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FREEMASONRY IN 1890.

The emblems of mourning which have been worn during the last six months by the lodges and brethren under the English Constitution are the outward and visible sign that during the year which is now so rapidly approaching its conclusion, the Craft in this country has sustained a serious loss—a loss which, if it cannot be described as irreparable, is nevertheless one which time alone can repair. But if for the moment we exclude this one calamity from our consideration, we shall undoubtedly find that in all material points Freemasonry in the United Kingdom and the British colonies and possessions abroad has made very substantial progress. In England, particularly, of which we are able to speak with a more certain knowledge, so far as new lodges may be taken as indicating increased strength, we are able to point to a very appreciable addition to the roll of our Grand Lodge. Our Institutions, though they have not succeeded in recovering the position they occupied before 1888, have certainly fared better than they did in 1889; while in all that concerns the organisation of our provinces and districts, and the performance of their appointed duties by private lodges and chapters, we are persuaded that we stand better now than we did a twelvemonth since. Scotland and Ireland have also added to their respective rolls of lodges, and while the latter has been exerting itself more and more successfully in behalf of its Masonic Orphan Schools in Dublin, the former has accomplished—indeed, it has considerably more than accomplished—its purpose in raising a capital for its Fund of Benevolence. In the British colonies and possessions abroad Freemasonry has for the most part experienced a similar measure of good fortune, there being only one of our important colonies in which the Order has become, for the present at all events, somewhat seriously disorganised. In short, taking the Craft of Masonry throughout the British Empire, we are satisfied that, in spite of its one great loss and the disorganisation in one colony, to which we have referred, it has made substantial progress during the year, and in this expression of opinion we believe we shall be cordially supported by all who read the following classified details of the proceedings of our Society and its several branches.

CRAFT MASONRY.

The number of lodges added to the roll since the return made at the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge in 1889 is 52, while on the other hand there have been many withdrawals from the list in New Zealand, where a Grand Lodge has been established which the Grand Lodge has declined to recognise, and in Tasmania where the English, Irish, and Scotch lodges already existing have constituted themselves into an independent Grand Lodge, whose Masonic supremacy over the colony has been gladly acknowledged by us. Of the newly constituted lodges seven are located in London, namely: the Duke of Fife, No. 2345; the Warrant Officers' Lodge, No. 2346; the Grafton, No. 2347; the Lombardian, No. 2348; the Bloomsbury Rifles Lodge, No. 2362; the Cornish Lodge, No. 2369; and the Mitcham Lodge, No. 2384. The new Provincial lodges are 29 in number, as against 21 last year, and 22 in 1888, West Lancashire again heading the list with six, namely: the Cycling and Athletic Lodge, No. 2335, Wavertree; the West Lancashire Century Lodge, No. 2349, Blackpool; the Corinthian, No. 2350, Hindley; the Doric, No. 2359, Didsbury; the Victoria, No. 2360, Southport; and the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 2376, Layland. Essex has increased by three lodges, namely: the Mistley, No. 2339, Manningtree; the Easterford, No. 2342, Kelvedon; and the William Shurmur, No. 2374, Chingford. The Alan Lodge, No. 2368, and the Hildre Lodge, No. 2375, Hoylake, have been added to the roll of Cheshire; the Chantrey, No. 2355, Dore, and the Hardwick, No. 2373, Chesterfield, to that of Derbyshire; the Broxbourne, No. 2353, Broxbourne, and the James Terry Lodge, No. 2372, to that of Hertfordshire; the Lodge of Clemency, No. 2341, Oldham, and the Minnehaha Minstrel, No. 2363, Manchester, to that of Lancashire, E.D.; the Cricklewood, No. 2361, Cricklewood, and the Bushey Park, No. 2381, Hampton Court, to that of Middlesex; and the Barry, No. 2357, Cadoxton, and the Loyal Hay, No. 2382, Hay, to that of the Eastern Division of South Wales. The Sir William Harpur, No. 2343, Bedford; the Universities, Lodge, No. 2352, Durham; the Ermine Lodge, No. 2351, Lincoln; the Beneventa, No. 2380, Daventry, Northants and Hunts; the Jersey, No. 2334, Bicester, Oxon; the Felix Lodge, No. 2371, Felixstowe, Suffolk; the Godson, No. 2384, Oldbury, Worcestershire; and the Mona Lodge, No. 2358, Castletown, Isle of Man, complete the list of new lodges warranted in the Provinces. Of the remaining 16 lodges, Queensland is able to claim no less than six—the Aramac, No. 2338, located at the town of the same name; the Albert, No. 2344, Southport; the Thomas Barnett Feltham Lodge, No. 2365, Winhow; the Etheridge, No. 2366, George Town; the Ravenswood, No. 2367, Ravenswood; and the Fenwick, No. 2378, Woollongabba, East Brisbane. Four lodges have been warranted in the Districts of Bengal, Madras, Bombay, and the Punjab; that is to say, the Ganges, No. 2340, Cawnpore, Bengal; the Pandyan, No. 2356, Madras; the Royal Connaught, No. 2377, Ahmednagar, Bombay; and the Albert Victor, No. 2370, Lahore, Punjab. The Eastern Archipelago has gained two lodges, namely, the Shadwell Clerke, No. 2336, Penang, and the Read, No. 2377, Selangor. The Twillingate, No. 2364, Twillingate, has been placed on the roll of the District Grand Lodge of Newfoundland, while the remaining three are located in South Africa—the Heidelberg, No. 2354, in the town of the same name in the South African Republic; the Woodstock, No. 2379, in the Western Division of South Africa; and the Henry B. Loch, No. 2383, Beaconsfield, Griqualand West. None of these 16 lodges will have to be deducted, as was the case with sundry of the additions in 1889 in estimating the total number on the roll of our Grand Lodge, on the ground that the districts in which they are established has set up Grand Lodges of their own. They, therefore, represent a clear addition, and, together with the London and Provincial lodges, will about suffice to make good the reductions caused by the withdrawal of lodges in New Zealand and Tasmania.

The proceedings in Grand Lodge have been less attractive of any special interest than usual. At the March Communication Bro. Augustus Harris, P.M. of the Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127, and now one of the Sheriffs of London, being the only brother nominated for the office of Grand Treasurer, was elected,

as a matter of course. At the same meeting Bro. Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes, announced that Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton, P.G.W., who had preceded him in office, was desirous of presenting to Grand Lodge the portrait in oils which had been painted and presented to him (Sir J. B. Monckton) some years previously by the Buckingham and Chandos Lodge, No. 1159, and it is almost needless to say that the gift was at once accepted, and ordered to be hung in the Board Room. At the June meeting, which was honoured by the presence of Bro. R. Walkem, M.W.G.M. of Canada, a sum of £500 was unanimously voted for the purpose of placing a stained-glass window in the Centenary Hall of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, as a memorial of the very successful Centenary Festival held in the Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington, in June, 1888, under the presidency of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G. Master, who was supported on the occasion by his Majesty the King of Sweden and upwards of 1200 other brethren as Stewards, as well as by a numerous gathering of Stewards and brethren, and many ladies, who were present in the galleries as spectators. At the September Communication, when no less than three distinguished American brethren were present, and were received with a most cordial welcome, namely Bro. Clifford P. McCalla, M.W.G.M. of Pennsylvania; Bro. J. Ross Robertson, M.W.G.M. of Canada; and Bro. Horner, P.G.M. of Louisiana, the sad duty devolved on Grand Lodge of passing a resolution of regret at the severe loss sustained by the Craft in consequence of the death of the Right Honourable and Most Worshipful the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master of England and Prov. Grand Master of Somersetshire, to whose virtues as a Mason, and whose rare abilities as a Statesman and man of letters, the most eloquent testimony was borne by those who took part in proposing and supporting the motion. The resolution, which was brought forward by the acting Grand Master in the name and on behalf of his Royal Highness the Grand Master, was passed *unm. con.*, and ordered to be entered on Grand Lodge minutes, as well as forwarded to the widowed Countess, on whom the loss had fallen with the greatest severity; and an acknowledgment of this act of sympathy and courtesy was read at the Grand Lodge immediately following. It was also at the September Communication that the applications of certain bodies styling themselves the Grand Lodges of Tasmania and New Zealand respectively to be recognised by our Grand Lodge as such were submitted, that of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania being at once and most cordially granted, while that of New Zealand was refused on the very proper ground that the Craft in that colony were very far from being unanimous in their desire for independence of the Grand Lodges in the United Kingdom. At the meeting held in the early days of this current month of December, two recommendations from his Royal Highness the Grand Master were agreed to unanimously. In accordance with the first of these Grand Lodge conferred the rank of Past Grand Master on the Duke of Connaught, Prov. Grand Master of Sussex and District Grand Master of Bombay, on returning to England on the completion of his tour of military duty in India, and resolved on presenting his Grand Lodge insignia to his Royal Highness; while, in accordance with the other, the sum of £105 was unanimously voted towards the fund which is being raised on behalf of the sufferers by the terrible wreck of H.M.S. *Serpent*. As regards the nominations which are made at this meeting for the offices of Grand Master and Grand Treasurer, they passed off without the slightest appearance of excitement, this being the second consecutive occasion on which only one brother has been nominated for the latter office, the fortunate brother in question being Bro. George Everett, who stood as candidate for the office in 1888. One other matter remains to be noticed, namely, that several of the friends of Bro. Thomas Fenn having had a portrait of that distinguished brother painted, and being desirous of offering it as a gift to Grand Lodge, a resolution to that effect was brought forward by Bro. T. Hastings Miller, Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes, and accepted unanimously by Grand Lodge, so that henceforth the counterfeit presentment of the present President of this Board will adorn the Board Room walls side by side with that of his immediate and distinguished predecessor in that responsible office.

Among the events which have happened outside the walls of Grand Lodge, undoubtedly the most important is that which occurred in the Town Hall, Reading, on the 15th current, when the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., was graciously pleased to instal his son, the Duke of Clarence, Past S.G.W., in office as Grand Master of the newly-formed Province of Berkshire. On this occasion the Grand Master was accompanied by his brother, the Duke of Connaught, wearing the insignia of his new rank as a Past Grand Master of England, and attended by his Grand Wardens, Bros. Lord Alcester and Lord A. Churchill, and a majority of his Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers, together with Bro. Gen. Laurie, Past G.M. of Nova Scotia, while there were present in the body of the hall a large gathering of Provincial Grand Officers and members *ex officio* of the new Provincial Grand Lodge. The ceremony passed off with complete success, and the arrangements in the Town Hall, as well as at the luncheon which followed, and at which the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, Prov. G.M., presided, evoked expressions of unstinted satisfaction from the Grand Master. Among other events of importance may be mentioned the laying the foundation-stone of a new Masonic Hall at Ashburton by Bro. the Hon. R. M. W. Dawson, a founder and first W.M. of the Ashburton Lodge, No. 2189, in January, and its dedication to the purposes of Freemasonry a few months later by Bro. Viscount Ebrington, M.P., Prov. G.M. of Devonshire; the dedication in January by Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde Powlett, Past G.W. of England, D.P.G.M. of North and East Yorkshire, of the Hall of the Wilberforce Lodge, No. 2134, Hull; the laying the foundation-stone of a new Day and Sunday School at Heaton Moor, East Lancashire, by Bro. J. W. Maclure, M.P.; the consecration in September by Bro. the Earl of Euston, Prov. G.M. of Northants and Hunts, of a new Masonic Hall at Northampton; the re-opening of the Masonic Hall at Bath, and the dedication of a new Hall at Henley-on-Thames; the laying of the foundation-stone of the Approach Tower, Douglas, Isle of Man, by Bro. the Earl of Lathom; and the dedication by Bro. W. G. Rogers, Deputy P.G.M. Devonshire, of a new Hall at Teignmouth. Nor must we omit to speak of the installation of the Lord Mayor of London, Bro. Alderman Sir H. A. Isaacs, as W.M. of the Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127, on the 11th February, when by special dispensation from the Grand Master the ceremony was held in the Mansion House.

Among the lodges to which the Grand Master has been pleased to grant centenary warrants, and as regards its subscribing members the privilege of wearing a centenary jewel, we must enumerate the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 259, which was founded in 1787, but which had delayed the celebration of this auspicious event till the 13th March of the present year, in order that his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, who is the perpetual Master of it, might preside on the occasion. In April, the Lodge of Confidence, No. 193, celebrated the completion of its first century, and later in the year the same anniversary was observed by the Worcester Lodge, No. 280, Worcester, the St. John's Lodge, No. 279, Leicester, and the St. Paul's Lodge, No. 194, London. The first of these three events was made the subject of a grand Masonic display. Provincial Grand Lodge arranged that its meeting should be held so as to time with the day appointed for the anniversary, while a conversation was held the day previous to the Provincial meeting, and the actual centenary celebration on the day following, so that our Worcestershire brethren undoubtedly made the most of their opportunity, and at the same time did suitable honour to this worthy lodge. So, too, in the case of the St. John's Lodge, Leicester, the precise anniversary was kept in August, when the brethren from all parts of Leicestershire attended Divine service in the parish church, while in November the festivities took place, especial honour being paid to the veteran Bro. John Kelly, Past Prov. G.M., who was initiated under its banner in the year 1838. Other events deserving of notice are the investiture of Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., as Deputy Prov. G.M. of Sussex, in the place of the late Bro. Gerard Ford; the presentation of Grand Lodge clothing to Bros. W. F. Smithson and R. C. Sudlow, on their appointment as Junior Grand Deacon and Grand Standard Bearer respectively; the reception by the Quatuor Coronati and Anglo-American Lodges of Bros. McCalla, G.M. Pennsylvania, Robertson, G.M. Canada, Horner, P.G.M. Louisiana, and Van Vrooman, G.M. of New York; the inauguration of the Liverpool Masonic Literary Society; and lectures by Bros. R. F. Gould, P.G.D., and G. W. Speth at Hull, and in other provincial towns. The consecrations of lodges are too numerous to mention, but it seems desirable to specify those of the Cornish Lodge, in London, and the Universities' Lodge of Durham, as having been attended with more than the usual pomp and circumstance, the former being honoured with the presence of Grand Master McCalla, while the latter was attended by most of the élite of the brethren in the northern counties.

ROYAL ARCH MASONRY.

The number of new chapters for which warrants have been granted during the year is 15, or rather less than in 1889. Five of these are attached to London lodges, nine to Provincial lodges, and one to a lodge in foreign parts. The five in the Metropolis are the Old Concord Chapter, No. 172; the Anglo-American Chapter, No. 2191; the Ubique Chapter, No. 1789; the Covent Garden Chapter, No. 1614; and the Emblematic Chapter, No. 1321. The new Provincial chapters are distributed thus—the Sun and Sector Chapter, No. 962, at Workington, Cumberland and Westmorland; the Williamson, No. 949, Monkwearmouth, Durham; the Warner, No. 2256, Chingford, and the Colne Valley, No. 2154, Halstead, both in Essex; the St. Clair, No. 2074, Landport, Hants and the Isle of Wight; the Fidelity, No. 269, Blackburn, East Lancashire; the St. Stephen's, No. 1802, East Retford, Notts; the Berwick-on-Tweed, No. 393, Berwick-on-Tweed, Northumberland; and the Harry Sparks, No. 996, East Dereham, Suffolk. The remaining chapter, denominated the Johannesburg, No. 2313, is located at Johannesburg, in the South African Republic. These constitute the additions which have been made to the roll of Supreme Grand Chapter during the year, nor is there anything else that we are aware of as being worthy of being recorded in the Summary, unless we except the installation of Comp. Lieut.-Gen. C. W. Randolph as Grand Superintendent of Sussex, *vice* Comp. Gerard Ford, deceased, and the recognition by Grand Chapter of the newly-established Grand Chapter of New South Wales. The proceedings in Royal Arch Masonry do not, as we have remarked in previous Summaries, appear to evoke any very great amount of enthusiasm.

MARK MASONRY.

Few things are more noticeable in the later history of Freemasonry than the amazing progress which the Mark Degree has made in public estimation. It is no exaggeration to say that the number of its lodges has considerably more than doubled itself during the last 16 years, its income and invested capital have increased proportionately, while its ramifications have extended to all parts of the British Empire. The organisation of its Grand Lodge is more complete than ever, its Provincial and District Grand Lodges are both numerous and efficient, and, above all, the Festival of its Benevolent Fund is on a level, as regards proceeds, with the Festivals of our Central Charities such as they were in the early "sixties." The great event of the present year has been, of course, the removal of Grand Lodge to its new quarters in Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, where it now can boast of a hall, offices, and lodge rooms, which are in all respects worthy of its increased prosperity. But we are pleased to be in a position to record also that the additions to the roll of lodges has been largely in excess of what it was in 1889, as many as 17 warrants having been granted since the Communication in December, 1889, as compared with 11 issued during the 12 months preceding that date. During the same period the registered membership has increased by 1370, that being the total number of the certificates which are reported to have been issued in the half-yearly reports issued as stated at the Communications held in June and the present month respectively. Of the 17 new lodges four meet in the London district, namely: the Scots, No. 406; the Eclectic, No. 410; the Grafton, No. 415; and the Camden, No. 418. The nine Provincial lodges are as follow: the Bisley, No. 407, and the Ubique, No. 411, both in the Province of Middlesex and Surrey; the Royal Connaught, No. 409, Sussex, and the Hertford Military, No. 408, in Warwickshire; the St. Nicholas, No. 413, Harwich, in the Province of East Anglia; the St. Martin, No. 414, Alfreton, in the Province of Leicestershire, Derbyshire, &c., &c.; the Royal Oak, No. 416, Deptford, in the Province of Kent; the Mount Edgcumbe, No. 417, Camborne, Cornwall; and the Sewell, No. 421, Egremont, in Cheshire. The four meeting abroad are the Moira, No. 412, Victoria, Australia; the United, No. 419, Hong Kong; the Pulney Andy, No. 420, Madras; and the Fairtlough, No. 422, Sierra Leone. There have also been granted four warrants of Constitution for the following Royal Ark Mariner lodges—the Mount Sinai, No. 36; the Brownrigg, No. 163; the Remigius, No. 117; and the Collin, No. 151, the number of Ark Mariner certificates issued being 193. The new appointments include Bro. the Hon. Sir Stafford Northcote, M.P., as Prov. Grand Master of Devonshire, *vice* the late Bro. Col. J. Tanner Davy, and H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, Prov. Grand Master of Sussex, *vice* the late Bro. Gerard Ford. Sundry Provincial and District Grand Masters have also had their tenure of office extended for a further period of three years, but no new Provinces or Districts have been created.

We have spoken of the occupation of Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, as being the most conspicuous event of the year, and so undoubtedly it is, if we consider the importance of the change, the great outlay, amounting to between £7000 and £8000, which it has necessitated, and the increased responsibility which it places on the Executive in order to restore the capital of the General Fund, which has been wholly exhausted, and repay the large sum borrowed from the Benevolent Fund. But the most important event, after all, is the Annual Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund, which was celebrated this year at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Wednesday, the 23rd of July, under the presidency of Bro. the Earl of Euston, who has succeeded to the office of Deputy Grand Master, vacated by Bro. the Marquess of Hertford, Pro Grand Master, in place of Bro. Lord

Egerton of Tatton. The amount raised in donations and subscriptions was £2354, or considerably more than the total realised at any other previous anniversary. We trust our record for 1891 will be equally, if not more, favourable.

CHIVALRIC AND HIGH GRADE MASONRY.

The various organisations which are included under this head have on the whole maintained their position satisfactorily. The two most important are the Order of the Temple and the Ancient and Accepted Rite, the former of which, though we cannot discover that it has materially added to its strength, has shown during the year a greater degree of activity than usual. Unfortunately, the display of increased energy has been partial, and it is to be hoped that the example set by several Provincial Priorities in various parts of the country will be still more generally followed in future years. One event undoubtedly deserves especial mention, the presentation and unveiling of a statue of Godefroi de Bouillon in Lichfield Cathedral by Sir Knight Charles Fendelow, Provincial Prior of Staffordshire, Warwickshire, and Leicestershire, on the 8th January. This statue of the great Crusader was the gift of the Godefroi de Bouillon Preceptory of the Order, meeting at Stoke-on-Trent, who were desirous of assisting in this manner in decorating the sacred edifice. The Dean and Chapter gracefully accepted the statue, and the ceremony of unveiling it and formally entrusting it to the custody of the cathedral authorities, was performed with much solemnity on the day mentioned. As regards the Ancient and Accepted Rite, the year has been marked by fewer events of exceptional interest than 1889, but the Rite is as flourishing as ever, and the zeal of its chapters shows no abatement. The proceedings of the Order of Rome and the Red Cross of Constantine and of the Royal Order of Scotland have not been characterised by any particular display of vigour, but the Rosicrucians appear to have considerably enlarged their borders, there being a new Province of Northumberland, Durham, and Berwick, under Frater Charles Fendelow as Chief Adept, with a college at Newcastle, of which Frater W. F. Carmon is M. of T.

OUR INSTITUTIONS.

If it is not in our power to congratulate the authorities of our central Charitable Institutions on having entirely renewed that measure of prosperity which attended them generally during the four or five years preceding 1888, we can at least express our satisfaction at the disappearance of that bitterness of spirit which appears to have actuated certain of the brethren in criticising the conduct of the governing bodies of two of them, and at the almost complete restoration of that generous confidence on the part of the Craft generally which is indispensably necessary to their efficient maintenance. In our Summary of last year we took occasion to refer in somewhat pointed terms to the hostility manifested in certain quarters towards the executive of the Boys' School, and likewise, though in a far less conspicuous degree, towards the management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. This year, we rejoice to say, there has been less criticism, and what there has been has been conceived in a friendly instead of in an hostile spirit. The result has been that in the case of each of the three Institutions the machinery of government has worked more smoothly than in ordinary years, and though, as we have said, the support they have received has not been equal to that vouchsafed them in 1886-7, it has shown a substantial increase as compared with that of 1889.

The Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held about the usual date—on the 26th February. The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor of London, Bro. Alderman Sir H. A. Isaacs, W.M. of the Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127, had kindly undertaken to preside as Chairman, but at the very last moment his lordship was prevented by illness from fulfilling his engagement, and his place was filled—and very ably filled—by Bro. the Earl of Euston, Prov. Grand Master of Northants and Hunts, who had presided so genially in 1889. The Board of Stewards which our indefatigable Bro. James Terry succeeded in bringing together numbered 328 brethren, London being represented by 175 Stewards, and the Provinces by 158, and the result of their efforts was a total of donations and subscriptions which was announced as close on £13,100, but which ultimately reached by the aid of additions and outstanding lists the very substantial figure of £13,840. This, though it was a few hundreds of pounds in excess of the 1889 result, was less than the amount required for annuities, but nevertheless it was a goodly sum, and we have no doubt that when the year's accounts are made up the balance will be found on the right side. But the great difficulty with which the Committee of Management have been confronted with since 1887 has been the steady increase in the number of candidates, especially of those on the list of the Widows' Fund, and that, too, in spite of the additions which have been made to the establishment at different periods. This year it was known some week or two previous to the Festival that the list of candidates for election at the annual general meeting in May would exceed 150 in number, and it was likewise known that the vacancies which would then be filled up would be comparatively few. The Committee, therefore, wisely took the bull by the horns, and determined on seeing if by reasonable amendment of the rules defining the qualifications of candidates, it might not be possible to arrest this tendency to increase, and in so doing to bring the number within manageable compass. They therefore set about the task of revising the laws, and so effectually did they carry out their purpose, that the laws, as ultimately revised by them, were accepted unanimously in the first instance by the annual meeting of Governors and Subscribers in May, and in the next by Grand Lodge at its Quarterly Communication in June. It is not necessary that we should specify all the changes which have been adopted, and it will suffice if we state that in the case of both funds the male candidates or the late husbands of the widow candidates, must have been subscribing members of a lodge or lodges for at least 15 years—except in certain cases mentioned—instead of for 10 out of 15 years; that widow candidates must in future have attained the age of 60 years, instead of 55 years, years, as heretofore; and that the income which a male candidate is allowed to have without disqualifying him has been reduced from £40 to £30 a year. It remains to be seen what effect these changes will have, but our opinion is that in the course of a few years the lists will be less formidable in point of numbers, and therefore considerably more manageable. It remains for us to add that the annual meeting was held on the 16th May, when the report of the Committee of Management was accepted, and 19 candidates out of a list of 65 on the Male Fund, and 11 candidates out of a list of 84 on the Widows' Fund were elected to the benefits of the Institution.

The Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, which has happily been free from the adverse criticisms that have affected the other Institutions, celebrated its 102nd Anniversary on Tuesday, the 20th May. Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex, occupied the chair, and as the result of the efforts made by a Board of Stewards comprising 253 brethren, of whom 120 acted for London and 133 for the Provinces, Bro. Hedges, the worthy Secretary, had the satisfaction of being able to announce a total of donations and subscriptions amounting to £11,010. This was more than double the sum obtained in 1889, and, with the permanent income arising from the interest on invested capital and the grants from Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, will assuredly enable the authorities to give a good account of their stewardship when the year's accounts are made up. The elections were held as usual in the spring and autumn, the number of girls elected at the Quarterly General Court, on Saturday, the 26th of April, being 22 out of a list of 43 candidates, while at the Court held on Saturday, the 1st November, 16 were elected out of a total list of 31 candidates. We must also mention that Bro. Henry Smith, P.G.D., D.P.G.M., West Yorkshire, is now Treasurer, in place of Bro. Horace B. Marshall, P.G. Treas., while Bro. J. A. Rucker, one of the Trustees, died early in the year. As usual, the School has acquitted itself well at the public

examinations, at which its pupils have competed, while the excellence of its training and discipline was very conspicuous at the distribution of prizes and annual visit of the Festival Stewards on the day preceding the anniversary celebration. It remains for us to add that the Centenary Hall has been proceeded with so expeditiously that the building is now virtually finished, and will be formally opened early in the New Year by his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., and President of the Institution. The Hall will certainly prove a worthy memorial of the auspicious event it has been erected to commemorate; while, thanks to a resolution proposed by Bro. Charles Hammerton, a Patron and member of the House Committee, and unanimously agreed to by the Governors and Subscribers at the Quarterly General Court, Grand Lodge and the Provinces and lodges which took a leading part in the Centenary Festival, will have their association with that event commemorated in the Hall itself by means of stained glass windows or panels placed on the walls of the edifice.

The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys celebrated its 92nd Anniversary Festival, at Freemasons' Tavern, on the 2nd July. For a long time, Bro. F. Binckes, the Secretary, experienced great difficulty in obtaining the services of some distinguished brother to act as Chairman, but at length Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., First Lord of the Admiralty, the Senior Grand Warden of the year, very kindly undertook to preside, and his lordship's appeal, supported as it was by the efforts of a Board of Stewards, numbering 272 brethren, resulted in a return of £9353, which, by subsequent additions and outstanding lists, was ultimately increased to close on £9750. The total, as compared with that of 1889, shows a clear falling off of nearly £4000, and there can be no doubt that it will need a very strong effort on the part of the friends and supporters of the School in order to restore the necessary equilibrium between the Dr. and Cr. sides of the School accounts. However, we must not lose sight of the fact that a sum which cannot now be far short of £2000—several weeks ago it was stated as amounting to £1800—has been raised from the Craft towards the Pension Indemnity Fund, so that the total sum subscribed is in reality about £11,750, or more nearly what it has been our duty to record year by year for the last 15 or 16 years than the Festival itself alone furnished. But if our Boys' School has not received such an amount of support as we anticipated for it during the year, it has undoubtedly made great progress in the very difficult task of setting its house in order. The Provisional Management Committee have gone about their work of re-organisation in such a manner as to deserve the thanks of the entire English Craft. It is early yet to judge of the effect of the changes they have already introduced, but there is good reason for believing that they will conduce materially to the well-being of the Institution. As regards several of their most important recommendations, such as the erection of a swimming bath and the enlargement of the schoolroom accommodation, though they have been approved by the General Court, it has been found impossible owing to the lack of means, to give effect to them, but what has been possible has been done thoroughly and well. The changes on the staff, which the Committee considered desirable, have been made, and Bro. the Rev. H. Hebbs, who entered on his duties as Head Master after the close of the last Christmas holidays, has already done much in establishing a good tone in the School. The report he presented to the Committee in the early part of the year was the reverse of pleasant, but he is loyally supported in his endeavours by the authorities, and we are not without hope that his efforts to bring the School into good order will be successful at an earlier date than he seemed to think possible. The change in the office of Secretary has also been effected. On the 30th June Bro. Frederick Binckes, after completing 29 years' service retired with a present of £2500 in lieu of pension, the proposal to raise this sum for the purpose, which emanated from a distinguished member of the Craft in West Yorkshire having been adopted by the Committee, and four-fifths of the money is already raised. On the 12th July Bro. J. Morrison McLeod was elected by an overwhelming majority of votes to fill the vacant office, and on the 9th of August he entered upon his duties, nor, from what he has been able to accomplish during the short period which has since elapsed, do we think it likely the Governors will have any reason to repent of their choice. On the contrary, it seems to us that Bro. McLeod is just the very man that is needed to occupy so important a position. He entered on his career with the best wishes of a host of friends in the Provinces, and he has already most favourably impressed those who only knew him by repute or who knew him not, by his courtesy and thorough business habits. There has also been a complete revision of the by-laws of the Institution, and though there are brethren who think that some of the changes which have been sanctioned were unnecessary, it is generally held that in what is most essential to the prosperity of the Institution, to its success as a school, and its efficient and, at the same time, economical management, the amended by-laws will be a great improvement on the code they supersede. On this point, however, we shall be in a better position to judge 12 months hence, when a reasonable time for their trial has elapsed.

PROVINCIAL AND OTHER CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

This class of organisation is greatly increasing in popular favour, and in time no doubt will materially assist in relieving the central Masonic Charities of some of that severe strain to which their resources have for several years been subjected. West Lancashire, which can boast of three of these organisations, has been even more successful than in previous years in obtaining donations and subscriptions in their behalf. The East Lancashire Systematic Educational and Benevolent Institution has likewise been able to do more efficient work, while at the same time it has had the good fortune to be able to increase its invested capital. The Cheshire Educational Institute, which has been in existence for upwards of a quarter of a century, has also done well, while the North and East Yorkshire Educational Fund had the satisfaction of realising just over £500 at its second annual Festival which was held at Hull on the 27th May under the presidency of our esteemed Bro. J. Woodall Woodall, Past G. Treasurer. Then there are the Provincial and Lodge Associations, which afford facilities to brethren for becoming Life Governors and Life Subscribers to our principal Charities—these, too, are increasing in number and rendering increased service, the Staffordshire, Cambridgeshire, Cornwall, and other Provincial Associations together with those organised in connection with London and other lodges of instruction having been the means of raising very considerable sums towards the several festivals of the year. There is, indeed, no kind of Masonic Charity Organisation, whether belonging to the more ambitious class, which take upon themselves to educate the children of deceased and indigent Freemasons and to provide annuities for poor brethren and their widows, or to the less aspiring, which is content with obtaining supplies for our three Institutions, which has not prospered fairly during the year 1890.

THE BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

This Board, which is entrusted with the administration of our Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence, seems at length to be in a fair way of bringing its expenditure more nearly within the limits of its income. Its functions, as exercised under the guidance of Bro. Robt. Grey, President, appear to have been discharged as generously as ever, and yet with a nicer discrimination of the cases brought under its notice. We are unable to include in our statement of the relief administered during the present year the return for the current month, as the Board will not meet till after the publication of this number of the *Freemason*, but the following is a table of the Returns for the 11 months from January to November, both inclusive, namely: January, 36 cases relieved with £775; February, 34 cases with £920; March 32 cases with £650; April, 37 cases with £800; May, 25 cases with £555; June, 20 cases with £600; July, 25 cases with £575; August, 6 cases with £125; September, 17 cases with £360; October, 37 cases with £872; and November, 34 cases with £925. Total for the 11 months, 303 cases with £7157.

MASONIC LITERATURE.

There is not much to be said under this head. "The Master Masons' Handbook," by Bro. Fred. J. W. Crowe, with an introduction by Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D., published by Bro. George Kenning, has deservedly met with a considerable amount of favour, and will be found invaluable by those who desire to know about the several divisions and sub-divisions of Freemasonry. In the way of history, Bro. Joseph Hawkins, P.M., P.Z., has compiled, and very ably compiled, the "History and Records of the Harmonic Lodge, No. 216, and the Sacred Delta Royal Arch Chapter" attached to it; and there has also appeared a volume of "Addresses" by the late Bro. Gerard Ford, P.G.D., Deputy Grand Master of Sussex, which show that much lamented brother to have been as earnest in his love of the Craft as he was able in expounding its principles. There has also been published in their regular course the "Transactions of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076," the task of editing which has been most carefully performed by Bro. G. W. Speth, the Secretary of the lodge. As regards our Craft periodical literature, what we feel called upon to say concerns chiefly this journal, which, thanks to the increasing support and encouragement it receives, is able to maintain its position without difficulty as the chief organ of Masonic opinion in this country.

OBITUARY.

The losses which the Craft has sustained are neither more nor less numerous than they were in 1889, but they include one, the equal of which has not occurred for a long period of years. We allude, of course, to the late Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, Pro Grand Z., and Provincial Grand Master of Somersetshire. His lordship was initiated into Freemasonry as far back as February, 1856, in the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10. At the very outset of his career he took part in the discussions in Grand Lodge on the great Canadian question. In 1868 the late Earl of Zetland, M.W.G.M., appointed him to the Provincial Grand Mastership of Somersetshire, rendered vacant by the resignation of Bro. Colonel A. Adair. From 1870—74 he held the important office of Deputy Grand Master of England. In 1875 he had the honour of installing his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M., and was appointed by him to the still more important office of Pro Grand Master. He was also *ex officio* Grand H. in Supreme Grand Chapter from 1870—74, and Pro Grand Z. from the following year. In addition he was a P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, having been elected to the office in 1860 in succession to Bro. Lord Leigh, and P.M.P.S. Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, 33°, of the Ancient and Accepted Rite. Thus his lordship had held at different periods nearly all the most important positions in Freemasonry, while it is well known that he took an active and generous part in supporting our Institutions. Of his extra-Masonic career as a Statesman and man of letters, it does not come within our province to speak here, but that he was eminent in these as he was eminent in Freemasonry is known to our readers. There have also died during the year Bro. the Earl of Milltown, who was appointed S.G.W. of England in 1883, and G. Scribe N. of Supreme Grand Chapter in 1888; Bro. E. Baldwin, J.G.W. of England and Asst. G. Soj. in 1854; Bro. Alderman Stone, J.G.W. and P.G. Soj. in 1875; Bro. Lord John Taylour, who, after achieving distinction, firstly, as a District Grand Officer of New South Wales, and then as a Past Grand Officer of Hants and the Isle of Wight, was appointed J.G.W. and P.G. Soj. in 1888. Another very serious loss is that caused by the death of Bro. the Rev. J. Edmund Cox, D.D., G. Chap. of England from 1846 to 1857, while among other Grand Officers, we have to lament the death of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, P.G.D., who rendered valuable services to our various Institutions. Bro. the Rev. P. H. Ernest Brette, D.D., who was one of the brethren on whom the brevet rank of P.S.G.D. was conferred in the year of the Queen's Jubilee; Bro. Harold F. King, a P.D.D.G.M. of Bombay, and also a Jubilee P.G.D.; Bro. J. Anthony Rucker, S.G.D. 1874; Bro. Robert Bradley, a Jubilee Past G.S.B., and Prov. G. Secretary for many years of Berks and Bucks; Bro. Simeon C. Hadley, P.A.G.D.C., and Bro. W. H. Perryman, Grand Pursuivant in 1887, and A.G.D. of C. in Grand Chapter at the time of his death.

SCOTLAND.

The Grand Lodge of Scotland, like that of its neighbour south of the Tweed, has sustained a further loss of lodges by the establishment of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania, and the setting up of a clandestine Grand Lodge in New Zealand, but it has warranted 10 lodges, which appear to be about equally divided between home and abroad. The *personnel* of Grand Lodge remains for the most part unchanged, the most conspicuous disappearance from the roll of Past Grand Officers being that of the Earl of Rosslyn, Past Grand Master Mason of Scotland, whose health had been seriously affected for some time, and who died early in the month of September. This is a serious loss to the Craft in Scotland, for the late Earl, like his English *confrère*, Lord Carnarvon, was a man of the highest culture, and like him, though a less prominent position, had played an active part in the world of politics. Moreover, like our late Pro Grand Master, he had at different times held many exalted positions in Masonry, being at the time of his death not only a Past Grand Master of Grand Lodge and Past Grand First Principal of Grand Chapter, but he was Grand Master of the Order of the Temple, Deputy Grand Master and Governor of the Royal Order of Scotland, and M.P. Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, 33°, of the Ancient and Accepted Rite. He was also representative of his Grand Lodge at the Grand Lodge of England, and had commended himself especially to his English brethren by occupying the chair at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys in 1880. Among the principal changes in the Provinces we note that Bros. Sir H. MacAndrew and Sir Hector Munro were installed by Bro. Sir A. C. Campbell, Bart., Grand Master, on the 23rd October, as Provincial Grand Masters, the former of Inverness-shire, and the latter of Ross and Cromarty, while Bro. James Berry has been appointed Provincial Grand Master of Forfarshire, *vice* Bro. the Hon. Frank Lyons. Another event of interest which, as it must have the effect of drawing still nearer together the brethren under the Constitutions north and south of the Tweed, is worth recording is the affiliation on 21st June of the Lord Mayor, Bro. Sir H. A. Isaacs, P.J.G.W. England; Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton, P.J.G.W.; and Bro. ex-Sheriff Harris, as members of the famous Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel), No. 1. There was also a return visit paid in November by the brethren of the St. David's Lodge, No. 31, Edinburgh, to the St. Nicholas Lodge, No. 1676, Newcastle-on-Tyne. But the great event of the year, the event which will ensure its being especially commemorated in the annals of Scottish Freemasonry, is undoubtedly the grand bazaar in Edinburgh during the current month, held with a view of raising a sum of £10,000 in support of the G. Lodge extended scheme of benevolence. Many concerts have been held in furtherance of the same object in different towns, and there was a supplementary bazaar in Aberdeen, which was open for two days in November, and resulted in a gain of over £1500. There will also be another supplementary bazaar held in Glasgow early in January, 1891, in aid of the same object. But the central, the principal effort to obtain the required sum, was made at the Edinburgh bazaar, and with what splendid success may well be imagined when we state that at the close of the five days' sale the total, including the contribution from the Aberdeen bazaar already stated, was £15,433. This is indeed a result on which our Scottish brethren deserve the heartiest congratulations, and we are satisfied there are none in England, Ireland, or the British Colonies and Possessions who will not most readily tender these to them, and that, too, with a feeling of pride that it is a branch of our British Freemasonry which has achieved this great success.

IRELAND.

Our record of Irish Freemasonry is, unfortunately, always brief, and the present one will prove no exception to the rule. The roll of Grand Lodge has, of course,

been affected by the establishment of the new independent Grand Lodges in Australasia, while on the other hand sundry new lodges have been warranted, but owing to the Irish system of assigning lapsed warrants, or at all events vacant places on the roll to those newly warranted, it is almost impossible to state the number. In September the King-Harman Memorial Masonic Hall at Longford was consecrated by Bro. the Marquis of Headfort, S.G.W., and Prov. Grand Master of Meath, while in the Province of Tyrone and Fermanagh, which has Bro. Sir John M. Stewart, Bart., for its chief, there has been a notable degree of activity, the Quarterly Communications having been held regularly, and to good purpose. There have also been concerts in different parts of the country on behalf of the Dublin Masonic Schools; but the chief occurrence, and that which necessarily attracts the lion's share of attention, is the annual fête in the Leinster Hall, Dublin, when the prizes are distributed to the pupils of the Orphan Girls' and Boys' Schools in the presence of the *élite* of Dublin Masonry and fashion, and with as much pomp and circumstance as it is possible to command. This year the hall was crowded, and the recitations, &c., by the pupils were heartily and deservedly applauded.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DERBYSHIRE.

INTERESTING PRESENTATION.

There was an unusually large attendance of Derbyshire Freemasons at the annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge, held on Monday, the 15th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Derby. In the absence of the Prov. G.M., Bro. the Marquess of Hartington, M.P., the genial and widely-respected D.P.G.M., Bro. Haughton Chas. Okeover, P.G.W. England, Deputy P.G.M., presided. Bro. Thomas Cox, P.P.S.G.W., acted as D.P.G.M., and amongst those present were

Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.M. Middx., and the following well-known local brethren: Bros. A. E. Cokayne, Prov. S.G.W.; Thos. Roe, P.G. Treas.; W. Naylor, P.G.S.B. England, P.P.S.G.W., P.G. Sec.; Sir John Smith, P.P.S.G.W.; W. H. Marsden, P.P.S.G.W.; J. B. Coulson, P.P.S.G.W.; A. Woodiwiss, P.P.S.G.W.; W. Boden, P.P.J.G.W.; T. Hall, P.P.J.G.W.; D. Upton, P.P.J.G.W.; J. Howell, P.P.J.G.W.; Rev. E. E. Morris, P.G. Chap.; Rev. T. B. Mundy, P.G. Chap.; Rev. C. W. Groves, P.P.G. Chap.; W. B. Woodforde, Prov. G.R.; E. Horne, P.P.G.R.; J. W. Brigg, Prov. S.G.D.; Jos. Bland, P.P.G.D.; and many others.

The various reports indicated great activity in the province, the W.M.'s of the various lodges being able to announce increased membership and liberal recognition of the Charities.

The Masonic Hall Committee, whose report was presented by Bro. Sir John Smith, Chairman, announced their intention to increase the comfort of the brethren at the institution named.

Bro. G. T. Wright, who has for so many years laboured most assiduously in the interests of Masonic Charity, was unable, to the regret of all present, to attend, but the report of the Charity Committee was read by his indefatigable coadjutor, Bro. Percy Wallis. It recorded the collection locally during the year of £443 12s. for the various Masonic Institutions, and added that Bro. Frederick Binckes, whose recent retirement from the Secretaryship of the Boys' School has been reported in these columns, had handed over to the Derbyshire Committee (through Bro. Percy Wallis) the whole of his votes for the Charity last-named.

On the motion of Bro. WALLIS, a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Binckes for his generosity, and it was resolved that the names of Bros. Marsden, Woodiwiss, and J. H. Lawson be added to the Provincial Charity Committee.

On the motion of Bro. PERCY WALLIS, it was unanimously resolved to nominate Bro. Hugh E. Diamond, P.P.G.W., to serve on the Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, of which Institution, as well as the other two Charities, he is a Vice-President.

The election of Prov. Grand Treasurer was then proceeded with, and, contrary to expectation, there was no opposition.

Bro. W. H. MARSDEN, in a highly eulogistic speech, proposed Bro. H. Arnold Bemrose, M.A., P.P.G.D.C., for the post.

The nomination was seconded by Bro. A. J. FLINT, W.M. of the Tyrian Lodge, and supported in a graceful little speech by Bro. T. ROE, M.P., as the outgoing P.G. Treasurer.

The appointment was heartily and unanimously made, and Bro. BEMROSE acknowledged the compliment in becoming terms.

Bro. G. T. Wright was unanimously re-elected Chairman of the Charity Committee, amid sincere expressions of the desire of his brethren to see him restored to health. The Committee of Management of the Masonic Hall were also re-appointed.

Bro. NAYLOR, Prov. Grand Secretary, brought up the report of the Cox Testimonial Committee, which showed that the movement suggested at the last gathering of the Prov. Grand Lodge for recognising the long and sterling services of Bro. T. Cox, had been heartily endorsed throughout the province, and the Committee had been enabled to purchase a handsome silver salver, and write a cheque for £150, for presentation to that gentleman.

The DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER was cheered on rising to make the presentation. He said that no occurrence during his long Masonic career gave him greater pleasure than the duty which now fell to his lot. It was always a pleasant thing to acknowledge long and faithful services. Bro. Cox's services extended over a quarter of a century. They had been of a most valuable character to Masonry in the province, and the province had by that testimonial manifested its grateful acknowledgment of those services. It was not the intrinsic value of the testimonial which he (the speaker) believed Bro. Cox would value so much as the cordiality of the response which had been made. Bro. Cox's services would live long in their memory, and the good wishes which he had earned during his long and successful career would be extended to him in the future. He (the speaker) could speak feelingly, and from his long connection with Bro. Cox as to the value of those services, and the appreciation which they had evoked. Bro. Cox, whenever he had been consulted, had always offered the best and most disinterested advice, and had always at heart the best interests of Masonry. He was still blessed with health and strength, and throughout the province the best wishes of the brethren would be his during the remainder of his life. The speaker concluded by reading the inscription on the salver, which was as follows: "Presented to Bro. Thomas Cox, P.P.S.G.W., together with a purse of £150, by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Derby, and the brethren of the province, on his retirement from the office of Provincial Grand Treasurer, in acknowledgment of long and valuable services rendered for more than a quarter of a century. Derby, 15th December, 1890."

Bro. Cox, on rising to acknowledge the presentation was enthusiastically received. He thanked Bro. Okeover, with whom he had the honour of working for more than a quarter of a century, for the many kind words used towards him, and also the Wardens and brethren for their generous act, an act, observed Bro. Cox, which placed him in a position of greater difficulty than any which had fallen to his lot. He proceeded: Twenty-seven years ago our P.G.M. conferred upon me two of the highest offices in his gift, those of Registrar and Senior Warden of the Province, honours which my brethren of the P.G. Lodge afterwards supplemented by unanimously electing me for 24 successive years as Treasurer of this Provincial Grand Lodge. I should have been unworthy the name of a Mason had I not endeavoured to discharge those duties to the best of my ability. To win the esteem and approbation of those amongst whom we live, and to be found faithful in the trust committed to us, are among the highest

rewards and pleasures which can fall to the lot of any man. But you, my brethren, not content with this, have further added to it by this handsome testimony of your goodwill and brotherly love, while you have looked upon my many shortcomings with that indulgence and charity which is one of the brightest attributes of Freemasonry. Coming as it does from every lodge in our province, east, west, north, and south, and supplemented as it is by contributions from many individual members of each lodge, amongst whom I am very proud to number the oldest friends I have, and in whose society I have passed many of the most enjoyable hours of my life, it proves that Freemasonry is no myth or passing amusement, but a very solid and valuable institution for the practice of every moral and social virtue. While discharging my various duties I have received the united assistance and support of all the officers and members of the Provincial Grand Lodge. From the highest to the lowest each has vied with the other in promoting the success of our cause. That union is strength is a very old maxim, which loses none of its truth as we pass on through life. The success which surrounds us is good evidence of this, for had it not been for the unity amongst the brethren of this province we could never have raised this beautiful hall, of which we are so justly proud, which is now free from debt, and which we trust will be the principal home of Freemasonry in this province for many generations to come. Our Order extends to the limits of the habitable globe, and one of my earliest experiences of its usefulness, now more than 30 years ago, was to receive from the hands of brethren I had never seen before, some thousands of miles from home, a very hearty welcome, together with such advice and instruction as caused me to receive welcome and kindness wherever I had the opportunity to make use of it, and which materially contributed to the pleasure of my journey. Since that time in visiting various parts of this country I have ever found it to be a bond of brotherhood and goodwill. This very tangible evidence of it shall be handed down to my children's children, and will be ever valued by them as proofs of your goodwill. I once more assure you that I shall ever consider it my duty, so long as I have health and strength, to assist in promoting the interests of Freemasonry wherever and whenever I may.

The D.P.G.M. then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers in the following order:—

Bro. Jas. Morrison McLeod, P.M. 884, Sec. R.M.I.B.	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" J. H. Day, P.M. 1324	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. T. B. Mundy, M.A., P.M. 253	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. J. Young, M.A., Chap. 850	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" H. Arnold Bemrose, M.A., P.M. 253	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Thos. Shipton, P.M. 681	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" W. Naylor, P.G.S.B. Eng., P.P.S.G.W.	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" Severn Taylor, P.M. 731	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" A. T. McGregor, P.M. 654	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" E. H. Clarke, P.M. 353	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. H. Clarke, P.M. 253	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" J. P. Fearfield, P.M. 2224	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" H. Pollard, P.M. 506	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" J. W. Chambers, P.M. 1179	...	Prov. G. Org.
" H. C. Heathcote, P.M. 1495	...	Prov. Asst. G. Sec.
" Tom G. Taylor, Org. 802	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" James Cutting, P.M. 253 and 284	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" T. Stacey, P.M. 1739	...	
" J. Hallam, P.M. 1952	...	
" Montague F. Smith, 253	...	
" W. H. Wheeldon, 253	...	
" S. F. Rowan, 802	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" H. Slater, 802	...	
" Geo. Smedley, P.M. 1235	...	
" Medley, 1235	...	
" Thos. Day	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

A sum of 10 guineas having been voted to Bro. Lawson's list for the Boys' Institution, a long discussion ensued as to the propriety of altering the system at present in vogue of presenting the Worshipful Masters' reports, a proposal being submitted by Bro. Beadon Woodforde to the effect that the reports be analysed and reported upon by the Prov. Grand Secretary. The proposal, however, elicited considerable opposition, and was ultimately withdrawn, on the understanding that the Worshipful Masters be requested to make their communications as brief as possible in the future.

Ten guineas was voted to the "Cox Presentation Fund," and £10 towards the completion of a Centenary Window in the new Hall of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

The brethren subsequently dined together in the banqueting hall, their requirements being well looked after by Bro. Thomas Day.

The musical arrangements, directed by Bros. W. L. Dodd and S. Neville Cox, were of a very superior character.

The Deputy Prov. G.M. presided, supported by Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. G.M. Middx., &c.

The toast list included "The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," which were proposed by the CHAIRMAN.

Bro. W. H. MARSDEN, P.P.S.G.W., in a felicitous speech, proposed "The D.G.M., the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," remarking that if those Grand Officers present were specimens of the selection of the Grand Master, it would be very difficult to find fault with his choice.

Bro. Col. Sir FRANCIS BURDETT, Bart., responded in a concise and cordial speech.

Bro. ROE, M.P., P.P.G. Treas., proposed "The Prov. Grand Master," saying that, looking at his multifarious duties, it was not surprising that he found it difficult to fulfil his Masonic duties.

Bro. Cox, P.P.S.G.W., proposed "The D.P.G.M." in a highly eulogistic speech, and

Bro. OKEOVER, on rising to respond, was received with hearty cheers. He spoke of the good feeling that existed throughout the province, and how cordially he was assisted in his work by all, high and low, and hoped the G.A.O.T.U. would give him health and strength to promote the Craft that he had so much at heart.

Bro. PERCY WALLIS, P.P.S.G.W., proposed "The Prov. Grand Officers," and took occasion to cordially congratulate Bro. McLeod upon the distinguished position in which he had been placed, remarking that the unanimous vote of the Province last year in support of his candidature for the Secretaryship of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys had found a fitting sequel in his important appointment that day.

Bro. McLEOD responded in a long and able speech, bristling with statistics, and earnestly advocating the Masonic Charities generally, and the Institution he represented in particular.

The other toasts were "The Visitors," proposed by Bro. COULSON, P.P.S.G.W., and responded to by Bros. HEMINGWAY, P.P.G. Treas. West Yorks, and CANTRELL, P.M., and "The W.M.'s of the Different Lodges in the Province," proposed by Bro. DOUGLAS UPTON, P.P.J.G.W., and responded to by Bro. McLEOD, W.M. 884; FISHER, W.M. 353; B. W. PIKE, W.M. 1085; and E. HORNE, W.M. 2224.

The Tyler's toast brought to a close a most successful gathering in every respect.

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.]

A QUERY.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,

In perusing the Book of Constitutions some time since in order to be well up in it previous to receiving "the highest honour the lodge has in its power to bestow," I observed by Art. 149 it is "enjoined upon Masters and Wardens to visit other lodges . . . in order that the same usages and customs may be observed throughout the Craft."

In the course of my visitations I observed what I consider a few irregularities, two only of which I draw attention to, namely, one where a F.C. was invested with the collar of a Steward, and the other, a brother of high social position appointed to a Warden's chair, his first office in a lodge. In this case the brother not being present to be invested was elected W.M. at the next regular period of election.

The former case is, in my opinion irregular, and the latter illegal, because by Art. 130, "he must have served one year the office of . . . Warden." To my mind the period of service can only date from the time when invested, therefore, such an election would not be in conformity with the Book of Constitutions.

Are my views correct? Perhaps some brother will favour me with theirs.—Yours fraternally,

A STUDENT.

ROYAL ARCH COLLARS IN CRAFT LODGES.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,

In reply to the question by "P.P.G.J." in today's *Freemason*, the Book of Constitutions, Rule 289, deals with "Jewels, medals, devices, and emblems" only, while the collars to be worn in Craft lodges are detailed in 297 *et seq.*

In Royal Arch Regulations 94 it is clearly stated that the jewel "when worn at Royal Arch meetings" is to be "suspended from a collar." The Regulations, while refraining from the attempt to legislate for Craft lodges, clearly provides for possible permission to wear the jewel elsewhere, by authorising (98) Present and Past Grand and Provincial Officers to wear their jewels of office "suspended from the left breast by a tricoloured ribbon."

The question is rather where is the wearing of collars authorised than where it is prohibited. The onus of proof lies on those companions in the provinces who adopt a custom which has never prevailed in the metropolitan district. If Royal Arch collars are admissible in Craft lodges, why not sashes? And why should not the collars of Craft Provincial Grand Officers be worn in chapters?—Yours fraternally,

PROV. G.H.

20th December, 1890.

THE LIABILITY OF TREASURERS.

To the Editor of the *Freemason*.

Dear Sir and Brother,

I shall be greatly obliged if some of your readers qualified to give an opinion upon the following will kindly do so through your columns, viz.: The duty and obligation of the Treasurer to his chapter, and the chapter to its Treasurer. For obvious reasons I omit names, but appended are *facts*.—Yours fraternally,

QUIS CUSTODIET.

December 12.

A. B. is Treasurer and a substantial man, and having every confidence in C. D., who is Scribe E., allows the latter to hold the funds of the chapter for three years.

After an especially close audit, C. D. admits the incorrectness of the accounts, which shows a deficiency of £40 odd.

A. B. denies his liability to the chapter on the grounds that he never actually had the funds in his possession, and was reliant on the *bona fides* of C. D.

Now what is the right, proper, and Masonic course of action to be pursued under the circumstances?

Should the chapter suffer or their Treasurer. The latter repudiates entirely, and the chapter loses all its funds.

Straits Settlements.

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

SINGAPORE.

Mount Calvary in the East Chapter (No. 47).—The annual installation was held on the 3rd November, when the following were appointed to office:—Bros. D. G. Presgrave, M.W.S.; L. H. D. Tripp, Prelate; G. A. Derrick, 1st Gen.; C. G. Garrard, 2nd Gen.; A. Knight, Treas.; G. Thompson, Marshal; J. T. Leask, Recorder; S. R. Robinson, Raphael; and J. Lannon, Guard.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke of Edinburgh, and the Duke and Duchess of Connaught visited the Princess's Theatre on the 19th inst., and witnessed a performance of "Antony and Cleopatra."

HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT
MASONIC EDUCATIONAL AND
BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL AT SOUTHAMPTON.

The annual festival of the above Institution, which, as its name implies, has for its object the assistance of decayed Freemasons of the province and the education of children of deceased brethren, was held at the Masonic Hall, Southampton, on Monday, the 8th inst., Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M., occupying the chair. The attendance also included Bros. J. E. Le Feuvre, D.P.G.M. (Vice-Patron); R. Eve, P.M., Past G. Treas. of Eng.; R. L. Loveland, P.M., S.G.D. of Eng.; G. F. Lancaster, P.M., P.P.G. Reg. (Hon. Sec.); G. F. W. Mortimer, P.P.S.G.W.; Captain Markham, R.N., W.M. 257; Rev. J. Danbury, D. W. B. Tayler, W.M. 130; G. J. Tilling, P.M., P.P.G. S. of W.; H. Lashmore, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; J. W. Barford, 394; J. Patstone, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; L. Steele, J.W. 357; A. J. Blackman, P.M., P.P.G.S.; H. Cawte, P.M. 1069, P.P.J.G.W.; G. Mursell, 35, P.P.S.G.D.; J. Marks, 76, P.P.J.G.D.; G. Ward, P.M. 1783; A. J. Brown, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; E. T. Wise, P.M.; Capt. Collins, 130; R. Boughton Smith, P.M.; Lieut. T. Cowd, R.N., P.M. 1834; J. C. Burbage, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; F. Newman, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; G. Backler, Treas. 1903; W. Jenvey, W.M. 359; J. Fewings, P.M. 130; J. Cole, P.M. 130, P.P.S.G.D.; E. R. Fisher, S.W. 2068; J. W. Gieve, 309; G. Aylward, P.G.D.; R. W. Downing, P.P.G.D.C.; W. H. Sperring, P.M. 342; A. Howell, 257 and 1834; A. Dashwood, P.M. 698; W. H. Long, W.M. 175; and others.

An excellent banquet was served by Bro. Biggs, and this having been disposed of,

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER proposed "The Queen and the Craft," which was followed by "The Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," the speaker alluding to the impetus which had been given to Freemasonry by the influence and interest of the Prince of Wales. He next gave "The Deputy Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," remarking that during the past year Masonry had sustained a heavy loss in the death of one who, after the Prince of Wales, always presided over the Order. The Earl of Carnarvon was endeared by many recollections to those living in the county and to the Craft in general. Lord Lathom, however, was still with them, and many other Grand Officers, one of whom on his left—Bro. Eve—had always taken an active interest in Freemasonry and in support of its Charities, and had filled the office of Grand Treasurer with credit to himself and honour to the province to which he belonged.

Bro. EVE, having returned thanks, said he must congratulate the Hampshire Masonic Benevolent and Educational Institution upon the state of its funds. He hoped, however, they would bear in mind that their object was not to save money, but to spend it. He noticed that they spent only about £60 last year. It seemed to him the objects of the Institution were not generally known among the lodges of the province, for there surely must be many children of deceased brethren who needed and were willing to accept the benefits that were offered by it. He then proposed, in complimentary terms, "The Health of the Provincial Grand Master," who, he said, dwelt in the hearts of all Masons in the province over which he so worthily presided, and distinguished himself in Freemasonry before he took his present high position in the province. He particularly referred to the recognition which Bro. Beach always met with at the hands of the Grand Lodge.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER said he naturally took great interest in the progress of Masonry in that province and the country at large, and he was glad to say that wherever he looked there were encouraging signs of progress. To rule over a province like Hampshire and the Isle of Wight would not be an easy duty were it not for the great assistance he received from all the brethren, which rendered his office, instead of being one of difficulty, a real pleasure. It was now 21 years ago that he was placed in the chair by their late lamented Pro Grand Master, and during that period many lodges had sprung up, and the number of Masons had largely increased.

Captain MARKHAM, R.N., A.D.C., briefly gave "Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, D.P.G.M., and the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, Present and Past," specially referring in complimentary terms to the Masonic career and work of

Bro. LE FEUVRE, who, having expressed his thanks in general terms, pointed out in reference to the remarks of Bro. Eve that the objects of the Committee had been not to spend all the present income, but to build up a fund which would furnish sufficient income to provide really substantial benefits. He might state, however, that every case as yet brought before them had been accepted.

The PRESIDENT then proposed "Success to the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution," and said that a few years ago it was felt that, though the great Masonic Charities were very useful, it was difficult to get children into the Schools, because it required so large a number of votes to achieve success. Though there was not much to complain of in that province through the great liberality of the brethren, yet it was felt that there might be children who would lose a deal of time before they were admitted, and that, therefore, it would be well if something could be done for them at home. This idea occurred to, among others, Bro. G. F. Lancaster, and it was due to his energy and organisation that the

Charity sprang into existence. There was some amount of prejudice at first, from fear that it would interfere with the great Charities, but when it was found it did not, it met with very general support. Bro. Le Feuvre had been quite right in stating that the desire of the Committee had been not to be too lavish; they, however, gave any case brought before them careful attention, and the Charity altogether was worthy of great support.

Bro. G. F. LANCASTER, whose name was associated with the toast, in response, said it was exceedingly gratifying to him to find that his labours were so highly appreciated. He would at once read to them the result of that day's effort, as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Bro. Asher Barfield, Medina, 35 (personal contribution)	10	10	0
" T. Faulkner, Medina, 35	24	12	6
" J. Marks, Economy, 76	21	10	6
" R. Boughton Smith, Royal Gloucester, 130	10	10	0
" Sir W. D. King, Phoenix, 257	21	0	0
" T. W. Haydon, Harmony, 309	5	5	0
" W. H. Sperring, Royal Sussex, 342	19	13	6
" W. Jenvey, Peace and Harmony, 359	5	15	0
" G. J. Tilling, Southampton, 394	11	0	6
" W. H. Long, East Medina, 175	7	6	0
" A. Dashwood, Ryde, 698	10	15	0
" Dr. B.H. Mumby, United Brothers, 1069	10	10	0
" J. Laverty, United Service, 1428	5	5	0
" G. Aylward, Landport, 1776	40	0	0
" T. Walton, Albert Edward, 1780	11	11	0
" J. W. Gardener, Duke of Connaught, 1834	10	10	0
" G. Ward, William of Wykeham, 1883	8	19	0
" G. Backler, Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, 1903	20	2	6
" E. R. Fisher, Portsmouth Temperance, 2068	10	9	6
" G. F. Lancaster, Lodge of Hope, 2153	47	6	0
" Rev. F. Whyley, Shalden, 2016	6	16	6
" J. G. Harwood, Army and Navy, 1971	5	5	0
" G. F. W. Mortimer, Shirley, 1112	2	12	6
" F. Newman, Chine, 1884	7	7	0
" A. J. Brown, Clausentum, 1461	10	17	6
" A. Howell, Duke of Connaught, 1834	21	0	0
Total	£366	9	6

The announcement of this total was received with hearty applause. Bro. Lancaster went on to remark that the Committee had made it a maxim to make the Institution well known throughout the province, and had sent a vast amount of literature concerning it to the various lodges, but much of this, as he showed by a case in point, was not distributed to the brethren. They had to be careful not to interfere with or injure the central Charities in London. After the first festival three years ago, the Committee stated that they were in a position to begin work, and he informed the lodges of the fact, but no candidates came forward till nearly 18 months had elapsed, and that accounted for the small expenditure last year. This year it had increased, and each child of the seven now in their care was being looked after by a Sub-Committee of at least three brethren, who had to initial the bill for education before it was paid. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master had mentioned incidentally, and he should like to drive it home, as Bro. Eve had remarked they had not spent all their income, that every case brought before the Committee had been admitted to the benefits of the Institution.

Bro. G. F. W. MORTIMER proposed "The Stewards," to which Bros. R. BOUGHTON SMITH (upon whom the local arrangements for the day had fallen), J. MARKS, and Lieutenant COWD, R.N., responded.

A septett band, conducted by Mr. J. Norton Child, performed an excellent programme of music during dinner and between the speeches.

NOW READY.

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OCCURRENCES OF THE YEAR.

1ST DECEMBER, 1889, TO 30TH NOVEMBER, 1890.

DECEMBER—1889.

- 2.—H.R.H. Duke of Connaught presented with patent of Honorary Past G.M. of All Scottish Freemasonry in India at Masonic Hall, Bombay.
- 3.—Half-yearly Communication of the Mark Grand Lodge: £105 voted to the Portal Memorial Fund. Festival at Landport in aid of the Hants and Isle of Wight Masonic Educational Fund: Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M., in the chair: Proceeds £450.
- 4.—Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge: Grand Registrar's ruling *re* Resignation of Membership. Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania: Bro. Clifford P. McCalla re-elected Grand Master.
- 7.—General Committee Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.
- 9.—Masonic Musical Service in Manchester Cathedral in aid of the East Lancashire Systematic Educational Benevolent Institution. Foundation-stone of the New Masonic Hall of the Ashburton Lodge, No. 2189, laid by Bro. the Hon. R. M. W. Dawson, founder and first W.M. Annual Dinner of the City Masonic Club.
- 11.—Committee of Management Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Consecration by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sec., of the Borough of Greenwich Lodge, No. 2332: Bro. T. W. Boord, M.P., first W.M.
- 17.—Consecration by Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Prov. G.M. Herts, of the Ravenscroft Lodge, No. 2331, Barnet: Bro. J. Thom first W.M. Consecration by Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Scribe E., of the Mount Moriah Chapter, No. 34: Comp. A. Rixon, first M.E.Z. Annual Meeting at Derby of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Derbyshire.
- 18.—Board of Benevolence: 33 cases relieved with £782.
- 19.—Consecration by Bro. the Earl of Euston, President General Board, of the Scots Mark Lodge, No. 406: Bro. C. F. Matier first W.M.
- 27.—Bro. Thomas R. Patton, G. Treas., presents 25,000 dollars to Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania as a fund to relieve distressed brethren.

JANUARY—1890.

- 1.—Entertainment to the inmates of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at Croydon.
- 4.—General Committee Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.
- 7.—Annual Meeting at Shanghai of the District Grand Lodge of North China.
- 8.—Statue of Godefroi de Bouillon presented and unveiled in Lichfield Cathedral by the Prov. Prior of Staffordshire, &c. Committee of Management Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.
- 10.—Consecration by Bro. G. J. Ryan, District Grand Master Argentine Republic, of the Victoria Lodge, No. 2329, Buenos Ayres: Bro. the Rev. G. Lennox Robertson first W.M.
- 11.—Death of Bro. W. R. Pullen, East Medina Lodge, No. 175.
- 13.—Meeting at Christchurch of the District Grand Lodge of Canterbury (N.Z.).
- 14.—Annual Ball in Liverpool Town Hall in aid of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institute: proceeds, £355.
- 16.—Inauguration of the New Masonic Hall, Newtown, Montgomeryshire, for the Cedewain Lodge, No. 1594.
- 17.—Foundation-stone of the Airdrie Parish Church re-laid with Masonic ceremonial by Bro. A. Whitelaw, Depute Provincial Grand Master Middle Ward of Lanarkshire. Memorial-stone of St. Paul's Church, Stockton, N.S.W., laid by Bro. Rev. Dr. Camidge, Bishop of Bathurst, assisted by Lodge of Harmony, No. 15.
- 20.—Lecture by Bro. G. W. Speth on the Degrees of Ancient (pre-1717) Freemasonry at the Wakefield Masonic Literary Society.
- 22.—Board of Benevolence: 36 cases relieved with £775.
- 23.—Bazaar at Mirfield in aid of the Building Fund of Lodge No. 1102: proceeds, £300.
- 24.—Masonic Conversazione at Edinburgh by the Dramatic and Arts Lodge, No. 757. Consecration at Freemasons' Hall, Calcutta, of the Empress of India Conclave, No. 16, of the Order of the Secret Monitor.
- 27.—Quarterly Communication, Dungannon, of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Tyrone and Fermanagh.
- 29.—Adjourned Meeting of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Dedication by Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, Past Grand Warden, D.P.G.M. North and East Yorkshire, of the new Hall of the Wilberforce Lodge, No. 2134, Hull. Memorial-stone of the chancel of the Cathedral Church of SS. George and Michael, Grahamstown, laid by the Governor, assisted by the W.M. and members of the Albany Lodge, No. 389: offertory, £553.
- 29.—Special Communication of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria: Consideration of the Book of Constitutions.
- 30.—Bro. C. Hammerton installed D.P.G. Mark Master of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Middlesex and Surrey.
- 31.—Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys: agreed to raise a Pension Indemnity Fund of £2500, and to vote £255 to Bro. Rev. Dr. Morris.

FEBRUARY.

- 1.—Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls: Bro. J. A. Rucker, P.G.D., resigns membership of House Committee; scheme for decoration of Centenary Hall windows adopted. General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., invested D.P. G.M. of Sussex.
- 4.—Bro. W. Eugene Chapman installed W.M. Savage Club Lodge, No. 2190.

- 5.—Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter.
- 6.—Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.
- 7.—Visit of the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland and Countess of Zetland to the Female Orphan Schools, Dublin. Presentation by Lodge of Israel, No. 205, of a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Lord Mayor Sir H. A. Isaacs. Death of Bro. Edward Baldwin, M.A., P.J.G.W. England. General Committee of the West Lancashire Educational Institute.
- 8.—Inauguration of the Liverpool Masonic Literary Society.
- 11.—Bro. Lord Mayor Sir H. A. Isaacs installed W.M. Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127, at the Mansion House.
- 12.—Annual Meeting of the Cornwall Masonic Charity Association. Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.
- 14.—Meeting of the Dublin Masonic Glee Club under the presidency of the Duke of Abercorn, M.W.G.M. Centenary Celebration of St. John's Lodge, No. 175, Greenock.
- 15.—Ball by the Humber Lodge, No. 57, in aid of the Masonic Charities.
- 16.—Consecration by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Sec., of the Sir William Harpur Lodge, No. 2343: Bro. C. F. Prior, M.D., first W.M.
- 17.—Death of Bro. Col. Turner, P.M., P.P.G. Treas. West Lancashire.
- 18.—Consecration by Bro. E. Sayer, P.P.G.W. West Lancashire, of the Cycling and Athletic Lodge, No. 2335, Wavertree: Bro. R. Foote, P.P.G. Treas., first W.M.
- 19.—Board of Benevolence: 34 cases relieved with £920.
- 21.—Consecration by Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Scribe E., of the Fidelity Chapter, No. 269, Blackburn: Comp. T. Preston first M.E.Z.
- 22.—Lecture by Bro. G. W. Speth on the Degrees of Freemasonry before the Liverpool Masonic Literary Society. Consecration by Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, P.G.M. Durham, of the University Lodge, No. 2352, Durham: Bro. Rev. Canon Tristram first W.M.
- 25.—Death of Bro. Alderman Stone, P.J.G.W. England. Consecration by Bro. Sir C. B. Graves-Sawle, Bart., Prov. G.M.M. Cornwall, of the St. John the Baptist Mark Lodge, No. 402, Penzance: Bro. J. J. Ross first W.M.
- 26.—Concert at Omagh in aid of the Masonic Orphan Schools, Dublin. Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution: Bro. the Earl of Euston, Prov. G.M. Northants and Hunts (for Bro. Lord Mayor Sir H. A. Isaacs), in the chair: proceeds £13,840.
- 28.—Annual Festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement: Bro. T. Fenn, Pres. Board of General Purposes (for Bro. Lord Mayor Sir H. A. Isaacs), in the chair. Consecration by Comp. the Hon. T. W. Orde-Powlett, Prov. G.H. North and East Yorkshire, of the Wilberforce Chapter, No. 2134, Hull: Comp. T. Davis first M.E.Z.

MARCH.

- 1.—General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys: Head Master's and other Reports presented.
- 3.—Annual Assembly of the Grand Imperial Council of the Order of Rome and the Red Cross of Constantine.
- 5.—Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge: Bro. Augustus Harris elected Grand Treasurer. Gift by Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton of a portrait of himself to Grand Lodge. Quarterly Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland.
- 6.—Consecration by Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, Prov. G.M. East Lancashire, of the Lodge of Clemency, No. 2341, Oldham: Bro. C. V. Haworth first W.M.
- 7.—Farewell Banquet by District Grand Lodge to the Duke of Connaught, D.G.M., on leaving Bombay for England.
- 8.—Presentation by Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012, of a testimonial to Bro. George Gardner. Consecration by Bro. W. Goodacre, P.G.S.B., Prov. G. Sec. West Lancashire, of the Corinthian Lodge, No. 2350, Hindley: Bro. C. E. Baxter first W.M.
- 10.—Conversazione by Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel), No. 1, in aid of Scottish Masonic Fund of Benevolence. Consecration by Bro. the Earl of Jersey, Prov. G.M. Oxfordshire, of the Jersey Lodge, No. 2334, Bicester: Bro. Viscount Valentia first W.M.
- 12.—Committee of Management Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Consecration by Bro. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., of the Grafton Lodge, No. 2347: Bro. C. F. Matier first W.M. Consecration by Bro. Lord Brooke, M.P., P.G.M. Essex, of the Mistle Lodge, No. 2330, Manningtree: Bro. J. T. Bailey first W.M.
- 13.—Centenary Celebration of the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 259: Prince of Wales, W.M., in the chair.
- 16.—Death of Bro. the Rev. P. H. Ernest Brette, D.D., P.G.D. Consecration by Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg., D.P.G.M. Essex, of the Easterford Lodge, No. 2342, Kelvedon: Bro. the Rev. T. Lloyd, P.P.G.C. Staffordshire, first W.M.
- 17.—Bro. Sir W. J. Clarke, Bart., re-elected M.W.G.M. United Grand Lodge of Victoria.
- 19.—Board of Benevolence: 32 cases relieved with £650.
- 20.—Annual Meeting at Manchester of the Provincial Grand Chapter of East Lancashire.
- 21.—Annual Meeting of the Committee of the East Lancashire Systematic Educational Institution and the Provincial Grand Lodge Charity Committee.
- 25.—Adjourned Committee of Management Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution: Rules revised. Consecration by Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Scribe E., of the Old Concord Chapter, No. 172: Comp. C. T. Fleck first M.E.Z.
- 26.—Death of Bro. J. A. Rucker, P.G.D.

- 27.—Consecration by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., of the Warrant Officers' Lodge, No. 2346: Bro. M. A. McInerney first W.M.
- 28.—Consecration by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., of the Lombardian Lodge, No. 2348: Bro. S. J. Attenborough first W.M.
- 29.—Annual Dinner and Tea to the Poor of Margate by the Lodge of Union, No. 127.
- 31.—Consecration by Comp. Frank Richardson, G.D.C., of the Anglo-American Chapter, No. 2191: Comp. Adolphus Clark first M.E.Z.

APRIL.

- 2.—Centenary Celebration of the Lodge of Confidence, No. 193. Reception of the Duke of Connaught by the District Grand Lodge of Southern China.
- 5.—General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.
- 8.—Reception at Shanghai of the Duke of Connaught by the District Grand Lodge of Northern China.
- 9.—Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.
- 11.—Presentation of Portrait to Bro. Z. Milledge, P.M. All Souls Lodge, No. 170, Weymouth.
- 12.—Consecration by Bro. W. Goodacre, P.G.S.B., Prov. G. Sec. West Lancashire, of the Wigan Lodge, No. 2326, Wigan: Bro. H. E. M. Tomlinson, M.P., first W.M.
- 14.—Consecration by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., of the Duke of Fife Lodge, No. 2345: Bro. S. Cochrane first W.M.
- 16.—Annual Meeting at Sheffield of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire. Installation of Comp. Lieut.-General C. W. Randolph as Grand Superintendent of Sussex. Consecration by Bro. S. G. Sinclair, P.P.G.W., of the West Lancashire Century Lodge, No. 2349, Blackpool: Bro. E. H. Cookson first W.M.
- 17.—Annual Meeting at Bury of the Provincial Priory of Lancashire.
- 18.—Consecration by Bro. C. F. Matier, G. Sec., of the Eclectic Mark Lodge, No. 410: Bro. J. A. Gartley first W.M. Special Meeting of Convent General of the Order of the Temple.
- 21.—Consecration by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., of the Ermine Lodge, No. 2351, Lincoln: Bro. H. E. Cousins first W.M.
- 22.—Consecration by Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., P.G.M. Herts, of the Broxbourne Lodge, No. 2353, Broxbourne: Bro. E. C. Mulvey first W.M.
- 23.—Board of Benevolence: 37 cases relieved with £800. Consecration by Bro. F. E. Clarke, LL.D., M.D., Deputy P.G.M. North Connaught, of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 495, Mohill: Bro. R. Devenish first W.M.
- 25.—Quarterly General Court Royal Masonic Institution for Boys: 30 candidates elected from a list of 68.
- 26.—Quarterly General Court Royal Masonic Institution for Girls: 22 candidates elected from a list of 43: Bro. H. Smith, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. West Yorkshire, elected Treasurer.
- 28.—Meeting at Newcastle-on-Tyne of the Provincial Priory of Northumberland, Durham, and Berwick-on-Tweed. Death at Annan of Bro. John Jardine, aged 90 years, initiated in Lodge No. 238 (S.C.) in 1821.
- 29.—Annual Meeting at Helston of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Cornwall. Lecture by Bro. John Yarker before the Liverpool Masonic Literary Society on the "Historical Value of the Ancient Documents of the Craft."
- 30.—Grand Festival of United Grand Lodge. Consecration by Bro. Viscount Ebrington, M.P., P.G.M. Devon, of a New Masonic Hall at Ashburton.

MAY.

- 1.—Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. Presentation to Bro. G. Reynolds, P.M., by the brethren of the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614.
- 3.—Convocation at Leeds of the Provincial Grand Chapter of West Yorkshire. General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.
- 5.—Consecration by Bro. C. F. Matier, G. Sec., of the Hertford Mark Lodge, No. 408, Birmingham: Bro. the Marquis of Hertford first W.M.
- 6.—Annual Meeting at Stafford of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Staffordshire.
- 7.—Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter. Death of Bro. E. Dresser Rogers, P.M. 15. Lecture on "Masonic History and Symbolism" by Bro. J. L. Carson, S.W. 891, in the Town Hall, Enniskillen.
- 8.—Fourth Annual Dinner of the "Old Masonians."
- 9.—Annual Meeting of the Grand Priory of England, and Meeting of Convent General.
- 13.—Half-yearly Meeting of the Governors of the Masonic Boys' School, Dublin: 6 candidates elected from a list of 20. Convocation of the Supreme Council, 33°, A. and A. Rite.
- 14.—Special General Meeting of the Governors of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution: Revision of the Laws. Meeting of the Committee of Management. Annual Meeting at York of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge North and East Yorkshire.
- 16.—Annual Meeting of the Governors of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution: 19 men elected out of 65 candidates, and 11 widows out of 84 candidates.
- 20.—The 102nd Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls: Bro. Sir F. Burdett, P.G.M. Middlesex, in the chair: proceeds £11,010.
- 21.—Board of Benevolence: 25 cases relieved with £555. Annual Meeting at Burnley of the Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire. Annual Meeting at Middlesbrough of the Provincial Grand Chapter of North and East Yorkshire.
- 26.—Annual Meeting at Gloucester of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Gloucestershire; Divine Service in the Cathedral.

- 27.—Second Annual Festival at Hull of the North and East Yorkshire Masonic Educational Fund: Bro. J. W. Woodall, P.G. Treas., Chairman: proceeds £500. Meeting at Carnarvon of the Provincial Grand Chapter of North Wales: By-laws adopted.
- 28.—Installation at Exeter of Bro. the Hon. Sir Stafford Northcote, M.P., as Prov. Grand Mark Master of Devonshire.
- 30.—Half-yearly Meeting at Workington of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Cumberland and Westmorland. Consecration by Comp. G. J. McKay, Prov. G.S.E., of the Sun and Sector Chapter, No. 962, Workington: Comp. J. Paterson first M.E.Z. Annual Meeting of the District Grand Lodge of the Eastern Archipelago.

JUNE.

- 3.—Mark Grand Lodge meets for the first time in its New Hall, Great Queen-street.
- Annual Meeting at Cambridge of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of East Anglia.
- Annual Meeting at Salton Bridge of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Lincolnshire.
- 4.—Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge: Bro. Walkem, Grand Master of Canada, present. Distribution of Prizes in the Leinster Hall to the Pupils of the Masonic Orphan Schools, Dublin. Consecration by Bro. A. Keith of the Pretoria Celtic Lodge, No. 770 (S.C.): Bro. A. Newman first W.M.
- 7.—General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.
- 8.—Masonic Service in St. Giles's Cathedral, Edinburgh.
- 11.—Committee of Management Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.
- 14.—Annual Meeting at Enfield of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex.
- 18.—Board of Benevolence: 20 cases relieved with £600. Memorial-stone of Masonic and Public Institute at Buckie laid by Bro. J. Berry, Provincial Grand Master of Forfarshire.
- Grand Festival of the Order of the Secret Monitor.
- 19.—Consecration by Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, of the Cornish Lodge, No. 2369: Bro. Nicholas J. West first W.M.
- Priory of the Knights of Malta at Glasgow consecrated by Sir Knight Mackersy: Sir Knight E. Macbean first Preceptor.
- Meeting at Southwell of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Nottinghamshire: Consecration of St. Mary's Lodge, No. 2302, Bro. J. Townson first W.M.
- 21.—Consecration by Bro. W. Goodacre, P.G.S.B., Prov. Grand Sec. West Lancashire, of the Doric Lodge, No. 2359, Didsbury: Bro. G. S. Smith first W.M.
- Bro. Sir H. A. Isaacs, Lord Mayor of London, and Bros. Sir J. Monckton and Sheriff Harris affiliated members of Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel), No. 1.
- Annual Meeting, at Hampton Court, of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Middlesex.
- 23.—Presentation of Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter Clothing to Bro. W. F. Smithson, Junior Grand Deacon of England.
- 24.—Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex and Surrey.
- 25.—Consecration by Bro. J. D. Murray of the Royal Ark Mariners Lodge, No. 36, Barrow: Bro. W. H. G. Smith first W.M.
- Consecration by Bro. the Earl of Euston, Deputy Grand Mark Master, of the Grafton Mark Lodge, No. 415: Bro. Beveridge first W.C.N.
- 26.—Inauguration, at Hobart Town, of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania: Bro. the Rev. R. D. Powlett-Harris first M.W.G.M.
- 27.—Consecration by Bro. C. F. Matier, Grand Secretary, of the Bisley Mark Lodge, No. 407: Bro. the Rev. J. Cates first W.M.
- 28.—Death of Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro G.M., Prov. G.M. of Somersetshire.
- Consecration by Bro. C. F. Matier, Grand Secretary, of the St. Nicholas Mark Lodge, No. 413, Harwich: Bro. R. Clowes first W.M.

JULY.

- 1.—Distribution of Prizes at the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Wood Green.
- Special Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of North Connaught at Carrick-on-Shannon to welcome Bro. Surgeon Parke on his return from Africa.
- Annual Meeting, at Belvidere, of the Divisional Grand Conclave of Kent.
- 2.—The 92nd Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys: Bro. Lord G. Hamilton, M.P., S.G.W., Chairman: proceeds £9750.
- Presentation of Address and Grand Lodge Clothing to Bro. R. C. Sudlow, G. Std. Br.
- 3.—Annual Meeting at Leicester of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Leicestershire, Derbyshire, &c.
- Annual Meeting at Newport of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Monmouthshire.
- 7.—Consecration by Bro. E. H. Cookson, P.S.G.W. West Lancashire, of the Victoria Lodge, No. 2360, Southport: Bro. J. Kilby first W.M.
- 9.—Consecration by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., of the Bloomsbury Rifles Lodge, No. 2362: Bro. Chas. Scott first W.M.
- Annual Meeting at Malton of the Provincial Grand Lodge of North and East Yorkshire.
- 10.—Annual Meeting at Ashford of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent.
- 11.—Annual Meeting at Manchester of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Royal Order of Scotland for Lancashire and Cheshire.
- 12.—Election of Bro. J. M. McLeod as Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, vice Bro. F. Binckes, retired on a gratuity of £2500.
- 15.—Special Meeting of the Anglo-American Lodge, No. 2191, to welcome Bro. Vrooman, G.M. of New York.
- Special Meeting at Highbridge of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Somersetshire: Resolution of sympathy at death of the Earl of Carnarvon, P.G.M.
- 16.—Consecration by Bro. C. F. Matier, G. Sec., of the Remigius Royal Ark Mariners Lodge, No. 117, Lincoln: Bro. H. E. Cousins first W.C.N.
- Annual Meeting at Whitehaven of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Cumberland and Westmorland.

- 16.—Annual Meeting of the Grand Priory of Canada: Address by Frater Col. McLeod Moore, Supreme Grand Master.
- 17.—Bro. J. Ross Robertson elected Grand Master of Canada, province of Ontario.
- 18.—Consecration by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., of the Cricklewood Lodge, No. 2361: Bro. James Willing, jun., first W.M.
- Consecration by Bro. C. F. Matier, G. Sec., of the Ubique Mark Lodge, No. 411: Bro. Major J. T. Ritchie, R.A., first W.M.
- Annual Meeting at Bury St. Edmunds of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Suffolk.
- Annual Meeting at Abingdon of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Berks and Oxon.
- 21.—Consecration by Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Scribe E., of the Ubique Chapter, No. 1789: Comp. Major J. T. Ritchie first M.E.Z.
- 22.—Annual Meeting at Guildford of the Provincial Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Chapter of Surrey.
- Annual Meeting at Bridport of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Dorsetshire.
- 23.—Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund: Bro. the Earl of Euston, D.G.M., in the chair: proceeds £2354.
- Annual Meeting at Durham of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Durham.
- Board of Benevolence: 25 cases relieved with £515.
- 25.—Annual Meeting at Berkhamstead of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hertfordshire.
- Consecration by Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Scribe E., of the Covent Garden Chapter, No. 1614: Comp. S. Hewett first M.E.Z.
- Annual Meeting at Richmond of the Provincial Priory of Kent and Surrey.
- Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.
- 26.—Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.
- 28.—Annual Meeting at Ryde of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Hants and the Isle of Wight.
- 30.—Annual Meeting at Walton-on-Naze of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex.
- Death of Bro. W. H. Perryman, Past G.P.
- Consecration by Bro. H. C. Okeover, P.J.G.W. England, D.P.G.M. Derbyshire, of the Chantry Lodge, No. 2355, Dore: Bro. W. Boden first W.M.
- 31.—Annual Meeting at Weymouth of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Dorsetshire.

AUGUST.

- 1.—Death of Bro. Robert Collins, P.M. 320.
- 4.—Meeting at Melbourne of the United Grand Lodge of Victoria: Adoption of Book of Constitutions.
- 5.—Consecration by Bro. J. M. Shields, Past Dist. G.W. Bombay, of the Royal Connaught Lodge, No. 2377, Akmedagar: Bro. Surgeon Maunsell first W.M.
- 6.—Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter.
- Consecration by Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton, P.G.M. Cheshire, of the Alan Lodge, No. 2368, Alderley: Bro. the Hon. Alan de T. Egerton, M.P., first W.M.
- 7.—Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland: Union accepted with Lodge St. John of Melrose.
- 9.—Adjourned General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys: Bro. McLeod enters on his duties as Secretary.
- 20.—Board of Benevolence: 6 cases relieved with £125.
- 26.—Annual Meeting at Beaminster of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Dorsetshire.
- 31.—Leicestershire brethren attend Divineservice at Leicester to commemorate Centenary of St. John's Lodge, No. 279.

SEPTEMBER.

- 1.—Death of Bro. Col. McLeod Moore, Supreme Grand Master of the Knights Templar of Canada.
- 3.—Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge: Grand Lodge of Tasmania recognised, but recognition refused to Grand Lodge of New Zealand: Bro. C. P. McCalla, G.M. Pennsylvania, Bro. J. Ross Robertson, G.M. Canada, and Bro. Horner, Past G.M. Louisiana, present.
- 4.—Emergency Meeting of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, to receive Bros. McCalla, Ross Robertson, and Horner.
- 6.—General Committee of the R.M. Institution for Boys.
- 10.—The King-Harman Memorial Hall at Longford dedicated by Bro. the Marquis of Headfort, Prov. G.M. of Meath.
- Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.
- 11.—Funeral of Bro. the Earl of Rosslyn, Past G.M. of Scotland.
- Annual Meeting at Plymouth of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Devon.
- Annual Meeting at Cadoxton of the Provincial Grand Lodge of South Wales (Eastern Division): Consecration of the Barry Lodge, No. 2357: Bro. G. Thomas first W.M.
- 16.—Consecration at Deptford by Bro. the Rev. Thos. Robinson, M.A., Prov. G.M.M. of Kent, of the Royal Oak Mark Lodge, No. 416: Bro. J. J. Pakes first W.M.
- 17.—Annual Meeting at Stockport of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire.
- Board of Benevolence: 17 cases relieved with £360.
- Quarterly Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland.
- 21.—Annual Meeting at Glasgow of the Grand Encampment of the Order of the Temple, Scotland.
- 23.—Annual Meeting at Helston of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall.
- 24.—Annual Meeting at Cardiff of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of South Wales.
- 25.—Consecration by Bro. C. F. Matier of the St. Martin's Mark Lodge, No. 414, Alfreton: Bro. A. Schofield first W.M.
- Consecration by Bro. the Earl of Euston, Prov. G.M. Northants and Hunts, of the New Masonic Hall at Northampton.
- 26.—Annual Meeting at Penrith of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cumberland and Westmorland.
- 27.—Annual Meeting at Hull of the Provincial Priory of North and East Yorkshire.
- Foundation-stone of St. Peter's Cathedral, Adelaide, laid with Masonic Ceremonial by Bro. the Earl of Kintore, M.W.G.M. South Australia.

- 29.—Consecration by Bro. T. F. Halsey, Prov. G.M. Herts, of the James Terry Lodge, No. 2372, Cheshunt: Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., first W.M.
- Annual Meeting at Leamington of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire.
- Annual Meeting at Weston-super-Mare of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Somersetshire.
- 30.—Annual Meeting at Stockton of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham.

OCTOBER.

- 1.—Annual Meeting at Preston of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire.
- Concert at Ederney under the patronage of Bro. Sir John M. Stewart, Bart., P.G.M. Tyrone and Fermanagh, and Lodge No. 819, in aid of the Masonic Schools at Dublin.
- 4.—General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.
- Foundation-stone of a Masonic Hall, Moss Vale, New South Wales, laid by Bro. Lord Carrington, M.W.G.M. New South Wales.
- 8.—Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.
- Annual Meeting at Worcester of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire.
- 9.—Centenary Celebration of the Worcester Lodge, No. 280.
- Visit of Bro. Lord Mayor Sir H. A. Isaacs and the Lady Mayoress to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls at Battersea Rise.
- 14.—Annual Meeting at Lewes of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Sussex.
- 15.—Annual Meeting at Leicester of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Leicestershire and Rutland.
- Meeting at Halifax of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire.
- Adjourned General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.
- 18.—Consecration by Bro. Sir H. Lloyd, Q.C., D.P.G.M. Cheshire, of the Hildre Lodge, No. 2375, Hoylake: Bro. C. S. Dean first W.M.
- 20.—Annual Meeting at Oxford of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Oxfordshire.
- 21.—Annual Meeting at Durham of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Northumberland and Durham.
- 22.—Board of Benevolence: 37 cases relieved with £782.
- 23.—Installation by Bro. Sir A. C. Campbell, Bart., M.P., M.W.G.M. Scotland, of Bro. Sir H. MacAndrew as P.G.M. Invernesshire and Bro. Sir Hector Monro as P.G.M. Ross and Cromarty.
- 24.—Annual Meeting at Eastbourne of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex.
- Foundation-stone of the Approach Tower, Douglas, Isle of Man, laid with Masonic Ceremonial by Bro. the Earl of Lathom, Deputy G.M.
- 25.—Annual Meeting at Southampton of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Hants and the Isle of Wight.
- 27.—Annual Meeting at Dungannon of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Tyrone and Fermanagh.
- 28.—Annual Meeting at Yeovil of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Somersetshire.
- 29.—Annual Meeting at Sheffield of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of West Yorkshire.
- 30.—Annual Meeting at Stockport of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Cheshire.
- 31.—Funeral of Bro. the Rev. J. E. Cox, D.D., Past G. Chaplain.
- Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys: New Laws approved: 19 candidates elected from a list of 53.

NOVEMBER.

- 1.—Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls: 16 candidates elected from a list of 31.
- General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.
- 5.—Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter.
- 6.—Annual Meeting at Clevedon of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Somersetshire.
- Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.
- 7.—Meeting at Dewsbury of the Provincial Grand Chapter of West Yorkshire.
- 8.—Consecration by Comp. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Supt. Essex, of the Warner Chapter, No. 2156: Comp. W. Shurmur first M.E.Z.
- Consecration by Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp, D.P.G.M. Middlesex, of the Bushey Park Lodge, No. 2381, Hampton Court: Bro. W. H. Lee first W.M.
- 11.—Centenary Celebration of St. John's Lodge, No. 279, Leicester.
- 12.—Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.
- Lecture by Bro. R. F. Gould, P.G.D., at the Wakefield Masonic Literary Society.
- 13.—Meeting at Weston-super-Mare of the Provincial Priory of Somersetshire and Monmouthshire.
- Annual Meeting at Teignmouth of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Devonshire.
- 18.—Centenary Celebration of St. Paul's Lodge, No. 194.
- 19.—Board of Benevolence: 34 cases relieved with £925.
- Annual Meeting at Cambridge of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cambridgeshire.
- 20.—Consecration by Bro. Colonel F. R. Sewell, D.P.G. Mark Master of Cumberland and Westmorland, of the Collin Royal Ark Mariners Lodge, No. 151, Maryport: Bro. P. de E. Collin first W.C.N.
- 21.—Bazaar open at Aberdeen and on following day in aid of the Scottish Masonic Fund of Benevolence: proceeds over £1500.
- 24.—Consecration by Bro. Lord Brooke, M.P., P.G.M. Essex, of the William Shurmur Lodge, No. 2374, Chingford: Bro. W. Shurmur first W.M.
- 25.—Consecration at Hay by Bro. Marmaduke Tennant, D.P.G.M. South Wales (Eastern Division), of the Loyal Hay Lodge, No. 2382: Bro. John Tudor first W.M.
- 27.—Presentation by the Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1524, to Bro. W. H. Lee, P.P.G.D. Middlesex.
- 28.—Consecration by Comp. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., G.S. Hants and the Isle of Wight, of the St. Clair Chapter, No. 2072, Landport: Comp. W. H. C. St. Clair, R.N., first M.E.Z.

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To Correspondents.

A large number of lodge reports and other matter are again held over until next week. We do so with reluctance, but our Summary of the year and Chronology of Masonic Events, claim the first place in our columns in this the last issue for 1890, and we must therefore ask the indulgence of our readers until our next appearance.

The following communications unavoidably stand over:

CRAFT LODGES—
Palatine, No. 97.
Harmony, No. 133.
Manchester, No. 179.
South Saxon, No. 311.
Fidelity, No. 230.
Probity and Freedom, No. 367.
Menturia, No. 418.
Yarborough, No. 551.
Alexandra, No. 993.
Priory, No. 1000.
New Cross, No. 1559.
Queen's Westminster, No. 2021.
Gallery, No. 1928.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER—Pythagoras, No. 88.
Masonic Concert at Ballan.

BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"The Freemasons' Repository," "Masonic Constellation," "Freemasons' Journal," "Voice of Masonry," "Canadian Craftsman," and "Die Bauhütte."



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1890.

Masonic Notes.

Though this number of the *Freemason* is dated two days after Christmas, it will be in the hands of our readers before, or at latest, on the day itself, so that we are able to convey to our readers, through its medium, our sincerest and heartiest good wishes. We trust they may spend a Merry Christmastide and that the New Year will bring with it a substantial access of good fortune.

Quite recently we took exception to the statement that the Friendship Chapter, No. 257, Portsmouth, had worked the Mark Degree from the year of its constitution in 1769. We were not then prepared with data, but felt assured that had such a claim been well based Bro. Hughan would have acknowledged it in his valuable work on "The Origin of the English Rite of Freemasonry." Now, however, that indefatigable Masonic student has written a racy sketch of the centenary chapter at Portsmouth, which is one of the chief articles in the present Christmas *Freemason*, and from it we gather that the earliest dated marks in the records are of the year 1787. So far, then, Durham has the oldest Mark records of the year 1773, but Bro. Hughan gives an extraordinary number of curious particulars in his history of No. 257, and considers its Mark Book is quite a *sin generis* of its kind.

Bro. J. Derby Allcroft, Past Grand Treasurer, having resigned the Treasurership of Christ's Hospital, an office he has held for 18 years with so much benefit to that ancient institution, the members of the official and educational staff, both London and from Hertford, assembled in great force in the Court Room on the 18th inst., for the purpose of expressing their regret at his retirement, and presenting him with an address in the handwriting of one of the master's of the writing school, conveying to him the sorrow they felt at his resignation of an office which he had so faithfully administered for so many years. Bro. the Rev. R. Lee, M.A., was the spokesman, and Bro. Allcroft returned thanks in grateful and appropriate terms for the compliment thus paid him, and expressed his earnest hopes for the prosperity of the school under the new system which had been sanctioned by the Charity Commissioners, and had since become law.

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Exception has been taken to sundry of our answers to correspondents last week. It is pointed out in the first instance that as regards honorary members they must be subscribing members of some lodge, or they cannot even enjoy the privilege of attending the meetings of the lodge which has conferred upon them honorary membership. This is so, and it is possible our remarks were too general in their character; but the question did not arise in the case we were considering as the brother was spoken of as being a member of other lodges, but only an honorary member of the one specified by our correspondent.

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In a second case, it is pointed out that the stress we laid on the necessity for a W.M. serving the full term of 12 months in order to become qualified to rank as a P.M. was uncalled for, as no such restriction exists. Indeed, as it is pointed out in the case of the election of a new W.M. being non-confirmed and a new one thus rendered necessary, the W.M. elected on the second ballot would not have a full 12 months to serve, and yet would rank, on vacating the chair, as P.M. This also, we allow, but as the question was presented to us, it seemed as if our correspondent was of opinion that a W.M. who had served only two or three months and then left the country or the neighbourhood of his own choice would rank as P.M. In our opinion a W.M. who deliberately deserts his post and leaves it to be administered by someone else cannot be said to have served his full term, whether of 12 months full or only for the period till the date fixed by the lodge by-laws for the next election.

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As regards our opinion that it is in the power of a W.M. to resign and remain a member of his lodge, we admit that the obligation, which we had not lost sight of, is against us, but we are not inclined—at all events, until we have given the question further consideration—to forego our opinion that, in the absence of any law to the contrary, a W.M. may, without violation of his obligation, resign his post on the ground of health or other sufficient cause, in which case Article 141 would come into operation.

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On Thursday, the 18th inst., the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Isle of Man was held at Douglas. Bro. Major Taubman, Speaker of the House of Keys and Provincial Grand Master, presided, and there was a large attendance from all parts of the Island. The report of the P.G. Secretary showed that since its formation four years ago, the province had steadily grown, and was now in a flourishing condition, with a large Charity Fund. Bro. Nesbitt was invested Deputy Prov. Grand Master. Several other changes were made in the list of officers. Afterwards the brethren dined at the Castle Mona Hotel under the presidency of Bro. Nesbitt, who announced that following on the recent visit of the Earl of Lathom, Deputy Grand Master of England, it was more than probable his lordship and other Grand Officers would re-visit the island shortly. We hope to give a full report in our next.

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A "Nova Scotia" veteran. Of date December, 11th 1890, Bro. Dr. Jno. H. Graham, of Richmond, Quebec, writes us, on the authority of Bro. the Hon. Wm. Ross, G. Sec. of Nova Scotia, that Bro. Samuel Chipman, now living, was made a Master Mason in Virgin Lodge, No. 2, city of Halifax, on December 23rd, 1813; that, as per his diploma, he was registered in the books of the "Provincial" Grand Lodge on February 14th, 1814, and that he celebrated his centennial birthday on October 18th, 1890. Does Bro. Chipman head the list of living Masonic veterans?



Craft Masonry.

Lodge of Progress (No. 1768).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, on the 26th ult. Bro. Dr. Alfred E. Barrett was Master elect. The duties of Installing Master were ably performed by Bro. J. W. Gaze, and Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., accentuated the beauty of the ritual by his perfect enunciation and impressive delivery in acting as Chaplain for the occasion. After the installation, the W.M. invested Bro. Gaze as I.P.M., and in affixing a Past Master's jewel, unanimously voted by the lodge, in recognition of his past services, wished him many years to enjoy his *otium cum dignitate*. He then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows: Bros. E. T. Smith, S.W.; G. W. Bullen, J.W.; Legg, P.M., Treas.; A. W. Dawson, Sec. (in whose absence Bro. Dorset, P.M., was invested in his stead); Temple C. Martin, S.D.; J. P. Houghton, J.D.; E. Almack, I.G.; the Rev. N. Bromley, Stwd.; G. C. Harpourt, Org.; and J. Freeman, Tyler.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern for the banquet.

The usual toasts having been duly honoured, the W.M. proposed "The Emulation Lodge of Improvement," coupling with it the name of Bro. R. C. Sudlow, G.S.B., reminding the brethren of the fear and trembling produced by that well-known and talented Preceptor's eye when in lodge, also to the happy results of the discipline he enforced.

Bro. Sudlow and the genial Secretary, Bro. G. W. Kentish, P.M., responded.

In replying to the toast of "The Grand Officers," Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., made a most eloquent and effective speech.

The piano was presided over by Bro. Russell Lochner, and Bro. Harpourt discoursed sweet music on the violin. Bros. Tyson, Kentish, Bullen, and Master T. Pembroke added to the harmony by their vocal powers.

The Worshipful Master was congratulated on having throughout a most successful evening to inaugurate his year of office.

St. Ambrose Lodge (No. 1891).—This lodge, on completing its tenth year, held the installation meeting, by dispensation, at St. James's Hall, Piccadilly, on Monday, the 8th inst., St. Ambrose Day (the 7th falling on Sunday).

The lodge having been opened, the minutes were read and confirmed, and the other business on the summons being disposed of with the characteristic ability of the retiring W.M., Bro. P. P. Perry, the ceremony of installation was proceeded with, and Bro. Buxton, S.W., was installed in the chair of K.S. The charges were impressively given by Bro. Dr. F. E. Pocock, P.M., following which the newly-installed Master invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. C. Conway, S.W.; J. H. F. Taylor, J.W.; P. P. Perry, P.M., Treas.; Thos. Holland, P.M., Sec.; Chas. Roe, S.D.; John Cooper, J.D.; Hedley Carus, Organist; E. F. Edwardes, I.G.; F. Rogers, A.D.C.; Jones and H. W. Harris, Stwds.; Potter, Tyler. Discussion respecting the notice of motion on the summons, and the removal (by compulsion) from their accustomed place of meeting at Baron's Court, was adjourned, and lodge closed.

The brethren then retired to the banqueting hall, where a most sumptuous repast was provided by Bro. Dartnell, the present manager of St. James's Hall. The cuisine was all that could be anticipated by the most fastidious of assemblages.

The usual toasts were given by the W.M. with complimentary ease and grace, and the brethren, by their warm response to the toast of "The Manager," gave conclusive evidence of their appreciation of the menu put before them.

The goodly array of visitors, most of whom by invite of the installed W.M., gave testimony to the excellent reception and good stewardship of the executive belonging to the St. Ambrose Lodge.

Old Westminsters' Lodge (No. 2233).—The installation meeting of this successful lodge was held at the Café Royal, Regent-street, on Tuesday, the 16th inst. The members present included Bros. Thomas Wakley, W.M.; R. J. Mure, I.P.M.; H. H. Hyde Clarke, S.W., W.M. elect; C. M. Barker, J.W.; E. M. Tomlinson, Chap.; Malcolm O. Sim, Treas.; Hugh D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal, Sec.; F. J. Pearse, S.D.; T. Tomlinson, D.C.; W. Hicks, I.G.; W. A. Ellis, Org.; Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; H. Sutherland, P.G. Stwd.; W. E. M. Tomlinson, M.P., P.M.; C. W. Stephenson, E. F. Kelly, J. R. Reid, Walter Tomlinson, and others. Visitors: Bros. Lord Euston, Prov. G.M. Norths and Hunts; Capt. H. E. Rawson, 3 (Nova Scotia); Dr. J. E. Burton, P.M. 1395; W. F. Woods, P.M.; S. Osborn, J.W. 1035; Alfred J. Barley, 1704; Howard H. Room, Prov. G. Sec. Middx.; Dr. S. Lloyd, P.M. 1201; Rowland Plumble, P.G. Stwd.; W. G. Kentish, P.M. 1295; Dr. J. Curnow, P.M. 2033; E. Swain, 803; F. Seager Hunt, M.P., P.M. 2030; J. H. Parker Wilson, P.M. 259; L. G. Gordon Robbins, P.M. 10; S. Rees Phillips, P.M.; and W. W. Lee, S.W. 2381.

Lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. R. J. Mure, I.P.M., then assumed the chair, and impressively initiated Mr. John Ramsay Reid into Freemasonry. Bro. H. H. Hyde Clarke was next presented as W.M. elect, and installed in a very able and efficient manner by Bro. Thomas Wakley, the retiring Master. The following officers were appointed: Bros. E. M. Barker, S.W.; Frank J. Pearse, P.M., J.W.; E. M. Tomlinson, Chap.; Malcolm O. Sim, P.M., Treas.; Hugh D. Sandeman, Sec.; Manisty, S.D.; Hicks, J.D.; Walter Tomlinson, D.C.; Thomas Tomlinson, I.G.; H. Sutherland, Stwd.; Ellis, Org.; and Culverhouse, Tyler. The addresses having been rendered by Bro. Wakley, I.P.M., he was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel by the W.M. in recognition of the ability with which he had discharged his duties during the past year. The gift was appropriately acknowledged by Bro. Wakley, I.P.M. The resignation of Bro. Rev. W. K. R.

Bedford, P.G. Chap., was received with sincere regret. Bros. T. Bucknall, Q.C., and Capt. H. Rawson were proposed as joining members, and Mr. Liberty as an initiate.

All business having been transacted the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

Previous to proceeding with the usual toast list, Bro. H. Hyde Clarke, W.M., said the members regarded themselves as Old Westminsters', and always endeavoured to identify themselves with the school. It had been usual, since the foundation of the lodge, to drink the Old Westminster toast—"Floreat"—and it occurred to him that they could not better show and express their connection with the school than by drinking the toast in the cups which they saw before them. He questioned if those cups had ever before been absent from the school. The principle one was the celebrated Warren Hastings Cup, presented by a number of Old Westminsters serving in India during the Governor-Generalship of Warren Hastings, and the others were cups presented to be rowed for by the Queen's scholars and town boys. He had much pleasure in giving them the Old Westminster toast, "Floreat."

The loving cup having passed round, "The Queen and the Craft" and "The Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," were heartily given.

Bro. the Earl of Euston, Prov. G.M. Norths and Hunts, in response to the toast of "The Deputy Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," tendered his hearty thanks for the kind way in which it had been proposed, and for the hearty reception given it. Many kind things had been said of them respecting the large amount of work they had to do, but he thought Colonel Clerke had really worked very hard, as also had Bro. Sandeman, in the high Degrees of Freemasonry. He did not think the other Grand Officers had such hard work to do, but such work as there was, was a labour of love and pleasure to be of assistance to the Craft in general in any shape or form. In a lodge such as the Old Westminsters', he could say that he was certain that the same love and fraternity pervaded the public schools as they did Freemasonry, and he was sure that old public school boys would sooner join such a lodge. He congratulated the W.M. on attaining the position, and also on the able manner in which he had been installed. The lodge had a W.M. who would do it credit, and the officers should do their best to back him up, for in their case success would follow in the future.

Bro. T. Wakley, I.P.M., in proposing "The W.M.," said he wished he could do full justice to the toast, although in some measure he ought on account of his long and intimate acquaintance with Bro. Hyde Clarke. From those days when they first met at the old school to the present time, they had seen each other constantly and had always been good friends. The members were all well acquainted with the services the W.M. had rendered to the lodge, and at its formation, when difficulties seemed insuperable, his tact and judgment and great perseverance and hard work were beyond praise. The W.M. now reaped his reward, not only by occupying the chair, but by occupying it under circumstances somewhat different from the Past Masters. The brethren who preceded Bro. Hyde Clarke in the chair had all been Past Masters and were installed for the second time, but the present W.M. had the high honour of being the first installed Master of the lodge who had not previously passed the chair. They were all convinced that under the W.M.'s mastership they would have a happy and prosperous year, and there was evidence of plenty of work during that time. He would say no more, but venture to prophecy that the W.M. would prove in the words of the song they had just heard, their "Heart's delight."

Bro. H. H. Hyde Clarke, W.M., said they must all feel, and more especially those who had been through the chair, that it was a difficult thing to respond to the toast of one's health for the first time after the installation, and the difficulty was increased that evening on account of the kindly manner in which it had been proposed by his dear friend and schoolfellow, the I.P.M. Bro. Wakley had made one very true remark, and that was that he (the W.M.) would most undoubtedly do his best to do credit to the great honour done him by placing him in the chair. Although that was not his mother lodge, it was one that he took the greatest interest in, as he did in everything connected with Masonry. He was afraid he was not very distinguished at old Westminsters, but he had one redeeming point, which was that he had been of some assistance in establishing that lodge, and he hoped that fact would redeem some of his past delinquencies. That lodge was established for the purpose of cementing friendship formed at school, and he hoped it would have the desired effect, and that the longer it lived it would add to that branch of its usefulness. He knew their lodge would always be ready to assist the school in any undertaking, either as a lodge or by the members individually. He would devote his heart and soul to the best interests of the lodge, and relied upon the consideration and kindness of the members to overlook any fault on his part.

Bro. F. Seager Hunt, M.P., P.M. 2030, on behalf of "The Visitors," returned thanks for their hospitable reception, and said he felt almost ashamed to respond to the toast, being an Old Westminster, although not a member of the lodge. The pleasure of the visitors had been considerably increased by the fact that they were present to witness the labour of the evening, and he could say, as an old Mason, that he had never before seen the work so well done, and the ritual of the Craft must have deeply impressed the initiate, on account of the ability with which it was rendered. He thanked the members for allowing them to come there at the commencement of a new year of office, and they tendered their heartfelt wishes to the W.M. that his year might be one of happiness and prosperity, and that the lodge might not only grow in numbers, but also maintain the traditions of the Craft in general, and of the old school with which it was so closely connected.

Bros. Onslow and Woods also replied, after which "The Initiate" was given in cordial terms from the chair, and appropriately acknowledged by Bro. Reid.

The W.M. next gave "The Past Masters," and said they numbered but three, namely, Bros. Tomlinson, M.P., Mure, and Wakley, I.P.M., who were all present. They had all rendered good service to the lodge, and were well known as having also rendered good service to the old school. Bro. Tomlinson had a very difficult task before him, having been the first Worshipful Master, but he had a very successful year, and Bro. Mure was also very successful, and performed the ritual in a manner reflecting the highest credit on Freemasonry and their lodge. They owed a great deal to Bro. Wakley, I.P.M., with whom he was

associated in the formation of the lodge, for the I.P.M. was a very hard-working brother, and it was a marvel how he found time to advance the interests of the lodge as he did.

Bro. T. Wakley, I.P.M., in the course of his reply, said he had only tried to do what he could for the lodge, in which he took the greatest interest, knowing it would prove a great success if started well. He wished to ask the members to forgive him if, during the past year, he had seemed to rule the lodge too firmly, but he felt so strongly that everything depended upon the officers, that perhaps he had been a little severe on them, but he had only done what he thought best for the lodge. He wished to thank them for presenting him with the Past Master's jewel, which would always be one of his most cherished possessions, and would serve to remind him of his old school and school fellows, and of a happy year of office as Master of the lodge. The brethren all recognised that the other Past Masters had done good work for the lodge, and would always do the same in the future. He thanked them all for so cordially supporting him during his term as W.M., and hoped the coming year would be a happy and prosperous one.

"The Officers" having been given, and responded to by Bro. Barker, S.W., the proceedings, which were of a very pleasant nature throughout, terminated with the Tyler's toast.

Bro. Ellis, Org., rendered valuable service during the evening, and was cordially supported in the musical arrangements by several brethren.

Amongst the apologies for non-attendance was one from Bro. Hyde Clarke, an honorary member of the lodge, who was unable to attend on account of indisposition.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BATTLE.

Abbey Lodge (No. 1184).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 18th inst., at the Masonic Hall, when the following were present: Bros. W. A. Raper, W.M.; J. B. Foster, S.W.; J. W. Pepper, J.W.; the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, D.D., P.M., P.G.C., G. Chap., Chap.; H. G. F. Wells, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; R. Hughes, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; D. White, S.D.; T. W. Avis, J.D.; W. T. Jordan, P.M., D.C.; F. W. Hotham, I.G.; J. Fielding, Org.; W. J. Newman, Tyler; W. Lamborn, P.M., P.P.G.P.; B. H. Thorpe, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; W. C. Till, C. Martin, W. E. Skinner, F. G. Ticehurst, J. Chance, G. Smith, J. Hodson, L. F. St. John, and others.

The lodge having been opened, a ballot was taken for Mr. F. E. Townner, and he, being elected, was initiated, the ceremony being very ably performed by the W.M., with the exception of the charge, which was very satisfactorily given by the S.W. Bro. Currie, G.C., gave a very interesting account of the installation of H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence and Avondale at Reading. All business being ended, the lodge was closed.

CROYDON.

George Price Lodge (No. 2096).—This lodge held its first regular winter meeting at the Greyhound Hotel on Saturday, the 13th inst., when there were present Bros. W. G. Goode, W.M.; J. C. Leaver, J.W.; H. M. Hobbs, P.M., Treas.; J. D. Langton, P.M., Sec.; E. C. Leaver, I.G.; D. J. Wayte, Stwd.; F. Cambridge, I.P.M.; J. S. Fraser, P.M.; F. T. Ridpath, P.M.; J. Jones, N. C. Crew, A. Broad, W. D. Hayward, and E. Ballard. Visitors: Bros. W. J. Day, Sec. 1790; A. J. Fuller, 1790; and H. M. Leslie, 187.

After the minutes had been confirmed, Bro. J. D. Langton, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., was invested as Secretary of the lodge, he having been unavoidably absent from the installation meeting. Mr. Edward Ballard was initiated into Freemasonry, and after other business Bro. H. M. Hobbs, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Treas., gave notice of motion to change the day of meeting from the second to the first Saturday in the month, and another notice of motion for the revision of the by-laws.

After the lodge had been closed, the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

At the conclusion of the dinner the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured.

"The P.G.M. in charge, Bro. F. West, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," was the next toast, and in proposing it the W.M. regretted the absence of Bro. West.

The toast was responded to by Bro. F. T. Ridpath, P.M., P.G.D.

Bro. Cambridge, I.P.M., then gave "The Health of the W.M.," which Bro. Goode suitably acknowledged.

The toast of "The Past Masters" having been given, and replied to by Bro. Cambridge, I.P.M.,

The Worshipful Master gave "The Health of the Initiate, Bro. Ballard," whom he stated had been known to him for several years, and, from the personal knowledge he had of him, he was sure that he would be a great acquisition to the lodge.

Bro. Ballard, in replying, expressed his pleasure at being present, and stated that having joined Masonry, it would be his endeavour to become proficient in his Masonic duties.

The toast of "The Visitors" was given, and Bros. Day, P.M. and Sec. 1790; Leslie, and Fuller responded, and all congratulated the W.M. and officers on the admirable way in which the work of the lodge was performed.

The Worshipful Master then gave the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," which was responded to by Bros. Hobbs and Langton.

"The Officers" toast having been given, that of the Tyler brought the evening to a close.

During the toasts, songs were given by Bro. Ridpath, a pianoforte solo by Bro. Crew, and recitations by Bros. Fuller and Day. Bro. Cambridge, P.P.G. Org., acted as accompanist.

HANLEY.

Menturia Lodge (No. 418).—On the 16th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Bro. W. Hampton was installed W.M. of this lodge for the ensuing year in the presence of about 90 brethren. The ceremony was performed by Bro. J. Robinson, the retiring W.M., assisted by Bros. W. H. Hales, P.P.S.G.W.; J. B. Piercy, P.P.S.G.W.; T. Bickley, P.P.J.G.W.; and Dr. J. S. Crapper, P.P.A. G.D.C. The following were appointed the officers for the year: Bros. E. B. Devereux, S.W.; J. Barlow, J.W.; Rev. F. E. Waters, Chaplain; W. H. Hales, Treas.; D.

Jones, Sec.; Edmund Jones, S.D.J.; J. T. Howson, J.D.; W. Tunnicliff, P.G.S. of W., D.C.; C. F. Baker, Org.; J. Allerton, I.G.; T. C. Stanley and S. Salt, Stewards; and W. Wood, Tyler.

Amongst those present at the lodge or the banquet, besides the brethren above-mentioned, were Bros. J. Bromley, P.P.S.G.W.; J. M. McLeod, 884, P.P.S.G.W. Derbyshire, Sec. R.M.I.B.; R. Tooth, 637, P.P.G.R.; T. Ashworth, P.P.G.R.; F. Brandon, P.P.G.R.; F. Mountford, 460, P.P.S.G.D.; G. Pitchford, P.P.J.G.D.; E. V. Greatbach, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Ingamells, 460, P.P.J.G.D. J. P. Hall, 456, P.P.G.D.C.; G. T. Clayton, P.P.A.G.D.C. Surrey; Rev. E. D. Boothman, P.P.G.C.; J. Stringer, P.P.G.P.; F. Weston, 98, P.P.G.S.B.; W. T. McNeale, 1942, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Charlesworth, P.P.G.S.; J. Godwin, 98, P.P.G.S.; W. H. Howson, W.M. 2064; J. Beardmore, P.M.; E. Hallam, W.M. 1942; Thomas Barker, P.M. 1942; Vincent Litchfield, W.M. 1914; A. Parker, P.M. 456; G. H. Tortoisell, W.M. 456; W. H. Bamber, W.M. 637; H. Bonsor, W.M. 460; and others.

After the lodge had been closed, the brethren adjourned to the Town Hall, where the customary installation banquet was provided by Bro. J. Munro.

The Worshipful Master presided, and after dinner proposed "The Queen" and the other toasts which head the list at Masonic festivals.

Bros. J. Charlesworth and Tunnicliff responded on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. Bromley proposed the toast of "The Masonic Charities," observing that they all felt pleasure in seeing amongst them Bro. McLeod, the Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and had confidence that the Institution would be well administered.

Bro. McLeod, in responding, thanked the Province of Staffordshire, and especially the brethren of the Menturia Lodge, for the support which they had given him in the election of Secretary for the Masonic Institution for Boys. With respect to the Charities, Staffordshire had always stood out prominently in the amount of contributions, and he trusted would ever continue to support them. The three principal Masonic Charities were all deserving of support. As to the Boys' School, he observed that there had been a cloud hanging over it for some time, but that cloud had been removed, and he appealed to them to support the Boys' School. He also asked, on behalf of himself, that he should have their confidence. There was now a new Board of Management, which consisted of provincial as well as London members, and he had no doubt whatever that they would bring about an improved state of things in relation to the Schools. Under the present management, while the School was being conducted efficiently, the working expenses had been reduced to the extent of about £10 a head per annum.

Bro. Greatbach proposed "The Visiting Brethren," on whose behalf Bros. Bonsor, R. Tooth, Charles Adams, and W. H. Howson responded.

During the evening vocal music was contributed by several of the brethren, and the proceedings were of an enjoyable character.

PLYMOUTH.

Charity Lodge (No. 223).—The members of the above lodge held their annual meeting on the 16th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. There was a large attendance of brethren, including 41 Past Masters. There were two candidates initiated and three brethren passed. The W.M. elect, Bro. G. Payne, was installed. Bros. W. Stenlake, P. H. Bridgman, and W. Hannaford were the Installing Officers, assisted by Bro. the Rev. Dr. Lemon, 189, P.P. J.G.W., P.P.G.C. The Board of Installed Masters also included Bros. R. Blight, J. A. Lavers, S. Jew, 105, P.P.G. Treas.; W. Powell, P.G.T.; H. E. Sitters, A. Trout, 1205; E. Aitken-Davies, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. J. Stanbury, P.P.G.D.C.; S. Panter, G. Vanstone, 1099; H. J. Kitt, P.A.G.P.; S. Edgumbe, 105; B. S. Johns, P.G.S.B.; R. Salmon, 159; R. Pike, 230, P.P.G. Org.; J. Gidley, 2025, P.G. Stwd.; F. R. Thomas, 189; W. T. Hocking, 70; B. Elliott, 1247; J. Wallis and W. Henry Crimp, 1255; J. Harvey and J. T. Rook, 1847; and A. C. Titherley, 1550. The officers invested were Bros. J. A. Lavers, I.P.M.; H. Rogers, S.W.; I. A. Court, J.W.; Rev. Dr. Lemon, Chap.; F. A. Goodyear, Treas.; W. Hannaford, Sec.; C. B. Gale, S.D.; R. Hannaford, J.D.; S. W. Sanders, D.C.; W. Biscoombe, A.D.C.; C. H. Tozer, Org.; C. H. Soper, Musical Director; S. Yeomans, I.G.; J. S. Hannaford, H. Membrey, W. J. Hoare, and W. F. Hodges, Stwds; and W. H. Phillips, Tyler. Bro. R. Blight was elected the Charity Steward, and Bro. W. Browning the representative at the Committee of Petitions. A Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. J. A. Lavers, the I.P.M., and the annual banquet was appointed to be held at the Freemasons' Hall on Tuesday, the 13th prox. Bro. W. Browning, Secretary of the lodge for 23 years, wrote resigning that office. Ten guineas were voted for a testimonial in recognition of his long and very valuable services.

URMSTON.

Urmston Lodge (No. 1730).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Victoria Hotel, on Monday, the 8th inst. The following were present: Bros. G. A. Myers, W.M.; J. Bowers, S.W.; R. Swindells, J.W.; E. L. Littler, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; J. H. Marsh, Sec.; H. H. Smith, S.D.; W. H. Jolliffe, J.D.; F. Stretch, D.C.; J. Walton, jun., I.G.; G. R. Lloyd, I.P.M.; J. Slyman, P.M., P.P.G.D.; R. Heaton, P.M.; J. Walton, P.M.; W. Bowers, M. Jones, G. G. Mends, R. W. Fowler, J. Artinstall, W. A. B. Wheeler, J. Plowman, and E. Gittins. Visitors: Bros. J. Sharples, 2359; J. P. Johnson, 1774; A. W. Pemberton, 1030; W. Smith, 1814; E. Armstrong, 363; T. D. Ballard; J. Callender, 1052; Wm. Garner, 1345; N. F. Clegg, 1345; N. H. Hammond, 2231; C. Heywood, 1387; and James Hopwood.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. G. A. Myers, and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for four gentlemen, which proved favourable. The ceremony was performed respectively by Bros. G. R. Lloyd, P.M.; J. Slyman, P.P. G.D.; and the W.M. Bro. J. Bowers, S.W., presented the working tools, and Bro. R. Swindells, J.W., delivered the charge. Bro. J. Bowers, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. E. L. Littler, P.M., P.P.G.P., was elected Treasurer. Other important business having been transacted, the lodge was closed.

WESTBURY.

White Horse Lodge (No. 2227).—The installation meeting of the above lodge took place on the 11th inst., when Bro. Thomas Reeves, P.M. 1478, P.P. J.G.D., was installed W.M. The ceremony was performed by Bro. J. M. McLeod, P.S.G.W. Derby, and Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The visitors present were Bros. T. S. Hill, P.M. 632, P.P.S.G.W.; F. Self, S.W. 632; W. H. Stanley, 632; E. S. Mackrell, W.M. 1478, P.P.G.O.; C. Price, P.M. 1478; E. Lewis, S.W. 1478; and J. Ponting, P.M. 1478, P.P.G. Reg. After the ceremony, which was most impressively rendered by the Installing Master, the brethren retired to the Lopes Arms Hotel to a banquet, where a very pleasant evening was spent.

The usual Masonic toasts having been given and received, the Secretary for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Bro. McLeod, gave a very interesting account of the working of the different Charities, for which he was most cordially and enthusiastically thanked.

YORK.

York Lodge (No. 236).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, on Monday, the 15th inst., the W.M., Bro. C. M. Forbes, presiding. There were the following officers present: Bros. T. S. Brogden, S.W.; E. W. Purnell, J.W.; Very Rev. A. P. Purey-Cust, Dean of York, Chap.; J. Todd, P.M., Treas.; H. Foster, Sec.; J. B. Sampson, S.D.; E. Carter, J.D.; Arthur Sample, P.P.G.O.; M. Bryson, I.G.; C. Linlay, D.C.; T. Archey and M. Laughton, Stwds.; and T. Hall, Tyler. Also Bros. J. Sykes Rymer, P.M.; G. Garbutt, P.M.; J. A. Barstow, P.M.; A. Buckle, P.M.; G. Kirby, W. Draper, P.M.; Geo. C. Lee, P.M.; H. Yorke, P.M.; D. Lockwood, C. Anderson, F. Sidney Gramshaw, G. H. Holmes, Thos. Smith, W. A. Rudgard, A. Proctor, E. Ehbricht, P.P.G. Stwd.; J. K. Turner, A. F. King, P.S.G.W.; and Wm. Stimpson. The visitors included Bros. Charles Waistell, W.M. 1337, P.P.G.R.; W. H. Cowper, P.M., P.P.G.R.; John Blenkin, P.M. 1611; John Earle Wilkinson, W.M. 1991; G. K. Hitchcock, 626; Geo. Manton, J.W. 1991; George Lamb, W.M. 1611; E. Simpson, S.D. 1221; Jas. McGee, Stwd. 1991; and T. W. Leach, 1991.

The lodge having been opened, and some routine business transacted, the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Thos. S. Brogden, S.W., was proceeded with, the ceremony being efficiently conducted by Bro. Jos. Todd, P.M., P.P. S.G.W., Treasurer. The W.M. elect appointed his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. C. M. Forbes, I.P.M.; E. W. Purnell, S.W.; J. B. Sampson, J.W.; Very Rev. A. P. Purey-Cust, D.D., Dean of York, P.G. Chap. of England, P.S.G.W.; Chaplain; J. Todd, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; H. Foster, Sec.; C. Carter, S.D.; M. Bryson, J.D.; C. Linlay, I.G.; A. Sample, P.P.G.O., Org.; S. F. Gramshaw, D.C.; T. Archey, and F. W. Laughton, Stwds.; and J. Hall, Tyler.

The brethren subsequently sat down to a banquet on the lodge premises, well served by Bro. Toes, whose son's orchestral band discoursed pleasant music during the evening.

Most of the brethren above-named were present at the spread, which was presided over by Bro. T. S. Brogden, W.M., and in addition were present Bros. Philip Matthews, Lord Mayor of York, J. Melrose, J.P., Balmford, P.M.; E. Taylor, Dr. Ramsay, W. Brown, P.M. 1611; G. C. Lee, P.M.; and others.

The toast list included "The Health of the Queen and the Craft;" "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England, and the Grand Officers, Present and Past;" "The Earl of Zetland, P.G.M. of the North and East Ridings, the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, P.G.W. England, D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Prov. G. Officers, Present and Past;" "The W.M. of the York Lodge, No. 236;" "The Installing Master, Bro. J. Todd, P.M., P.P. S.G.W.;" "The I.P.M., Bro. C. M. Forbes, and the Past Masters of the York Lodge;" "The Masonic Charities;" "The Sister Lodges of the Province;" "The Visitors;" "The Officers of the Lodge;" and the Tyler's toast.

In the course of a pleasant evening some capital vocal and instrumental music was rendered.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

CLARENCE LODGE (No. 263).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Thursday, the 11th inst., at Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road. There were present Bros. D. G. Imlay, W.M.; H. H. Nuding, S.W.; H. S. Wellcome, J.W.; W. H. Kirby, Preceptor; W. Baker, acting Sec.; J. Corpe, S.D.; A. Neville, J.D.; J. F. Sykes, I.G.; H. T. Sykes, C. F. Cox, H. Nock, C. F. Hurst, C. E. Bulling, J. Levy, and H. Sadler. Visitors: Bros. E. Gammon, 7; Temple C. Martin; E. C. Mulvey, W.M. 2383; F. Deiler, 3; and G. Booth Heming, P.M. 256.

The lodge being duly opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. then rehearsed the ceremony of passing, utilising the proffered services of Bro. Levy as candidate. Bro. Nuding gave the explanation of the second tracing board. Bro. Temple Martin assisted by working the 1st Section of the Third Lecture. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degree. Bros. Gammon, Martin, Mulvey, and Deiler were duly elected joining members. Notice was given that at the next meeting the election of Committee, Treasurer, Secretary, and Preceptor for the ensuing year would take place. Bro. H. H. Nuding was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and appointed his officers, and gave notice that the work would be the third ceremony and as many Sections of the First Lecture as time would permit. All business being ended, a very profitable evening was duly closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on the 11th inst., when there were present Bros. G. H. Reynolds, W.M.; E. J. D. Bromley, S.W.; F. M. Noakes, J.W.; J. Greenway, Deputy Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; F. S. Jarvis, S.D.; W. Warren, J.D.; A. Cogliati, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler;

J. Rowe, C. O. Burgess, G. A. Bergholz, T. C. Seary, D. Stroud, and G. H. Poan.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The S.W. worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture. Bro. J. Rowe having offered himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, was duly examined, entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of F.C. Bro. C. O. Burgess having offered himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, and having answered the usual questions leading to the Degree, was entrusted and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of M.M. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. On rising for the second time, Bro. J. D. Bromley, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE (No. 1642).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 12th inst., at the Kensington Park Hotel, Lancaster-road, Notting Hill, W. Present: Bros. E. Rogers, W.M.; F. L. Chandler, S.W.; H. Armfield, J.W.; G. Davis, P.M., Preceptor; W. J. Mason, W.M. 2246, Sec.; J. Powell, S.D.; W. H. Armfield, J.D.; H. D. Smith, I.G.; J. Gillingham, P.M. 1238; G. Gardner, J. C. Conway, G. English, E. J. Day, and W. R. Hatton. Visitors: Bros. E. C. Mulvey, P.M. 179, P.G.S.B. Middx., and E. T. Guider, 1563.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. R. Hatton having answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, was duly entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. W. R. Hatton being the candidate. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the W.M., the 2nd Section by Bro. E. C. Mulvey, P.M., and the 3rd Section by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bros. E. C. Mulvey and E. T. Guider were elected members. The S.W., Bro. F. J. Chandler, was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 16th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. J. R. Hubbard, W.M.; Joseph Cox, S.W.; W. B. Neville, J.W.; R. H. Williams, P.M., &c., Deputy Preceptor; F. Craggs, Sec.; W. Hillier, S.D.; C. Woods, J.D.; E. J. Green, I.G.; G. A. Knight, and G. Swann.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting having been confirmed, Bro. Hubbard vacated the chair of W.M. in favour of Bro. Knight, when the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed in an impressive manner, Bro. Hubbard acting as candidate. Bro. Hubbard then resumed the chair, and gave the charge in the First Degree. Bro. Hubbard rehearsed the investment of officers. Bro. Knight offered himself as a candidate for passing, and was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Cox was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed. The installation ceremony will be rehearsed in this lodge on Tuesday, the 30th inst., Bro. George Read, P.M., Preceptor, acting as Installing Master.

ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 10th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, when there were present Bros. J. B. Cory, W.M.; Joseph Cox, S.W.; W. E. Macey, J.W.; Jesse Collings, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, Sec.; C. C. Barber, S.D.; J. H. Morrish, J.D.; E. J. Green, I.G.; L. Nathan, W. G. Foster, and T. W. Lightfoot.

The lodge having been duly opened, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed in an excellent manner, Bro. Foster acting as candidate. The 2nd and 3rd Sections of the Lecture were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Cox was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. Lightfoot was elected a joining member, and the lodge was closed.

THE ABBEY (WESTMINSTER) LODGE (No. 2030).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 12th inst., at the Town Hall, Westminster, when there were present Bros. Chabot, W.M.; Badderley, S.W.; Piper, J.W.; Gibson, P.M., Preceptor; Coughlan, P.M., Treas.; Budd, Sec.; Roberts, S.D.; Hayler, J.D.; Barber, I.G.; Brindley, P.M.; Smith, Baughan, Cocks, and Ramsay.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Brindley, a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Brindley being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Ramsay being the candidate. Bro. Badderley was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A unanimous vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded for the minutes for the very efficient manner Bro. Chabot had carried out the duties of the chair for the first time. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 20th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith, W., when there were present Bros. M. Spiegel, P.M., W.M.; Barth, S.W.; A. Williams, P.M., J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Preceptor; J. Brown, Sec.; W. S. Whiteley, S.D.; W. Hillier, J.D.; F. Harbord, I.G.; and F. Craggs, Stwd.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Hillier answered the questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. Hillier acting as candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the brethren, and the questions asked by Bro. A. Williams. On the usual rising, Bro. Barth was elected W.M. for the next meeting. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

WARNER LODGE (No. 2192).—The regular weekly meeting of this lodge was held at Bridge Chambers, Hoe-street, Walthamstow, on Monday, the 15th inst., when there were present Bros. J. J. Briginshaw, W.M.; Richard Kershaw, S.W.; G. J. Westfield, P.P.G.S.B., J.W.; William Shurmur, Prov. G. Treas. Essex, Preceptor; N. Fortescue, Treas.; W. W. Cooke, S.D.; T. E. Horley, J.D.; C. H. Bestow, I.G.; W. Blenkinsop, Hon. Stwd.; H. F. Bromhead, W. Goulding, E. Brooshoff, J. Ives, P.M.; U. Smith, S. Herbert, G. Long, W. J. Bastick, and Dickinson.

The lodge having been opened in the First Degree, after the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, and the ancient charge delivered with thrilling effect. Bro. Richard Kershaw was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. Bro. Dickinson, 2318, was unanimously elected a joining member. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

TORQUAY.—JORDAN LODGE (No. 1402).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., when there were present Bros. J. G. Turle, W.M.; W. J. Nosworthy, I.P.M.; W. Heesey, S.W.; S. Wills, J.W.; John Dodge, Preceptor; John Taylor, Sec.; W. G. Gale, S.D.; G. West, J.D.; E. J. Pratt, I.G.; J. E. Newton, Tyler; T. H. Wills, J. Chapman, and W. Winget.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes read and confirmed. The W.M. then opened the lodge up in the Three Degrees, and closed down again to the First, when Bro. Winget, offering himself as a candidate for the Degree of F.C., was passed to that Degree, the ceremony being worked in an able and efficient manner. Bro. Geo. West then correctly and ably delivered the lecture on the tracing board. The Preceptor then passed the work in review, and various questions having been asked, the lodge was closed.

HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).—A meeting was held on the 12th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. G. March, H. 733, M.E.Z.; W. H. Chalfont, J. 975, H.; J. C. Tilt, 1st A.S. 862, J.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; J. Smith, 890, S.N.; J. Crutenden, 779, P.S.; G. Gregory, 2nd A.S. 862; and O. W. Battley, 2246.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Gregory being candidate. The executive presented a statement of accounts, showing a substantial balance, and that there had been 112 more attendances this year than during the previous one. The executive were congratulated on the prosperous position the chapter had attained under their auspices, and Comp. Dehane received a cordial vote of thanks for his services, which compliment he duly acknowledged. Comp. Crutenden thanked the companions for their sympathy during his late trouble. After the M.E.Z. had risen the usual number of times, "Hearty good wishes" were accorded, and the chapter closed.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting of this chapter was held at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell, on the 12th inst., when there were present Comps. Scott Young, M.E.Z.; Phillips, P.Z.; H.; G. L. Moore, P.Z.; J.; Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; C. H. Stone, 1275, S.E.; Patrick, P.Z., S.N.; Goodwin, P.S.; J. Hill, J. 1320; G. Powell, P.Z. 1185; W. J. Barnes, 1st A.S. 1623; H. Esling, H. 77, J. 1321; and G. Gill.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Hill personating the candidate. Comp. Phillips was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. Comps. Barnes and Esling were elected joining members.

Order of the Secret Monitor.

GRAND COUNCIL.

The half-yearly meeting of Grand Council was held at Mark Masons' Hall, on Friday, the 12th inst. Bro. Dr. Zacharie, G.S.R., presided, and among those present were Bros. J. Lewis Thomas, P.G.S.R.; W. G. Lemon, G. Treas.; Richard Eve, P.G.G.; W. J. Spratling, G.R.; H. H. Shirley, P.G.V.; Adolphus Clark, G.B.B.; J. Tickle, P.G.B.B.; Col. H. Gordon, G. Gdr.; Dr. Gross, P.G. Gdr.; A. F. Lamette, G.C.; A. M. Jessop, G.C.; A. E. Sansom, P.G.C.; and J. J. Thomas, President of the Board of Grand Stewards.

The chief business of the evening was the reception of the accounts and balance-sheet for the year, the report of the Grand Recorder, and of the Executive Committee. These all represented the Order as in a flourishing condition, and with a balance of nearly £60 at the bank.

A well-deserved honorarium of £25 was voted to the Grand Recorder.

The report of the Executive Committee called attention to the sparseness of the attendance at the weekly meetings of the conclave of instruction, held at Mark Masons' Hall, and the Grand Recorder was requested to issue a notice asking all Secretaries to place upon each summons issued a memorandum reminding brethren of the Order that the conclave of instruction meets every Friday evening at seven o'clock.

The G.S.R. nominated Bros. J. Lewis Thomas and Richard Eve as members of the Executive Committee for the ensuing year, and the brethren present elected Bros. J. Tickle, H. H. Shirley, and A. F. Lamette to this office.

Bro. Mills was appointed Grand Sentinel.

Adjourning to the Holborn Restaurant, the brethren spent an enjoyable evening, under the genial rule of the G.S.R., Bro. Dr. Zacharie,



Bro. Alfred Craven Greenwood, W.M. 410, Asst. Prov. Grand Secretary for Surrey, who lately contested the Secretaryship of the R.M.I.B., and came in second in the election, has been appointed private Secretary to the Governor of the Bahamas, and starts for Government House, Bahamas, West Indies, about the middle of January.

We regret to learn that through indisposition Bro. J. H. Sillitoe, P.G.S.B., has been compelled to relinquish all Masonic engagements for the last three weeks.

The result of the ball at the Holborn Town Hall, on the 2nd inst., in aid of the Royal Free Hospital, Gray's Inn-road, has been the addition to its funds of a sum of £100.

The thanks of the Corporation of London have been voted to Bro. Richard Clarence Halse for the indefatigable manner in which he had carried out the duties as Deputy of the Ward of Cheap.

Bro. David Atkinson, S.W. Lewis Lodge, No. 872, Whitehaven, was unanimously elected W.M. at the last monthly meeting, and Bro. John Spittall, P.M., P.S.G.W., Treasurer for the nineteenth time.

At the last regular meeting of the Henry Mark Lodge, No. 216, Bro. H. Hartley, P.J.G.O., W.M., was unanimously elected W.M. for the second time, and Bro. J. Harper, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Treasurer.

The Hornsey Chapter of Improvement will not meet on Friday, the 26th inst., but companions are requested to attend on January 2nd, when it is expected that an eminent Royal Arch companion will occupy the First Principal's chair.

At a meeting of the Coleridge Lodge, No. 1750, held on Thursday, the 11th inst., Bro. Capt. Rose, who has held the office of S.W. during the present year, was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. The installation ceremony will take place on January 8th, 1891, at Clevedon.

"My Lords" of the Admiralty have done a very generous and kindly act in detaining the Channel Squadron in port, so that the crews may spend Christmas at home with their families and friends. Leave has been granted from Monday last till the 3rd prox., when the squadron will leave England.

On Sunday last the Duke of Connaught, who is colonel of the Scots Guards, again attended Divine service with his regiment, falling in at the head of his men on the parade ground in Wellington Barracks, and being accompanied by Major-General Philip Smith, C.B., commanding the Home District and his staff. The Duchess of Connaught was also present.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, attended by Miss Knollys, Admiral Stephenson, and Bro. Sir Francis Knollys, left Marlborough House for Sandringham on Monday, travelling by the Great Eastern Wolferton Express. The Duke of Clarence and Avondale and the Princesses Victoria and Maud had already gone thither on the Saturday previous.

Mr. Justin Huntley McCarthy, M.P., and Mr. W. G. Wills have each accepted commissions from Mr. Norman Forbes for new plays to be produced at the Globe Theatre during his management. Mr. Edwin Abbey is hard at work designing the costumes for Mr. Forbes' production of Mr. Wills' version of "Gringoire," which will be the *lever de rideau* to the opening attraction.

By desire of the Queen, the remains of the late Sir Edward Boehm were interred in St. Paul's Cathedral, the interment, at which her Majesty and other members of the Royal Family were represented, taking place on Saturday last, and the body being laid in the south aisle of the crypt, where lie already the remains of Reynolds, Opie, West, Fuseli, Turner, Landseer, and other artists of eminence.

Bro. Alderman Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., has given notice of his intention to propose at the next meeting of the Court of Common Council "That the honorary freedom of the City of London be presented in a gold casket of the value of 50 guineas to Mr. William Liddesdale, Governor of the Bank of England, in recognition of his great services during a recent time of grave danger to the financial prosperity of the country."

It is satisfactory to know, on the authority of Bro. Sir Edward Watkin, Bart., M.P., the proposed new railway from Manchester to London will not destroy Lord's Cricket Ground. They only want a very small corner of it, and if, says Sir Edward, they cannot arrange for the purchase of this, they will go elsewhere. If this good news be true, lovers of our national sport need have no fear for the safety of "Lord's."

On Saturday last Bro. the Earl of Wharnccliffe forwarded a memorial bearing the signatures of all the leading Egyptologists and lovers of art in this country to the Marquess of Salisbury, praying his lordship to use his good offices with the Khedive of Egypt to appoint some official who shall have power to protect the ancient monuments of that country from being broken up and used for building material. We trust the memorial will have the desired effect, and that some energetic official will be appointed who will put a stop to this vandalism.

Mr. S. Lee Bapty, general manager of the Jamaica Exhibition, who arrived at Jamaica by the Royal Mail steam packet Atrato on the 28th ult., reports finding the building in an exceedingly advanced state, and that there is no doubt whatever that all will be completed in ample time to admit of the opening taking place as originally arranged for the 27th January, on which date Prince George of Wales will perform the opening ceremony at 12 noon. His Royal Highness will, as already announced, be accompanied to Kingston by the ships of the North American and West Indian Squadrons and the foreign war vessels in these waters. Exhibitors from Europe are reminded of this opening to date, as all space not occupied by the 12th January will be re-allotted to local firms and exhibitors, whose applications are largely in excess of the space at present available.

Bro. Lennox Browne, M.R.C.S., has lost no time in familiarising himself with, and adopting the wonderful discovery of Dr. Koch. We announced in a former issue that he had gone to Berlin with a patient. He has now returned and on Tuesday delivered a clinical lecture on the new remedy, with a demonstration of cases at present under treatment in connection with the Central London Throat Hospital, of which Bro. Lennox Browne is the senior physician.

Bro. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., President of the Board of Trade, has appointed a Committee to consider what, if any, steps should be taken for the provision of electrical standards.

The Queen and Court left Windsor Castle on the 19th inst. for Osborne, where they will spend Christmas, returning some time afterwards to Windsor. The Queen will make an excursion to the Continent in March.

Bro. Lord Mayor Savory and the Lady Mayoress will spend Christmas at their residence at Sunning Hill. The Mansion House, which has been re-decorated, will be ready for his lordship's occupation in the course of a few days.

The Duchess of Hamilton has returned from Glen House, Leicester, where she has been passing the hunting season, to Easton Park, Wickham Market, where the Duke and Duchess will entertain a family party for Christmas.

In our list of Grand Officers present at the installation of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale at Reading last week we omitted the name of Bro. J. Lewis Thomas, P.A.G.D.C., who was there in response to a special invitation from the Provincial Grand Lodge.

The Sultan of Zanzibar has forwarded through Bro. Sir James Fergusson, Bart., M.P., Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, the sum of £100, to be added to the Mansion House Fund for the sufferers by the wreck of H.M.S. *Serpent*.

The Commander-in-Chief has approved of the appointment of Captain the Hon. A. H. Henniker, Major-Captain of the Coldstream Guards, as Deputy-Assistant Adjutant-General at Portsmouth, vice Major James, Scots Greys, whose term of service has expired.

The Grand Hotel, Margate, which is located close to the Jetty, was entirely destroyed by fire early on the morning of Thursday, the 18th inst., the damage being estimated at £20,000. The building and contents were insured. The head barmaid threw herself from a window in order to escape, and the other occupants had narrow escapes.

Bro. Sir William Hart-Dyke, Bart., M.P., presided on Saturday last at the half-yearly distribution of prizes to the pupils of the Horticultural College at Swanley, and took the opportunity of delivering an address on the importance of technical education. The right honourable baronet's remarks were greatly appreciated by his audience.

The Duchess of Northumberland died at Alnwick Castle on the 18th inst. in the 78th year of her age. She had been ailing for some time, but it was not till the close of the week previous to her death that fatal results were anticipated. Her eldest son and heir apparent to the dukedom is Bro. Earl Percy, P.S.G.W. of England and Past P.G.M. of Northumberland.

An accident has recently occurred to one of the 110-ton breech-loading guns with which H.M.'s battleship *Sanspareil* is armed. The ship had sailed from Chatham to the North Sea for gunnery practice, and three rounds from the gun had been fired when it was found that one of the bands was fractured, and that it had moved from its position. The gun was loaded for a fourth round when the discovery was made.

Prince and Princess Christian and their daughters, the Princesses Victoria and Louise of Schleswig-Holstein, arrived at Cumberland Lodge, Windsor, on their return from Berlin on Monday. They were received on reaching Windsor station by the Mayor, who handed to their Royal Highnesses the congratulations of himself and the Corporation on the approaching marriage of their daughter.

Special Envoys from the Court of Hague were presented to her Majesty the Queen at Windsor Castle on Thursday, the 18th inst., and announced the accession to the throne of Holland of Queen Wilhelmina. Bro. Sir James Fergusson, Bart., M.P., Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, was present at the introduction of the Envoys. The visitors and the Netherlands Minister were received by the Prince of Wales on the following day.

We are informed that preparations are being made for immediately erecting to the north of the main building of the Imperial Institute a permanent exhibition gallery of two floors, connecting those portions of the east and west arcades which are leased to the Institute. Lord Carrington, late Governor of New South Wales, has been appointed by the Prince of Wales a member of the Institute.

The petition of a number of Past Masters in Natal to H.R.H. the M.W.G.M., praying for a warrant of constitution for a Moveable Lodge of Installed Masters, has been refused on the ground that it is contrary to the Book of Constitutions, the regulations of Grand Lodge, and the usages of the Craft. The only way in which the petitioners can attain their object is to establish a lodge of instruction similar to the Lodge of Emulation in London.—*South African Freemason*.

An address beautifully engraved on vellum was presented to Bro. Augustus Harris, one of the Sheriffs of the City of London, and Grand Treasurer, on the 18th inst., by a deputation from the Tradesmen's Benevolent Society, which was established in 1853, and had done good service in aiding the poor. The address fully recognised the generous support which Bro. Harris had given to the society, and congratulated him on his appointment to the office of Sheriff. Bro. Harris in a few well chosen words expressed his acknowledgments.

In connection with Dr. Barnardo's Homes a series of festivities have been arranged for Christmas Day. At 1.30 there will be the dinner at the Home in Stepney Causeway to the boys now resident in the London Homes; and at 3.30 there will be a dinner to rough lads from the common lodging-houses at the Edinburgh Castle. At 9.15 a hot supper given to the inmates of the two night shelters for young women and girls at Flower and Dean-street and Dock-street. On Saturday, the 10th January, the holiday festival takes place at the Boys' Home, Stepney Causeway. On the 7th January the annual supper to waifs and strays takes place at the Edinburgh Castle.

Bro. Sir William and Lady Marriott have left for Cannes.

Ninety years ago a million was added annually to the population of France; the yearly increase has now sunk to 937,000.

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

The course of Christmas lectures to juveniles at the Royal Institution by Professor Dewar, on "Frost and Fire," will begin on Saturday.

The Joppa Lodge of Instruction has removed to the Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, where it will meet on Tuesday evening as usual.

Mr. James Payn declares that Nature is in the habit of borrowing an incident from one of his novels when she is particularly anxious to cause a sensation.

Bro. Earl Stanhope presided at the annual general meeting of the Holmesdale Cottage Hospital, Sevenoaks, on Monday afternoon, and spoke in high terms of the value of the institution.

There have only been two occasions during the last 30 years when London has enjoyed so severe a frost so long continued as that of the last few days. Those two occasions were both in January, in 1867 and 1881.

The "Madras Masonic Review" thus sums up the news of the month in that district: "There seems to be nothing special in the way of news this month. Quiet, steady work all round, with nothing exciting about it."

§ The Skinners Company have sent a donation of £10 10s. to the London Skin Hospital, 47, Cranbourn-street, W.C., and a similar donation to the After Care Association, for poor and friendless female convalescents on leaving asylums for the insane.

The *Freemason* (New South Wales) says it has subscriptions to the amount of £600 outstanding, and if its advertisers do not pay up more promptly the proprietors will not grow rich. We quote the paragraph in the interest of both our contemporary and ourselves. *Verb sap.*

The Royal Alfred Aged Merchant Seamen's Institution assists brave British Seamen when they become aged, destitute and too often friendless. A friend has offered to give £500 towards the Endowment Fund, provided £4500 more is raised for that purpose by the end of 1891.—Admiral Leopold McClintock, 53, Fenchurch-street, E.C.

The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed at the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614, on Thursday evening, 8th January, 1891, at the Criterion, Piccadilly, by the W.M., Bro. S. Hewett, and the W.M. elect, Bro. George H. Reynolds. Brethren are earnestly invited to attend.

The usual New Year's entertainment to the Old Folks at the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at Croydon will take place on Wednesday, 7th January, 1891. A special second-class saloon carriage will be reserved by the 12.52 train from Charing Cross, or 1.4 from Cannon-street for those who have been invited to be present.

On Wednesday night, the 17th inst., the brethren of the Solomon Lodge held a conversazione and dance in the Dalrymple Hall, Fraserburgh. About 80 couples accepted invitations, and the hall was very prettily decorated. During the evening songs were sung by various local ladies and gentlemen, and the gathering proved a great success.

A handsome tablet as a memorial to the late Major-General Sir Howard Elphinstone, commanding the western district, who was drowned off Ushant some time since while on a voyage to Madeira, is now being erected in the garrison chapel at Devonport, and will probably be unveiled early in January, when it is expected that the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh will take part in the ceremony.

On Thursday, the 18th inst., at the monthly meeting of the Anchor Lodge, No. 1337, of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Bro. Charles Waistell, P.M., presiding, Bro. A. Bell, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, while on the motion of Bro. Stead, F.M., seconded by Bro. Palliser, P.M., Bro. M. Walmsley, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer of the lodge.

The German Emperor has expressed his determination to visit England again next year. He has instructed Count Eulenburg to report to him on the prospects of the German Exhibition to be held in London during 1891, and shows the keenest interest in the project now that the leaders of art and industry in England have joined the German Committee and intend to exhibit.

The *South Australian Freemason* has the following: "The London Freemason kindly recommends our New South Wales brethren to elect Lord Jersey as their Grand Master. As there is a vacancy in the Pro Grand Mastership of England, our English brethren could not do better than elect Lord Carrington to it—he would fill it ably." Our namesake forgets that the appointment of Pro Grand Master is in the hands of the Grand Master, and is not an elective office.

It may not be generally known that up to the present there has been one lodge (St. John, Melrose) in Scotland which has always maintained its independence of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. It appears, however, that now a basis of union between the Grand Lodge and this older lodge has been agreed upon, and that St. John's, Melrose, will shortly take its place on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Scotland as No. 1 (2). The records of the lodge, it is stated, date in almost unbroken sequence from December 26, 1674. There are great rejoicings in the Grand Lodge of Scotland in consequence of this union. Concurrent jurisdiction, although recommended for the colonies, is not appreciated in Scotland itself by the Grand Lodge.—*South Australian Freemason*.

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