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APPROACHING FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

Three weeks hence we shall be on the eve of the first of the year's great Anniversary Festivals—that of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution—which is appointed to be held at Freemasons' Tavern on Wednesday, the 25th prox., and at which Bro. Earl AMHERST, R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Kent, has kindly consented to preside. We do not propose going over the ground we have so often traversed in previous articles. We have again and again endeavoured to impress upon our readers the inestimable benefits conferred by this important Charity, and the large amount of money which it is necessary to raise annually in order to provide the ways and means for its expenditure. We have many times remarked that £15,000, or thereabouts, takes a great deal of raising, and have pointed out that in order to carry out successfully so serious a duty, it is necessary not only that the experienced Craftsman should renew his labours annually, but also that the inexperienced should make an early beginning with his, and then—to use the expressive language of the late President LINCOLN—keep pegging away. It may be wearisome for us to be continually repeating the same story, and as wearisome for our constituents to be continually listening to it, but donations and subscriptions, albeit they are voluntarily made, do not of themselves flow into an exchequer which sorely needs them, and, therefore, our appeals and those of others engaged in the same task must be frequently reiterated if we desire they should prove effective.

As regards the Festival which is now so close at hand, the prospects are to a certain extent encouraging. Bro TERRY has succeeded in obtaining the services of about 250 brethren as Stewards for the occasion. The number may be a few more or a few less than it was at the corresponding date of last year, but it is a goodly number, and there is the likelihood, amounting almost to a certainty, that between now and the 25th prox. it will be very considerably increased. The Chairman's Province of Kent, which invariably acquits itself well, even when there is no special stimulus to exertion, is likely to be strongly and numerously represented, while London and the other provinces will no doubt perform their part of the duty they have undertaken with their accustomed readiness and generosity. Yet, with all this bright outlook before us, we must bear in mind that £15,000, a year's interest on a capital sum of half a million pounds sterling, requires a big effort to raise, and we may be forgiven if we have some doubts as to a Board of 250 Stewards being quite strong enough to effect the desired object, without that further help which is likely to come, but which, if it be much longer postponed, will be comparatively of little or no avail. Again, Bro. TERRY, in one of his speeches at the winter entertainment to the old folks at Croydon, referred hopefully to some of the promised Stewards' lists which he had heard were well calculated to swell the announcement it will be his duty to make on the day appointed. Yet we must not lose sight of the fact that it will require very many large lists to make up so formidable a sum as £15,000. In short, though the prospects are hopeful, we trust that this fact will not deter brethren of enterprise from lending their support either as Stewards or contributors. Their help is still needed, and will be of more or less material value according as their services are proffered at an earlier or later period during the interval that remains. We again, therefore, most earnestly appeal to the brethren generally to support the Committee of Management and Bro. TERRY in their efforts to raise the necessary supplies, and to remember that if more than is required should be forthcoming, there are upwards of 150 men and widow candidates for admission to the benefits of this most deserving Institution.

THE CRITIC AT FAULT.

It is to be regretted that a well-informed journal like our worthy contemporary the *Canadian Craftsman*, which is an admirable exponent of Canadian Masonic opinion, and which in all, or nearly all, matters affecting the current progress of the Craft in the Dominion, may be regarded as a trustworthy, if not quite an infallible authority, should endanger its high reputation by venturing on the somewhat hazardous experiment of criticising subjects which it evidently does not understand, or about which it is assuredly very imperfectly informed. We can appreciate, and even to a certain extent sympathise, with it in its expressions of regret in its issue for December last "that the Grand Lodge of England has declined to recognise the newly-established Grand Lodge of New Zealand." We can assure our contemporary that had the so-called Grand Lodge of New Zealand been established in the same manner as the Grand Lodges of South Australia, New South Wales, Victoria, and Tasmania, the Grand Lodge of England would not have regarded the act as "a revolt" against its authority, neither would it have regarded "the loss of direct jurisdiction in that remote colony as a piece lost from the cream of English Masonry." But the *Canadian Craftsman* must forgive us if we suggest that it is talking nonsense when it permits itself to express such statements as that "the British Grand Lodges are singularly, or rather selfishly, blind to the universal welfare of Masonry"; "the English Grand Lodge believes itself to be the Masonic hub of the Universe"; "secure in the knowledge that England would back up their claims, however absurd, lodges in the colonies have held aloof from newly-formed Grand Lodges for no earthly reason other than 'better terms.' This is what the kickers in New Zealand are after. They want the Grand Lodge offices, in fact the earth, and England is foolish enough to stand by them, even if they desire a whitewashed fence and a chromo thrown in." As for the assertion that "the sooner England, Scotland, and Ireland adopt the American principle of territorial jurisdiction the better for Freemasonry and the Colonies," we have no doubt this is the belief of our contemporary, but we claim for the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, and Ireland that they also are entitled to hold opinions on a question which so intimately concerns them as the relations of their respective lodges in the colonies to themselves, and we believe we are justified in affirming that the Grand Lodges of the United Kingdom are not quite so enthusiastic in their love of American Masonic arrangements as are the Americans themselves. This, indeed, is only natural, nor do we dream for one moment of quarrelling with them because they prefer their own system to ours.

Some of the earlier of the above assertions of the *Canadian Craftsman* may be passed by without notice, but those which more immediately concern our private lodges in the colonies, and which represent the Grand Lodge authorities at home as being ready to back them up in any absurd course they may see fit to adopt, cannot be allowed to go unchallenged. These statements, indeed, show clearly that our contemporary, as we pointed out at the beginning of this article, does not understand the subject it has taken upon itself to discuss. We presume, however, that the *Craftsman* is sufficiently conversant with the principles of Masonic law—which in this particular are the same in all countries—to be aware that when a Grand Lodge issues its warrant for the constitution of a private lodge—which warrant, be it remembered, is issued to brethren who owe it obedience, not to those who are under some other Grand Lodge—it does so on the understanding that the lodge so constituted shall obey the laws and ordinances of the Supreme Authority, while the new lodge, in return for the obedience it renders and for so long as it

renders it, has the right to expect, and indeed to insist, that the rights and privileges it has become possessed of under its charter of constitution shall be protected by that Supreme Authority. It ought also to be aware—that it evidently is not—that, though the private lodge may at any time surrender its warrant—we are assuming, of course, that, in so doing, the members are acting in concert together—and so terminate its allegiance to the present Grand Lodge; it is not in the power of the latter to recall its warrant so long as the conditions on which it was granted are observed. Therefore, if Lodge A determines on surrendering its warrant of constitution to the Grand Lodge which granted it, in order that it may enrol itself under some other Constitution, it is not in the power of the Grand Lodge to say it nay, and there is an end at once to the connection between the private lodge and the Grand Lodge. But if the members of Lodge B are content to remain in allegiance to the Grand Lodge which constituted it, it is not in the power of the latter to say, "You shall not remain; you must go as the other lodge or lodges in the same town or district have gone." This, indeed, explains why it is that the Grand Lodges of the United Kingdom are so frequently involved in differences with Grand Lodges on British territory which are newly formed out of lodges existing at the time. A majority of the lodges in some colony or possession resolve on setting up a Grand Lodge of their own, and it is set up; but one lodge, or it may be two or three, or half-a-dozen lodges take no part in the movement, preferring to remain loyal to the Grand Lodge which created them; nor so long as they obey the law is it in the power of that Grand Lodge to compel them to give up their allegiance. If this fact were generally understood, that the Grand Lodges of the United Kingdom support those of their lodges which determine on remaining in their allegiance, not only because they respect their loyalty, but because there is no other course open for them to adopt, we should probably hear less about our Grand Lodges being opposed to the formation of new Grand Lodges on British territory. As for the statement that a majority of the lodges in New Zealand are holding out against the minority in order to obtain "better terms," it is, in the first place, absurd on the face of it; if they joined in the movement at once, instead of holding aloof, they, as the majority, would be able to command terms; but even if the statement were not absurd, it is utterly unworthy of any Masonic journal of repute, such as is undoubtedly the *Canadian Craftsman*.

BOMBAY AND THE LATE BROS. E. TYRRELL LEITH AND HAROLD R. KING.

The District Grand Lodge of Bombay has been well advised in determining not only to commemorate the signal services it received from its late District Grand Master, Bro. E. TYRRELL LEITH, but to commemorate them in such a manner as, had that distinguished brother been alive, he would, in all probability, himself have chosen. At the half-yearly communication, held at the Freemasons' Hall, on the 27th November last, under the presidency of Bro. H. W. BARROW, Deputy D.G.M., Bro. I. M. SHIELDS, Past D.G.W., proposed that a sum of 6000 rupees should be granted from the Fund of Benevolence to the Bombay Masonic Association, to form a separate and distinct fund, to be called "The Tyrrell Leith Scholarship Fund," the interest on which should be employed in educating one child—son or daughter of a deceased or indigent Freemason—till the age of 16 years or for a longer period if thought desirable. Bro. SHIELDS pointed out that it was the late Bro. LEITH, who put the District Grand Lodge of Bombay "on its present satisfactory financial basis," and that it was "entirely owing to him and his earnestness that the Bombay Masonic Fund of Benevolence was formed." Moreover, as the Rev. Bro. MIDWINTER, who seconded the resolution pointed out, Bro. LEITH himself was most earnest in his wish to further as far as possible the cause of education, and to extend its benefits to the children of those who were, from no fault of their own, in a state of indigence. The scheme was adopted unanimously, and it is gratifying to know that the virtues of so good and able a Mason will thus be perpetuated. It is equally gratifying to know that the memory of the late Bro. HAROLD R. KING, P.G.D. England, Past Deputy D.G.M., to whom Bombay is also greatly indebted for his valuable services to Freemasonry, will also be perpetuated, a motion to refer it to the District Board of General Purposes to formulate a scheme for that purpose having been adopted at the same meeting. Bombay has thus done itself great honour by determining to honour the memory of these distinguished Craftsmen.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The following is the business to be transacted on Wednesday next:—

The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

Communication from the M.E. the First Grand Principal—

The United Grand Lodge of England having, at its last meeting on the 3rd December, 1890, conferred the rank of Past Grand Master upon Lieutenant-General H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K.G., Provincial Grand Master of Sussex, and District Grand Master of Bombay, on the occasion of his return from the East Indies, after completing a term of military service there as Commander-in-Chief of the Bombay Army.

His Royal Highness the M.E. First Grand Principal now recommends to Grand Chapter that the corresponding rank of Past First Grand Principal be conferred by it on H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K.G., who has for some years held the office of Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masonry in the District of Bombay.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 15th October, 1890, to the 20th January, 1891, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

To Balance, Grand Chapter £388 9 3	By Disbursements during	
" " Unappropriated	the Quarter ...	£538 5 0
Account ... 179 14 1	Balance ...	243 6 5
" Subsequent Receipts ... 396 9 2	" " Unappropriated	
	Account ... 183 1 1	
	£964 12 6	£964 12 6

which balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following petitions:—

1st. From Comps. William Webster, as Z.; Edwin Broadbent, as H.; James Henry Wells, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Prince Edward Lodge, No. 2109, Heaton Moor, to be called the Prince Edward Chapter, and to meet at the Assembly Hall, Heaton Moor, Lancashire (W.D.).

2nd. From Comps. John Keith, as Z.; Carl Heinrich August Ueckermann, as H.; Edmund Watts Sprawson, as J.; and nine others for a chapter to be attached to the Transvaal Lodge, No. 1747, Pretoria, to be called the Transvaal Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, St. Andries-street, Pretoria, South African Republic.

3rd. From Comps. Henry Thomas Odell, as Z.; William Macallister Duncan, as H.; Theodore Menne, as J.; and nine others for a chapter to be attached to the Southern Cross Lodge, No. 1778, Harrismith, to be called the Sir John Brand Chapter, and to meet at the Good Templars' Hall, Harrismith, Orange Free State, South Africa.

4th. From Comps. George Frederick Alexander Smythe, as Z.; Thomas Cuming, as H.; Gardiner Frederick Guyon, as J.; and nine others for a chapter to be attached to the Military Jubilee Lodge, No. 2195, Dover, to be called the Military Jubilee Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Dover, in the county of Kent.

5th. From Comps. Walter Wingham, as Z.; John Hattersley, as H.; Charles Richard Williams, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Dagmar Lodge, No. 2262, Wraysbury, to be called the Dagmar Chapter, and to meet at the Anglers' Rest Hotel, Wraysbury, Buckinghamshire.

6th. From Comps. John Weighton, as Z.; James Henry Isaacs, as H.; John William Meason, as J.; and eight others for a chapter to be attached to the Prince Alfred Lodge, No. 956, Pietermaritzburg, Natal, South Africa, to be called the Prince Alfred Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Temple, Pietermaritzburg, Natal, South Africa.

The foregoing petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received a memorial from the companions of the Chapter of Judea, No. 265, Keighley, in the county of York (W.D.), praying for a charter authorising them to wear a centenary jewel in accordance with the Royal Arch Regulations, Rule 102.

The memorial being in form, and the chapter having proved an uninterrupted existence, which will complete 100 years on the 23rd February, 1891, the Committee recommend that the prayer thereof be granted, the charter to be dated 23rd February, 1891.

The Committee have also received memorials, with copies of minutes, for permission to remove the following chapters:

The Portsmouth Temperance Chapter, No. 2068, from the Sailors' Institute, High-street, Portsmouth, to the Speedwell Coffee Palace, Commercial-road, Landport, Hampshire.

The Ubique Chapter, No. 1789, from the Café Royal, Air-street, Regent-street, to the Criterion, Piccadilly, London.

The Chapter of Good Intent, No. 307, from the White Horse, Hebden Bridge, to the Masonic Rooms, New-road, Hebden Bridge.

The Committee recommend that the removal of these chapters be sanctioned.

(Signed) ROBERT GREY, President,
Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

21st January, 1891.

THE "WILLIAM WATSON MS."

ARMS OF THE FREEMASONS (ROUGH DRAWING).
MOTTO—"IN THE LORD IS ALL OUR TRUST."

Thanked be our glorious God ffather & former of Heaven & Earth & of all things yt in them is yt he would vouchsafe of his glorious Godhead for to make soe many things of divers vertues for mankind for he made all worldly things to be obedient & Subject to man & all things yt been Con'mble of wholesome nature, he ordained for man food Sustenance, & alsoe he hath given to man wit & understanding of divers Sciences & crafts by ye which we may travell in this world to [20] get our Lineinge wth. To make divers ye things to Gods pleasure & alsoe for our ease & profit, the wch things if I would rehearse them it were too long to tell or to write, whereof I will leaue, but I will Shew & tell yu p'te of them & how & in what wise ye Science of Geometricie first began & who were ye founders thereof & of ye other crafts moe, as yt is noted in ye Bible & in other Stories moe.

How & in what mauner this worthy Science of Geometricie first began, I will tell yu as I sd before, ye shall understand [40] yt there been Seaven liberall Sciences by ye which Seaven Sciences all ye Sciences & Crafts in ye world were first found and especially out of Geometricie for he is ye cruser of all ye other, the wch Seaven Sciences been called thus. A. H. for ye first he is called foundament of Sciences his name is Grammer he teacheth a man right fully to write & to speake truely. The Second is Rhetorick & he teacheth a man to Speake formable & fair. The third is Logicke for he teacheth a man to discerne ye truth from ye false and most com'only it is called ye art of Sophistrie. The fourth is called Arithmetique wch [60] teacheth a man ye craft of number for to reckon & make accounts of all mauner of things. The fifth is Geometricie wch teacheth a man mette & measures & ponderations or weightnes of all mauner of crafts. The Sixth is Musicke yt teacheth a man ye craft of Songs of ~~soye~~ & organs trump & harpe & all other appertaining to them. The Seaventh is Astronomie yt teacheth a man to know ye hours of ye Sun & ye moon & all other planetts & Starrs of Heaven.

Our intent is principally to treat of ye first foundation of ye worthy Science of Geometricie & who were [80] ye founders thereof as I sd before, yt there been Seaven liberall Sciences yt is to Say Seaven Sciences or crafts yt been free in themselves ye wch Seaven Sciences been all by one & yt is Geometricie, *A. Geometro*, is as much to say as ye measure of ye Earth *et fo a qe qd et teru lati e et metron mensure, on Geometrie, i mesure terre noe fra* yt is to say in English yt Geometry is as I sd of *geo* in Greek Earth & *metron* yt is to say measure, and thus is this name Geometricie compounded, & is sd ye measure of ye Earth, marvaile yc not yt I sd all Sciences lean [100] only by ye Science of Geometry, for there is noe Artificiall nor handicraft yt is wrought by mans hand but it is wrought by Geometry & a notable cause, for if a man worke wth his hands he worketh wth some mauner of tool, & there is noe instrument of materiall things in this world, but it comieth of ye kind of Earth & to Earth it will returne againe.

And there is noe instrument, yt is to say A tool to worke wth but it hath Some proportion either more or les, and proportion is measure and ye tool earth, & therefore every instrument is Earth, & Geometry is said ye measure of ye Earth, wherefore [120] I may say yt all men live by Geometry, for all men in ye world liue by ye labour of their hands, many more probations I would tell yu wherefore Geometry is the science yt reasonable men liue by wherefore I leaue it at this time for ye long p'sesse of writeing, and now I will proceed further on my matter.

You shall understand yt amongst all ye crafts in ye [end of first strip] World of manuell Crafts, Masonrie hath ye most notability, & most p'te of this Science of Geometry as it is noted & Said as well in ye Histories & in ye Bible & in ye Mass Stories and in Polocronion [140], it is a Story proved & alsoe in Doctors of Stories yt been named, *Beda de imagine mundi* & *helidore, ethemologiorum methodius ep'us* and *marten* & others, I suppose it may well be Sd for it was found as it is noted in ye Bible in ye first book of *Genesis*. Adam this linely maill soon aft ye Son descended downe [160] ye Seaventy age of Adam, before Noahs flood there was a man called Lamech ye wch had two wiues ye het Adala & ye other Zillah, by ye first wife yt was called Adala, he got two Sons ye one was named Jaball & the other het Juball, ye elder Son Jaball was ye first yt ever found Geometry, *intentord's at atq; pastor* yt is to Say ye father of men came ye master Mason & governour of this worke when [180] he made ye Cityt of Henoch yt was ye first Cityt yt ever was made, & yt made Cane, Adams Son & gave it to his owne Son Enoch & gave ye Cityt ye name of his owne Son Enoch & called it ye Cityt of Enoch & now it is called Ephrame & there was ye Science of Geometry & Masonry first occupied & contrived for a Science & for a Craft & Soe we may Say yt this was ye first cause & foundacon of all Science & crafts & alsoe this man Jaball was called *pastor pastoru* & as ye master of Stories [200] Saith & *Beda imagine mundi, polocronicon* & others moe Saith yt he was ye first yt ever made particon of land yt every man might know his owne ground & labour thereupon as his owne, he parted flocks of Sheep Soe yt every man might know his owne Sheep, & Soe we may Say yt he was ye first founder of yt Science, & his brother Juball was ye first founder of Musicke as Pithagoras Saith in *Polocronicon*, & ye Same Saith Isidore in his *Ethemologus* in ye sixth book he Saith yt he was [220] ye first founder of Musicke in song & of Organ & of trump & he found ye Science of Smiths Craft by ye sound & ponderation of his brothers Hammers & yt was Juball Cain.

Southly as ye Bible Saith in ye Same Chapter of *Genesis* yt Lameck begat on his Brothers wife yt hight Zillah a Son & a Daughter whose names were called Tuball Caine yt was his Son, & his Daughters name Madmah & as Polocronicon saith yt Some men did say yt she was another mens wife, whether it be Soe or not we affirme it not, but this Tuball Caine [240] was ye first founder of Smiths crafts & of ye other crafts of metall yt is to Say of Iron & of bras of gold & of Silver as soundrie doctor doe entreat, & his Sister Madmah was first founder of weaver craft for before yt time there was noe cloath woven, but then they did Spin yarne & knitt & made them such cloathing as they could, but as yt woman Madmah found yt craft of weaving, & therefore it was called womans craft, & these her bretheren had knowledge before yt God would take vengeance for Sin either by fire or by water, & they had great care how they might doe to [260] save ye Sciences yt they had there found & to take their councell together, & by all their witts they Said yt there were two mauner of Stones of Such vertue yt ye one would never burne & yt Stone is named Marble, & another Stone yt would not Sink in waters & yt stone is called Laterus.

And Soe they devised to write all ye Sciences yt they had found in these two stones Soe yt if God should take vengeance by fire yt then ye Marble Stone Should not burne, and if God Sent vengeance by water then ye other Should not drowne & Soe they provided their elder brother Jaball yt he would make two pillars of ye two stones yt is to Say Marble [280] & Laterus and yt he would write in ye two pillars all ye Sciences & crafts yt they all had found & Soe he did, therefore we may Say yt he was ye cuningest in Sciences, for he first began & p'formed ye last end before Noahs flood kindly knowing of yt vengeance yt God would Send whether it Should be fire or by water, ye brethren knew it not by mauner of profit they wist yt God would doe one thereof & therefore they wrote their Sciences in ye two pillars of Stone & Some men doe affirme yt they write all their Seaven Sciences in ye Said Stones [300] & as they had their minde yt vengeance would come Soe it was yt God Sent it by water for yt that there came Such a flood yt all ye world was drowned & all men were dead therein saueing eight persons, yt was Noah &

his wife & his three sons & their wives, of wch three Sons all ye world came off & their names was in this mauner,—

Sem Cham & Japhett, & this flood was called Noahs flood for he & his Children were Saved, & noe moe, & many years after as Chronicle telleth these two pillars were found [320] & as *polocronicon* Saith yt a great Clarke yt men called Pithagoras found ye one & Heromes ye Philosopher found ye other & they taught forth [end of second strip] the Sciences yt they found therein written every Chronicle & Story, and many other Clerks & ye Bible principally witnesseth of the making of ye Tower of Babilon & it is written in ye Bible Geneses *Capit decun* how yt Cham, Noahs Son, Nimrod, & he waxed A mighty man upon ye Earth and he was a Strong man like unto a Giant & he was a great King & in ye begining of his Raigne and Kingdome he was ye true King of Babilon & [340] *amad calueth* & ye land of Shinar & these Same mens Brethren began ye Tower of Babilon & he taught to his workmen ye Craft of Masonry & had with him many Masons, more than fforty thousand & he loved them and cherished them well & as it is written in ye *Polocrone* & in the Mass Stories & in other Stories moe & a part of this witnessed in ye Bible in ye Said tenth Chapter, where he Saith yt Assur was near a kin to Nimrod's Seed out of ye Land of Shiner & he built ye Cityt of Nineveh in placeas & other moe & this he Saith *ve illa taira in Defemare egressus est Asshur* [350] *et edificavit Ninevi et implecens anitates et calath et Ristro qe is Ninevelet calath he est civitas magr.*

Reason would yt Should declare openly now & in what mauner ye charges of Masons craft was first found & who gaue first to it this nome of Masonry & yu Shall know well yt it is plainly opened in *Polocronicon* & in *Methodus episopus et marten* yt Asshur yt was a worthy Lord Sent to Nimrod ye King to Sēnd him masons & workmen of Craft yt might help him to make his Citty ye which he was purposed to make & finish & Nimrod Sent him thirty [380] hundred of Masons & when he Should goe & send them forth he called them before him & Said ye must goe to my Cosin Asshur to help him to build him a Citty but look ye be well governed wth such a charge yt it may be profitable both for yu and me & truly doe yor labour & craft & take reasonable for yor pains according as yu may deserue, & I would yt yu loue together as yu were brethren & hold together truely & he yt hath most cuning [400] teach it to his brother or fellow, and look yu gover[n]ye yor Selves well towards yor Lord and amongst yor Selves Soe yt I may haue worship and thanks for Sending yu & teaching ye craft.

And they received their charge of ye King yt was their Lord and master & went forth to Asshur & buildded ye Cityt of Nineveh in ye Country of Placeas & other Citties more yt men call *Calath Resen* yt is a great Cittie between Calath & Nineveh & in this maner ye craft of Masonry was preferred first and charged for a Science & Craft.

Reason would yt we Should Shew yu how yt ye Eldars yt were before yt time had ye charge written [420] in Lattin & in ffrench, & how yt Euclidis came to Geometricie we Should tell yu as it is noted in ye Bible & in other Stories in *duodecimo Capit Geneses* he telleth how yt Abraham came into ye Land o Canaan & ye Lord appeared unto him & Said I Shall giue this land to thee & to thy Seed, but there fell a great hunger in ye Land & Abraham took Sarai his wife wth him & went into Egyp in pilgrimage while ye hunger endured he would abide there & Abraham as ye Stories Sayde [440] was a wise man & a great Clerke & he called all the Seaven Sciences & taught ye Egypians ye Science of Grammar.

This worthy Clerke Euclidis was his Schollar & learned of him Masonry & he gaue yt first ye name of Geometry, but it is Said of *Iodus ethemologer* in ye first book, Isodus in his *Etemologie* in ye fifth book *Ethemogior Capitulo pis* Saith Euclidis was one of ye first founders of Geometry & he gaue it name for in his time there was a water in ye land of Egyp yt was called Nilo, & it flowed [460] Soe far in yt land yt men might not dwell therein, and Euclidis taught them to make great walls & ditches to hold out ye water & he by Geometry measured out ye land & parted it into divers parts, & made every man to close his owne part wth walls and ditches, and then it became a plentious Country of all mauner of fruit & young people both of men & women if there was Soe much people of young fruit yt ye Country might not well liue & ye Lordē of yt Country drew them together & made a Councell [480] how they might helpe their Children yt had not livelihood competent & able to find them & their Children for they haue many amongst them in Councell, and there was this worthy Clarke Euclidis, and when he perceived they all were not able to bring about this matter, he Said to them will yu take to me yor Sons in governance and I shall teach them in Such a Science yt they Shall liue thereby gentlemen like, under condition yu will be Sworne to me to perorme ye governance yt I will tell yee. [500]

Soe reason would that every man Should grant to ye things yt are profitable to themselves, and they took their Sons to Euclidis to governe them at his owne will, and he taught them ye craft of Masonry and gaue it ye name of Geometry because of parting ye ground yt he had taught ye people in makeing their walls & ditches beforesaid to close out the water, & Isodus Saith in his *Etimologies* yt only calleth ye craft Geometricie, and this worthy Clarke gaue it name and [end of third strip] taught [520] it ye Lords Sons of ye Land that he had in his teaching and he gaue them charge yt they Should call each other fellow & not otherwise because they were all of one Craft & of gentle birth borne & of Lords Sons & alsoe he yt was most cuning Should be governour of ye worke & Should be called Master, & other charges moe yt been written in ye book of charges, & Soe they wrought wth ye Lords of yt land & made Citties & Townes Castles & Temples & Lords places & did liue honestly & truely by ye Said craft.

When the Children of Israell dwelling [540] in Egyp they learned ye craft of Masonry & afterwards they were driven out of Egypt they came into ye land of Behest wch now is called Jerusalem and there it was occupied & ye charges holden & kept, and at ye makeing of Solomons Temple yt King David began & King David loved well Masons, & he gave them charges right near as they be now & ye makeing of Solomons Temple as it is Said in ye Bible in ye third book *Regnum in tertio regun regn capitul quinto* that Solomon had fouer thousand Masons at [560] his worke & ye Kings Son of Tyre was his Master Mason & in other Cronicles as it is Said in old books of Masonry yt Solomon confirmed ye charges yt his ffather David had giuen ye Masons, & Solomon himselfe taught them their mauners, very little differing from the mauners yt now are used.

And from thence this worthy Science was brought into ffrance by ye grace of God & into many other worthy Regions, and in ffrance there was a worthy Knight yt was named Carolus Secundus yt is to Say Charles ye Second and this [580] Charles was elected King of ffrance by ye grace of God & by Lineage & yet Some men will say yt he was elected by fortune only, wch is false & untrue as appeareth by ye Cronicle plainly for he was of ye Kings blood royll & this Same King Charles was a Mason before yt he was King & afterwards when he was King he loved well Masons & cherished them and gave ye charge & mauners of his devise whereof Some be used at this pr'sent in ffrance and ordained yt they Should haue reasonable pay & alsoe yt they Should assemble once in a year & com'on together of Such things as were amiss & ye Same to be received by Masters and ffellowes [600].

Every honest Mason or any other worthy workman yt hath any loue to ye craft of Masonry & would know how ye craft of Masonry came first into England & by whom it was grounded & confirmed as it is noted & written in Stories of England & in old charges of St Albans time & King Ethelstone declared yt Amphabell came out of ffrance into England & he brought St Albone into Christendone & made him a Christian man & he brought wth him ye charges of Masons as they were in ffrance & in other Lands, and & in that time ye King of ye Land yt was a Panem [Pagan] dwelled there as St Albans is now & he had many Masons working on ye Towne walls, & as yt time St Albane was ye Kings Steward pay master & Governor of ye Kings workē & loved well Masons & cherished them well & made

them good pay for a Mason took but a penny a day and meat & drink, & St Albone got of ye King yt every Mason Should have xxsd. a week & iiiid. for their non finding & he got them charges & manners as St Amphabell had taught him, & they doe but a little differ from ye charges yt be used now at this time & Soe these charges & mauners were used many years & afterwards they were almost near hand lost, *bargarie war* [sic] untill ye time of King Ethelstone wch Said King Ethelstone & ye Same Edwin loved well Geometry and applied himselfe busily in learning yt Science and alsoe he desired to haue ye practise thereof wherefore he called unto him of ye best Masons yt were in ye Realme for he knew wel yt they had ye practise of Geometry best of any craft in ye Realme & he learned of them Masonry & cherished and loved them well & he took upon him ye charges & learned ye mauners & afterward for ye love yt he had unto ye craft, & for ye good grounding yt it was found in he purchased a free charter of ye King his ffather yt they Should haue Such a fredome to haue correction within themselves & yt they might haue communication together to correct Such things as were amiss within themselves and they made a great Congregation of Masons to assemble together at York where he was himselfe, & let call ye old Masons of the Realme to yt congregation, & comanded them to bring to him all ye writeings of ye old books of ye craft that they had, out of wch books they contrived ye charges by ye devise of ye wisest Masons yt were there, & comanded yt these charges might be kept & holden & he ordained yt Such congregacon might be called Assembly, & he ordained for them good pay yt they might liue honestly ye wch charges I will declare hereafter, & this was ye craft of Masonry there grounded and considered,

In England right worshipfull masters and fellowes yt been of divers Semblies and congregations wth ye consent of ye Lords of this Realme hath ordained & made charges by their best advise yt all mauner of men yt shall be made & allowed Masons, must be Sworne upon a booke to keep the Same in all yt they may to ye uttermost of their power, & alsoe they haue ordained yt when any ffellow Shall be received & allowed yt these charges might be read unto him & he to take his charges, and these charges have been Seen & perused by our late Soveraigne Lord King Henry ye Sixth & ye Lords of ye Honourable Councell, and they haue allowed them well & Said they were right good & reasonable to be holden [end of fourth strip] and these charges haue been drawne & gathered out of divers antient books both of ye old Law and new Law as they were confirmed and made in Egypt by ye King and by ye great Clarke Euclidus & at ye makeing of Solomon's Temple by King David & by Salom his Sonn and in ffrance by Charles King of ffrance and in England by St Albon that was ye Steward to ye King yt was at yt time, & afterward by King Ethelstone yt was King of England, & by his Son Edwin yt was King after his ffather as it is rehearsed in many and divers histories & Stories and Chapters & ensueth as ye charges following perticularly and Severally, ye first and principall charge is

1.—That ye Shall be true man or true men to God and ye holy Church, and that ye Shall use neither error nor heresie by your own understanding or discretion wise mens teaching.

2.—That ye be true leidgemen to ye King without treason or falsehood and if you know either Treason or treachery look ye amend it if ye can or else privately warne ye King or his Rulers or his deputies & officers.

3.—That ye Shall be true one to another, yt is to Say to every Master & fellow of ye Science and craft of Masonry yt been allowed Masons, & to doe unto them as ye would they Should doe unto you.

4.—That every Mason keep true councell both of Lodge & Chamber and all other Councells yt ought to be kept by way of Masonrie.

5.—That noe Mason be Theif or Theives for as far forth as he knoweth.

6.—That he shall be true to his Lord and Master yt he doth Serue, & truly look to his Masters profit and advantage.

7.—You Shall call Masons your ffellowes or your Brethren and ~~by~~ noe other foul name, nor Shall you take your ffellowes wife in villany nor further desire his Daughter nor Servant.

8.—And alsoe yt you pay truely for your meat & your drink wheresoever you goe to boord, alsoe ye Shall doe noe villany in ye house whereby ye craft Shall be slandered.

These been ye charges in generall that every Mason Should hold by both masters and ffellowes.

Now other Singular charges for Masters and Fellows.

1st.—That noe Master or ffellow take upon him noe Lords worke nor other mans but he know himselfe able and of cunning enough to performe it, Soe yt ye Craft haue noe Slaundor nor disworshipp Soe yt ye Lord may be well and truly Served.

2ly.—That noe Master take noe worke but he take it reasonable Soe yt ye Lord may be well and truly Served with his owne good and ye Master may live honestly and pay his ffellowes truely their pay as ye mauner of craft asketh.

3ly.—That noe Master nor ffellow Shall Supplant other of their worke, yt is to Say if he haue taken a worke, or else Stand Master of any Lords worke or other, ye Shall not put him out unless he be unable of cunning yt end yt worke.

4ly.—That noe Master nor ffellow take noe Apprentice to be allowed his Apprentice but for Seaven years, and yt Apprentice to be able of birth and of living as he ought to be.

5ly.—That noe Mason nor ffellow take noe allowance to be Mason without ye consent of V. or VI. of his ffellowes at least and he yt Shall be made Mason to be *an'ena* within all Sides, yt is to Say yt he be free borne and of good kindred and noe bondman and yet he haue his right limbs as a man ought to haue.

6ly.—That noe Master nor ffellow take any Lords worke to taske yt hath been accustomed to be journey worke.

7ly.—That every one give pay to his ffellow but as he may deserue Soe yt ye worthy Lord of ye worke may not be deceived through false workemen.

8ly.—That noe ffellow doe Slander other behind his backe to make him lose his good name or his worldly goods.

9ly.—That noe ffellow within Lodge nor without doe minister evill answe to other ungodly without reasonable cause.

10ly.—That every Mason Shall doe reverence to his betters and and Shal put him at worshipp.

11ly.—That noe Mason Shall play at hazard, or at ye dice nor noe other unlawfull games whereby ye craft Should be Slandered.

12ly.—That noe Mason be noe Ribandin Leche^Y to make the craft Slandered.

13.—That noe ffellow goe into ye Towne in ye nighttime without a ffellow to bear him witnes yt he hath been in honest company for if he Soe doe there a Lodge of ffellowes to punish yt Sinne.

14.—That every Mason and ffellow Shall come to ye Assembly and it be within five miles of him, and if he haue any warning to Stand there at ye reward of Masters & ffellowes.

15.—That every Master & ffellow if they haue trespassed to Stand at ye reward of Masters & ffellowes to make them accord there if they may, and if they may not accord them, they to goe to ye Comon Law. [End of fifth strip.]

16.—That noe Master make noe mould nor Sware [Square], nor rule to lare.

17.—That noe Master nor ffellow Shall Set a layer within Lodge nor without to Shew any moulded Stones with any mould of his owne makeing.

18.—That every Master Shall receive and cherish Strang Masons when they come out of ye Country and Set them to worke as the mauner is yt is to Say, if they haue moulded Stones in place ye Shall Set them a fortnight at ye least in worke, and giue him his pay, and if he haue not Stones for him to worke, that then he shall refresh him to ye next Lodge.

19th.—That you shall truely serue ye Lord for your pay, and justly and truely make an end of your worke be it task or Journey worke As you may haue your pay truely according as you ought to haue.

20th.—That every Mason worke truely upon ye working day, Soe yt he may receive his pay and deserue it Soe he may liue honestly upon ye holy day, and yt ye and every Mason receive your pay godly of your paymaster and that ye Shall keep due time of travaile in your worke & of rest as it is ordained by the Masters Councill.

21.—That if any ffellowes Shall be at discord or dissention, ye Shall truely treat between them to make accord and agreement & Shew noe favour upon neither part, but Justly and truely for both ye parties, and yt it be done in Such time as ye Lords worke be not hindered.

22.—Alsoe if ye Stand warden or haue any power under the Master where ye Serue, ye Shall be true to your Sd master while ye be with him, and be a true mediator betweene Master and his ffellowes to ye uttermost of your power.

23.—Alsoe if ye Stand Steward either of Lodge Chamber or of comon house needs, ye Shall giue true account of ye ffellowes good how yt is dispensed, at what time they will take account, and alsoe if you haue more cuning than yr ffellow yt Stands by you in his worke and See him in danger to Spoile his Stone and wants councill of you ye Shall informe and teach him honestly Soc yt ye Lords worke be not spoiled.

These charges that we haue declared and recorded
unto you ye Shall well and truely keep to your power,
Soe helpe you God & Holidome & by ye holy contents
of this booke.

Edward Thompson

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[Endorsed, "1687 Freemasons Charge."]

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THE FREEMASONS IN THE FIFTEENTH CENTURY.

When the different countries of Europe had been filled with nearly all the churches and monasteries they could contain, and when, above all, an increase of industry and skill, of learning and knowledge, had produced in the local sovereigns of those countries a natural jealousy both of the intrusion of those foreign artificers and craftsmen privileged to the disparagement of their own authority and to the detriment of their subjects' welfare; an impatience of the influence and interference of the Popes, who upheld and supported the intruders, and with this diminished respect for the papal dominion, or diminished dependence on the craft of these his foreign *protégés*, they began to thwart and persecute them in every possible way, not only to deprive them of their privileges, but, not yet daring to acknowledge the real cause of their antipathy, to impute to them imaginary crimes, in order to terrify them by unjust punishments. History has recorded the accusation preferred in England against the Lombard merchants and bankers, and the treatment inflicted upon them; nor was that of the Freemasons much more lenient. In 1424, Henry VI. declared all corporations of Freemasons illegal, and threatened those who should continue to hold chapters and meetings with fine, imprisonment and other penalties. Similar measures were gradually taken against them in other countries, in consequence of which their trade at last entirely failed; those engaged in it were obliged to seek other means of support, and no new members aspired to the advantages of the Fraternity. In confirmation of this opinion, it appears that the country in which the Freemasons continued longest to preserve their footing and their credit, viz., Germany, was that in which the pointed style continued longest to flourish and was latest superseded.—*The Architect.*

PHILIP DORMER, EARL OF CHESTERFIELD.—Born in 1694, and died in 1773. He was a distinguished diplomatist, statesman, and "littérateur," and while Ambassador at the Hague in the year 1731 was present at the "Lodge of Emergency," or special lodge, convened under a dispensation from Lord Lovel, Grand Master, to initiate Francis, Grand Duke of Lorraine and Tuscany. This prince was advanced to the Third Degree the same year, Preston tells us, at a special lodge convened at Houghton Hall, Norfolk, as he had visited England in the meantime. Preston says that Lord Chesterfield presided on the occasion with a Bro. Strickland as Deputy Master, and with Bro. Benjamin Hadley and a Dutch brother as Wardens. Oliver, in his edition of Preston, 1861, repeats the statement. Kloss and Mackey, however, assert that Dr. Désaguliers was in Holland at that time and presided, and not Lord Chesterfield. Lenning follows Preston and Oliver. The "Handbuch" leans to Kloss. There are no records in the archives of the English Grand Lodge with respect to this event, nor any official traces of the dispensation said to be granted by Lord Lovel.—*Kenning's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry.*

The Freemason

PRESENTATION TO BRO. RICHARD GREENWOOD.

A very interesting event happened at the Board School opposite the Southwark Park gates on Thursday afternoon, when Bro. Richard Greenwood, P.M. 1641, Sec. 2369, the late Head Master, was presented with a testimonial as an appreciation of his work during 16 years at the school.

Bro. W. F. KEDDELL, J.W. 1185, the present Head Master, said that such meetings were very pleasant ones, for they showed that the scholars had much interest in their teachers, and appreciated the hard work they did for them.

Mr. W. TAYLOR, Treasurer of the Testimonial Fund, said that there was a general feeling when Bro. Greenwood left that something should be done to remind him of his work at Southwark Park School. Money had been subscribed by managers, teachers, and present and past scholars. Very pleasing it had been to receive letters from old scholars expressing their thanks to Bro. Greenwood. Everyone felt that their late Head Master had done what he considered right and proper for the best interests of all his scholars. Some 2600 had been under his tuition during the past 16 years, and they had subscribed cheerfully to give him a tangible proof of their respect.

Bro. C. Woods, 1869, Sec. 2345, said they all trusted that Bro. Greenwood would be equally appreciated at his new school, and that after an equal period of service there he would be thought as highly of as he was by those who had been his pupils.

Rev. LEARY, D.C.L., said he was very pleased to be present for two reasons, first, because he was a manager of the school, and secondly, for the respect he had for Bro. Greenwood's work. Southwark Park School was noted for the excellent work done by the scholars. The pupils trained there had been very successful after leaving school. Bro. Greenwood had been a good schoolmaster, and nobly did his duty. Scholars never forgot their schooldays and he trusted those present would have a good recollection of the time spent at school. Many scholars from that school had obtained scholarships, which had enabled them to continue their education. He was very pleased to present Bro. Greenwood with the gold Albert and locket.

Bro. GREENWOOD, P.M. 1641, Sec. 2369, said he could hardly express his gratitude for the valuable and handsome present. He understood that about £10 had been paid for the present. It would be treasured on account of the love it expressed. About 20 years ago he was presented with a valuable watch at another school, and he never wound it up without thinking of the donors, and he should have that chain to make him think of the time he had spent at that school, and of those who had been there with him. He trusted if they really loved him they would show that love in the future by working hard for Bro. Kedell, their new Head Master, and for their teachers. He wanted all to become gentlemen. It did not require money to make gentlemen. Everyone had it in his power to be gentle, honest, obliging, straightforward, and industrious—these were the qualities of a gentleman. He thanked them most heartily.

Bro. W. F. KEDDELL, Head Master, moved a hearty vote of thanks to Dr. Leary for presiding, and it was carried unanimously.

After three cheers for Bro. Greenwood and Dr. Leary those present dispersed.

THE LODGE OF EMULATION AND ITS LATE TREASURER.

The retirement of Bro. T. Taylor from the Treasurer-ship of the Lodge of Emulation, No. 21, afforded the brethren of that old lodge, of which the Lord Mayor is the present Worshipful Master, an opportunity of expressing their appreciation of Bro. Taylor's services and the esteem in which he was held, as will be seen by the following record, ordered to be entered on the minutes, and a copy of which was engrossed and sent to Bro. Taylor. "The election of Treasurer for the ensuing year was considered, and, a letter having been read from Bro. T. Taylor, the present Treasurer, in which he stated that owing to the state of his health he wished to retire from the position which he had held for 31 years, the W.M. proposed, and Bro. EVANS seconded, that Bro. Taylor's resignation of the Treasurer-ship of this lodge, which he has held for the last 31 years to the great satisfaction of the brethren and to the undoubted advantage of the lodge, be accepted with sincere regret, and that the best thanks of the lodge be offered to Bro. Taylor for his long services and unfailing kindness to the brethren, together with their heartfelt wishes for his renewed health and continued happiness."

Bro. BERRIDGE, P.M., P.G.D., having spoken in support of the resolution, it was carried unanimously, and the Secretary was ordered to send an engrossed and illuminated copy of it to Bro. Taylor.

Knights Templar.

TORQUAY.

Royal Sussex Preceptory (No. 25).—A meeting of this preceptory was held in the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 21st inst., when the following were present: Sir Knights John Chapman, 18^o, P.P.G. Reg.; E.P.; Jno. Lane, 18^o, P.P.G. Reg.; I.P.E.P.; W. Bennett Maye, 18^o, P.E.P., P.P.G.M., Reg.; P. B. Clemens, P.E.P., Chap. as Sub-Marshall; W. Taylor, 18^o,

P.E.P., Prov. G. Treas., as C.L.; John Taylor, 18^o, P.P.B.B., Constable; F. Adams Davson, T. H. Wills, as Marshal; and John Haywood, Guard.

The preceptory being opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Sir Knight John Taylor, Constable, was unanimously elected the E.P. for the ensuing year, and E. Sir Knight W. Taylor re-elected the Treasurer. Comp. T. Blackler was then ably and impressively installed a sir knight by E. Sir Knight W. Bennett Maye, who worked the ceremony in his usual correct and faultless manner.

The preceptory was then closed, and a Priory of Malta opened by E. Sir Knight P. B. Clemens, who incepted Sir Knight T. Blackler into the Order, Sir Knight Clemens giving the whole of this Degree, together with the history of the Order in extenso in a fluent and eloquent style, after which the priory was closed.

Obituary.

BRO. ALFRED PRINCE.

We much regret to have to announce the melancholy death of Bro. Alfred Prince, the W.M. elect of the City of London Lodge, No. 901, who died just previously to his installation, which was to have taken place on Monday, the 19th inst. The funeral took place at the Paddington Cemetery on Tuesday, the 20th inst., and his lodge was well represented by the present W.M., Bro. J. P. Hoddinott, and Bros. Rubardt, J.W.; J. Hughes, P.M., Treas.; C. Beaumont, P.M., Sec.; David Hughes, P.M.; Dan. Hughes, P.M.; Stevens, P.M.; Harbord, P.M.; McClelland, P.M.; and Ginger, P.M.; also several of the junior officers and members. The funeral cortège started from the residence of the deceased in Albert-street, Regent's Park, at 1 o'clock, arriving at the cemetery at 2 o'clock. The arrangements were excellently carried out under the supervision of Bro. Alfred Ginger, P.M.



We only wish it were in our power to give as exhaustive an account of the latest and by far the finest theatre in London as it deserves. The Royal English Opera House is without doubt unparalleled in grandeur, comfort, and all that science and art can do to make the building befitting the name Mr. D'Oyly Carte has given it. To satisfy ourselves we went into every part of the auditorium, and found that in all an uninterrupted and complete view of the stage is to be had. No pillars have to be dodged in order to see what is going on upon the stage. Even at the sides of the house one has a full view of the stage. Electricity is installed throughout. The dressing-rooms are all fitted up with hot and cold water and heated. A lift is provided for the artistes to and from their rooms. The whole of the scenery, flies, &c., are made of non-inflammable material. The retiring-rooms are handsome in the extreme. Most of the newspapers have given a description of this temple of luxury, but none that we have seen have mentioned the list of guests whom Mr. and Mrs. D'Oyly Carte welcomed, on Monday night, between 10 p.m. and 1 a.m., to a private view. We therefore think it may be interesting to record a few. We recognised Mrs. Bancroft smiling on every one she knew. Sir Charles Russell came on from the Surrey County Liberal Dinner at the National Liberal Club, where he had been chief speaker. The Terry family were very much *en evidence* for three sisters and a brother were there in the persons of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lewis (Kate Terry) and their eldest daughter, Mrs. M. Morris (Florence Terry), and Ellen Terry, in a charming gown, with her son Gordon Craig, and their brother Fred, busy introducing Bro. Sydney Brough and other friends to his family. Miss Genevieve Ward, and Mr. W. H. Vernon, who was for so many years her leading man. Miss Florence St. John. Miss Sylvia Grey, accompanied by the genial C. J. Abud, came from the Gaiety, also Mr. George Edwardes, whose pretty wife, Julia Gwynne, displaying a fine diamond star, had been there the whole evening. Bro. E. J. Lonnegan, suffering from a cold, was also to be seen, and, of course, his life-long friend, Bro. H. T. Brickwell. Kate Rorke looked as beautiful as ever, and in the absence of her husband, Bro. E. Gardiner, in New York, she went about with Mrs. Frank Tyars and Kate Phillips. Miss Rose Leclercq, looking very stately, was near Olga Brandon and Leonard Boyne, the heroine and hero in "The English Rose." Mr. Clement Scott, just back from the Riviera, spent most of the time in the dress-circle chatting to Mr. Augustus and Mrs. Moore, just back from their honeymoon. We saw her brother, Bro. Lionel Monckton, but neither Bro. Sir John nor Lady Monckton did we meet. Mr. Comyns Carr represented Art, but his chief was also there in the person of Sir Frederick Leighton. Lord Londesborough, clad in a sable fur coat, brought quite a large party. Mr. Bret Harte and Bro. John Hare were much sought after. Young Bro. Morell Mackenzie was very much to the fore. Bro. Colonel Edis, G.S. of W., congratulated Mr. Calcott on his lovely edifice. Sophie Larkin escorted a lot of younger actresses. Bro. Arthur Stirling, Gilbert A'Beckett, and his facsimile, Cecil Howard. Chatting to Bro. Charles Harris were Miss Vane Featherstone and Edith Bruce, who were taken round by Bro. Oscar and Mrs. Barrett. The other Barrett was there, too, we mean our Masonic friend, W.A. of

St. Paul's Cathedral, Mus. Bac. Joseph Knight's loud and cheery voice could be heard anywhere. Mr. Bellringer escorted an army from the Criterion, in the persons of Miss Mary Moore, dear old Blakeley, Miss Vining, and Aubrey Boucicault, who looked after his mother. Sir Spencer Ponsonby Vane, K.C.B., represented the Lord Chamberlain's department, and Captain Shaw, C.B.—when is he going to be K.C.B.?—remarked that if all buildings were like the Opera House his employment would be gone. Miss Dorothy Dene and her sister prevailed upon Annie Rose to lunch one day with them. Mr. and Mrs. Lancaster Wallis came fresh from "The Pharisee" over the way. "Uncle Sam," Mr. French, was all there. John Le Hay tried a bit of his ventriloquism just to test the acoustics. Decema Moore, the beautiful, and not far behind her Jessie Bond and W. H. Denny, represented Mr. D'Oyly Carte's other house—Savoy. Mr. and Mrs. Ledger of course were present. The bland George Delacher was a good representative of the Green Room Club. Lionel Brough was congratulated upon recovery from his recent touch of gout. Arthur Roberts came in very late, but not too late to get refreshments, of which there was no lack. Corney Grain and Weedon Grossmith were to be seen. The eminent composer, Joseph Bennett, and Herr Ganz discussed music with Captain Henry Wright. Bram Stoker thought it the most lovely theatre he had been into. M. Alias, the costumier, Mr. Norman Forbes, the youngest lessee, and his brother, Forbes Robertson, Yorke Stephens, Eva Webster, Captain E. H. Warren Wright, Fanny Brough, Herbert Waring, Lila Clay, W. H. Griffiths, Tom Thorne, Mr. and Mrs. Herkomer, Sir Geo. Arthur, Mr. Edward Lawson, Miss Nellie Bromley (Mrs. A. Stuart Wortley), and Dr. A. C. Mackenzie were only a tithe of the numerous guests Mr. D'Oyly Carte invited, all of whom were loud in their praises of the new theatre and would like to be at the opening, though few of them will be there.

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Three things will make "Joan of Arc" a success. First because Mr. George Edwardes is the manager, and nothing has failed that he has put up at the Gaiety, so why should it at the Opera Comique? Secondly, the duet of Bros. Arthur Roberts and Charles Danby, "Round the Town," and thirdly, Miss Kate Seymour's dancing. We might throw in, if it were needed, Bro. Roberts' other song, "How I found Emin." We cannot call the piece a burlesque, for "Joan of Arc" is a variety entertainment pure and simple. In the cast are, besides those we have mentioned, Bro. J. L. Shine—a part author—Misses Linda Verner, Phyllis Broughton, and Grace Pedley. The latter warbles sweetly, and Miss Broughton dances gracefully, but Miss Katie Seymour has fairly "caught on" by her clever and graceful *pas de deux*. It was rather hard of a well-known critic to praise her up to the skies and then say she was unknown. We take credit to ourselves for having a long time ago pointed her out—though personally unknown to us—to a well-known manager as a skilful dancer. It has been left to Mr. Edwardes to take Miss Seymour from the music-hall stage, where she has been a favourite for years, and give her a three years' engagement. While Bros. Roberts and Shine are allowed *carte blanc*, "Joan of Arc" is quite safe for a run. A good deal more than the overflow from the Gaiety, where "House Full" is nightly put up, will find their way to the Opera Comique, now beautifully decorated.

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Mr. Norman Forbes has started well in many ways. He has abolished all fees at the Globe. The programmes are not smothered with advertisements, which hinder the playbill being seen. A list of cab fares is painted on the back. A new act drop has been printed, which is quite a picture, and the theatre has been exquisitely upholstered, gilded, and made comfortable. But we cannot go further, for the opening plays—"Gringoire" and "All the Comforts of Home"—are not strong. "Gringoire," in the form of "The Ballad-monger," by Mr. W. S. Wills—a much better version—has only lately been played by Bro. Tree, and we could not help comparisons. These were not favourable to Mr. Norman Forbes. Mr. de Lange, as the King's Barber, stands out well in a not otherwise strong cast. "All the Comforts of Home" is a farcical comedy of the Daly type, but then the Daly Company do not play it. We must confess we found it dull. The first act is pantomime, the second somewhat amusing, and the third explanatory. Miss Lily Linfield made the hit of the evening in a solo dance, which was happily brought in, and for which she was encored. Amongst the audience on the first night were the Duchess of Teck and Princess Victoria, Lord and Lady and Hon. Gibert Coleridge, Mr. Justin Huntly McCarthy, M.P., Mr. and Mrs. Labouchere, Lord and Lady Sudely, Marchioness of Tweeddale, Mr. and Mrs. Du Maurier, Lady Conyers, Lord and Lady Londesborough, Mrs. Jeune, Lady Pollard, and Marchioness of Bristol. The new and young lessee evidently starts with good intentions, that we hope if he finds it necessary to change his bill he has something more diverting ready for a next piece.

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A numerously-attended meeting was held at the International Hall, Piccadilly Circus, on Saturday evening last for the purpose of determining the amateur championship in weight-lifting. There were some 20 entries, and of them 12 put in an appearance. The first prize—a silver cup—was awarded to E. L. Levy, of Birmingham, while medals, as second and third prizes, were awarded to W. France, Woolwich, and W. G. Clifford, Walworth, respectively.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 1891.

Masonic Notes.

We are in a position to announce that the ceremony of opening the Centenary Hall of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, which was originally arranged to take place some time in the course of next month, has been postponed till after the return from Cannes of the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. and President of the Institution, who has graciously consented to preside on the occasion. The change will have this advantage, that it will give the supporters of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution a clear field for the celebration of its Festival, while at the same time the opening ceremony and the Festival of the Girls' School will be more proximate to each other. In fact, we may now look upon the inauguration of the new Hall as a kind of introduction to the anniversary celebration. This, at all events, should have the effect of promoting the success of the latter.

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That the interest taken in the affairs of the Craft by the members of the Royal Family is not confined to the Grand Master is a fact well known, but it was never more exemplified than during the present week, when in that ancient home of Masonry, the city of York, the Duke of Clarence and Avondale was present at a meeting of the lodge which bears his name to receive at the hands of the W.M., Bro. T. B. Whytehead, a founder's jewel, and on the same day the Duke of Connaught was in attendance at the London Irish Rifles Lodge to be installed as its Worshipful Master, by Bro. Major Carrell. At both meetings the proceedings were of the most interesting character.

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The Canadian Craftsman is responsible for the announcement that "the recently-established Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Victoria is stated to be languishing. Three important chapters decline to recognise it." Doubtless the three chapters referred to are the three clandestine chapters warranted by the Grand Chapter of Canada. In that case, we are reminded of the old proverb about adding insult to injury. Canadian chapters first of all intrude themselves into an Australian colony with which the Freemasons of Canada have nothing whatever to do, and then, when a Grand Chapter is formed which will henceforth exercise supreme authority over Royal Arch Freemasonry in that colony, they decline to recognise it. It is no concern of ours, but it strikes us there are many of the United States jurisdictions in which short work would be made of the recalcitrant as well as interloping chapters. Even Canada herself, though she does not appear to think the invasion of other Masonic territory either an insult or an injury, would hardly stand this.

We mentioned last week that the letter which Bro. the Earl of Onslow, P.S.G.W., in his character of mediator between the opposing Masonic factions in New Zealand, has addressed to the lodges in that colony has brought upon his lordship a considerable amount of hostile criticism. Such criticism was, of course, to be expected, but it is none the less to be deplored. Bro. Lord Onslow, in what he has done, and done so well, has merely followed in the footsteps of the late lamented Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, who, on his arrival in Sydney, was deeply grieved to find the various sections of the Masonic body engaged in a kind of internecine strife. No one was likely to be better informed, or was in a more favourable position to obtain the most precise information, than Lord Carnarvon of the exact position of the various Masonic bodies in New South Wales, their strength relatively to each other, and the influence they were able to exercise. He may have known these things himself, or he could easily have learned them. But, as far as our memory serves us, his lordship does not appear to have concerned himself about these comparatively small details. He saw the lamentable state in which New South Wales Masonry was placed, and he at once set himself to discover a remedy.

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He succeeded in his purpose, because, having taken in the position of things at a glance, he saw that success was possible, not by discussing trifles, but only if he acted, and at once, on those broad and generous principles on which the Craft is based. He saw brethren who should have been united as one body fiercely opposing each other. He did not stop to inquire who was in the wrong, or shall we say rather, who was in the first instance responsible for so deplorable a state of things. He did not trouble himself to inquire how many lodges were arrayed under the banners of the English, Irish, and Scotch Constitutions, and how many under that of the then Grand Lodge of New South Wales. He recognised how fatal a continuance of the disorder would be to Freemasonry. He took counsel with the leading men on either side. He marked out the course which he deemed it best to pursue, referred the matter to his Royal Highness the Grand Master of England and his advisers, and at a very early date, almost sooner than any one could have deemed possible, the dissensions were healed, and the present United Grand Lodge of New South Wales was established under Bro. Lord Carrington, a Past S.G.W. of England and Governor of the Colony, as M.W.G.M.

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This was the result of the late Pro Grand Master's mediation, and there is not a Mason in New South Wales or under the authority of the Grand Lodge of England who does not heartily rejoice that such a result was the consequence of his lordship's intervention, and does not revere his memory the more, because he feels that had the crisis been met in another spirit, the then disordered state of the Craft in New South Wales would in all probability have been prolonged indefinitely.

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We trust, therefore, that Bro. Lord Onslow's appeal will be listened to. It does not so much matter, now that the dissension already exists, who began the squabble, or whether only 33 English lodges, or not quite 60 lodges in all support the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, while 54 English lodges, and not far short of 100 lodges of all kinds remain loyal to their old allegiance. What is now wanted is that the dissension should be ended, and we trust Lord Onslow's efforts in this direction will be successful. There was the same or nearly the same superiority in numbers on the part of the English, Irish, and Scotch Constitutions in New South Wales, compared with the then existing New South Wales Grand Lodge, when the late Earl of Carnarvon intervened successfully, as there is now between the former and the so called Grand Lodge of New Zealand, and we sincerely trust the result of Lord Onslow's intervention will be favourable. It is more important that the well-being of Freemasonry should be upheld at all hazards than that any particular constitution should prevail.

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There is, of course, an ever-present danger in those British colonies and possessions in which the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland share amongst them the supreme authority, that a small clique of discontented brethren, raising the standard of revolt against that authority, may start a Grand Lodge of their own. This danger, too, is enhanced by the silly action of the minor American and other Grand Lodges, which are of no great account in themselves, but nevertheless are on the same level as regards rank as the

oldest and most worthy, of recognising every new Grand Lodge which is established, provided only that at least three legally constituted lodges took part in its establishment. Heaven only knows whence this absurd idea emanated, but it is a great nuisance, and bids fair to become a still greater.

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Indeed, if this multiplication of Grand Lodges continues much longer there will be no private lodges left, and we shall see realised the late Artemus Ward's conception of a model regiment of Volunteers, in which there were no rank and file, no non-commissioned officers, no subalterns, no captains of companies, or majors, but all were commanding officers. Thus every Mason will in time become a Pre-eminently Superlative Grand Body of some kind or other, enjoying the inestimable privilege of presiding over himself, opening and closing himself, compiling laws for his own government, reporting upon, visiting, and corresponding with himself, and appointing himself to Grand Office. The idea is funny, but hardly practicable.

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But, to speak seriously; we see no objection to the States and Territories of the American Union, or the several colonies and possessions of the British Crown, having each its own Grand Lodge. But the idea that Grand Lodges may be started on the smallest provocation, because Bros. A, B, C, and their friends do not get all they think they are entitled to; or worse still, that a British Grand Lodge or Chapter on one side of the world may charter lodges or chapters in a colony on the other side, which is already occupied by the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland, on the ground that it is "the peer" of the latter, is monstrous. Forty years ago Freemasonry in the British Empire worked smoothly, and we were entirely free from those miserable jealousies and bickerings which are eternally worrying the authorities of the different Grand Lodges in the American Union. Now we are becoming muddled, and confusion, with dissension in its train, is constantly asserting itself; and this because now-a-days every Mason is anxious to become a Grand Somebody.

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—with certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

THE EXTRAORDINARY SURGICAL OPERATION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I do not think that there is any thing very extraordinary in the operation performed at Chicago, described in your issue of the 24th inst. Grafting of skin upon wounds is an every-day occurrence, but it is certainly extraordinary that it should take 132 members of the Craft to supply the demand, and still more extraordinary that any of them fainted. I remember submitting but a very few years ago to having over 50 pieces of skin removed from my body in order to graft upon a woman who had been operated upon for cancer, and I certainly neither fainted nor flinched. But there, I am only a Mason, and not a Knight Templar. It may make a difference.—Yours fraternally,

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THE ROYAL ARCH CLOTHING INNOVATION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Is the attempted innovation of which I read in your correspondence columns relating to the mixture of the emblems of an Order no brother is permitted to enter until he has been a Master Mason 12 months, with the symbolical clothing of the Craft as properly represented by the three "blue" Degrees, to be strengthened by special example?

It would almost seem so, when for the first time in the third part of a century I have but recently seen, "with my own eyes," a Grand Officer of high station and repute enter and continue in a Craft lodge accompanied by a brother whose only regalia consisted of the sash, and that worn in reverse order, and apron of an ordinary companion of the R.A.

Never mind when or where; I have seen it, and with many others join in the strongest condemnation of this departure from the regulations for the government of the Craft, wherein I find no law laid down, nor emblem depicted, relating in any sense to the "Supreme Order of the Royal Arch." Pure Antient Masonry may include the Supreme Order as set forth in the declaration, but the Supreme Order has a Constitution, a ritual and regalia of its own, and its members should be as jealous of its important distinction as "Master Masons only" should be that innovations are not thrust upon them.—Yours faithfully and fraternally,

JAMES STEVENS, P.M., P.Z.



929] ANOTHER FREEMASONS' POCKET COMPANION.

Referring to Notes and Queries, No. 928, in your last issue, I may inform our veteran statist, Bro. Jno. Lane, that the Glasgow work to which he alludes is now before me. This copy of the "Duncan" edition evidently belonged to an intelligent Mason of the olden time, for his MS. comparison thereof with the "Pocket Comparison," 1736, by "W. Smith, F. Mason," is still embodied in my volume. His remark on the back of the title page is therefore all the more valuable. He writes "the chronological dates inserted in manuscript in the margin of this treatise are transcribed from the *first edition* (italics mine) of the book published, Edinburgh, by Ruddiman, Auld, & Co., 1761." The later edition of 1771 is almost an exact reproduction of the Edinburgh work (also in my possession), though some differences may be noted. Duncan has inserted more songs, and at the foot of page 195 (to save space possibly) has put two lodges in the same line. In the English roll he only tabulates 141 lodges, while Auld goes to 145. Duncan misprints 91 for 61 in the Southern list, which Auld balances by a similar error, giving us 93 instead of 63. The Edinburgh work enters "Perth and Schoon" as No. 5, though it really stands sixth on the catalogue, and the "Glasgow" edition copies this mistake. In each case "Mary's Chapel," Edinburgh, heads the roll, with "Kilwinning" following. In both instances this ancient lodge, of whose supremacy we have doubt, is honoured with capitals, while all the others have to rest content with ordinary type.

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DOMINICA UNION LODGE, No. 229.

To all Regular Warranted Lodges on the face of the Globe.

We the H.P.C. &c. &c. &c. of a Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons held under Sanction of the Dominica Union Lodge No. 229 on the Register of the most Ancient and Honorable Grand Lodge of England under Prince Edwin of York Do hereby Certify and Declare that the bearer hereof Our Trusty and well beloved Brother John Lucas was named in the above Charter Under the Grand Lodge as Senior Grand Warden for Constituting this Body; And after the usual Trial and Proof &c. &c. has been Received by us, as, and proved himself to our Satisfaction to be M.F.C. & M.M. Past Master in the Chair, Grand Alarm, Sign and Summons, Ark, Excellent and Superexcellent, Arch and Royal Arch, Super Excellent Mason in the Royal Art, And that from thence, he hath, ever given us the Utmost marks of Zeal Capacity and diligence. We therefore Pray all the Regular Warranted Lodges where he may happen to present himself to admit him as such in all their Mysterious Works [*in the above Capacities as well as that of a Sir Knight of the Red Cross*] At all times after being Assured by the Composition of his Signature which is under the Impression of our Seal, that the present Certificate hath not passed into the hands of the Profane. And to give him all the Succour of which he may stand in need We offering to do the same to all Brothers which to us shall be recommended by Regular Warranted Lodges.

In.....have agreed and given the present Certificate and caused our Seal to be thereunto affixed as well as that Our Venerable. This twenty Second Day of December One Thousand Seven hundred and Eighty five. Done in Our Grand Chapter Room in Rosian Day and Date above Written.

James Barclay R.A.H.P.
Joseph Wade R.A.C. &c.
Lindsay Fowler R.A.C.G. &c
Alex McGill R.A.G.M. &c

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[We are indebted to Bro. G. W. Bain, of Sunderland, for this transcript of a very old and valuable certificate in his possession. Bro. Hughan believes it to be the oldest that mentions the "Ark" Degree, and certainly one of the oldest in relation to the "Red Cross." At all events, none so old have ever been published before.—Ed. FM.]

His Grace the Duke of Fife, K.T., President of the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond-street, Bloomsbury, will take the chair at the annual dinner in aid of this hospital, to be held on Wednesday, 18th March, at the Hôtel Métropole.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Lodge of Emulation (No. 21).—This lodge held its annual installation meeting at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Monday, the 19th inst., Bro. H. C. Brunning, W.M., presiding. There was a full attendance of members of the lodge and a large number of visitors, among whom were several Grand Officers. The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor (Bro. Joseph Savory), P.M., being a member of the lodge, the officers postponed their preferment for a year in order that his lordship during his Mayoralty might be at their head in the lodge, and he was unanimously elected W.M. at the last regular meeting. His installation was the only business before the brethren, and Bro. Brunning having opened the lodge, and the minutes having been read and confirmed, he proceeded to install Bro. Savory. The ceremony ended, the new W.M. invested his officers, with the exception of Bro. Robert Berridge, P.M., Treasurer, who was absent on account of domestic bereavement. The officers for the year were Bros. H. C. Brunning, I.P.M.; W. Grellier, S.W.; G. Swinser Eady, LL.D., J.W.; Robert Berridge, P.M., P.G.D., Treas.; H. L. Truman, Sec.; Robert Hovenden, S.D.; Capt. W. C. Woollett, J.D.; George Singer, P.M., D.C.; C. Beckford, I.G.; R. C. Grant, P.M., and C. W. Sawbridge, Stwds.; and Charles Patrick, P.M., Tyler.

After Bro. Brunning had delivered the addresses to the Master, Wardens, and brethren, the lodge was closed, and the company sat down to an exceptionally choice banquet, and the toasts which followed were interspersed with some charming music by students of the Guildhall School of Music, among whom were Mr. John Woodley, Mr. Harry Gavin, Master Denman Groom, Mr. Charles Saunders, Mr. H. J. Ryall, and Mr. Henry Leipold, the latter gentleman presiding at the pianoforte.

The W.M., in giving the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," said there were many graces and virtues which Masons naturally regarded as peculiarly belonging to the Craft, but above all they valued the virtues of loyalty, and this ran in the heart of every true Mason.

In proposing "The M.W.G.M.," he said that never since Masonry was established in the British Isles had Masons had a Grand Master who more carefully studied or more ably conducted the affairs of the Order, or took more interest in the Craft as a whole than the Prince of Wales. It would be impossible to state how much gratitude Masonry owed to him for its position in Great Britain and on the Continent. At the recent great festival at Reading, when the Grand Master installed his son as Prov. Grand Master of Berkshire, there was a most imposing and important ceremony, from which everyone who was present came away with feelings of the greatest satisfaction.

The next toast was "The Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and the Lord Mayor, in proposing it, said the Earl of Lathom came among Freemasons whenever it was possible, and he did his utmost to promote the prosperity and welfare of the Craft. The Emulation Lodge would have been honoured that evening with the presence of many distinguished Grand Officers had there not been unfortunately another important event going on—the installation meeting of the Grand Master's Lodge. Centuries ago distinguished Grand Officers had been connected with the City of London. Sir Thomas Gresham, who founded the Royal Exchange, was a Grand Officer. Inigo Jones was a Grand Officer. Sir Christopher Wren, who designed and built St. Paul's Cathedral, was Deputy Grand Master, and he founded St. Paul's Lodge, which afterwards became the Lodge of Antiquity, and for 18 years he was a zealous and constant member of it. It was interesting to recollect the works that had been executed by Freemasons. Hampton Court Palace was founded and built by Freemasons. St. Paul's Cathedral was designed by Freemasons, and its corner-stone was laid with due Masonic rite. But if there had been distinguished members of the Craft associated with the City of London in former days, in the present day there were many also who shed lustre, not only on the Craft, but on the City. One of those was Sheriff Augustus Harris, who did his best to support him (the Lord Mayor) in all those undertakings he was engaged in. Sir Polydore De Keyser was another, and Bro. C. A. Murton was a pillar in Masonry. He called on Bro. Augustus Harris to respond.

Bro. Sheriff Augustus Harris, Grand Treasurer, said that as far as he was concerned it gave him the greatest possible pleasure to be present on that occasion in his capacity of Grand Treasurer of the Craft to witness the ceremony of installation of the Lord Mayor, and to congratulate his lordship on being chosen as Master, and the lodge on having such an admirable Master to rule over the brethren. He had spent many pleasant Masonic evenings in that room, and had met there many excellent Masons, one of whom—Bro. Thomas Beard—was now present. He had to thank those brethren for their assistance and support. He regretted the absence of several Grand Officers, but on their behalf, as well as on his own, he returned thanks for that toast.

Bro. H. C. Brunning, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," who was already a P.M. of another lodge. It was a great thing for the Chief Magistrate of the City of London to be at the same time W.M. of the lodge. Two or three years ago Sir P. De Keyser occupied the two positions, and they knew how hard he worked for the Emulation Lodge.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, said he felt extremely grateful to every Mason present for the enthusiastic reception they had given to the toast so kindly and generously proposed by Bro. Brunning. He felt that he owed the lodge a deep debt of gratitude for having elected him as its Master during his Mayoralty. It was with feelings of deepest gratitude and most sincere feelings of thankfulness that he received an intimation from the Secretary that the lodge had unanimously accorded him that great honour. It could not possibly have come at a moment when he could more highly have appreciated it. Having labours of very considerable difficulty cast upon him he felt he needed the

support of his friends, and the members of the lodge had supported him. He owed a further debt of gratitude to the Wardens and other officers for standing aside in his favour. It was a mark of the true Masonic spirit, and he should ever appreciate it. He hoped that as long as he remained a member of the lodge he should do all in his power to exercise those Masonic virtues of Benevolence, Charity, and sympathy.

Bro. Sir Polydore De Keyser proposed "The Visitors," and Bro. C. A. Murton, P.G.D., replied.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Past Masters," and congratulated Bro. Brunning on the distinguished way in which he had occupied the chair during the past year. Bro. Brunning had a sincere love and affection for Masonic ritual, and the brethren hoped that for many years he might be spared to come to the Lodge of Emulation to give it the able counsel and zealous attention which he had it in his power to render.

Bro. Brunning, I.P.M., replied, and said the Past Masters only followed the example set them in the lodge by doing everything they could for the good and prosperity of the lodge by advice, work, and instruction.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Officers," again thanked them for standing aside for a year to let him go into the chair. The lodge was to be congratulated on having such officers, for they had discharged their duties most creditably. Their Secretary was a most indefatigable, zealous, and patient officer, and indeed every officer of the lodge did his duty.

Bro. Grellier, S.W., replied. It was a great honour to be an officer of such an old and distinguished lodge. They were very proud to have the high honour of holding office in such a lodge and with such a Master. If the Worshipful Master's numerous official duties did not allow him to preside, he would find officers in the lodge who would be able to supply his place.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

Letters of regret at inability to be present were received from Bros. Sir Albert Woods, G.D.C.; W. H. Harris, P.G.D.C.; Sir Reg. Hanson, P.G.W.; Sir H. A. Isaacs; Sir J. B. Monckton; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; T. Fenn, Pres. B. of G.P.; F. A. Philbrick, G. Reg.; H. C. Leigh Bennett, and others.

Lodge of Sincerity (No. 174).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 21st inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Bro. Henry Magee, W.M., presiding. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which Bro. Gray was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. Bro. Magee then installed Bro. Henry Jay, S.W., the ceremony being performed in a most able and impressive manner. The newly-installed W.M. then invested the following brethren as his officers for the year: Bros. Henry Magee, I.P.M.; T. A. Starnes, S.W.; Walter Phillips, J.W.; C. Lacey, P.M., Treas.; C. H. Webb, P.M., Sec.; W. M. Butcher, S.D.; W. G. Norman, J.D.; Wm. Harvey, I.G.; Joseph Bayley, D.C.; H. S. Sambrook, Stwd.; and J. Verry, Tyler.

After the report of the Audit Committee had been received and unanimously adopted, the lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of an excellent banquet, to which full justice was done.

The Worshipful Master proposed "Her Majesty the Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," which toasts were duly honoured.

In proposing the toast of "The Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. said that the thanks of every Mason were due to brethren like the Earl of Lathom for the way in which the duties of Grand Lodge were carried out.

In proposing the toast of "The Worshipful Master," Bro. Magee, I.P.M., said he had had a very pleasant year of office, but no greater pleasure had devolved upon him than that of proposing the toast of the W.M. Bro. Henry Jay was known to all the brethren of the Sincerity Lodge, and he (Bro. Magee) was sure the brethren had some right in electing him to be their Worshipful Master.

The toast having been drunk, the W.M., in responding, said he thanked them most heartily for the kind manner they had responded to the toast. He followed an exceptionally able Master, but if during his (the W.M.'s) year of office it turned out as pleasurable to them as the I.P.M.'s year, then he should think the honour of the lodge had been sustained. He hoped the brethren would give him plenty of work to do. Having fresh men in the Craft kept up the string of benevolence and it kept the officers up to their work.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Health of the Installing Master." He said he knew the toast would be received with a great deal of pleasure, because the Installing Master was one whom they all admired. He was accomplished in his work, and his geniality and courtesy made him in every way a good Master of the Sincerity Lodge.

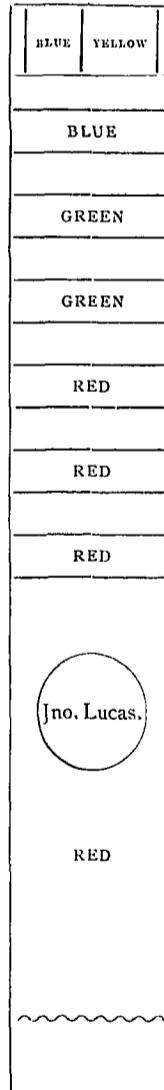
Bro. Henry Magee, I.P.M., in responding, said it was very kind of the W.M. to say such good things. He could assure the brethren that from the time he joined the lodge he had done the very best he could for the welfare of Masonry in general, and particularly for the Sincerity Lodge. If the brethren were satisfied with the manner in which he had discharged the duties which had devolved upon him then he was satisfied.

"The Visitors" was the next toast, and the W.M., in proposing it, said it was one which was always received with hearty approbation in that lodge. Like other lodges they were always pleased to see visitors, and were very pleased to welcome the 32 visitors who were there that night.

Bro. C. H. Halford, of the Loyalty Lodge, responded. He said he could not express to the brethren the feelings he felt for the entertainment he had received that evening. All the visitors, he was sure, had thoroughly enjoyed themselves, not only at the banqueting table, but also in the lodge. Bros. Mansfield and John Berry also replied.

The W.M. proposed "The Health of the Past Masters." He said they were favoured that evening with the presence of many Past Masters, all of whom had done good service in Masonry. Many of them were distinguished brethren in the Craft, and they had also been very persevering for the Masonic Charities. Each of the P.M.'s was a host in himself. He called on Bro. John Newton, P.M., to reply.

Bro. John Newton thanked the W.M. for coupling his name with the toast. He said since he was initiated some 30 years ago he had tried to do something for the old Sincerity Lodge. The work of the P.M.'s was a love and a pleasure, and they all endeavoured to do the best they



could for the lodge. In their W.M. the brethren had a thorough gentleman at their head, a thorough Mason at heart, and one who could carry out all the duties to the satisfaction of every member of the lodge. Another thing was very pleasing to him, and that was the continued election, appointment, and investment of Treasurer and Secretary, upon whom a very large amount of work rested. There was no one in London who could do their work better than the present Treasurer and Secretary of the Sincerity Lodge. In conclusion, Bro. Newton said the Past Masters would do everything in their power to make the W.M.'s year of office a success.

The toast of "The Masonic Institutions" was next proposed by the W.M., who said the toast was one which commended itself to every Mason's heart. It was one of the true principles of Masonry that they should be benevolent to the aged and distressed. He had undertaken a Stewardship for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and he asked the members of the lodge to help him to take up a big list. His list amounted at that time to £97, and he hoped to augment that amount considerably.

Bro. Mason replied in a powerful speech. He dwelt upon the doings of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and asked the brethren to give of their abundance to help the aged and distressed. All they gave would be well spent.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Officers," and Bros. T. A. Starnes, S.W.; Phillips, J.W.; Chas. Lacey, P.M.; Treas.; C. H. Webb, P.M., Sec.; Joseph Bayley, D.C.; and H. S. Sambrook, Stwd., replied.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings, which had been enlivened by an excellent selection of music, under the direction of Bro. J. A. Brown, assisted by Bros. Chas. Ackerman, J. Kift, and J. Gawthrop.

Lodge of Israel (No. 205).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on Tuesday, the 27th instant, Bro. M. I. Emanuel, W.M., presiding. There was a large number of brethren present, among the visitors being Bros. Richard Eve, P.G.T.; Edward Terry, P.G.T.; J. L. Mather, P.G. D. of C.; Frederick Binckes, P.G. Std. Br.; N. Gluckstein, P.P.G.S. of W. Essex; E. C. Mulvey, P.G. Std. Br. Surrey; T. H. Edmunds, P.G. Steward; E. J. Ackworth, W.M. 2265; Asher J. Myers, W.M. 185; R. Warner, Vandick, Lazarus, Brown, Barnard, jun., Hose, Angel, Harris, Cooper, H. Warner, W. T. Massey, Edmunds, Norrington, and Wright.

The minutes of the last regular meeting and of the Audit Committee of the lodge were read and confirmed, and the report of the Committee of the Benevolent Fund was received. Bro. Samuel Dancyger, W.M. elect, was then obliged, and afterwards installed in the chair of K.S., the ceremony being performed by Bro. M. I. Emanuel. After the newly-installed W.M. had been saluted, he presented a testimonial and a handsome Past Master's jewel to Bro. M. I. Emanuel, who thanked the brethren for their kindness, and said he had done his best to give the brethren satisfaction during his year of office.

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

The W.M. gave "The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.", which toasts were enthusiastically received, and duly honoured.

The W.M. then gave that of "The D.G.M., the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and coupled with it the name of Bro. Richard Eve, P.G. Treas.

Bro. Eve, in responding, thanked the brethren, on behalf of himself and the other Grand Officers present, for the hospitality that had been extended to them that evening. It was a great pleasure to be present at the Lodge of Israel. The lodge had a larger number of brethren than most lodges, and at the same time it combined a larger number of brethren of different nationalities than other lodges in England. They were very pleased to see so many brethren from different climes assembled in a lodge under the Grand Lodge of England. They were also glad to see the lodge had flourished so much, and he was perfectly confident that from what they had seen that evening in the present Master the lodge would lose none of its lustre in his hands. He was struck at the way he invested his officers, and he was sure he had in him a love for Masonic lore and Masonic learning. He was well up in the ritual, and as far as the Masonic working was concerned the brethren of the lodge could not have a better brother at their head than the W.M. It was a great feature to have a W.M. who understood the spirit of the working. With reference to the Lodge of Israel, one always felt a satisfaction at addressing brethren of different nationality to themselves, and to find that Masonry was not confined to England, but extended to countries on the Continent. They found that Masonry was improving all who came within its fold, and they felt that the more Masonry was extended throughout the world the more would humanity be promoted and the goodwill of mankind be assisted. Bro. Eve then referred to the Prince of Wales, Grand Master, and said that he had assisted the Order exceedingly. He chose officers of good standing, and they were pleased to find that those officers were men who made themselves known in their social position as well as in Masonry. Bro. Eve concluded by thanking the brethren for the manner they had drunk the toast.

In proposing "The Health of the W.M.", Bro. Emanuel said it afforded him great pleasure on retiring from the Master's chair to have such a worthy brother as a successor. They had all heard what Bro. Eve considered the W.M. able to do in the working of the lodge, and it left him very little to say in commanding the toast to the brethren. He wished the W.M. every success, and when the time came for him (the W.M.) to retire, he hoped that his year of office would have been a satisfactory one to the brethren.

Bro. S. Dancyger, W.M., expressed his gratitude to the brethren for the great honour they had conferred upon him by electing him as their W.M. He thanked them from his heart for the kind manner they had responded to the toast, and he could assure them that was the happiest moment of his life. When he was initiated he thought that he should never be able to reach that chair, but by much perseverance he surmounted a great many difficulties and had now the honour to occupy the position of W.M. He hoped he should be able to discharge the duties satisfactorily to the brethren, and he had the good of the Lodge of Israel at heart.

The next toast was that of "The Masonic Charities and the Lodge of Israel Benevolent Fund," which was proposed by the W.M. He said a Benevolent Fund was

necessary to assist brethren who unfortunately required assistance. One of the principles of Freemasonry was relief, and if they could not relieve brethren individually they should do so collectively, which could be done by having a Benevolent Fund.

The toast was responded to by Bro. H. M. Harris, in the absence of the President of the Benevolent Fund. During the evening £17 2s. 6d. was collected from the members of the lodge at the table.

The Worshipful Master proposed the toast of "The Visitors," which he said was one which was always well received in the lodge.

Bro. Asher Myers, W.M. Tranquillity Lodge, No. 185, in responding, said that it was a great privilege that he should have the honour of responding to the toast when so many distinguished names had been read out as being present. He attributed the honour to the fact that he represented what had been called one of the sister lodges. He undoubtedly appreciated that honour, and in his representative capacity, begged to return his hearty and fraternal thanks for the honour they had paid the sister lodge. Bro. Myers then eloquently referred to the fact that a Jew from Russia had been able, through this being a free country, to occupy the chair of K.S. that night.

Bros. Frederick Binckes and Mulvey also responded.

The toast of the "Installing Master and the other Past Masters," proposed by the W.M., was responded to by Bro. Emanuel, I.P.M., who said the P.M.'s were willing to assist in anything that would benefit the lodge.

"The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary" was proposed by the W.M., who referred to the able services of Bro. Hogard as Secretary.

Bro. Hogard fittingly replied.

The toast of "The Officers" and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

The musical arrangements were excellent. Among the artistes were Miss Annie Albu, Miss Emanuel, Miss Frances Littany, and Bro. Curtis D'Alton.

Royal Savoy Lodge (No. 1744).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Tuesday, the 27th inst., when, after disposing of formal business of the lodge, the W.M., Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.P.G.S. of W. Middx., installed Bro. C. H. Holland as W.M. for the ensuing 12 months, the whole ceremony being performed with that skill and ability for which he is deservedly well known. The W.M., Bro. Holland, after first investing Bro. Scurrah with the collar of I.P.M., invested his officers as follows: Bros. R. Ross, S.W.; C. J. Knightley, J.W.; Jas. Willing, jun., P.M., Treas.; H. Dickey, P.M., Sec.; G. Mordey, S.D.; O. Ruzirkja, J.D.; J. Powdrell, I.G.; W. M. Stiles, P.M., D.C.; A. H. Cole and H. Longman, A.D.C.'s; T. Jefferies and R. T. Chatty, Stewards; E. M. Weston, Org.; and R. Whiting, Tyler. Bro. Scurrah then delivered the usual addresses to the Master, Wardens, and brethren of the lodge, and the installation ceremony was brought to a close. The W.M. then presented to Bro. Scurrah a handsome PM's jewel, which had been voted to him by the lodge, and for which Bro. Scurrah returned thanks in an appropriate speech.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the adjoining building, where an excellent banquet was served, the number present being between 80 and 90. At the conclusion of the banquet the customary list of toasts was proceeded with.

After the first toast—"The Queen and the Craft"—had been proposed by the W.M., and duly honoured,

Bro. Scurrah, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the M.W.G.M.," in doing which he referred to having been present at Reading, where his Royal Highness installed his son as Provincial Grand Master for Berkshire, and said that no one could come away from that meeting without acknowledging that the Prince of Wales showed himself to be a true brother in Masonry.

The toast having been drunk with enthusiasm,

Bro. Stiles, P.M., said that he was deputed to propose the next toast—"The D.G.M., the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." The brethren all knew what a good fellow in Masonry the Earl of Lathom was, and they hoped to find him soon occupying the position of Pro Grand Master instead of Deputy Grand Master. The Earl of Lathom had worked very hard with the Prince of Wales and the Earl of Carnarvon, and he hoped that he would eventually be Pro Grand Master. He regretted that they had not on that occasion a Grand Officer present whose name he might have coupled with the toast, which, however, he was sure would be received none the less cordially by the brethren.

Bro. Scurrah said that, as I.P.M., it was his privilege to propose the next toast—in every lodge a very important toast—"The Health of the W.M." Their W.M. had been connected with the lodge for something like 12 years. He was initiated in that lodge, and had worked steadily on through all the various offices—from that of Steward up to his present position of W.M. Bro. Holland had not divided his affections with any other lodge, but had concentrated all his energies and his affections for that one lodge, and although they knew that he had been for a year or two in very bad health, yet when he was pressed to allow himself to be elected W.M. he consented, although on account of his health and the attention required by his business he had been rather anxious that some other brother should be elected in his stead. By the entreaties of the Past Masters his scruples were overcome, and he had been elected; and he (Bro. Scurrah) knew that he would do his duty as W.M. as he had hitherto done his duty in the various offices. From his own knowledge of Bro. Holland he could assure them that their W.M. possessed all the virtues of Masonry, which embraced something more than the mere ritual, and included the virtues of love and Charity.

He was sure that the brethren would go along with him in heartily drinking the health of Bro. Holland, and prosperity to him as Master of the Royal Savoy Lodge.

The Worshipful Master having briefly returned thanks for the kind way in which the toast had been proposed by Bro. Scurrah and received by the brethren, said that as long as he continued to be connected with the Royal Savoy Lodge he should continue to do his duty as he had hitherto striven to do it.

Bro. Ross, S.W., then rose and said that he had been called on to propose the next toast—"The Health of the Installing Master." Bro. Scurrah was a dear old friend of his. Bro. Scurrah had gone forward in Masonry, and had, he might say, attained the highest position any member of the Royal Savoy Lodge had attained. He had had the pleasure of being associated with Bro. Scurrah a long time;

they had not always agreed, but their disputes had come right in the end. Their Bro. Scurrah had their best wishes and their thorough respect, because he had spent so much time and attention in all the Degrees of Freemasonry.

Bro. Scurrah, Past Prov. Grand Superintendent of Works Middx., said he thanked the S.W. very much for the kind way in which he had proposed the health of the Installing Master. He also thanked the brethren for the hearty reception they had given to the toast, as they all knew he was one who thought a great deal of Freemasonry; he felt that it was a grand Institution, whose principles, properly carried out, made every member of it a better man. From the time that he (Bro. Scurrah) was initiated in that lodge he had endeavoured to carry out his duties as a Mason generally and as a member of that lodge in particular. From the time of his initiation he had considered Charity one of the leading features of Freemasonry, and had not only thought so, but had endeavoured to put his views in practice, and as a result of the first Stewardship for that, his mother lodge, he had taken up the unprecedented sum of 600 guineas to the Festival of the Boys' School. They must all be aware that that was not done without some effort, without some trouble, without some expense. But he gloried in the fact, and he gloried too that the Boys' School reaped some advantage from that Stewardship. The collar about his neck showed that he had served as Steward four times for the Boys' School, three times for the Girls' School, and three times for the Old People, and now he said in face of the brethren that he could not have been such a bad Mason to have done so much for the Charities. And, while he had not neglected the Charities, he had not been unmindful of the ritual, which, in his opinion, every Mason ought to make himself proficient in. He had done that himself, being qualified to perform all the ceremonies in the Craft Degrees, and was also able to install his successors in other lodges, and now his successors in his mother lodge. He left it to the brethren to say whether he had done it to the best of his ability. He hoped he need not assure them that the Royal Savoy Lodge was near his heart, and that he would always be willing to do his best for that lodge in the future as he had done in the past. It was not his fault that he had no initiates in the past year, but at any rate he had done his best, and he could say that what he undertook when he was installed, namely, to carry out his duties as a ruler in the Craft and W.M. of the Royal Savoy Lodge, he had done to the best of his ability.

Bro. Captain Knightley, J.W., proposed "The Health of the Past Masters," making a few laudatory remarks on each one named, including Bros. James Willing, jun., W. M. Stiles, John Smith, Carolus Smith, H. Dickey, and Bro. Barling.

This toast was responded to by Bros. Stiles, John Smith, and Dickey, after which Bro. Stiles again rose to say that Bro. Scurrah, their I.P.M., was going up as Steward for the lodge to the Festival of the Boys' School, and called upon them to maintain the reputation of the lodge as supporters of the Masonic Charities by contributing liberally to Bro. Scurrah's list.

The "Health of the Visitors," was proposed by Bro. Stiles, and was acknowledged by Bro. W. Webb, W.M. 538; Bro. H. R. Myers, W.M. 1491; Bro. Claud Scott, W.M. 2362; and Bro. A. Clemow, J.W. 2205.

Toasts to "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary" and "The Officers of the Lodge" were also proposed, honoured, and responded to before the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

The following brethren were among the visitors present: Bros. Alfred Gibbs, I.P.M. 2101; L. H. Luck, 2101; H. R. Myers, W.M. 1491; J. Kilvington, I.P.M. 1790; J. B. Shakespeare, 1790; W. J. Perry, S.W. 2271; G. W. Meacock, 742; Wm. Webb, W.M. 538; Morris Harris, 185; W. M. Ward, 1962; George Gardner, 2309, P.G. S.B.; Frank Marshall, 1586; Harry Sillis, J.D. 2362; W. C. Hodgkinson, 1707; H. Wilson, Org. 147; John Nicholson, P.M. 12; A. H. Scurrah, S.W. 2206; Percy Turchin, 1425; H. Herbert, 1745; E. C. Massey, P.M. 1297; F. Douglas Norman, 172; T. C. Edmonds, P.M. 1567; P. Blatchford, 704; C. Acton Bond, P.M. 1425; A. Clemow, J.W. 2205; Jno. J. Franklin, 1662; W. J. Mansell, 1873; Daniel A. Parkin, 1602; J. F. Saunders, A.D.C. 1507; Claud Scott, W.M. 2362; James Hemming, P.M. 1287; J. Garrod, P.M. 754; P. Livingston, 704; Geo. T. Knight, 1602; Jno. Hare, Stwd. 1987; and B. Kauffmann, P.M. 1732.

La France Lodge (No. 2060).—This lodge held its first meeting this year at the Café Royal, Regent-street, on Monday, the 19th inst., and partly from the inclemency of the season, which had laid up some of its members, and partly from greater attractions elsewhere to its usual visitors, the attendance was very small. Those that did attend, however, can bear witness that Bro. B. A. Lacoste, the new W.M., performed his work in a masterly manner, and was well supported by his officers (Bros. Sauvè and Desvignes, Wardens; Pouard and Chatrani, Deacons; and Testard, I.G.) in the ceremony of initiation of M. A. J. Esclangon, a distinguished member of the Society of French Professors in London. The charge to the initiate was given by Bro. E. Monteuius, P.G.S.B., Sec. On the proposition of Bro. H. Bué, P.G. Std. Br., Treas., £5 5s. was voted to the Benevolent Institution, and placed on the W.M.'s list. The agenda being exhausted, the W.M. received the "Hearty good wishes" of the I.P.M., Bro. L. Clerc, and the brethren then adjourned to refreshment, winding up with the usual *Santé d'obligation*.

Empire Lodge (No. 2108).—This successful lodge held its installation meeting at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on Tuesday, the 27th inst., when Bro. Geoffrey C. Herbert was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year in the presence of a numerous gathering of members and visitors. Lodge was opened by Bro. Andrew Miller, W.M., supported by Bros. A. J. R. Trendell, C.M.G., I.P.M.; G. C. Herbert, S.W.; E. Harding, J.W.; E. Warden Dennis, Sec.; E. Behnke, S.D.; F. Jameson, J.D.; C. Moses, P.M., D.C.; F. J. Harrison, I.G.; H. Klein, Org.; Ernest Turner, P.M., Stwd.; W. Ganz, P.G. Org.; Rev. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G. Chaplain; I. Zacharie, P.G.M. California; and many others. Visitors: Bros. Egbert W. Cooper, 1383; Col. C. E. Vansitter, S.D. 1936; R. Renshaw, J.D. 2256; W. Shurman, W.M. 2374; Prov. G. Treas. Essex; T. Scoresby Jackson, W.M. 2256; P.S.G.D. Essex; Sir H. G. Bergne, K.C.M.G.; R. Ffrench Bromhead, W.M. 2318; R. V. F. Seton, W.M. 1965; J. P. Fitzgerald, P.M. 2168; R.

Horsfall, 1065; F. A. Wezzins, 160; G. E. Fairchild, P.M. 1319; S. S. Harleck, P.M. 18; J. Barham, 256; H. N. Campbell, P.M. 53; T. F. Halsey, M.P., Prov. G.M. Herts; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Reg.; W. A. Barrett, P.G. Org.; Baron de Bush, 1827; W. Jameson, 40; H. O. Mordaunt, P.M. 90; B. Moss, Sir Norman Pringle, P.M. 92; W. Hue, 1055; J. L. Messenger, 340; J. I. Levy, 360; H. Mainwaring Dunstan, W.M. 2030; Sir Geo. D. Harris, S.G.D.; V. H. Wyatt Wingnave, 2125; W. Lewis Barrett, 1319; and W. W. Lee, S.W. 2381.

The minutes of the regular and emergency meetings having been confirmed, Bros. Sir Charles Mills, K.C.M.G., C.B., and A. A. Rothschild were unanimously elected joining members. Bro. Geoffrey C. Herbert, W.M. elect, was then installed in a very able and impressive manner by the retiring Master, Bro. Andrew Miller, and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Edward Harding, S.W.; E. Behnke, J.W.; E. Warden Dennis, Sec.; F. Jameson, S.D.; F. J. Harrison, J.D.; C. Moses, P.M., D.C.; H. Klein, Org.; W. Clifford, I.G.; Ernest Turner, P.M.; W. J. Shard, and W. H. R. Henderson, Stwd.; and Evenden, Tyler. Bro. Lennox-Browne, P.M., P.P.G.W. Essex, who was unanimously re-elected Treasurer at the previous meeting, was unable to attend owing to an enforced journey to Torquay, and a letter was subsequently received from him expressing his regret and conveying good wishes. Bro. Andrew Miller, I.P.M., having delivered the addresses with great ability, was presented by the W.M. with a Past Master's jewel, and expressed his acknowledgment in suitable terms. Bro. Trendell, P.M., gave notice of motion to confer honorary membership of the lodge upon such of the ex-Governors of colonies now resident in England who are members of the Order. Several propositions having been received, the lodge was formally closed.

Ample justice having been done to an excellent banquet, the usual toasts were honoured.

Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Prov. G.M. Herts, in replying for "The Grand Officers," said he rose to respond with feelings, not of mere conventionality, but of sincere regret that the toast had not fallen into abler hands. It was not the first time he had had the pleasure of enjoying their hospitality, but it gave him increased pleasure to see the flourishing state of Masonry in that lodge—a lodge meeting a special want—for the connection of their home country and their colonies was a subject he should always have at heart. It seemed to him to be a step in the right direction that there should be a lodge which does its best to keep up that connection with regard to Masonry in the colonies, and it was another proof of the world-wide spirit of Masonry, and as long as they found that spirit Masonry would flourish throughout the whole world. The Grand Officers would do their utmost to promote that spirit, and he trusted it would ever continue to be the characteristic of English Freemasonry. Coming as he did from a small province, it gave them an invigorating touch to visit flourishing and distinguished London lodges such as that, for it showed them the universality of Freemasonry, that wherever they were, whether in the solitude of their country places or in busy parts, they were always at home in Masonry. As an humble Prov. Grand Master of a small province which had endeavoured to do its duty, and as representing on that occasion the Grand Officers, he begged to tender his most cordial and heart-felt thanks for the kindness of their reception.

Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg., said the first book of Euclid began with an axiom, and he would commence with the axiom that the W.M. could do no wrong, especially on the night of his installation, otherwise he should have almost felt a rebellious spirit with him, after the able speech of the Provincial Grand Master of Herts, who had touched upon all topics—the position of Masonry, the position which that lodge held, the exceptional claims it had, and the congratulations which the Grand Officers had to offer on its progress. He should have felt that if ever there were an occasion on which the fifth wheel should be applied to a coach it was now. He might say perhaps, with their kind concurrence, that never was an institution better administered, or administered more in the open light of day with the desire on the part of all to fulfil the ends for which that institution was created, than the great Institution of Masonry, to which they were all proud to belong. He would not trouble them by turning to the great Charities, which were the great pride of the Order, but he might be permitted to refer to the work which extended not merely through this little isle of Britain, but which had ties which bound the whole of the great English-speaking race together in the bond which they all acknowledged as the bond of love and fraternity. He thought he might turn to almost any human institution that was known and say that, distinguished by the devotion of those who were its members and by the work of those entrusted with office, no human institution more completely fulfilled and carried out the ends it professed than this great Institution of Freemasonry. It savoured perhaps a little of arrogance, but they would forgive him if he said that so far as the position of Masonry was concerned, they who had been in it some years knew full well that under the genial sway of the M.W.G.M. the position of Freemasonry now was far advanced over what it occupied many years ago. He thought he might say that position was in some measure due to the fidelity with which those who had been placed in high office had discharged their trust, had devoted themselves to improve the affairs which concerned their brotherhood; and therefore, while the Grand Officers felt that the highest reward they could receive was the good feeling, the kind word, and sincere appreciation of their brethren, which at once pays for the past, and was the best surety for their exertions in the future. He thanked them on their behalf from the bottom of his heart for the kindness with which the toast had been received and was always received in an assembly not merely of English Masons, but those who had ties extending over the length and breadth of the world.

The estimation in which the Grand Lodge was held as the oldest Grand Lodge of the world was one which it behoved it well to keep to the front by endeavouring to show all other Masonic bodies how true was its devotion, how sincere its attachment to the great principles of the Order, and wherever those were worth y held and rightly uplifted amongst the great English-speaking people they would always be the attraction which bound man to man, brother to brother, heart to heart, and which would make this Masonry of theirs a bond and tie which he trusted those who succeeded might look back to with as much pleasure as they who were now upon the scene looked with pride and satisfaction.

Bro. Andrew Miller, I.P.M., then said it was his pleasing duty to propose "The Health of the Worshipful Master." Had Bro. Geoffrey Herbert no special claims to occupy the position he did, his geniality and kindness of manner would make all glad to see him in the chair. As they were aware, the W.M. was one of the founders of the lodge, and one of two founders present that evening. As a founder the W.M. rendered yeoman service, and he had also filled the position of Secretary, which office they had heard him remark in the investiture of officers was an onerous one, and little understood and appreciated. The W.M. not only was qualified according to the constitutions by having duly served the office of Warden in a regular lodge, but also possessed the additional qualifications of goodness and amiability. He hoped the W.M. would hold the office in deed as well as in fact, and knowing the responsibilities of the position and what was expected of him, that he would rule the lodge as a Master should, and hold his prerogative not only to his own credit but as glorifying the office.

Bro. Geoffrey C. Herbert, W.M., in reply, said that there were several more toasts and several more songs to follow, and he would therefore be brief. He never felt the want of the gift of speech more than he did that night, for he was overwhelmed with the cordiality with which the toast had been proposed and received, and he was at a loss to thank them in adequate terms. He could only say that he would do his best for the welfare of the lodge as long as he was their W.M. He would next propose "The Healths of the I.P.M. and Installing Master, and Bro. Trendell, P.M." They were the only two Past Masters present. Bro. Lennox Browne, P.M., as they had heard, was unable to be present, and would regret it as much as they did. The brethren present all heard the I.P.M., Bro. Andrew Miller, recite the installation ceremony and it was no flattery to say he did it little short of perfection, and that was the way he had done all his work and made the officers perform their various duties. The officers had all had to work hard, and had responded as they best could, and the result had been a general improvement. In Bro. Trendell they had a Past Master who had rendered the lodge excellent service by bringing in brethren who were an honour and an ornament to the lodge, and in furthering that purpose for which it was founded.

Bro. Andrew Miller, I.P.M., having returned thanks, said that any flattering remarks or compliments paid him on the manner in which he had filled the office of Master were due in a superior degree to the way the officers had seconded him in the endeavour he had made, and in which he was proud and pleased to think he had succeeded, of making the working of the lodge more perfect. He could not hope to vie with any of the other Past Masters, in their own special way, but he determined to try in his own feeble manner to do something to render the working more effective.

Bro. A. J. R. Trendell, C.M.G., P.M., P.G. Stwd., also responded, and said they remembered with mingled feelings of pleasure and pain that the roll of Past Masters which began so auspiciously with the good fellowship and kindness of Bro. Sir Philip Cunliffe Owen, was followed later on by the S.W. of the lodge, Admiral Hewett, who died before he could assume the chair, but whose brilliant career shed some lustre even on them. Then came Bro. Lennox Browne, whose power of administration did so much for them, and the brother who had just vacated the chair had added a brilliancy to the lodge by his working, and had set an example to future Masters by establishing exactly that basis and stability a lodge required which desired to have repute for good work. His own small function had been rendered most heartily, and would be continued. It had been to make the lodge worthy of its name, and show the *raison d'être* was sustained. They now had members who were in touch with them in all points of the empire, whom they were glad to welcome as guests, and afford them a Masonic home when visiting this country. He was glad to see the lodge receive with such favour his proposal that the ex-Governors of colonies should be made honorary members of the lodge, and he might say that four of the Agents-General had joined them in the last few weeks. They might well hope that some of those Consuls who, having completed their great work, were now living in this country with dignity, would join their ranks. He hoped his small function would be to keep up the repute of that lodge, and also to keep it to its original idea.

"The Visitors" and "The Officers" were given, a very successful evening terminating with the Tyler's toast.

Musical selections and recitations interspersed the speeches, and amongst those who contributed to the enjoyment of the proceedings were Bros. Hermann Klein, Org.; Wilhelm Ganz, P.G. Org.; Robert Horsfall, W. L. Barrett, and E. Behnke, and Madame Leideritz, and Mrs. Hancock.

Derby Allcroft Lodge (No. 2163).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Midland Grand Hotel on Thursday, the 8th inst., when Bro. J. Corbett, P.M., P.Z., W.M., presided, supported by a large number of brethren.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Herbert Sidney was raised to the Degree of Master Mason, and Bro. W. Pair Martin was passed. The W.M. then initiated Messrs. T. R. Mander and W. C. Mann, all three ceremonies being performed in a most clear and impressive manner. Bro. W. C. Brown, S.D. 1984, was elected a joining member, and permission was given to hold a lode of instruction under the banner of the lode on Tuesday evenings at the Midland Grand Hotel. There being no further business the lode was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, to which ample justice was done. After the removal of the cloth, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were received in a most enthusiastic manner.

Bro. Dr. Barrett, P.G.O., in reply for "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," thanked the brethren for the very hearty way in which the toast had been drunk. They were always willing to render any assistance, but there was no occasion when they had such an excellent Master in the chair. Wide as were the workings of Freemasonry, he had never heard the principles more reverently worked out.

Bro. J. P. Fitzgerald, P.M., in proposing the toast of "The W.M.," said he was like a true sportsman who never missed a fence. He was always there, and always performed the ceremonies in a manner second to none of those who had passed the chair. They were there to express the tenets of brotherly love, relief, and truth, and he was sure there was no abler exponent than their W.M.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, said he had a very great affection for the ritual of Freemasonry, and it had always been his pleasure to do it in the best way he could, but he found it somewhat difficult, not having been through it for so many years. It gave him great pleasure to know from them that he had acquitted himself to their satisfaction. He begged to thank them for the very kind manner in which the toast had been given and received.

The Worshipful Master next proposed the toast of "The Initiates," and said they had been favoured from time to time with initiates who were a great credit to the lodge. They had initiated that day two gentlemen whom he was sure would prove no exception to the rule. He could assure them that the more they became acquainted with the principles of Freemasonry, and studied its genuine tenets, the more they would find that it was the poetry of life.

Bro. Mander, in reply, thanked the brethren very much for the kind way in which they had drunk their health. He had made up his mind to join the Order many years ago. Now that it was an accomplished fact he trusted he should justify the confidence they had reposed in him, and that he should make a good Mason.

Bro. Mann said that he had for some time been ambitious to be a Freemason. That wish being gratified he would work hard to gain the proud position occupied by the W.M.

In proposing the toast of "The Visitors," the W.M. said they usually had a large number of visitors, and he begged to give them a cordial welcome. He considered visiting lodges a very good plan, as it enlarged the mind and enabled them to see the different ways in which the ritual was given.

Bro. Elliott entirely concurred in the remarks of the W.M. He had heard different working to that he had just listened to, but he had never heard the ceremonies performed in a more impressive manner, or in a way so calculated to inspire the candidate with the dignity of Freemasonry. He thanked them for the cordial reception the visitors had received, and trusted to have the opportunity of visiting them on some future occasion.

Bro. Johnson and others also replied.

The next toast was that of "The Past Masters," in giving which the W.M. said Bro. Fitzgerald spoke just now about being officious; if he had said efficient it would have been nearer the truth. He was a most able and zealous Past Master, always able and ready to do anything that might be required of him. Bro. Alderman E. Gibb was also one of their most active members, who he was pleased to see in such good health after his recent severe illness. He thanked them all for the assistance and support they had rendered him during his year of office.

Bro. Fitzgerald, P.M., in a humorous speech, said he was always pleased to render any assistance that laid in his power for the benefit of the lodge.

Bro. Alderman E. Gibb, P.M., also returned thanks for the toast.

The toast of "The Officers" was next given, and responded to.

The Tyler's toast brought to a close a very instructive and pleasant meeting.

During the evening an excellent selection of music was performed by Bros. Bradford, Smythe, Sidney, and others.

London Irish Rifles Lodge (No. 2312).—**INSTALLATION OF H.R.H. THE DUKE OF CONNAUGHT.**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held by dispensation on Tuesday last, it having been found impossible to hold it on the regular day of meeting. Lodge was opened at Freemasons' Hall at half-past four in the afternoon, Major Carrell, the Deputy W.M., presiding.

A ballot was first taken for Mr. John Hubert Griffin, L.R.C.P.L., V.M.S., surgeon London Irish Rifles, as an initiate, and for Bro. J. De Homar Todd, 4, late an officer in the regiment, as a joining member, both of which elections were successful, and Major Carrell immediately proceeded to initiate Surgeon Griffin, performing the work in an able manner. His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, K.G., K.T., Past Grand Master, District Grand Master of Bombay, Prov. Grand Master for Sussex, Worshipful Master of the lodge, and also W.M. elect, having been in India when the lodge was consecrated and he should have been installed, was to attend for the purpose of being installed at this meeting, and accordingly at a quarter to six o'clock he was announced.

The Grand Officers, headed by Bro. C. F. Matier, who acted as Director of Ceremonies, thereupon formed a delegation to accompany his Royal Highness into the lodge, and the W.M. elect then entered the lodge, all the brethren standing to receive him. Bro. C. Martin acted as S.W., and Bro. Col. James Peters as J.W. Bro. Major Carrell, addressing the brethren, said that H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught when the lodge was first projected was graciously pleased to consent to become the first W.M. At the time of the consecration of the lodge he was absent in India, and consequently could not then be installed. The brethren were very much indebted to his Royal Highness for having now taken so early an opportunity after his return of attending to be installed. He knew he expressed for one and all of the brethren the feeling they had of the honour his Royal Highness had conferred on the lodge by consenting to be its first W.M., and also by attending that day to be installed. He would therefore at once proceed to install the W.M. Bro. Major Carrell accordingly installed the Duke of Connaught as Master of the lodge. The new W.M.'s first act was to appoint Bro. Col. James Ward as Deputy W.M., and vacated his seat in favour of Bro. Major Carrell, who performed the first part of the ceremony of installing Bro. Col. Ward. He then presented a Past Master's jewel to the Duke of Connaught as a memorial of his being the first Master of the lodge, stating at the same time that the brethren would be delighted to see him whenever he could attend, as they knew they had his sympathies in all their undertakings. His Royal Highness accepted the jewel with thanks, and said he had much pleasure in doing so. Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, having received the collar of W.M. from the Duke of Connaught, then performed the ceremony in the Board of Masters, and placed Bro. Col. Ward in the Master's chair. The following brethren were invested as officers for the year: Bros. Major C. W. Carrell, I.P.M.; Surgeon-Major Bigg, S.W.; Major R. L. S. Badham, J.W.; Major W. R. Inglis, Treas.; Surgeon-Major Bateman, Sec.; W. B. Billinghurst, S.D.; E. M. Money, J.D.; Capt. Ward, D.C.; Col. Rowland Roberts, I.G.; and Charles Patrick, P.M. 1227, Tyler. Bro. Major Carrell delivered the charges, and the Deputy Master, in presenting

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a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Major Carrell, said he did it at the instance of the lodge and with the greatest pleasure, thanking him on behalf of the brethren for the admirable manner in which he had conducted the affairs of the lodge during his year of office. Bro. Major Carrell expressed his gratitude for the gift, and afterwards proceeded to say that in reply to invitations to be present he had received apologies from several Grand Officers for inability to attend, among whom were H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, who was in York at a Masonic celebration, the Earl of Lathom, the Marquis of Hertford, and the Earl of Euston.

The lodge was then closed, and the Duke of Connaught, who had another engagement, left, expressing his regret that he was not able to preside at the banquet.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern to the usual sumptuous repast, under the presidency of Bro. Col. Ward, Deputy W.M.

The customary toasts followed.

Bro. Col. Ward, in proposing "The Queen and the Craft," said that for upwards of half a century the numerous virtues of her Most Gracious Majesty had been proclaimed from the Masonic chairs throughout the length and breadth of the land. During that long period kings had been de-throned, emperors had been conquered, but her Majesty, our Most Gracious Queen, had continued to rule this mighty Empire through the love and affection of her faithful people combined with the loyalty of the Masonic brethren. If anything could by any possibility endear her Majesty more to the London Irish Rifles at the present moment it would be the fact of her being the mother of the illustrious Master of their lodge.

In proposing the toast of "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," the gallant Colonel said that since the Prince of Wales became Grand Master of Masons thousands of men had flocked to the Masonic standard, and much benefit had accrued to the Craft in consequence. His Royal Highness was a true and genuine Mason, desiring as he did that his son and heir should follow in his footsteps.

Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W., responded to the toast which includes "The Grand Officers."

Major Carrell, I.P.M., proposed "The Deputy W.M.," and said he was sure that all the members of the lodge valued very highly the honour the W.M. had paid them that evening in attending to be installed, and he hoped he would be able to pay them several visits during the lodge's existence. The toast, however, of the Deputy W.M. was a very important one. From the very first day of their knowing Colonel Ward he had endeared himself to them by his many good qualities, and by his very good fellowship in the corps. It would have been only fitting that the Colonel should have been the first Master of the lodge, but unfortunately he had not at that time occupied those necessary positions in Masonry which would warrant him holding that office. However, he had become the second Deputy W.M., and he, Major Carrell, and all the officers of the regiment and all the brethren of the lodge were rejoiced to see him in the chair. The Colonel had made himself most dear to the regiment and the lodge by his sterling good nature, and his great kindness of heart. It was a great pleasure to him that he had had the honour of installing Colonel Ward, and he hoped he would be spared to remain as Colonel of the regiment and Master of the lodge for many years.

Colonel Ward, in reply, said he was sorry the Duke of Connaught was not present to return thanks as Master. His Royal Highness had conferred a great honour on the lodge by attending, and he had put himself to inconvenience in doing so, as he had come up from Portsmouth for the purpose of being installed. For himself (Col. Ward) as his Royal Highness's Deputy, he really knew not how to thank the I.P.M., who had proposed his health in very flattering terms—too flattering. That was one of the proudest moments of his life to be installed as Deputy W.M. of the London Irish Rifles Lodge. Twelve months ago the lodge scarcely existed, now it was getting on most satisfactorily. He again thanked the brethren.

Bro. Griffin replied to the toast of "The Initiate."

Bro. Col. Ward, in proposing "The I.P.M. and Installing Master," said that repeatedly it had been remarked that he was the originator of the London Irish Rifles Lodge, but he wished to repudiate that to the utmost extent. The first intimation he had of an intention or idea of originating or forming the lodge was a letter he received from Major Carrell, asking him, as Commanding Officer of the regiment, to the formation of a lodge among the officers. His reply was that he would do all he could to assist. They were indebted principally, if not quite exclusively, to Major Carrell, to whose breast they had only to look if they wanted to know what honour Masonry had conferred upon him. Major Carrell was well worthy of the honours. They had seen how he had performed the initiation and the installation ceremonies that evening. Very few Masters of lodges had an opportunity of installing a son of her Most Gracious Majesty, and Major Carrell was well deserving of that honour. He had worked hard through most of his life for Masonry, and he had also worked hard to bring the Irish Rifles Lodge into the state in which it now was. Might the time not be far distant when Major Carrell might receive Grand Lodge honours.

Bro. Major Carrell, I.P.M., in response, said he esteemed it a very high dignity to have had the distinguished honour of installing the Duke of Connaught in the chair that evening. He had had a most mortal fright lest some Grand Officer might perform the office. He was, however, much pleased that it had not been taken out of his hands. He had been very much gratified at being allowed to perform the work, and it had also given him extreme gratification to have taken part in the installation of Bro. Colonel Ward as Deputy W.M. He had a great idea some months ago that a loyal regiment like the London Irish Rifles should have a Masonic lodge, and in that idea he was most substantially supported by the other officers of the regiment. He was pleased to know that it was an absolute fact that they had a lodge, and he was very proud to have been the first Deputy W.M. of that lodge. While he was sorry that one of their members who served with some distinction in Egypt was not able to be present, he sincerely hoped they would make a most distinguished lodge, and that they would give most hearty support to the Charities of the Order. He rather insinuated at the consecration of the lodge that they would be very staunch supporters of the various Charities. They had to some extent carried that out, because at the last festival of the Girls' School Bro. Col. Ward took up a very good list. He was especially pleased to be the first Deputy W.M. of a lodge that sincerely worked for the Charities, because he believed the Masonic Institutions were the best they could support. For the cordial reception the brethren

had given to his name he thanked them sincerely, and he hoped he should be spared for very many years to have his name coupled with the toast of the Past Masters. That was a lodge among other lodges he belonged to in which he took a very special interest. He thought they had a grand future before them. He was not a very old Mason, but he had tried to render service to the Charities. He desired that every brother would do his utmost in that direction, and bring that young lodge to the front in the Masonic world.

Bro. Henry Sutton, 4, in replying to the toast of "The Visitors," said it was a very great pleasure to him to be present, because he regarded the evening as a distinguished one for the lodge, as the Deputy W.M. had had the great honour of installing H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught. It was also a great pleasure to him, as a friend of the Deputy W.M., to see the rapid strides the lodge had made at so early a period of its career, and having his own son as one of the officers of the regiment, it was also a great pleasure to him to see the great progress of the lodge. As to the working, every brother must be agreed that it had been admirable, and it augured well for the future. Everybody connected with the lodge must be encouraged to feel that the London Irish Rifles Lodge would make a mark in Masonry. As to the banquet it had also been admirably managed, and it reflected the greatest credit on the originators of the lodge and on the management generally.

Several other brethren likewise responded, and the other toasts followed.

A charming selection of music was performed, under the direction of Bro. Alfred Moore, by Bros. Lester, Sidney Tower, and Alfred Moore, with Bro. Sidney Hill at the piano.

Scots Lodge (No. 2319).—The Burns anniversary meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 22nd inst., at the Scottish Corporation Hall, Crane Court, Bro. John Whitehead, W.M., presiding. The other officers present were Bros. J. Page, S.W.; D. F. Gellion, J.W.; J. Thomson, Sec.; T. Grant, S.D.; Joseph Whitehead, J.D.; Dr. Forbes, I.G.; Peter Greig, Stwd.; D. R. Duncan, Org.; and E. Johnston Gordon, A.D.C. The I.P.M., Lord Euston, was unable to be present owing to illness, from which he is rapidly recovering. A special message was sent by Bro. Faithfull Begg from the Scots Lodge, Canongate Kilwinning, Edinburgh, wishing the Scots Lodge, London, very "Hearty good wishes."

Among the visitors present were Bros. J. W. Thomas, P.M. 1641, P.P.G.S.B. Staffordshire; Wm. Dodd, 1194, P.G.D. Middx.; J. Gibson, P.M. 2030; J. W. Gaze, P.M. 1768; P. P. Frazer, 2011; T. W. Buitcliffe, S.D. 2331; D. Forbes, P.M. 65; R. A. Gowen, S.W. 2029; J. P. Pointer, 2202; Wm. T. Massey, 160 and 1928; J. La Feuillade, W.M. elect 1381; J. F. Quarterley, P.M. 228; A. Robertson, 2345; H. Lynn, W.M. 217; Frank Wood, 2206; and W. McConnell Wood, 1 (S.C.).

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last regular meeting and of the emergency meeting of December 27th last were read and confirmed. The following brethren were elected joining members of the lodge: Bros. Sir Patrick McChombiach de Colquhoun, LL.D., Q.C., P.M. 370, P.P.G.R. Surrey; James Ramsay MacArthur, J.P., 508; John Fyfe, 190 (S.C.); and Duncan Davidson, 1995. Messrs. James Stewart and Dr. James E. Sinclair were then initiated, and after Bro. Duff had been passed, the lodge was closed. The brethren then partook of a Scotch banquet.

The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., Duke of Rothesay and Lord of the Isles," and "The R.W. the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Officers" were proposed and duly honoured, as was that of "The Worshipful Master," proposed by the S.W., Bro. Page, and ably responded to by the W.M.

The next toast was that of "The Grand Lodge of Scotland, and the Immortal Memory of Bro. Robert Burns."

Bro. Faithfull Begg gave a very eloquent oration of Robert Burns. He said he thought it was a happy idea which suggested that the meetings of the Scots Lodge in London should be held upon days associated with great national events, and that in that manner they should keep alight the fire of their national patriotism, and keep themselves in touch with their brethren the other side of the border. There was no occasion which was more calculated to produce that fire than the occasion on which they were assembled that evening, for it was in that month of January, 132 years ago, that there was born in a little cottage, and of humble parents, a man whose genius kindled anew the fire of Scotch sentiment. Bro. Begg then referred at length to the life of Burns, the love he bore to his country and his patriotism, and read several extracts from his works. In referring to Burns' connection with Freemasonry, Bro. Begg said he had ascertained several facts which he believed were strictly accurate. In 1784 he found Burns was elected Deputy Master of St. James' Lodge, Tarbolton, a lodge which he "oft honoured with supreme command, and presided o'er the sons of light." In 1786, after his removal to Mossgiel, he was affiliated to the Kilwinning Lodge, Kilmarnock, and there it was that he sang "Ye sons of aul' Killie." On the 27th January, 1788, he became affiliated to the St. Andrew's Lodge, Dumfries. In 1786 there were records of his presence at various Edinburgh lodges, and it was interesting to note that it appeared to have been at those meetings that he made the acquaintance of many noblemen and gentlemen of position who afterwards befriended him. On a memorable occasion in 1787 at the meeting of the Scots Lodge, Kilwinning, Canongate, now known as the St. Andrew, No. 48, the whole of the Grand Lodge of Scotland being present, the toast of "Caledonia and Caledonia's poet, Bro. Burns," was given with "multiplied honours and repeated acclamation," and responded to by the poet in fitting terms. His appointment as Laureate Canongate Kilwinning Lodge is the subject of a painting by Bro. Stewart Watson, which was well known to Scotsmen, as it was in Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh. Burns held that office during his lifetime, after which it fell into abeyance until it was revived in 1835 in the person of Bro. Jas. Hogg, the "Ettrick Shepherd." There was a lodge known as the Cannongate Kilwinning, No. 2, Burns Lodge, but that was merely, he thought, so called in honour of the poet.

The toasts of "The Initiates," "The Visitors," "The Treasurer, Secretary, and Trustee," and "The Officers" were drunk enthusiastically, and the proceedings closed with the Tyler's toast.

Duke of Fife Lodge (No. 2345).—At the usual meeting of this lodge on Wednesday, the 21st inst., at the Alexandra Hotel, Clapham, there were present Bros. S. Cochrane, P.M., W.M.; Geo. Everett, I.P.M.; W. W. Westley, P.M., S.W.; Folkard, J.W.; Steele, Treas.; Charlie Woods, Sec.; Andrews, S.D.; Harvey, J.D.; Langdon, D.C.; Beaven, I.G.; Lyell, Steward; Patrick, P.M., Tyler; Wyer, P.M.; Gilbert, Robertson, Hadley, Lavender, Lawrence, Shannaw, Daoust, Roberts, Balcombe, Bloomfield, and Rashleigh. Visitors: Bros. Davis, 1381; Lane; Follett, 901; and Barton.

The lodge being opened, the minutes of the last meeting were confirmed. Ballot was taken for Messrs. Cordner and Bloomfield, and the latter, being present, was initiated. The Secretary was instructed to write and congratulate Bro. G. Everett on the fact of his nomination without opposition to the position of Grand Treasurer. Two names of gentlemen were given as candidates for the next meeting. Apology for absence of Bro. Winn, Org., was received.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been honoured, Bro. G. Everett, I.P.M., proposed the toast of "The W.M.," mentioning how beautifully he had worked the initiation ceremony. For himself, he heartily thanked the brethren for their good wishes regarding the Grand Treasurership.

Bro. Cochrane, W.M., responded, and related to the brethren the enthusiasm with which Bro. Everett's name was received at the last communication of Grand Lodge. He did try to do his duty as Master, and he trusted the lodge would always be well conducted, well managed, and successful.

In proposing "The Initiate," Bro. Cochrane said he would find that if he were true to the tenets of Masonry he would never regret becoming a Mason, but would regret that he had not become one sooner.

Bro. Bloomfield, in reply, said that he had been deeply impressed by all he saw that evening. He would try to be an honour to Masonry.

The W.M. then proposed "The Visitors."

In reply, Bro. Davis eulogised the working of the lodge, and said how delighted he was with the way the W.M. delivered the charge.

Bro. Follett was sorry he had missed the working, but had enjoyed the hospitality of the lodge.

Bro. Lane was much impressed by what he had seen, and trusted to again visit the lodge.

The W.M., in proposing "The Officers," pointed out that he had the W.M. of the Stockwell Lodge and the W.M. of the Old Concord Lodge as officers of his lodge. He was sure he could honestly say his officers were second to those of no other lodge.

In reply, Bro. Westley, S.W., thanked the brethren for the way the toast was received. He felt that the Craft had gained much when Bro. Cochrane came into the district.

Bro. Folkard, J.W., related his experience of his first visit to Grand Lodge.

Bro. Steele, Treas., said his office was a pleasant one, and he trusted it would always remain so.

Bro. Woods, Sec., made a special appeal to the brethren who had votes to give them to the boy Maidment, the child of a deceased Mason well known in the district. The case was a most deserving one.

Bro. Harvey, J.D., also supported the case mentioned by the Secretary.

The Tyler's toast closed a pleasant evening, to the harmony of which the following brethren had contributed—Bros. Everett, Lavender, Barton, Davies, Lyell, Andrews, and Follett.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BRISTOL.

Royal Clarence Lodge (No. 68).—The installation meeting of this, the oldest lodge in the province, the date of the warrant being 1758, was held at the Masonic Hall, Park-street, on St. John's Day, December 27th, according to an ancient custom, and Bro. Webley was installed W.M. by Bro. Hatton, P.M. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers: Bros. Jennings, I.P.M.; Grubb, S.W.; H. B. Southwell, J.W.; J. Gard, P.M.; Treas.; Machon, Sec.; H. Stokes, S.D.; Fulford, J.D.; Rogerson, I.G.; and Jones, Stwd. The lodge was then closed.

The installation banquet was held on Thursday, the 15th inst., in the new and handsome dining hall recently added to the Masonic Hall, Park-street, and was served in the most excellent manner by Messrs. Hatton and Son, of Union-street, and attended by 68 brethren, amongst whom were the following visitors: Bros. Rivington, P.M. 877; Harold Lewis, W.M. 886; Milligan, W.M. 610; Harry Price, P.M. 177; A. G. Britt, W.M. 1388; C. Pfeiffer, S.W. 1833; G. Dando, P.M. 1755; F. Luxton, 39; Chandler, 2357; G. Will, 1750; Thomas, P.M. 1755; and Bramwell, P.A.G.D.C., D.P.G.M.

The W.M. proposed "The Health of the Queen and Prosperity to the Craft."

The next toast proposed by the W.M. was "The Health of the M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. Bramwell, P.A.G.D.C., D.P.G.M., in replying, said that it was not the first time his name had been associated with the toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, but the W.M. had made an innovation, to him a very pleasing one, in including in the toast the health of so illustrious a lady as H.R.H. the Princess of Wales. The M.W.G.M.'s work and his interest in Freemasonry were so well known to every member of the Craft that it was unnecessary to particularise, except to say that his great interest was shown in his appointment of his eldest son, the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, G.M. of the province of Berks, and further by his attendance to perform the ceremony of installation. He also hoped that there would be some more Grand Lodge Officers in the Bristol province.

The toast of "The P.G.M., the D.P.G.M., and the P.G. Officers, Present and Past," was given by the W.M., and responded to by Bros. Bramwell, D.P.G.M.; Hatton, P.G.S.B.; and Wilkinson, P.J.G.D.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said the office of W.M. was of the greatest importance in the Craft; it is to the W.M.'s that the P.G.M. has to look for the well ruling and governing the lodge of which they are the head, and unless a brother is qualified for W.M. he should not be placed in that

position. In the present instance he felt sure the brethren would have no cause to regret having elected Bro. Webley to the chair he now occupies, and he congratulated him on arriving at so high a position in the Craft, and wished him a prosperous and happy year of office.

The W.M. made a suitable response.

Bro. J. Gard, P.M., Treas., proposed "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Jennings," and complimented him on the very successful year he had passed through, and of the high estimation he was held in by the brethren of the lodge.

The I.P.M., in reply, thanked the Treasurer for the many kind things he had said about him, and he would continue to do all he could to deserve them. He also thanked Bro. Hatton, P.M., for having performed the ceremony of installation for him, as it was quite impossible for him to attend that day in consequence of an important business engagement. He assured the brethren that his interest in the Royal Clarence Lodge would never cease, and that he would always do his best to maintain the lodge in the high position it has always held in the Craft.

The Worshipful Master next gave the toast of "The Sister Lodges."

Bros. Bramwell, D.P.G.M.; Milligan, P.M. 610; Harold Lewis, W.M. 886; Britt, W.M. 1388; and Chandler, 2257, replied.

"The Health of the Treasurer" was proposed by the I.P.M., who said that in Bro. Gard they had a brother who knew how to take care of their funds, and it was entirely due to his good management that they were enabled to vote 20 guineas to the funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. In their Secretary they had a brother who would do his duty.

Bro. Gard, Treasurer, thanked the I.P.M. for the kind way he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for the cordial manner they had received it. With respect to the funds for Charity, he could assure them that during the 12 years he had been Treasurer not a single deserving case had been sent empty away. The lodge was in a most flourishing condition, and he trusted it would always be so.

The toast of "The Visitors" was replied to by Bros. Rivington, P.M., and Harry Price.

After the toast of "The Officers" and the Tyler's toast the brethren separated, having passed a very enjoyable evening, the pleasures of which were much enhanced by the music and songs discoursed by Bros. C. Pfeiffer, Southwell, Leveret, Chandler, and Mott.

CHATHAM.

Royal Kent Lodge of Antiquity (No. 20).—The installation festival of this ancient lodge, premier in the Province of Kent, was held at the Sun Hotel, on Wednesday, the 21st inst., and the proceedings connected therewith were of a most interesting character. The handsome and spacious lodge room was filled to its utmost capacity consistent with comfort, and presented a very imposing appearance during the ceremony. Amongst the numerous assemblage were the following members of the lodge: Bros. G. R. Cobham, W.M.; T. Clibbon, P.M.; J. T. Funnell, P.M.; J. W. Webb, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; G. Naylor, P.M., P.G.D.C.; J. F. Lewis, P.M.; W. T. Wiggins, W.M. elect.; F. W. Collins, J.W.; S. Field, P.M.; C. R. Cockburn, P.M., Sec.; C. E. Skinner, S.D.; G. W. Church, J.D.; T. S. Warne, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; C. D. Levy and A. B. Hearn, Stwds.; J. Thomas, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; J. W. Mathison, H. Tomlin, G. Munro, A. Cooper, W. Payne, J. Atkins, Sir J. E. Gorst, J.G.W. England; W. Wooley, E. Gill, C. Day, P.M.; M. S. MacDonnell, P.M.; W. Burgess, H. J. T. Brown, W. Heath, and C. T. Smith, W.M. 1426. The long list of visitors included Bros. J. P. Griffin, P.M. 1050; T. Lewis, 1424; C. Clark, 184; James Stevens, P.M. 720, 1216, 1426; R. Fernouth, 1050; T. R. S. Champion, P.M. 77; W. Wilson, P.M. 1424; J. Lloyd, 158; W. T. Baldwin, W.M. 184; T. Gobling, W. Goodfellow, Dr. Griffiths, P.M. 1174; H. Morris, 1273; J. T. Pope, L. Seagar, W.M. 1273; H. Black, P.M. 1273, A.G.D.C.; R. Gardiner, 1273; J. W. Nash, 1050; S. A. Dunn, 1050; Gen. Forbes, J. W. Gilbert, W.M. 1050; J. E. Baker, A. Gittings, S.D. 184; W. C. Rix, P.M. 398, 1331, P.P.G.S.B. Hants and Isle of Wight; St. George E. Reid, W.M. 1174; W. Lloyd, 1205; G. T. Green, P.M. 158, P.P.G.D.; J. D. Smith, 1341; C. Cobley, 107; S. E. Morgan, P.M. 1424, P.G.D. of C.; W. C. Snow, 184; H. Forss, P.M. 917; D. J. J. Lyell, W.M. 1063; C. Salari, S.W. 2099; J. B. White, P.M. 2099; A. Bassington, P.M. 205; E. Stuteley, P.M. 158; J. H. Whitfield, 1050; H. Bagshaw, 1050; T. Bentley, 1428; E. G. Walther, W.M. 1915; and C. S. Pattison, 913.

The lodge having been opened by Bro. Cobham, and the customary preliminaries disposed of, the W.M. elect, Bro. W. T. Wiggins, was presented by Bro. Naylor for installation by Bro. C. R. Cockburn, P.M. and Sec., by whom he had been initiated into the Order, and in the presence of a Board of 32 Installed Masters. In due course the newly-installed Master received the greetings of the brethren below the chair, and a very effective ceremony was completed by the able addresses of the Installing Master, whose services met with cordial appreciation from all present. The newly-installed Master, having first presented to Bro. G. R. Cobham, the I.P.M., a valuable jewel in recognition of his past year's successful ruling of the lodge, proceeded to appoint his officers for the ensuing year in rotation, and evinced by the calm earnestness of his remarks to the several brethren as they received investiture his personal fitness for the Masonic work now before him. Several propositions for initiation were submitted, and some routine business was disposed of, after which the lodge was closed amidst expressions of general satisfaction from members and visitors alike.

A liberal banquet was served by Bro. Spurrier, the host of the Sun, which, whether in respect of quality and quantity of viands, excellent service, or vintages of generous wines, left nothing to be desired.

A string band, under the direction of Mr. Willbey Cooper, late R.M. Band, was placed in the western gallery, and discoursed excellent music during dinner.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were afterwards honoured, that of "The Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," being responded to by Bro. Sir John E. Gorst, J.G.W., and a member of the lodge, who, after a few humorous remarks which met with ready acceptance, expressed his satisfaction at seeing the chair of No. 20 occupied by an old townsman, whom he personally greatly respected, and who would, he

felt confident, gratify the utmost expectations of the Craft in Kent by excellent work during his year of office.

The Worshipful Master's response to the toast in his honour, and that of Bro. T. S. Warne, in reply to "The Past Masters and Officers," in the course of which he referred to the W.M. as being the one hundred and seventeenth ruler of the lodge, were the next two most important speeches, but their chief interest centred in matters particular to the lodge and not generally to the Craft.

For "The Visitors," Bro. James Stevens, P.M., led the responses, and expressed on their and his own behalf their deep sense of the admirable working and unbounded hospitality they had respectively witnessed and received.

The formal *post-prandial* proceedings were agreeably interspersed with songs, and several extremely well-rendered recitations by Miss Clare Finnes, who succeeded in obtaining more genuine encores in appreciation of her high ability than we can remember having ever heard in connection with a Masonic meeting. We left her again "obliging" when the latest London train was announced—and left most unwillingly, for we have not often been called upon to attend a more thoroughly enjoyable evening than that of the installation festival of the Royal Kent Lodge of Antiquity, No. 20.

DEVIZES.

Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity (No. 663).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on Tuesday, the 20th inst., when there was a good attendance, amongst the visitors being Bros. R. G. Venables, D.P.G.M. Shropshire, P.A.G.D.C. England; R. W. Merriman, P.M. 1533, P.G.R.; F. W. Selfe, W.M.; H. Chapman, S.W. 632; and T. J. Salwey, J.W. 611.

The outgoing W.M., Bro. Frederick Sloper, opened the lodge, and after the usual preliminaries, assisted by Bros. H. J. Johnson, P.M., and T. C. Hopkins, P.M., installed his successor, the S.W., Bro. the Rev. Walter Humphrys. The usual addresses were delivered by Bros. H. Howse, P.M., and T. C. Hopkins, P.M. The newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. F. Sloper, I.P.M.; B. W. Crees, S.W.; J. P. Martin, J.W.; F. S. Hancock, P.M., Treas.; T. C. Hopkins, P.M., Sec.; F. G. Billingham, S.D.; F. Reynolds, J.D.; H. Howse, P.M., D.C.; H. H. Baker, Org.; F. Wyatt, I.G.; D. Owen and W. Rose, Stwds.; and C. R. Barnes, Tyler.

After the usual routine business the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet at the Bear Hotel, which was supplied by Bro. Reynolds, and gave general satisfaction.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.

Industry Lodge (No. 48).—The regular meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Monday, the 26th inst., at the Masonic Hall, when there was a large gathering of brethren. Owing to the untimely death of the W.M., Bro. W. F. Raeburn, who departed this life on the 5th inst., the chair was occupied by Bro. Wm. Brown, I.P.M., who was supported by Bros. R. F. Cook, P.M.; M. Corbitt, P.M., Treas.; R. Whifield, P.M.; John Wood, P.M.; John Moul, P.M.; A. Rhagg, P.M.; Wm. M. Pybus, P.M.; Wm. Dalrymple, P.M.; Wm. Richardson, S.W.; M. R. Wright, J.W.; W. J. Jobson, Sec.; G. Craighill, S.D.; W. Stafford, J.D.; A. Dodds, I.G.; R. Ferry, Org.; Hugh Jackson, Stwd.; and Joshua Curry, Tyler. There were also present Bros. G. N. Patterson, W.M. 424; T. A. Moffit, P.M. 424; C. Kempson, I.G. 424; W. Outhwaite, W.M. 1712; R. A. Gibson, S.D. 1712; G. Gibson, Sec. 1712; Wm. M. Lyon, P.M. 406; J. A. G. Ross, P.M. 481; T. Brookes, 1342; H. W. Dixon, I.G. 2260; T. R. Jobson, S.W. 1664; C. P. Laidler, I.G. 1664; B. L. Wilkie, J.D. 1664; J. A. Stelling, 481; G. L. Davis, J.D. 406; and G. F. Pringle, J.W. 1009. Amongst the many members present were Bros. T. Chegwidden, W. M. Denton, T. W. Stokoe, W. Holtzappel, R. Brason, J. K. Sinton, J. Brown, and others.

After the usual preliminaries, Bros. Laws, Tindale, and Wood were passed to the Degree of F.C. by Bro. W. Dalrymple, P.M., the working tools being explained by the S.W. Bro. J. Brown was also raised as a M.M. by the acting W.M., Bro. Wm. Brown, who also gave the charge and the working tools. Feeling allusion was made to the loss sustained by the lodge through the unexpected demise of the W.M., and it was unanimously resolved that a vote of condolence be passed and presented to Mrs. Raeburn and her family in their severe bereavement.

Three propositions for initiation were made, and, after other business had been transacted, the proceedings closed, when an adjournment was made to the refreshment room.

GUERNSEY.

Loyalty Lodge (No. 243).—A very crowded meeting of this lodge took place on Wednesday, the 21st inst., at the Masonic Temple, Le Marchant-street, to witness the installation of Bro. John Stranger into the chair of the lodge. In addition to the regular members there was a great body of visitors from the sister lodges of the island, and no less than 24 Past Masters were present. The ceremony of installation was very ably conducted by the I.P.M., Bro. Helman, assisted by Bro. P. Le Page, one of the veteran Past Masters of the lodge, and who has for many years acted as Secretary, not only with honour to himself, but to the great advantage of the lodge. The officers invested by the W.M., Bro. John Stranger, were as follows: Bros. Helman, I.P.M.; J. D. Robilliard, S.W.; Alfred Oldknow, J.W.; P. Le Page, Sec.; F. J. Weyson, Treas.; J. B. Nickolls, S.D.; Peter Tourtel, J.D.; A. J. Riley, I.G.; and Edward Biddiscombe, Tyler. Our memory is not sufficiently good to enumerate all the visiting brethren; it is sufficient to say that we noticed Bros. J. Balfour Cockburn, Hamel, and Stickland, from Doyle's Lodge; Millican, Quic, Pengelley, Thorn, and Lovell, from Mariners Lodge; Pickering, Palmer, Newberry, Bidder, and Brouard, from Fidelis Lodge.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.

Dobie Lodge (No. 889).—On the 21st instant, the installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the Griffin Hotel, but prior to the chief business of the meeting, the W.M., Bro. Colbron, P.M. 355, passed Bros. Spencer, Westmacott, and Bedser to the F.C. Degree. The Audit Committee's report was also presented, showing a favourable state of finance, although there had been an exceptionally heavy expenditure incurred in renovating the furniture of the lodge. The W.M. vacated the chair in

favour of Bro. John Drewett, P.M., to whom was presented Bro. F. J. Hayward, W.M. elect., and by whom the interesting ceremony was very ably performed throughout, to the giving of the addresses. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Levy, S.W.; Jas. Edgell, J.W.; Elsam, P.M., Sec.; J. Drewett, P.M., Treas.; Joseph Bond, S.D.; Wilkinson, P.M. 1420, J.D.; Gardiner, I.G.; Fawssett, Stwd.; and Gilbert, Tyler.

Business over, the brethren dined together and spent a pleasant evening. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Colbron by the lodge in recognition of his services in the chair. Bro. E. T. Copper, one of the oldest lay members of the lodge, and who this year is Mayor of the town, was unable to be present until a late period in the evening, having been engaged in presiding over a conference as to the best mode of relieving the prevailing distress. On his arrival he was warmly greeted, and an addition was made to the toast list in his honour.

LAUNCESTON.

Dunheved Lodge (No. 789).—The members of this lodge celebrated the Festival of St. John on Tuesday, the 20th inst., when Bro. F. Downing was installed W.M., and he appointed the following as his officers: Bros. B. Parsons, I.P.M.; W. S. Cater, S.W.; T. W. Shepherd, J.W.; G. Ross, P.M., Chap.; C. Parsons, P.M., Treas.; J. Kittow, P.M., Sec.; W. Mill, S.D.; A. Hawken, J.D.; R. Wenill, D.C.; F. Trimmer, I.G.; J. Vicary and M. Body, Stwds.; and W. Burt, Tyler. The installation ceremony was ably conducted by Bro. B. Parsons.

The banquet was afterwards served by Mrs. W. Burt.

The following visiting brethren attended: Bros. R. Oliver, P.M. 970; W. Dymond, 557, P.P.G.O.; J. Spear, 557; C. J. Park, 1247; and W. J. Davis, 330.

SALFORD.

Harmony Lodge (No. 935).—The Festival of St. John was celebrated on Thursday, the 22nd inst., at Adelphi House, by the brethren of the above lodge. Bro. J. West was installed W.M., the ceremony being performed by his predecessor, Bro. Lewis J. Griffiths, assisted by Past Masters of the lodge. The following brethren were invested as officers: Bros. D. Galloway, S.W.; R. Thomas, J.W.; J. H. Clarke, P.M., Treas.; Robert Makin, Sec.; H. Malkin, P.M., S.D.; E. F. Openshaw, J.D.; B. Taylor, P.P.G.T., D.C.; and W. Richardson, I.G.

At a banquet which was subsequently held Bro. Lewis J. Griffiths, P.M., was presented with a very handsome Past Master's jewel, manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

SOUTHAMPTON.

Peace and Harmony Lodge (No. 359).—The Festival of St. John was celebrated by the brethren of this lodge at the Masonic Hall, Albion-place, on Monday, the 19th inst., when Bro. Laurence Steele, an old Mason, the circumstances attending whose profession have hitherto prevented his attaining the chair of an English lodge, was installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. There was an exceptionally large attendance, the Board of Installed Masters alone numbering 38 brethren, this being one of the largest attendances of Masters and Past Masters seen in Southampton since the installation of Bro. Brown, J.P., in the same lodge four years ago. The Past Masters present were Bros. Sharland, 76; J. H. Martin, W.M.; J. B. Thomas, J. Robertson, J. F. Osborne, R. W. Lees; J. Fewings, R. Boughton-Smith, and S. Clarke, of 130; J. C. Burbage and J. Slater, 319; S. Dacombe, W.M.; H. Lashmore, and G. J. Tilling, of 304; Jenvey, W.M.; T. P. Payne, J. Adams, H. Coles, J. Clark, T. Lashmore, G. Cross, H. P. Arthur, J. Patstone, E. O. Longland, J. E. Aldis, E. Brown, C. Dusaity, and A. J. Blackman, all of the lodge; B. Harfield, W.M., and W. Pearce, 1112; W. Fowler, A. J. Brown, E. T. Wise, and W. J. Miller, 1461; H. Hussey, W.M., and E. Warren, 1780; and S. Frampton, W.M., and F. Bascombe, 1883. The attendance also included Bro. Searle, the W.M. elect of the Economy Lodge.

The ceremony of installation was ably performed by Bro. Aldis, who was highly complimented on his work, and at the conclusion the new W.M. invested the following officers: Bros. W. Jenvey, I.P.M.; T. G. Dacombe, S.W.; J. Griffiths, J.W.; T. Lashmore, P.M., Treas.; J. Adams, P.M., Sec.; G. Cross, P.M., D.C.; E. Kingman, S.D.; T. Hardie, J.D.; Andrews, Org.; Evans, I.G.; Brazier and Hyam, Stwds.; and W. Vare, Tyler. Cordial votes of thanks were accorded both to the Installing Master and Bro. Jenvey, in the latter case for the excellent manner in which he had discharged the duties of the Master's chair during the past year, a Past Master's jewel being voted him by acclamation.

The installation banquet was served in excellent style by Bro. Biggs, under the superintendence of Bro. Cross, D.C.

The newly-installed W.M. presided, and his health was most enthusiastically drunk, hearty good wishes being tendered him on all hands, there being all through the proceedings evidence that his Mastership of the large and wealthy Lodge of Peace and Harmony will be a popular one.

The outgoing Master was also toasted, and made a cordial response.

The usual round of Masonic toasts were afterwards gone through.

SOUTHEND.

Priory Lodge (No. 1000).—The installation meeting was held on Thursday, the 22nd inst., at the Middleton Hotel, when the following—in addition to the W.M. and the other officers of the lodge—were present: Bros. W. E. Bridgland, P.M., Prov. G.S.B.; J. W. Harris, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; G. F. Jones, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; G. Berry, P.M.; W. D. Merritt, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; J. F. Harrington, P.M., P.P.G.P.; C. Floyd, P.M., P.P.A.G. Purst.; G. J. Glasscock, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; A. Baker, A. Adams, G. L. Wood, P.M. 160, P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. V. A. Mason, J. Pritchard, F. Cantor, G. Reed, C. W. Cooke, E. F. Wood, and J. A. Hobday, J.D. 160. Visitors: Bros. Rev. Llyd, W.M. 2342, P.P.G.C. Staffordshire; H. Harper, P.M. and Sec. 160, P.P.G.S.B.; T. R. Jarvis, I.P.M. 276, Prov. S.G.D.; E. Gowers, W.M. 1024, P.P.G.O.; W. J. Harvey, W.M. 1734; W. Berridge, W.M. 1819; Major C. Russell; J. C. Cresswell, 276; Simpson, 1076; Miller, Foskett, and R. F. Carter.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last

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meeting were read and confirmed, and the Auditors' report adopted. Bro. T. Hood, S.W., W.M. elect, was then installed into the chair of K.S. by the W.M., and afterwards appointed and invested the following as the officers for the ensuing year: Bros. B. Thomas, S.W.; A. Vandervoord, J.W.; Rev. T. W. Herbert, P.P.G. Chap., Chaplain; F. Wood, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Treasurer; A. Lucking, P.M., P.G.P., Sec.; C. W. Barnard, S.D.; F. J. Cumine, J.D.; G. R. Dawson, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., D.C.; E. J. Bowmaker, I.G.; B. Farnside, Mus. Bac., Org.; C. H. Bowmaker and R. J. Smith, Stewards; and A. W. Martin, Prov. G.T., Tyler. The Installing Master having been accorded a vote of thanks for his services, Bro. F. Wood, P.M., Treas., was unanimously re-elected to represent the lodge on the Charity Committee of the province. Ten guineas were voted to the R.M.I.G., to be placed on the list of the W.M. Mr. Henry Osborne Grenfell was initiated, and a Past Master's jewel having been presented to the I.P.M. for his able services during his year of office, candidates for initiation and joining were proposed, after which the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to banquet, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

SOUTHPORT.

Victoria Lodge (No. 2360).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 20th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Eastbank-street. There were present Bros. J. Kilby, P.M., W.M.; Thos. Whitehead, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. F. Roberts, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; W. F. Scarlett, Sec.; J. McKinnell, J.D.; T. Ormrod, Org.; Francis Oliver, I.G.; Joseph Sykes and W. Lewis, Stwds.; G. Rockliffe, Tyler; C. Kershaw, C. Dann, W. Watson, F. G. Moody, James Hesketh, P.M. 1070; Richard Sharrock, W.M. 1313; F. Wood, and S. J. Fane. Visitors: Bros. G. S. Smith, P.M., W.M. 2359; R. W. Griffiths, 1313; and G. Hesketh, 1313.

The lodge was opened by Bro. J. Kilby, W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the lodge was closed.

There will be a soiree held on the 12th February by the brethren of Fermor and Victoria Lodges combined, which we trust will be as successful as the ones in former years have been.

ST. DAY, CORNWALL.

Tregullow Lodge (No. 1006).—The Festival of St. John was celebrated at the Masonic Rooms, on Tuesday, the 20th inst., when Bro. John A. Paynter, S.W., was installed W.M. by the retiring W.M., Bro. S. Kinsman, assisted by Bro. J. Jose. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. S. Kinsman, I.P.M. and Treas.; R. T. Peters, S.W.; W. J. Diment, J.W.; R. Piper, Chap.; T. Michell, Sec.; J. Fitton, S.D.; Joel Tregoning, J.D.; E. T. Sara, I.G.; Yeo, D.C.; W. R. Cannon, Org.; and J. Smith and A. Gregor, Stwds. Bro. T. R. Mills was appointed Treasurer of the C.M.A.F. The banquet was served by Bro. Jos. Smith.

The visiting brethren included Bros. Chegwidden, W.M., and J. Opie, J.W., Druid's Lodge; Bennett, P.M., W. Hall, W.M., and S. Rogers, J.W., Boscawen Lodge.

Selections of music and recitations were given by the W.M., the I.P.M., and Bros. Hall, Mills, Gregor, and Collins, a very enjoyable evening being spent.

Royal Arch.

Lion and Lamb Chapter (No. 192).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held on Wednesday, the 21st instant, at the Cannon-street Hotel, when there were present Comps. T. S. Holland, M.E.Z.; H. Hughes, H.; W. R. Dixon, J.; George Kenning, P.Z., Treas.; Chas. Arkell, P.Z., S.E.; Dr. W. A. Dingle, S.N.; Mallett, Janitor; F. D. R. Copstick, P.Z.; Thos. Cohu, P.Z.; John Taylor, P.Z.; Wm. Hawes, and H. M. Read. Visitors: Comps. Dr. George Mickley, P.Z. 63; Fred. Levick, P.Z. 404; and George Ward, Verry.

The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was read and approved. Comp. F. D. R. Copstick installed the following officers for the ensuing year: Comps. Henry Hughes, M.E.Z.; W. R. Dixon, H.; Dr. W. A. Dingle, J.; Chas. Arkell, P.Z., S.E.; Wm. Hawes, S.N.; George Kenning, P.Z., Treas.; D. R. Crow, P.S.; Alfred Cotton, 1st Asst. Soj.; George F. Potter, 2nd Asst. Soj.; and Marsh, Janitor.

The usual banquet afterwards took place.

GUERNSEY.

Loyalty Chapter (No. 243).—A meeting of this small but excellently well conducted chapter was held at the Masonic Temple, on the 19th inst., for the purpose of installing the Principals and investing the officers for the present year. Comp. J. Balfour Cockburn, P.Z., an honorary member of the chapter, had been requested to perform the ceremony of installation, and did so, ably assisted by Comps. Q. Quick, P.Z., and R. M. Smythson, I.P.Z. The conclave of Installed Principals consisted of Comps. Le Page, Stickland, Smythson, Weyson, Bichard, Le Huray, and Quick. The Principals installed were Comps. Palmer, Z.; Thorn, H.; and Nicolle, J.; and the officers were Comps. L. Page, S.E.; J. Stranger, S.N.; Parsons, Treas.; W. Stranger, P.S.; and Biddiscombe, Janitor. Comps. Pickering, Marquand, Ogier, and Robilliard were also present.

MANCHESTER.

Derby Chapter (No. 1055).—The regular convolution of this chapter was held at the Victoria Hotel, on Tuesday, the 21st instant. There were present Comps. A. F. Tysoe, Z.; Thos. E. Righy, H.; E. P. Mead, J.; Fredk. R. Cooper, P.Z.; John W. Thompson, P.Z., P.G.D.C.; W. Hoversall, P.Z.; Thos. Smith, James Chapman, W. O. Brown, J. B. Peace, P.S.; J. Heywood, S.E.; and J. B. Kirk, Janitor.

The chapter being opened and the minutes read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. Jno. Wm. Hallam, and proving favourable, he was exalted by Bro. F. R. Cooper, P.Z.

Trafford Chapter (No. 1496).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Western Hotel, Moss Side, on Wednesday, the 21st inst. Despite the extremely inclement weather, there was a good muster of the companions. The chapter was opened by Comp. J. C.

Gillman, P.P.G.J., Z., the other members present including Comps. W. Biggs, H.; C. W. Maybury, J.; H. P. Jones, P.Z., S.E.; J. Rathbone, S.N.; T. H. Thomas, P.S.; A. Jacobson, 1st A.S.; J. Kershaw, 2nd A.S.; S. D. M'Kellen, P.Z., P.P.G.S.; G. Burslem, P.Z.; F. Long, Org.; W. Blears, R. Wilson, P. E. Land, and W. Riddell, Janitor. Visitors: Comps. G. V. Blaikie, P.Z. 152, P.P.G.D.C. East Lancashire; T. Shorrock, 204; and Parkinson.

Two candidates whose exaltations were due were unable to be present. The ballot was taken for Bros. Ramsey Knight, 1406, and J. Morrison, S.D. 1375. These brethren being elected, were duly made members of this Supreme Degree, the elaborate ceremony being impressively performed by Comp. Burslem, P.Z., and the officers of the chapter. Comp. Gillman, M.E.Z., then again took the First Principal's chair, and, assisted by the P.Z.'s of the chapter, installed the Principals for the ensuing year as follows: Comps. Walter Biggs, as M.E.Z.; C. W. Maybury, as H.; and J. Rathbone, J. The following officers were also invested: Comps. G. Burslem, P.Z., as Treas.; Henry P. Jones, P.Z., as S.E. (re-elected); Aaron Jacobson, as S.N.; Thomas H. Thompson, as P.S. (re-elected); Joseph Kershaw, as 1st A.S.; William Blears, as 2nd A.S.; David Johnson, P.Z., as D.C.; F. Long, Org.; William Battersby and Percy E. Land, as Stwds.; and William Riddell, as Janitor (re-elected). A very satisfactory balance-sheet was presented, and after the transaction of other business, the chapter was closed.

The newly-installed M.E.Z. subsequently presided at the social board, where the usual Masonic toasts were honoured.

"The Health of the retiring M.E.Z., Comp. Gillman," the "father" of the chapter, and that of "The Newly-Installed Principals" were received with the utmost cordiality, and the heartiest wishes were expressed for the continued success of the Trafford Chapter.

MARYPORT.

Nicholson Chapter (No. 371).—The regular convocation of this chapter was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Eaglesfield-street, on Thursday, the 22nd inst., when there were present Comps. E. B. Penrice, Z.; E. G. Mitchell, H.; J. Dickinson, P.G.O., J.; Jos. Abbott, P.G.S., S.E.; Samuel Bettoney, P.S.; J. Smith, Org.; J. Messenger, Janitor; Jos. Nicholson, P.Z., P.P.G.J.; Thos. Mandle, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B.; R. Brown, P.Z., P.P.A.G.S.; J. O. Scott; and the following visitors: Comps. Geo. Dalrymple, P.Z. 119, P.P.G.H.; J. Patterson, P.Z. 119, Z. 962, P.G.J.; D. Reece, H. 962, P.A.G.S.; and E. Loach, P.S. 962.

After the minutes of the previous convocation had been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Bro. T. Swainson, J.W. 371, and proved unanimous in his favour. Bro. Swainson, being present, was exalted to the Degree by Comp. G. Dalrymple in an able manner, while Comp. J. Dickinson, P.G.O., gave the historical lecture in good style. Comp. D. Reece, as H., gave the symbolical, and Comp. Dalrymple, as Z., the mystical, very effectively, after which the following companions were elected as Principals and officers for the ensuing year: Comps. E. G. Mitchell, Z.; J. Dickinson, H.; J. Abbott, J.; P. de E. Collin, Treas.; J. O. Scott, S.E.; S. Bettoney, S.N.; T. Swainson, P.S.; G. Scott, 1st A.S.; T. Dacres, 2nd A.S.; J. Smith, Org.; and J. Messenger, Janitor.

A hearty vote of thanks was then recorded to Comps. Dalrymple, Reece, Patterson, and Loach for their able assistance in the exaltation of Comp. Swainson, and, after "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

PLUMSTEAD.

Pattison Chapter (No. 913).—A quarterly convocation of the above excellent chapter was held on Thursday, the 15th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Mount Pleasant. Comp. E. Palmer, Z., presided, assisted by Comps. S. Clarke, H., and J. H. Roberts, P.Z., J. (acting in the unavoidable absence of Comp. C. H. Lawson). Among the other companions present were Comps. C. Coupland, P.Z., P.P.G.J.; A. Penfold, P.Z., P.P.G. 1st A.S., Treas.; H. J. Butter, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S., S.E.; H. Mason, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br.; C. Jolly, P.Z. (Hon.); E. Morris, S.N.; C. Clapham, P.S.; W. C. Taylor, 1st A.S.; G. R. Nichols, 2nd A.S.; R. F. Tyler, Org.; J. Topp, W. Davidson, C. Ellis, G. F. Taylor, S. W. Mitchell, G. Frost, and D. Capon. Visitors: Comps. Col. M. Richardson, P.Z. 1331, P.P.G. Reg., and W. Cruikshanks, P.Z. 154.

Bro. W. H. Lewis, of the mother lodge, was exalted to the Supreme Degree, and then the companions dined.

The chapter was in mourning for the late Comp. T. D. Hayes, P.Z., P.P.G. 2nd A.S., who died a few weeks ago on his way home from South Africa, and was buried at sea. The most heartfelt sympathy was expressed for the bereaved family, and the only music performed during the evening was the "Dead March" from one of Beethoven's sonatas, splendidly played by Comp. Tyler, and "A Reverie," played by Comp. Horton on the violin in rare style.

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BRIDGWATER.

Friendship, Unanimity, and Philanthropic Lodge (No. 191).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 19th inst., at the Clarence Hotel, when Bro. G. B. Laffan, the S.W., was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, as successor to Bro. J. T. Dunsford. The ceremony of installation was performed by the P.G.M., Bro. R. C. Else. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Strawbridge, S.W.; T. F. Norris, J.W.; C. Lucette, P.M., Treas.; Dr. Peskett, R.M.; F. J. Saunders, Sec.; B. C. Board, M.O.; A. Basil Cottam, S.O.; T. H. Railton, J.O.; J. Bain Sincock, S.W.; T. L. Laxton, J.W.; H. M. Keimis, D.C.; F. W. Bishop, I.G.; and Webber, Tyler.

The customary repast was afterwards partaken of, under the presidency of Bro. Laffan, the W.M.

TWICKENHAM.

Sir Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 181).—This lodge met at the Albany Hotel on the 21st instant. Among those present were Bros. W. J. Porter, W.M.; Simmonds, S.W.; Thomas, J.W.; Davis, M.O.; Woodruff, S.O.; Von Joel, J.O.; W. Fisher, P.M., P.P.G. S. of W., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; Meacock, S.D.; E. Hopwood, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. of W.; T. Briggs, P.M., P.G. Std. Br.; H. Higgins, P.M.; and C. H. Köhler, P.M. Bro. Trueman, S., was a visitor,

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Simmonds was duly installed as W.M. by the Secretary. The following appointments and investments took place: Bros. Thomas, S.W.; Davis, J.W.; Woodruff, M.O.; Von Joel, S.O.; George Everett, J.O.; Fisher, Treas.; Capt. Walls, Sec.; Meacock, R. of M.; Bonny, S.D.; Westley, J.D.; Conway, I.G.; and Harrison, Tyler. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. A vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Master, and a Past Master's jewel presented to the I.P.M. Bro. W. J. Porter was elected to represent the lodge at the next Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund, and the Secretary gave a notice of motion that the sum of three guineas be voted to head the Steward's list on the occasion. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. D. P. Cama, G. Everett, W. W. Westley, and others.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. The W.M. presided most ably.

Bros. Briggs and Von Joel responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers," and Bros. Hopwood and Fisher for "The Provincial Grand Officers."

Bro. Trueman replied to the toast of "The Visitor," and Bros. Porter, Higgins, and Köhler for "The Past Masters."

During the evening the I.P.M. ably officiated at the piano.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

ROBERT BURNS LODGE (No. 25).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 27th inst., at Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road, when there were present Bros. F. Klein, W.M.; J. Tapping, S.W.; W. Truman (visitor), J.W.; F. Marx, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; J. Blundell, P.M., Treas.; F. J. Bonham, P.M., Sec.; R. J. Harvey, S.D.; R. Blum, J.D.; R. Sweetman, I.G.; W. J. Harvey, P.M.; G. Deaton, P.M.; J. Thompson, and F. J. Deaton. Visitor: Bro. A. C. Bonham.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Preceptor worked the 1st Section of the Lecture. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. A. C. Bonham answered the questions leading to the Third Degree. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Bonham being candidate. The lodge was then resumed in the First Degree. Bros. A. C. Bonham, 1305, and W. Truman, 957, were unanimously elected joining members. The S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and was pleased to appoint his officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

ST. LUKE'S LODGE (No. 144).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 26th inst., at the Somerset Arms, Fulham-road, when there were present Bros. J. Cox, W.M.; F. Thomas, S.W.; R. Q. Moody, J.W.; P. Coughlan, Preceptor; W. H. Tucker, Sec.; A. Carlstrom, S.D.; E. Witts, I.G.; and L. Nathan.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the First, Second, and Third Degrees. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Witts, who had previously answered the usual questions and been entrusted, being the candidate. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. The W.M. rose for the first and second times. Bro. Thomas was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time, and nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry in general, and this lodge in particular, the lodge was closed.

CLARENCE LODGE (No. 263).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 22nd inst., at Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road. There were present Bros. H. Tatton Sykes, W.M.; F. J. Sykes, S.W.; H. Nock, J.W.; W. H. Kirby, Preceptor; W. Baker, Sec.; D. G. Inlay, S.D.; H. H. Nuding, J.D.; J. B. Corp., I.G.; J. Corp., H. Noakes, C. Jeffrey, J. W. Drysdale, and F. Norman. Visitor: Bro. Pocock, 59.

The lodge being duly opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. J. Corp kindly responded to the enquiry for a candidate, and the W.M. rehearsed with great correctness and in first rate style the ceremony of initiation. The charge was delivered by Bro. J. B. Corp. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. H. H. Nuding worked the 1st Section of the Second Lecture in such a manner as could not fail to prove instructive. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Pocock, 59, was proposed and seconded as a joining member. Bro. J. B. Corp was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation, and announced that the work would be the second ceremony and the ceremony of installation. Bro. Kirby proposed, and Bro. Nock seconded, that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded Bro. H. Tatton Sykes on that occasion—the first on which he had performed the office of W.M.—for the efficient way he had discharged the duties of that office, and the admirable manner in which he had worked the ceremony and presided over the lodge that evening. All business being ended, the lodge was duly closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 26th inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. J. W. Curtis, W.M. elect 733, W.M.; J. W. Belsham, J.W. 733, S.W.; R. Rogers, S.D. 733 (visitor), J.W.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; A. Arrowsmith, J.D. 733 (visitor), S.D.; J. Cruttenden, J.D.; W. Jackman, I.G.; J. C. Conway, Stwd.; J. W. Cuff, P.M. 511; M. J. R. Dundas, W. Middleweek, W. Mathews, J. V. Woodman, M. Rosenberg, H. Ward, and H. Windeatt. Visitors: Bros. W. G. Higgins, W.M. 1563, and Chas. Godfrey, 2021.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and, after the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Cuff being the candidate. The lodge was closed down to the First Degree, and Bro. Curtis invested the officers. Bros. Rogers, Arrowsmith, Higgins, and Godfrey were elected members, and acknowledged the compliment, Bro. Higgins having expressed his great pleasure

at the manner the business of the evening had been carried on, received a vote of thanks for acting as I.P.M. in the absence of Bro. G. Read, who could not be present. A vote of thanks was also passed to the members of the Westbourne Lodge for attending and occupying the respective offices they held in the lodge. Bro. Belsham was elected W.M. for the next meeting—the officers to be in rotation. Communications were read from Bros. G. Read, W. Burton, W.M. 733, and Cumming, 733, expressing their regret at not being able to be present. A communication was also read from the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, on Tuesday, the 27th instant, when there were present Bros. R. W. Nicole, W.M.; H. B. Harding, S.W.; T. Williams, J.W.; W. Hancock, Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; J. W. Clarke, S.D.; C. G. Gray, J.D.; C. H. Stevenson, I.G.; A. Giddings, E. H. Bury, R. Loomes, A. Wolter, S. Napper, D. C. Ritchie, T. E. Newman, J. Duncan, H. J. Kimbell, jun., H. J. Kimbell, sen., and J. Amand.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Bury being the candidate. Bro. Wolter answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Wolter being the candidate. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. E. H. Bury was unanimously elected a member of the lodge. Bro. Harding was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed the officers in rotation. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on Thursday, the 22nd inst., at which were present Bros. C. O. Burgess, W.M.; G. A. Berg-holtz, S.W.; G. H. Foan, J.W.; W. Hancock, acting as Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; G. H. Reynolds, S.D.; W. Rymer, J.D.; T. C. Seary, Org.; E. J. D. Bromley, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; A. Cogliati, J. R. Harnell, J. Wise, W. Unwin, G. F. Foxell, H. G. Walker, C. Corby, G. B. Grieve, J. Rose, F. Kedge, W. Harbert, H. Vilain, R. E. Cursons, W. J. Burgess, H. Matthews, G. Coleman, J. H. Warwick, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The W.M. worked the 1st and 2nd Sections of the First Lecture. Bro. F. Kedge having offered himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, was duly examined, entrusted, and retired. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The W.M. worked the Degree of F.C. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. On rising for the first time, the following brethren were elected joining members: Bros. G. F. Foxell, 2015, and Joseph Wise, 1614. On rising for the second time, Bro. G. A. Berg-holtz was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, Bro. G. H. Foan, on the part of the Auditors, read a very satisfactory report, from which it appeared that the lodge had been very economically worked, and that there was a balance in hand of £10 10s. for two ballots of £5 5s. each. On the motion of Bro. F. Kedge, the Auditors' report was accepted and adopted, with the best thanks and acknowledgments of the lodge to their highly-esteemed Secretary, Pro. G. Reynolds, for his past services, covering a period of eight years, and to the Auditors for their scrutiny of his well-kept accounts. A letter was read from Bro. W. Brindley, Preceptor, asking the brethren to accept his resignation on account of his ill-health. It was then proposed by the W.M.—"That a hearty and cordial vote of thanks be presented to Bro. Brindley, and recorded on the minutes, for those services to the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction which his state of health had permitted him to render in the past, and that the Secretary be instructed to write him a letter to that effect, also offering him the sincere condolence of the brethren, with their best wishes for his speedy recovery, and the hope that he may frequently be with them as a visitor." Bro. G. H. Reynolds proposed, and Bro. R. E. Cursons seconded, the nomination of Bro. Joseph Greenway, who has occupied the position of Deputy Preceptor, for the position of Preceptor, and the same was unanimously carried. Bro. G. Reynolds was re-elected Treasurer and Secretary, with every expression of fraternal esteem and regard, and a unanimous vote in his favour. 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 23rd inst., at the Kensington Park Hotel, Lancaster-road, Notting Hill, W. Present: Bros. W. R. Hatton, W.M.; J. C. Conway, S.W.; G. Gardner, J.W.; G. Davis, P.M. 167, Preceptor; E. Rogers, P.M. 125, P.G.S., Treas.; W. J. Mason, W.M. 2246, Sec.; H. D. Smith, S.D.; W. H. Armfield, J.D.; J. Powell, I.G.; E. T. Ginder, W. R. Flack, and E. Connell.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. W. R. Flack being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The 1st and 3rd Sections of the Lecture were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was then resumed to the First Degree. The S.W., Bro. J. C. Conway, was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

LANGTON LODGE (No. 1673).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 22nd inst., at the White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, E.C. There were present Bros. H. E. Diamond, W.M.; C. Ellis, S.W.; S. Lea Smith, J.W.; H. M. Hobbs, Preceptor; C. W. Mapleton, Sec.; J. H. Williams, S.D.; J. Jupe, J.D.; P. H. Smiles, I.G.; A. Toumlin, jun., J. White, jun., A. W. Bush, A. Smith, T. Burne, W. H. Causton, M.D., G. F. Marshall, W. B. Billinghurst, and H. E. Francis. Visitors: Bros. J. P. Simpson, E. W. Bull, and R. T. Thwaites.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Bush acting as candidate. Bro. C. Ellis, S.W., was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and gave notice that the ceremony of passing and the explanation of the second tracing board would be re-

hearsed. Bros. Bull, Simpson, F. M. Smith, and Thwaites were elected members of the lodge. A vote of thanks to the W.M. for the manner in which he had filled the chair for the first time in the lodge was unanimously carried. The lodge was then closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 27th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. G. A. Knight, W.M.; Joseph Cox, S.W.; C. Woods, J.W.; R. H. Williams, P.M., &c., Treas.; F. Craggs, Sec.; W. Hillier, S.D.; W. B. Neville, J.D.; C. E. Betts, I.G.; J. R. Hubbard, W. J. Rendall, L. Nathan, R. W. Gatliff, A. G. Talbot, C. C. Barber, G. Swann, W. C. Williams, P.M., &c.; T. Haynes, and W. Fayers.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Nathan offered himself as a candidate for passing, and having been examined, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Gatliff acting as candidate. Bro. Cox was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 22nd instant, at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. Present: Bros. A. Love, W.M.; G. E. Higginson, S.W.; F. Woodard, J.W.; John Davies, P.M., Preceptor; E. Austin, P.M., Treas.; F. Craggs, Sec. (*pro tem.*); W. Hillier, S.D.; H. Cotton, J.D.; W. G. Jennings, I.G.; T. S. Stevens, Stwd.; A. J. Lathbury, P.M.; P. Bick, F. Stanley, T. Kington, G. Aylett, T. Jobson, R. Josey, P.M.; J. B. Colwill, P.M.; J. H. Richardson, H. Oliver, J. Brown, W.M. 2012; H. P. Gilbert, P.M.; and James Sims, P.M.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Oliver acting as candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The 3rd Section was worked by the S.W., the questions being put by the Preceptor. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Higginson, S.W., was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. Oliver was elected a joining member. Bro. W. H. Chalfont, P.M., having resigned the office of Secretary, which resignation was accepted with much regret, Bro. H. P. Gilbert was unanimously elected Secretary in his stead. The lodge was then closed.

ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 21st inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, when there were present Bros. C. C. Barber, W.M.; Joseph Cox, S.W.; W. Hillier, J.W.; Jesse Collings, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, Sec.; Kemp, S.D.; L. Nathan, J.D.; B. H. Dames, I.G.; E. J. Green, Stwd.; James Sims, P.M.; and T. Jobson.

The lodge having been duly opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed in a commendable manner, Bro. Green acting as candidate. The 3rd and 4th Sections of the Lecture were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The 5th Section was worked by the Preceptor, the questions being put by Bro. Sims. Bro. Cox was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in this lodge of instruction on Wednesday, the 25th prox., commencing at 7 p.m.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 24th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith, W., when there were present Bros. J. Browne, W.M.; T. W. Biggs, S.W.; F. Walden, J.W.; J. Sims, Deputy Preceptor; H. Bright, Sec.; W. A. Pocock, S.D.; F. A. Barth, J.D.; M. Speigel, I.G.; A. Williams, P.M.; W. S. Whitemey, R. Whimpey, and F. Craggs.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the First, Second, and Third Degrees. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremonies of passing and raising, Bro. F. A. Barth acting as candidate in the former, and Bro. A. Williams, P.M., in the latter. The W.M. announced that the annual ball of the mother lodge would take place on the 6th prox., at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, and 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 26th inst., when there were present Bros. Urban Smith, W.M.; C. H. Bestow, S.W.; W. W. Cook, J.W.; William Shurmer, Prov. G. Treas. Essex, Preceptor; Nathaniel Fortescue, Treas.; C. Horst, S.D.; F. Taylor, J.D.; W. F. Stauffer, I.G.; J. Ives, Stwd.; J. Wilson, P.M.; P.Z.; G. W. Knight, P.M., P.Z.; G. W. Fry, E. James, H. F. Bromhead, S. Herbert, W. Alcock, Spurgeon, John Hamilton, J. J. Briginshaw, W. J. Bastick, T. E. Horley, H. J. Hallows, and others.

After the lodge had been duly opened, the W.M. proceeded to rehearse the ceremony of initiation, and delivered the ancient charge, Bro. E. James acting as candidate. Bros. J. Hamilton, 2374; E. Jaines, 2374; and Spurgeon, 45, were unanimously elected joining members. Bro. C. H. Bestow was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).—A meeting was held on the 23rd inst., at the Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-square, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. J. Cruttenden, 779, M.E.Z.; J. Davies, H. elect 733, H.; J. C. Tilt, 1st A.S. 862, J.; John Davies, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; G. Gregory, 2nd A.S. 862, S.N.; W. Hillier, 834, P.S.; and J. H. Wood, M.E.Z. 1642.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Wood being the candidate. The officers were elected for the ensuing two weeks—Comp. Cruttenden as M.E.Z. The M.E.Z. rose the usual number of times, and after "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

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MASONIC MEETINGS (Metropolitan)

For the week ending Saturday, February 7, 1891.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries for Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Rose Croix Chapters, Preceptors, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place, day, or month of meeting.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31.

Quarterly General Court Girls' School, at 12.

CRAFT LODGE.

1706, Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Aleandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30; Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hot., King-street, Hammersmith, at 7; Duke of Connaught, Navarino Tavern, Navarino-road, Dalston, at 8.

Eccleston, Bro. Dickie's, 13, Cambridge-street, Pimlico, at 7.

Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8.

King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.

Manchester, Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road, at 8.

Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.

Star, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, S.E., at 7.

Vitruvian, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto-road, St. Katherine's park, Hatcham, S.E., at 7.30.

Industry Chapter, Hanover Arms, Clapham-road, at 7.30.

Mount Sinai Chapter, Red Lion Ho., 14, King-st., Regent-st., W.,

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2.

CRAFT LODGES.

12, Fortitude and Old Cumberland, Ship and Turtle Tavern.

25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.

69, Unity, Inns of Court Hotel.

83, United Lodge of Prudence, Albion Tavern.

144, St. Luke's, Anderton's Hotel.

250, Unions, Freemasons' Hall.

159, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.

162, Tredegar, London Tavern.

166, Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall.

1731, Cholmeley, Cafe Royal, Regent-street.

1853, Caxton, Freemasons' Hall.

199b, Priory Lodge of Acton, Berriemead Priory, Acton.

2020, St. Bot. Ips., Albion Tavern.

2098, Harslesden, National Schools, Harlesden.

2242, Tyssen-Amherst, Amherst-road, Hackney.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Coborn, Eagle Hotel, Snaresbrook, at 8.

Doric, White Horse Tavern, White Horse-lane, Mile End-road, at 8.

Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Atlantic Road, Brixton, at 8.

Eleonore, Rose and Crown, High Cross, Tottenham, at 8.

Hyde Park, Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland Gardens, Porchester-terrace, Paddington, at 8.

Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.

Loughborough, Grauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30.

Marquess of Ripon, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8.

Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.

Perserverance, Ye Old Cheshire Cheese, 23, Addle-street, Wood-street, E.C., at 7.

Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202, Whitechapel-road, at 7.

Juen's Westminster and St. Marylebone, The Criterion, Piccadilly, W., at 8.

Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, 8 till 10.

St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance), at 8.

St. Luke's, Somerset Arms, 214, Fulham-road, at 8.

St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.

Sawyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, at 8.

Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, at

Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-street, Borough, at 8.
Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.
Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Corner of Queen's-road and Middle-ton-road, Dalston, E., at 8.
Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, at 7.
East Surrey Lodge of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, High-street, Croydon, at 8.
Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-road, Rotherhithe.
Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, at 8.
Finshay, The Goose and Gridiron, London House Yard, St. Paul's Churchyard, E.C., at 7.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30.
Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30.
Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.
Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30.
Kensington, Scarsdale Arms, Edward-square, Kensington, at 8.
Mount Edgecombe, Crown Tavern, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8.
Nelson, Royal Mortar Hotel, Woolwich, at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8.
Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues.
Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, at 8.
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
Robert Burns, Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road, W.C., at 8.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, S.W., at 7.30.
St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma-road, S.W., at 8.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, at 6.30.

ROYAL AFCI CHAPTER.

169, Temperance, White Swan, Deptford.

MARK LODGES.

236, Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, E.C.

315, Henniker, Mark Masons' Hall.

355, Royal Savoy, Criterion.

ROSE CROIX CHAPTER.

72, Canterbury, 33, Golden-square.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4.

GRAND CHAPTER, at 6.

CRAFT LODGES.

511, Zetland, Anderton's Hotel.

1298, Royal Standard, Cock Tavern, Highbury.

1401, Athenaeum, Athenaeum, Camden-road, N.

1585, Royal Commemoration, White Lion Hotel, Putney.

1610, Northern Bar, Cafe Royal, Regent-street.

1657, Rothesay, St. James's Hall, Piccadilly.

1760, St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.

Burgoyne, Essex Head, Essex-street, Strand, 6 to 8.

Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 7 till 9.

Cray Valley, National Schoolroom, St. Mary Cray, 8.

Duke of Albany, Masons' Arms, 160, Battersea-park-road, at 8.

Earl of Lathom, Joiner's Arms, Denmark Hill, S.E., at 8.

Fidelity, The Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury, N., at 8.

Guelph, Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone-road, E., at 8.

Hendon, Lower Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8.15.

Industry, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, at 8.30.

Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford, at 8.

La Tolerance, Portland Arms, Great Portland-street, W., at 8.

Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8.

Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse, 7.30.

Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High-street, Boro', at 7.30.

New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.

Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.

Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516, Old Kent-road, at 8.

Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley, at 7.45.

Prosperity, City Arms Tavern, 2, St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7.

Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8.

Ravensbourne, George Inn, Catford, at 8.

Royal Jubilee, The Crown, Lambeth-r.d, S.E., at 8.

Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8.

St. Ambrose, Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Ken-sington, at 8.

St. Leonard, Pr. of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-road, Victoria Park, 8.

Stanhope, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Putney, at 8.

Temperance in the East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30.

United Mariners, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto-road, Nunhead.

United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Regent's-pk., at 8.

Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W.

Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8.

Domatic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

55, Constitutional, Ship and Turtle Tavern.

116, Urban, Freemasons' Hall.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5.

CRAFT LODGES.

16, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.

45, Strong Man, Guildhall Tavern.

192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel.

227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle Tavern.

231, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall.

538, La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall.

554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.

822, Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall.

1728, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel.

1331, St. Clement Danes, The Courts Restaurant.

1361, United Service, Cafe Royal, Regent-street.

1425, Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road.

1672, Mornington, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.

1707, Eleanor, Great Eastern Hotel.

1724, Kaisar-i-Hind, Cafe Royal, Regent-street.

1757, Trinity College, 3, Mandeville-place.

1772, Pimlico, Victoria Mansions Restaurant.

1799, Old England, Masonic Hall, Thornton Heath.

2271, St. Pancras, Midland Grand Hotel.

2291, West Ham Abbey, Town Hall, Stratford.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Burdett-Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.

Camden, Lewisham Masonic Rooms, adjoining White Hart Hotel, 116, High-street, Lewisham, S.E., at 8.

Clarence, Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham-court-road, at 7.30.

Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.

Creton, Wheatsheaf Hot., Goldhawk-rd, Shepherd's Bush, W., 8.

Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, 9.

Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern (opposite Lime-house Church, E.), at 7.

Ebury, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham Common, at 8.

Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham.

High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8.

Ivy, Falkland Arms, Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.

Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, 8 to 10.

Langton, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 5.30.

Leopold, City Arms Restaurant, St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7.

Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.

Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House, London Bridge, at 7.

Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte-st., Fitzroy-square, W., at 8.

Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch Lane, at 7.30.

Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Rail-way Station), at 7.30.

Rose, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.

Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

Sir Hugh Myddelton, Star and Garter, Upper-st., Islington, at 8.
Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New-road, at 8.
Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-street, Kennington.
Stuart, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, at 7.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' avenue, E.C., at 6.30.
Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington-road, Bow-road, at 7.30.
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich.
Victoria Park, George Tavern, Broadway, Stratford, at 8.
West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30.
Chaucer Chapter, George Hotel, High-street, Borough, S.E., at 8.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida-vale, at 7.30.
Pythagorean Chapter, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

2, St. James's, Freemasons' Hall.

73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel.

141, Mount Moriah, Albion Tavern.

1381, Kennington, Horns Tavern.

MARK LODGE.

197, Studholme, 33, Golden-square.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6.

CRAFT LODGES.

706, Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, Woolwich.

890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel.

1489, Marquess of Ripon, Cock Tavern, Highbury.

1627, Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall.

1815, Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Albion, The Mitre, 125, Chancery-lane, at 7.

All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.

Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, at 8.

Clapton, Navarino Tavern, Navarino-road, Dalston, at 8.

Earl of Carnarvon, Kensington Park Hotel, Lancaster-road, Notting-hill, W., at 8.

Euphrates, Green Man, Mansell-street, Whitechapel, E., at 8.

Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-street, Oxford-st., at 8.

Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8.

Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, High-street, Wood Green, at 7.30.

Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8.

Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7.

Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8.

Royal Standard, Builders' Arms, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, N.

Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.

Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' avenue, at 6.

St. George's, Globe Tavern, Greenwich, at 8.

St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8.

St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8.

Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8.

The Abbey, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace-road, at 7.30.

United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.

Westbourne, Swiss Cottage Tavern, St. John's Wood, N.W., 8.

Wm. Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George-street, Baker-st., W.

Hornsey Chapter, Porchester Hotel, Leinster-place, Cleveland-gardens, Paddington, W., at 8.

Lily of Richmond Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, at 8.

Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 8.

Strawberry Hill Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, S.W.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

8, British, Freemasons' Hall.

259, Prince of Wales, Criterion.

MARK LODGE.

8, Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7.

General Committee Boys' School at Freemasons' Hall, at 4.

CRAFT LODGES.

142, St. Thomas, Cannon-street Hotel.

152, Carnarvon, Albion Tavern.

1622, Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall.

1928, Gallery, Anderton's Hotel.

1949, Brixton, Horns Tavern.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.



The Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will be held at Freemasons' Hall today (Friday), at four p.m. The business will include the declaration of the vacancies to be filled up at the April election, the final announcement of the list of candidates, and the confirmation of the new code of regulations.

The Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will be held at Freemasons' Hall tomorrow (Saturday), at the hour of noon. The business will include a declaration of the vacancies to be filled up in April, and an announcement of the list of the accepted candidates.

Bro. John Godwin was installed W.M. of St. James's Lodge, No. 1579, Enfield, on Saturday last.

The Duke of Cambridge left Naples for Malta on board H.M.'s ironclad Edinburgh, on Saturday last, arriving at Palermo en route on Sunday afternoon.

The Queen has been pleased to send to the Royal Hospital for Incurables at Putney a quantity of linen for surgical use and 20 pheasants for the inmates.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., addressed a meeting of his constituents of the Rossendale Division of Lancashire at Rawtenstall on Saturday last.

Bro. J. Blundell Maple, M.P., will preside at the 73rd annual dinner of the London Foremen Tailors' Mutual Association, which will be held on Saturday next, the 7th prox.

Wednesday was "Grand Day" in the Middle Temple, and in the evening the Treasurer (Lord Coleridge) and the benchers entertained a distinguished company at dinner in their hall.

The installation of the Gladsmuir Lodge, No. 1385, will be held at the Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, this (Friday) afternoon. The W.M. elect is Bro. J. E. Cussans, P.M. of the Hertford Lodge, No. 403, P.P.S.G.W. Herts.

His Grace the new Archbishop of York was elected one of the honorary members of the St. John's Lodge, No. 279, Leicester, in 1873, having been preceded by Bro. W. J. Hughan, Torquay, in 1871, General the Hon. Sir Leicester Smyth, K.C.B., in 1869, and his Grace the Duke of Abercorn, also in 1869.

The Irish Distress Fund amounted to about £36,000 on Saturday last, among the latest contributors being the Mercers' Company, £500; the Manchester Conservative Club (fourth instalment), £100; the officers, non-commissioned officers, and men of the Royal Irish Fusiliers, £30; Messrs. Cox and Co., Charing Cross, £52 10s.; Brown and Polson, of Paisley, £100.

The annual ball of the Ardwick Lodge, No. 2185, of which Bro. S. Chesters-Thompson is Worshipful Master, was held recently at the Public Hall, Higher Ardwick. There was a large attendance, and the gathering was most successful. The proceeds will be handed over to the funds of the Masonic Charities in the East Lancashire Province.

The Masonic Home of Michigan realised \$20,000 from the recent fair held in its interest. The Commanderies of Chicago, on the 12th inst., gave a Tournoi at the Auditorium, for the benefit of the Masonic Home of Illinois, hoping to realise some \$10,000. The Masonic Home of Missouri now cares for 30 widows and orphans, and its capacity is about full.—Keystone.

An interesting relic has been presented by the Right Hon. the Earl of Leicester, K.G., to the W.M. of the Earl of Leicester Lodge, No. 2237, Wells, Norfolk (Bro. A. Goddard), consisting of the clothing and jewel worn by his lordship's father when, as Thos. Wm. Coke, Esq., he was Provincial Grand Master of Norfolk in 1818. The regalia is to be mounted in a case, and will form a very appropriate ornament to the Wells Lodge.

Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z. (himself a Devonian), informs us that negotiations are in progress for the delivery of his lecture on "The Ritual and Ceremonial of the Symbolical Degrees in Freemasonry" at Plymouth and other towns in the Province of Devon. He would be glad to have the opportunity afforded him of arranging with other lodges in the Western Counties during the ensuing two months, and, with that view, to communicate with W.M.'s or Secretaries such particulars as they may require. His address is "Evelyn," Catford, S.E.

Bro. E. T. Coppinger, of the Dobie Lodge, No. 880, is filling the office of Mayor of Kingston-on-Thames. Since entering upon the Mayoralty last November he has had a Sunday dinner-party each week, when, at one o'clock, 10 men and women of advanced years and poor circumstances dine with him. The guests are chosen in turn from the various congregations in the town, on the recommendation of the respective ministers, and half the year will have passed ere the last is reached. Bro. Coppinger and the Mayoress sit at table with their guests, and invite only their minister to be present, so that it is quite a family gathering. The hour thus spent our worthy brother reckons to be the most pleasant during the week.

Mr. George Kenning, the well-known publisher to the Craft, sends us the "Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book" and the "Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar," both for 1891. The first-named work, which is published in pocket-book form, is issued by command of the Prince of Wales. The profits are devoted to the Charity fund, a fact alone which should interest Masons in the publication. The present edition furnishes a comprehensive view of the development of the Order, with description of all lodges and names of dignitaries under the English Constitution, with references for Freemasons all over the globe; also a chronological table of the Grand Masters, and of events remarkable in Masonry. The "Cosmopolitan Calendar" contains particulars of the Grand Masonic bodies of Scotland, Ireland, and throughout the world, with complete lists of English and Foreign Mark Lodges, Rose Croix Chapters, Knights Templar Preceptorships, Ancient and Accepted Rite, Red Cross Conclaves, Allied Degrees, Secret Monitor, and other information of interest and service only to "brethren of the mystic tie."—*Hampshire Independent*.

Mdme. Adelina Patti crossed to Calais on Wednesday by the midday boat from Dover.

The Royal Aquarium attractions have just been increased by specimens of Edison's latest phonographs, with all kinds of amusing songs and speeches.

On Wednesday night the Duchess of Teck distributed the prizes to the successful competitors of the 24th Middlesex (Post Office) Volunteers at the Guildhall. Bro. the Lord Mayor presided.

The Cork brethren intend giving a ball on the 6th of next month. Bro. General Lord Wolseley will dine with the Catch Club, the oldest musical club in Ireland, on the 10th proximo.

Bro. George Palmer, formerly M.P. for Reading, and senior partner in the firm of Huntley and Palmer, has presented £100 to the funds of the Royal Berks Hospital in that town.

The annual meeting of the News-vendors' Benevolent and Provident Institution will be held in the Memorial Hall, Farringdon-street, on Tuesday next, at 7.30 p.m. Mr. Joseph Newstead will preside.

The Duke of Argyll appeals for funds for the Royal Humane Society, the office of which is at 4, Trafalgar-square. The prolonged frost entailed a large unusual expenditure, particularly in watching the ice for skaters.

As a result of the success of the experiment lately tried on the teachers' day, the Frochel Society have arranged for games to be played every Saturday morning, at 10 a.m., at St. Martin's schools, Charing Cross, by permission of the Rev. J. F. Kitto.

Last year's Bristol Musical Festival compared favourably as to attendance, according to the report just issued, with the one in 1888. The receipts, however, left a balance due to the Treasurer of £863, which necessitated a call of £2 13s. 6d. on each guarantor.

At a meeting of the Council of the Balloon Society of Great Britain on Wednesday, Mr. W. H. Lefevre, C.E., in the chair, it was resolved, on the motion of Mr. James Kendal, and in consideration of the public services rendered by the late Mr. Charles Marvin, to support the appeal of Mrs. Marvin to her Majesty's Government for assistance.

A most successful ball, held under the auspices of the Rutland Lodge, came off on Tuesday, the 20th inst., in the Town Hall, Ilkeston. The room was most effectively decorated. There was a large attendance, and Masonic clothing was worn. Mr. Wardle's quadrille band supplied the music, and Bro. J. E. Whitehead, P.M., acted as M.C.

The annual meeting of the Governors of the Metropolitan Hospital was held on Wednesday. The 55th annual report stated that the in-patients had increased from 489 in 1889 to 709 last year, and the new out-patient cases from 9482, representing 16,411 attendances, to 14,104, representing 23,074 attendances. The receipts had amounted to £6132, and the expenditure to £7528.

It is reported that the Bro. Rev. Henry White Memorial Fund now amounts to nearly £1000. The Committee have decided to erect a stained-glass window in the Chapel Royal, Savoy, and to endow a "Henry White" bed in the children's ward at King's College Hospital. If the balance of the fund is sufficient, a marble bust of Bro. White will also be placed in the vestry of the Savoy Chapel.

Bro. George Tidcome, who some years ago patented a very useful metal scraper mat, which has now been fully tested and approved, has formed a syndicate with the modest capital of £450 in £1 shares to more adequately carry on the manufacture and to introduce it to the trade and the public. Applications for shares should be made before the 8th proximo to Mr. Thomas Holloway, Billiter Square Buildings, E.C.

On Wednesday, the 21st inst., Bro. Mulrose Goddard, W.M. of the Earl of Leicester Lodge, No. 2237, was installed W.M. of Joppa Lodge, No. 1114, Fakenham, a dispensation having been applied for by the latter lodge, and graciously granted by the M.W. the Grand Master, to enable Bro. Goddard to occupy both chairs till his term in the Earl of Leicester Lodge should expire.

According to the descriptions we have of the Masonic Temple about to be built in Chicago, that erected by King Solomon will suffer by comparison. It will be about 300 feet high, and contain 20 stories. Eighteen elevators arranged in a semi-circle, and capable of carrying 40,000 passengers a day, will be fixed in the building. The rotunda, with an area of 3700 feet, will be open to the roof, and at the top a garden will be found, from which a magnificent bird's-eye view may be obtained. It is needless to say that this colossal structure will not be entirely devoted to Masonic purposes, but will contain suites of public offices and will be utilised in other ways.

All pedestrians who have business in the City must have had their attention arrested when passing through Newgate-street and King Edward-street by some excellent specimens of photographic portraiture of exceptional artistic merit. They are the productions of Bro. Arthur Weston, who appears to have transferred much of the skill for which he is known in other paths of art to artistic photography, and his success in the latter rôle is unquestionable. Bro. Weston's latest introduction is of a very practical nature, viz., a very commodious lift to the studio, or rather to the handsome waiting-room. This relieves the visitor of a very formidable journey, which is always an objection to a visit to the photographer. Bro. Weston's rapid success is very marked, and is certainly well deserved.

On Friday, the 9th inst., a most successful Masonic ball took place at Blackburn under the joint organisation of the three lodges meeting in that town, viz.: the Lodge of Fidelity, No. 269; Lodge of Perseverance, No. 345; and the Lodge of United Brethren, No. 346. The Assembly Room was more than filled by a representative gathering of local families, and when dancing was at its height the spectacle was artistic and graceful. The room itself had been decorated in order to be in some manner in harmony with the charming dresses of the ladies. The banners of the three lodges named were fittingly displayed, and all that curtains, mirrors, palms, evergreens, and trophies could do had been utilised in the general enhancement. The proceeds of the ball will be devoted to the funds of the East Lancashire Systematic Educational and Benevolent Institute, which is a Masonic organisation.

We regret to record the death, on the 14th inst., of Bro. A. Price, W.M. elect of the City of London Lodge, who expired at his residence in Albert-street, Regent's Park, after a week's illness.

By special desire of the Prince of Wales, the sermon preached at Sandringham last Sunday by Canon Teignmouth Shore, on behalf of the Gordon Boys' Home, is to be published for the benefit of that institution.

There were 45 additional students matriculated at Cambridge on Wednesday, of whom 34 have entered the colleges, and 11 are non-collegiate students. This brings the total up for the current academical year to 914.

The second annual ball in connection with the Semper Fidelis Lodge was held at the Guildhall, Worcester, on Friday, the 23rd inst. The staircase and ballroom were decorated by Bro. J. Hill White with great taste and in a style similar to that which was so much admired last year. Nearly 100 ladies and gentlemen were present. The proceedings passed off with great success.

The second Masonic ball held under the auspices of the Lodge of Emulation, at Dartford, is arranged to take place at the Victoria Assembly Rooms on the 4th prox., and will be under the distinguished patronage of Earl Amherst, Prov. Grand Master of Kent, and Bro. J. S. Eastes, Deputy Grand Master. The orchestra will be formed from the band of the Royal Engineers.

The following is the result of the drawing of the Crystal Palace Art Union, which took place on Wednesday:—1st prize, Mrs. Benwell; 2nd prize, Dr. J. Brockwell; 3rd prize, M. J. Broomhead; 4th prize, Adam Murray; 5th prize, Edward Clark; 6th prize, Rev. A. Long; 7th prize, M. J. C. Wellard; 8th prize, G. H. Robinson; 9th prize, H. E. Milner; 10th prize, Dr. C. Cooper; 11th prize, Dr. R. Read; 12th prize, W. H. Weatherhead; 13th prize, George Milner; 14th prize, G. Elsley; 15th prize, J. A. Lomax; 16th prize, Mrs. Gardiner; 17th prize, Mrs. Paton; 18th prize, W. S. Merchant; and 19th prize, H. E. Milner.

One of the best balls of the season took place in Wednesday Town Hall on the evening of the 16th instant. The occasion which produced the same was the Masonic ball. About 170 people were attracted by the prospect held out, and very few of the number were not delighted with the realisation. The arrangements were admirable, and in so saying we give praise to the honorary Secretary, to whom they were mainly due. The decorations were on a scale of more than ordinary ambition, and the floral portion was a triumph in itself. As Freemasons and Volunteers predominated among the visitors, the effect was brilliant, the scarlet uniforms and the emblematic insignia giving variety and colour, and almost rivalling in splendour the dresses of the ladies.

A motion, brought forward by Bro. F. P. Alliston, to confer upon Mr. Lidderdale the Governor of the Bank of England, the freedom of the City, to be enclosed in a casket value 100 guineas, in recognition of his services during the recent commercial crisis, was made the subject of an admirable speech by the hon. member, who spoke eloquently of the courage and cool judgment displayed by Mr. Lidderdale during the recent critical era in the annals of commercial history in the City of London. The speech was worthy of the proposal, and the hon. member resumed his seat amid well-deserved applause. Bro. Alderman Sir Robert N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., in seconding the motion, also paid a high tribute of praise to the great abilities possessed by the Governor of the Bank of England, and the motion was adopted with an amount of unanimity and enthusiasm which was pleasing to witness.

The "Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar," which now appears for the 21st year, is presented to us in very different form to what we have been accustomed to in the past, the change having been made in consequence of the publisher—Mr. George Kenning—having secured the right to issue the Grand Lodge Calendar. With the two volumes published by the same firm it was no longer necessary to make them of a competitive character, and accordingly the "Cosmopolitan" now omits English lodge and chapter information, which is given in extenso in the Grand Lodge book, and confines itself to the Mark and higher Degrees, as well as information as to continental and outside Freemasonry, in which direction it remains the only volume available to the English Craft. The price, too, has been reduced in view of the alteration, and the two volumes may now be said to supply every possible requirement in the branches they are associated with. We congratulate the proprietor of the "Cosmopolitan" on its 21st annual appearance, and hope the new order of things will prove advantageous.—*Evening News and Post*.

The supporters of Bro. Harry Seymour Foster, L.C.C., M.L.S.B., who is a candidate for the Shrievalty of London, met on Friday, the 23rd inst., at 4, Coleman-street, and passed the following resolution, viz.: "That this meeting deems Mr. Harry Seymour Foster especially qualified to fill the office of Sheriff of London with ability and distinction, and those present pledge themselves to make every exertion to secure his election." Those present included Dr. Freshfield, Chairman; Mr. Sydney Gedge, M.P.; Mr. Deputy Bedford; Mr. Edgar Sydney, J.P.; Major Parkington; Mr. Forrest Fulton, M.P.; Mr. H. Byron Reed, M.P.; Bro. Deputy Halse; Mr. J. Sebag Montfiore, J.P.; Mr. T. Blashill; Bro. Barrow Emanuel, M.A.; Bro. Gabriel Lindo, C.C.; Bro. J. Salmon, C.C.; Mr. F. Taylor, C.C.; Mr. J. Gaywood; Captain Alfred, C.C.; Bro. T. H. Miller, C.C.; Bro. G. Kenning; Captain Andrew; Mr. S. Parnwell, C.C.; Mr. H. D. Phillips; Bro. Dyson Oliver; Mr. F. W. Munk; Bro. J. Lobb, C.C.; Bro. J. H. Colls; Mr. J. Cooper Wyld; Bro. M. R. Webb, J.P.; Mr. J. H. Lile, C.C.; Mr. F. Gordon Brown; Bro. A. J. Altman, C.C.; Mr. S. Walker; Bro. G. Sims; Mr. C. D. Arding; and Mr. Henry Good.

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