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## THE SCHOOL QUARTERLY COURTS.

The winter Quarterly General Courts of the two Masonic Schools were held at Freemasons' Hall on Friday and Saturday, the 30th and 31st ult., respectively. At these meetings there is not, as a rule, any great amount of business to be transacted, but, as the reports we publish in another column will show, there was, in each case, something unusual on the agenda. In the case of the Boys' School Court, which was held on Friday, it was the confirmation of the minutes of the previous Court in October last and therefore of the new code of rules for the government of the Institution, which had been then adopted, and with the exception of a slight change in the hour of meeting for the Council or General Committee from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., the new laws were confirmed. It was also, and very properly, agreed to reduce the pension awarded to Miss HALL, formerly Matron, in consideration of her long service, in 1885, from £75 to £50 per annum, in consequence of the lady having married since her retirement and the grant of her pension. The business concluded with the declaration of 28 vacancies, to be filled up at the Quarterly Court on 10th April next from an approved list of 45 candidates.

At the Girls' School the extraordinary business was of a peculiarly pleasant character, a resolution being brought forward by Bro. J. H. MATTHEWS and unanimously adopted to confer the rank and privileges of an Honorary Patron of the Institution on Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON in recognition of the able and successful manner in which he had conducted the recent negotiations with the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Company—negotiations which had resulted in the enrichment of the School funds by the very substantial sum of £5000 in exchange for a very small parcel of land, the loss of which does not materially reduce the space on which the School premises stand or in the slightest degree affect the comfort and convenience of the inmates. Bro. RICHARDSON has rendered many valuable services to this Institution—as Bro. MATTHEWS was careful to point out—but he never rendered one more valuable than this and the compliment which has been paid him in recognition of its value is equally honourable both to the Court which conferred it and the brother on whom it was conferred. After sundry changes in certain laws had been agreed to, 19 vacancies were declared and will be filled up at the April Court from an approved list of 25 candidates. These figures, as well as the figures recorded in the case of the Boys' School, are satisfactory, showing, as they do, that the Governors and Subscribers acted very wisely when they resolved on having a Petitions Committee.

## THE ANTIPODES.

For some time to come the proceedings of the newly-established Grand Lodges at the Antipodes will be watched with keen interest by the brethren of this country, and the hope will be everywhere experienced that, when the task of organising the several jurisdictions has been completed, the Craft will continue on its way with an equal or even greater measure of prosperity under the new régime on which it has so boldly and successfully entered than it enjoyed during its connection with our own Grand Lodges. As regards the Grand Lodge of South Australia, we may reasonably assume, so far as it is possible to forecast the future, that its position is already assured, and that the bright prospects apparently in store for it will be realised. But the constitution of the United Grand Lodges of New South Wales and Victoria, and of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania is more recent. What they have done thus far has succeeded, even beyond the most sanguine expectations of the brethren, but much of necessity remains to be done before the machinery of government is in complete working order. However, it is gratifying to know that considerable progress in the direction of completeness has already been made. In the case of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania, which is the youngest of the four Australasian Grand Lodges, the first Quarterly Communication was held on the 23rd October, when a mass of routine work was disposed of, and the Board of General Purposes was instructed to take the necessary

steps for compiling a Book of Constitutions. It was decided to recommend to the Grand Lodges concerned the appointment of certain brethren to act as their representatives at the Grand Lodge of Tasmania, while representatives of the latter were appointed near the Grand Lodges of South Australia and Victoria. It was also decided to adopt the English regalia for officers and members of private lodges, while the scale of fees payable to Grand Lodge and the date of the Annual Festival were likewise settled. While, too, we hear of the work of organisation proceeding thus satisfactorily, intelligence reaches us that the Grand Master and his officers had set out for Mount Zeehan by steamer to consecrate a new lodge in that locality, on the 26th November. The journey was to occupy about ten days, and part of it, we are told, would be rather arduous. However, the proposed lodge was likely to start under favourable auspices, with a roll of about 30 members, so that those engaged in the trip would return with the satisfaction of having accomplished a work that was well calculated to promote the interests of Freemasonry. In the case of Victoria, we note that two meetings were held in Melbourne in November last, one in connection with the Masonic Charitable Institutions in the colony, and the other for the purpose of founding a Masonic Literary Society. At the former the 23rd Annual Report was laid before the subscribers, and adopted, while a letter was read from Bro. the Hon. G. S. COPPIN, P.G.M., who was Grand Master of the former Victorian Constitution, in which, after congratulating the brethren on their establishment of an "Endowment Fund," he suggested that the fund should be made permanent, and promised a donation of £50. This suggestion was at once adopted. At the other meeting, at which Bro. W. T. C. KELLEY, Pres. Board of Gen. Purps., supported by Bro. the Rev. D. MEADOWCROFT, G. Sec. for Foreign Correspondence, presided, it was resolved on the motion of Bro. Dr. JOHN MAFFEY—"That it is desirable to form a Masonic Literary Society for the purpose of advancing Masonic literature and research; acquiring a Masonic library; cultivating a taste for Masonic music; and offering facilities for the delivery of lectures and the discussion of Masonic subjects." The scope of the resolution is a tolerably wide one, but not too wide to be attained if the promoters set about their scheme in a practical fashion, and the subsequent proceedings convey the idea that they will do so. It was decided that the Society should consist of Master Masons who are subscribing members of lodges, and that it should be governed by a President, two Vice-Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary, and five members, to be elected annually, and be eligible for re-election. The subscription was fixed at half a guinea per annum, and the Acting Secretary, Bro. MEADOWCROFT, was instructed to make application to the Board of General Purposes for a grant of money to purchase some Masonic standard works of reference for the Grand Lodge Library. We further learn that two new lodges, numbered 156 and 157 respectively, have been consecrated, the former on the 28th October and the latter on the 12th November. Thus the news we have received all tends in the direction we have indicated, namely, that as the work of consolidation progresses, the likelihood of the Craft itself becoming more and more prosperous is increased.

## SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. In the absence of the Three Grand Principals, the chairs were taken by Comp. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., as M.E.G.Z.; Comp. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., as G.H.; and Comp. Col. Robert Townley Caldwell, Grand Superintendent, Cambridge, as G.J. There was a large attendance of Companions.

The minutes of the November Quarterly Convocation having been read and confirmed, the next business on the paper was the consideration of the following 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."

Comp. BEACH, in bringing this recommendation to the notice of the companions, said: Companions, the first business on the agenda paper is for me to make a motion on behalf of the First Grand Principal, which I am quite sure will be most acceptable to Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. It will be in the remembrance of the companions that at the last meeting of Grand Lodge the rank of Past Grand Master was conferred on the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn. It is now proposed to confer the rank of Past First Grand Principal on his Royal Highness, and I am certain that is a compliment which will be well merited and that it will be conferred in the most hearty manner by Royal Arch Masons. Since his first entrance into Freemasonry the Duke of Connaught has taken the most active interest in the welfare of the Craft. At the installation of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master the Duke of Connaught was a simple Master Mason, and he has by great exertion since ascended to high position in our Order. He has attended many Masonic meetings, he has taken an active interest in all that is going on in Masonry, and he has served all the offices which entitle him to the highest rank in the Craft. I can testify from my own knowledge that the Duke of Connaught has been some time resident in the Province of Hampshire, and there in two parts of that province he has attended Masonic gatherings and has taken an active interest in Freemasonry. It is well known that whatever the Duke of Connaught sets himself to he follows up with energy and ability, and fortunately for us we may say that the Order is one to which he has devoted himself. He has become a most able and zealous brother among us. After taking great interest in Freemasonry in England he was appointed to the rank of Provincial Grand Master of Sussex. His duties then called him away to a distant part of the world, and in India he did not relax his interest in Freemasonry. He was appointed to high position there, and as First Grand Principal of Bombay he displayed the greatest ability, and took the greatest interest in the welfare of the Craft. Since his return to this country he has already shown the deepest interest in our Craft, and I feel certain that when this motion is carried, which I am sure it will be, it will be cheerfully accepted by you, the representatives of Royal Arch Masonry throughout the country. It is well deserved and well merited. I have great pleasure in moving that the rank of Past First Grand Principal be conferred on H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, K.G.

Comp. PHILBRICK: Companions, I beg to second that proposition which has been so well and eloquently placed before us by the M.E. First Grand Principal in the chair.

Comp. BEACH: Companions, I ask you to carry it with unanimity.

The motion was carried unanimously, and amidst cheers.

Comp. BEACH: Companions, I now beg to move that the insignia of the office be presented to his Royal Highness.

Comp. PHILBRICK: I second it.

The motion was carried.

The following report of the Committee of General Purposes was then taken as read, received and ordered to be entered on the minutes, and the various recommendations contained in it were, on the motion of Comp. E. LETCHWORTH, seconded by Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON, adopted:—

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., 24th January, 1891.

Grand Chapter was then closed in form.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The January Quarterly Court of this Institution of Governors and Subscribers was held on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Alfred C. Spaul, presided, and there were also present Bros. J. S. Cumberland, C. H. Webb, James Brett, H. Massey, J. H. Matthews, W. H. Saunders, E. M. Money, J. Strachan, H. F. Nash, and F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary).

Bro. J. H. MATTHEWS, for Bro. Henry Smith, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. West Yorks, Treasurer and Vice-Patron, upon the recommendation of the House Committee, moved—"That the equivalent of £21, viz., two votes, be given to the Eccleston Lodge, No. 1624, in consideration of the harmonium offered by them to the Institution." He said the harmonium was a luxury, not a necessity, and the Institution would not be justified in going to the expense of buying one. As, however, it had been presented, it was thought by the House Committee that it should be accepted, and therefore they proposed that the gift should be recognised by a grant of votes.

Bro. CUMBERLAND, in seconding the motion, said it was a very handsome present, and ought to be recognised.

In answer to a question, Bro. MATTHEWS said Broadwoods had valued it at 20 guineas. It had cost £2 10s. to put in order.

Bro. SAUNDERS thought the more the Institution had of these presents the better it would be.

The motion was carried.

Bro. J. H. MATTHEWS, P.G. Std. Br., P.D.G.D.C., Patron, upon the recommendation of the House Committee, moved—"That in consideration of the good service rendered to the Institution by Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D. and Patron, in conducting to so successful an issue the negotiations with the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway Company, whereby amongst other advantages the funds of the Institution have been benefited to the substantial extent of £5000, and as a slight acknowledgment that the rank and privileges of an Honorary Patron be conferred on Bro. Richardson." He said it was a long story to travel to go through the whole of the circumstances, but to cut the narrative short, when the Committee got the £5000 they thought they should make Bro. Richardson some recognition. The negotiations with the railway were very difficult, and involved a great deal of time and trouble on the part of Bro. Richardson. He was fought by the company, which came before him from time to time, but ultimately he succeeded in coming to an arrangement. The Committee did not want the Institution to lose its ground, which was too small in any case. Well, it got nearly half an acre more than it had before, and the railway took none of the old land. Since terms had been arrived at the company admitted that though they had fought hard tooth and nail, the Institution had made a very fair arrangement indeed. At first they laughed at the Institution asking £5000. In the Committee £10,000 had been suggested, because it could be reduced if the company objected; but the Committee came to the conclusion that £5000 would be a fair sum to ask, and it was obtained. This was not the only matter for which they had to thank Bro. Richardson. The Parish of St. Mary, Battersea, in the autumn of 1889, behaved very badly to the Institution with respect to a bridge they were building, and they were extremely disagreeable. Bro. Richardson fought them and brought them to terms, and the Institution was enabled to make a road. One other matter Bro. Richardson had fought for them. The parish had raised the rateable value of the School premises, and the Institution appealed, and the appeal was given against the Institution in the first instance. The Institution then appealed to a higher Court, where no doubt the assessment would be reduced very considerably if it was heard, but it was thought the parish would not drive them to that. Taking all these things into consideration, especially the affair with the Brighton Railway, the House Committee proposed the recognition of Bro. Frank Richardson's services in the form contained in the notice of motion.

The motion was seconded by Bro. SAUNDERS, and carried unanimously.

The CHAIRMAN, for his brother—Bro. W. H. Spaul, J.P., P.A.G.D. of C., P.P.G.W., and Prov. G. Sec. Shropshire, Vice-President—moved—"That 'Thursday before the second Friday' be substituted for 'Saturday following the last Friday' in line 3 of Law 29." "That 'Thursday immediately before' be substituted for 'Saturday immediately following' in the 4th line of same law." "That the word 'next' in 5th line of same law be omitted, and the word 'week' be added after Saturday in same line." He pointed out that this would be going back to the old days of election, and was intended for the convenience of brethren from the provinces, who would be thereby enabled to get home on the Saturday.

Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND seconded the motion, and concurred in the observations of the Chairman.

The motion was carried, and a requisition was signed for a Special General Court to be called to confirm the above resolution for Thursday, the 12th inst., at four p.m., so that the next Quarterly Court may be held in conformity with the resolution.

The Court subsequently considered and adopted the following recommendation of the General Committee:—"That the 15 candidates remaining from the last election, together with the 10 whose petitions have been since approved, be placed on the list of candidates for the April election, and that 19 vacancies caused by girls leaving be declared."

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

A Quarterly Court of Subscribers to this Institution was held on the 30th ult. at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Richard Eve, Past Grand Treasurer, in the chair. The other brethren who attended were Bros. Wm. Shurmer, Geo. Plucknett, James Brett, J. G. E. Le Feuvre, J. W. Burgess, J. Glass, H. Dickey, Geo. Mordey, W. Slyman, Thos. Cull, Geo. Everett, Rev. Harry Hebb, George Gardner, E. Hobbs, Robert W. Bourne, H. Massey, J. S. Cumberland, C. H. Webb, W. A. Scurrah, W. H. Saunders, J. W. Klenck, James Terry, George Motion, W. W. Morgan, John Mason, W. Masters, W. Alpess, John Jones, Arthur H. Scurrah, W. H. P. Jowson, Geo. Corble, J. Strachan, C. F. Pope, J. G. Stevens, and J. M. McLeod (Secretary).

The minutes having been read, the following alteration, proposed by the CHAIRMAN, was carried: That March be substituted for April in the second line of Law 50. Law 50 will, therefore, now read "Nominations of brethren to serve on this Board [Board of Management] shall be made at the Council in March preceding"—the Quarterly Court in April at which the election of the Board is taken.

Bro. JOHN GLASS moved an amendment to the effect that the hour of meeting of the General Committee be four o'clock instead of two. Formerly the meetings were held at three o'clock, but, owing to agitation and for the convenience of brethren attending, four o'clock was substituted. The reasons for continuing to hold those meetings at four were so numerous that it was hardly necessary to detail them. The early hour of two was manifestly for the convenience of only the few. The many would certainly prefer four. He might remind the brethren that from time to time there would be held the investigation meeting of the Petitions Committee, and the duties of the General Committee would be lessened to that extent. Besides the hour of four had already been advertised in the Calendar, and it would be very hard if a brother who supported a petition which had been unfavourably reported upon were to come up at four o'clock, and then to find the

the Committee had met at two. For the next 12 months, at least, he thought the hour should remain four.

Bro. W. A. SCURRAH seconded. Many of the brethren who took an interest in the Institutions were business men, and some were large employers of labour, who liked to see the payment of the men. Consequently they could not leave their offices till half-past two. He had always found that four o'clock worked very well for the convenience of nine-tenths of the brethren.

Bro. CUMBERLAND opposed the four o'clock rule, which was simply for the convenience of the dinner club at five.

Bro. JONES thought it was most unjust to attempt to alter the time of these monthly meetings.

Bro. J. E. LE FEUVRE, for the convenience of the country brethren, asked that the hour might be early in the afternoon.

Bro. SLYMAN supported the early hour. He thought the minutes should be confirmed as they were, and that Bro. Glass should on a future occasion have the matter discussed at a Quarterly Court in April or October, where the brethren could have a fairer say on the matter. He must say that four o'clock was inconvenient for brethren from the north, as half-past five was the last train to Liverpool and other parts of Lancashire.

Bro. JAMES BRET said many years ago these Committees were held at three, and that was found inconvenient for provincial brethren, and it was altered to four. Whatever alterations were made they would not suit all the provincial brethren. The London brethren had fallen into the views of the provincial brethren, but he thought it was asking too much to request the brethren to be constantly going backwards and forwards—first three, then two, then four. He hoped Bro. Glass's amendment would be carried.

Bro. J. STRACHAN, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, hoped the Court would not look on this question as one of London brethren against provincial brethren. As subscribers to the Institution, let them see what would be most conducive to the interests of the Charity, and not have it a question of wavering and wavering. He understood that the Committee had carefully considered this matter, and had suggested an hour of meeting. On behalf of those brethren who came from a long distance he said it was not a question of half an hour or an hour; it was a question of days, because when a brother got up to town and then went by five in the afternoon, and he travelled all night, it took a day out of them. Two o'clock would be much better than four for the country brethren. A brother from Northumberland, if he wished to be at his work the next morning, must leave London by the 5.40 o'clock train. If the meeting was on a Saturday he could not practically get home till Monday, because he would have to travel all Sunday.

Bro. MASTERS said the provincial brethren at last Quarterly Court asked to have the meetings on Friday. That was lost. Then two o'clock was asked, and it was granted as an honourable compromise. It was unfair on an occasion like this to attempt to alter any arrangement come to at a full Quarterly Court.

Bro. BOURNE said the London brethren would do everything they could to suit the convenience of the provincial brethren.

Bro. G. GARDNER said it did not seem to matter what the hour was, but how many attended. He had attended many of the meetings, and he did not see any bankers. Those who did attend should be considered, whether they lived in London or in the provinces. For the provincial brethren no doubt it was very inconvenient to get home. As to the question of the dinner club, it was neither here nor there. They ought not to consider the convenience of the greatest number, but certainly that of those who most attended to thresh matters out. He, therefore, supported the two o'clock meeting.

Bro. C. H. WEBB said the meetings generally consisted of a very small number of brethren, in some instances of not more than six or seven. He thought four p.m. was the better hour.

It was ultimately agreed upon as a compromise that the hour should be three o'clock.

The CHAIRMAN then brought forward his motion: "That the pension granted to Miss Hall (formerly Matron of the Institution) by the Quarterly Court on 13th July, 1885, of £75 per annum 'for her sole and separate use' be reduced to the sum of £50 per annum, in consequence of Miss Hall having since married."

After some discussion *pro* and *con*, the motion having been seconded, was carried, and the recommendation from the General Committee: "That 28 boys be elected at the Quarterly Court on Friday, April 10th, 1891, from an approved list of 45 candidates" was also carried.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

The meeting of the General Committee to-morrow (Saturday) will be at three p.m.

### SAVAGE CLUB LODGE, No. 2190.

The installation meeting of this lodge was held last Tuesday at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. W. E. Chapman, W.M., presiding, and nearly 200 brethren, among whom were many Grand and Past Grand Officers, attended. Bro. W. E. Chapman having been re-elected to serve the office of W.M., the complete ceremony of installation was unnecessary, and Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, having declared and proclaimed him as Master for the ensuing year, and the customary salutes having been given, Bro. Chapman appointed the following brethren as his officers: Bros. Raymond Tucker, I.P.M.; Walter J. Ebbetts, S.W.; W. J. Fisher, J.W.; Augustus Harris, P.M., P.G. Treas., Treas.; John Paige, P.M., Sec.; John Northcott, S.D.; J. D. Beveridge, J.D.; Edmund Rosenthal, I.G.; Thomas Catling, D.C.; Dr. M. Coffin, P. Soman, Harry Nicholls, and Charles Townley, Stwds.; and G. F. Swan, Tyler.

Bro. Augustus Harris was elected Treasurer, and was invested by the W.M.

On the motion of the WORSHIPFUL MASTER a vote of congratulation to H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, an honorary member of the lodge, on his appointment and installation as Provincial Grand Master for Berkshire, was passed, and H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, M.W.P.G.M., was elected a member of the lodge.

After the closing of the lodge the brethren banqueted at the Holborn Restaurant. Amongst those present were—

Bros. Lord Dungarvan, Prov. G.M. Somerset; H. D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.C.; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg.; T. Fenn, President Board General Purposes; Sir J. B. Monckton, P.G.W.; R. Eve, P.G. Treasurer; Edwd. Terry, P.G. Treasurer; Augustus Harris, G. Treasurer; Col. Shadwell Clerke, G. Sec.; E. Letchworth, P.G.D.; G. Cooper, P.G.D.; P. de Lande Long, P.G.D.; J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.; F. Richardson, P.G.D.; Sir J. R. Somers Vine, P.M., G.D.; Sir George D. Harris, G.D.; C. Belton, P.D.G.D.C.; J. H. Matthews, P.D.G.D.C.; Col. Arthur Cook, P.A.G.D.C.; C. Martin, P.A.G.D.C.; J. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; C. F. Matier, P.G. Std. Br.; R. C. Sudlow, P.G. Std. Br.; W. Ganz, P.G.O.; Col. Gerald N. Money, C.B.; Gordon Smith, P.G.S.; Dr. Gordon Brown, P.G.S.; T. Catling, P.M.; W. J. Ebbetts, G.S., S.W.; W. J. Fisher, J.W.; John Paige, P.M., Sec.; John Northcott, S.D.; J. D. Beveridge, P.M., J.D.; E. Rosenthal, I.G.; J. F. Mason, P.M.; P. H. Waterlow, P.M.; F. H. Cheesewright, Walter A. Slaughter, J. Lobb, P.M.; Harry Nicholls, W. Lake, P.P.G. Reg.; Hubert Vos, A. H. Haig, Oscar Barrett, James Catling, T. Drew, P.G. Org. Derby; J. Fernandez; W. H. Denny, W. S. Penley, Lieut D. Godfrey, D. Godfrey, Jun.; P. Soman, Stwd.; H. Massey, P.M.; R. E. H. Goffin, P.M.; R. Greenwood, P.M.; Rev. H. A. Hebb, J. M. McLeod, P.M., Sec. R.M.I.B.; Atherley Jones, M.P.;

Sir Norman Pringle, Bart., P.M.; W. Chapman Gregg, M.D., P.M.; H. McNaughton Jones, M.D.; F. Burgess, P.G.S.; Dr. Robson Roise, J. Dawson, P.M.; Herbert Johnson, W. Senior, Dalgety Henderson, C. Townley, Stwd.; Herbert Marshall, Prov. S.G.W.; McColl Chambers, Deane Brand, Courtice Pound, H. Van de Weyde, Lovett King, Schartau, Brandon Thomas, J. Le Hay, E. J. Odel, and others.

During dinner a beautiful selection of music was performed under the direction of Lieutenant Dan Godfrey (by permission of Colonel Trotter), and the usual toasts were afterwards proposed.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in proposing "The Queen and the Craft," said the toast would require no words of commendation before any body of English Freemasons. He therefore asked the brethren to drink the Queen and the Craft.

In giving the toast of "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," the WORSHIPFUL MASTER said the progress of any institution was marked by the efficiency of its head, and no matter how important the institution might be inherently, or how ancient or honourable its history, it would flourish or droop according to the zeal or the laxity of its presiding officer. On the last memorable day when H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was installed as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, the numerical strength and the added influence of the Order had testified to the manner in which he had performed the duties of his office. Those of the brethren who were present a short time ago and had the honour of seeing his Royal Highness install his eldest son as Grand Master for the Province of Berkshire, would bear testimony to the interest of Masons in clustering round that really unusual Masonic event. The Savage Club Lodge expected to have had the honour of a visit that evening from H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, who was an honorary member of the lodge, but they had received from his equerry a letter in which he said that his Royal Highness had hoped to be present, but he now found it impossible to absent himself from his regiment at York at this date. He (the W.M.) asked the brethren to drink to the toast of the M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in giving the toast of "The Deputy Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," said that the Savage Club Lodge had received so many acts of courtesy and kindness from the members of the Grand Lodge with whom they had come in contact as a lodge, that they had begun to consider them part and parcel of their social gatherings, and, indeed, they really would not consider those gatherings properly carried out if they had not a goodly number of the Grand Officers present to lend *clat* to their proceedings. The lodge had little to offer them but that richest return—a warm reception—that which made better a dinner where hearts were than the banquet where the stalled ox was.

Bro. the Earl of DUNGARVAN, Prov. G.M. designate for Somerset, in reply, said he did not expect when he accepted the invitation to be present that he would be called upon to respond to that toast. Still, he readily obeyed the commands of the W.M., but he would not bore the brethren; rather he would say very little. He thanked the brethren on behalf of the Grand Officers for the grand reception they had had that evening. The Grand Officers had not come there to hear their own voices, they anticipating the pleasure of hearing the voices of those distinguished professional brethren who belonged to the lodge. He would simply give thanks—a thousand thanks—to the brethren for their kind reception.

Bro. PAIGE, P.M., Sec., in proposing "The Worshipful Master" said: Brethren, —We are proud of our lodge. For it to have reached 125 members in three years and to have a balance in hand of over £150, besides a good Benevolent Fund, must surely be a grand record of work done. We are proud to number among our honorary members T.R.H. the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Clarence and Avondale and others who have done much for Freemasonry. We are proud of our W.M. and of his predecessors. To him and to them we owe much. Our first W.M. was Sir Francis Truscott, who willingly took the lead at the commencement. He was followed by Sir Somers Vine, whom we are glad to see with us to-night. We give him a hearty welcome home from his travels, and we are proud to have served under one who is doing such good service to the State. Then we come to our last W.M., Bro. Catling. No one knows better than I, his Secretary, of his devotion to the lodge and the great service he has rendered to it. Personally I tender him my love and gratitude for his great sympathy and affection for me during my illness. Our Senior Warden having been made Worshipful Master of another lodge, and our Junior Warden having been called out of the country, we had to fall back on a Past Master. This led us to recognise the work which Bro. Chapman, our Worshipful Master, had done for us. He has not been absent from a single meeting since the lodge was consecrated; he formed our lodge of instruction, and has most regularly and assiduously acted as its Preceptor. In every case of trouble and labour in the lodge he has been to the fore, giving his time freely. The last year has been one of unremitting toil, as every brother here will testify. During the year we have admitted 34 members, 21 of them being initiates. You all know the work this means. We have been having lodges of emergency, as a matter of course, and even then we have had meetings of six hours' work, having at one meeting 10 initiations. Realise all this work; remember what it has been for the members, for the officers, and for the Worshipful Master. Besides all this, the Secretary fell ill just when his work for the lodge was heaviest, and the Worshipful Master undertook all the duties. Such a record of work by a Worshipful Master must be almost unparalleled. Therefore, it is that the brethren of the Savage Club Lodge have conferred on Bro. Chapman the rare honour of re-electing him its Worshipful Master. Brethren, I call on you to be upstanding to drink the health of one of the most devoted Worshipful Masters that a lodge ever had.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in responding, said it was his proud privilege to respond for the second time at an installation meeting to the toast of "The W.M." of that lodge. There was more in his heart than he would trust his tongue to give utterance to. He thanked them for that mark of their esteem and regard, and as for the work done during the past year, it had been through their assistance that the year had been really one of success to the lodge. It did not often fall to the lot of a Master to initiate 21 neophytes into Freemasonry and to add 34 names to their list of members, and he was happy to say it had not been simply adding to the list of names belonging to the Order. Many of their new members had gone heart and soul into Freemasonry, and already more than one of them had done excellent work in the east in the lodge of instruction which was attached to the lodge. The Savage Club Lodge was different to others; each of the members met very frequently, and they knew each other's weakest places and faults, so that it required a broader mantle of Masonic Charity to cover them. He was sorry to say they used this piece of drapery on many occasions, and while they often differed in views and opinions, as people must do, he believed they did try to meet and act on the square with each other. He was pleased that night not only to see so many of their own members present, but he was proud to be surrounded by so many distinguished Freemasons who had come to do honour to their young lodge. As its representative he thanked the brethren for their attendance and personally for the cordiality which they had shown in their reception of the toast.

Bro. Sir J. R. SOMERS VINE proposed "The Health of Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.," and said it was but natural that Masons should look up to those distinguished brethren who were identified with the official aspect of Grand Lodge as being corner-stones and principle pillars of the symbolic edifice which was associated with the great Craft which they served and adorned, and he could assert that they discharged the very severe duties which were placed upon them by the M.W.G.M. in such a spirit and with such effect as not only to deserve, but to secure the warmest admiration of all their brethren, not even excepting those who had carried the tenets of Freemasonry to the utmost parts of the earth. Only a few months ago, he, in a distant part of the great African continent, was made the

recipient of brotherly attention in his capacity of Grand Deacon, and, therefore, a representative of Grand Lodge, which would remain with him as a lifelong and pleasant reminiscence. When he entered the city of dust, sand, and diamonds, Kimberley, he was saluted by over 300 brethren, who afterwards vied with each other in testifying to their devoted loyalty to the Grand Master, and their respect and fealty to the Grand Lodge. He was fortunate in having on that occasion a worthy brother who was invested with no less than six collars and six aprons, and who was, as the brethren might suppose, a man of great influence. He (Bro. Somers Vine) asked—"whence come all these men I see before me?" and the reply was characteristic—it was, some from the Orange Free State; the Transvaal in the East; some so far as from Demara in the West; some from the North; and others from Cape Colony in the South. Many came a distance of 200 and 300 miles, for no other purpose than to testify their loyalty to the Grand Lodge of England, in his (Bro. Somers Vine's) humble person. He found that the name of one Grand Officer of Grand Lodge was pre-eminent above all others, that of Bro. Col. Shadwell Clerke, and that brother might be happy in the knowledge that in the British Colonies and distant lands his name was known and respected by those who knew him only in name, but who revered him and honoured him. In the District Grand Lodge of Natal, when a communication from Col. Shadwell Clerke was read, it was unanimously received and applauded, and that satisfied him that Col. Shadwell Clerke had influence not only for District and Provincial Grand Lodges, but for Freemasonry in general. In the Savage Club Lodge he had been a never-failing good counsellor and friend, and the brethren could therefore be appealed to who were ranged under its banner, as well as the visitors, to testify in the warmest manner to the worth of one who had made his name not only known in Freemasonry, but honoured and revered throughout the world.

Bro. Col. SHADWELL H. CLERKE, Grand Secretary, in reply, said he was quite unprepared for the eulogistic remarks of Sir Somers Vine, but he was afraid that brother's kindness of heart had prompted him to put his (Col. Clerke's) good qualities, if he possessed any, before the brethren in a far too flattering manner. But he felt deeply grateful that his small efforts to carry out his duties as Grand Secretary were appreciated in far distant lands where the Grand Lodge of England held its rule. His greatest and most earnest efforts had always been, and he trusted always would be as long as he was spared, devoted to performing his duties thoroughly. The office of Grand Secretary was no sinecure. With respect to the Savage Club Lodge, it had been a great pleasure to him to be present that evening, because he remembered just four years ago when he had the honour of consecrating it and installing its first W.M., Sir F. Truscott. Since then he had had the honour of being present at its other installation meetings, for he had also had the gratification of installing every Master except one. It was a great pleasure to him to witness the success of the lodge, and to see it going on from year to year progressing in a marvellous manner. He could remember when the lodge was founded being asked what he thought of its prosperity, and he pointed out at once that amidst those noble Savages who belonged to the Order there was a magnificent field for reaping fruit, and there could be no question that if the lodge was properly conducted it would be a very great success. He was happy to know that his prophecy was true, for that day they had the pleasure of seeing that a lodge four years old had achieved for itself a great name among the lodges of London. So long as it continued to be conducted in the admirable manner which had characterised it hitherto, it would continue to progress. He could assure the brethren that it gave him great pleasure to be among them.

Bro. THOMAS CATLING, D.C., in proposing "The Visitors," said the lodge had done its best, as it had always done, to place before the visitors such an entertainment as was within the reach of a band of Savages, and without that their lodge and other lodges would be cold and dull, if not something more deplorable still. Many points had been touched upon that evening in connection with Masonry. The Grand Secretary, to whom none of them could express too often or too earnestly the debt they owed him, because very much of the success of the lodge had been owing to his kindly advice and guidance. Bros. Fenn, Philbrick, Matier, and other Grand Officers, had always been ready and willing to help them. Those brethren were visitors, and they were welcomed as the earliest and dearest friends of the lodge. Although the goodly list of visitors had not come 200 or 300 miles, as they did in Africa to welcome Bro. Sir Somers Vine, some had come a long distance. In the great desert of London they had only to cross it to find that if a man was a brother it was a benefit to both. He could not refer to that toast without looking back to the starting of the lodge, and with regret reflecting on their losses. He hoped the lodge would never again have to re-elect its W.M. When he mentioned the name of Bro. McNeill he was sure it would meet with their sympathy.

Bro. SIR GEORGE HARRIS, S.G.D., in reply, said that that night he completed his 40 years of Masonry. He entered it in the Victoria Lodge, No. 649, in the Bahamas, and he could testify to the strong feeling which existed in the colonies towards English Freemasons. They were received with open arms. On entering the harbour of Nassau, the first building that struck the eye was the Masonic Temple, which was by far the finest building in that colony. During all the years he had been a Mason he had visited many lodges, but he had never visited one with more pleasure than the Savage Club Lodge.

Bro. PHILIP WATERLOW also responded.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in proposing "The Past Masters and Officers of the Lodge," feelingly referred to the death of Bro. John Maclean, whose kindly face and the sweet sound of whose voice, as well as his memory, would ever be green in the hearts of the members of the lodge. His blameless life should be to them as Masons an example. The officers of the lodge had filled their respective stations with such honour and credit to themselves and the lodge that he had no fear of them for the future.

Bros. EBBETTS, S.W., and FISHER, J.W., replied, and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

A charming musical entertainment was given during the evening.

## ALBERT VICTOR LODGE, No. 2328, YORK.

### PRESENTATION OF A JEWEL TO H.R.H. THE DUKE OF CLARENCE AND AVONDALE.

Tuesday, the 27th ult., was a red-letter day with the members of this lodge, which was founded a couple of years ago, one of the petitioners being the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, who for some considerable period has made York his head-quarters whilst serving with his regiment, the 10th Hussars. The members of the lodge had expressed a wish to present a founder's jewel to his Royal Highness, and the Duke graciously consented to attend a meeting of the lodge in order to receive the decoration.

Accordingly on the 27th ult. the members met in Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, where luncheon had been served in the dining room. His Royal Highness was received by the Worshipful Master of the lodge, the Immediate Past Master, and the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and conducted to one of the retiring rooms, which had been prepared for his reception, and where the brethren and their visitors had the honour of being presented to him.

The W.M., Bro. T. B. Whytehead, G.S.B., presided at the luncheon, being supported by the Duke on his right, the I.P.M., Bro. the Dean of York, on his left, and Bros. T. W. Tew, P.G.M. of West Yorks; the Hon. W. T. Orde-

Powlett, D.P.G.M.; H. L. Swift, S.W.; Capt. D. Grant, J.W.; W. Lawton, P.M., Treas.; C. E. L. Wright, Sec.; Rev. R. Blakeney, Chap.; J. E. Jones, S.D.; F. Shann, J.D.; C. G. Padel, P.M., Org.; Sir J. Terry, Jas. Melrose, and Rev. E. Bulmer. The other visitors were Bros. P. Matthews, Lord Mayor of York; Rev. W. Valentine, P.M. 236; H. E. Cousins, P.M.; P. Pearson, and C. M. Forbes, P.M. 236.

After luncheon the WORSHIPFUL MASTER gave "The Health of the Queen," and the Dean of York, then, in a most felicitous speech, gave "The Health of our Royal Guest," alluding to the great services done to Freemasonry by the Prince of Wales, to which the Duke responded.

His Royal Highness then retired to his room, and the W.M. and his officers and brethren proceeded to the lodge room. The minutes having been read, the arrival was announced in the porch of the Provincial Grand Master of Berkshire, who was admitted, accompanied by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master and the Very Rev. the Dean of York, and saluted.

The brethren having been seated, the WORSHIPFUL MASTER rose and said: Brethren,—The Albert Victor Lodge is honoured to-day by the presence of a brother of the most distinguished rank, one of its founders, and after whom the lodge itself is named. When the proposal was first made to form this lodge, our Royal guest of to-day was graciously pleased to sign the petition to the Grand Master, and also to give his permission for his own name to be adopted as the title of the lodge, as well as to be elected an honorary member. He is therefore one of the founders of the lodge, and occupies the first and most honoured place on the roll of members. One of the objects in view in the formation of this Albert Victor Lodge was the desire to constitute a perennial Masonic memorial of the prolonged residence in this ancient capital of the north, this mother city of Freemasonry as we now have it throughout the world, of the eldest son of our beloved Grand Master of English Freemasons, the Heir Presumptive to the Throne of England, and one who we anticipate may some day occupy the position in Freemasonry now held by his august father. This meeting, brethren, will be an historic event in the annals of Masonry, for it has been but seldom, until of late years, that members of the reigning Family have honoured York Masons by their presence. Our traditions tell us, and our most orthodox historians incline to the belief that the legend is based upon truth, that the Royal Athelstan held a general assembly of the Craft here in 926. From that period until 1841, when the late Duke of Sussex presided over a Grand Lodge held in the Mansion House of York, no member of the Ruling House visited York masonically. In 1883 our present Grand Master held his Grand Lodge here in York, and laid the foundation-stone of the Institute, and two years ago our Royal brother, who is with us to-day, graced our first Provincial Educational Festival by his presence in the Freemasons' Hall, in Duncombe-street. To-day he is with us as a member of the Albert Victor Lodge, and we receive him with that loyalty and affection which all true Masons cherish towards the family of which he is so prominent and distinguished a member. It affords the members of this lodge great pleasure to see so many of the leading Masons of York with them to do honour to our Royal brother, and they greet them with all fraternal cordiality. The principal object of this meeting at this early hour is the presentation to the Duke of Clarence and Avondale of a founder's jewel of the Albert Victor Lodge. When I tell you that this jewel has been designed by our beloved and honoured brother and my Immediate Past Master, the Dean of York, you will all anticipate something both beautiful and appropriate, and you will not be disappointed. I may explain that it consists of the arms of the Duke suspended from a bar bearing the title of the lodge by a network of gold embracing 25 white roses, emblematic of the 25 members now forming the Albert Victor Lodge, who thus desire to express their loyalty and fraternal affection for his Royal Highness. On the back of the jewel is a Latin inscription, the English version of which I will read: "To our illustrious Brother and Founder Albert Victor Christian Edward, Duke of Clarence and Avondale, K.G., Provincial Grand Master of Berks, &c., &c., the 25 Brethren of the Lodge, Yorkshiresmen grateful and loyal, present this offering. January 27th, A.D. 1891. A.L. 5891." And now, with the permission of his Royal Highness, I will proceed to attach this jewel to his breast, expressing the sincere wish and prayer of every brother present that the Great Architect may grant him good health, length of days, and great happiness.

The Duke of CLARENCE then rose, amidst the applause of the assembled brethren, and thanked the Master and brethren of the Albert Victor Lodge for the compliment paid to him, expressing his great appreciation of the cordial reception that had been given him, assuring them that he should always value the beautiful gift, and should ever take a lively interest in Masonry in general, and in the Albert Victor Lodge in particular.

The Duke then left the lodge escorted as on his entrance, Bro. Padel playing a spirited march on the organ. The lodge was then called off from labour.

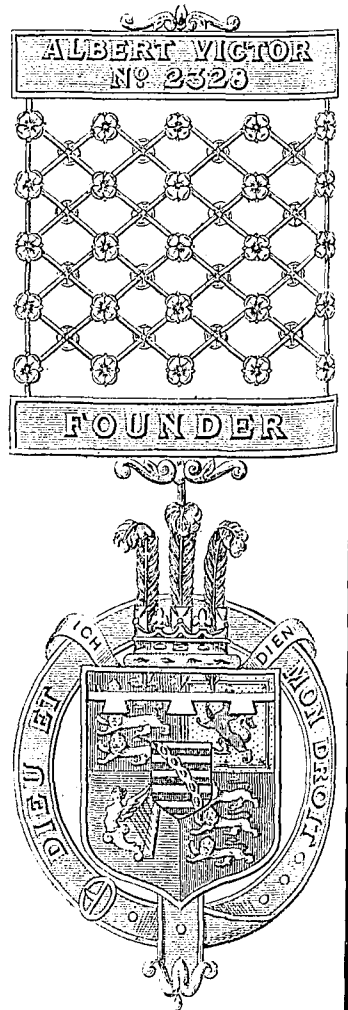
Amongst the brethren present in lodge, in addition to those previously named, were:—

Bros. Geo. Lamb, W.M. 1611; W. Brown, P.M. 1611; G. Kirby, P.M. 236, P.P.G.D.C.; T. S. Brogden, W.M. 236; J. Todd, P.M. 236, P.P. S.G.W.; G. Simpson, P.M. 1611, P.P.G.P.; J. S. Rymer, P.M. 236, P.P.G.R.; M. Millington, P.M. 1611, P.P.G.D.; F. Hewson, P.M., P.P. G.D.; W. S. Child, P.P.G. Organist; A. Buckle, P.M. 236, P.P.G.D.; S. Border, P.M. 236, P.G.R.; G. Balmford, P.M. 236, P.P.G.O.; J. E. Wilkinson, W.M. 1991; J. Bullock, P.M. 1991; J. Blenkin, P.M. 1611; A. T. B. Turner, P.M. 1611; S. J. Dalton, P.M. 1611; G. Chapman, P.M. 1611; Rev. W. Valentine, P.M. 236; W. Storey, S.W. 1611; J. H. Shonksmith, J.W. 1611; J. L. Spetch, J.D. 1611; W. Sharp, I.G. 1611; J. Smith, 1611; A. Archer, W.T. Beckwith, 1611; Geo. Tindale, 1611; and J. T. Chambers, 1611.

Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from the following members: Bros. R. F. Gould, P.G.D.; W. J. Hughan, P.G.D.; M. C. Peck, P.G. Sec.; Rev. H. Lowther Clarke, Lieut.-Col. A. H. Russell, J. P. Carr, and others.

At eight p.m. the lodge was resumed, and the ceremonies of passing and raising were performed on two proficients by the W.M. A candidate was proposed, and the lodge was closed.

The jewel, which was designed by V.W. Bro. the Dean of York, and manufactured by Bro. George Kenning, was greatly admired. It was enclosed in an elegant calf case surmounted by the Prince of Wales' plume in frosted silver, and velvet lined. At its back was the following inscription: "Fratris insigni Fundatori Alberto Victori Christiano Edwardo Clarentiæ et Vallis Avenensis Ducis, K.G., Prov. G.M. Berks, &c. Fratres XXV. Consortes Eboracenses, Grati Fideles D.D. Jan. xxvii., A.D. MDCCCXCI. A.L. V DCCCXCI."



FESTIVAL OF THE ZETLAND LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

The lodge of instruction connected with Zetland Lodge, No. 852, held their Festival of St. John in the Masonic Hall, 41, The Crescent, Salford, on Wednesday, the 28th ult. After the banquet, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and suitably responded to.

A handsome collar and beautiful jewel was then presented on behalf of the lodge to the worthy Preceptor, Bro. C. H. Wheeler, P.M., by the W.M., Bro. J. W. BOOTH, who in making the presentation spoke in eulogistic terms of the excellent services rendered by the recipient not only to the lodge of instruction but likewise to Freemasonry in general, and the earnestness and willingness he displayed on all occasions to raise and elevate the standard of the Craft, and he hoped that he would be long spared to wear the collar and jewel with which he had the pleasure of investing him.

On the jewel was engraved the following inscription: "This jewel and collar was presented by the members of the Zetland Lodge of Instruction, 852, to Bro. C. H. Wheeler, P.M., as the founder of the above lodge, and for his valuable services as Preceptor during the past six years. Jan. 28th, 1891."

Bros. THOMAS PIKE, P.M., W. H. WOOD, W. ISON, and others added their tribute of thankfulness to the worthy Preceptor for the great pains, energy, and earnestness he had always displayed in the course of his instruction to the members of the lodge, and for his valuable services to Masonry in general.

In responding, the PRECEPTOR expressed his gratitude for the kind manner with which his services had been appreciated, and for the handsome present which he was now wearing. He could assure the brethren that whilst he had been in office, which was now 14 years, in one capacity or another, the work he had done had been to him a labour of love. Although it could not be denied that the hope of reward sweetens labour, he had simply endeavoured to set such an example as he desired others to follow, and whatever they undertook they might be assured, with patience and perseverance, their labours would ultimately be crowned with success.

Bro. W. Sherlock was then elected Secretary in place of Bro. W. Ison, who had resigned the office.

The remainder of the evening was devoted to harmony, Bros. R. B. Bobinson, J. S. Willis, T. W. Watson, and J. Blackwell being well to the front.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. Geo. Kenning.

ANNIVERSARY GATHERING OF THE LOYALTY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

The annual gathering, celebrating the fifth anniversary of this popular lodge of instruction, was held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch-street, on Friday evening, the 30th ult., under the presidency of the much-esteemed Bro. Fred. Carr, the genial Preceptor. Supporting him on his right were Bros. R. H. Halford, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. Herts; John Newton, P.M.; Percival, P.M.; and Webb, P.M.; and on his left Bros. C. H. Halford, W.M. of the mother lodge; R. S. Cushing, P.M.; H. T. Thompson, P.M.; and others. The cross tables were headed by the Treasurer and Secretary of the lodge of instruction, Bros. F. W. Darnell, P.M., and J. Large, P.M., respectively.

From the large attendance of over 60 brethren, exclusive of those who had been unable to attend, proof was plainly given how highly the Loyalty Lodge of Instruction is esteemed in the Craft, and Bro. Carr must have been highly gratified in having around him such a faithful band of Freemasons, whose presence could not fail to impel him onward in his work at the instruction lodge, at 206, Mare-street, Hackney, which to him is a labour of love. It would be difficult to find a lodge of instruction in the Metropolis which can show a better record, or which supports the Charities of the Order more liberally. The steady increase in its membership, and the pleasant ties associating the brethren of the various lodges who assemble each Friday evening, index very clearly the popularity of Bro. Carr as Preceptor, and very forcibly illustrates "How good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

Due justice having been done to the excellent repast provided, the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W. Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," were duly honoured.

Then came the toast of the evening, "The Loyalty Lodge of Instruction and Bro. Preceptor Carr."

Bro. JOHN NEWTON, P.M. and Secretary of the mother lodge, in proposing the toast, referred in kindly feeling to Bro. Carr, whom he had the pleasure of initiating into Freemasonry, and to the valuable services which he had rendered to the Craft by devoting so much time to the instruction lodge, and hoped that he might long be spared to continue the good work at present carried on with such zeal and ability.

Rising to reply, Bro. CARR, who was warmly received, thanked the brethren sincerely for the kind reception given to him and the honour accorded to him in presiding. Referring to the work done at Hackney, he was proud of his position as Preceptor, a post which he would continue to hold so long as the brethren chose to retain his services. He also thanked the brethren for the support he had received from them on all occasions, and, in wishing continued prosperity to the Loyalty Lodge of Instruction, he gave a cordial welcome to the visitors present to attend the weekly meetings at Mare-street, Hackney.

"The Visitors" followed, proposed from the chair, and responded to by Bro. GEO. POWELL, P.M., who bore testimony to the excellent work carried on by Bro. Carr, and hoped before another anniversary came round to enroll himself a member of the Loyalty Lodge of Instruction.

Bros. TILING and PURKISS also replied. The toast of "The Mother Lodge" was entrusted to Bro. R. H. HALFORD, P.M., father of the present W.M. of the Loyalty Lodge, who testified to the privilege accorded to him by the I.P.M., Bro. E. Holsworth, in allowing him to install his son into the chair of K.S., and wished the Loyalty Lodge every happiness and prosperity.

The W.M., Bro. C. H. HALFORD, suitably replied, and acknowledged the assistance rendered to him by Bro. Carr, Preceptor, in qualifying himself for the Loyalty chair.

"The Secretary and Treasurer," proposed by Bro. DUNSTAN, who referred to the valuable services rendered by those officers, was responded to by Bros. LARGE and DARNELL respectively.

Bro. CUSHING, P.M., in asking the brethren to drink to "The Masonic Institutions," adverted in feeling terms to the claim of the Institutions on the charity of the brethren, urging them to continue to support the Charities of the Order as loyally in the future as they had in the past.

Bro. WEBB, P.M., in reply, thanked the lodge of instruction for the support which it had been the means of rendering to the Masonic Institutions, and the brethren present, he was sure, would be glad to hear that the mother Lodge of Loyalty was now a Vice-President of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

"The Loyalty Masonic Benevolent Association," which does so much for the Charities, was next honoured, Bro. BREARLEY in happy terms proposing, and Bro. H. T. THOMPSON, P.M., responding.

"The Musical Brethren" concluding the toast list, was suitably acknowledged by Bro. W. L. BARKER, Org. 1607, who had charge of the musical arrangements.

After singing the national anthem the party separated, highly pleased with the evening's enjoyment, which was enhanced by the capital programme of music and recitations rendered by Bros. F. W. Stephens, C. H. Halford, L. J. Powter, Frank Wood, T. Jones, E. Godfrey, J. Gardner, Harcourt West, and Mr. C. A. Legg.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE BRINTON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1949.

The annual festival of this flourishing suburban lodge of instruction (which is held on Tuesday evenings, at the Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at eight o'clock), was held at the Holborn Restaurant, on Tuesday, the 27th ult., when Bro. E. A. Francis, P.M., Preceptor, occupied the chair, and was supported by the following brethren: Bros. Richardson, P.M., G. R. Langley (Secretary), P.M., H. Hooper, P.M., R. Corsham, W.M., G. W. Speth, P.M., and J. D. E. Tarr, P.M. 1293, Prov. G.D. Middx., S.W., all of 183; J. Harling, P.M. 30; Stamp, J. Lightfoot, J.W., and Wills, S.W., of 1901; C. J. Axford (Treas.), P.P.D.G.D.C. Middx., P.M., Hicks, I.G., Newland, J.D., J. Bott, S.D., Cutler, and R. Bott, of 1949; Croft, P.M. 1351; W. H. Moore, J.W. 1625; Stuart Lane, 1614; J. G. Galbraith, jun., A. Blenkarn, J.W., S. H. Latham, W. H. Lee, P.M., P.P.G.D. Middx., W.M., G. W. Castle (Asst. Sec.), J.D., and H. J. Wicks, P.M., S.D., of 2381; Beveridge, 1962; Oliver, 1669; Miles, W.M., Boyce, and Stevens, of 2234; Fruen, W.M., and Morgan, S.W., of 1632; Berridge, J.W. 1922; Mayer, W.M. 1693; Mark, 1507; Spicer, P.M. 1269; Forster, W.M. elect, and Keeble, of 1986; Telling and Cuerton, W.M., of 2182; Newbold, 183; Mills, 254; and Harrington, 1693.

Ample justice having been done to the tempting viands of the restaurant (which we may observe were supplied in the excellent manner for which that establishment has a well-earned reputation), the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

The toast of "The Chairman" was received in a manner which readily betokened the high esteem in which the members hold their very worthy Preceptor, and was responded to by him with cordiality.

Bro. W. H. Lee, P.M., P.P.G.D. Middx., W.M. 2381, proposed "Success to the Brixton Lodge of Instruction" in a very able manner, giving information of the rise and progress of such institutions during the past fifty years, which was highly interesting to the brethren.

Bro. C. J. AXFORD, P.M., Treas.; G. R. LANGLEY, P.M., Sec.; and G. W. CASTLE, Asst. Sec., duly responded, and although their speeches consisted chiefly of statistics, yet the reception of them showed well that the labours of the executive of the lodge of instruction are evidently appreciated by the members.

"The Brixton Lodge of Instruction Masonic Benevolent Association," proposed by the CHAIRMAN, coupled with the names of Bros. S. Richardson, P.M., Treas., and H. Hooper, P.M., Sec., enabled the latter in response to point out the success of the Association, which in about eight years has been enabled to pay over 1250 guineas to the three Masonic Charities.

Bros. SPETH, P.M., and STUART LANE responded to the toast of "The Visitors," and expressed the pleasure they had derived from being present.

Bro. AXFORD, P.M., responded to the toast of "The Mother Lodge," and thus ended a very pleasant evening.

The musical portion of the proceedings, conducted by Bro. Stuart Lane, were an immense success;

the vocal harmony of Madame Fuller and the instrumental harmony of Mr. Fuller (violin) were highly appreciated by the brethren. To Bros. Harling, Telling, Newbold, Stamp, and Blenkarn thanks are also due for their able assistance, and to Bro. Harcourt West for the elocutionary powers displayed by him as "Sergeant Buzfuz" and "How Bill Adams won the Battle of Waterloo."

MASONIC BALL AT LIVERPOOL.

The annual recurrence of the Masonic festival and ball is an event looked forward to not only by the members of the mystic brotherhood in Liverpool, but by a large section of the general public. On Tuesday, the 13th instant, for the 42nd time, the Town Hall was filled with a brilliant assembly, amongst whom were to be found most of the prominent Freemasons of this city. The proceeds of the ball were given in aid of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution—an Institution which has for its object the relief of children of distressed Freemasons. A more worthy object could hardly be imagined, and, as might be expected, it receives generous support from the brethren of the Province of West Lancashire. The Institution possesses a funded capital of about £20,000, and has an average income of about £2000 annually. It provides education, and in some cases maintenance and clothing, for about 250 children per annum.

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The guests were received by the Mayor of Liverpool, Major J. B. Morgan, and Miss Morgan, Bro. J. de Bels Adam, Chairman of the Ball Committee, and Bro. Dr. Thomas Clarke, P. Prov. G.R., Vice-Chairman, in full regalia, and Mrs. Clarke.

The duties of Treasurer of the Committee were ably performed by Bro. G. A. Harraden, P.G. Treas., and Bro. H. M. Molyneux, P.P.G.D.C., once more proved himself an efficient performer of the duties of M.C.

The onus of the Secretarial duties fell exclusively on Bro. E. R. Lathom, P.M., owing to Bro. A. H. Morecroft, his co-Secretary, being unable to assist on account of illness.

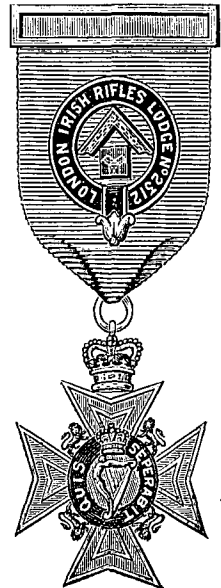
A great deal of the success of the ball was no doubt due to the large and efficient body of Stewards, numbering upwards of 200, each of whom was presented with a distinguishing jewel by Bro. A. J. J. Bamford, of unique design.

The music during the evening was supplied by Bro. Geo. Eytton's excellent string band, and the catering of a most satisfactory kind, was entrusted to Bro. T. Wood.

The arrangements made by the Committee, of which the President is the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, D.G.M., Prov. G.M., and the Vice-President, Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Crawford, Dep. P.G.M., were excellent, and the ball of 1891 passed off with a repetition of the success which has always attended this annual gathering.

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In our report last week of the installation meeting of this lodge we mentioned the fact that a Past Master's jewel was presented to H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught.



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**To Correspondents.**

W. A. asks us to give the origin and derivation of the word "Skivet." Our correspondent must certainly mean skirret, a tool which we should imagine every Mason is familiar with, but for W. A.'s benefit we quote the following from Kenning's "Masonic Cyclopaedia," Skirret.—"One of the working tools of a Master Mason, with a most appropriate moral teaching, but delivered in lodge."

The following communications unavoidably stand over:

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**MARK—**  
Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 75.  
Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 355.  
Consecration of the Merse Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 427.  
Annual Meeting of the Committee of Petitions Province of Devon.

We have again to ask the indulgence of our good friends who so regularly furnish us with reports of the meetings of Lodges of Instruction for the omission of a large number from our columns this week owing to more than ordinary pressure of matter.



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1891.

**Masonic Notes.**

We warmly sympathise with the members of the Aire and Calder Lodge, No. 458, Goole, on the serious loss they have sustained by the conflagration of their Masonic Hall, furniture, clothing, warrant, Royal Arch charter, &c. We understand that the fire of last Thursday week has destroyed all their effects, and that the records, as well as the regalia, have been consumed.

The province of West Yorkshire has photographic reproductions of all the warrants of the 75 lodges! This excellent idea was started by Bro. Watson, the honorary librarian, adopted by the province, and the whole of the warrants are thus preserved and the names of the promoters duly chronicled. The members of No. 458 will thus have the satisfaction of seeing a representative of their defunct warrant, but not of their Royal Arch charter, as these, we believe, have not been reproduced as yet. We can only express the hope that the serious loss is wholly covered by insurance.

A special compliment has been paid Bro. W. J. Hughan, of Torquay, in his election as honorary member of the "Cyrene" Preceptory, Toronto, on December 19th, 1890. One of the latest expressed wishes of the lamented Colonel W. J. M'Leod Moore, G.C.T. (Great Prior of Canadian Knight Templars), was that his old and attached friend should thus be honoured, and the members of this distinguished preceptory lost no time in carrying out the desire of their beloved chief.

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We beg to thank Bro. Lieut.-Col. Gough, Prov. Grand Master of Staffordshire, for the copy he has kindly sent us of the letter he recently addressed to the lodges in his province on the subject of our ritual. We understand his views have been very favourably received outside as well as within the limits of his authority, and we hope to be able to offer a few remarks with reference to them next week.

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Many of our readers are probably aware that the late Mr. Bradlaugh, junior M.P. for the borough of Northampton, was once upon a time a Freemason, though it is so many years since he threw up his connection with the Craft that the fact has probably been overlooked or forgotten. It may not, however, be so generally known that by his death the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys has lost a staunch friend and generous supporter. Of late years Mr. Bradlaugh had found it necessary on sundry occasions to seek a remedy at law against people who had libelled him. These cases were generally settled in his favour, and a sum of money as a kind of *solatium* for his wounded honour was paid over to the late honourable member. But to his credit, be it said, Mr. Bradlaugh, though commonly reputed to be far from a rich man, never used any of this money for his own purposes. Instead of this he handed over the amount to our Boys' School, and by his successive donations had thus constituted himself a Patron of that Institution. To the end of December, 1888, he had given to it over £60, and was a Vice-President; in 1889 he gave a further £100, and became a Vice-Patron; last year he added to his previous payments £52 10s., and thus became a Patron.

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We heartily congratulate our worthy Melbourne contemporary, the *Australasian Keystone*, on the conclusion of its third annual volume. It has no doubt had to bear those trials which fall to the lot of nearly every Masonic journal at the outset of its career. But it appears to have been conducted from the very beginning not only in a spirit of complete independence, but with great tact and judgment. It has had the courage of its opinions; its news, so far as we are in a position to judge, has been invariably trustworthy; and the confidence with which it appears to have inspired its readers is bearing good fruit in the extended support it is receiving from the lodges and brethren in Victoria and Tasmania. For its own sake, therefore, as well as for its strenuous advocacy of everything which either directly or indirectly affects the well-being of Freemasonry, we wish it a long continuance of public favour.

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We learn, however, with very great regret, from its issue in December last, that a dispute between two prominent Melbourne Masons, in which our contemporary is concerned, has been referred to a court of law, and that the case will in all probability be tried some time during the present month. We know nothing whatever of the circumstances, beyond what we have read of them in the columns of the *Australasian Keystone*, or of the plaintiff and defendant brothers. We are deeply concerned to hear that any differences between Masons should, in any circumstances, be referred for settlement to a court of law, and we trust that though the attempts hitherto made to settle this dispute have failed, a way will be found of determining it without invoking the aid of the law.

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The *Australasian Keystone* is but echoing sentiments we have again and again expressed, when it says that lodges cannot be too careful in the admission of candidates. We do not like the idea which has been adopted by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and which our worthy contemporary appears to favour, of having a committee of investigation or inquiry, whose business it will be to inquire into the antecedents of those seeking admission into Freemasonry. Indeed, we do not see how such a plan could be carried out, and we are very certain it would meet with the most strenuous opposition in this country if it were attempted.

What is wanted is that brethren who propose candidates should have some strong evidence of the responsibility which attaches to those who offer to introduce new men into our ranks. Let them fully realise that the proposing of candidates is not a mere formality, which is of no greater consequence than pulling on their gloves or arranging their neckties. Let them understand that though it may be very desirable they should oblige an outside friend by becoming his sponsors, it is still more desirable, indeed necessary, that they should oblige their friends inside the lodge by recommending as candidates only men whom they know to be of good report. Let them understand and act upon this, and we venture to think the experiment of an Inquiry Committee will be as unnecessary as it is undesirable.

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The Philadelphia *Keystone* of the 24th ult. contains a full account, to which we have briefly referred in a former issue, of the attempt successfully made six days previously at Chicago, Ill., to graft skin cut from living human beings on the thigh of a Sir Knight Dickason, of the St. Bernard Commandery, K.T., of that city. The latter had some time previously had a cancer removed from his thigh, but the wound caused by the incision was so wide and deep, exposing a surface of over 140 square inches, that nature was unequal to the task of healing it. Hence the experiment of grafting the skin of some of the lower animals was attempted but failed. The surgeons then expressed the opinion that if the experiment was tried with human skin, it might prove a success and the patient's life be saved. On hearing this, the whole of the members of the St. Bernard Commandery, which is about 300 strong, offered to submit themselves to the operation. Arrangements were accordingly made, and after a selection had been made from the members, a square inch of cuticle was cut from the left arm of 146 templars, and transferred to the thigh of the patient. The hope is entertained that the experiment will be successful. The sacrifice is in every way honourable to the members of the St. Bernard Commandery.

**THE SCOTTISH GRAND LODGE IN INDIA.**

The annual convocation of the Grand Lodge of All Scottish Freemasonry in India, otherwise known as the St. Andrew's Festival, was held at Freemasons' Hall, Clare-road, Byculla, on Saturday, the 29th November, 1890, for the installation of the Grand Officers for the ensuing year. The M.W.G.M., Sir Henry Morland, having been suddenly called away to Calcutta the same evening on official business, was unable to preside. The Depute G.M., Bro. K. R. Cama, opened the Grand Lodge, and installed Bros. J. W. Smith and P. N. Wadia as Depute and Substitute G.M.'s respectively. The Depute G.M. then installed the undermentioned Grand Officers:

Bro. A. W. Seabrooke	...	S.G.W.
" G. W. Roughton	...	J.G.W.
" Capt. C. D. Wise	...	G. Sec.
" B. V. Kirtikar	...	G. Treas.
" Surg.-Maj. C. K. Kirtikar	...	S.G.D.
" H. M. Chichgar	...	J.G.D.
" F. W. Stevens	...	G. Architect.
" Ruston M. Chichgar	...	Asst. G. Sec.
" A. F. Solon	...	G. Jeweller.
" K. N. Kabrajee	...	Asst. G. Jeweller.
" C. Anderson	...	G. Bible Bearer.
" C. J. Kambatta	...	G. Zend Avesta Br.
" Damodhur Nathoobhai	...	G. Gita Br.
" F. F. Pickard	...	Chief G.D. of C.
" Pallonjee Nusservanjee	...	3rd G.D.C.
" F. S. Lamb	...	} G. S.B.'s.
" D. D. Currahee	...	
" J. Hindle	...	2nd G. Std. Br.
" J. Hartley	...	Pres. G. Stwd.
" Currimbhoy Ebrahim	...	3rd G. Marshal.
" W. Tata	...	} G. Stwds.
" H. G. Meakin	...	
" Ruttonsha Dadabhoy	...	
" C. H. F. Underwood, M.D.	...	} G. Purst.
" N. D. Bhada...	...	
" Fazil Janmahomed	...	} G. Tyler.
" E. F. Underwood, M.D.	...	
" J. W. Watson	...	

There was a large attendance of Masons of the Scotch as well as of the English Constitutions. After the appointment of Grand Committees and Grand Auditors, an adjournment was made to the banqueting hall.

Bro. J. W. Smith presided, and the usual toasts of obligation and courtesy were proposed, and responded to in some very able speeches.

Songs were contributed at intervals by some of the more gifted brethren present. One zealous Mason contributed, in addition to a song, 100 rupees to the Scottish Masonic Benevolent Fund, which is doing such an amount of good in this city by the education of the orphans of Masons and by the maintenance of the widows.

A very pleasant evening was spent, and the festival broke up at about 12 o'clock.

## Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

## THE FIRE AT THE AIRE AND CALDER LODGE ROOM, GOOLE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The Aire and Calder Lodge, No. 458, Goole, has by a fire which broke out in a shop on the ground floor of the premises of which it occupied the second and top floors, lost well nigh everything it possessed—charter, furniture, regalia, minutes, records, &c., besides many gifts it had received from brethren, valued not merely because of their intrinsic worth, but from fraternal associations also. Many, too, of the brethren have lost their Masonic clothing and jewels, while certificates in some cases have been destroyed.

Once before has the lodge been threatened by fire. Before it occupied the rooms in Boothe Ferry-road it had smaller rooms in Ouse-street (now the *Goole Weekly Times* Printing Office). Then a fire broke out in the shop underneath, and the building being filled with smoke, some of the men working on an upper storey had to escape over the roof, which by this and other causes was broken in. In the minute book (now destroyed) is an entry somewhat to this effect: "The brethren met as usual for lodge business, but finding the lodge room open to the firmament on high, separated without forming a lodge." The loss then was, however, slight, and work was resumed a month later.

The lodge premises at the Goole Market Hall were first occupied in 1883, and consisted of a lodge room, banqueting room, preparing room, and smoke room (commonly called the kitchen), with small entrance hall. It was fitted up at great cost, several of the brethren supplementing the funds of the lodge by individual gifts. It was dedicated (during Bro. Ezra Gooderidge's year of office as W.M.) on December 14th, 1883, by Bro. Thos. W. Tew, J.P., then Senior Grand Deacon of England, and D.P.G.M. of West Yorks, and who is now Prov. Grand Master of our province. I, on that occasion, had the pleasure of installing Bro. H. Wilson (now P.P.G.S.B. of West Yorks) in the chair of King Solomon. We last used the lodge on Friday, January 23rd, when Bro. J. A. Bray, P.M., in the absence of Bro. C. Grant, W.M., presided at a lodge of emergency, and passed a seafaring brother, initiated in a Guernsey lodge, to the Second Degree. On Wednesday, the last meeting held on the premises was that of the Goole Local Board (which had a suite of offices on the first floor) and when I and the other members of the Board left the building at 10.20 there was no appearance of anything being wrong. Within little more than half an hour the fire broke out; in less than a quarter of an hour all approach to the lodge was cut off, and within a very short time we watched the devouring element ruthlessly sweeping away our Masonic home and all it contained.

Fortunately we are to a considerable extent covered by insurance, though not wholly. Our greatest loss is that of our records, minutes, &c., while, of course, those brethren who had their clothing on the premises will be losers to that extent individually. The lodge, I may add, met for the first time at the Lowther Hotel, Goole, on the 12th July, 1839, Bro. Charles T. Jaques being the first W.M., and it was consecrated on Oct. 14th, 1841, by Bro. C. Lee, the first D.P.G.M. of West Yorks. The warrant was granted by H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, G.M. (the lodge being then numbered 672, altered to 458 in 1863), and was signed by H. John Spencer Churchill, D.G.M., and W. H. White, Grand Secretary. We little thought when Bro. H. Wilson, P.M., P.P.C.S.B., acting as Installing Master on December 14th last, handed the warrant to the incoming Master, Bro. Charles Grant, that we had looked upon it almost for the last time. Fortunately it was photographed some time ago, and we shall be able to obtain a copy of it.

During the half century of its existence we may fairly claim that the lodge has had a useful and honourable career, having received into its fold a large number of good and worthy Masons (its membership is now nearly 80), and, seeing the many demands upon it as a lodge in a seaport, aiding the Charities to the best of its ability. It has met in four places, viz., the Lowther Hotel, the Sydney Hotel, the Ouse-street Rooms, and the rooms at the Market Hall Buildings; it took a prominent part in the ceremonies of laying the foundation stones of St. John's (Parish) Church and Christ Church (Congregational); it entertained Provincial Grand Lodge in 1841, 1865, and 1870. The lodge room just destroyed was deservedly admired by visiting brethren, and in it have been cordially welcomed not only the Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and other illustrious Masons of our own province, but brethren of rank and influence from all parts of the globe. The Aire and Calder Lodge is the mother lodge of the one recently formed at Thorne (St. Nicholas, No. 2259), and the brethren of that lodge have through one of their number—Bro. John Constable, J.W. (also W.M. Isle of Axholme Lodge, No. 1482, Crowle)—hastened to place at our disposal their lodge room, furniture, &c.

In connection with the lodge, in 1885 a Royal Arch chapter was formed by companions who had chiefly belonged to the Wakefield Chapter, No. 495. The warrant was granted by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, on August 5th, 1885, and the First Principals were Comp. E. T. Clark, P.P.G.R., Z.; myself, H.; and Comp. Ezra Gooderidge, J. The chapter was conse-

crated on October 15th in the same year by Comp. C. L. Mason, P.P.G.H., the Provincial Superintendent—Comp. T. W. Tew—and a number of distinguished Masons, including Comp. M. C. Peck, North and East Yorks, being present. The chapter loses everything it possessed, though fortunately it, like the lodge, is protected by insurance.

As I write I have before me a letter addressed to me in 1883 by our then D.P.G.M., in which he accords his sanction to the conduct of our business in our new rooms. He says in the letter: "I can only say go on and prosper. It would be better to have your rooms visited by myself before I dedicated, and the terms on which you occupy them sent to Wakefield, and some assurance that a removal is not likely to take place again in the lives of all of you. I can only congratulate the Aire and Calder Lodge on its apparent prosperity, and to the members I wish success and happiness." Unfortunately the assurance then given, and which was accepted by Bro. Tew, has been interfered with by the fire of Wednesday last, and the brethren are again without a Masonic home. We have not yet met, but some hope that temporary arrangements will be made with the view of having in due course a building of our own.—Believe me, fraternally yours,

H. T. GARDINER, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C. (W.Y.)

January 31.

## Masonic Notes and Queries.

## 931] THE WILLIAM WATSON MS.

Few more interesting finds have been made of late years in Freemasonry than the MS. copy of the Constitutions so ably commented on in your last issue by Bro. Hughan. He is undoubtedly right in studying it in conjunction with the Cooke MS., and the account of the Freemasons given by Plot in 1686. A careful perusal of Plot will convince anyone that, although he once mentions the document he saw as a "volume," he really meant a roll of parchment, because at other places he speaks of it as a "schrole" and "scrole." Plot mentions two circumstances as contained in this scroll which are not mentioned in any other MS. Constitution extant, viz., the tutor of St. Alban, St. Amphiball, and the approval of the rules of King Henry VI. The new MS. mentions both these points, and calls Amphiball St. Amphabell, thus somewhat approaching the corrupt rendering of "seynt adhabelle" given in the Cooke MS., and showing that my supposition that these two were one was correct. It is, however, curious that the William Watson MS., after following the Cooke so carefully for 600 lines should depart from it just at the last, although giving the same matter, but with additions. Now, the dates forbid the supposition that this should be the identical MS. which Plot saw, but I have little doubt that it is a copy of this MS., and we may therefore consider one great puzzle of Masonic students as practically solved. But the discovery of this MS. upsets some of the assertions in my commentary on the Cooke MS. I there stated that the Cooke MS. had not served as a model for any subsequent Constitution, that it had drifted into a backwater and never reached the ocean. We have here a proof that the Plot MS. and its offspring, the one under consideration, were directly derived from the Cooke, and if not its daughters, are, at least, great-grandchildren. I rejoice that my assertion should be so soon falsified, because it gives the Cooke a higher place than it held before, but the puzzle is rather intensified, and the question arises—"Why have so few of this particular family turned up?" Even the above remarks are, I fancy, uncalled for, because Bro. Hughan seems to have said all that can profitably be said in a small space upon the subject, and it only remains for me to congratulate the West Yorkshire Library upon its great acquisition.

G. W. SPETH.

## 932] A CURIOUS MS.

In a catalogue of "Valuable Books, Manuscripts, and Literary Curiosities," on sale by Mr. J. E. Cornish, 16, St. Ann's-square, Manchester, the following occurs. (Italics, &c., as original): "*Manuscript—466* Form of Installation of a fraternity of SHOEMAKERS of NUREMBERG, containing a burlesque oath similar to the Horns at Highgate. MS. on a block used for dubbing a new member by striking on the head; floriated capitals in the style of the Nuremberg Chronicle. FOLIO morocco, brass mounts. £3 3s. Hans Sachs was a member of this Guild. The morocco covering cannot be as old, but the block itself was inflicted upon him." I consider this souvenir of the "olden tyme" should be acquired for some Masonic collection; not for practical use, for evidently Hans Sachs died after the ceremony! but simply as a portion of the effects of old and extinct Guilds.

W. J. HUGHAN.

## 933] A CURIOUS ENTRY.

In J. S. Courtney's "Guide to Penzance" (1845) under "1691-2" it is stated in the Corporation Records that 4s. was paid for "drinking union with the bretheren," and in a note appended the reference is declared to be to the "Free Masons," as likewise another extract respecting the payment of £4 1s. 6d. for expenses on returning from "Colonel Godolphin's funeral, the bretheren being present." Bro. Hughan, who has been appealed to, considers the entries refer to some Guild or Fraternity at Penzance in 1691-2, and not to the Free Masons. I am anxious for more particulars.

CHISHOLM.



## Craft Masonry.

## METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

## Peace and Harmony Lodge (No. 60).—

This old lodge met at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 23rd ult. Among those present were Bros. E. Rogers, P.M. 1238, P.P.G.D. Middx., P.G.S., W.M.; Slade, G.S., S.W.; Dr. W. Kempster, P.M., J.W.; H. Young, P.M., P.G.S., Treas.; F. Binckes, P.M., P.G.S., P.G.S.B., Sec.; R. Clowes, P.M., P.S.G.W. Sussex, S.D.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W. Middx., J.D.; H. J. Lardner, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, A.D.C.; Masters, I.G.; W. Kempster, jun., Stwd.; Altman, C.C., P.G.S., I.P.M.; Barton, P.M., P.G.S.; Chancellor, P.M., P.G.S.; and others. Among the visitors were Bros. Wood, P.M. 1028; Lieut.-Col. Sedley, Lucknow, India; De Luca, 101; Belsham, 733; and Mostyn, 1608.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Mr. Alexander Andrade, but from unavoidable causes he was unable to attend to be initiated. Bro. Dr. Kempster, J.W., was unanimously recommended to the M.W.G.M. as Grand Steward for the year 1891-92. Bro. Masters, I.G., was elected to represent the lodge as Steward at the Festival of the R.M.I. for Boys, and the sum of five guineas was voted to head his list. It was also resolved unanimously that the election and installation meetings take place respectively in the months of June and October, instead of March and June as heretofore, and that the by-laws be amended accordingly.

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

Upon the removal of the cloth the W.M. gave the customary loyal and Masonic toasts briefly but pertinently.

The proceedings, which were throughout of a most agreeable nature, terminated at an early hour.

## Faith Lodge (No. 141).—

This ancient lodge met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 27th ult., when there were present, among others, Bros. W. Langdale, W.M.; Sheppard, S.W.; Welch, J.W.; W. Carter, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Taylor, S.D.; Ryan, J.D.; Wetzlar, I.P.M.; Sharp, Org.; Trott, I.G.; E. Hopwood, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; C. Dairy, P.M.; Capt. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W.; R. Jordan, P.M.; Frommholz, P.M.; Coop, P.M.; Hudson, P.M.; Hakim, P.M.; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

A few toasts were given and duly honoured.

In giving "The Health of the W.M.," the I.P.M. said that, although Bro. Langdale had had no opportunity of showing what he could do as an exponent of Masonic ritual, yet he (the speaker) firmly believed that when that time arrived the W.M. would be equal to the occasion. He was a very genial—he might say a jolly—fellow, and he (the I.P.M.) trusted that his year of office would be in every way a success.

The Worshipful Master responded in a brief and modest speech. The proceedings terminated shortly afterwards.

## Bedford Lodge (No. 157).—

The installation meeting of this old lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, on the 9th ult., when there were present Bros. Vincent Larnier, W.M.; J. C. Main, S.W., W.M. elect; Dr. Donovan, J.W.; E. F. Shoebridge, S.D.; Joseph Bruton, J.D.; Geo. Millen, Asst. Stwd.; Thomas Cubit, P.M., Past G. Purst.; S. Millis, P.M., Stwd.; J. T. Briggs, Treas.; W. Liddall, P.M., Sec.; John Soper, P.M.; T. Walton, P.M.; and Arthur Toms.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last lodge were read and confirmed, during which a very happy incident cropped up, viz., the conferring upon Bro. Walton, P.M., an honorary membership, with the full privilege of a subscribing member in recognition of the able and efficient services he had rendered the lodge during the many years he had been a member. The Auditors' report was then presented and accepted, the balance in the hands of the Treasurer being about double that of previous years. The lodge was heartily congratulated upon its prosperous condition. The installation of the incoming Master was then proceeded with, and the ceremony was performed by the outgoing Master, Bro. Larnier, in a manner which reflects the highest credit upon him, the work being done in a most impressive manner. The newly-installed Master then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Dr. Donovan, S.W.; E. F. Shoebridge, J.W.; J. T. Biggs, P.M., Treas. (he having again been re-elected to that post); Wm. Little, P.M., Sec.; J. Burton, S.D.; Arthur Toms, J.D.; George Millen, I.G.; John Soper, P.M., D.C.; S. Millis, P.M., and Percy J. Chiosso, Stwds.; and G. Longstaff, Tyler (re-elected). The W.M. then presented to the I.P.M. a Past Master's jewel, previously voted by the lodge, also a little surprise packet in the shape of a Past Master's collar, with a silver jewel attached, which had been subscribed for by a number of the members as a further mark of good feeling.

The business of the lodge soon afterwards terminating, the brethren adjourned next door to the Freemasons' Tavern, where a very excellent banquet was served, after which the usual loyal and other toasts were given and responded to in that hearty manner which distinguishes the Bedford Lodge. The speeches being interspersed by some capital music under the conductorship of Bro. Collings, assisted by Mr. Lloyd and Miss Alice Sugden.

Among the numerous visitors present in the lodge were Bros. Herbert J. Roach, I.P.M. 55; G. Baker, W.M. elect 108; George Reed, S.W. 1695, J.W. 1910; T. A. Maple, John Capper Lodge; H. Long, 79; and F. C. Ohlfeldt, 58.

## Lodge of Industry (No. 186).—

The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Tuesday, the 27th ult. After the dispatch of formal business, Bro. John Blount Sherring, I.P.M., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Nicholas Cornock, W.M., installed Bro. Stewart Melville Banker, P.G. Std. Br. Hert's



S.W., as W.M. for the ensuing 12 months, the ceremony and addresses being most ably and impressively rendered. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. B. Sherring, I.P.M. (for Bro. Nicholas Cornock); J. W. Grover, S.W.; G. F. Spencer, P.P.G.S. Surrey, J.W.; W. H. Hook, P.M., Treas.; W. S. Page, P.M., Sec.; E. Apelt, S.D.; T. M. Wood, J.D.; S. Earl, I.G.; W. W. Westley, P.M., D.C.; and E. Owers and C. H. O. Chapman, Stewards.

Among the visitors present were Bros. W. E. Gompertz, P.M., Sec. 867, P.P.G.D. Herts; J. Wiseman, 1716; W. Haynes Dunn, S.W. 1298; Philip Sharpe, P.M. 869, P.P.G.S.B. Herts; F. H. Tibbitts, P.M. 1950; J. E. Overed, I.P.M. 1708; V. O. Clowes, 1381; W. F. Garrod, P.M. 1677; G. Phillips, 157; A. Cohen, S.W. 188; P. Frantz, I.G. 188; John Heale, 45; J. J. Cattle, P.M. 1791; W. T. Tyrrell, 1471; and T. Butt, P.M. 700.

The banquet was held at the Holborn Restaurant. The W.M., in proposing "The Queen," said the reason Masons responded so heartily to that toast on all occasions was not only because her Most Gracious Majesty was the first lady in the land, but she was also the daughter of a Mason, all her uncles but one were Masons, all her sons but one had been made Masons, and her grandsons were following in their father's footsteps; thus her Majesty was ever surrounded by Masons of rank and eminence.

In proposing the toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the M.W.G.M.," the W.M. said he felt sure that the progress Freemasonry had made in recent years and its present flourishing condition were in a great measure due to the attention, thought, and care bestowed on all matters relating to the Craft by the M.W. Grand Master.

The W.M., in proposing "The D.G.M., the Earl of Lathom, and the other Grand Officers, Present and Past," referred to the noble work accomplished by the late Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, also to the good work being carried on by the Deputy Grand Master, and to the excellent way in which the Grand Officers always did their duty.

The I.P.M., Bro. J. B. Sherring, in a most felicitous manner proposed the toast of "The W.M.," who, in responding, thanked the brethren for the many kindnesses he had always received from them, and which that evening had culminated in enabling him to reach the summit of his Masonic ambition—the chair of his mother lodge.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Health of the Visitors," and referred to the great pleasure it always gave the Lodge of Industry to welcome visitors, both at labour and also at refreshment.

The toast was responded to by Bros. Gompertz, P.M.; P. Sharpe, P.M.; Cooke, P.M.; and others.

The toasts of "The Installing Master," "The Past Masters," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers of the Lodge" were duly honoured, the W.M. paying a well-deserved compliment to the Installing Master for his most impressive rendering of the ceremony.

The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close. The musical arrangements under the direction of Bro. W. H. Hook, P.M., gave the greatest satisfaction. The artists were Miss Dora Gill (Gold Medallist L.A.M.), Madam Saffell, Mrs. Fuller, Mr. W. Fuller, Mr. A. F. Crofts, and Mr. C. G. Mottley.

**High Cross Lodge (No. 754).**—The first meeting of the year of this old-established lodge was held at the Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, on Wednesday, the 28th ult. The increase in members and visitors speaks well for the present W.M., Bro. L. E. Wilson. The business of the lodge on this occasion consisted of the initiation of two members; balloting for and accepting two for the next meeting; the raising of a brother; the appointment of a Steward to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Festival, with a grant of £10 10s.; the gift of £5 to the widow of a deceased brother, and the usual routine. It seems approaching flattery to say that the W.M. performed the various ceremonies efficiently (he being a preceptor of a lodge of instruction), but they were rendered with that genial kindness and feeling which only the initiated can realise. The generous praise of the brethren tended to confirm this, and the expressions of commendation were well deserved.

The refreshment which followed labour was well served with the hostess's best attention, and the visitors and members thoroughly appreciated the efforts made for their comfort and enjoyment. The hospitality of the brethren to the visitors was quite marked.

The usual toasts were received and responded to.

The Tyler's toast brought a happy evening to a close. To the old Past Masters this meeting was a reminder of their early days, and everything seemed to indicate the future prosperity of the lodge.

**Duke of Connaught Lodge (No. 1524).**—The installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Thursday, the 29th ult., when about 80 brethren attended. Amongst the members were Bros. W. Beasley, W.M.; J. H. Rich, S.W.; W. Simpson, J.W.; W. H. Brand, P.M., Treas.; C. Lorkin, P.M., Sec.; P. W. Rogers, I.G.; E. J. Turnbull, D.C.; W. T. Oakley, Stwd.; A. R. Olley, P.M.; J. L. Payne, P.M.; W. H. Lee, P.M., P.P.G.D. Middx.; A. Ferrar, P.M.; E. Dignam, P.M.; R. Polak, P.M.; and others.

Visitors: Bros. G. Cummington, 1607; A. G. Smyth, 1364; T. Leabon, 1364; Hampden Evans, 1636; W. Devey, 99; E. Daniel, 300; S. Toye, S.W. 1227; F. Carr, P.M. 1607; C. H. Halford, W.M. 1607; C. J. Smith, 1656; A. G. Blackmore, 1704; J. H. Gilbert, W.M. 1050; L. Lewis, P.M. 1598; S. Barfoot, 2048; F. Dunstan, S.D. 1326; H. J. Pellatt, J.D. 1194; J. A. Locke, 395; J. H. Baker, 860; H. Willes, J.D. 1820; F. Lewes, 1426; J. McLaren, P.M. 1805; J. Lary, P.M. 1607; J. H. W. Grace, P.M. 73; W. H. Jarrow, 713; W. W. Lee, S.W. 2381; and others.

Lodge being opened, the minutes were confirmed, and the Auditors' report received and adopted. Mr. W. A. Meakin was then initiated by Bro. Beasley, W.M., who then installed Bro. J. H. Rich as W.M. in a very able manner. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. W. Simpson, S.W.; J. Robinson, J.W.; W. H. Brand, P.M. Treas.; C. Lorkin, P.M., Sec.; P. W. Rogers, S.D.; E. J. Turnbull, J.D.; E. Frisby, Org.; W. T. Oakley, I.G.; H. Pearse, D.C.; W. Tomson and A. M. Archer, Stwds.; and J. J. Marsh, P.M., Tyler. The customary addresses having been effectively delivered by Bro. Beasley, I.P.M., he was presented and invested by the W.M. with a Past Master's

jewel in recognition of his able services rendered during the past year. The I.P.M. having suitably returned thanks, Messrs. R. S. Parker and G. Buzzard were initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M. Other business having been transacted, including the proposition of several candidates for initiation, the lodge was formally closed.

The brethren having been photographed, an excellent banquet was enjoyed by all present.

The customary toasts were subsequently given, but brevity was the order of the evening, a capital programme of music being supplied by Miss Emily Lorkin, Messrs. W. Austin Pettengell and J. W. J. Clark, and Bro. E. Frisby, Org. Bro. Hampden Evans was very successful in his humorous recitation entitled "Rare Readings."

Bro. W. Beasley, I.P.M., in proposing "The W.M.," said that was the first time he had had the privilege of proposing the health of Bro. J. H. Rich as W.M., and he performed the task with a great deal of pleasure, which would be shared by the brethren in receiving the toast. As the W.M. had led the way with short speeches, he (the I.P.M.) would simply ask the brethren present to receive the toast with enthusiasm.

Bro. J. H. Rich, W.M., said he was much obliged to the I.P.M. for the kind way in which he had placed the toast before them, and also to the brethren for their kindly reception of it. As they were all aware that was a very proud moment for him to preside over such a prosperous lodge. He felt the great responsibility attaching to the office, but he would try to carry out the duties in the best manner possible. If they took a responsible position they must make up their minds for plenty of work, and he was pleased to hear several candidates proposed for initiation at the next meeting, as he hoped to have the ceremonies to perform at every meeting. He hoped to give them satisfaction, and should be proud to perform any work they might give him to do.

"The Initiates" having been given, and replied to by Bros. Meakin, Parker, and Buzzard,

The Worshipful Master gave "The Visitors," and said they were favoured with the attendance of many distinguished brethren from other lodges. The members were pleased to welcome 34 visitors, and hoped to see them all on a future occasion.

Bro. C. H. Halford, W.M. 1607, said he felt diffident in responding for the large array of visitors, as his powers of speech were not great enough to do it justice. He thanked Bro. Olley, P.M., for affording him the opportunity of visiting the lodge for the first time, and was glad to be supported by several brethren of his mother lodge—Loyalty—on whose behalf he wished the Duke of Connaught Lodge a most happy and prosperous year. He felt sure every visitor had appreciated the evening's entertainment, and particularly the manner in which Bro. Beasley, I.P.M., who was in many ways associated with the Loyalty Lodge and the lodge of instruction, had rendered the installation ceremony.

Bro. Grace, P.M. 73, also returned thanks for the hearty reception accorded the toast. The admirable manner in which the W.M. worked the initiation ceremony was a good omen for the lodge during the coming year.

The Worshipful Master then said that as time was short he would couple the toast of "The I.P.M. and Installing Master" with "The Past Masters, Treasurer, and Secretary." They had all seen the ability displayed by the Installing Master, and were gratified at the way he had performed his duties. They also knew how kind and genial the Past Masters were, and how ready to assist at all times for the good of the lodge. Bro. Brand, P.M., had performed the duties of Treasurer for many years, and the satisfactory financial condition of the lodge proved how well he had carried out his onerous task. He could not speak too highly of Bro. Lorkin, P.M., Sec., who afforded them all assistance when required.

Bro. W. Beasley, I.P.M., responded, and "The Officers" having been given, the Tylers' toast closed the proceedings.

**Farringdon Without Lodge (No. 1745).**—This prosperous civic lodge met at the Viaduct Hotel, Holborn, on the 26th ult. Among those in attendance were Bros. R. Webber, W.M.; T. Simpson, P.M., acting S.W.; Nelson Prower, M.A., J.W.; H. J. Lardner, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, Treas.; J. Young, P.M., acting S.D.; P. N. Lardner, J.D.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., D.C.; H. Herbert, I.G.; Bachoffner, Stwd.; Schultz, I.P.M.; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Shapcott was passed to the Second Degree. The ballot was taken on behalf of Messrs. J. Evans, W. R. Witt, and H. Harden for initiation, and for Bro. Benjamin Beach, 861, for joining. The ceremonies of passing and initiation were ably carried out by the I.P.M. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. W. H. Jackson, P.M., Sec.; F. Kent, S.D.; and others.

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

The usual toasts followed, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BARNET.

**Gladsmuir Lodge (No. 1385).**—The installation meeting was held at the Red Lion Hotel on Friday, the 30th ult. At the commencement of the proceedings Bro. T. H. Martin, Prov. G.S.B., I.P.M., presided, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. J. H. Baxter, W.M., who was, however, present later in the evening, the following officers and members being in attendance, namely: Bros. J. E. Cussans, P.M. 403, P.P.S.G.W., S.W. and W.M. elect; S. Tryon, J.W.; W. K. Hopkin, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; R. Fisher Young, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., Sec.; G. Blizard Abbott, S.D.; F. Thompson, J.D.; Charles Gray, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., D.C.; R. W. Oldfield, A.D.C.; F. C. Collingwood, I.G.; W. H. G. Ball, P.M. 45, Stwd.; R. W. Goddard, P.M. 65, Tyler; T. S. Carter, P.M. 403, P.P.J.G.W.; J. Brittain, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; Geo. Askew, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; J. P. Euerby, P.M., P.P.G.D.; H. J. Tibbatts, W. J. Marshall, John Curnow, J. B. Poole, W. Anneveld, F. G. Mason, B. Spicer, and W. F. Chifferiel. There were also present as visitors Bros. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Prov. G.M.; Alfred Baker, W.M. 403, P.P.G.S.B.; E. P. Debenham, W.M. 1479, Prov. Grand Reg.; H. Weinberger, D.C. 1540; A. Graddaye, 1798; J. F. Haskins, Org. 1634; J. H. Mathews, S.W. 194;

J. E. Overed, I.P.M. 1798; Geo. Clarke, P.M. 1950; A. W. Gerrard, I.G. 2048; D. Watson, P.M. 308, P.P.G.D. Devonshire; and G. W. Brumell, 1414.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. R. Fisher Young, P.M., Sec., took the chair, and proceeded to install Bro. J. E. Cussans, W.M. elect, as Master for the ensuing year, the ceremony being very ably and impressively rendered. Bro. Cussans then appointed as his officers for the ensuing year Bros. S. Tryon, S.W.; G. Blizard Abbott, J.W.; W. K. Hopkin, P.M., Treas.; Charles Gray, P.M., Sec.; F. Thompson, S.D.; F. C. Collingwood, J.D.; R. F. Young, P.M., D.C.; W. H. G. Ball, P.M. 45, A.D.C.; R. W. Oldfield, I.G.; W. F. Chifferiel, Stwd.; and R. W. Goddard, P.M. 65, Tyler. A ballot for a Life-Governorship to one of the Charitable Institutions resulted in the prize being obtained by Bro. Holmes. Bro. Hopkins, P.M., Treas., was appointed to represent the lodge on the Provincial Audit Committee, and Bro. R. F. Young, P.M., D. of C., on that of the Hertfordshire Masonic Charity Association; and the Trustees, officers, and Committee of the Gladsmuir Benevolent Fund having been appointed, lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet under the presidency of Bro. J. E. Cussans, W.M., who was supported on his right by the R.W. Prov. Grand Master and Bros. Carter, Baker, Watson, and on his left by Bros. Baxter, I.P.M.; Martin, P.M.; Gray, P.M., Sec.; Young, P.M., D.C.; and Hopkin, P.M., Treas.

The usual toasts were duly honoured, the Provincial Grand Master in acknowledging the compliment, very cordially thanking the brethren for the heartiness of their reception, and expressing his satisfaction at finding the lodge in so prosperous a condition.

In proposing "The Health of the Past Masters" the W.M. congratulated Bro. Baxter, his immediate predecessor, on the success which had attended him during his year of office, and affixed to his breast the Past Master's jewel, which had been unanimously voted him by the lodge in recognition of his services and the uniform kindness and courtesy he had shown to the members.

"The Health of the W.M." was received with great enthusiasm, and appropriately acknowledged, while the toast of "The Masonic Charities" resulted in Bro. J. B. Poole volunteering his services as Steward at the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

The pleasures of the evening were greatly enhanced by the songs contributed by Bros. Gray, Baxter, Mason, Oldfield, and others, while Bro. Haskins presided with his usual ability at the piano.

BERKHAMPSTEAD.

**Berkhampstead Lodge (No. 504).**—The installation meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, to the rear of the King's Arms Hotel, on Wednesday, the 28th ult. Bro. S. R. Timson, P.S.G.D., W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. A. Prudames, P.A.G. Sec., S.W., W.M. elect; A. W. Vaisey, P.G. Stwd., J.W.; the Rev. A. Johnson, P.M., P.P.G.C. Oxon and Herts, Chap.; F. O. Lane, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., Treas.; Chas. Bullock, P.M., P.P.G.R., P.G. Sec., Sec.; W. Lowndes, P.G. Stwd., S.D.; H. H. Cooper, I.G.; J. T. Rowe, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., D.C.; W. H. Rowe, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., and G. Austin, I.P.M. 1130, P.P.G.S. of W. Leicestershire and Rutland, Stewards; the Rev. C. J. Langley, P.G. Org.; Org.; A. Pavett, Tyler; T. Graham Robinson, P.M., P.S.G.W.; H. J. Foster, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; W. H. Hobson, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; R. H. Bookey, W. Lovell, J. Bunker, F. Dwight, W. Field, A. F. Marsh, A. Clarke, E. H. Wagstaff, C. J. Gilbert, E. J. Layton, and H. Kemp. The visitors included Bros. T. S. Carter, P.M., Sec. 403, P.P.J.G.W.; A. Baker, W.M. 403, P.P.G.S.B.; R. Bird, W.M. 869, P.M. 2054, P.P.G.S.B.; L. Patterson, W.M. 1757; Duncan, J.W. 1757; E. C. Mulvey, W.M. 2353; H. Nash, W.M. 2136; S. P. Nash, W.M. 2086; E. P. Debenham, W.M. 1479, P.G. Reg.; Rev. O. C. Cockrem, P.M. 1802, Chap. 404, P.P.G.C. Notts; S. M. Segar; A. G. Collins, P.M.; F. W. Wragg, 1984; Rev. H. D. Macnamara; Rev. H. Pope; S. Scott Young, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. East Lancs.; and W. E. Robbins.

The minutes of the previous lodge having been read and confirmed, Bro. C. Bishop Chastaney, 100, was balloted for and elected a joining member. Mr. F. John Lane having been balloted for and elected, was initiated, the ceremony being performed by his father, Bro. F. O. Lane, P.M., Treas. The chair was then taken by Bro. W. H. Rowe, P.M., who very ably installed Bro. Prudames as W.M. for the ensuing year. The following were appointed and invested as officers: Bros. A. W. Vaisey, S.W.; W. Lowndes, J.W.; Rev. A. Johnson, P.M., Chap.; F. O. Lane, P.M., Treas.; C. Bullock, P.M., Sec.; H. H. Cooper, S.D.; G. Austin, J.D.; Rev. C. J. Langley, I.G.; J. T. Rowe, P.M., D.C.; C. J. Gilbert, Org.; W. H. Rowe, P.M., and J. Bunker, Stewards; and A. Pavett, Tyler. The Worshipful Master then presented Bro. Timson, I.P.M., with the Past Master's jewel voted to him at the previous meeting in recognition of his services in the chair.

The by-laws having been read, and the remaining business disposed of, lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet-room, where an excellent dinner was served by Bro. H. Kemp, of the King's Arms Hotel. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Langley had charge of the musical arrangements, and the usual toasts were proposed and received with due honour, those of the new "W.M." and "The Visitors" being greeted with very great enthusiasm.

In the course of the evening the newly-made brother, F. J. Lane, was warmly congratulated by the members on having entered a lodge in which his grandfather was initiated on the day of its consecration (1st January, 1845), and of which he was a P.M. and Treasurer of many years' standing at the time of his death in 1889, and in which his father likewise was initiated, and is a present Past Master and Treasurer.

ELLESMERE.

**Brownlow Lodge (No. 2131).**—The annual festival and installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Town Hall, on Friday, the 23rd ult., when Bro. A. J. P. Child was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. Amongst the members of the lodge present were Bros. H. R. Giles, P.G. Stwd., W.M.; K. G. Salter, P.S.G.W., I.P.M.; A. J. P. Child, S.W.; W. Norris, P.M. 1757, P.P.G. Stg. Br. Herts, J.W.; J. W. Lawrence, Treas.; W. J. Ogg, P.M., P.G.S. of W., S.D.; A. C. Minshall, F. Povey, A. Minshall, D. P. Crittall, and A. Evans, Tyler. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. J. Maclardy,

P.M., P.P.G.D.; Dr. Aylmer Lewis, P.S.G.D.; J. H. Parsons, W.M. 1432, P.P.A.G. Sec.; W. Adams, P.M. 117, P.G. Stwd.; B. Blower, W.M. 117; T. Plimley, 117; and others.

Several members of the lodge, including Bros. Stanley Leighton, M.P., P.P.S.G.W.; the Hon. G. T. Kenyon, M.P., Capt. Armitage, E. K. Bickley, R. H. Ward, and others, were unavoidably absent.

After the usual business of the lodge, including a satisfactory report from the Finance Committee, had been disposed of, Bro. A. J. P. Child was presented, and duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year in a most effective and impressive manner by Bro. H. R. Giles, the Installing Master, who also delivered the addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren. Bros. K. J. Salter acting as S.W., W. J. Ogg, as J.W., and W. Norris, as I.G., ably assisted in the ceremony, and presented the working tools. The newly-installed Master appointed and invested his officers for the year as follows: Bros. H. R. Giles, I.P.M.; W. J. Ogg, P.M., S.W.; W. Norris, P.M., J.W.; J. W. Lawrence, Treas.; H. R. Giles, P.M., Sec.; E. K. Bickley, S.D.; A. C. Minshall, J.D.; K. G. Salter, P.M., D.C.; F. Povey, I.G.; A. Evans, Tyler; and H. R. Giles, Charity Representative and Almoner.

After the close of the lodge, the brethren adjourned to the Bridgwater Hotel, and sat down, under the presidency of the new W.M., to a *recherche* banquet served in Bro. Lawrence's well-known style.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a most enjoyable evening, enlivened by songs and recitations, was spent.

#### HALIFAX.

**Probity Lodge (No. 61).**—The annual Festival of St. John the Evangelist was held at Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, on Monday, the 19th ult., for the purpose of installing the newly-elected W.M., Bro. Walter Wright, and the investment of his officers for the ensuing year. This being the oldest lodge in West Yorkshire, the annual event is naturally regarded with a degree of importance in Freemasonry in this district, and the sister lodges are always well represented by the Worshipful Masters and two of their principal officers. The banquet was more numerously attended than usual to show the appreciation of the new W.M., thus endorsing by their attendance the unanimous vote which had been given in favour of Bro. Walter Wright.

The lodge was opened by Bro. Herbert Crossley, P.M., as W.M., and there were present Bros. T. W. Tew, P.G.M.; H. Smith, D.P.G.M.; Wm. Gaukroger, P.M., P.P.G.D.; Geo. Buckley, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Fredk. Whitely, P.M., P.P.G.P.; Marshall, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; and Belitzky, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. The representatives from other lodges were Bros. Hanson, W.M., and Woods, S.W.; of St. James' Lodge; Hitchen, W.M., Taylor, S.W., and Ehad Hanson, Hodson, and Bailey, J.W., of De Warren Lodge. The ceremony of installation was performed in a most impressive manner by Bro. G. Buckley, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., assisted by Bros. J. W. Balme, P.M., and F. Fleming, P.M. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. Wm. Cash, I.P.M.; F. Buckley, S.W.; F. Horton, J.W.; H. F. Wonnacott, Chap.; J. W. Balme, Treas.; R. Patchett, Sec.; W. Emmott, S.D.; A. Binns, J.D.; W. Dobson, I.G.; G. H. Smith, Asst. Secretary and Librarian; R. M. Kerr, Dir. of Cer.; James Duff, D.D.C.; S. Goodman, Organist; D. Patchett, Deputy Organist; A. Scott, G. W. Baxter, W. Ackroyd, J. H. Murgatroyd, W. Broadhead, R. H. Singleton, G. Holdsworth, L. Crossley, and A. O. Pulman, Stewards; J. Sagar, Tyler; and D. Rowley, Asst. Tyler.

The ceremony over, the usual banquet took place, at which the newly-installed W.M., Bro. W. Wright, presided, being supported by the P.G.M. and D.P.G.M.

There was a numerous gathering of members of the lodge and visiting brethren. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured.

Bro. A. Arnold, P.M., proposed "The Army, Navy, and Reserve Forces," which was responded to by Bro. Lieut. Somerset, 33rd Regiment.

Bro. I. Booth, P.M., P.S.G.W., proposed "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., M.W.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and this was responded to by Bro. Tew, P.G.M.

Bro. G. S. Smith proposed "The Provincial Grand Master and Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," to which Bro. Tew replied.

Bro. Tew, P.G.M., proposed "The W.M. of Probity Lodge," and Bro. Walter Wright, W.M., duly responded.

"The Sister Lodges and Visiting Brethren" was submitted by Bro. F. W. Fleming, P.M., and the various representatives present acknowledged the toast.

Bro. F. Buckley, S.W., proposed "The Health of the Past Masters of the Lodge of Probity," and this was responded to by Bro. W. Cash, I.P.M.

Bro. G. Buckley, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., proposed "The Officers of the Lodge," and Bro. G. H. Smith, Asst. Sec., responded.

The toast of "The Ladies" was proposed by Bro. Ackroyd, and responded to by Bro. A. Scott.

Bro. H. Crossley, P.M., proposed the remaining toast, "All Poor and Distressed Masons."

The proceedings were enlivened by songs and recitations from several of the brethren: Bros. Ehad Hanson, F. Anderton, G. W. Baxter, W. Gaukroger, T. Buckland, L. P. Murgatroyd, and Broadhead. Mr. Sykes' string band was also in attendance and gave much satisfaction. Bro. J. W. Webb was the purveyor. The whole of the arrangements connected with the event were in the hands of the W.M., and were eminently satisfactory.

#### MANCHESTER.

**Integrity Lodge (No. 163).**—The annual installation was held on Wednesday, the 28th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, when Bro. Joseph P. Bedson, S.W., W.M. elect, was installed. The following brethren were present: Bros. G. B. Kershaw, W.M.; Jos. P. Bedson, S.W.; J. G. Sparkes, J.W.; J. M. Sinclair, Treas.; J. Wildgoose, P.M., Sec.; T. H. Schofield, S.D.; J. M. H. Blamey, J.D.; A. T. Youle, I.G.; J. B. Kirk, Tyler; W. D. Waddell, P.M.; H. H. Warburton, P.M.; Wm. Robinson, P.M.; W. Livsey, P.M.; J. Studd, P.M.; A. Dunn, J. Gardner, jun., H. R. Yates, G. Gaskill, C. F. Pike, C. Cookson, R. A. Hepworth, J. B. Summer, J. H. Stud, C. Sleight, James Mitchell, J. Bell, T. Stud, E. E. Wood, A. G. Marley, A. Heywood, J. W. Sparks, J. Allen, J. E. Jack, W. Pearson, W. Spurr, W. Moorhouse, Thos. Carr,

J. Broster, J. Lunde, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. E. Williams, P.M.; A. Willings, P. G. Hiller, J. Ingleby, J. W. Walworth, and T. Salmon. Visitors: Bros. A. H. Williams, P.M., P.G. Org.; E. Bigoe Bagot, P.P.G. Chap.; Richard Newhouse, P.G. Sec. Cheshire; Walter Campbell, 654; H. Salisbury, I.P.M. 654; A. Hopkinson, P.G.S. of W.; W. Alcock, P.M. 191; J. McLaren, P.P.S.G.W.; H. Nall, W.M. 1735; John Chadwick; W. T. Allitt, P.M.; J. R. Huddleston, 1061; E. G. Lingard, P.P.J.G.W.; W. Wildgoose, P.P.G.T.; H. Bratt, P.P.G.D.C.; Jos. Fletcher, W.M. 993; S. Studd, P.M. 1735; C. Hobbins, W.M. 44; A. R. Rogerson; T. Rostren, 1140; A. Tysoe, P.M. 1534; J. R. R. Jeffery, 1140; and S. E. Jupp, P.M., P.G. Org.

**Minnehaha Lodge (No. 2363).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Victoria Hotel, on Monday, the 26th ult., when there were present Bros. M. Thomas, P.M., W.M.; J. Wood, acting I.P.M.; S. Wrigley, S.W.; F. W. Wollaston, J.W.; C. Harrop, Treas.; F. Hilton, Sec.; W. Brabner, S.D.; C. H. Beaver, J.D.; G. R. Ward, I.G.; H. Nall, D.C.; E. Smith, Org.; C. Mercer, Stwd.; J. B. Kirk, Tyler; H. Geddes, H. W. Brockbank, F. W. Richmond, C. Duckworth, and J. W. Lloyd. Visitors: Bros. T. H. Black, 1170; E. L. Littler, P.M., P.P.G.P.; E. Broadbent, P.M. 2109; J. Hill, P.M. 204; T. H. Gags, 2156; J. Sutcliffe; and J. M. H. Blamey, 163.

#### NORWICH.

**Perseverance Lodge (No. 213).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 20th ult., at the Masonic Club, 47, St. Giles-street, under auspicious circumstances. The lodge was opened by the retiring W.M., Bro. W. J. Pond, P.P.G. Stwd., assisted by his officers. Among those present were Bros. Thomas Smith, jun., P.M., P.G.P.; George Kersey, P.M., P.P.G. Purst.; J. S. Offord, P.M., P.G. Treas.; J. E. H. Watson, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; C. E. Sexton, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; T. C. R. King, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; W. J. Butler, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Geo. Baxter, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C., P.P.S.G.W.; J. W. Hyde, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; G. V. Grummett, P.M. 1114 and 2237, P.P.A.G.D.C.; G. W. Durndell, P.G. Stwd., W.M. elect; C. H. Rust, P.P.G. Stwd.; G. Cole, G. D. Denchar, W. Asker, J. Tench, H. Cole, F. Pomeroy, G. E. Theobald, F. W. Garwood, B. B. Morgan, G. F. Howard, John Cox, S. Bennett, and J. R. Pearson. Among the visitors were Bros. R. P. Novene, W.M. 52; A. Smith, W.M. 93; W. F. Stratford, P.P.G. Stwd., W.M., H. Rosling, P.M., P.P.G.P., J. W. Browne, P.M., P.P.G.P., J. H. Guyton, P.M., P.G.D.C., A. Sidell, W.M. elect, A. G. Holmes, P.G. Stwd., T. H. Fiddy, and H. J. Howard, of 807; G. W. G. Barnard, P.P.G.R., P.G. Sec., W.M. 943; W. W. Warner, P.P.G. Stwd., W.M.; A. N. Mann, I.P.M., W. H. Cox, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., and Jesse Weyer, P.P.G. Stwd., of 1500; Hy. Milton, P.P.G. Stwd., W.M. 1808; Gregory, W.M. 838; E. Hollidge, Tyler; and W. Murrell, Asst. Tyler.

The minutes of the previous meeting were then read and confirmed, after which the ceremony of installation commenced, the preliminary proceedings in open lodge being rendered by the retiring W.M., Bro. W. J. Pond, the remainder being well performed by Bro. T. Smith, jun., P.M. At the conclusion of the ceremony Bro. Durndell invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. J. Pond, I.P.M.; G. D. Denchar, S.W.; C. H. Rust, J.W.; Rev. G. T. Carpenter, Chap.; T. C. R. King, P.M., Treas.; G. V. Grummett, P.M., Sec.; S. Cole, S.D.; J. Tench, J.D.; G. Baxter, P.M., D.C.; W. Asker, Org.; H. Cole, I.G.; F. W. Garwood and G. E. Theobald, Stwds.; and E. Hollidge, Tyler. The ballot was taken for and was unanimous in favour of three candidates for Freemasonry—Messrs. John Henry Colman, Herbert Richard Downes, and Alfred Shilling, and the W.M., Bro. Durndell, in an excellent and correct manner, performed the ceremony of initiation. After other lodge business had been transacted, and "Hearty good wishes" given by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to a most *recherche* banquet, supplied by Bro. Pretty, Steward of the Masonic Club, at the conclusion of which the usual loyal, Masonic, and general toasts were given and duly acknowledged.

Bro. W. J. Butler, in giving the toast of "The Prov. Grand Master, Lord Suffield," alluded to the kindly feeling and interest in Masonry his lordship had always displayed in the province, and which was clearly exemplified at the last Provincial Grand Lodge. Every brother present at that meeting must have observed the excellent way his lordship had conducted the business of the Prov. Grand Lodge, and evinced to the brethren his willingness to fall in with their wishes, a course which endeared him to their hearts.

The toast was received with much enthusiasm.

The Worshipful Master then gave "The D.P.G.M., Bro. Hamon Le Strange, and the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," and coupled the names of Bros. G. W. G. Barnard, P.G. Sec.; J. S. Offord, P.G. Treas.; W. H. Cox, and H. Rosling, who duly responded.

Bro. Barnard informed the brethren the reason of the absence of Bro. Hamon Le Strange was illness, he being confined to his room.

This was received with much regret, for many had counted on the pleasure of seeing the D.P.G.M. amongst them.

Bros. P. Novene, Gregory, W. F. Stratford, G. W. G. Barnard, W. W. Warner, and H. Milton responded to the toast of "The Worshipful Masters of Other Lodges," each congratulating the Master on his position and excellent working.

Bros. J. H. Guyton, Gregory, and A. N. Mann responded for "The Visitors."

The Initiates also responded to the toast of their health, the Entered Apprentice's song being well rendered by Bro. George Baxter.

Bro. W. J. Pond, the I.P.M., in giving the toast of "The W.M.," observed that he had no need to speak of the excellent working of Bro. Durndell, their newly-installed W.M. That was testified on all hands. He was most sure that in their new W.M. they would find one who would exercise to the utmost of his power and ability to make the lodge be and continue successful, and concluded by wishing Bro. Durndell a prosperous year of office.

Bro. Durndell, in response, returned thanks to Bro. Pond for the kind words he had said about him. He (Bro. Durndell) was pleased to hear they were satisfied with him, and promised he would use his utmost power to preserve the

peace, harmony, and welfare of the lodge during his year of office. He congratulated Bro. T. Smith, jun., P.M., upon the working of the ceremony of installation, and thanked him for the impressive way the charges were rendered, and concluded by hoping that the officers of the lodge would co-operate with him and render the success of the lodge complete.

The next toast was received with great enthusiasm, it being "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. W. J. Pond," proposed by the W.M. in eulogistic terms, in doing which he congratulated the I.P.M. on the excellent way he had conducted the lodge during the past 12 months, which had been to the satisfaction of the brethren generally, but although they could appreciate such services, actions could speak louder than words. It was therefore his (the W.M.'s) duty to present Bro. Pond, the I.P.M., with a handsome Past Master's jewel, subscribed for by the members of the lodge, that it might be emblematical of the esteem in which he had been and was held by the members. He (the W.M.) also, on behalf of the members of the lodge, presented him with a handsome illuminated address, and hoped Bro. Pond would always look upon and consider such gifts as a token of respect, esteem, and love of the brethren of the lodge.

The following is the text of the illuminated address: "Presented to Bro. W. J. Pond, P.P.G.S., with a Past Master's jewel, by the following officers and brethren of Perseverance Lodge, No. 213, as a fraternal token on his retiring from the chair. January 20th, 1891." (Here follow the names of the subscribers).

Bro. Pond, in response, thanked the brethren for their extreme kindness, not only in proposing and drinking his health, but for their kind presents, which he felt he was unworthy of; he felt that it was only due to their respect to him. He so much regarded the present that he should put the illuminated address in such a conspicuous part of his house that his descendants might hereafter look upon it and observe and equally respect it as he did.

The other usual toasts followed.

During the evening many excellent songs were rendered by Bros. S. Cole, J. S. Offord, Gregory, A. N. Mann, W. Asker, W. H. Cox, and others, accompanied by Bros. Gregory and S. Bennett.

We congratulate the W.M. on his accession to the chair, and hope he will have a successful year of office.

**Sincerity Lodge (No. 943).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Club, 47, St. Giles-street, on Tuesday, the 27th ultimo, under pleasing circumstances, the lodge being honoured by the presence of the newly-appointed D.P.G.M., Bro. Hamon Le Strange, who is universally respected in the province. The lodge was opened by the retiring W.M., Bro. G. W. G. Barnard, Prov. Grand Secretary, assisted by his officers, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Among those present were Bros. C. Thorn, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; E. Orams, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; R. E. Thorns, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; E. Baldwin, P.M.; W. R. Spewart, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; J. Francis, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; G. A. Fuller, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; H. J. Mills, P.M., P.G. Reg.; T. Ballard, P.M.; J. B. Bridgman, P.M. 93, P.P.G. Reg.; F. Thorns, W.M. elect; W. F. Stockings, R. W. White, A. A. Markham, P.P.A.G. Sec.; H. P. Crowe, C. B. Cross, T. J. M. Palmer, J. R. Ruympe, E. Hollidge, and others. Among the visitors were Bros. Hamon Le Strange, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., P.P.G. Treas., D.P.G.M.; R. P. Novene, W.M.; R. Lake, Thos. J. Compton, and W. P. Eversley, of 52; Chas. Cunnell, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; J. L. N. Barnard, P.M., Cubitt Page, C. L. Holden, P.G. Org.; J. H. Brockbank, P.A.G. Sec., and H. J. Brookes, P.P.G. Org., of 93; G. W. Durndell, W.M., and J. S. Offord, P.M., P.G. Treas., of 223; James Strapcott, 246; W. F. Stratford, P.P.G.S., W.M.; Geo. Baxter, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., P.P.S.G.W., J. W. Browne, P.M., P.P.G.P., A. Sidell, W.M. elect, Geo. Theobald, A. G. Holmes, P.G.S., and T. Fiddy, of 807; Jacobi Herz, 1435; W. W. Warner, P.P.G.S., W.M., F. Mills, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., C. Camping, P.P. G.O., and W. J. Farrow, of 1500; and H. Milton, P.P. G.S., W.M. 1808.

The retiring W.M. then in an excellent manner performed the ceremony of installing Bro. Frank Thorns into the chair of K.S., rendering the charges in grand style. The newly-installed W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. G. W. G. Barnard, I.P.M.; W. F. Stockings, S.W.; R. W. White, J.W.; R. E. Thorns, Treas.; G. A. Fuller, Sec.; C. Thorn, D. of C.; A. A. Markham, S.D.; H. P. Crowe, J.D.; C. B. Cross, I.G.; J. Francis, Stwd.; and E. Hollidge, Tyler. The report of the Audit Committee was then read, which showed a good balance in hand, notwithstanding several contributions had been made to the Masonic Charities. Bro. E. Baldwin was elected a member of the Charities Committee, and Bro. W. H. Moss was elected one of the directors of the Norwich Masonic Association. "Hearty good wishes" were given by the visiting brethren, and the lodge was duly closed.

The brethren then adjourned to a most *recherche* banquet, supplied by Bro. Pretty, the Steward of the Club, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and duly acknowledged.

The W.M., in proposing the toast of "The Prov. Grand Master, the Right Hon. Lord Suffield, K.C.B.," observed that his lordship had now been P.G.M. for several years, and the brethren must all agree that he had done his duty well, although they would like to see him more frequently amongst them, but they must excuse him in consequence of his numerous duties.

The W.M. then proposed the toast of "The D.P.G.M. and the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," which was received with immense cheering, observing that he was sure they were all delighted to see the D.P.G.M., Bro. H. Le Strange, with them that night, and thankful that he was again convalescent. He (the W.M.) was at the Social Lodge the other evening, and it was a source of regret that Bro. Hamon Le Strange was not there with those present. The province could speak of him as a good Mason, and most fitting to perform the duties of his important office. The W.M. concluded by wishing him a long and prosperous life, devoting it to the ancient Craft.

The D.P.G.M., in reply, said in returning thanks for their kindness he desired to say a few words about the P.G.M., Lord Suffield. He only wished his lordship had been there, for he would have been heartily received as he always had been. His lordship had always in conducting Masonic meetings contrived to make them have a "go," and if his lordship was able to come amongst them oftener it would conduce to the prosperity of the province; but

Bro. Le Strange observed, his lordship had deputed him to take his place, and he (Bro. Le Strange) would do all that he could on his behalf. He felt very much flattered at the kind reception they had given him, and hoped it would not be the last visit amongst them. He hoped that he should be able to get round to all the different lodges in the province, and hoped the brethren would not take offence if he noticed anything contrary to the rules of Masonry, for he would only be doing his duty. He complimented the lodge and its officers for their excellent work and position. Bro. Le Strange then spoke at length upon the subject of wearing jewels other than those authorised by the Book of Constitutions, and deprecated their use. He also regretted there were so few clergymen among the Craft who were willing to act as Chaplains of lodges; he was sure it would be a great boon to them in their other duties. Again, another matter he was pleased to see in connection with that lodge was the appointment of a P.M. as D.C. The office was a most important one, and should only be performed by Past Masters. He regretted that a custom had crept into some lodges of appointing recently-initiated brethren, which was much to be deprecated. He (Bro. Le Strange) complimented Bro. C. Thorns, the present D.C. of the lodge, upon his work, and hoped the lodge would always appreciate his services, and keep to the usual custom in that appointment. In concluding, he expressed his appreciation of the appointment of Bro. J. S. Offord as Prov. Grand Treas. Such a gift as that office should always be in the hands of the brethren, and a fresh appointment made every year to some worthy brother P.M. who could conscientiously fill the office.

Bro. J. S. Offord, P.G. Treas., also responded, in the course of which he threw out the suggestion mentioned by the D.P.G.M., that a meeting of Past Masters should be held previous to the Provincial Grand Lodge to decide who should have the position of Prov. Grand Treasurer, that there might not be any unseemly rivalry for the same.

The toast of "The Visitors" was acknowledged by Bros. R. P. Novene, G. W. Durdell, W. W. Warner, and J. Shapcott.

The D.P.G.M. then gave the toast of "The Worshipful Master," and observed that, as by the courtesy of the I.P.M. the gavel had been entrusted to his hands, he hoped he should do justice to the toast, which was the health of the W.M. He was pleased to see it met with their approval and hearty reception. He wished the W.M. a busy year of office, initiating new members and new blood therein, hoping that the W.M. would emulate the example of the I.P.M. so that when he left the chair at the termination of his year of office the brethren would thank him as heartily as his predecessor, and thereby add credit to the lodge.

The Worshipful Master duly responded. The I.P.M. observing that words would fail him in expressing what he and the brethren felt for Bro. Barnard not only in respect, but in admiration of his excellent working. The lodge, he felt sure, would always be proud of him, and in him the Province of Norfolk had an excellent Secretary. The W.M. concluded by characterising Bro. Barnard as a good Mason and a good fellow.

Bro. Barnard, in reply, thanked the brethren for their kind expressions, for his services to the lodge had been purely a labour of love, and he had had a pleasurable year of office, and was gratified to find he had given satisfaction. He concluded by thanking the officers of the lodge for their support.

Bro. Chas. Thorn and H. J. Mills responded to the toast of "The Past Masters."

The I.P.M. proposed, and Bro. Geo. Baxter acknowledged, the toast of "The Masonic Charities," the latter alluding to the fact that Bro. Diver had been appointed as Steward of the province for the R.M.B.I., and hoped that any brother that could would assist him with their contributions.

Bros. W. F. Stockings, R. W. White, and George A. Fuller responded for the toast of "The Officers."

The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings of the evening. Bro. Barnard is to be congratulated upon his year of office, this being his second term as Master of the lodge, for during the past year he initiated four members and had one joining member. His working is complete, and in his position as Prov. G. Sec. gives universal satisfaction to the province.

During the evening Bros. H. J. Brookes, Brockbank, C. L. Holden, Offord, and C. J. Campling rendered several excellent glees and songs, Bros. Brookes and Campling accompanying.

It was an excellent meeting, and we hope the W.M. will have a successful year of office. Many thanks are due to Bro. Geo. A. Fuller, the Secretary, for his labours towards making the lodge a financial success. Bro. Fuller accepted office when Bro. Robt. Gunn, P.M., P.G. Tyler, resigned, after having served the lodge for 23 years as Secretary, when he retired in consequence of failing health and age.

SPILSBY.

**Shakespeare Lodge (No. 426).**—The installation of the W.M. of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, on Friday, the 23rd ult., when Bro. J. Jarvis Rainey was duly installed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. Henry George, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G.D. of C. Notts. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. Remington, I.P.M.; H. M. Leggett, S.W.; A. J. Eve, J.W.; Rev. C. R. Patey, Chap.; T. W. Thimbleby, Treas.; T. H. Dodds, Sec.; F. J. Walker, S.D.; W. S. Rainey, J.D.; G. Booth Walker, I.G.; W. Welsh, Stwd.; and R. Holland, Tyler.

The brethren then adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, when full justice having been done to the good things provided, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed, which were duly honoured.

Several songs were sung by the brethren during the evening, which greatly added to the enjoyment. It is noteworthy that the W.M. is the fourth member of a family who has held the office of Master of the Shakespeare Lodge since its formation in 1835, his uncle, Bro. Titus Rainey, having been one of the founders.

TEDDINGTON.

**Sir Charles Bright Lodge (No. 1793).**—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Clarence Hotel on the 28th ult. Among those in attendance were Bros. Simmonds, W.M.; Barns, S.W.; W.M. elect; F. Chandler, P.M. 1656, P.P.G.P., acting J.W.;

J. Piller, P.M., Treas.; R. W. Forge, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Sec.; W. Middleweek, S.D.; Dines, J.D.; J. Ruffie, Org.; Capt. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., Stwd.; W. J. Porter, I.P.M.; Warner, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; Winddeatt, I.G.; Finch, P.M., P.G.S. of W. Middx.; T. Middleweek, Plaford, E. Hall, J. Hall, Furse, and others.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. E. Grice was raised to the Third Degree by the W.M. in a most able manner. The new by-laws as amended were read. The accounts of the past year were also audited, and showed the lodge, thanks to the fostering care of the Treasurer and Secretary, to be financially in a highly satisfactory condition. Several brethren sent apologies for non-attendance.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. This being an emergency meeting, only a few toasts were given.

The W.M., as usual, presided most ably, and the brethren spent a most agreeable evening, thanks to the instrumental and vocal exertions of Bros. J. Ruffie, E. Hall, W. J. Porter, J. Hall, T. Middleweek, and W. Middleweek.

TENBY.

**Tenby Lodge (No. 1177).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Royal Gate House Hotel, on Monday, the 26th ult. The event proved a very interesting one, inasmuch as a large gathering of influential brethren assembled together, some of them having travelled very long journeys to witness the installation of Bro. C. Smith-Allen, P.P.A.G.P., S.W. and W.M. elect, who is very popular in the district owing to his general geniality and acts of charity. Bro. C. Smith-Allen was then installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. A. H. Brookman, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., and the following were appointed officers for the ensuing year: Bros. A. H. Brookman, P.P.J.G.W., I.P.M.; John Leach, S.W.; T. E. Wade, J.W.; Rev. G. Huntington, Chap.; Robt. Locke, Treas.; M. M. Thomas, Sec.; J. Bancroft, S.D.; Rev. G. C. Rowe, J.D.; Wm. Rees, D.C.; Thomas Gibbon, I.G.; J. G. Locke, H. Williams, and James E. Gower, Stwds.; and F. J. Pratt, Tyler.

At the close of the installation the brethren subsequently partook of a banquet splendidly served by the host, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

The following brethren and visitors were present: Bros. J. A. Jenkins, P.M.; J. G. Locke, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; W. H. Richards, P.M.; J. E. Gower, W. Rees, H. Williams, G. C. Rossa, C. Matthias, P.M. 2001; Chas. D. Allen, 1313, and S. J. Allen, P.M. 990 (both sons of the newly-appointed W.M.); Wm. Fleming Scarlett, 1313, and Sec. 2360; George Duxfield, P.M. 613; Jno. May, 464; E. Ellis, 464; W. R. Edwards, R. Venning, Geo. Jameson, P.M. 990; R. Holdings, 476; A. Lewis, 476; J. Henderson, 990; and H. E. J. Smith, W.M. elect 378.

WOKING.

**St. John's Lodge (No. 1564).**—The installation meeting was held at the Prince of Wales Hotel, on Monday, the 26th ult., when there were present Bros. Lean, W.M.; Jackson, S.W.; Foster, J.W.; Wellspring, Treas.; Black, P.M., Sec.; Parsons, S.D.; Bailey, J.D.; Cutting, I.G.; Dodge, D.C.; Larcombe, Stwd.; and Daysh, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. Cater, I.P.M. 2317, Prov. G. Chap.; Higgs, P.M. 106; Miles, W.M. 2234; Grundy, I.G. 1585; Spooner, 87; Lancaster, S.W. 2317; Beck, 643; Loder, 39; Askham, P.M. 723; and Ball, I.P.M. 2234.

The lodge was opened, and the report and balance-sheet of last year, as well as the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Hammond was passed to the Degree of F.C., after which the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Broderick, I.P.M., who installed Bro. W. S. Jackson in the chair of K.S. in a most able and impressive manner. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Lean, I.P.M.; Foster, S.W.; Parsons, J.W.; Wellspring, Treas.; Black, Sec.; Bailey, S.D.; Cutting, J.D.; Dodge, I.G.; Larcombe, D.C.; Gaytor and Smith, Stwds.; and Daysh, Tyler. The W.M. then in a very pretty speech presented the I.P.M. with a handsome Past Master's jewel in token of the high esteem in which he was held in the lodge.

The brethren then adjourned to dinner, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured and responded to, the speeches being interspersed with harmony by Bros. Black, Erskine, Broderick, Beck, Cutting, Grundy, and others, and a most humorous recitation by Bro. Cater, Prov. G. Chap.

Royal Arch.

CAMBRIDGE.

**Fidelity Chapter (No. 441).**—A convocation of this chapter was held at the Lion Hotel, on Wednesday, the 28th ult., when the Principals' chairs were taken by Comps. T. Watts, Z.; H. King, H.; and John Fuller, J. The visitors included Comps. Col. R. T. Caldwell, Grand Superintendent; A. H. Moyes, P.Z., P.P.G.H., D.P.G.M.; B. Chennell, P.Z., P.P.G.J.; James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; Oliver Papworth, J. 88, P.A. G.S.; and others.

Proceedings commenced with the installation of Comps. H. King, as Z.; J. Fuller, H.; and John Sheldrick, J. The ceremonies were performed in a most impressive manner by Comp. Terry, whilst Comp. E. H. Jennings, P.Z., P.G.H., assisted as D.C. The following officers were then invested: Comps. J. S. Youngman, P.Z., S.E.; C. A. Vinter, S.N. and Stwd.; J. F. Symonds, P.S.; James Catling, 1st A.S.; George Bull, 2nd A.S.; John Vail, P.Z., Treas.; and A. F. Hurry, Janitor.

The chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to banquet, at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

Mark Masonry.

**Earl of Carnarvon Lodge (No. 211).**—This suburban lodge met at Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, on the 29th ult. Among those present were Bros. F. C. Frye, L.C.C., W.M.; F. E. Peacock, M.D., S.W., W.M. elect; Skinner, P.M., P.G. Stwd. Middlesex and Surrey, acting J.W.; Monson, S.O.; S. H. Parkhouse, J.O.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., P.G.S.B., Sec.; Wadham, S.D.; Dr. Kiallmark, J.D.; D. P. Cama, acting I.G.;

R. Lawson, P.M., P.P.G.M.O.; Rickwood, P.M.; J. N. Frye, P.M.; and Bros. H. H. Shirley, M.A., P.M., P.G. Stwd.; Dr. Younger, and Day were visitors.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Secretary then installed Bro. Dr. Pocock as W.M. for the year ensuing, assisted by Bros. J. N. Frye, as S.W.; Skinner, as J.W.; Shirley, as D.C.; and D. P. Cama, as I.G. The following appointments and investitures then took place: Bros. Parkhouse, S.W.; Huish, J.W.; Monson, M.O.; Wadham, S.O.; Dr. Kiallmark, J.O.; J. N. Frye, P.M., Treas.; Capt. Walls, Sec.; and R. Schofield, Tyler. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. Bro. John Mason, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., and ex-Treasurer of No. 211, was unanimously elected as an honorary member in recognition of his long and tried services. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. F. C. Frye, L.C.C. The ballot having been taken for Bro. G. Gardner, 1642, he was duly advanced to the Degree of M.M. in a manner that proved Bro. Dr. Pocock to be *facile princeps* in this particular Degree.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. A. S. Harris, P.M.; J. Taylor, P.M.; Huish, J.W.; T. Poore, P.G.I.G.; and others. The resignation of Bro. J. French was received with regret.

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

The customary toasts followed. Bro. Shirley, P.G. Stwd., responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers" and Bros. Lawson and Skinner for "The Provincial Grand Officers."

In responding to "The Health of the Visitors," Bros. Younger and Day respectively eulogised the working of the lodge, and highly commended it for its harmony and hospitality.

The proceedings terminated at an early hour. The W.M. will represent the lodge at the next Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund.

SHEERNESS-ON-SEA.

**Adams Lodge (No. 6).**—The brethren of this lodge met at the Britannia Hotel, on Tuesday, the 13th ult., to perform the very pleasing duty of installing Bro. Charles Montague Glayshier, the W.M. elect, by dispensation from Grand Mark Lodge, he not being a Past Master of the Craft.

The lodge being opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Among the brethren present were Bros. A. Spears, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. and P.J.G.D., &c., who acted as W.M. in the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. H. G. Boorman; J. Bagshaw, P.M., P.P. Asst. G. Sec., as S.W.; C. M. Glayshier, J.W.; W. T. Carpenter, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Treas.; G. T. Green, P.M., P.P.G. Org.; J. Tower, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Charles Hallett, M.O.; W. J. Cole, S.O.; J. Auty, J.O.; and others. Bro. Alexander Spears, P.M., &c., officiated as the Installing Officer, and in an impressive manner performed the beautiful ceremony of installing Bro. C. M. Glayshier into the chair of A. for the ensuing year. The newly-installed W.M. then appointed Bro. H. G. Boorman, I.P.M., by proxy, stating he felt a great pleasure in doing so, feeling assured he would have the kind support of the Past Masters during his year of office. The Board of Installed Masters was then closed, and the following brethren invested as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. C. Hallett, S.W.; W. J. Cole, J.W.; J. Auty, M.O.; E. Venner, S.O.; C. E. Walmsley, J.O.; W. T. Carpenter, P.M., Treas.; A. Spears, P.M., Sec.; J. Bagshaw, P.M., R. of M.; G. T. Green, P.M., S.D.; R. Derry, J.D.; R. J. E. Brown, P.M., D. of C.; J. J. Doron, I.G.; W. Milleker, Stwd.; and J. Akhurst, Tyler. The officers were then addressed in a very able and impressive manner by the Installing Officer. After the addresses Bro. A. Spears, P.M., presented the lodge with three handsome mallets, one for each pedestal, made according to the pattern of the hammers of stone in co-operative Masonry, which was highly appreciated by the brethren of the lodge. Bro. J. Bagshaw, P.M., proposed, Bro. W. T. Carpenter, P.M., seconded, and it was also supported by the S.W., that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded and entered on the minutes to Bro. A. Spears for his handsome present to the lodge. Carried with acclamation.

A candidate being proposed, the lodge was closed, and the brethren then assembled in the banquet room, and sat down to an excellent banquet provided by the host, Bro. G. T. Green, in his usual style.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were then proceeded with.

The Worshipful Master gave "The Queen and Mark Masonry," which was loyally drunk, also "The Health of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," which was ably responded to by Bro. A. Spears, P.G.D. England.

Bro. W. T. Carpenter, P.P.J.G.W., responded for "The Officers of the Province."

Bro. A. Spears, P.M., proposed "The W.M.," who thanked the brethren for placing him in so honourable a position as the W.M. of the oldest lodge in Kent, and said nothing should be wanting on his part to make the lodge successful during his year of office.

The Tyler's toast brought this happy meeting to a close.

WHITEHAVEN.

**Fletcher Lodge (No. 213).**—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 30th ult., for the purpose of installing Bro. H. Burns, W.M. elect. The lodge was opened by Bro. Rev. Jas. Anderson, P.S.G.W., W.M., supported by his officers. The minutes were read and confirmed, and one candidate balloted for and advanced, when Bro. I. Brakenridge, P.M., P.P.S.G.O., presided, and Bro. Burns was duly installed, and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Rev. J. Anderson, I.P.M. and Chaplain; S. Broadbent, S.W.; Dr. J. F. Muir, J.W.; Geo. Starkey, M.O.; J. M. Clarke, S.O.; Thos. Mitchell, J.O.; Geo. Dalrymple, P.M., Treas.; Jas. Ramsay, Reg. of Marks; J. Thompson, Sec.; Robt. Shepherd, S.D.; J. A. Fowler, J.D.; R. D. Metcalf, D.C.; H. Cook, P.P.G. Org., Organist; Brockbank, Steward; J. P. Bennett, I.G.; and Thos. Richardson, Tyler.

Bro. Bryce Craig, P.M. 216, delivered the customary addresses in his usual able manner, and a hearty vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bros. Brakenridge and Craig for their services.

With "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall, where a light

refreshment had been provided, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

There were also present Bros. John Casson, W. H. Bewlay, P.G.I.G.; Thos. Atkinson, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; H. Meageen, Ed. Pattinson, W. D. P. Field, P.P.G.D.C.; B. Craig, P.M. 216, P.P.G.M.O.; and W. Heathcote, M.O. 216.

## Ancient and Accepted Rite.

### CONSECRATION OF A NEW CHAPTER AT BIDEFORD.

An interesting event in connection with Freemasonry took place at Bideford, on Monday, the 2nd instant, when a Rose Croix chapter was consecrated and opened. The officiating representatives from headquarters were V.I. Bros. H. D. Sandeman, 33°; Col Burney, 33°; Illus. Bros. Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, 32°; and Lord Cremorne, 30°.

There being several candidates (prominent Freemasons of North Devon) for perfection, it was decided to admit them to the Degree first, in order that they might witness the interesting ceremonial of the consecration of a new chapter. This was accordingly done, and the ceremony was impressively conducted by the illustrious brethren named. After the consecration Illus. Bro. Rev. W. G. Morse, 31°, was duly installed as M.W.S.

Subsequently the brethren dined together at the New Inn Hotel, at which place the chapter is held.

### EAST LANCASHIRE MASONIC CHARITIES.

A meeting of the General Committee of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution was held recently at Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester. Bro. E. G. Harwood, the Chairman, presided over a large attendance of the Charity representatives of lodges within the province.

The Secretary of the Institution, Bro. J. CHADWICK, read the reports of the various Committees, and also the report of the Auditors, Bros. James Andrew, F. W. Lean, and William Jaffery, accompanying the statement of accounts for the year 1890. The Treasurer's account showed a balance in hand at the beginning of last year of £347 2s., receipts from donations and subscriptions £1332 15s. 6d., of which £280 19s. 6d. was subscribed by individuals, £181 10s. came from extraordinary sources, and the remainder was subscribed by lodges, chapters, &c.; interest on investments and from bankers, £301 12s. 6d., and repayment of investments, £1216 8s., making a total received of £3197 18s. 10d. On the other side of the account grants had been given in relief to distressed Masons and the families of deceased Masons amounting to £332, distributed among 21 cases; £251 had been paid for the educational fees of 32 children, and £50 11s. 7d. had been paid to and disbursed in casual relief by the Almoners. There had been an investment of £1606 9s. 7d. in railway shares, and an expenditure in establishment charges of £73 16s. 11d., leaving a bank balance of £884 0s. 9d. The total amount now invested on behalf of the Institution is £8517 13s. 2d.

The report was adopted. An application from the widow of a Rochdale brother for the benefits of education for her two sons was brought forward. One of the cases was adopted and recommended to the Education Board, but that of the second boy was declined, because he is under age.

Bro. CHADWICK proposed a motion, notice of which had been given by Bro. J. Heelis, Honorary Secretary, that so long as the Trustees of Provincial Grand Lodge pay the income of the Annuity Fund to the Institution such income should be paid to an annuitant, and that for the purposes of voting certain lodges and individuals should be credited with subscriptions representing their proportions of the income. Bro. Chadwick explained that the object was to establish in connection with the Institution data upon which they might hereafter to a certain extent grant annuities. This had long been desired both by himself and the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Col. Starkie, and the passing of the resolution would enable the Committee to get in the thin end of the wedge in this particular matter. Originally the sum of £800 odd was handed over by the subscribers referred to in the motion to the trustees of Provincial Grand Lodge, and the interest on that was £21 10s., and constituted the income to be annually paid over by the trustees to the Institution for an annuitant.

Bro. F. W. LEAN seconded the motion, and it was carried.

On the motion of Bro. CHADWICK, seconded by Bro. J. H. SILLITOE, a first annuitant was elected.

The SECRETARY said there was a probability of £200 being handed over by a trustee of the Ashton-under-Lyne lodges for the purpose of establishing an annuity.

Bro. JAMES NEWTON, Assistant Secretary, mentioned an approaching dramatic performance at Bolton in aid of the funds of the Institution.

Bro. MARTIN THOMAS, W.M. of the Minnehaha Minstrel Lodge, No. 2363, announced that the body of musicians giving the lodge its title would give a special performance in the Free Trade Hall on Saturday, April 11th, in aid of this Institution and the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. With the cordial sup-

port of the brethren, it is hoped that a large sum will be realised on the occasion.

The announcement was received with applause. At the close of the General Committee's business, a meeting of the Education Board was held.

The annual general meeting of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution was held on Thursday, the 29th ult., in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester, Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, Prov. Grand Master, President of the Institution, in the chair.

Bro. J. HEELIS, Hon. Sec., submitted the report of the General Committee, and this, together with the report of the Almoners' Committee, was received and adopted.

The Treasurer's account and balance-sheet were brought forward by Bro. N. A. EARLE, and were adopted, subject to a resolution that the Committee should consider and decide upon the desirableness of continuing to publish in the annual report the names of the recipients of educational and other relief apart from those relieved by the Almoners.

The election of 15 subscribers upon the Committee resulted in the substitution of the name of Bro. Kershaw for that of Bro. Jefferies, who ceased to act.

Bro. W. Jaffery was elected Treasurer, and the proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

### DORSET MASONIC CHARITY.

The 21st half-yearly meeting of the General Committee of this Charity was held at the Masonic Hall, Dorchester, on Saturday, the 31st ult. Bro. W. D. Dugdale, the Chairman, presided, and was supported by Bros. W. E. Brymer, D.P.G.M.; R. Case, P.G. Sec.; Treas.; S. R. Baskett, Hon. Sec.; D. Hitching, W.M., and J. Painter, of 137; J. A. Sherren, 170; J. W. Tribbett, 386; G. J. G. Gregory and E. Newman, W.M., of 417; J. A. Atkins and W. J. Fletcher, of 622; T. Giles and W. James, of 707; L. H. Ruegg, 1168; W. W. Stickland and A. C. Todd, of 1266; and J. Baker, 1037. Letters expressing inability to attend were received from Bros. Zillwood Milledge, the Vice-Chairman; C. J. Hambro, M.P., P.D.P.G.M.; J. W. Luff, and F. Budden.

On the recommendation of the Relief and Assistance Sub-Committee, two grants of £20 and £12 respectively were made to two petitioners.

The accounts for 1890 were presented, showing that the capital account now stood at £2531 15s., and that there was a balance to the credit of the Relief account of £144 4s. 4d. It was resolved that as soon as sufficient funds had come in, £166 12s. 6d. should be transferred from Relief to Capital account, to enable a sum of £200 to be invested.

It was agreed that the next annual meeting of the Committee should be held at Weymouth.

The meeting concluded with votes of thanks to the Chairman, Bro. Dugdale, and to Bro. E. Newman, W.M. 417, for his hospitality in providing refreshments for the Committee.

### WAKEFIELD MASONIC LITERARY SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of this society was held on the 28th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield, the P.G.M., Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P., President, in the chair. There were also present, amongst others, Bros. H. Smith, D.P.G.M.; Schotten, W.M. 495; and a fairly numerous assemblage of Past Masters and brethren from the three Wakefield lodges.

Letters of apology for non-attendance were announced from the Mayor of Wakefield, Bro. J. Haslegrave, J.P., P.M.; Bros. Atherton, P.M.; Monckman, P.M.; J. Constable, W.M. Crowle Lodge; Binney, P.M.; N. Fennell, W.M. Unanimity Lodge; and several others.

To suit the convenience of the President, the order of the advertised business for the evening was reversed. The lecturer was Bro. Edward Macbean, P.M., J.D. of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, and for upwards of an hour he secured the attention of his audience by treating them to a very clear exposition of his views on the symbolic aspect of Masonry. Bro. Macbean's style is conversational, and he dealt with his subject in an easy, chatty way, which the brethren fully appreciated. The lecture being of a character which precludes a full report, we regret that we are not able to give our readers some idea of Bro. Macbean's masterly handling, but we can in justice say that by quotation and by incidental reference the lecturer showed that his reading on this and kindred subjects had been very extensive, and his study of symbolism unquestionably profound. He had the happy knack, too, of seizing salient points and presenting them in a very alluring manner. The brethren present were deeply interested, and showed their complete grasp of the subject as well as their estimate of its value by the very intelligent way in which they discussed it afterwards.

A very hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Macbean, coupled with the expression of a hope that he would pay them another visit, completed the literary part of the evening. The remainder, it being the annual meeting, was routine business—election of officers, &c.

Bro. H. S. CHILDE, one of the Secretaries, read the minutes of the last meeting. Bro. J. Matthewman, P.M., presented the report for the year, and Bro. Kingswell, Treasurer, produced the balance-sheet. From the report it was evident the society was flourishing, and the balance-sheet showed that its finances were in a very satisfactory condition.

After the unanimous adoption of the report and balance-sheet the re-election of Bro. T. W. Tew, Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire, as President, was proposed by Bro. H. OXLEY, P.M. 495, seconded by Bro. W. PICKARD, P.M. 1019, and carried by acclamation. Bro. Tew has from its establishment taken the liveliest interest in the Wakefield Masonic Literary Society, and has given it most valuable support. His sympathetic help has been of most material value to the members, and has been duly recognised and acknowledged throughout the society's successful career.

The Vice-Presidents, four in number, were next chosen. They were Bros. H. Smith, D.P.G.M.; W. Fennell, W.M. 154; G. C. Schotten, W.M. 495; and W. H. Haley, W.M. 1019.

The Treasurer, Bro. Kingswell, and the Secretaries, Bros. J. Matthewman and H. S. Childe, were next solicited to continue in the offices which they so well filled. To this they consented, after which a Committee consisting of nine brethren, three from each Wakefield lodge, was appointed.

A very successful meeting was closed with the usual votes of thanks, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, where an hour was passed in social intercourse.

### PROPOSED CENTRAL MASONIC HALL AT NEWCASTLE.

At the close of the formal business of the Walker Lodge, No. 1342, on Wednesday, the 14th inst., in Grainger-street West, Newcastle, the following resolution was unanimously passed:

"That the members of Walker Lodge rejoice to hear that a movement has been initiated towards the establishment of a large central Masonic building, where all the Craft and other lodges can meet, and hereby pledge themselves to use every endeavour to aid its promotion. They further promise, in the event of a company being formed to carry out the scheme, as far as possible to become shareholders, and to invest in it the available funds of the lodge. Also, that if along with the said venture a much needed Masonic Club be formed, with suitable accommodation, in the same building, they hereby promise it their sympathy and support."

It is estimated that the cost of the projected new building will be between £15,000 and £16,000. The intention of the promoters is to have a Masonic Hall which will be large enough for two lodge meetings to be held at one time, and the annual meetings of Provincial Grand Lodge, &c.; to have it centrally and conveniently situated, and also contain club rooms for ordinary club purposes. Steps will be taken to lay the project before the whole of the lodges as soon as possible, and doubtless the sum required will soon be raised, and a hall built suitable for all requirements.

### ANNUAL DINNER OF THE GAVEL CLUB.

#### PRESENTATION TO BRO. H. PRITCHARD.

The annual dinner of the above club was held on Friday, the 30th ult., when between 50 and 60 members and friends sat down to a capital repast provided for them at the Freemasons' Tavern. Gaveller W. H. Kirby (President) occupied the chair, while Gavers R. Clay Sudlow and G. Lewis Kennaby occupied the vice-chairs.

After a highly interesting and amusing space of time, which was devoted to the disposal of the refreshments, the Gaveller PRESIDENT addressed the meeting thus: Gavers and Visitors,—As it is no part of my duty to tell you the various objects of the Gavel Club, and further it would be unnecessary, as you all probably know them as well as I, my remarks will be very few. I would, however, remark that the Gavel Club consists of a number of first-rate men of the truly good Mason-in-action as well as by profession kind; they are therefore loyal, good-hearted, and benevolent, and as it is my purpose now to propose the first of the toasts (there will be only three), this must of necessity be more or less comprehensive. The rules of this club are not many, but we claim that they are unique; the violation of a rule results in an immediate fine, and our visitors will be glad to learn that every fraction of those fines goes to the benefit of our grand Masonic Institutions. (Applause.) I see, with pleasure, we have among our visitors to-night the Secretaries of two of those Institutions, and you will consider it cause for congratulation when I tell you that within the last week the club has found itself in a position to vote a very respectable sum of money from its funds for the benefit of these Institutions, and it has accordingly done so. As benevolent Masons, we should like a separate toast for these Institutions to-night, but our said rules do not permit it. Another stringent and capital rule is that, with a few rare exceptions, speeches are not allowed at our meetings. This is an exceptional night, but I should still be out of order if I spoke at any great length. The aim of this club, briefly, is the increasing of brotherly love, and the promotion of social pleasures among its members, and who among those in a position to judge can say its aim is not fully attained? As loyal Masons, I have to invite you to support the toast of "Her Majesty the Queen," during whose reign Masonry has maintained its eminent and dignified position in Great Britain, and with the same bumper I ask you to drink "The Success of the Gavel Club," and with the latter portion of the toast I couple the name of our highly respected Secretary and Treasurer, Gaveller Pritchard, whom we know to be

indefatigable in promoting the welfare of the club, and to whom the club owes so much for his constant personal attention to everything which can tend to increase its prosperity.

The Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Gaveller PRITCHARD, in returning thanks, said he was very proud to be called on to respond on behalf of, or even to be associated with, the club. It was an institution in character, but he ventured to say that no institution embraced so much good fellowship as the Gavel Club. As regarded any little services which he had rendered the club, he could only say he had been more than repaid by the pleasures he had over and over again enjoyed amongst those around him.

In proposing the next toast, the PRESIDENT said: In my earlier remarks I told you the Gavel Club claimed that its members were all good men and true. I now add some of them are distinguished, and their merit is universally recognised. I will not now enumerate the eminent Masons among its members, for it would be difficult to know where to stop, and reference to but a few might prove invidious. Another characteristic of the Gavellers is—they are unselfish, and a mede of pleasure and happiness comes to them as a body whenever one of their number is singled out for special distinction. During recent months the honourable position of Grand Treasurer for the Province of Middlesex has been accorded to our esteemed Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, otherwise Bro. Henry Pritchard. At the time of his election it was generally understood there were three or four candidates for this important office, but when it came to the actual voting, and Bro. Pritchard was formally nominated, there was no opposition, not another name was brought forward. The candidates probably knew the strength of Bro. Pritchard's supporters, and all honour to them for not appearing on the scene, as this left the field open to him, and he thus gained what cannot be considered otherwise than a unanimous returning of his name as Grand Treasurer for the Province of Middlesex, and in his election there can be no question that a most desirable brother was secured by the province for the highest position it was in their power to vote him to. Now the Gavellers take this opportunity of, at once giving themselves a further pleasure, the tangible evidence of which consists in some jewels, which they intend to ask Bro. Pritchard to accept at their hands. I am delighted to be the medium through which this presentation is made. Bro. Pritchard, I have the greatest pleasure in asking you to accept this jewel, which is presented to you by the Committee of the Gavel Club (the breast jewel of Prov. Grand Treasurer), also this jewel (the collar jewel of Prov. Grand Treasurer), which is presented to you by the other members of this club. Few words of mine need accompany this presentation, so I will only say we all sincerely hope many years may pass before anything like an interruption may occur in the present happy and united feelings which so closely bind you and the members of this club together. Gavellers and visitors, I ask you to pledge our Secretary and Treasurer, wishing him a successful and pleasant year of office as Grand Treasurer for the Province of Middlesex.

The toast was received with much enthusiasm and musical honours.

Gaveller PRITCHARD, who was very affected by this demonstration, spoke a few earnest words of thanks and acknowledgment, and told the President, Vice-Presidents, and Gavellers that it would be untrue if he said that presentation came to him altogether unexpectedly, it would also be equally untrue if he said he had sufficient words of thanks to express the gratification the presentation had caused him. It was an evidence he was delighted to receive. He could assure the members of the club that he loved them, and he considered he might accept that handsome present as a testimony that they loved him. He asked to be excused from further remarks, for his feelings were such that he could not thank them adequately, although what he did say was indeed sincere.

"The Health of the Visitors" was the third and last toast by the PRESIDENT, who said that the Gavel Club claimed among its virtues (which were perhaps being rather loudly praised by him that night) hospitality. It did not offer to its visitors a sumptuous banquet, so the fact of the ready response of visitors on all occasions could not be attributed to that temptation; but it offered them the hand of goodfellowship, and straightforward good hearted plentitude of healthful pleasure, together with good musical or dramatic entertainment, of which there was always a fair supply from many of its talented members. However, whatever the cause, the effect existed that visitors were always present in good numbers, and the club was never known to do other than extend them a hearty welcome. In proposing "The Health of the Visitors," he hoped there would never be a meeting in the future at which some of them would not be present. He should couple with that toast the names of Bros. James Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I.; J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B.; F. W. Levander, and H. H. Nuding.

Bro. James Terry having had to leave before responding, Bro. McLEOD acknowledged in fitting terms the pleasure he experienced in being one of so good a gathering, and on behalf of the Institution he represented, he thanked the members for the handsome donation he had heard through a side wind had been voted to it. That was another instance of the inclination of good-hearted men, who, while taking their own comforts in life, were not forgetful of those who could not afford them. On behalf of the other visitors, and for himself, he thanked the Gavel Club for the pleasure of being among them that evening.

Bro. F. W. LEVANDER, in addition to thanking the Gavel Club for the kind welcome extended the visitors, wished to recall the fact that that was not only the annual dinner of the club, but it had been made an event which could only once happen in a man's life. He would like to add his quota at the presentation made to Bro. Pritchard, for he had the pleasure of proposing him in Prov. Grand Lodge as Treasurer for Middlesex. When they went down to Prov. Grand Lodge they heard there were several candidates about to fight the election. It was not due to his persuasive words, but to the well-known character and ability of his nominee, that not one of those candidates put up their names against Bro. Pritchard, consequently the election was carried unanimously. He thanked the club heartily for their toast and the President for the opportunity of saying these words.

Bro. H. H. NUDING said that as he had been named by the President, he had pleasure in adding his humble quota of thanks on behalf of the visitors, but as the rules of the club forbade long speeches, his would indeed be short. He had enjoyed himself immensely, and that was not the first occasion on which he had done so in the Gavel Club. In conclusion he had only to say that he liked the club and its methods so thoroughly that he had a great desire his name should be brought forward as soon as possible if he were eligible to become one of its members.

During the evening a splendid selection of songs were given by Gavellers Bull, Cooper, Gardener, Hall, Mortimer, and visitor R. V. F. Seton. Hon. Gaveller Hamilton gave two exquisite solos on his flute, and Gaveller Lewis his inimitable recitation, the balcony scene in "Romeo and Juliet." Gaveller R. Clay Sudlow (musical director) presided at the piano in a pre-eminently masterly manner, rendering the various accompaniments with distinguished ability.

THE TYRIAN LODGE, No. 1110.

The Tyrian Lodge, No. 1110, Eastbourne, has decided to join the Correspondence Circle attached to the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, London. Further, Bro. the Rev. P. J. Oliver Minos, of the Tyrian Lodge, is engaged writing a paper called the "Masonic Landmarks among the Hindus." This paper will be of intrinsic value to Freemasons, as it will deal with the question "Is Freemasonry an Aryan or Non-Aryan Institution?" The 7th of March has been reserved for the public reading, but the Secretary informs us that the paper will be printed and circulated previously to members of the literary lodge. This will be the first paper of its kind from the Province of Sussex, and great interest is exhibited in the Tyrian Lodge. The writer had been for many years a Senior Assistant Master of Doveton College, Calcutta.

JACQUES DE MOLAI PRECEPTORY, LIVERPOOL.

A neatly-framed and beautifully-executed photogram of Jacques de Molai, the last Grand Master of the old Knights Templar, who was burned at Paris in 1313, has recently been presented to this preceptory by V.E. Sir Knight Major G. Shanks, K.M., F.R.G.S., P.E.C. of St. Mungo Encampment, Scotland, Past Preceptor of three English Preceptories, Past Sub-Prior of Devon, and P.G.S.B. of England. The photogram is from a picture of De Molai (taken shortly before his execution), which is in the possession of Sir Knight Major Shanks, and is believed to be the only likeness of the Grand Master now extant. De Molai is represented in the habit of the Order, with the Latin cross (red) conspicuous in front, and his hands bound and crossed on his chest.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded by the preceptory to Sir Knight Shanks for his very acceptable and appropriate present.

Ireland.

ENNISKILLEN.

Star-in-the-East Lodge (No. 205).—This lodge held their annual installation banquet in the Town Hall, on Friday, the 9th ultimo. This banquet also celebrated the jubilee of the lodge, which was established in 1841. It owes its origin to the Masonic zeal of a worthy brother, now deceased, John Brown, P.M. 100 and 132. Bro. Brown, who was always foremost in advancing and promoting Freemasonry, having learned that a few Master Masons were scattered about the county, suggested to them the opening of a Masonic lodge in the town of Naas. Having obtained the sanction of Bro. Capt. Madden and others, an application was made to the Grand Lodge on the subject. The warrant was unanimously granted, and the lodge was opened in due and ancient form, on the 25th of October, 1841, the following brethren being the first members of the lodge: Bros. E. Madden, No. 1, Cork, as W.M.; W. Clark, No. 4, Dublin, S.W.; J. Revell, No. 100, Dublin, J.W.; J. Brown, P.M. No. 100 and 132, Dublin, Sec.; P. Byrne, P.M. No. 847, Dublin, Treas.; M. Hanrahan, No. 132, Dublin, S.D.; J. J. Turner, No. 132, Dublin, J.D.; J. Kellett, No. 226, Littleborough, E.C.; and Acheson, Tyler. In 1846 the lodge was honoured by the affiliation of a worthy brother from Western Australia, Bro. Henry de-Burgh. In 1847 the present Viscount Naas (Lord Mayo) was affiliated, and in 1853 Bros. Major Barfoot, Colonel Burdett, the Hon. R. H. Hutchinson, and William Pace Geoghegan were added to the list of the lodge. The following are the names of the Masters who have presided over No. 205 from its opening in 1841 until its transfer to Enniskillen in 1870: Bros. E. Madden, W. Clarke, J. Kellett, R. S. Hayes, F. Wright, J. B. Richardson,

H. de-Burgh, Lord Naas, Robert Atkinson, Edwd. Ledwich, F. Bentland, J. J. Turner, Col. Burdett, and Thos. de-Burgh. In October, 1870, the undersigned brethren, believing that it would conduce to the benefit of the Order if another lodge were established in Enniskillen, based on such a footing that none but men of firm, upright standing and established reputation would be admitted as members, applied to the Grand Lodge and obtained from it a warrant, No. 804, formerly belonging to Cleffany, Brookborough (but which had been lying dormant for some time), empowering them to form a lodge for the purpose of carrying out the above, with other Masonic purposes: Bros. R. P. Walsh, M.D., J.P., P.M.; Rev. A. C. Maclatchy, P.M., P.K.; James Pleus; Henry Pleus; and O. Ternan, M.D., P.M., P.K., P.P., P.G. Sec. Having attended at Brookborough and received the warrant, these brethren organised a lodge under above warrant, but almost immediately on its formation a correspondence was opened between its Secretary, Bro. Ternan, and R. S. Hayes, Esq., of Naas, relative to the sending in of Warrant 205 from Naas in favour of the Enniskillen brethren, on the terms of the latter purchasing the furniture, regalia, &c., the proceeds to be handed to the Governors of the Orphan Schools. After some correspondence the fraternal bargain was concluded, and on December 5th, 1870, Bro. Dr. Ternan produced Warrant 205, late Naas, which he had that day received in the Grand Secretary's office in exchange for the Warrant 804. And thus this warrant, now celebrating its jubilee in Enniskillen, was transferred from its birthplace, from which through the deaths, removals, &c., of its members, its working had become so difficult as to warrant those left in transferring it to a more genial soil, where, under the fostering care of our worthy Bro. Ternan, M.D., P.M., P.K., H.K.T., 18°, P.G. Sec., it has since flourished and become a power in the Province of Tyrone and Fermanagh.

Victoria Lodge (No. 473).—The brethren of this lodge enjoyed one of their happiest and pleasantest re-unions for years on Friday evening, the 10th ult., when they held their annual installation dinner. The lodge having been opened, the following officers were installed: Bros. Jno. Vanes, W.M.; Porter, S.W.; Geo. Elliott, J.W.; Sheridan, S.D.; Small, J.D.; and Lipssett, I.G.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the large hall, where the tables had been laid out very attractively for dinner. Plants and flowers lent their beautifying influences, and with the glass ware and other adjuncts of such a service, made the hall very bright and attractive. The company numbered 41, including the guests, and as all anticipated a very happy night they were in no sense disappointed. Bro. Vanes, W.M., presided, the S.W., of course, taking the vice-chair. The menu was equally elaborate and choice, and the gastronomic gamut was run down in a manner suggesting that after labour refreshment is not only natural but agreeable and necessary.

Thanks having been returned, the toast list was opened, and until an early hour in the morning the feast of reason and the flow of soul were only interrupted by outbursts of harmony, in which the Enniskillen brethren are apt and tuneful adepts.

From the chair were given "The Queen," "The Prince of Wales, Patron of the Order," "The Three Grand Masters of England, Scotland, and Ireland," as well as "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Tyrone and Fermanagh." In neat and happy terms Bro. Vanes disposed of these grave influential themes.

Bro. Porter next took up the list, and very felicitously proposed "Our Lodge Guests," which was responded to by Bro. Jno. Murray, W.M. 891, and Bro. R. T. Forde, W.M. 205.

"The Private Guests" found a flattering and eloquent expositor of their merits and their welcome in the person of Bro. Stringer; and the toast also brought quite a host of grateful responders.

Bro. Ritchie, 891, had the honour of giving the most popular toast of the evening, "The Health of the W.M.," and found it a difficult duty to sketch in adequate measure Bro. Vanes' Masonic virtues and zeal.

"The Newly-Installed Officers" was proposed by Bro. Magee, and "The Outgoing W.M." by Bro. Thompson Taylor.

Bro. Amos proposed, in glowing language, "The Health of Bro. Bence, the Earnest and Faithful Secretary and Treasurer of the Lodge."

Bro. Bence replied, after which "The Baby" was, according to happy custom, introduced, and had his health warmly toasted.

Bro. Martin, a strapping "baby" of some 6 feet 2 or 3 inches, responded with modest diffidence.

The W.M. proposed "The Past Masters," to which answer was made in regular succession.

Songs were sung at intervals and in excellent style by Bros. Forde, Trimble, Bence, Walsh, Worrel, Chester, Within, Murray, Gordon, and Coalter.

The charter song fittingly brought a right enjoyable dinner to a true Masonic close.

MOHILL.

Lodge of Harmony (No. 495).—The first annual festival and installation of officers of this ancient lodge, revived last year, was held in The Castle on the 19th ult. By request, the chair at refreshment was taken by the D.P.G.M. of the Province of North Connaught, Bro. Rev. Francis E. Clarke, LL.D., M.D., M.R.I.A., 30°. Twenty-five brethren sat down to the banquet, which was excellently prepared by the lodge caterer.

After the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The Prince of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family," and "The Three Grand Masters" had been duly honoured, the D.P.G.M. gave "Our own Grand Master, Lord Harlech," a toast that was received with the greatest enthusiasm.

Bro. Austin, P.M., responded. Bro. Devenish, I.P.M., then gave the toast of "The D.P.G.M."

Bro. Dr. Clarke, on rising to respond, was received with ringing cheers. He declared the satisfaction it gave him to find this new lodge now second to none in the province, and his deep sense of the honour he enjoyed to be called to preside as the Prov. G. Master's Deputy over such good and true men as the brethren of North Connaught. The harmony, the peace and good will, the practical amount of fellowship and Masonic virtues he had experienced there, led him often to thank God that he had been permitted to breathe the atmosphere of a Masonic lodge. He referred to the

enthusiastic labours of the founders of No. 495, and concluded by toasting "The W.M., Bro. Stratton."

Bro. W. J. Robinson, P.G.D.C., sang "The British Lion."

"The Newly-installed Officers" followed, and was responded to by Bros. Ross, P.M., Sec.; Rev. J. G. Dirres, S.W.; Major W. H. White, J.W.; and R. O'Brien, I.G.

The D.P.G.M. then gave the toast of "Our Newly-affiliated Brother—the Right Hon. the Earl of Kingston, S.W. 242." He said he was proud to be able to give that toast, not only because their newly-affiliated brother was a very distinguished ornament of society, not merely for the Masonic advancements that he had justly received, but because Masonry for many years had been adorned by the name of Kingston—a name that had been inseparably bound up, incorporated, and associated with the Order in Ireland since A.D. 1730.

Bro. the Earl of Kingston, in responding, said that he would not refer to the connection of his ancestors with the Order; that was a matter of history. He hoped to follow in their footsteps. He was happy to be affiliated to No. 495, and grateful for the kind reception the brethren had given him.

To the toast of "The Newly-passed Brother" Bro. the Rev. W. Foster responded.

Bro. the Earl of Kingston gave "The Visitors," which was responded to by Bros. Harrison, P.G. Sec.; Church, P.S.G.W.; Robinson, P.G.D.C.; Dunlop, 405; and McKenzie, 82.

Bro. Thompson sang "The Red, White, and Blue," and Bro. McKenzie "Blair in Athol." Bro. McConstand recited "The old canteen."

"All Poor and Distressed Brethren" followed, and the Deacons received contributions amounting to £3 on behalf of the Masonic Girls' School.

"Prosperity to No. 495" was responded to by Bro. Rev. J. G. Dirres, Chaplain 242, S.W., and with "Auld Lang Syne" and "God save the Queen" the proceedings terminated.

This lodge, which is to be heartily congratulated upon its success, is appealing for £200 to enable it to secure permanent and suitable premises.

## Scotland.

### UNVEILING OF PORTRAIT OF BRO. COL. SIR ARCHIBALD C. CAMPBELL, BART., M.P., M.W.G.M.

At the late grand Masonic bazaar there was disposed of by subscription sale a pastel life-size portrait of the M.W.G.M. of Scotland, painted for and contributed to the bazaar for Bro. William Drummond Young, of Dramatic and Arts Lodge, Edinburgh, and won by Glasgow Kilwinning Lodge, No. 4.

To mark the importance of the prize, the brethren decided upon having a special meeting to unveil the picture, and this was held on Wednesday evening, the 28th ult., when Bro. John Graham, of Broadstone, Prov. Grand Master of Glasgow (City), performed the ceremony.

The Provincial Grand Master was supported on the dais by Bros. C. C. Thomson, R.W.M. 4; G. C. H. McNaught, Prov. G. Sec.; Rev. Thomas Somerville, M.A., P.G. Chap.; Alex. Dobson, R.W.M. Edinburgh Lodge, Defensive Band; W. D. Young, Dramatic and Arts Lodge, Edinburgh; George Glen, P.J.G.W. East Renfrewshire; and the R.W.M.'s of several lodges in the home district, while the hall was comfortably filled with a distinguished company of invited guests and members.

After opening the lodge, Bro. C. C. THOMSON asked the Prov. Grand Master to accept his mallet of office and unveil the picture, which the P.G.M. expressed his great pleasure in doing.

Bro. GRAHAM gave a very interesting sketch of the history of the lodge from the date of its constitution in 1735, and then proceeded to relate more recent events connected with Freemasonry in Scotland, which naturally led him up to the subject of the recent bazaar. He thanked all the brethren and lady friends for the vivid interest they had taken in the bazaar, and hoped the result of their exertions would be the adding of something like £18,000 to the sum at the disposal of Grand Lodge for benevolent purposes. This would place Grand Lodge in a position worthy of Scottish Freemasonry, and he thought the highest praise was due to the Past Grand Master, Bro. Sir Michael Shaw Stewart, and the present Grand Master, Bro. Col. Sir Archibald Campbell, whose portrait he now had the honour and pleasure of unveiling, for their untiring zeal and energy in bringing Grand Lodge to the state of perfection in which it was now placed. He trusted the brethren of No. 4 would preserve the picture most carefully, as the name of Sir Archibald Campbell would be handed down to posterity as one who did all in his power to help the cause of the poor and decayed Masons, their widows and orphans.

He then handed back the mallet to Bro. THOMSON, who moved the best thanks of the lodge to Bro. Graham for his kindness in coming among the members and performing the ceremony. He also moved that honorary affiliation be conferred upon Bros. W. D. Young, G. Glen, J. O. Struthers, J. Kelso Hunter, and Alex. Dobson.

The lodge was then called to refreshment, when the usual loyal toasts were given and received with all honours, the music being excellently rendered by the members of the Lodge Glee Club, under the direction of Bros. Gideon Duncan and Alexander Patterson.

Replying to the toast of "The Three Grand Lodges," coupled with the names of the three Grand Masters, Bro. the Rev. T. SOMERVILLE was particularly happy in his remarks, and caused some amusement by saying he often had the honour of representing Royalty, by

being called upon to reply on behalf of the Grand Lodge of England. He hoped Scottish Masonry would endeavour to emulate the magnificent Charity that was so characteristic of English Masonry, as Masonry was nothing if it did not strive to lighten the cares of brethren placed in less prosperous circumstances than they themselves, and he gave a beautiful explanation of the ancient Greek symbol of the beehive, with the bee flying towards it carrying a grain of rice.

The toast of "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow" was responded to by the PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER, who strongly impressed upon the brethren the virtue of brotherly forbearance one with the other, and the sinking of individual differences of opinion. The province was at present in a most efficient condition, and he was convinced that so long as provincial office bearers continued to display the keen interest they at present took in its affairs it would continue to flourish and reflect credit on all the lodges under its sway.

The other toasts included "The Province of East Renfrewshire," "The Artist," &c., after which the lodge was closed.

The portrait is a very happy likeness of Sir Archibald Campbell, and measures 58 by 42 inches over all. It is a three-quarter size pastel, and shows all the paraphernalia appertaining to the office of Grand Master of Scotland.

## Obituary.

### BRO. ROBERT CRAIG, P.M.

The news of the death recently of this venerable and venerated brother was received by the Craft in Leeds with unmingled feelings of the sincerest regret. Bro. Craig, who for many years had been one of the most prominent Freemasons in Leeds, was about 75 years of age. For some months he had been staying with relatives in North Lyham, Northumberland, where he went to recruit his health. He has frequently purposed to return to Leeds to be once more with the members of the Craft he loved so well, but his return has always had to be postponed on account of the unsatisfactory state of his health, and now, alas! he will never more receive the welcome that was prepared for him. He has gone down to the grave full of years and honours, and as he lived respected he has died regretted. He was initiated into Freemasonry in the Philanthropic Lodge, No. 304, and at the time of his death was one of the oldest Past Masters of that lodge. He early joined the Prudence Lodge, 2069, and in both lodges his death is felt as a severe loss. In Craft, Arch, and Mark Masonry Bro. Craig was an adept, as well as in some of the "side" Degrees. He was P.P.G. Deacon of West Yorkshire, and held corresponding honours in Prov. Grand Chapter. As a ritualist he held a very high position, and has coached more young Masons in his time than any other brother. Some years ago he was blinded by temporary disease, and his greatest solace at that time, as he frequently confessed, was to repeat the ritual, and so proficient did he become that in his later years his house was the welcome rendezvous of those anxious to acquire either Craft or Arch working. In every good work, whether in Masonry or out of it, he was ever to the fore. His Charity, indeed, knew no bounds, save those of prudence. His death has left Freemasonry in Leeds very much the poorer, and his memory will long be cherished by those who knew and loved him well. The brethren of his mother lodge and of Lodge Prudence sent wreaths which adorned his coffin on the way to his last resting place. He has left an example which will stimulate the younger Masons in their pathway through life, and that is the best monument our dear departed brother would have desired. To know him was to love him, indeed, and now he is no more, to emulate his good example will be the ambition of his sorrowing brothers.

*Requiescat in pace.*

The Prince and Princess of Wales left Sandringham for Marlborough House on Saturday last in order to be present at the first performance of Bro. Sir Arthur Sullivan's new opera of "Ivanhoe" at the Royal English Opera. There were also present in the other principal boxes the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Londesborough, and Mr. Alfred de Rothschild, Mr. Henry Chaplin and party. The opera proved a great success, and the enthusiasm with which Bro. Sir A. Sullivan was greeted was very great.

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## MASONIC MEETINGS (Metropolitan)

For the week ending Saturday, February 14, 1891.

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

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7.

General Committee Boys' School at Freemasons' Hall, at 3.

#### RAFT LODGES.

142, St. Thomas, Cannon-street Hotel.  
1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tavern.  
1622, Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
1928, Gallery, Anderton's Hotel.  
1949, Brixton, Horns Tavern.

#### LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.  
Lanswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, 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., 8.

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9.

#### RAFT LODGES.

5, St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall.  
29, St. Alban's, Albion Tavern.  
58, Felicity, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.  
90, St. John's, Albion Tavern.  
136, Good Report, Inns of Court Hotel.  
193, Confidence, Anderton's Hotel.  
957, Leigh, Freemasons' Hall.  
1395, St. Marylebone, Criterion.  
1571, Leopold, Bridge House Hotel.  
1670, Adephi, Freemasons' Hall.  
1789, Ubique, Cafe Royal, Regent-street.  
1891, St. Amelrose, Baron's Court Hotel, Kensington.  
2012, Chiswick, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew.

#### ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.

#### LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Coborn, Eagle Hotel, Snaresbrook, at 8.  
Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Atlantic Road, Brixton, at 8.  
Eleanor, 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, Gauden 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.  
Perseverance, Ye Old Cheshire Cheese, 23, Adde-street, Wood-street, E.C., at 7.  
Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202, Whitechapel-road, at 7.  
Queen'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.  
Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, at 8.  
Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, at 8.  
Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 6.  
Strong Man, Bull and Bell, Ropemaker-st., Moorgate-st., E.C., 7.  
United, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, at 7.30.  
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, 7.30.  
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Church-rd., Upper Norwood, 8.  
Upton, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E., at 8.  
Warner, Bridge Chambers, Hoe-street Railway Station, Walthamstow, at 8.  
Wellington, White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, 8 till 10.  
West Smithfield, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C., at 7.  
Zetland, York and Albany, Park-street, Regent's Park, at 8.  
North London Chapter, Grosvenor Hotel, Canonbury, at 7.30.  
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 6.  
Hope Chapter, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 8.  
Israel Chapter, Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road, W.C.

#### ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

22, Mount Zion, Guildhall Tavern.  
720, Panmure, Horns Tavern.  
802, Whitington, Anderton's Hotel.

#### MARK LODGES.

104, Macdonald, Mark Masons' Hall.  
244, Menatschim, Criterion.

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10.

Supreme Council, 33<sup>rd</sup>, 33, Golden-square.

#### RAFT LODGES.

96, Burlington, Albion Tavern.  
180, St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall.  
198, Percy, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
211, St. Michael's, Albion Tavern.  
228, United Strength, Guildhall Tavern.  
235, Nine Muses, Grand Hotel, Charing Cross.  
547, Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.  
834, Ranelagh, Criterion.  
917, Cosmopolitan, Cannon-street Hotel.  
933, Doric, Anderton's Hotel.  
1196, Urban, Freemasons' Hall.  
1209, Stanhope, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.  
1604, Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall.  
1614, Covent Garden, Criterion.  
1635, Canterbury, 33, Golden-square.  
1608, Samson, Cafe Royal, Regent-street.  
1709, Clarendon, Guildhall Tavern.  
1909, Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall.  
2127, Drury Lane, Theatre Royal.

#### LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Brixton, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, S.E., at 8.  
Capper, Railway Tavern, Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.  
Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, at 7.  
Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-street, Borough, at 7.  
Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 7.  
Calmouse, Middleton Arms, Corner of Queen's-road and Middleton-road, Dalston, E., at 8.  
Domestic, 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, Rotterhithe-cath, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, at 8.  
Finsbury, The Goose and Grailion, London House Yard, St. Paul's Churchyard, E.C., at 7.  
Florence Nightingale, A.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 Edgcombe, 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 Ties.  
 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.  
 Warborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.  
 Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.  
 Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, at 6.30.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.  
 172, Old Concord, Holborn Restaurant.  
 185, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tavern.  
 KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.  
 140, Studholme, Criterion.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 4.  
 Supreme Council, 33<sup>rd</sup>, 33, Golden-square.

CRAFT LODGES.

3, Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall.  
 14, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.  
 14, Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.  
 13, Kent, Freemasons' Hall.  
 15, Kent, Freemasons' Hall.  
 87, Vitruvian, Bridge House Hotel.  
 166, Union, Criterion.  
 740, Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel.  
 781, Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Limehouse.  
 1228, Beacontree, Guildhall Tavern.  
 1260, John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall.  
 1306, St. John, Three Nuts Hotel, Aldgate.  
 1306, St. Martin's-le-Grand, Holborn Restaurant.  
 1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand, Holborn Restaurant.  
 1586, Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Norwood.  
 1803, Cornhill, London Tavern.  
 1900, Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel.  
 2272, Rye, Peckham Public Hall.  
 2345, Duke of Fife, Alexandra Hotel, Clapham Common.  
 2347, Grafton, Blanchard's Restaurant, Regent-street.  
 2347, Bloomsbury Rifles, Head quarters, Chancery-street.  
 2362, Bloomsbury Rifles, Head quarters, Chancery-street.

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.  
 Crays Valley, National Schoolroom, St. Mary Cray, 8.  
 Doric, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, at 8.  
 Duke of Albany, Masons' Arms, 109, 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-road, S.E., at 8.  
 Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8.  
 St. Ambrose, Scarisdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Ken-  
 sington, at 8.  
 St. Leonard, Pr. of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-road, Victoria Park, S.  
 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.

205, Israel, Cannon-street Hotel.  
 857, St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
 MARK LODGE.  
 Old Kent, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
 ROSE CROSS CHAPTER.  
 1, Grand Metropolitan, Criterion.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12.

CRAFT LODGES.

19, Royal Athelstan, Cannon-street Hotel.  
 91, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.  
 203, Friendship, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
 238, Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall.  
 203, Bank of England, Albion Tavern.  
 334, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.  
 657, Canonbury, Albion Tavern.  
 860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel.  
 879, Southwark, Bridge House Hotel.  
 1076, Capper, Guildhall Tavern.  
 12-6, Macdonald, Head-quarters 1st Surrey Volunteer Rifle S.,  
 Camberwell.  
 1471, Islington, Cock Tavern.  
 1558, Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
 1590, Skelmersdale, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
 1708, Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley.  
 1791, Creation, Freemasons' Hall.  
 1804, Coborn, Bow Vestry Hall.  
 1820, Sir Thomas White, Holborn Restaurant.  
 1987, Strand, Criton.  
 2047, Beckenham, Public Hall, Beckenham.

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.  
 Crescent, Wheatheaf Hot., Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W., S.  
 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.  
 Eliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham.  
 High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8.  
 Highgate, Falkland Arms, Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.  
 Ivy, Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, S.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 Wolsey, Rotherhithe New-road, at 8.  
 Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-street, Kennington.  
 The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30.  
 Tredgar, 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.

554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
 1321, Emblematic, Criterion.  
 1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill.

MARK LODGE.

331, Davison, Mark Masons' Hall.  
 KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.  
 117, New Temple, Inner Temple.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13.

CRAFT LODGES.

33, Britannic, Freemasons' Hall.  
 134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
 157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.  
 177, Domatic, Anderton's Hotel.  
 1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.  
 1559, New Cross, Portland Hotel, Greenwich.  
 1997, John Carpenter, Albion Tavern.  
 2000, Earl of Mornington, Holborn Restaurant.

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 CHAPTER.

6, Friendship, Willis's Rooms.  
 ROSE CROSS CHAPTER.  
 3, Mount Calvary, 33, Golden-square.

KNIGHT TEMPLAR.

45, Temple Crossing, Bridge House Hotel.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14.

CRAFT LODGES.

108, London, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
 173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.  
 1328, Granite, Freemasons' Hall.  
 1426, Great City, Cannon-street Hotel.  
 1446, Mount Edgcombe, Bridge House Hotel.  
 1007, Loyalty, London Tavern.  
 1612, West Middlesex, Municipal-buildings, Ealing.  
 1671, Mizpah, Albion Tavern.  
 1743, Perseverance, Anderton's Hotel.  
 1839, Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall.  
 1904, Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.  
 2309, Cornish, Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

1297, West Kent, Crystal Palace.  
 2152, Sterndale Bennett, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
 MARK LODGE.  
 234 Brixton, Anderton's Hotel.

MASONIC MEETINGS (Provincial)

for the week ending Saturday, February 14, 1891.

The following is a list of Towns in which the Lodges, &c., whose numbers are appended, meet at the dates given. Further particulars of places of meeting, &c., of Craft Lodges, and R.A. Chapters, will be found in "The Freemasons' Calendar," and that of Mark, Rose Croix, &c., in "The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar," both published annually at the office of *The Freemason*.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9.

CRAFT LODGES.  
 Hastings... 40 Trowbridge ... 932  
 Bristol ... 08 Lyme Regis ... 695  
 Falmouth ... 75 Llanelli ... 671  
 Petty Cury ... 88 Chester ... 721  
 Plymouth ... 104 Dartmouth ... 797  
 St. Mary ... 105 Wirksworth ... 884  
 Exmouth ... 100 Millbrook ... 893  
 Faversham ... 133 Knutsford ... 941  
 Newport, I.W. ... 151 Barrow-in-Fur-  
 E. Stonehouse ... 109 ness ... 1021  
 Swansea ... 237 Portsmouth ... 1009  
 South Shields ... 210 Shirley ... 1112  
 Shrewsbury ... 202 Dorking ... 1149  
 Liverpool ... 292 Chatham ... 1174  
 Sheffield ... 296 Leeds ... 1221  
 Lincoln ... 297 Enfield ... 1237  
 Teignmouth ... 303 Manchester ... 1253  
 Gt. Yarmouth ... 313 Liverpool ... 1350  
 Preston ... 314 Andover ... 1373  
 Bodmin ... 332 Staybridge ... 1408  
 Penrith ... 339 Sandgate ... 1436  
 Bath ... 379 Canterbury ... 1449  
 Nottingham ... 411 Birmingham ... 1474  
 Newcastle ... 481 Moss Side ... 1490  
 Birmingham ... 587 Burj St. Ed-  
 Sleaford ... 588 munds ... 1592  
 York ... 1011

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Birmingham ... 74 Ventnor ... 551  
 Southampton ... 130 Chester ... 721  
 Chatham ... 104 Liverpool ... 704  
 Norwich ... 213 Worthington ... 924  
 Bradford ... 302 Saltash ... 1071  
 Brighton ... 315 Ramsgate ... 1209  
 Northampton ... 369 Mossley ... 1210  
 Pembroke Dock ... 378 Carlton Hill ... 1221  
 Stamford Baron ... 409 Sutton ... 1347  
 Huddersfield ... 521 Canterbury ... 1449

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10.

CRAFT LODGES.  
 Sunderland ... 80 Maryport ... 371  
 Norwich ... 93 Axminster ... 494  
 Truro ... 131 Wakenfield ... 495  
 New Brompton ... 184 St. Austell ... 499  
 Liverpool ... 241 Rugby ... 502  
 Boston ... 272 Maidstone ... 503  
 Lymington ... 319 Halesowen ... 573  
 Alderney ... 593

Windsor ... 771 Baidon ... 1545  
 Jersey ... 877 Leicester ... 1560  
 Leominster ... 892 Walton-on-the-  
 Gosport ... 903 Hill ... 1713  
 Devonport ... 954 Colleshill ... 1782  
 Frome ... 973 Wilmington ... 1837  
 Keswick ... 1073 Stonehouse ... 1847  
 Newton Abbot ... 1138 Winchester ... 1883  
 Warrington ... 1250 Herne Bay ... 2099  
 Egremont ... 1267 Stockton-on-  
 Sutton ... 1347 Tees ... 2104  
 Bala ... 1369 Hull ... 2134  
 Torquay ... 1403 Peel ... 2164  
 Sevenoaks ... 1414 Chingford ... 2256  
 Blackpool ... 1476 R.A. CHAPTERS.  
 Newquay ... 1528 Bradford ... 303

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Cardiff ... 36 Woolwich ... 700  
 Whitehaven ... 119 Lee ... 704  
 Margate ... 127 Stafford ... 726  
 Batley ... 264 Crewkerne ... 814  
 Maryport ... 371 Wotton-under-  
 Newcastle ... 406 Edge ... 835  
 Broadstairs ... 420 Stockton ... 940  
 Halifax ... 448 Cardiff ... 960  
 Aylesbury ... 591 East Dereham ... 996  
 W. Bromwich ... 663 Kirkdale ... 1056

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11.

CRAFT LODGES.

Guernsey ... 84 Stalybridge ... 1088  
 Hythe ... 125 Ivybridge ... 1091  
 Bolton ... 146 Reading ... 1101  
 Bristol ... 187 Ilfracombe ... 1135  
 Manchester ... 204 Heaton Moor ... 1140  
 Ipswich ... 225 Seaton ... 1181  
 Jersey ... 244 Ramsgate ... 1209  
 Hull ... 250 Douglas ... 1242  
 Lancaster ... 281 Scarborough ... 1248  
 Todmorden ... 283 Aldershot ... 1331  
 Stockport ... 323 Liverpool ... 1356  
 Dudley ... 498 Dalton-in-Fur-  
 Warwick ... 567 ness ... 1398  
 Seaham Harbour ... 661 Workington ... 1400  
 Princetown ... 666 Hayward's ...  
 Aberdare ... 679 Heath ... 1465  
 Derby ... 731 Twickenham ... 1523  
 Gloucester ... 1005 Liverpool ... 1547  
 Bradford ... 1018 Llanidloes ... 1582  
 Birmingham ... 1031 Stretford ... 1588  
 Tamworth ... 1060 Grange-over-  
 Burnley ... 1064 Sands ... 1715  
 Middlesboro' ... 1848

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Chatham ... 20 Liverpool ... 594  
 Dover ... 199 Middlesboro' ... 602  
 Bingley ... 439 Tunbridge ... 602  
 Haverfordwest ... 494 Wells ... 874  
 Newbury ... 574 Liverpool ... 1264

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12.

CRAFT LODGES.

Hinckley ... 50 Manchester ... 1055  
 Sunderland ... 97 Lytham ... 1061  
 Exeter ... 112 Tredegar ... 1098  
 Southampton ... 130 Stoke Damerel ... 1093  
 Sheffield ... 139 Denbigh ... 1143  
 Bury ... 191 Ashton-under-  
 Liverpool ... 216 Lyne ... 1144  
 Preston ... 333 Accrington ... 1145  
 Radcliffe ... 344 Manchester ... 1147  
 Kearsley ... 350 Liverpool ... 1182  
 Clitheroe ... 369 Malvern ... 1204  
 Darwen ... 381 Eccles ... 1213  
 Wincanton ... 437 Plymouth ... 1247  
 Peterborough ... 442 Chorlton-cum-  
 Spalding ... 469 Hardy ... 1387  
 Birkenhead ... 477 Thirst ... 1416  
 Portsmouth ... 487 Newport, Mon. ... 1429  
 Longton ... 546 Clevedon ... 1750  
 Guisborough ... 561 Tynemouth ... 1803  
 Salisbury ... 585 Whitstable ... 1915  
 Brighton ... 732 Alton ... 2010  
 Birmingham ... 739 Langport ... 2038  
 Liverpool ... 780 Beckenham ... 2047  
 Littleborough ... 816 Seacombe ... 2132  
 Willington ... 816 Windermere ... 2217  
 Quay ... 991 W. sbury ... 2227  
 Liverpool ... 1035 Guildford ... 2234  
 Milnsbridge ... 2261 Scarborough ... 91

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Gravesend ... 77 Rochester ... 1050  
 Deptford ... 147 Sudbury ... 1224  
 Liverpool ... 203 Wimbleton ... 1360  
 Salford ... 204 Romford ... 1437  
 Leeds ... 289 Hatfield ... 1550  
 Uxbridge ... 383 Leyton ... 1685  
 Manchester ... 581 Stratford ... 1810

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13.

CRAFT LODGES.

Cardiff ... 36 Mirfield ... 1103  
 Woodbridge ... 81 Bishop Auck-  
 Weymouth ... 170 land ... 1121  
 Wolverhampton ... 526 New Swindon ... 1295  
 Liverpool ... 680 Plumstead ... 1536  
 Hulme ... 815 Newmark-on-  
 Eastbourne ... 916 Trent ... 1661  
 Harrogate ... 1001 Southwold ... 1983  
 Olney ... 2244

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Newbiggin ... 123 Bristol ... 326  
 Bristol ... 187 Leicester ... 523  
 Sigaley ... 205 Bradford ... 1034

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14.

CRAFT LODGES.

Ealing ... 1612  
 Portishead ... 1755  
 Leeds ... 2009  
 Didsbury ... 2359

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

Birkenhead ... 478

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Bro. Harry Seymour Foster, L.C.C., M.L.S.B., of the Temple Lodge, No. 101, and the Alliance Lodge, No. 1827, was on Monday night exalted to the position of companion in the Bayard Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1615.

The Council or General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will hold their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon, at the hour of 3 p.m.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will hold their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday next, the 11th instant, at 4 p.m. The business will be more than usually important, as it will include the declaration of vacancies in each fund, and the number of candidates who have been approved, and who will therefore compete for them at the election in May next.

Bro. W. S. Chapman has been elected Renter Warden of the Horners' Company.

We are asked to announce that the Doric Lodge of Instruction, No. 933, now meets at the Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, every Wednesday evening, at 8 o'clock.

It is understood that on the occasion of her visit to Portsmouth on the 26th inst. to launch the two new battleships, the Queen will travel by the London and South-Western Railway from Windsor to Portsmouth, returning to the Castle in the afternoon.

The statement has been contradicted that the marriage of the Princess Louise of Schleswig-Holstein with Prince Aribert of Unhalt-Dessau will take place on the 5th July—which is a Sunday—the 25th anniversary or silver wedding of the Prince and Princess Christian.

We are sorry to learn that the health of Bro. J. H. Sillitoe continues so unsatisfactory that his medical advisers have ordered him to take a thorough rest. With this view he sails to-morrow (Saturday) to the Mediterranean on the Canadian Pacific Railway Company's new steamer, the Empress of India.

"In Chancery" at Terry's Theatre is now reaching its 100th performance. Bro. Terry and his company played the piece at Cambridge on the afternoon of the 28th ult., and also gave afternoon performances at Oxford on Monday and Eastbourne on Thursday, returning in time for the usual performance in the evening at Terry's. Bro. Terry and his company will also open the new theatre at Ipswich with this piece one afternoon this month.

We are pleased to note the great success that has attended the Charity Association in connection with the Duke of Cornwall Lodge of Instruction, held at the Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside. During its three years existence, which closed on the 3rd inst., the sum of £550 has been contributed to the three Institutions, and a new association been formed with over 20 members.

A short season of comic opera extending for three weeks will be given at the Lyric Opera House, Hammersmith, commencing on Monday next, when Planquette's popular "Old Guard" will be given. Mr. Horace Lingard will assume his favourite representation of Polydore, for the 1008th time. On the following Monday "Falka" will be produced, and on the succeeding Monday "Pepita," each opera playing one week.

The Rosslyn Lodge, No. 1543, Dunmow, Essex, Bro. D. Milbank, P.G. Stwd., W.M., has arranged for the delivery of Bro. James Stevens' interesting and instructive lecture on "The Ritual and Ceremony of the Symbolic Degrees in Freemasonry" at the ensuing lodge meeting at the Saracen's Head Hotel, Dunmow, on Wednesday, the 25th inst., at 7 p.m. This will be the second visit of Bro. Stevens to the Rosslyn Lodge in the capacity of lecturer, and a full attendance and most agreeable evening is anticipated.

The anniversary festival of the Scarsdale Lodge, No. 681, Chesterfield, which came off on Wednesday, the 28th ult., was one of the most successful the lodge has ever had. The W.M. elect, Bro. A. E. P. Voules, M.A., head-master of the Chesterfield Grammar School, was with due dignity installed into the chair by his predecessor, Bro. J. T. Windle. There was a large number of visitors present from other lodges.

A brass plate in commemoration of the laying of the foundation-stone of the north-east pier of the cathedral tower at Peterborough has been recently affixed. The plate bears the following inscription: "This chief corner-stone of the north-east pier of the central tower was laid by the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, on behalf of his Royal Highness Albert Edward Prince of Wales, K.G., M.W.G.M., in full Masonic form, on Wednesday, May 7th, 1884. J. J. S. Perowne, Dean."

Many of our readers will hear with regret of the approaching retirement of Bro. Colonel Henry Lumsden from the command of the London Scottish Rifle Volunteers. Colonel Lumsden, who retires through age, in accordance with the regulations, was one of the original members of this distinguished regiment, and has served in every grade from private to commanding officer, and in each capacity has ever and thoroughly won the esteem and love of all associated with him. In addition to being an enthusiastic Volunteer, Colonel Lumsden has done much in the cause of Freemasonry. He is Provincial Grand Master of West Aberdeenshire, and has taken the 32<sup>d</sup>, but it is more in connection with the formation of the London Scottish Rifles Lodge, No. 2310, of which he is now the W.M., that he is known in English Masonry. It must be a source of great pleasure and gratification to Bro. Colonel Lumsden to see his regimental lodge in such a flourishing condition, its remarkable success being almost phenomenal. Long may he live to witness the success and prosperity of the latter, with a continuity of such good Masons as its present officers and members. We believe Bro. Col. Lumsden's successor in the command of the London Scottish is Bro. Major W. Nicol, of Ballogie, who, besides being the senior Major, is one of the most popular officers in the regiment. Bro. Major Nicol was initiated in his regimental lodge last year, being the first candidate proposed.

We have received a letter from Bro. Lieut.-Col. Bramble, P.A.G.D.C., D.P.G.M. Bristol, in which he complains that he never said what he is represented to have said in his speech, as reported in our columns last week, at the recent installation meeting of the Clarence Lodge, No. 68, Bristol. We must express our sincere regret if his speech has been inaccurately summarised. Our reporter is a brother in whom we have great confidence, and to him we have referred our distinguished brother's complaint. We must also express our regret that Bro. Lieut.-Colonel Bramble's name, which should have headed the list of visitors, was placed so low down.

Her Majesty's sloop Melita is at Salamis embarking a huge figure sculptured in the form of a ball and weighing about 40 tons, which is intended for the British Museum.

Bro. the Earl of Dunraven has consented to accept the presidency of the New Maldon and District Working Men's Conservative Association, in place of Bro. the Earl of Egmont, resigned.

The Queen has given orders for the promotion of Bro. Sir Frederick Abel, President of the Committee on Explosives, War Office, to the dignity of a Knight Commander of the Civil Division of the Order of the Bath.

Bro. Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., who has been abroad for some time, returned from Paris to his residence in Connaught-place on Sunday evening last. We are glad to hear that his lordship is much improved in health.

The annual dinner of the Drovers' Benevolent Institution was held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Tuesday evening, under the presidency of Mr. W. F. Archer. The list of donations and subscriptions exceeded £1000.

Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., was the guest of the Liberal Union Club at a banquet at the Criterion, on Tuesday, among those present on the occasion being Bros. Lord Stalybridge, Lord Kinnaird, and Sir T. Fowell Burton.

We are very sorry to hear that Bro. George Reynolds, P.M. 1614, Secretary Anglo-American Lodge, No. 2191, has met with a somewhat painful accident, caused by slipping down a flight of stone steps. We trust he will soon get the better of his accident.

Bro. Lord Halsbury (Lord High Chancellor of England), Bro. Lord Ashbourne (Lord Chancellor of Ireland), and Bros. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., and Lord George Hamilton attended the Cabinet Council which was held at the Foreign Office on Saturday last.

There was a Fancy Costume Ball at the Royal Italian Opera House, Covent Garden, on Tuesday, Bro. Augustus Harris having conceived the idea, and expended a large sum of money on the preparations and decorations of the theatre for the purpose. Everything passed off most successfully.

Bro. the Earl of Zetland, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, held the first levée of the season at Dublin Castle on Tuesday, among those present being Bro. General Viscount Wolseley, Commander-in-Chief of the Forces in Ireland, Bro. Lord Ashbourne, Lord Chancellor of Ireland, and Bros. the Marquis of Headfort, the Earl of Clonmell, and Viscount Powerscourt.

A very successful concert was given at Freemasons' Tavern on Tuesday evening, under the presidency of Bro. Lawson, M.P., in aid of the Printers' Pension and Almshouses' Corporation at Wood Green. A capital entertainment was given, and a collection in the hall resulted in the sum of £120 being obtained, which, with the proceeds of the sale of tickets, will make up a handsome contribution towards the erection of the proposed eight new homes at the Asylum.

Bro. Lord Mayor Savory, accompanied by Sheriff Farmer, and attended by the Sword and Mace Bearers, laid the first stone of the new underground works intended for the electric lighting of the City of London on Tuesday in the presence of the Commissioners of Sewers, and the Directors of the Brush Electrical Engineering, and the Laing, Wharton, and Down Construction Syndicate. It is estimated that the entire cost of lighting the City will not amount to more than £20,000 per annum.

The Council of the Royal United Service Institution announce that Rear-Admiral Colomb will give a series of five evening lectures on Mondays, the 9th, 16th, and 23rd inst., and the 2nd and 9th prox., on "Naval Strategy and Tactics," and Major Hendren, Instructor of Tactics, Military College, Sandhurst, five lectures on "Military History (the American Civil War)," on Friday, the 13th, 20th, and 27th inst., and the 6th and 13th prox. Admission to each lecture one shilling.

A famous writer of books, Sir Henry Layard, is about to be honoured with a bust of himself in the British Museum. Who that has experienced it can forget the spell which Layard's description of the site of Nineveh exercised upon his youthful imagination? Layard the M.P. may be forgotten. Layard the Oriental Scholar and discoverer has a very long lease of life before him. Mr. Gladstone, Lord Salisbury, Lord Granville, and Mr. W. H. Smith are on the Memorial Committee.

A very successful concert was held in the Town Hall, Dover, on Wednesday, the 28th ult., under the patronage of Bro. Earl Amherst, Prov. Grand Master Kent, in aid of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Bro. Earl Amherst has undertaken to preside at the Festival of this important Charity, which will be held on Wednesday, the 25th inst., and our Kentish brethren are supporting him, as usual, to the utmost of their ability. On this occasion the Committee in charge of the arrangements prepared an admirable programme, and at the same time successfully studied the comfort and convenience of the audience; while as a dispensation for wearing Craft clothing had been obtained, the scene was very animated. The concert proved a great success, and we believe a goodly sum will be forthcoming in support of the Charity.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Any dyspeptic sufferer aware of the purifying, regulating, and gently aperient powers of these Pills should permit no one to cloud his judgment or to warp his course. With a box of Holloway's Pills, and attention to its accompanying "Directions," he may feel thoroughly satisfied that he can safely and effectually release himself from his miseries without impairing his appetite or weakening his digestion. This most excellent medicine acts as a nerve and bodily tonic by aiding nutrition, and banishes a thousand annoying forms of nervous complaints. An occasional resort to Holloway's remedy will prove highly salutary to all persons, whether well or ill, whose digestion is slow or imperfect, a condition usually evidenced by weariness, languor, listlessness, and despondency.—Adv.

We are informed that on the 11th prox. the ranks of the Alliance Lodge, No. 1827—which, as our readers are aware is composed almost entirely of influential citizens and officials of the Corporation of London—will be strengthened by the addition of Mr. F. J. Horniman, who is also, if rumour speaks correctly, a likely candidate for the Shrievalty of the City during the current year.

It is understood that, at the conclusion of the run of "The Pharisee" at the Shaftesbury, the season there will close.

A ball in aid of the Masonic Charities was held at Liskeard, on Thursday, the 29th ult., and proved a great success. The company numbered upwards of 200.

The Duke of Clarence and Avondale has appointed the 22nd April as the date on which he will preside at the annual dinner of the Royal Albert Orphan Asylum, Bagsbot.

A ball in connection with the Cripplegate Lodge, No. 1613, will be held at Cannon-street Hotel, on Thursday, the 19th inst. Bro. Dan Godfrey's band will be in attendance.

The Queen has approved the appointment of the Earl of Sandwich to be Lord Lieutenant and Custos Rotulorum of the County of Huntingdon, in the room of the late Duke of Bedford.

Meissonier, one of the best known painters of his time, died on Sunday morning last of pneumonia, after about a month's illness. Had he lived three weeks longer he would have completed his 80th year.

In connection with Acacia Lodge, No. 24 (I.C.), a grand concert was given at the Town Hall, Lurgan, on the 28th ult., in aid of the Masonic Charities, which resulted in a profit of £20. The concert was under distinguished patronage, and Bro. Harris gave his services gratuitously.

The Empress Frederick and her daughter, Princess Margaret of Prussia, leave for England about the middle of the present month. After spending a few weeks with the Queen they will return to Germany, travelling direct to Homburg, in the Taunus Mountains, where the Empress has a country residence.

Mr. Jones's "Judah" is about to be sent on tour in the provinces, with Mr. Harold B. Nelson as Judah Llewellyn, and Miss Claire Ivanowa (the Russian lady who made her London debut as Bianca in "Fazio") as Vashti Dethic. The company will also include Mr. J. F. Graham as Professor Jopp, Mr. J. B. Gordon as Dethic, Mr. Langley Russell as Juxon Prall, Miss Ella Yorke as Sophie Jopp, and Miss Ettie Williams as Lady Eve.

It is now decided that the next attraction at the Globe Theatre will be Mr. Godfrey's old success, "The Parvenu." No date is yet fixed for the production of the comedy, as the present programme still has "drawing" powers. When "The Parvenu" is brought out, it will be found that Mr. Norman Forbes has not included himself in the caste, which will, however, certainly comprise Mr. Harry Paulton and Miss Fanny Coleman.

Freemasons of a cosmopolitan turn of mind or who travel much would do well to obtain the two manuals which are issued by George Kenning, of 16, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields. One is the "Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar for 1891" (1s.), containing particulars of the Grand Lodges of this and other countries; and the other is "The Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book" (2s.), which contains a diary and complete list of all the regular lodges and Royal Arch chapters with their places and times of meeting.—Royal Cornwall Gazette.

The ball held at the Bath Saloons, Torquay, on Wednesday night, the 28th ult., in aid of the Masonic Charities of Devon, was a great success. The attendance was large, the dancing was spiritedly kept up, and the decorations were charming. The shadow dances were exceedingly effective. Of the dance music, special commendation is due to "The Grand Masonic Polka," specially composed by Mr. E. Allen Clode. Bro. F. Adams Davson Davson officiated as Master of Ceremonies.

The Board of Trade have received information from the British Vice-Consul at Milan that the sections of the Exhibition of "Health and Education of Children," to be held in Milan next May, relating to toys, games, &c., will be international. Applications from intending exhibitors must be sent into the Executive Committee, 69, Foro Bonaparte, Milan, by the 15th inst. Copies of the prospectus and forms of application may be obtained from the Commercial Department, Board of Trade, 7, Whitehall-gardens, S.W.

The Prince of Wales has presented Mr. John Hare with a silver cigar box, which is in itself a graceful testimony to the actor's art. In the top left hand corner of the box are the Prince of Wales's feathers, and a motto in gold and Royal blue enamel. In the lower right hand corner is the head of a hare looking through a pair of gold spectacles. The inside of the cover bears the following inscription in facsimile of the Prince's handwriting—"To John Hare from Albert Edward, in remembrance of 'A Pair of Spectacles,' at Sandringham, January 8th, 1891."

A Masonic ball, under the banners of Walker Lodge, No. 1342 (Bro. John W. Robson, W.M.), St. Nicholas Lodge, No. 1676 (Bro. Thomas Lewins, W.M.), and St. Peter's Lodge, No. 481 (Bro. Josiah Hammond, W.M.), took place on Wednesday, the 28th ult., at the Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastle. There were about 160 couples. The musical arrangements were entrusted to the charge of Bro. J. H. Amers, and the refreshments were supplied by Bro. W. Fish, Steward of the Assembly Hall. This is the third annual Masonic ball, and was in every sense of the word a success.

On Thursday evening, the 15th ult., the annual Masonic ball in connection with the Fitz-Allan Lodge, No. 1432, in aid of the Masonic Charities, was held in the Victoria Rooms, which had been most tastefully decorated for the occasion in Eastern style. The attendance was numerous, about 140 being present. The ball room and supper room had been beautifully furnished, and great art was shown in their decoration. The following were the Committee, who performed the duties of Masters of the Ceremonies: Bros. Lewis, Parsons, Martin, Roberts, England, Crittall, A. C. Minshall, C. Drew, and Owen. The Honorary Secretaries were Bros. Whitridge and Gardner, who discharged their honourable and onerous duties with the greatest courtesy and satisfaction.