grand Superintendent.

It is understood that the meeting next year will be held at Chingford.

FIRST FESTIVAL OF THE CLARENCE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 263.

On the 4th instant the brethren of this important lodge of instruction held their first festival, meeting as an exception at the Horse Shoe Hotel, where the items comprised in a first-class menu were enjoyed by between 70 and 80 of the members, together with a fair number of visitors.

Bro. R. Clay Sudlow, G. Std. Br., occupied the chair, and Bro. Henry Sadler, G. Tyler, the vice-chair.

The CHAIRMAN proposed in a brief but very telling way the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "The Most Worshipful Grand Master." The former was immediately followed with musical honours, and in his eulogies of the excellent qualities possessed by his Royal Highness, Bro. Sudlow alluded to the thoroughness of his actions in conformity with Masonic principles, remarking that even if he had never been initiated, still the Prince of Wales would have been at heart a Freemason. Among many remarks with which the Chairman proposed "The Deputy Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," he made delicate allusion to the gratitude that all Masons who adopt the working of Craft Masonry, as practised in the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, must feel to Bro. Fenn (Pres. Board of Gen. Purps.), who had done as much or more than any other Mason for the benefit of the ritual of Masonry.

In proposing the next toast, the CHAIRMAN said it was refreshing to find among the toasts of the evening one which was different to the regulation toasts which were always so loyally responded to in lodges, and the one he alluded to, which relieved the monotony of the usual toasts, was as printed upon the programme, "Success to the Clarence Lodge of Instruction," but he thought it would be well to amend this, and drink to the continued success of the Clarence Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Sudlow further remarked: I believe that it is less than 12 months ago that this lodge of instruction was started by a few earnest Masons, headed by our esteemed Bro. Sadler. They came, as I think, to a very wise determination, for they decided that they would adopt in their lodge of instruction the system of working recognised by the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. After they had obtained that very necessary document the warrant, they sought about for a suitable Preceptor, and I think I may say, with your concurrence, that they were fortunate enough in securing the corporation of our brother who sits upon my right—Bro. Kirby. I am pleased to see that though the beginning was a very small one, at the present time the subscribing members to the Clarence Lodge of Instruction numbers 80. In a lodge of instruction a great many brethren come forward who know absolutely nothing of the ceremonies or any part of them, and so it has been in the present case; but great strides have been made in the working, as I can personally testify. Not only do I find that the brethren are coming on in the ritual of the ceremonies, but they are also taking up (and this, I think, is a great test of progress) the study of the lectures, and during the last nine months no fewer than 10 out of the Fifteen Sections have been carefully worked in this lodge. Now, brethren, to what are we to attribute this very marked success of the Clarence Lodge of Instruction? I think to several reasons. First, perhaps to the very united spirit that animates the members of this lodge. Every time I have had the pleasure of visiting it I have been struck with the enthusiasm of all the members who come week by week to this lodge of instruction. I think we may also say that a great deal of credit is due to the Committee of the lodge and the executive officers—the Secretary and Treasurer—and I certainly should be wanting, failing in my duty if I did not refer particularly to the great assistance which has been given by a very distinguished honorary member of this lodge, Bro. Blundell Maple. From the very first he has taken the very warmest interest in this lodge, and in a great number of ways has shown and proved that interest, and I know he watches over this lodge of instruction with a great deal of enthusiasm. Last and not least, brethren, we look for an explanation of the success to our Preceptor, Bro. W. H. Kirby. It may seem to many of you to be a very small and easy thing to sit in the Past Master's chair and give the necessary corrections, and supply the required words, or pull up when a mistake is made, but to those who think the position an easy one I say try it. The duties of a Preceptor are at once difficult and delicate, they require a vast amount of tact in addition to a very thorough knowledge of the work. Now, Bro. Kirby has *par excellence* proved himself an admirable Preceptor; he can give a correction in such a way that it does not disappoint or dishearten but it encourages, and there really lies the gist and secret of the whole thing. It was thought, brethren, that the completion of the first year of work of the Clarence Lodge of Instruction would be a very fitting opportunity to present to our esteemed Preceptor a little offering at the hands of all the members of this lodge to show their appreciation of his great services, and Bro. Kirby, in the name of this lodge of instruction I have to ask your acceptance of your certificate and portrait framed in a most handsome manner as a small token of the affection and esteem in which you are held by every member of this lodge. I think, Bro. Kirby, that you will feel with me that the great charm of this presentation lies not so much in its intrinsic value as in the kindly feelings which promoted it and the enthusiasm with which it

has been carried through. Personally, I am delighted to have been chosen as the medium through which this presentation is made to you, and perhaps I may be allowed to add this further remark, that as you have endeavoured to frame the members of this lodge in the methods of working the ritual, so now you see in their turn they have framed you.

Bro. KIRBY, in replying, referred to the diffidence he experienced as to his ability to make an adequate response to the many kind words which had fallen from the Chairman's lips relative to both the Clarence Lodge of Instruction and himself. As regarded the former, he heartily thanked everyone present for the cordial success they wished the lodge, and many of them for the hearty support they had given it during its short existence. He concurred with the Chairman's remarks, that unanimity and personal enthusiasm were the factors that had exalted that lodge of instruction to its present position, and personally felt much encouragement from the several associations of that pleasant evening. In acknowledging the kindly conceived presentation, Bro. Kirby assured the brethren it was a mark of esteem and affection he had not anticipated would have been shown him. The work performed at the lodge was a labour of love, and he had been more than rewarded by possessing the friendship of the first rate men and Masons who had attached themselves to that lodge, and in that way had become known to him. He likewise acknowledged the unbounded pleasure he derived from receiving the presentation through the medium of his highly respected and esteemed friend, Bro. Sudlow. It was a special gratification that that first recognition of his services in connection with Freemasonry should be received through him, for Bro. Sudlow was responsible first for the desire which overcame Bro. Kirby four years ago to join the ranks of the good men and true to which he recognised Bro. Sudlow belonged, then for introducing him to the Craft, then by teaching him sufficiently the rituals as to allow him eventually to recommend him as Preceptor to that lodge. He thanked Bro. Sudlow and the brethren, one and all, for the happiness and gratification he had felt throughout the whole of that most enjoyable evening, and assured them that so long as his services were acceptable they might rely upon his doing everything in his power to conduct the lodge through what promised to be a prosperous and successful future.

When proposing the toast of "The Visitors" the Chairman extended to them, first, a hearty welcome and then thanks for assisting by their presence to produce the very happy occasion on which all were gathered together that evening. He specially thanked those visitors who had come forward to assist the members with music, which music had been of so excellent a quality.

Bro. G. L. KENNABY expressed special pleasure in remarking the progress of that lodge, inasmuch as he was one of the principal officers of the Bank of England Lodge, by whom the warrant was issued under which the Clarence Lodge met. It was his desire the next opportunity he had to visit the lodge, and become enrolled among its members.

Bro. P. J. REYNOLDS congratulated the lodge, not only on their success, but upon their having decided to work the ceremonies in the most perfect form, that is, as they are done at the Emulation Lodge of Improvement; and he was sure the excellent way the lodge was conducted had produced the most favourable report they had heard that night.

Bro. G. SLYMAN testified by personal experiences to the difficulty of making lodges of instruction a success, and keeping the members together, and considered the prosperity of the Clarence Lodge phenomenal, and prophesied that its future would be such as to place it in the rank of the foremost, best, and most powerful lodges of instruction in the City of London.

Bro. BARRETT said it was in his experience a great difficulty to get such an average attendance as he found attended the Clarence Lodge, especially with a life of only one year, and he thought one of the reasons was that the working was strictly on the system recognised by the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, which was daily becoming more and more popular.

Bro. HENRY SADLER, Vice-Chairman, in proposing "The Health of the Chairman," remarked: This toast requires no recommendation. It is the easiest toast of the evening to propose. So many present know Bro. Sudlow's excellent qualities; but in duty bound I must state one or two facts for the information of those who are not so well acquainted with him. I must tell you it is mainly due to Bro. Sudlow's Masonic kindness that we are able to meet as a lodge of instruction. In the first place Bro. Sudlow, as a prominent member of the Bank of England Lodge, was pleased to interest himself and get us our warrant. In my efforts to find a good Preceptor, Bro. Sudlow at once recommended a brother whose abilities, gentlemanly conduct, and good sense you have evidence of to-night, so we have much to be grateful to Bro. Sudlow for. I need not allude to those brilliant qualities he shows as Preceptor at the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, because they are world-wide and well known, and they are recognised, I am happy to say, by our M.W.G.M. His appointment as Grand Standard Bearer in the early part of the year was a great pleasure to me, because I discovered a great many years ago in Bro. Sudlow the germs of those brilliant qualities as a Masonic teacher, which he has so ably and beautifully displayed to the benefit of many brethren here present. I will not stand longer between you and the feast of harmony, so will ask you to drink the health of your Chairman in your best way, for he is a good Mason, a good man, and a jolly good fellow.

Bro. SUDLOW, in response, said: I thank Bro. Sadler for the more than kind words he has spoken to-night, and you, brethren, I thank very, very heartily for the way in which you have received the toast of your Chairman. I am very proud to have occupied this chair to-night. I think it a great honour that the Committee of this lodge asked me to take the chair on the occasion of their first festival. There are many men whom you might have asked; one I mentioned in the earlier part of the evening—Bro. Blundell Maple; but you have been so kind as to fix on me. I heartily appreciate your kindness, for I not only think it an honour, but it is a great pleasure to me to have been present to-night, and have seen the hearty way in which you have received your Preceptor, Bro. Kirby, whom I think I may call a pupil of mine. To find him installed as a Preceptor of a lodge that has already made a name in the Masonic world, to find he has carried out his duties to your satisfaction, to find that with his able assistance the lodge has achieved a great success, is, indeed, a very proud thing for me; but, apart from that, I have to thank you one and all for the friendly way in which you have received me, and I am very glad indeed if I have in any way contributed to the great success of this evening.

A capital selection of songs was rendered during the evening by Bros. F. Ball, F. Bull, C. F. Cox, D. G. Imlay, W. H. Kirby, Alison Lister, and H. H. Nuding. Bro. Sudlow gave one of his many humorous recitations—"Mr. Barker's Picture"—and the accompaniments were admirably rendered by Bro. Delma.

MASONIC LECTURE BY BRO. STEVENS.

At the regular meeting of The Great City Lodge, No. 1426, Bro. C. T. Smith, W.M.—held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Saturday, the 13th inst., Bro. James Stevens, P.M., the first W.M. of the lodge, delivered his latest lecture on the Ritual and Ceremonial of the Symbolic Degrees in Freemasonry, now creating considerable interest in both metropolitan and provincial lodges. Every officer, and several Past Masters, members, and visitors were present, and there being no other business before the lodge, the full time allotted for the lecture (two hours) was utilised to the satisfaction of a most attentive audience. After a brief introduction, having reference to the progress of Speculative Freemasonry antecedent to the date of the Articles of Union which constituted the United Grand Lodge in 1813, Bro. Stevens ably expounded the system, or regular method and order, in which the ritual of the three Craft Degrees was prepared for general practice in our English lodges by the brethren selected for that purpose by the Lodge of Reconciliation at the date named. He paid a high tribute to the ability of those brethren, naming, amongst others, Bros. Dr. Samuel Hemmings, Peter Gilkes, and Peter Thomson, who had gathered together the scattered elements of the former work, and so arranged them as to produce the general "connection of the whole system" throughout the three Symbolic Degrees, and the relative dependency of their several parts. Dissecting the ritual, Bro. Stevens raised the veil of allegory which covers the hidden meanings of language and action, and made plain the numerous symbols employed in our forms and ceremonies, pointing out in what respects many of the intentions of the original compilers had been, and still continue to be, perverted, not altogether from wilfulness, but rather for want of that necessary Masonic education which alone can secure a due appreciation of the grandeur of the original composition. He truly remarked that acknowledging, as we do, that the principles of Freemasonry are coeval with the very beginning of human society, and are eternal, the forms by which expression is given to those principles might possibly change from age to age, but the direction of those changes should be observed and controlled if the symbolic illustrations which have been accepted by our ancestors as Speculative Masons are to be preserved by our posterity. A more lucid and interesting exposition of our several Craft ceremonials could scarcely be expected, for Bro. Stevens has made the subject an almost life-long study, and is, so far as we know, the only exponent, as a lecturer and author, in relation to the present "working" in our respective lodges.

After the applause with which Bro. Stevens was greeted at the termination of the lecture had subsided, Bro. N. B. HEADON, P.M., Treas., proposed in highly eulogistic terms that sincere thanks to the lecturer should be accorded on the minutes of the lodge for the intellectual Masonic treat he had afforded its members. This was warmly supported by several of the Past Masters and officers, and carried unanimously.

At a later period of the evening the visitors severally endorsed the congratulatory remarks made in the lodge room during the meeting, Bro. HODDINOTT, W.M. 901, expressing his great satisfaction with the lecture, which opened up freely subjects upon which a general agreement might be at once accorded, and others fertile for discussion both in regard to the past history of ancient Masonry and the progress of Speculative or Free-Masonry during the present century.

The brethren dined together after the lodge had been closed, and, under the presidency of the W.M. passed a pleasant evening in harmony and goodfellowship.

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"Quis Custodiet."—Next week; also "A Provincial P.M."

J. W. C.—(1) The I.P.M. performs the duty assigned to him after the W.M. has declared the lodge open. (2) Under the circumstances you have described, the W.M. must exercise his discretion as to whether the ceremony shall be proceeded with or not. If he is a stickler for the liberal observance of the law, he will refuse to let it proceed; if he considers the spirit of the law has been obeyed, he will allow the ceremony to be carried out. (3) The W.M. may order a second ballot, if he has any reason for doubting the strict accuracy of the first, but the lodge by-laws generally determine the limit of time within which a person's candidature may not be renewed.

A. W.—Honorary membership is a compliment paid by a lodge to a brother—who may or may not be one of its subscribing members—who has done or is supposed to have done it some service, but it confers upon him no rights or privileges beyond that of attending the lodge meetings. Therefore, in the case you refer to, the P.M., being an honorary member, had and could exercise no rights or privileges beyond that of being present at the lodge. (1) Being in the chair—we presume at the request of the W.M., S.W., or J.W., or one and all of the subscribing Past Masters present—he was for the time being the mouthpiece of the W.M., and his acts would have the same validity as if they had been done by the W.M. himself. It was clearly his duty to have read out, or had read out by the Secretary, the names of all the brethren who were qualified for election as W.M. (2) He had no right to nominate himself to act on the Audit Committee. (3) A W.M. must be elected by a majority of the votes of the members present in open lodge: the votes of absent members are not admissible. (4) There is no law which compels a Master to be present at all the meetings of his lodge, and if he continues in office for the full term of 12 months, even though he may have been absent from the majority of the meetings, he will, on vacating the chair, become a Past Master. There is nothing to prevent him holding office in District Grand Lodge. (5) We know of no law which forbids a W.M. resigning the chair before he has completed his full term, and still remaining a member; but if he does not serve the full 12 months, he is not qualified to take rank as a Past Master.

G. Robinson, 656.—We agree with much of our esteemed correspondent's letter, but as the Lodge No. 656, Sydney, N.S.W., was removed from the roll in 1888, when the matter was duly considered by the authorities, it is not for us to object now. We fraternally advise our brother to make the best of the circumstances by throwing his lot in with the new Grand Lodge, and thus promote peace and harmony in that jurisdiction. To do otherwise now that the Grand Lodge of New South Wales is formed on such a strong basis would be as un-Masonic as it would be useless.

The following communications unavoidably stand over:

CRAFT LODGES.—St. Ambrose, No. 1891; Gallery, No. 1928; and Queen's Westminster, No. 2021.
Provincial Grand Lodge of Derbyshire.
Hampshire and Isle of Wight Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution.

THE CHRISTMAS WEEK.

Next week's "Freemason" will be published on Wednesday, and will be ready for the trade on the morning of that day. It will contain the usual Chronology of Events, and a Summary of Masonic Work during the Year 1890.



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1890.

Masonic Notes.

Some of our Scotch Correspondents are rather sore that we should have given only an incomplete account of the grand bazaar in Edinburgh, in aid of their Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence. We stated that the total was said to have exceeded £15,000, and in the absence of anything like an official statement, we are at a loss to see how we could have done more. At the same time we trust they will not jump hastily to the conclusion, as one of our contemporaries appear to have done, that we are in any way desirous of under-rating their success.

We have much pleasure in announcing that Lord Cremorne, P.S.G.W., has consented to take the chair at the next Festival of the Emulation Lodge of Instruction.

Bro. J. M. McLeod, Secretary of the R.M.I.B., was the recipient on Wednesday last of a very gratifying testimonial from upwards of 100 of his old friends of the Agricultural Engineering business. The Cattle Show at the Agricultural Hall was the place chosen, and the presentation was made by Councillor Corbett, of Shrewsbury. It consisted of a purse of £75 and an illuminated address. The occasion was an interesting one.

and attracted a numerous attendance of representatives of the business in which Bro. McLeod for a number of years was connected. This tribute to Bro. McLeod is the more marked, in that it comes alike from friends and former competitors in business.

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We have been favoured with a letter by Bro. Walter Hill, of the Lodge "L'Amour de la Vérité," Orient of Wellington, N.Z. It is too long for publication, but there are some points in it which appear to require from us some notice.

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At the outset of his remarks he takes exception to our statement in a former article in reference to the establishment in New Zealand of a French lodge, that "Masonry follows the flag." He considers this is contrary to one of the fundamental principles of Freemasonry, namely, that it is essentially non-political. But our statement was never intended to be applied in a political sense, nor, in our humble opinion, does it appear to us reasonable to apply to it such an interpretation. We meant no more than that the Grand Lodges of the United Kingdom have supreme authority throughout the British dominion, except in Canada and sundry of the Australasian colonies, to whom they have conceded Masonic autonomy, as the Sovereign long since has conceded political autonomy. Similarly we consider the Grand Orient of France is supreme in France and its colonies and possessions, but we consider it a violation of the unwritten law of Masonry, and of Masonic comity, when the Masonic authority which is supreme in some foreign State charters a lodge in British territory, just as we should consider it equally a violation of the same unwritten law and comity if one of the Grand Lodges of the United Kingdom set up a lodge of Masons, say in French, Italian, or German territory.

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The fact that there are English lodges in Turkey, Egypt, China, and Japan does not, as our correspondent seems to think, destroy the validity of our argument. In all these States there are British and other communities, whose residence is sanctioned by the supreme political authorities of these States. These communities retain all their habits and customs, live in separate quarters, and have judicial courts of their own. These States, therefore, are not a case in point, for we neither claim nor exercise anything like supreme authority over the Masonic lodges established therein. New Zealand, however, is a British Colony, peopled by English, Irish, and Scotch emigrants. Hitherto there has been exercised here, as in other British Colonies, what is known as "concurrent jurisdiction" by the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland, but the authority has not been considered less supreme because it was thus exercised by them conjointly. A few years ago, the (British) Grand Lodge of Manitoba set up a lodge at Gibraltar, where we have a District Grand Lodge. Our Grand Lodge protested, and the charter was withdrawn. Subsequently, the Grand Chapter of Canada chartered two or three chapters in Melbourne, and our Grand Chapter protested; but as Victoria is no longer under the authority of our Grand Lodge, the case no longer concerns us.

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Of course, as regards the lodge now working in Wellington under the Grand Orient of France, our suggestion that its members should be expelled from English Masonry, of necessity, applies only to those who are English Masons, and the reason why we made this suggestion must be obvious. Our correspondent must know that when the Grand Orient of France struck out of its Book of Constitutions the law requiring all Masons of its obedience to have some religious faith, our Grand Lodge formally protested against this violation of any of the great principles on which Freemasonry was founded, and that it resolved to admit no French Mason into its lodges unless he declared his belief in a Supreme Being. Therefore, those who took steps to obtain the warrant for this lodge must have done so with the full knowledge of these circumstances, and with the knowledge that, in doing so, they were deliberately setting themselves in opposition to the unanimously decided will of our Grand Lodge. Certainly such conduct merits expulsion.

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As regards our correspondent's remarks relative to the establishment of the so-called Grand Lodge of New Zealand, we have nothing to say further than that they corroborate the opinions we have received from other correspondents, and to which we have seen expression given in several of our exchanges. We should like to have given the letter publicity on this account, as well as generally, but, as we have said, it would trench too seriously upon our space.

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,

I thank "P.Z." for his letter in your last issue, and agree with him that the members of Grand Chapter were quite justified in refusing to decide what collars should or should not be worn in Craft lodges: of course only Grand Lodge has the power to do so. Has, then, any companion any authority to say that the Royal Arch Regulations prohibit the use of tricolour collars in Craft lodges? (Rules 94 and 95 were proposed in addition to, and not in lieu of, the rejected Rule 97, as "P.Z." suggests.)

The Book of Constitutions, Rule 289, gives permission for all Royal Arch jewels to be worn in Craft lodges. Can any brother tell me how a present officer of Grand or Provincial Grand Chapter is to wear his jewel of office unless it is attached to the tricolour collar made purposely to carry it?

For the information of "one of the companions present," mentioned by "P.Z.," I may state that in several provinces with which I am acquainted it has been the custom for 20 years or more to wear the tricolour collar in Craft lodges, and I do not think any W.M. would be justified in stopping it unless the Constitutions authorise him.—Yours fraternally,

P.P.G.J.

December 15th.



NUMBERS; THEIR OCCULT POWERS AND MYSTIC VIRTUES. By Dr. W. WYNN WESTCOTT, M.B., P.M., P.Z., F.T.S., and Sec.-Gen. to the Rosicrucian Society. Theosophical Publishing Society, 7, Duke-street, Adelphi, London.

This work is of very great interest to Freemasons, whose secrets and symbolisms are many times referred to. The author is a well-known brother, P.M. of nearly all Masonic Orders, and is the present J.W. of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, before which he read a lecture on "Freemasonry Illuminated by the Kabbalah." This volume contains chapters on the folk lore, traditions, and peculiarities of each of the prime numbers 1 to 10, and curious notes on some higher numbers. The writings of the mediæval Latin authors on astrology and magic seem to have been laid under contribution, as well as those of Jewish Rabbis and Eastern sages. A full description of the School of Pythagoras and the mathematical notions of his pupils is included, and forms a very instructive chapter. But it is in the Kabbalistic portion that our brother chiefly displays his erudition, revelling in the mysteries of Gematria and other forms of manipulating numbers and letters, peculiar to the theosophy of the Jewish Rabbis. The volume concludes with a chapter on the numbers referred to in the Apocalypse. We can cordially recommend every brother who has a turn for the occult side of nature to make a study of this book of numbers.

PIXIE AND THE HILLHOUSE FARM. By Mrs. GERARD FORD. Illustrated by JAMES CADENHEAD and FLORENCE M. COOPER. London: C. Gilbert Ellis and Co., 11, Clement's Inn; Simpkin and Co., Stationers' Hall Court, E.C., 1890.

These two stories from the pen of Mrs. Gerard Ford widow of that most amiable and excellent brother, the late Bro. Gerard Ford, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. Sussex, are as pretty of their kind as any we remember to have read. "Pixie," the shortest of the stories, is written for young children, or we should say was written for them some years since, when Bro. Ford was living, while the longer and more ambitious tale, entitled "Hillhouse Farm," is for children of a larger growth. In both, however, is to be noted the same kindly and sympathetic feeling, which is so conspicuous a feature of the short prefatory poem, and which inclines us to hope that Mrs. Ford, having published these most acceptable evidences of her skill to please both the little folk and their seniors, will give to the public other stories of a similar character, or at all events breathing a kindred spirit. The illustrations are quaintly conceived, and harmonise well with the stories; they are simple, but there is a good deal of nature in them. In short, the volume is just the kind of gift-book for this season of the year.

IMPRESSIONS OF A FIRST TOUR ROUND THE WORLD IN 1883 AND 1884. By JEHANGER H. KOTHARI. London, 1889.

Bro. Kothari tells us in his brief preface that it was at the earnest solicitations of his friends he was induced to put in print, for private circulation only, the impression he formed of the various countries he visited during his tour round the world in 1883 and 1884, and he adds that it was not without considerable misgivings that he acceded to their request. He need not, how

ever, have allowed these to cause him any anxiety. It is true he has not aspired to the more important rôle of author, nor does he hold himself up as a traveller of experience, whose judgment on men and things is of great value. What he has written is a diary in which he has carefully noted down in a genial, and at the same time rather matter-of-fact, style, the impressions he formed of the cities and towns he visited, the habits and customs of those with whom he mingled from day to day, and the sights he was every now and then permitted to see. He has made no attempt at fine writing; he does not offer himself as a trustworthy authority on English, French, American, or other characteristics. All he does is to describe in a quiet, chatty, and, as we have said, genial fashion the sights which seemed most attractive, and which, therefore, he thinks others of his countrymen would gladly see. For this reason, perhaps, his book is the most entertaining, while it covers a good deal of ground, most European countries, with the United States of North America, Canada, China, Japan, and Northern India having been in turn visited, and receiving, therefore, their due share of attention in these pages. The book has this further advantage—that it may be taken up and read at odd times, when a person is at a loss for some bright and pleasant reading, in order to make an unoccupied half-hour or hour pass agreeably. We shall look forward with pleasure and "without misgiving" for the account of Bro. Kothari's next tour.

ADVENTURES ON THE ICE. By JOHN TILLOTSON. A new Edition. London: John Hogg, 13, Paternoster-row.

As usual, Bro. John Hogg has taken the opportunity of publishing sundry books, either new altogether or new editions of works which have already made their mark, that are likely to prove acceptable as gift books at this festive season of Christmas. Foremost amongst these is the volume entitled "Adventures on the Ice," which has already proved so attractive that Bro. Hogg has deemed it worthy of republication in a new and enlarged edition. The book is divided into chapters, each of which covers an important period in Arctic discovery. Thus, Chapter I., "From John Cabot to Thomas Hudson" covers the period from 1497 to 1612; and Chapter II., "From Thomas Hudson to John Ross," from 1612 to 1818. Chapter III., which is entirely taken up with the experiences of Captain Penny, the veteran whaler, whose name will always be honourably associated with the search after Sir John Franklin, will be found deeply interesting; and so likewise will the two Chapters X. and XI., in which are described the last voyage of Sir John Franklin, and the various expeditions undertaken to discover his fate. There are several good illustrations, one of which, representing a portrait of Captain Penny, makes a capital frontispiece. The volume is printed and bound in cloth in that excellent style for which Bro. Hogg is known, and we imagine it will be a great favourite with the youngsters.

WATCHERS FOR THE DAWN. By Mrs. W. R. LLOYD. New Edition, with Illustrations by JAMES GIBSON. Same Publisher.

Under this title Mrs. Lloyd has grouped together a number of sketches of personages who have played a leading part, either directly or indirectly, in connection with the promulgation of Christianity. Thus, under the appropriate title of "The Lamp in the Cell," we are introduced to the venerable Bede, the scholar and historian, to whom we are so deeply indebted for his services to literature amid the darkness which prevailed both in his day and for centuries afterwards. Albert Dürer and Lucas Cranach are described as "the Artists of the Reformation;" in "the Cobbler-Poet of Nuremberg" we make the acquaintance of Hans Sachs, the Meister Singer, and another worthy in the person of Olympia Morata is presented to us under the title of "the Tenth Muse." All the sketches are well written, and the book is an instructive one and well illustrated, besides being interesting from the well known character of the personages portrayed.

THE FORTUNES OF RUBY, PEARL, AND DIAMOND. By FRANCES ARMSTRONG. Same Publisher.

Those who are on the look out for a book of fairy tales, the interest in which is well sustained throughout and which has the further merit of being furnished with sundry excellent illustrations will find what they are in search of in this pretty little book, which certainly has enhanced the fame of its fair authoress. Young children are certain to take kindly to it, as the tone in which it is written is most sympathetic.

LITTLE KING I. By LOUISA EMILY DOBIEE. Same Publisher.

UNDER THE WALNUT TREE: Stories told by the Birds. By FRANCES ARMSTRONG. Same Publisher.

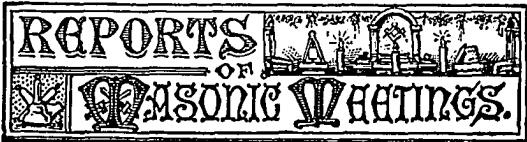
Or, perchance they will find "Little King I," or "Under the Walnut Tree," better to their taste. The latter is by the authoress who has so well sketched the fortunes of Ruby and her companions, but "Little King I." is from the pen of Louisa E. Dobiee, who has employed it very deftly in her little volume, and will mightily please her youthful readers. We can strongly recommend these various story books for the young.

FAMOUS LONDON MERCHANTS. A Book for Boys. By H. R. FOX BOURNE. A new Edition. Same Publisher.

This is a higher class of book, higher, that is to say, both in respect of the class of readers to whom it appeals and the weightier character of its contents. The merchants of whom biographies are given, include Sir Richard Whittington, Sir Thomas Gresham, Sir Edward Osborne, Thomas Guy, William Beckford, Nathan M. Rothschild, and George Peabody. These are all good subjects, and Mr. Bourne has turned them to good account, his sketches being well and easily written, and containing the salient points in the careers he has portrayed. The volume is well illustrated, and being not a new book, but a new edition of an established favourite is certain to maintain its popularity.

THE HABITS OF GOOD SOCIETY. A Handbook of Etiquette for Ladies and Gentlemen. A new edition. Same Publisher.

This work, which purports to be the joint production of "The Man in the Club Window" and "Another," contains a mass of information respecting manners in different countries and at different epochs, and also numberless instructions as to how men and women must govern themselves in the various conditions of life, in respect of themselves only and in their relations with other people. The fact of its being a new edition is sufficient evidence that it has already established for itself a reputation as an authority on etiquette, while even a rapid glance at one or two of its chapters will show that the joint authors are not only capable of advising well, but likewise have an extremely lucid and agreeable mode of imparting their information. Our readers will certainly find a careful perusal of its pages productive both of pleasure and benefit.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Domatic Lodge (No. 177).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Friday, the 12th inst., when it was but natural that hearty congratulations should be conveyed to Bro. George Everett, P.M., Treas.—who joined the lodge at the corresponding meeting 31 years ago—on his nomination, without opposition, for the office of Grand Treasurer. The members present included Bros. Nathan Salmon, W.M.; T. B. Goodfellow, S.W.; E. A. G. Smith, J.W.; George Everett, P.M., Treas.; T. Morris, Sec.; A. Piper, S.D.; J. Barnett, jun., J.D.; A. Wigmore, I.G.; G. Gardner, Prov. G.S.B. Bucks, D.C.; E. Riechmann, Org.; T. H. Hobbs, Stwd.; R. Harvey, I.P.M.; W. J. Ferguson, P.M.; Harry N. Price, P.M.; H. Spink, P.M.; R. Pierrepont, P.M.; J. Buscall, P.M.; E. White, P.M.; J. E. Walford, P.M.; W. M. Foxcroft, P.M.; and others. Visitors: Bros. T. B. Dodson, P.M. 860; G. Vinton, 145; J. A. Duff, J.W. 145; J. Spiller, J.W. 1677; R. D. Cumming, P.M. 2164; A. Roman, 1987; A. Spawforth, 211; F. W. Drew, 145; J. Vernon, 1348; J. Nash, 2165; J. Glass, P.M. 453; G. Pearce, 2060; H. Osmoy, 79; Egbert Roberts, P.P.G.O. Essex; W. Shurmur, W.M. 2379, Prov. G. Treas. Essex; and W. W. Lee, S.W. 2381.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed, after which Bro. A. P. Cocks was raised to the Third Degree by the W.M., and the traditional history given by Bro. Ferguson, P.M. The elections were next proceeded with, and resulted unanimously as follows: Bros. T. B. Goodfellow, W.M.; Geo. Everett (re-elected), Treas.; and Walkley (re-elected), Tyler. Bro. Spink, P.M., moved that a hearty vote of congratulation be passed, and duly recorded on the minutes, expressing their gratification at the nomination of Bro. George Everett, P.M., Treas., without opposition, for the office of Grand Treasurer. There were few brethren, he said, who had done such good work in the Craft as Bro. Everett, and the well-deserved honour also reflected credit on their old and highly respected lodge. Bro. White, P.M., seconded the motion, he having been the Worshipful Master of the lodge when Bro. Everett was first elected Treasurer of the lodge. The motion was carried with acclamation, and Bro. Everett, P.M., Treas., in response, expressed his gratitude for the kindly terms in which the resolution had been proposed and seconded. He had endeavoured to deserve those kind remarks during his association with the lodge and the Craft. He was pleased that the resolution had been proposed, as in years to come it would be something to look back and see that an honour had been conferred on himself and the lodge. He joined the lodge on the 12th December, 1859, and he had always been proud to be a working member in so old and distinguished a lodge, which had done so much for the Charities and everything in Freemasonry. It was now two and a half years since he declared himself a candidate for the office of Grand Treasurer, and during that time he had had an anxious time, but he was grateful to all friends for bringing about the desired end. A Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to the W.M. for his efficient services during the past year, and apologies for non-attendance were announced from Bros. C. F. Hogard, J. L. Mather, S. H. Parkhouse, J. H. Lardner, W. A. Scurrah, J. M. McLeod, and others.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a well-served banquet, at the conclusion of which the usual toasts were heartily honoured.

Bro. R. Harvey, I.P.M., briefly proposed "The Health of the W.M.," remarking that it was not for him to take up their time by extolling the good qualities of their W.M., who presided that evening for the last time during his year of office.

Bro. Nathan Salmon, W.M., thanked the I.P.M. and brethren, and assured them he had tried to do his best for the lodge, and if he had given satisfaction was amply repaid.

Bro. John Glass, P.M. 453, replied for "The Visitors," and expressed his gratitude to Bro. Everett for enabling him to pay that, his first visit to the lodge. The W.M. had alluded to the fact that about a week since a Committee met to see who was the most modest man who should make a speech in Grand Lodge, and the lot was his. He was not sorry now that that had happened, and if every member would aspire to Grand Office and give him as good a brief as he had held on the last meeting of Grand Lodge he should be happy to render a similar service. Bro. George Everett, whom he had the pleasure of nominating as Grand Treasurer, was a brother who carried the principles of Freemasonry into his life, and through every action in life was strictly honourable and on the square. The Domatic Lodge having produced such a man, there was no reason why it should not produce others, and every brother should make up his mind to be a Grand Officer if possible.

Bros. W. Shurmur, Prov. Grand Treasurer Essex; Dodson, P.M. 860; and R. Cummings, P.M. 2164, also responded.

The W.M. in proposing "The W.M. elect," said that brother was a Good-fellow by name and a good fellow by nature. He was proud to be able to propose that toast, as it was through Bro. Goodfellow that he joined the lodge, and he had been connected with that brother for many years in several capacities, and had found him good and true and a thorough Mason.

Bro. T. B. Goodfellow, W.M. elect, in response, said that as the event for which he had long looked forward was about to take place, he would try his utmost to keep up the prestige of the lodge. It was a great honour to attain the position of W.M. of his mother lodge, and especially when they would number a Grand Officer in their ranks.

"The Past Masters" was next given in cordial terms, and was ably replied to by Bro. E. White, P.M.

Bro. George Everett, P.M., Treas., responded for "The Treasurer and Secretary," and thanked the brethren for the kind manner in which he had been treated throughout the evening. The reception given him, in consideration, of course, of the important post to which he had been as good as elected, was quite overwhelming, but having been confined for twelve days to bed, he did not feel equal to adequately thanking them. He would ask them therefore to excuse any shortcomings. The lodge had gone on very successfully, had given 25 guineas to the Charities annually, and he was proud to say was never in a more prosperous state. He tried to please everyone in the lodge, and generally succeeded, and it was gratifying to find the visitors expressing their gratification and pleasure. He must say a word or two about the very high office to which he had been fortunate enough to succeed. It was exactly two and a half years ago that he declared himself a candidate, and when they bore in mind that the Grand Treasurer had a constituency far greater than any Member of Parliament, they could understand something of the position and what one had to go through to obtain the office. There was no doubt the Grand Treasurer was the representative of the brethren, and it was a proud moment for him to stand there and feel he had the approbation of the brethren. He owed his position to his good friends, and particularly to Bro. John Glass, with whom he had worked side by side on the Boys' School Committee. It was a lucky thing that his Election Committee chose Bro. Glass to nominate him, and that brother in the course of his excellent speech made one good point when he said that he (Bro. Everett) was a member of five metropolitan lodges and had passed the chair in four, and had never had the opportunity of obtaining Prov. Grand Office. There were 45 provinces and the metropolis alone represented one quarter of the whole, yet each province had the same number of Grand Officers as Grand Lodge. It had always struck him that it would be a proper thing that the metropolis should be divided into four districts, and then the London brethren would have a chance of wearing the purple. In conclusion, he again thanked them for the very great kindness shown him that evening.

Bro. Morris, Secretary, having replied, "The Officers" was given, and the Tyler's toast closed a successful evening.

During the proceedings several brethren rendered some excellent songs, and Bro. Riechmann, Org., ably presided at the pianoforte.

Kennington Lodge (No. 1381).—This lodge met at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, on the 2nd instant. Among those present were Bros. W. W. Westley, P.M. 186, W.M.; La Feuillade, S.W.; Dennis, J.W.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Lundie, S.D.; Hearn, J.D.; Burn, Org.; Foale, I.P.M.; H. Higgins, P.M.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W. Middx.; C. H. Köhler, P.M.; Cockburn, P.M.; and R. La Feuillade, P.M. Among the visitors were Bros. J. J. Pope, P.M. 1305, and A. Newton, 186.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. then, in a most able and impressive manner, performed the ceremonies of passing and raising. The ballot having been taken for Mr. Henry John Braddle, he was inducted into Craft mysteries, the ceremony being carried out in a manner that left but little to be desired. The ballot was also taken on behalf of Bro. J. W. Thomas, P.M. 1641, P.P.G. Std. Br. Staffordshire, as a joining member, and it proved to be unanimous. Among those who sent apologies for non-attendance were Bros. George Everett, P.M., and Lingley, P.M., both absent in consequence of severe indisposition.

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

The customary loyal and Craft toasts having been duly honoured, the I.P.M. gave "The Health of the Worshipful Master." In the course of his remarks he congratulated the lodge upon possessing a Master who was able to carry out the three ceremonies of the Craft without a hitch. In fact his (the speaker's) office as Immediate Past Master was a sinecure, as the Master required no prompting. He hoped that those brethren coming on would emulate Bro. Westley's brilliant example, and thus keep up the working prestige of No. 1381.

The Worshipful Master having modestly acknowledged the compliment, then gave "The Initiate."

Bro. Braddle having replied, "The Health of the Visitors" followed, to which toast Bros. Pope and Newton ably responded.

Bro. Capt. Walls' name was coupled with the toast of "The Past Masters."

In giving "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. spoke in feeling terms of Bro. G. Everett, whose absence through illness all deplored. The Craft would be called upon at the Quarterly Communication to nominate brethren for the high position of Grand Treasurer. As they all knew Bro. Everett was a candidate, with the names of some 1700 brethren as supporters. On his list were many distinguished Masons, including Bro. Lord George Hamilton, P.G.W. He (the W.M.) trusted that Bro. Everett would be unopposed, his long and energetic support of the Craft and its Charitable Institutions deserved that reward at the hands of the brethren.

This toast having been most cordially received, Bro. W. Stuart, as Secretary, acknowledged the compliment in a speech of some humour.

"The Health of the Officers," coupled with the names of Bros. La Feuillade, S.W., and Dennis, J.W., terminated the proceedings, which were enlivened by the instrumental and vocal abilities of Bros. Burn, Davis, Buxton, Lundie, and others.

Cornish Lodge (No. 2369).—The third meeting of this lodge, which has been founded as a rallying-ground for Cornish brethren residing in London or on a visit, was held at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., on Saturday, the 13th inst., Bro. N. J. West, W.M., in the chair. There were also present Bros. J. Roberts, J.W.; W. Lake, Treas.; R. Greenwood, Sec.; W. Molesworth St. Aubyn, S.D.; C. V. Burgess, J.D.; J. L. Barrett, D.C.; C. Rawle, I.G.; Dr. Curnow and R. Bullen, Stwds.; W. T. Brailey, E. W. Carus Wilson, Arthur Johnson, J. O. Widger, Thos. Hawken, Walter George, J. H. Thomas, E. Geard, H. Vivian Tyrrel, and G. M. Williams. Visitors: Bros. T. P. Bullen, 254; F. Smith, W.M. 71; John L. Mather, P.A.G.D.C.; G. T. Brown, P.M. 65; J. H. Brockbank, P.A.G. Sec.; Charles Morley, 450; J. R. Thurley Johnson, D.G.M. India (S.C.); F. E. Remfry, P.M. 1529, P.D.G.P.; and F. C. Atkinson, P.M. 1648, P.P.G.O.

The lodge having been opened, three brethren were passed to the Degree of F.C., and one gentleman initiated. Notices of proposition were given for the election of five "Cornwall" members and three initiates. The Secretary announced the brethren had supported the case of Maggie Vivian, of Hayle, who had been a candidate for the Girls' School. It was agreed to instruct the Secretary to send a copy of the by-laws, which have just received the sanction of the M.W.G.M., to the Secretary of each lodge in Cornwall.

The brethren afterwards dined together at Freemasons' Tavern, under the genial presidency of the W.M.

The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W.G.M. the Duke of Cornwall, and the Grand Officers," having been loyally given and received,

Bro. W. Lake proposed "The Health of the W.M." He referred to Bro. West's Masonic career in Cornwall, his long services in connection with that province, and the esteem in which he was held by all his brother Craftsmen. No better man, he said, could have been secured to represent Cornish Masonry in London, and he felt sure he was expressing the sentiments of all present when he cordially wished him success and a pleasant year of office.

Bro. West, in reply, thanked the brethren for the hearty manner in which they had received the toast. He assured them of his great desire, now that he had become a resident in London, to be of service to his brethren of the Craft. He hoped and expected great things from the establishment of a lodge of Cornishmen in the Metropolis, where they could continue their Masonic work unitedly as in the old county. It gave him great pleasure thus to be associated with his old friends, and he would continue to do his utmost to promote the interest of the Cornish Lodge.

"The Health of the Initiate, Bro. the Rev. H. Vivian Tyrrel," was next given, and responded to by the Candidate in a speech of such a happy and appropriate character as to encourage the hope that an important addition had been made to the ranks of Masonry.

"The Visitors" was the next toast, replied to by Bro. J. R. Thurley Johnson, D.G.M. of All Scottish Freemasonry in India, J. H. Brockbank, and T. P. Bullen, the former brother's reply being of such an interesting character that we have much pleasure in giving it in full to our readers.

After acknowledging the kindness of the Worshipful Master and brethren for their greeting and hospitality, he said: I beg permission to be allowed to digress from the usual custom of after-banquet oratory, and briefly give the brethren an account of the progress the Craft is making in our glorious Empire of the East—India. Having worked for nearly a quarter of a century in Bombay in every grade in Craft and Grand Lodge up to the position of Deputy Grand Master—I say this not egotistically, but as credentials of my knowledge of our working in the East—I am enabled to affirm that there is an attractive power in our Order which interests the educated Oriental, and, being free from dogma, it draws them to us, when they learn that Masonry teaches simply "the knowledge of the one true God and our duty to mankind." About 50 years ago, Bro. Manockjee Cursetjee, a Parsee, was initiated, and afterwards several of the leading Parsee merchants, who afterwards formed the first Oriental lodge, viz., Lodge Rising Star of Western India, hailing under the Scotch Constitution. Now there are several Parsee lodges under both English and Scotch Constitutions; but, what is more remarkable, we have a Mahomedan lodge—Islam—under the Scotch Constitution, and a Hindoo lodge—Aryan—under the English Constitution. When the charters of these lodges were first granted, it was not without a slight fear on the part of the governing bodies, and for the first year of their existence a trusty and expert European brother was selected as their first Master. But it was soon found that our Oriental brethren were loyal, zealous, faithful, and able members of the Craft, and full control of their own lodges was given them. Worthily have they deserved that confidence, for I tell you, brethren, that in no part of the world is Masonry better carried out than in these Oriental lodges, and we and you may be justly proud of our Indian brethren. Your W.M., in course of conversation with me, enquired if we had a Masonic Temple in Bombay.

I am sorry as yet our Hall is only a hired bungalow, but the question of a Temple has been agitated for many years, but we have not been able to raise sufficient funds. Government has kindly intimated that it will allot a site on the Esplanade on favourable terms, but as it is in the midst of magnificent public buildings we are required to erect a very handsome architectural structure, to be in harmony with its surroundings. To do this we do not yet possess the means, but the brethren are striving hard to augment their resources, and I am sure it will not be long before they accomplish it. And here I may tell you a story of funds that we look at with longing eyes but cannot obtain. About a century ago a Bro. Smith died at Cochin, Malabar Coast, and in his will left a lac of rupees "to the illegitimate children of Lodge No. 1, Bombay." This will was discovered when the records of the old Supreme Court were removed to the new building of the High Court. The document had been partially destroyed by the ravages of white ants, but enough remained to show there was a Masonic legacy. Your late District Grand Masters, Bros. James Gibbs and Tyrell Leith, both able and accomplished barristers (the former a member of the Bombay Council and subsequently Supreme Council) did their utmost to unravel the donor's intention, and made every possible suggestion to Government to obtain this legacy, but the Government Law Officials were inexorable that we did not prove our claim, and consequently the legacy still remains in the Government coffers. The amount with interest totals up to a very handsome sum, and if we could obtain it the difficulty of building a Masonic Temple in Bombay would vanish. Upon another subject, which is dear to every Mason's heart—Charity—I may tell you that, although the spread of our Craft is but recent, and, of course, we cannot boast of Masonic schools and asylums for indigent brethren, yet in both Constitutions funds are regularly set apart for benevolence, and are beginning to swell up in amount. We have excellent schools in the Bombay Presidency, so our Masonic orphans, if Church of England, are sent to the Bombay Education Society's Schools; if Presbyterians, to the Scottish Orphanage; if Roman Catholics to the St. Mary's College; if children of soldiers, to the Lawrence Asylum, Mount Abo; and the Craft pays for their education, clothing, and maintenance up to the age of 16 years. Our widows in distress are given monthly allowances as long as they need them. So, brethren, we can proudly assert that no Mason's orphan is neglected, or widow permitted to want. I may tell you that your District Grand Lodge in Bombay and our Grand Lodge of All Scottish Freemasonry in India work in perfect harmony side by side, and jointly rent the same building, which enables both Constitutions to minimise expenses. The Grand Lodges have wisely given more extended powers to India than to your Provincial Grand Lodges, and this is to be commended, for the rulers of the Craft in India are most able and expert Masons, and from their long residence in the East their knowledge and acquaintance with their Oriental brethren enables them to deal with the various complex questions that naturally arise in a manner satisfactory to all, which, if referred to your Grand Committees, would, from want of knowledge of our Oriental brethren, be dealt with in the hard and fast rules applying to home lodges, and cause friction. The powers given to your District Grand Master and to the Grand Master of All Scottish Freemasonry have been most wisely used, with the result of a flourishing Craft, working in perfect harmony. Your District Grand Lodge of Bombay has been presided over by those eminent brethren the late James Gibbs and Tyrell Leith, and lastly by H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, who without exception has proved himself to be one of the most popular men that ever served in India, beloved alike by every soldier and civilian, European and Indian.

Other toasts followed, and a very pleasant evening was spent, the pleasure being enhanced by some excellent singing by Bros. Brockbank, choir master of Norwich Cathedral, F. G. Atkinson, and others.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BROUGHTON.

St. Thomas' Lodge (No. 992).—The installation meeting of this very successful lodge was held at the Griffin Hotel, on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., the Installing Master on this occasion being Bro. J. J. Meakin, P.P.G.W., who is well known to be a capital exponent of the Craft working, consequently the ceremony was a most impressive one. There was a large number of influential brethren present, including Bros. J. W. Millward, W.M.; J. H. Lamb, S.W.; W. H. Southern, J.W.; J. Hancock, P.G.S.B., Treas.; H. G. Rutter, P.M., Sec.; W. Hawkins, S.D.; W. Craig Royle, J.D.; T. H. McGill, I.G.; J. J. Meakin, P.P.J.G.W.; P. B. Welch, P.M.; A. Grice, P.M.; T. Southern, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Sam Moore, P.M.; H. Fisher, P.M.; G. Ramage, G. Cooper, J. Faulkner, C. Garbutt, W. Meakin, and W. J. Marsden. Visitors: Bros. N. A. Earle, P.P.J.G.W.; M. Leresche, P.P.G.R.; E. G. Lingard, P.J.G.W.; P. Robinson, P.M. 152; D. Griffiths, P.M. 935; R. Chadwick, P.M. 1147; F. Stretch, 1730; J. Sharples, 2359; C. Bagot, P.M. 1055; R. Hughes, W.M. 1219; J. A. Woolley, 853; A. H. Duffin, W.M. 1134; and G. S. Smith, P.M., W.M. 2359.

The lodge was presided over in the first place by Bro. J. W. Millward, W.M., who subsequently retired for the Installing Master, who appointed Bros. P. B. Welch, P.M., S.W.; A. Grier, P.M., J.W.; and J. Hancock, P.G.S.B., I.G. The ceremony of installation was proceeded with, and Bro. J. H. Lamb was duly placed in the chair. After the usual formula, the brethren subsequently saluted him, and he was proclaimed in the three Degrees. The working tools were presented by Bro. Welch. The addresses to the W.M. and Wardens was delivered by Bro. Millward, P.M., and that to the brethren by Bro. J. J. Meakin, P.P.J.G.W. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. H. Southern, S.W.; W. Hawkins, J.W.; Jas. Hancock, P.M., P.G.S.B., Treas.; W. Craig Royle, S.D.; T. W. McGill, J.D.; Thos. Southern, P.M., P.P.G.D., D.C.; Geo. Ramage, I.G.; and W. Riddell, P.M., Tyler; and they were addressed by Bro. Hancock, Bro. J. M. Leresche, P.P.G. Reg., addressing the Treasurer.

The brethren, after some formal business, closed the lodge, and subsequently dined together, and celebrated the festival of St. John.

The attention was directed to the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

All the speeches were good, but very short and to the point.

A very handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Millward, I.P.M., by the members of the lodge, and was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

CAMBRIDGE.

Scientific Lodge (No. 88).—At the monthly meeting on Monday, the 8th inst., Bro. W. Purchas, W.M., P.P.G. Reg., in the chair, there was a good attendance of members, in addition to the following visiting brethren: Bros. M. W. Packer, P.M. 466; T. Watts, P.M. 441; W. H. Francis, W.M. 859; J. Catling, 441; and W. W. Wallis, 850 and 2107. Mr. T. W. Allsop, of Ealing, was balloted for, unanimously elected, and subsequently initiated. The charge was given by Bro. T. Nichols, P.M. Bro. Frank Piggott, S.W., P.P.G. Swd. Br., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and the installation will take place on the 12th prox. Bro. T. Hunnyhun, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. C. H. Ellis as Tyler. Bros. O. Papworth, C. W. Redin, and W. Fawcett were elected auditors. A Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. W. Purchas on his retiring from the chair. The strength of this old lodge is now 75, and there is work in store.

DARLINGTON.

Marquess of Ripon Lodge (No. 1379).—On Thursday, the 5th inst., this lodge celebrated the annual Festival of St. John, at the Masonic Hall, Archer-street. The lodge was opened by Bro. Dr. Hill Drury, W.M., and a large number of brethren and visitors were present. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Tovey, P.M., presented Bro. Howlett, W.M. elect, to the W.M. The installation was proceeded with, and Bro. Howlett was placed in the chair in a most impressive manner by Bro. Hill Drury. Bro. Hill Drury then proposed "That the sum of 10 guineas be paid from the Lodge Charity Fund to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, to endow the chair of the Treasurer of the lodge in perpetuity." The motion having been carried, Bro. Hill Drury said that since the last meeting a very worthy brother (Bro. Barron, P.M.) had been elected to the honourable position of Chief Magistrate of the borough, and he felt sure that every member of the lodge would feel that no more popular appointment could have been made. He, therefore, proposed "That the brethren of the Marquess of Ripon Lodge desire to congratulate Bro. Barron, P.M., on his election to the position of Chief Magistrate of the borough, and to express the hope that he may have a happy and prosperous term of office." This was duly seconded, and carried with acclamation. The Mayor, who was present, thanked the brethren for their congratulations and good wishes.

There being no other business, after hearty congratulations had been offered by the visiting brethren the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquetting hall to celebrate their annual festival.

After the cloth was removed the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, dwelling particularly on the great loss Masonry in general had sustained in the death of the Pro Grand Master.

In replying for "The Provincial Grand Officers," Bro. Nutford, P.M., Prov. G. Std. Br., spoke of the Provincial Grand Master, Sir Hedworth Williamson, in eulogistic terms, feeling sure that no province had a better Grand Master than Durham had. It gave him great pleasure to be present that night. He had been a Mason 21 years, and had seen many installations, but he never saw the ceremony so solemnly and impressively done as it was that night.

The toast of "The W.M." was proposed by Bro. T. Watson, P.M., P.P.G. Treas., and met with a most hearty reception.

The Worshipful Master replied in well chosen terms, and thanked the brethren for the honour they had conferred upon him in electing him to the chair, and said that he would discharge the duties to the best of his ability, and trusted that in his hands the reputation of the lodge would in no way suffer.

Bro. Forster, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., then rose to propose "The Health of the Installing Master," and in doing so spoke of his great services to Masonry, of the excellent manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair during the past year, and of the installation ceremony, which he had never seen so well done before. He had a further pleasing duty to perform, and that was to offer for Bro. Hill Drury's acceptance a Past Master's jewel, subscribed for by the brethren of the lodge, as a token of their gratitude for his services in the chair of the Marquess of Ripon Lodge, and with their best wishes that he might long be spared to wear it.

The toast was enthusiastically received with musical honours.

Bro. Hill Drury, in reply, said he would indeed have been unworthy of the honour they did him when 12 months since they placed him in the chair he had relinquished that night if he did not experience some heart-achings, some lingering regrets, in having to bid adieu to the position in the lodge in which he had been so well supported by his brethren, in which he had enjoyed so much pleasure, and in which he was so glad to know, from the way they had accepted the toast, he had discharged the duties to their satisfaction. But any regrets he might feel were more than counterbalanced by the pleasure he had derived in installing as his successor one who will worthily fill the highest position it is in the power of his brethren to bestow upon him, and who will uphold the honour and dignity of the chair, and carry forward the traditions and good name of the Marquess of Ripon Lodge. Next to the pride which anyone may justly feel in being honoured with supreme command at the hands of those over whom he is to rule, must be the consciousness of having done his duty so as to merit the gratitude of his fellows, but above and beyond all is the pleasure of knowing that that gratitude has been expressed in no stinted terms. If he had, as they told him, fulfilled the trust reposed in him to their satisfaction, he must accord to those who had so faithfully assisted him his heartfelt thanks. No Master ever had more efficient and painstaking officers than he had and it would be invidious to particularise where all had done so well. He also thanked the Past Masters for their cordial assistance at all times. Bro. Foster and Bro. Milford had spoken of the way in which the ceremony had been done that night. He (Bro. Hill Drury) thanked them for their kind words, but he felt that there was little merit in doing well that which he done so often before. Bro. Howlett was the eleventh Master he had installed into the

chair. Bro. Hill Drury then spoke of his successful year of office, and alluded to its special feature, viz., the introduction of music into their beautiful ceremonies, and said that the happiness of the brethren, the good of the lodge, and the advantage of Freemasonry had been his constant aim. The seal of their approval had that night been set to his work in the gift of a beautiful Past Master's jewel. He did not want anything to remind him of his pleasant year of office, one truly of peace, love, and harmony, but he would wear the jewel as an expression of their good-will towards him, and whenever he looked at it he would see reflected the faces, and feel again the generous impulses of those whose fraternal assistance and good wishes contributed to the pleasure and happiness he had enjoyed in fullest measure while occupying the chair of the Marquess of Ripon Lodge.

"The Visiting Brethren" was proposed by Bro. R. S. Benson, P.M., and replied to by Bro. l'Anson, P.M. 1618, and Bro. W. C. Barron, W.M. elect Restoration Lodge.

Bro. Sam. Wilson, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., proposed "The Newly-Appointed Officers," which was responded to by the J.W.

Other toasts followed, and songs by Bros. Martin, l'Anson, Barron, Broughton, Glover, and Watson enlivened the evening's entertainment.

DIDSBURY.

Doric Lodge (No. 2359).—The sixth regular meeting of this successful lodge was held on Saturday, the 13th inst., at the Didsbury Hotel. There was a goodly attendance of members and visitors, although the time fixed was 2.30 p.m. Thus showing how desirable a time it is for the brethren who joined it in the first place and have since been initiated. The lodge was opened by the W.M. punctually, with every officer present, with one exception. A candidate was passed, the W.M. performing the ceremony. The raising which subsequently took place was conducted by Bro. A. J. Jefferis, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treas., in a most efficient manner. The chair was resumed by the W.M., and the rest of the business transacted, and the lodge was closed.

Among those present were the following: Bros. G. S. Smith, P.M., W.M.; C. F. Towell, S.W.; A. H. Jefferis, P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; J. Walker, acting Sec.; G. A. Myers, W.M. 1730, S.D.; A. K. Boothroyd, J.D.; Fred Stretch, D.C.; J. M. Veal, I.G.; Wilnot Holt, Org.; P. D. Langley, J. Ward, James Sharples, A. W. Moore, Robert Filton, G. W. Jack, and F. Thomas. Visitor: Bro. Wm. Ramsden, P.M., P.P.G.D.

FRIZINGTON.

Arleccon Lodge (No. 1660).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., Bro. J. Wilkinson, W.M., in the chair, supported by Bros. J. Dickinson, W.M. 1989, as S.W.; B. Craig, P.M., as J.W.; Geo. Dalrymple, P.M., Treas.; M. Jones, Sec.; Wm. Robinson, S.D.; Wm. Shaw, J.D.; W. Barwise, I.G.; C. Bland, Tyler; Jas. Singers, D.C.; Jas. Toye, Ed. Jackson, and others.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed, and a candidate balloted for and accepted, and one brother raised to the Third Degree. A circular was read from the R.M.I. for Boys, anent a Stewardship, when the W.M. intimated that Bro. Dalrymple, P.M., was going up to the next Festival in June, and it was his wish that the Arleccon Lodge would give him all the support possible, and endow, at the least, two chairs.

With other general business and "Hearty good wishes" from 872 and 1989, the lodge was closed.

HASTINGS.

Derwent Lodge (No. 40).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 8th inst., when there were present Bros. W. S. Allen, W.M.; F. C. Edwards, S.W.; C. Randall, J.W.; F. Rossiter, P.P.G.D., Treas.; J. Pearce, Prov. G.S.B., Sec.; R. Walmsley, S.D.; G. H. Gage, J.D.; C. E. Botley, P.M., acting D.C.; C. J. Ticehurst, I.G.; L. J. Jukes, Stwd.; F. Plovman, P.M.; P. Robinson, P.M.; T. Trollope, M.D., P.M., P.G.D., P.P.S.G.W., &c.; W. H. Russell, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; T. W. Markwick, P.M.; F. H. Hallett, P.M., P.P.G.O.; H. Boyce, H. J. Russell, A. G. Hickman, J. H. Tendall, G. Heaphy, F. G. Tyrrell, J. Whitehouse, G. F. Wood, E. J. McCormick, C. Reinmann, R. Dengate, and W. A. Beck. Visitors: Bros. A. E. Young, J.D. 1842; J. Booty, 1728; and R. Hughes, 1184, P.P.G. Std. Br.

Bro. H. J. Russell was raised, Mr. J. B. Guy elected, and Mr. T. T. Horton proposed. Bro. F. C. Edwards was elected W.M. for the ensuing year. In acknowledging the compliment, he said he feared his small abilities would be totally eclipsed by the excellent manner in which the present W.M., Bro. Allen, had filled the duties, but he would nevertheless make every effort in his power to shine a little, and maintain the prestige of the old Derwent. The proposer and seconder of a Past Master's jewel spoke in high praise of the ability and good qualities displayed by the retiring W.M. during the year. A letter of condolence was, on the proposition of Bro. Dr. Trollope, sent to the relatives of the late Bro. Burchall, who had been a subscribing member of the lodge 37 years.

JERSEY.

Prince of Wales Lodge (No. 1003).—This popular lodge held its 27th annual festival on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., at the Masonic Temple, Stopford-road, when amongst those present were Bros. E. Oldridge, W.M.; F. J. Godfray, I.P.M.; E. J. Dodman, S.W., W.M. elect; G. Contache, J.W.; G. J. Renouf, P.M., Treas.; F. Payn, Sec.; W. L. Newman, S.D.; H. M. Godfray, J.D.; H. C. L. Brodthurst, I.G.; G. Rogers, P.M., Tyler; Dr. J. Le Cronier, D.P.G.M.; G. J. Pallot, P.M.; P. Sohler, P.M., Prov. G. Sec.; P. G. Hamilton, P.M.; F. Vincent, P.M.; H. M. Waldon, P.M.; E. Kelly, P.M.; F. Pearce, P.M.; J. Baal, P.M.; P. Bois, P.M.; and several others. Visitors: Bros. J. W. Hamling, W.M. 245; E. L. Bisson, W.M. 491; H. Becker, W.M. 590; Dr. P. B. Bentlif, W.M. 877; E. R. Priestwood, W.M. 958; S. Gilley, P.M. 491; L. Kelly, P.M. 491; T. Stone, P.M. 245; C. Donaldson, P.M. 244; J. H. Goldsmith, P.M. 491; J. O. Flaherty, P.M. 958; W. H. Chapman, P.M. 958; J. Gray, P.M. 245; W. H. Hamley, I.P.M. 245; W. T. Pugsley, P.M. 245; H. Ahier, Sec. 590; J. H. Elliott, P.M. 245; T. Le Scilleur, P.M. 590; T. Palmer, S.W. 491; W. J. Taylor, J.D. 491; Dr. M. Le Cronier, S.D. 877; W. Fentum, J.W. 244; J. C. Barette, S.W. 245; A. Curry, J.D. 245; and others.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The Auditors' report having been received, the W.M. elect, Bro. E. J. Dodman, S.W., was then presented by Bro. H. Elliott, P.M., D.C., and most impressively installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. E. Oldridge. This beautiful ceremony, which was a thorough Masonic treat, was further enhanced by the excellent musical accompaniment which was so ably rendered by Bros. McKee and Fentum. The Board of Installed Masters numbered 27. After the usual addresses, the W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. E. Oldridge, I.P.M.; Geo. Contauche, S.W.; W. L. Newman, J.W.; C. J. Renouf, P.M.; Treas.; F. Payn, Sec.; H. C. L. Brodhurst, S.D.; E. Le Bas, J.D.; F. Vincent, P.M., D.C.; T. L. de Faye, Org.; E. H. Drake, I.G.; M. Cory and W. H. Anthony, Stwds.; and G. Rogers, P.M., Tyler. Bro. Dr. J. Le Cronier, D.P.G.M., at the request of the W.M., then presented Bro. Aldridge with a handsome gold watch, together with a Past Master's collar and jewel and framed illuminated address, and in doing so complimented him on the way he had done his work, and for the success the lodge had attained during his year of office. Bro. Oldridge, in an appropriate speech, acknowledged the presentation, and said he would always regard those tokens of esteem as the most prized of all his possessions, not so much for their intrinsic value—for they were very valuable—but for the truly Masonic feeling that had actuated their bestowal. Several telegrams and letters of congratulation were then read by the Secretary, and after "Hearty good wishes" from the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed.

The brethren, to the number of 95, then assembled at the banquet, which was splendidly served by Bro. George Rogers, P.M., Tyler. The room was beautifully decorated with flowers and flags, and was in every way a credit to the Stewards, Bros. Elliott, Oldridge, and Vincent.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, the W.M. then proposed "Bro. Col. E. C. Malet de Carteret, P.G.M., Bro. Dr. J. Le Cronier, D.P.G.M., and the Officers, Present and Past, of the Provincial Grand Lodge," to which Bro. Dr. Le Cronier, D.P.G.M., suitably responded, wishing the new W.M. every prosperity for his coming year in the chair.

"The Health of the Visitors" was next given, and responded to.

The D.P.G.M., in his usual hearty manner, which so endears him to the brethren, then proposed what he called the toast of the evening—"The Health of the W.M."—which was received with enthusiasm.

The W.M., in responding, after thanking the brethren for the way in which the toast had been received, said that he hoped he would meet with that same hearty support as his worthy predecessor had during his year of office.

The toast of "The Installing Master" was next proposed; and

Bro. Oldridge, whilst cordially acknowledging it, thanked the brethren for the kind support they had accorded him in the past, and begged them to extend the same to their new W.M., and, in alluding to the prosperous financial condition of the lodge, said he trusted that as the years went on it would increase and multiply.

The following toasts were then given: "The Past Masters of the Lodge," "The Past Masters of the Province," "The Officers," "The Stewards," "The Musical Brethren," and the Tyler's toast.

Under the leadership of Bros. McKee and Fentum some excellent instrumental musical selections were given, whilst harmony was contributed by Bros. J. R. Jones, Taylor, F. Vincent, Walden, and Brodhurst, and a fine Shakespearian recitation by Bro. Dr. Maxwell Le Cronier.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.

Dobie Lodge (No. 889).—In order to relieve the work on installation night, a lodge of emergency was held at the Griffin Hotel, on Monday evening, the 14th inst., when the W.M., Bro. Colbron, P.M. 355, was supported by the following officers: Bros. F. J. Hayward, S.W., W.M. elect; A. M. Levy, J.W.; Jas. Edgell, S.D.; J. Bond, J.D.; and Fawcett, as I.G.

For three hours the lodge was kept employed, and the brethren present had an exhibition of correct and impressive working put before them by the W.M., who has now but to install his successor to complete a very instructive round of duty. Bro. C. Tod Pullen, 749 and 2030, was elected a joining member, and the ballot proved unanimous in favour of Messrs. Charles Spencer, Edgell E. Westmacott, and John Bedser. Bro. T. H. Goodwin was then raised to the Degree of M.M., the ceremony being conducted in a way marked with much ability, after which the three above-named gentlemen were impressively initiated by the W.M.

A pleasant time around the social board brought the evening to a close.

LEEDS.

Fidelity Lodge (No. 289).—The members of this lodge met in their Hall, Carlton Hill, on the 4th inst., for the purpose of installing the W.M. and holding the Festival of St. John under especially interesting circumstances, it being the one hundredth installation of W.M. in the lodge. Amongst the brethren present were Bros. E. W. Smith, W.M.; A. W. Chapman, S.W., W.M. elect; C. A. Brain, J.W.; J. E. Brownbill, Chap.; W. Graves, P.M., Prov. G.S. of W., Treas.; A. S. Fletcher, S.D.; S. A. Mason, as J.D.; Alfred Scarth, P.M., D.C.; W. L. Wildy, I.G.; W. Marshall, Tyler; Richard Jackson, I.P.M.; Jas. Milnes, P.M.; Wm. Armistead, P.M.; J. W. Ramsden, W. Cookson, J. N. Hawtin, V. Brown, E. H. Beale, T. Dodds, A. E. Ives, and K. W. McAlpin. Visitors: Bros. W. W. Clayton, W.M. 1311; J. J. Fretwell, W.M. 2069; C. D. Swale, W.M. elect, 1221; Tom Batt, W.M. 306; T. B. Tomlinson, W.M. 1221; J. W. Courtney, P.M. 424; J. W. Smith, P.M. 1311; G. Cobb, P.M. 1311; W. S. Blackburn, P.M. 1311; J. Reid, I.P.M. 2078; W. Laughbridge, P.M. 2078; W. T. Carter, P.M. 1042; G. Hill, P.M. 304; J. Millington, 1221; J. G. R. Readbeate, 200; A. Hartman, 200; A. Briggs, 1311; D. Wedderspoon, 306; H. Child, 1221; A. Redmayne, 306; F. Long, 1311; A. J. Clayton, 1311; R. A. Smithson, 2069; R. J. Smith, 1642; Geo. Suddick, 304; E. A. Simpson, 1221; W. J. Jowett, 1042; A. K. Scattergood, 1311; C. G. Iliffe, 1225; G. K. Clemons, 1311; and others.

The W.M. and his officers opened the lodge, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, when the following members of Grand and Provincial Grand Lodge were admitted and saluted: Bros. H. Smith,

P.G.D., D.P.G.M.; Rev. Dr. Smyth, P.G. Chap.; W. F. Smithson, G.D.; T. Crossley, P.G.W.; T. Horsly, P.P.G.W.; C. L. Mason, P.P.G. Treas.; S. Border, P.G. Reg.; J. C. Malcolm, P.P.G. Reg.; W. Savile Wood, P.P.G. Reg.; A. Buckle, P.P.G.D.; J. Dyson, P.P.G.D.; D. R. Glover, P.P.G.D.; G. F. Crowe, P.P.G.D.; Rev. J. H. Evans, P.G. Chap.; H. G. E. Green, P.G. Sec.; W. Greaves, P.G.S. of W.; W. J. Beck, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Dobson, P.P.G.D.C.; G. Kirby, P.P.G.D.C.; and J. B. Hargreaves, P.P.G.S.B. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, in a very kind and graceful manner, presented Bro. Arthur William Chapman as W.M. elect for installation to Bro. Richard Jackson, I.P.M., who fulfilled the duties of Installing Master, and rendered the ceremony in a most impressive manner, Bro. Dr. Smyth assisting in the ritual; and having been duly proclaimed the W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. Chapman appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. C. A. Brain, S.W.; J. W. Foster, J.W.; Rev. J. E. Brownbill, M.A., Chap.; W. Greaves, P.M., Prov. G.S. of W., Treas.; W. Cookson, Sec.; A. S. Fletcher, S.D.; W. L. Wildy, J.D.; R. Jackson, P.M., D.C.; Dr. Spark, P.M., P.P.G.O., Org.; S. A. Mason, I.G.; G. V. Curtis, Stwd.; and W. Marshall, Tyler. The W.M. presented all the officers of the lodge with a handsome new collar to replace the old ones, which were presented by the late Bro. John Young, P.M., Prov. G.W., December, 1837, and had, therefore, been in use 53 years. Bro. J. E. Brownbill presented to the lodge a handsomely framed (his grandfather's) Fidelity certificate, granted July 13, 1805, which was much appreciated as a memento of the early working of the lodge.

After the lodge had been duly closed, the Festival of St. John was held in the dining-hall, when about 80 of the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, served by Bro. A. Powoloney, P.M., P.P.G.D.

When the loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly honoured,

The Worshipful Master, in replying to his health, eloquently thanked the brethren for the honour of his having been elected the one hundredth Master of the lodge, and mentioned that from the brethren who had passed through that chair had been those who had filled almost every office in the Prov. Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire, from P.G.M., D.P.G.M., P.G. Sec., &c., to Tyler, and also alluded to the satisfaction it was to the lodge to be in possession of the full minutes and records of the transactions of the lodge, and a complete list of its members, numbering nearly 700, from its foundation in 1792.

The toasts were interspersed with music and recitations, under the superintendence of Bro. W. Cookson, Sec. and Asst. Org., and the evening was spent with characteristic festivity and good fellowship.

MANCHESTER.

Caledonian Lodge (No. 204).—This most prosperous and successful lodge held its installation meeting on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Cooper-street. In the absence of Bro. Guthrie, W.M., Bro. Martin Thomas, P.M., opened the lodge, there being a large number of brethren present, as is usual at these annual meetings. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Last year we had the pleasure of seeing Bro. Martin Thomas, P.M., install his successor, and can now repeat what we then remarked—it was done with masterly power, displaying great skill and ability. Bro. Charles Duckworth, S.W., W.M. elect, was duly inducted into the chair of K.S., and invested his officers as follows: Bros. C. H. Normanton, S.W.; Samuel Bramwell, J.W.; Rev. P. Haines, P.M., Chap.; J. Roberts, P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; John Cliffe, P.M., Sec.; W. G. Bagnall, S.D.; E. A. Bretey, J.D.; R. A. Eldershaw, P.M., D. of C.; W. H. Maxheld, P.M., P.P.G.O., Org.; J. Watson, I.G.; and G. W. Thornhill, B. Lockwood, J. H. Williams, and G. R. Ward, Stewards. The working tools were presented by Bro. M. Thomas, and the addresses delivered by Bros. J. Cliffe, P.M.; Rev. P. Haines, P.M.; and W. Bagnall, P.M., P.P.G.D.

Among those present were Bros. C. Duckworth, S.W.; C. H. Normanton, J.W.; Roberts, P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; M. Miller, S.D.; W. G. Bagnall, J.D.; R. A. Eldershaw, D.C.; E. A. Betey, I.G.; Martin Thomas, I.P.M.; S. Ayland, P.M.; Joseph Hill, P.M.; J. Hind, P.M.; W. Bagnall, P.P.G.D.; Thos. Shorrock, P.M.; G. R. Ward, J. Hinchcliff, B. Lockwood, C. West, Jno. R. Lever, P.M.; E. G. Simpson, P.M., P.P.G.D.; E. Armstrong, S. Bramwell, John Parker, John Gregory, J. Ogden, P.M. 1170; and A. Stanley. Visitors: Bros. J. Chadwick, P.G.S.B., P.G. Sec.; Chas. Martyn, W.M. 1387; W. Goodwin, 2185; C. H. Beever, 2363; E. Nathan, P.M. 1793; Joel Fodern, W.M. 1045; G. S. Smith, P.M., W.M. 2359; Fred Hilton, 1458; G. F. Smith, P.P.G.S.; G. Bowen, 2144, P.A.G.P.; D. Kinsey, P.P.G.T.; J. Schofield, P.M. 1219; E. Smith, 2363; Chas. Swinn, W.M. 1633; J. W. Lloyd, 2363; H. Grimshaw, H. Hall, W.M. 1375; F. Kershaw, Frank Hollins, P.M.; and E. Chesworth.

Derby Lodge (No. 1055).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Victoria Hotel, on Thursday, the 11th inst., when Bro. C. Smith, S.W., W.M. elect, was installed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. Bagot, P.M., W.M., in the presence of a large number of brethren and visitors, amongst whom were the following: Bros. J. Challendar, J.W.; J. Hilton, Treas.; J. W. Hallam, S.D.; Chas. Hardman, J.D.; J. Heywood, I.G.; R. Williamson, P.P.G.P.; F. R. Cooper, P.M.; E. G. Hughes, P.P.G.D.; G. Kemfen, P.M.; T. E. Rigby, I.P.M.; J. Anderton, G. McWilliams, J. R. Smith, F. Hilton, W. A. Brown, J. Woodhouse, H. F. Newman, T. Nisbett, and G. E. Hall. Visitors: Bros. Col. H. L. Rocca, P.P.G.D.; J. Lees Aspland, P.P.G. Reg.; A. H. Williams, P.G. Org.; G. S. Smith, P.M., W.M. 2359; G. H. Lamb, W.M. 992; S. Harrop; R. J. Bennett, W.M. 1334; T. McClelland, I.P.M. 1134; and James Chapman.

The meeting was a great success, and reflected great credit upon the Installing Master and all those who took part in it.

NORTH WOOLWICH.

Henley Lodge (No. 1472).—The usual monthly meeting of the above flourishing lodge took place on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., Bro. C. Wood, W.M., presiding. The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, Bro. Wooster was passed, and Bros. Cocks and Golding were raised. Ten

guineas was then voted for the widow of a deceased brother, and then the lodge was closed. A banquet was afterwards discussed, and the usual loyal, Grand Lodge, and Provincial toasts were honoured.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. C. Canning, I.P.M., W.M. 2184; A. T. Ives, P.M.; W. West, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. Herts; J. Paul, P.M.; A. Knight, S.W.; C. Jolly, P.M., Sec.; B. Curtis, S.D.; J. Glading, J.D.; J. Delo, I.G.; W. Turvy, Stwd.; C. A. Holes, 141; J. Buchan, 373; W. Haley, 1789; F. Davis, 13; W. Barnes, Stwd. 13; C. Foreman; and others.

PLUMSTEAD.

Pattison Lodge (No. 913).—The usual monthly meeting of the above powerful lodge took place on Thursday, the 4th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Mount Pleasant, Bro. Col. E. Hughes, M.P., W.M., presiding, assisted by the following Past Masters, officers, and brethren: Bros. C. Coupland, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Treas.; E. Denton, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., Sec.; R. J. Cook, P.M., P.G. Stwd.; H. Mason, P.M.; C. H. Lawson, P.M., Asst. Sec.; F. Barry, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Worcestershire; C. Jolly, P.M. (Hon.); W. Busbridge, S.W.; W. Sanders, J.W.; W. C. Taylor, S.D.; Dr. E. Bryceson, J.D.; C. J. Clapham, I.G.; J. J. Collins, D.C.; R. F. Tyler, A.D.C.; J. O. Cook and J. Murphy, Stwds.; J. Turton, H. G. Baker, W. Davidson, B. Littlewood, T. J. Nell, B. Hammond, T. Hambrook, E. Trappell, G. M. Taylor, J. W. Dickenson, W. H. Chaney, T. Griffiths, L. Mills, A. Moore, W. Clifton, T. G. Arnold, A. D. Capon, R. Saunders, G. Roberts, S. Horton, and H. J. Spence, all of the lodge. Among the visitors were Bros. W. G. Lemon, P.M. 2033, A.G.D.C. Eng.; J. F. Bell, W.M. 13; W. Tailby, P.M. 13; C. W. Watkins, P.M. 615; C. Mathews, 2147; J. Chennells, 700; A. Fenn, 700; and W. Haley, 1789.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting confirmed, Bros. Knell and Roberts were passed. There being nothing further before the lodge, it was closed, and the brethren adjourned and dined, Bro. Rymer catering in masterly style.

The cloth having been cleared, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts.

In giving that of the "D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. said that a month before they had been honoured with the presence of a distinguished Past Grand Officer in the person of Bro. Board, while on the present occasion they were honoured by the presence of a Present Grand Officer, in the person of Bro. Lemon, with whose name he should couple the toast. He did not know how many offices Bro. Lemon held, or how many lodges he belonged to, but a great many he believed. However, they congratulated him upon his honours, and the lodge upon his presence as their guest, and he asked them to do all honour to the toast.

Bro. Lemon, in response, acknowledged the cordiality with which the toast had been received. The officers of Grand Lodge were all doing good work for Masonry. Those who had attended Grand Lodge, and had seen their esteemed D.G.M., the Earl of Lathom, doing the duties in Grand Lodge in the absence of the Grand Master, had evidenced the masterly manner with which he conducted the work, and carried out his responsible duties. He was exceedingly pleased to meet that night several very old friends—more especially his old and esteemed friend, Bro. Coupland, whom he had had the pleasure of knowing—well, he was almost afraid to say how many years, but certainly 20 or 30 years, when they were very young men indeed. The work of Grand Lodge, if arduous, was pleasing work, and was well done. There was no need to say to either of them "Go and do it;" no, it was done with pleasure, and therefore was not a toil; they did not go about it with lugubriousness, but with a love for the work which made it light and pleasing, and an honour to the worker. Now he would say that it afforded him much gratification to come down to that lodge, of which he had heard so much, and see the magnificent style with which they met and carried out their ritual, to know that they were a fraternity—he might almost say a confraternity—of Masons, as it seemed to him, all bound together in ties of good fellowship and brotherly love, and all working together with that harmony that was an essential to success. He would say again that it afforded him the greatest gratification, and was a circumstance of which he, as a humble member of Grand Lodge and a brother Mason, was not only proud but pleased to witness. He must congratulate them on the admirable manner in which his colleague, their W.M., had performed the ritual, and he particularly was impressed with the accuracy and perfect manner in which the Deacons did their work, because the Deacons' work was, perhaps, more criticised than the work of any officer in the lodge. From what he had seen of the officers, he felt sure that for many years there would be a succession of Worshipful Masters who would worthily sustain the reputation of the lodge, and worthily follow in the footsteps of those who had preceded them. He rejoiced to hear that they were contemplating a reunion with all the brethren in the district, whereby they would be showing the outside world that Masonry was not a secret Society in the sense in which such societies were adjudged, but a Society that extended the right hand of fellowship to all within its circle, and gave of its fullness, and liberally, to help and assist the distressed and afflicted. He was pleased to be present to witness that they were not only Masons in name, but in sincerity and truth.

Bro. Cook, in responding for "Earl Amherst, P.G.M.; Bro. Eastes, D.P.G.M.; and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," said his lordship must have the Pattison Lodge constantly before him, or he would not have selected one of its members for office, even that of Steward, especially when they considered the vast array of brethren ready and anxious to take even the most humble position under his genial rule and government. He remembered with pleasure that when his lordship conferred the collar he said that he (Bro. Cook) might hope for some higher honour in the future for the Pattison Lodge. He looked upon it as evidence of the good feeling that existed on the part of their P.G.M. towards the lodge, and if he properly understood his lordship he might look forward to some further distinction, as had been the case with several of the Past Grand Officers who sat beside and around him.

The Worshipful Master, in response to a very enthusiastic reception of the toast of his health, eloquently proposed by Bro. Cook, said he knew the toast was merely a formal one, but he had had to respond to it twice before, and had now lost all the nervousness that accompanied his first response.

He would remind them that their next meeting would be on the 1st of January, when many of them would, no doubt, be celebrating the festivities of the New Year, but he could tell them that he should be present the same as any other lodge night. For his own part, he wanted to make Masonry occupy a greater position amongst the worthy brethren of the district than it held even at the present time. He did not know exactly how it was to be done, but he wanted them to know that it was to their interest to carry out their duties, that people might acknowledge that there is a character about Freemasonry that was one of its highest virtues. He wanted to set an example, and that was by closing the festivities regularly at 11 p.m.; if there was plenty of work to do, begin earlier. He thanked them for the toast, and should endeavour to leave the lodge better, if possible, than when he undertook its Mastership.

The other toasts were "The Visitors," responded to by Bros. Bell and Mathews; "The Past Masters," by Bros. Mason and Lawson; and "The Officers," by Bro. Busbridge.

Some splendid vocal and instrumental music by Bros. Clifton, Knell, Hammond, and the Pattison Stringed Orchestra contributed in no ordinary degree to the pleasures of the evening.

ST. COLUMB.

Duke of Cornwall Lodge (No. 1529).—

The members of this lodge celebrated the festival of St. John on Wednesday, the 3rd inst. The lodge was opened, and the attendance was good. The usual business having been transacted, Bro. William R. May was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The installation ceremony was ably and impressively performed by the I.P.M., Bro. J. E. Remfry, P.P.G.P., assisted by Bro. T. Hicks, P.M. The W.M. then appointed the following as his officers: Bros. E. W. Carus-Wilson, S.W.; E. Rickard, J.W.; R. Drew, Chap.; T. Gatley, Treas.; George Burrow, Sec.; C. Brewer, S.D.; H. J. Rowse, J.D.; F. T. Harvey, D.C.; J. K. Martyn, I.G.; T. Hicks, Org.; J. Crapp, W. Oke, and E. James, Stwds.; and W. C. Garrison, Tyler.

The installation banquet was held in the evening at the Red Lion Hotel, and reflected great credit on Mrs. Brewer, the hostess.

The visitors present were Bros. J. Goodfellow, W.M., R. Bonny, P.M., and S. H. Hare, P.J.W., all of 1954; W. T. Davey, P.M. 330; W. H. Luke, W.M., J. B. Blight, P.M., and J. Coode, 496.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been honoured, the healths of "The W.M.," "I.P.M.," "Visiting Brethren," and "Officers" were heartily drunk, and duly responded to.

STOCKPORT.

St. John's Lodge (No. 104).—The annual meeting for the installation of W.M. and celebration of the Festival of St. John was held on Monday, the 8th inst., at the lodge rooms at the White Lion Hotel, when Bro. Joseph D. Kain, W.M. elect, was duly installed into the chair of K.S. in a very able manner by Bro. John Beresford, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., assisted by Bros. H. Finch, P.M., P.G.R., and E. Johnson, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C. The ceremony of installation was rendered in the usual manner, with choral accompaniments, and was much appreciated by the numerous and distinguished assembly of brethren who attended the meeting. The vocalists included Bros. M. Stafford, P.M. 361; W. Booth, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; J. J. Lewis, and W. Alcock. The officers for the ensuing year were then invested by the new W.M. as follows, their duties being explained by Bro. H. Finch, P.M., P.G.R., viz.: Bros. Gaskell, I.P.M.; C. H. Andrew, S.W.; W. H. Harrison, J.W.; Giles Atherton, Treas.; John Bell, P.M., Sec.; Thos. Haslam, S.D.; H. R. Nickal, J.D.; W. Booth, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., as D.C.; H. Balfe, Org.; J. F. Lomas, I.G.; H. E. Barrington and J. B. Harrison, Stwds.; and J. Scott, P.M. 322, Tyler. At the conclusion of the installation ceremony the W.M. invested Bro. Gaskell, the retiring W.M., with a valuable Past Master's jewel, presented by the lodge as a mark of their esteem.

After some formal business had been disposed of, the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was served up in first-class style by the hostess, Mrs. Robertson.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts, interspersed with glees and songs, were duly honoured, and "The Health of the W.M." received with enthusiasm.

The Tyler's toast wound up a very pleasant evening.

Bro. Kain is to be congratulated on the happy auspices under which he commences his Mastership of this ancient and efficiently worked lodge, and his zeal, backed by an able staff of officers, augurs well for the continued success during the ensuing year of this branch of the ancient and honourable Fraternity.

Besides the members of the lodge already named, there were present Bros. W. Goodacre, P.M., P.G.S.B. of Eng.; J. Salmon, P.M., P.S.G.W.; J. Clayton, P.M., P.J.G.W.; R. Newhouse, P.M., P.G. Sec.; Lieut.-Col. Wilkinson, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; Major Preston, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; W. Goldthorp, P.M., P.P.G.O.; W. H. Vaughan, P.M., P.P.G.R.; J. Cookson, P.M., P.G. Treas.; J. Fox, P.M., P.G. Stwd.; J. Leigh, P.M. 287, P.P.G. Stwd.; T. Whally, P.M. 323; R. Barlow, P.M. 1147; G. L. Vaughan, P.M. 1030; C. M. Wharton, P.M. 430; W. Lancaster, W.M. 287; J. Nicholson, W.M. 322; J. O. Wyld, W.M. elect 323; H. Lomas, W.M. 1957; J. Mekin, W.M. 1030; A. Shirley, S.W. 2201; C. M. Armitage, I.G. 322; D. Morris, P.M. 104; N. Ashurst, P.M.; W. H. Jones, 1873; J. E. Greenwood, 1033; S. Crossley, 1250; H. Morris, 1588; and many other brethren of the lodge.

Unanimity Lodge (No. 287).—The festival of St. John and installation of Bro. W. Lancaster as W.M. of this lodge took place at the White Lion Hotel, on Wednesday, the 3rd inst. There was a large attendance, amongst those present being the following: Bros. John Chadwick, P.G.S.B. England; R. Newhouse, P.G. Sec.; H. Finch, Prov. G. Reg.; W. Ramsden, P.G.D.; J. Bunsford, P.G.D.; T. Brook, P.G.D.C.; J. Abbott, P.P.G.D.C.; C. D. Cheetham, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Booth, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Cookson, P.G. Treas.; G. McClelland, P.G.D.; C. Booth, P.P.G.D.; A. Symonds, Prov. G. Chap.; H. Woodall, P.M.; J. Rome, P.M.; W. Morrison, P.M.; E. Dod, P.M.; W. H. Arnot, P.M.; G. Gaskill, W.M.; E. Edmondson, T. Whalley, P.M.; W. Hargreaves, S.W.; J. Nicholson, P.M.; J. Phythian, P.M.; G. L. Vaughan, P.M.; J. Wheatley, P.M.; G. W. Cookson, J. E. Nicholls, A. Pearce, E. Rigby, P.M.; W. H. Bibby, and C. Dawson, P.M.

The Installing Master was Bro. Jas. Cookson, I.P.M., assisted by Bros. G. McClelland, C. Booth, T. E. Rigby, and C. Dawson. We have had occasion to speak before about the qualifications of these brethren as exponents of Craft working, suffice it to say that on that occasion it lost none of its lustre, and everything was admirably done. The following officers were invested by Bro. C. Booth: Bros. J. Cookson, I.P.M.; H. Smith, S.W.; J. Martin, J.W.; the Rev. A. Symonds, Prov. G. Chap., Chap.; Jas. W. Howard, Sec.; J. Leigh, P.M., P.P.G. Stwd., D.C.; G. Roberts, S.D.; W. Graham, J.D.; J. T. Hudson, I.G.; T. E. Rigby, P.M., C.R., Org.; F. G. Brooke, R. A. Hardie, J. Ingham, and J. Cookson, Stwds.; and John Clarke, Tyler. Bro. T. E. Rigby, P.M., was elected Charity Representative. Before the close of the lodge, the I.P.M., Bro. Cookson, was presented with a beautifully framed portrait of Lord Egerton of Tatton, the P.G.M. The frame of the portrait bore the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. James Cookson, P.M., Prov. G. Treasurer, by the brethren of Unanimity Lodge, No. 287, as a token of regard and a slight recognition of many acts of generosity to the lodge. December, 1890."

The brethren subsequently dined together, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received. Bro. Cookson was also presented with a most elegant Past Master's jewel, manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

TORQUAY.

Jordan Lodge (No. 1402).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall on Tuesday, the 9th inst., when there were present, with others, the following: Bros. John Taylor, W.M.; S. Wills, J.W., as S.W.; W. Hersey, S.D., as J.W.; Jno. Lane, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., Treas.; T. H. Wills, I.P.M., Sec.; W. Winget, J.D., as S.D.; Geo. West, I.G., as J.D.; E. J. Pratt, Org.; J. Risdon, Stwd., as I.G.; Jno. Dodge, P.M., P.P.G.T., D.C.; J. E. Newton, Tyler; J. W. McKellar, J. W. Beer, W. H. Rowland, V. Lauzell, F. J. Crocker, R. Scholes, J. G. Gale, J. T. Turle, T. J. Crossman, C. Hill, and R. Pickard.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed. Bro. Scholes was passed to the Degree of F.C. by the W.M., Bro. S. Wills delivering the lecture on the tracing board in a most able and correct manner. A successful ballot was then taken for Mr. F. J. Crocker as a candidate, when he was initiated by the W. Master, who also delivered the charge Bro. W. H. Rowland then presented to the lodge a handsomely-framed and life-like portrait of the late Bro. Thomas Prust, P.M., whose recent removal to the Grand Lodge above has been a loss to the lodge, where he was much beloved by all the brethren. Upon the proposition of the W.M., seconded by Bro. Lane, and supported by Bro. J. Dodge, a cordial vote of thanks was presented to Bro. Rowland for his gift, to which he suitably replied. Other lodge business was then disposed of, and the lodge closed.

WOOLSTON.

Clausentum Lodge (No. 1461).—The festival of St. John was celebrated by the members of this lodge at the Masonic Hall on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., when a large company of brethren assembled to witness the installation of Bro. W. Fowler, the retiring S.W., as W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year. The Installed Masters present were Bros. Dr. McDonnell, 20; J. Marks, 76, P.P.J.G.D.; D. W. B. Taylor, W.M. 130; J. C. Burbage, 319, P.A.G.P.; W. Jenvey, W.M. 359; S. Dacombe, W.M. 394; H. Lashmore, 394, P.P.S.G.D.; W. Pearce, W.M. 1112; G. Greenslade, 1112; W. H. Mitchell, W.M., Admiral T. H. M. Martin, P.P.S.G.W.; W. Bowyer, P.P.A.G.D.C., J. Methven, A. J. Brown, P.G. Std. Br., W. J. Miller, M. F. Curtis, E. T. Wise, P.P.G. Stwd.; D. O. Hobbs, P.P.G. Std. Br., and W. H. Chapman, all of 1461; E. Warren, W.M. 1780; and G. Ward, 1883. The installation ceremony was ably performed, as on many previous occasions, by Bro. Bowyer, after which the following officers were invested: Bros. W. H. Mitchell, I.P.M.; E. A. Edwards, S.W.; James Martin, J.W.; Rev. G. Hughes, P.M., Chap.; J. Methven, P.M., Treas.; W. Bowyer, P.M., Secretary; T. O. Spencer, S.D.; A. H. W. Ritchie, J.D.; W. H. Chapman, P.M., D.C.; W. H. Smith, Organist; J. Morten, I.G.; S. B. Crook and H. B. Röhss, Stewards; and C. Henley, Tyler. A cordial vote of thanks was given to the I.P.M. for his services during the past year, which has been a very successful one in the history of the lodge, and a similar compliment was accorded to the Installing Master, with whose efforts the history of Clausentum is so closely identified. These expressions of thanks having been acknowledged, Bro. A. J. Brown was appointed a Steward to represent the lodge at the festival of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Masonic Educational and Benevolent Association, which was to be held at Southampton, and a sum was voted to his list from the lodge funds. An interesting feature of the meeting was the presentation to the lodge by Bro. Methven, on behalf of Mrs. Evans, of an excellent portrait, suitably framed and inscribed, of her husband, the late Captain R. W. Evans, a founder of the lodge and one of its Past Masters. Bro. Methven with some feeling referred to the fact that their late respected Bro. Evans was the first who had been removed by death from the list of Clausentum Past Masters. The portrait, which was enlarged from a photograph by Bro. S. Line, and is an excellent "counterfeit presentment" of Captain Evans as he was known about 10 years ago, was accepted with pleasure by the brethren, and the thanks of the lodge were ordered to be forwarded to Mrs. Evans.

The installation banquet was served in excellent style by Bro. Henley. The newly-installed W.M. presided, and the usual round of Masonic toasts was gone through, "Hearty good wishes" being on all hands expressed towards Bro. Fowler that his year of office would be a happy and successful one.

Sunday last, being the anniversary of the death, in 1861, of the Prince Consort, and of that of the Princess Alice in 1878, the Queen, accompanied by the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, the Princess Louise (Marchioness of Lorne), the Duchess of Albany, Prince Henry of Battenberg, the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, and the Princesses Victoria and Maud, attended the customary memorial service in the Royal Mausoleum at Frogmore.

Royal Arch.

Jerusalem Chapter (No. 185).—This old chapter met at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on the 9th inst. Among those present were Comps. R. Kimpton, M.E.Z.; E. A. Harris, H.; Hardy, J.; G. Davis, P.Z., S.E.; Rivers, P.S.; F. Smith, P.Z., P.P.G.J. Cheshire; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S. Middx.; Ellborn, P.Z.; Staley, P.Z.; J. Harris, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. J. J. Stedman, 1728, and it proving to be unanimous he was impressively exalted to the Degree of R.A. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. Harfeld, P.Z.; N. Moss, P.Z.; Rest, P.Z.; and others.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet. Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts received full justice.

The M.E.Z., in responding to the toast of his health, stated that he had endeavoured during his membership of the chapter to bring good brethren and true into its ranks. He hoped to introduce others ere long. Their old chapter had for years past been noted for the good working of its Principals, and he trusted that he had not proved an exception.

In replying to "The Health of the Past Principals," Comp. F. Smith said that upon his returning to reside permanently in London after many years absence therefrom, he was surprised to find that he was the oldest member of the chapter. Deaths and resignations had made sad havoc in their ranks during the last dozen years or so, but he was pleased to hear so good an account of the chapter, which was well officered and in a sound financial condition.

Comp. G. Davis, P.Z., acknowledged the toast of "The Treasurer and S.E.," and Comp. Rivers that of "The Officers."

The M.E.Z. had generously furnished an excellent programme of instrumental and vocal music, which greatly enhanced the pleasure of the proceedings.

Kennington Chapter (No. 1381).—This chapter met for the dispatch of business at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, on the 4th inst., when there were present, among others, Comps. W. W. Westley, M.E.Z.; H. Salter, H.; W. A. Dowling, J.; H. Higgins, P.Z., P.A.G.S. Middx., S.E.; Sims, 1st A.S.; George Gardner, I.P.Z.; Captain Walls, P.Z.; C. H. Köhler, P.Z.; Davis, Lundie, and others. Visitors: Comps. Harvey, J. 1542, and Harry Price, 177.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. It was proposed, seconded, and carried by acclamation "That this chapter desires to convey to Comp. George Everett, P.Z., P.M., and Treas. 1381, &c., its congratulations upon his being nominated unopposed on the 3rd inst. to the office of Grand Treasurer of England." This resolution was at once dispatched to Bro. Everett, who was absent from the chapter through indisposition. Apologies were received from Bros. H. J. Lardner, P.Z., and E. Ayling, P.Z.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to an excellent banquet, which was ably catered for by Comp. Buxton.

The usual toasts were honoured.

Comp. G. Gardner, I.P.Z., in giving "The Health of the M.E.Z.," said that in Comp. Westley they had a thoroughly good exponent of both the Royal Arch and Craft ceremonials. He regretted that there had been no work that evening, more especially as they were honoured with the presence of visitors.

The M.E.Z. having replied, gave in quick succession "The Second and Third Principals," "The Visitors," "The Past Principals," "The Treasurer and Scribe E.," and "The Officers."

Comps. Harvey and H. Price, in acknowledging the toast of the visitors, respectively congratulated the Kennington Chapter upon possessing excellent workers in the persons of Comps. Westley, Everett, Higgins, Lardner, Ayling, and others. There were very few chapters in London so fortunate.

In the course of the evening's proceedings congratulatory allusions were made by the numerous speakers to the fact of Comps. G. Everett's unopposed nomination as Grand Treasurer.

In the intervals of the speeches Comps. Buxton, Gardner, Lundie, and others entertained the companions.

BOLTON.

St. John's Chapter (No. 348).—The regular meeting of the above chapter was held in the Freemasons' Hall, on Monday, the 15th instant, when there were present Comps. John Kenyon, P.P.G. 2nd A.S., Z.; Thos. Nightingale, H.; R. H. Phillips, J.; E. Gee, S.E.; C. B. Wingfield, S.N.; J. T. Voce, P.S.; Wm. Cooper, P.P.A.G.D.C., Treas., and others; also as visitors Comps. E. G. Harwood, P.Z. 221, P.P.G.S.N.; Jas. Newton, P.Z. 57, P.A.G.S.E.; and A. H. Jefferis, P.Z. 645, P.P.G. 1st A.S.

The chapter having been opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. Comp. E. Brooks, P.Z. 325, was balloted for and elected a joining member. Bro. Chas. Holgate, who had been previously elected, was admitted and exalted to the Degree of H.R.A., the ceremony being admirably performed by Comp. A. H. Jefferis, as Z. The following officers were installed or inducted into their respective offices by Comp. Jefferis, viz.: Comps. Thos. Nightingale, Z.; R. H. Phillips, H.; J. T. Voce, J.; Hamer, S.E.; E. Gee, S.N.; W. Cooper, Treas.; Jas. Eckersley, P.S.; W. Greenwood, 1st A.S.; C. Gregory, 2nd A.S.; Harrison, D.C.; E. Brooks, Org.; W. Long, Janitor; and Atkinson, Steward. A grant of £5 was made from the chapter funds to the East Lancashire Systematic Benevolent Institution. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Comp. Jefferis for the valuable services rendered that evening to the chapter. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visitors, and the chapter was closed.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.

Industry Chapter (No. 48).—The regular convocation of this chapter was held on Thursday, the 11th inst., when there was a good attendance of members and visitors. Amongst others present were Comps. Robert Whitfield, Z.; Wm. Brown, H.; John Duckitt, P.Z., as J.; Wm. M. Lyons, Z. 406; Thos. Dinning, J. 481, as S.E.; T. R. Jobson, S.N.; Robt. Stewart, P.S.; Wm.

Dalrymple, 1st A.S.; John Boazman, 2nd A.S.; R. Ferry, Org.; and T. R. Short, P.S. 481.

The ballot was taken for Bro. Hugh Jackson, after which Comp. Wm. Brown, H., installed Comp. Wm. M. Pybus into the chair of J. Bro. Thos. Chegwiddden, previously elected, being in attendance, was duly exalted as a R.A.M. by Comp. R. Whitfield, Z. Other business having been transacted, the chapter was closed.

Mark Masonry.

ALFRETON.

St. Martin's Lodge (No. 414).—The second meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, on Tuesday, the 9th instant, Bro. Alfred Schofield, W.M., in the chair. There were also present Bros. Percy Wallis, P.G.D. England, P.P.S.G.W., acting P.M.; W. H. Fisher, S.W.; Holland Rowbottom, J.W.; Jas. R. Fielding, M.O.; R. Knowles, S.O.; Diamond, J.O.; Wild, Treas.; H. Basil Boag, Sec.; E. J. H. Hoskyns, S.D.; Lee, J.D.; and T. Day, as Tyler.

After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bros. Dawes and Bunting, who were elected. Bro. Percy Wallis then, by the W.M.'s request, took the chair, and duly advanced the two newly-elected brothers to the Degree of M.M. The Committee appointed to draw up the by-laws of the lodge submitted their report, which was unanimously adopted, and ordered to be submitted to Grand Lodge.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the George Hotel, where refreshment was presided over by the genial host, Bro. Alfred Schofield, W.M., and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

MANCHESTER.

St. Andrew's Lodge (No. 34).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 8th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street. There were present Bros. S. Kelly, G. Stwd. England, W.M.; E. L. Littler, P.P.G.S., J.W.; C. E. Towell, M.O.; G. S. Smith, S.O.; G. Langley, I.G.; J. M. Sinclair, P.P.G.M.O.; J. T. Richardson, P.P.G.I. of W.; R. W. Sowter, P.P.G.I. of W.; H. L. Rocca, P.P.G.M.O.; A. Middleton, P.G.D. England; T. R. Peel, P.P.G.R.; A. H. Jefferis, G.D. England; W. Ramsden, Reg. 67; A. K. Boothroyd, J. M. Veal, P. D. Langley, J. Walker, and A. Arensberg, P.P.G.M.O.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bros. J. M. Veal, A. K. Boothroyd, P. D. Langley, and J. Walker, and all proving favourable, were subsequently advanced, the former part of the ceremony being performed by Bro. A. Middleton, and the latter by Bro. J. T. Richardson. Bro. F. L. Littler, J.W., was elected W.M.; Bro. J. M. Sinclair, Treas.; and Bros. Towell and Smith, Auditors. At the close of the meeting the W.M. and officers were highly complimented for the proficient way all the ceremony was carried out.

Knights Templar.

PROVINCIAL PRIORY OF HAMPSHIRE.

The above Provincial Priory was held at the Masonic Hall, Southampton, on Monday, the 8th inst., when the V.E. Prov. Prior, Sir Knight W. W. B. Beach, M.P., presided. Among those who attended were Sir Knights R. Eve, P.P.G. Constable; Le Feuvre, P.G. Herald England; R. Loveland Loveland, P.G.S.B. England, Prov. Sub-Prior; Commodore A. H. Markham, R.N., Prov. A.D.C.; G. F. Lancaster, P.P. Chan.; F. Newman, P.P. Chan.; G. J. Tilling, P.E.P.; Jas. Taylor, L. Steele, and Boughton Smith, P.E.P.

Letters of apology for non-attendance were read from Sir Knights W. G. P. Gilbert, Gordon Miller, Col. R. P. Fitzgerald, Rev. J. N. Palmer, P.P. Prelate; and others.

A sum of five guineas was voted out of the funds towards the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution.

Sir Knight J. E. Le Feuvre was unanimously re-elected Prov. Treasurer.

The V.E. Prov. Prior appointed and invested his officers as follows:—

Sir Knight R. Loveland Loveland, 2	Prov. Sub-Prior.
Rev. T. F. Morton, R.N., 2	Prov. Prelate.
Col. R. P. Fitzgerald,	
E.P. 32 ...	Prov. Chan.
W. G. P. Gilbert, E.P. 2	Prov. Constable.
Boughton Smith, P.E.P.	Prov. Marshal.
W. J. Rix, E.P. 76 ...	Prov. Reg.
F. Newman, 2 ...	Prov. Vice-Chan.
L. Steele, 32 ...	Prov. Sub-Mar.
Howell ...	Prov. C. of Gds.

Bro. G. Carter was appointed Prov. Equerry.

PRESENTATION AND BANQUET TO BRO. DR. J. KELLETT SMITH, AT LIVERPOOL.

Bro. Dr. J. Kellett Smith having, after 20 years' service in the capacity of honorary surgeon, been elected consulting surgeon to the Stanley Hospital, the medical board connected with the institution decided to present him with a congratulatory address, and on Saturday evening, at a complimentary dinner in the banquet hall of the Adelphi Hotel, the interesting presentation took place, in the presence of a large and representative assembly of medical and other gentlemen connected with the hospital. Bro. Dr. D. Dunlop Costine, J.P., presided. Amongst those present were the following brethren: Bros. John Holding, C.C.; J. Parrington,

George Wynne, O'Neill, Mead, Joseph Wood, Bucknall, Callow, F. W. Rowlands, Alexander, T. McCracken, Mark Howarth, Adams, Dr. E. M. Sheldon, Ardwick, Foster, Kennell, Richardson, Richards, Dr. Crozier, Morgan, Wright, Robertson, Bark, Stopford Taylor, Crawford, and Barren.

"The Health of the Guest" was proposed by Bro. Dr. E. M. Sheldon, who spoke in high terms of the work done by Bro. Dr. Smith in connection with the Stanley Hospital, and of the great esteem in which he was held by his townsmen. He then handed to Bro. Dr. Smith the address, the text of which was as follows:—

"To Jos. KELLETT SMITH, ESQ.

"Dear Sir,—We, past and present members of the Medical Board of the Liverpool Stanley Hospital, offer you our hearty congratulations on your having completed the full term of 20 years' service as honorary surgeon to the institution. We are deeply sensible of the manifold advantages the hospital has derived from your unstinted labour on its behalf, and we earnestly hope it will continue to enjoy your counsel and support in the higher position of consulting surgeon to which you have attained. Sincerely wishing you happiness and prosperity for many years to come, we are, dear sir, yours faithfully (signed), Thomas R. Bradshaw (Chairman), Rushton Parker, John Bark, J. Birkbeck Nevins, W. Williams, K. J. Richardson, D. Dunlop Costine, E. M. Sheldon, James Barr, William Whitford, F. Charles Larkin, and A. H. Wilson, Secretary.—Liverpool, Dec. 13, 1890."

Bro. Dr. KELLETT SMITH, in the course of his reply, referred to the number of years he had been connected with the Stanley Hospital, from its small beginnings to its present position, which was now one of the best managed institutions in Liverpool. He thanked them most sincerely, and, in conclusion, expressed a hope that he should live to see the hospital supported in the way it should be.

Other toasts were proposed, and responded to, and during the evening an excellent programme of music was gone through.

THE MASONIC CALENDARS.

"Christmas comes but once a year," and so is it with the two Masonic Calendars. Both are ready in good time, and certainly "bring good cheer," for throughout their pages the tale they have to unfold is one of continued and ever increasing prosperity.

Bro. George Kenning is now the printer and publisher of the Grand Lodge Calendar and also of the welcome annual—the "Cosmo." This has necessitated a change in the latter, but certainly not to the loss of the subscribers, as it is issued under the new *regime* at half the former price, though it only lacks particulars of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter.

The official Calendar of the Grand Lodge of England is now beyond question by far the best and most complete publication of the kind issued by any Masonic organisation in the world. The special features for the year 1891 are most useful additions, and, though involving considerable labour in the compilation, the result is most gratifying.

The Calendar for 1890 ended with No. 2332 Lodge, this for 1891 concludes with No. 2385, so that the large number of 63 new lodges have been warranted during the last 12 months. In the last issue, *East Lancashire* was the largest province with 100 lodges; now it is *West Lancashire* with 104, followed closely with its friendly rival with 102, there being the enormous number of 206 lodges in that county! *West Yorkshire* remains at the former figure of 75; *Kent*, with 57; and *Devon*, as before, with 52. The other large provinces are, *Hants and Isle of Wight*, 47 (as before), *Cheshire*, 41; *Middlesex*, 40; *Surrey*, 35; *Durham*, 33 (each having increased one); *Essex* (an increase of three); *Warwick*, 31; *Cornwall*, 30; and *North and East Yorkshire*, 30.

These provinces have the privilege of *two* extra Deacons and a Deputy Director of Ceremonies being added to the roll of annual appointments of officers, but even then the extra number of *three* is a very small and insignificant addition for such provinces as those in *Lancashire* and *West Yorkshire*, whose Prov. Grand Masters must have no enviable duty to select the few favoured brethren for office, from so many hundreds left "out in the cold." There might well be an *additional Deacon and Assistant Director of Ceremonies* for each ten lodges beyond the *thirty* at present provided for; and I cannot but think that if the brethren interested in this matter would bring the subject before Grand Lodge, their wants would readily be attended to. As it is now, the smallest province (*Hereford*), with five lodges, has as many Provincial Officers as *Stafford*, with 29, and only *three* less than *West Lancashire* with 104 lodges. *This does not seem quite fair*, and is certainly not a just proportion.

There are 726 chapters on the roll, the Royal Arch Degree continuing to receive the hearty support it so well deserves. The new Calendar not only contains a list of all the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge from 1813, but also of the Grand Chapter from 1817. This is a great boon, and should be the means of clearing out the first edition in a few weeks. Another invaluable roll is the list of lodges removed from the register since 1863 down to 1890, which has been carefully revised, and is a most important contribution. It will be seen, therefore, that the present issue is a most attractive and useful publication.

Our old friend the "Cosmo," though shorn of the Grand Lodge particulars, is brimful of interesting and

needful information for the ever-increasing brotherhood, and is indispensable for members of the Mark, Red Cross, Knight Templar, Rose Croix, and other Degrees. Even now, though lacking our own Grand Lodge portion, it has all the other Grand Lodges in the world duly noted, and runs to more pages in the "reduced size" than were in the ordinary publication a few years since.

The roll of lodges, officers, &c., of the recently-formed Grand Lodges of South Australia, New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, &c., are suggestive additions, and tell us of the subordinates once on our roll which have gone in for independence. The numerous items of intelligence also as to the American Grand Lodges and the special attention paid to Continental Freemasonry unite in making the "Cosmo" a most welcome annual, and a faithful reflector of the onward march of the fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons throughout the "Wide, wide world."

W. J. HUGHAN.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS.

GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY.

The Great Northern Railway Company announce that on Saturday, December 20th, the 8 p.m. express train 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, 8.30, and 10.40 p.m. expresses from King's Cross, will be run to Edinburgh, Glasgow, and other places in Scotland at times advertised in November time tables. An additional express train will leave King's Cross at 12.0 midnight for Welwyn, Stevenage, Hitchin, Biggleswade, Sandy, St. Neots, Huntingdon, Peterborough, Spalding, Boston, Grimsby, Crantham, 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, 21st, and 22nd, for Lynn, Norwich, Yarmouth, Nottingham, Melton Mowbray, Leicester, Derby, Burton, Lincoln, in the North of England and Scotland. Tuesday, December Sheffield, Manchester, Liverpool, Wakefield, Leeds, Bradford, Keighley, Halifax, York, Hull, Newcastle, and all places 30th, a cheap excursion for 4 or 8 days will be run from London (Victoria, L.C. and D., Moorgate, King's Cross, &c.), to Newcastle, Berwick, Edinburgh, and Glasgow. By the same train tickets at a single fare for the double journey, available to return on any day up to Tuesday, January 6th inclusive, will be issued to Newcastle, Berwick, Edinburgh, and Glasgow. 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, Pimlico; 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, Whitington-avenue, Leadenhall-street; 16, Fish-street Hill; see Hive, Whitecross-street; 43 and 44, Crutched Friars; 80, Bishops-gate-street Without; Charles-street, Farringdon-street; 95, High-treet, Borough; 190A, Westminster Bridge-road; Great Northern Company's Poplar Docks Station, Preston-road; Victoria Docks and Albert Docks (G.N. Office), 7, Beresford-square, South Woolwich; and at the offices of Swan and Leach, 3, Charing Cross, and 32, Piccadilly Circus.

Ireland.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTH MUNSTER.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of North Munster met in the City of Limerick on the 30th ult., Sir James Spaight, J.P., Provincial Grand Master, presiding. The usual quarterly business having been transacted, the officers for 1891 were elected, the following lodges being represented, Nos. 13, 60, 73, 201, 268, 311, and 333.

The Masonic Province of North Munster comprises the City of Limerick, the county of Limerick, the counties of Clare and Tipperary (except Roscrea, Carrick-on-Suir, and Clonmel towns), and the county of Kerry, north of Tralee Bay and Clydagh Bridge, but not including the towns of Milltown or Tralee.

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Owing to pressure of space we are again compelled to hold over all the reports of lodges of instruction, but the early publication of the *Freemason* next week will place them in the hands of our readers in three or four days.

Bro. Sir H. Drummond-Wolff, our Minister at Teheran, arrived at Dover from Paris on Saturday last, and reached London on Monday.

Bro. G. J. and Lady Constance Shaw-Lefevre have left town this week to spend Christmas with the Earl and Countess of Duccé at Tortworth Court, Gloucestershire.

It is understood that one of the features of the grounds surrounding the Watkin Tower to be erected at Wembley Park will be the ship railway that attracted so much attention at the ill-fated Edinburgh Exhibition.

The *Graphic* of the 13th inst. contained good portraits, from photographs, of Bro. Lord Carrington, first Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, and of Bro. Dr. H. Tarrant, Pro Grand Master, in their full insignia.

Among the guests invited by Lord and Lady Alington at Crichel during the present week with the Duke and Duchess of Teck and the Princess Mary and Prince Adolphus of Teck, were Bro. the Earl and Countess of Lathom and Bro. Lord and Lady Burton.

The Holmesdale Lodge of Instruction, No. 874, has arranged with Bro. James Stevens for the delivery of his lecture on "The Ritual and Ceremonial of the Symbolic Degrees in Freemasonry" at the Pump Room, Tunbridge Wells, on Friday, the 2nd January.

The third annual ball of the Barnato Lodge is fixed for February, the 12th next. The Whitehall Rooms, Hôtel Métropole, have been secured, and the arrangements are on the same extensive scale as those which characterised the previous festivities connected with this lodge.

Dimchurch Lodge, the intended residence of the Hon. Dudley Leigh, eldest son of Bro. Lord Leigh, was entirely destroyed by fire on Wednesday morning. The Hon. D. Leigh was recently married to Miss Beckwith, and was away on his honeymoon. Fortunately the wedding presents were saved.

The Queen unveiled the statue erected in St. George's Chapel, Windsor, to the memory of the late Emperor Frederick on Thursday, the Emperor William of Germany being represented by General Von Wittich. The statue is the last work by the late Sir Edgar Boehm.

The regular meeting of the Humphrey Chetham Chapter, No. 645, was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester, on Tuesday, the 16th inst. Comps. Large, P.Z.; G. S. Smith, H.; and W. Warburton, P.Z., acting J. There were present also Comps. A. H. Jefferis, P.Z.; C. Goetz, P.Z.; J. E. Lees, P.Z., S.E.; Lewis, S.N.; N. Heywood, 1st Principal Soj.; Hottersail, Ashworthy, Walker, Arnold, Routley, and others.

In recognition of his services as Secretary and Preceptor for the past seven years, Bro. J. Brockett Sorrell has been presented by the members of the City Masonic Club with a testimonial consisting of a silver tea service and an illuminated address. The presentation was made on Monday at the annual dinner of the Club, at the City Arms Tavern, St. Mary Axe. Amongst the brethren present on the occasion were Bros. A. H. Lilley, President; F. Taylor, C.C., Treasurer; and L. Ferguson.

The Scots Lodge evidently intends maintaining its national character for energy and hospitality, and in holding an emergency meeting on Saturday next, December 27th, the Hogmanay Festival will be anticipated by a few hours. The lodge will meet as usual in the Hall of the Scottish Corporation, Crane Court, Fleet street, at 2-30, and after labour the brethren will discuss the orthodox Scottish New Year's Day refreshment, and a fraternal welcome is offered to all brethren, particularly those interested in things Scottish. N.B.—"Auld Lang Syne" at 6 o'clock.

Owing to the enormous success of "In Chancery," Bro. Terry has instructed Messrs. Campbell Smith and Co. to make such alterations in the auditorium of Terry's Theatre that will enable him to seat about £20 per night more than it at present does, and, in order to complete these alterations, the theatre will be closed December 22nd, 23rd, 24th, and 25th, re-opening on Boxing Day, at two o'clock. There will also be matinees on Saturday, December 27th, Monday, December 29th, and New Year's day, for which the box plan is now open for the purpose of booking seats.

An election of 25 children took place at the half-yearly meeting of the Royal Asylum of St. Anne's Society, which was held on Friday, the 12th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel. In his remarks, prior to the opening of the poll, Mr. R. Field, J.P., who presided, expressed a hope that in a short time the Committee would be able to elect 30 instead of 25 children every half-year. In his further observations Mr. Field pleaded the cause of the Charity, instancing the good work it did, and especially drawing attention to the fact that it was the only institution which aimed at the relief of those who, once in prosperous circumstances, had been reduced by misfortune or sickness to indigence.

The fund for the memorial to the late Rev. Henry White, M.A., chaplain of the Savoy, was reported on Wednesday by the Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. J. Soulsby, to have reached close upon £900. The Committee at a meeting at the Savoy Choir Schools resolved to recommend to the subscribers that a stained glass window with a memorial brass should be placed in the Savoy Chapel and a mosaic in the chapel of King's College, London, of which Mr. White was for many years Chaplain and Censor, and where the congregation of the Savoy worshipped when the Chapel Royal was burnt. It was determined, in regard to the bulk of the fund, to ascertain on what terms and conditions one or more cots could be endowed in memory of Mr. White in the children's ward of King's College Hospital. It was stated that Mr. W. M. Gordon had placed some seats in the chapel garden in memory of the Chaplain.

At the monthly meeting of the Faith and Unanimity Lodge, Dorchester, Bro. E. Newman, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year.

Professor Koch's birthday, the 21st inst., will be observed by the students of Berlin, who are getting up a torchlight procession in his honour.

The State apartments of Windsor Castle will be open to the public from Friday, the 26th inst., on every week-day, Wednesdays excepted, until further orders.

H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, Colonel of the Scots Guards, has presented a portrait of himself, with autograph, to the Rev. Arthur Robins, Chaplain to the Household troops at Windsor.

Her Majesty intended to have left Windsor for Osborne on Wednesday, but she has postponed her departure, and the arrangements made for the journey to the Isle of Wight have been countermanded.

M. Eugène Charpentier, the distinguished historical painter, has just died in Paris. He was born in Paris in June, 1811, both his father and grandfather having been distinguished artists.

The Prince of Wales and the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, accompanied by Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Fife, witnessed the performance of "Captain Swift" at the Haymarket Theatre, on Monday.

Bro. Lord Mayor Savory and Bro. Sheriff Augustus Harris were the guests of the City Lands Committee, among those present being Bros. Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., Shoppee, Col. Hughes, and others.

The Robin Society, of which Lord Rothschild and Bro. Lord Randolph Churchill are patrons, and which last year gave a Christmas breakfast to 5000 poor London children, is appealing for funds to enable it to repeat its hospitable function this year on a larger scale. Contributions should be sent to 300, New Cross-road.

The first number of a new issue, in weekly volumes, of a selection of the most popular works in Cassell's "National Library," will appear on Wednesday, January 7th. Some new volumes will be added which have not hitherto appeared in the series, and the cloth editions will be issued in an improved style of binding.

At the annual meeting of the Northern Counties District of the Institute of Journalists, held at Sunderland last Saturday, in the Council Chamber of the new Town Hall, Bro. John C. Moor, P.M. 97 and 2039, P.P.J.G.D., was unanimously elected Chairman of the district for the ensuing year, on the motion of Mr. W. Duncan, seconded by Bro. H. Cuthertson.

Bro. Lord Mayor Savory and the Lady Mayoress attended a large meeting of the parents and friends of the students of the Technical Institute, Peckham, when his lordship delivered a very admirable address, in the course of which he exhorted the students to make the most of their opportunities for acquiring knowledge, which would prove useful to them in their after career.

The Clapton Lodge of Instruction, on and after Friday, January 2nd, will meet at the Navarino Tavern, Navarino-road, Dalston, at 8 o'clock. This lodge of instruction is very rapidly growing, and the present quarters at the Lord Stanley having been found too small, the above room, which is much larger, has been secured, and is being prepared for the reception of members and visitors.

Bro. Gabriel Lindo, the Chairman of the Officers and Clerks' Committee of the Common Council, entertained the members and their friends on Tuesday evening, at the Criterion, Piccadilly-circus. The following were among the guests: Bros. Deputy Halse (Chief Commoner), Major Joseph (Chairman of the Library Committee); E. B. P'anson, John Lobb, S.B.L.; H. Stewart, J. Judd, J.P.; and B. Emanuel.

The regular meeting of the St. George Lodge, No. 1170, was held at Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester, on Monday, the 8th inst., when there were present Bros. Thos. Black, W.M.; Rontley, S.W.; W. Buckley, J.W.; W. Craig Royle, S.D.; L. Suthes, J.D.; W. Black, I.G.; J. G. Whatham, H. Eldershaw, P.M.; J. E. Lees, P.M., acting Treasurer and Secretary; G. S. Smith, P.M.; P. Lawton, P.M.; Thos. Shorrocks, P.M.; W. Leybourne, C. E. Rowley; and the following visitors: Bros. Jas. Andrew, P.P.G. Std. Br., and J. Snape, P.M. 1055.

H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught dined with Bro. Colonel Ward and the officers of the London Irish Rifles on Tuesday at their mess at Freemasons' Tavern, and afterwards distributed the prizes in the Hall. Amongst those present were General Philip Smith, C.B., Major-General Freemantle, D.A.A.S., Colonel Egerton, C.B., Equerry, Bro. Col. Rowland Roberts, Col. Laurie, C.B., M.P., Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Bro. Col. Peters, P.G.S.B.; General Higginson, Bro. Vincent Oxenbridge, Bro. Col. Alt, Col. Stanley Bird, Colonel Sterling, Commanding Coldstream Guards, Bro. Capt. Henry Wright, and Bro. C. F. Matier, Grand Mark Secretary.

At a very enjoyable entertainment given at the Printers' Alms Houses, Wood Green, on Saturday, the 13th instant, for the benefit of the inmates, there were present among the friends and visitors Mr. W. H. Collingridge (hon. local visitor), who presided, and Messrs. Bayley and H. J. Wicks (members of the council of the Printers' Corporation). The providers of the entertainment, which included a bountiful tea for all, were Messrs. Wicks, Richardson, Koolan, and Isger, assisted by ladies and gentlemen, who were as successful as they were assiduous in their efforts to please the aged folks, Violin, pianoforte, and banjo selections, added to songs and ventriloquism, made up the programme, and all passed off in a manner most creditable to the ladies and gentlemen taking part in the performance.

The Cycling and Athletic Lodge, No. 2335, gave an "At Home" on Thursday, the 11th inst., at Liverpool, which was attended by upwards of 400 people, the sexes being equally divided. The officers did their work very well indeed, and paid every attention to the visitors. Bros. T. P. Hodgson and J. C. Robinson acted as M.C.'s, and were ably seconded by Bros. J. Windsor, J. Shiells, R. R. Ellis, R. Lloyd, W. Pringle, F. W. Herbert, J. Lane, R. Foote, T. G. Parker, W. O. Callow, and J. F. Walker, who certainly proved a numerous but highly efficient body of Stewards. A great number of clubmen were present, the Anfield, North Liverpool, Carlton, Sandfield, and Sefton and Dingle being especially represented.

The "coloured" Masons in the United States run 36 Grand Lodges, with a total of 1086 lodges and 23,832 members. The colour line is very sharply defined in some States.

The Christmas programme at the Empire Theatre includes "Cécile," and a grand new Christmas ballet, entitled "Dolly." Arranged by Mme. Katti Lanner; original music composed by Mons. Leopold Wenzel, together with the customary varieties.

Mr. John Harold, the energetic Secretary of the Royal Chest Hospital, City-road, states that he has received £100 from the Grocers' Company, a welcome addition to the much-needed contributions to this deserving charity, which we hope will be followed by many others.

A Committee meeting was held on Saturday night to make arrangements for the concert at Dover to be given on the 21st January on behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. A special dispensation is to be applied for to enable the brethren to wear Masonic clothing.

At the annual general meeting of the Gresham Life Assurance Society, held on the 16th inst., the report stated that the new assurances for the year amounted to £1,887,789, the new premiums to £70,827, the annual income to £803,373, and the assets to £4,464,424.

Bro. W. T. Perkins, the W.M. of the Gallery Lodge, announced at his installation that he intended to bring about, if possible, a confederation of professional lodges in the Metropolis for voting purposes in connection with the election of candidates to the three great Masonic Charities.

The Cavendish Dramatic Society (employees of Messrs. Debenham and Freebody), have handed to the Warehousemen, Clerks, and Drapers' Schools £50 6s. 3d., the proceeds of their recent performance, the third the society has given for this institution. The total amount realised by them has been £152 12s. 10d.

The Knights Templars of Albany, N.Y., contemplate a trip to Europe next summer. The party will leave New York July 15th, on the City of Chicago, and will travel through England, Ireland, Scotland, Germany, Belgium, France, and Holland. They will be banqueted by the Dublin and Edinburgh Templars.

"Freemasonry and Fox-hunting" is the title of a pamphlet, of 32 pages, containing "The Consecration of the Jersey Masonic Lodge at Bicester," and "The Complimentary Banquet, at Bicester, to Lord Chesham, the Master of the Bicester Hounds," reprinted from the *Bicester Herald* of March 14th, 1890.

In consequence of newspaper statements with reference to the alleged insanitary condition of some London and provincial theatres, Mr. Norman Forbes has appointed a sanitary expert in the person of Mr. Reginald G. Hansell, F.S.I., to periodically inspect and advise as to the sanitary arrangements at the Globe Theatre, both before and behind the curtain.

Bro. Theodore Barth, of Dalhousie Lodge, No. 865, has recently been appointed principal of the Kensington School of Music and conductor of the choir of the Pro Cathedral, Kensington, in succession to the late Mr. W. Buels. Bro. Barth has been conducting in Mr. Buels' stead for nearly a year, and his appointment proves that his duties have been carried out successfully.

The Prince of Wales, who presided on Wednesday at the 27th meeting of the Organising Committee of the Imperial Institute, held at Marlborough House, said that he had added Sir R. Temple and Sir J. Strachey to the Committee. A donation by the Maharajah of Jeypore of £20,000 and a vote by the House of Assembly of South Australia of £1845 towards the funds of the Imperial Institute were notified. It was stated that the exhibition floor and the administrative offices would be ready for occupation in the spring of next year.

The patients at Brompton Hospital had a treat on Tuesday, when a very pleasant entertainment was arranged for their delectation by Mr. Frank Farren. Mr. Farren had been fortunate in securing very competent coadjutors, and so was able to produce his own clever little piece "The Governess," with a cast including Miss Norreys, Miss Eva Moore, Mrs. Edmund Phelps, Mr. Allan Aynesworth, and Mr. H. V. Esmond, in addition to himself. He appeared, further, in "The Mousetrap" with Miss Rosina Filippi. Mr. Andrew Levey also contributed to the attractive programme, the whole of which, of course, was received with abundant satisfaction and applause.

The Grand Lodge of Connecticut has received an act of incorporation from the Legislature for a "Masonic Foundation Fund," the purpose being the erection of a Masonic Home for Indigent Masons and Orphans. The Grand Master, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Secretary, are *ex officio* managers, together with six brethren elected annually by Grand Lodge. Life membership costs \$100; annual membership \$10. The work of preparing designs and plans will not be begun until \$75,000 are subscribed. Already \$10,000 have been paid in and placed at interest.

The remains of Bro. John Burns, of the Prudence Lodge, No. 2114, and the Wavertree Lodge, No. 2294, were interred on the 14th inst., in Smithdown-road Cemetery. There were present Bros. J. M. Smythe, W.M. 2114; Robt. Foote, P.M. 2114, P.P.G. Treas.; Richard Owen, Sec. 2114; J. L. Jones, Stwd. 2114; W. J. Nugent, 2114; G. Holmes, 2114; Eli Brooks, W.M. 2294; J. Scott, J.W.; J. G. Hallswood, Treas.; G. Holmes, Sec.; J. C. Robinson, P.P.G.D.C.; W. H. Harvey, I.G.; W. F. Connor, Stwd.; Wilkinson, Boyd, Pugh, Huxley, Doran, Tyler, Henderson, P.M. 1690; W. Evans, P.M. 594; D. C. McCleave, 594; J. Honeyford, 249; and S. Prince, 594. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. J. Todd and the Rev. G. E. C. Kennaugh.

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