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UNITED GRAND LODGE.

There was only one question on the agenda for Wednesday's meeting of United Grand Lodge which was at all calculated to arouse the interest of the brethren, and that related to the communication of the M.W. Grand Master concerning the conduct of Bro. Sir ROBERT STOUT, P.A.G.D.C., Deputy District Grand Master of Otago and Southland, in establishing an irregular lodge in New Zealand under a warrant obtained from the Grand Orient of France. The circumstances having been virtually admitted by Bro. Sir ROBERT STOUT, and an attempt made by him to justify his conduct, nothing remained but for Grand Lodge to adjudge the penalty which should be inflicted on him for his violation of our laws. Accordingly, the GRAND REGISTRAR having laid the facts fully and carefully before Grand Lodge, and having cited the laws bearing on the subject, proposed a resolution, which was adopted by Grand Lodge unanimously, and which we consider will have the effect of rendering it impossible for Bro. Sir ROBERT STOUT to insult our Grand Lodge on any future occasion. By the terms of this resolution, Bro. Sir ROBERT STOUT is firstly deprived of his rank and privileges as a Past Grand Officer of United Grand Lodge; while in the second clause the attention of the Dist. G.M. of Otago and Southland is formally directed to the conduct to which Bro. Sir ROBERT STOUT, his Deputy District Grand Master, has pleaded guilty, with a view to his (1) removal from the office of Deputy District Grand Master, and (2) the further consideration of that conduct by the District Board of General Purposes. It appears to us that the simple course would have been for Grand Lodge to have expelled Bro. Sir ROBERT STOUT from Masonry, but as the facts have been admitted, his expulsion will in all probability be the final result of the proceedings which have yet to be taken, the exact method of procedure in dealing with the case is of comparatively small importance.

A NEW MASONIC WORK.

A new volume is preparing for publication, and is expected to be ready in a month or so. The title is "History of the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons and Concordant Orders," and the work is to be issued by "The Fraternity Publishing Company," of Boston and New York, of which Bro. L. C. Hascall is the President. Bro. George Kenning is to be the British publisher, to whom all orders may be addressed.

The peculiar feature of the massive volume is that it is written by a "Board of Editors," of whom Bro. Henry L. Stillson, of Bennington, Vermont, is the Editor-in-chief, and Bro. William J. Hughan, of Torquay, is the European Editor, who has Bro. John Lane, of the same town, as his associate Editor. The principal authors of divisions, whose *facsimile* signatures are appended to their chapters, consist of some 20 in number, all of whom are well informed on the subjects about which they write, and may be said to be specialists in their particular departments of great repute.

There are also over 50 more contributors, whose knowledge of their own individual Grand Lodges cannot be excelled, and hence their statistics and general information relative to the Craft in their own States will be wholly reliable, and of considerable value. Of these we have but to mention brethren such as Grand Secretaries A. G. Abell, of *California*; J. J. Mason, of *Canada*; E. C. Parmelee, of *Colorado*; J. K. Wheeler, of *Con-*

necticut; L. L. Munn, *Illinois*; T. S. Parvin, *Iowa*; J. H. Brown, *Kansas*; Dr. Batchelor, *Louisiana*; J. H. Mediary, *Maryland*; S. D. Nickerson, *Massachusetts*; W. P. Innes, *Michigan*; C. Hedges, *Montana*; E. M. L. Elhers, *New York*; the Hon. W. Ross, *Nova Scotia*; M. Nisbet, *Pennsylvania*; J. H. Isaacson, *Quebec*; C. Diehl, *Utah*; W. G. Reynolds, *Vermont*; besides many others of well-known ability, to assure our readers that statistically as well as historically the book will be especially authoritative, accurate, and exhaustive.

With respect to the chief portion of the great work, we understand that it will be divided into five parts, of 21 divisions, in all.

The first part will be devoted to "Ancient Masonry," the divisions being allotted as follows: 1, "The Ancient Mysteries," Bro. W. R. Singleton; 2, "The Cognate Orders," Bishop Perry, of Iowa; 3, "The Old Charges," Bro. H. L. Stillson; the general Introduction being by Bro. Hughan, with brief prefaces by the Editor-in-chief throughout the volume, as required.

Part II., on "Cosmopolitan Freemasonry," commences with —4, "Lodges in America under the English Constitution and Masonic Charities," by Bro. John Lane, followed by, 5, "First Meridian" (Atlantic Slope, &c.), Bro. C. E. Meyer; 6, "Second Meridian," Bros. Meyer, Schultz, and Gillett; 7, 2nd Branch, by Bro. C. E. Gillett; 8, "Third Meridian," Bro. E. A. Sherman; 9, "British America," Bros. Dr. Graham and J. S. Robertson; 10, "Other Countries," Bros. Colonel Hall, W. J. Hughan, and Dr. Graham; 11, "The Morgan Excitement," Bro. J. B. Anthony; 12, "Masonic Jurisprudence," Bro. J. H. Drummond; 13, "The Capitular Degrees," Bro. A. F. Chapman; 14, "The Cryptic Degrees," Bros. Dr. E. Grissom and W. J. Hughan; 15, "Eulogiums of the Ancient Craft," Bros. C. T. MacClenachan and Dr. Graham; 16, "Knights Templars and Allied Orders," Bro. F. Speed; "British Templary," Col. J. McLeod Moore (his last effort!); 18, "Scottish Degrees," Bro. J. H. Drummond; 19, "Royal Order of Scotland," Bro. W. J. Hughan, and "Heredom," Bro. E. T. Schultz; 20, "Other Rites and Orders," Bros. MacClenachan and Rev. Dr. Engle; and 21, "Statistics of Freemasonry," Bro. W. J. Hughan and others, particularly the Grand Secretaries of about 50 Grand Lodges.

The illustrations will be both numerous and valuable, and it is but justice to state that no expense is being spared to render the handsome volume, typographically, artistically, and generally, one of the most important works ever published in relation to Freemasonry. The sale will have to be enormous to clear the heavy cost of outlay and production, but the publishers are very confident of success, and we feel quite certain they have well merited the hearty support they anticipate.

THE LODGES AT ROME, ITALY, IN 1735-37.

BY BRO. D. MURRAY LYON.

Minute book of the Masonic lodge which existed in Rome, 1735—37, and was suppressed by Pope Clement XII. in the latter year, when the officer of the lodge was taken to the Inquisition, though he was soon released.

Among other interesting MSS. preserved in the archives of the Grand Lodge of Scotland are the minutes of a lodge of Scottish Freemasons existing in Rome in the years 1735 and 1737—a lodge over which it has been said "Prince Charles Edward presided as Right Worshipful Master." There is no authority for such a statement. The minutes in question do not support it; nor has evidence from a Scottish source ever been produced of the Pretender being a Freemason.

This relic of Jacobite Masons can scarcely be called a book. It consists of ten sheets of large post folio, placed loosely within a vellum cover, and attached to it by a piece of twine run

through loops made of violin string—evidently the work of an amateur. It was to guard against surprise, no doubt, that such an arrangement of its minute book was adopted by the Roman lodge, for in the event of a domiciliary visit of the papal authorities, the records could easily be removed or destroyed, and the parchment cover left in its entirety.

There are 15 separate entries in the book. The first is without date, and contains the signature of the Master, two Wardens, and 13 members, among whom appear the names of some noted Jacobites: John Stewart, brother to the Earl of Traquair, Dr. James Irvin, Col. William Hay, and William Howard, Master. The Jacobite Duchess of Gordon was a Howard.

The next entry is in Latin, and embraces the "original statutes brought down for the Freemasons of the Roman lodge," and an English translation of the same. These statutes give evidence of their Scottish origin in respect of the prominence they give to the custom of supping in open lodge, and the presentation of gloves or livery to the brotherhood by initiates on their admission. Foreigners were not admissible except they could speak in English. Absentees were sharply looked after. The following note is appended to the minute of September 16, 1735: "That it being contrary to the laws of Masonry for a member to absent himself after due warning, it has been thought proper by the Grand Master and the lodge to fine Sir Mar. Constable, M. Fitzmorise, and M. Le Wick in their share of the supper."

In the first of these minutes is recorded the admission of "George Seton Winton" at a meeting held in Joseppie's, in the Corso, August 16, 1735. This was the attainted Earl of Winton, who, escaping from the Tower of London while under sentence of death for his share in the Rebellion of 1715, sought refuge in the Roman capital, where he resided till his death in 1749. The minute book under notice was taken possession of by Lord Winton when in August, 1737, the lodge was suppressed by Pope Clement XII., by whose order the Tyler, a servant of Dr. Irvin, was sent, as a terror to others, prisoner to the Inquisition, but was soon released.

Meetings were held in "Joseppie's" on September 26 and 21 and December 27, 1735, and on January 4 and February 28, 1736, at which, among others, were admitted one or two French, Neapolitan, and Polish nobles, holding high military rank under their respective sovereigns.

The place of meeting was subsequently changed to "The Three Kings," Strada Paolina, where, in March, 1736, Lord Winton was received as a "Master Mason," prior to his election as "Great Master" in April of the same year.

The admission of Dr. Alexander Cunningham, afterwards Sir Alexander Dick of Prestonfield, and Allan Ramsay, junior, son of the celebrated author of the "Gentle Shepherd" and other poetical works, took place on February 2, 1737, and on the 23rd of the same month the "Marquis de Vassé, Brigadier of the French Army and Collonell of Dragoons," was initiated.

Another communication was held in May, 1737, and at the last meeting of the lodge, which was held on August 20th of that year, was admitted "John Murray," Esqr., whose signature to the minute identifies him as the Laird of Broughton, the devoted friend and Secretary of "Prince Charlie," but whose subsequent disgrace is known to all students of Scottish history.

We have selected the minute of Murray's admission as the subject of our illustration. Its appearance here dispels the illusion under which successive historians of Canongate Kilwinning have claimed for that distinguished lodge the honour of initiating Murray into Freemasonry. In December, 1738, he was "admitted a member" thereof by affiliation. This autograph, along with that of the Jacobite Earl of Kilmarnock, then Grand Master, is appended to the minute of the Grand Visitation to the Canongate Lodge in December, 1742, and in November of the following year, being present in Grand Lodge, Murray was appointed Junior Grand Warden.

In the oldest existing minute book of Canongate Kilwinning mention is made of visiting brethren from Rome, and on the card of his application Sir Alexander Dick is designated as of the Roman lodge.

After passing through the hands of several Jacobite members of the Craft, the minute book of the Roman lodge was, in 1799, put into the hands of Sir James Stirling, Baronet, Lord Provost of Edinburgh and Grand Master Mason of Scotland, to be by his lordship deposited in the archives of Grand Lodge, where it has since remained.

The genuineness of this Masonic relic was formally attested by "Mr. Andrew Lumisden," a gentleman who took an active part in the Rebellion of 1745, and afterwards joining the royal exile at Rome, became his private secretary. After 40 years' residence on the Continent, Bro. Lumisden returned to his native country, and died at Edinburgh December 26th, 1801. He was a member of "the Lodge of Edinburgh from Dumfermling," recorded as such in 1742.—*Keystone*.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

The Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall, when more than 500 brethren were present. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. Grand Master Hants and the Isle of Wight, presided. Bro. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex, acted as Deputy Grand Master, and Bro. Thomas Halsey, M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Herts, as Past Grand Master. Bro. Sir Gabriel Goldney occupied the Senior Grand Warden's chair, and Bro. Major-General Somerset J. Calthorpe took the chair of Junior Grand Warden.

After Grand Lodge had been opened, the GRAND SECRETARY read the minutes of the Quarterly Communication of 3rd December, 1890, which were put and confirmed.

The GRAND SECRETARY then said he had now to report to Grand Lodge that he duly notified to H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught the fact of his appointment as Past Grand Master of Grand Lodge, and that the Grand Lodge had voted to his Royal Highness the presentation of the insignia of his office (which he had read in the minutes). The Duke of Connaught was invested by the M.W.G.M. on the occasion of the installation of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale at Reading as Provincial Grand Master of Berks. The Duke of Connaught had the pleasure of expressing through him (the Grand Secretary) his warm appreciation of the compliment paid to him by Grand Lodge, and he desired to convey to the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge the assurance that he would wear the insignia of his office with much gratification and pride. (Applause.)

The GRAND SECRETARY next said he had to report for the information of Grand Lodge that the Grand Steward who was nominated last year for the Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge, No. 4, Bro. Herbert de Stern having resigned his lodge and become ineligible to act, the lodge had nominated in his place Bro. the Rev. A. W. Oxford, W.M., and that that nomination had been ratified and approved by the M.W.G.M.

Bro. F. A. PHILBRICK, Q.C., Grand Registrar, said that as a communication had been made to Grand Lodge by the Grand Secretary with regard to the Duke of Connaught, he begged to move that the reply of his Royal Highness be entered upon the minutes of Grand Lodge. He thought it was due to Grand Lodge that his Royal Highness's gracious reply in acceptance should appear on Grand Lodge records.

The motion was seconded, and carried.

Bro. BEACH then read the following communication from the Most Worshipful Grand Master:

The Most Worshipful Grand Master regrets to have to inform Grand Lodge that in the month of August last he received a report from the District Grand Lodge of Wellington, New Zealand, that Brother Sir Robert Stout, K.C.M.G., Past Asst. Grand Director of Ceremonies, and Deputy District Grand Master of Otago and Southland, had obtained a warrant from the Grand Orient of France to establish a lodge under it in New Zealand, and had, under that authority, recently opened a lodge in the town of Wellington in that Colony, of which lodge he is the Master.

On receipt of this information, the Grand Master directed the Grand Secretary to address Brother Sir Robert Stout on the subject, and to call on him for an explanation of the grounds on which he felt himself justified in thus taking part in an invasion of British territory by a foreign Masonic body, and especially by one, many of whose members had been declared by a solemn resolution of the Grand Lodge of England on the 6th March, 1878, not to be true and genuine brethren.

A reply has now been received from Brother Sir Robert Stout on the subject, in which he admits the facts alleged, and seeks to justify his action.

Under these circumstances, the Grand Master, with much regret, feels that he has no alternative but to make a complaint of the conduct of Brother Sir Robert Stout, and to submit the matter, with the correspondence relating thereto, to Grand Lodge for its consideration and decision.

The GRAND SECRETARY thereon read the correspondence which had taken place on the subject.

Bro. PHILBRICK, in laying the matter before Grand Lodge, said the Grand Master regretted to have to make a communication to Grand Lodge, and had asked the Grand Lodge to take into consideration the complaint which he made to it of the conduct of one of the officers of Grand Lodge, and that they should consider and decide upon the circumstances of the case. After the correspondence which had just been read, he thought the facts stood pretty clearly before them. The colony of New Zealand was a colony of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland. Its governor was appointed by the Sovereign of this country, and writs went in the name of her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and the ultimate appeal was here to her Majesty in Council. He could not conceive, therefore, apart from Masonic question, a case of a land which was more a colony of this Kingdom. With regard to the Masonic jurisdictions that were there, five English District Grand Lodges, the District Grand Masters of which was appointed by the M.W.G.M., the Deputy of one of them being Sir Robert Stout himself. There were also a District Grand Lodge holding under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and one under the Grand Lodge of Ireland, respectively, besides which, as Sir R. Stout mentioned, there was a fourth body which, at a very recent Quarterly Communication, Grand Lodge declined to recognise as being the Grand Lodge of New Zealand. Under those circumstances all three jurisdictions, England, Scotland, and Ireland, being lawful within the colony, each having Masons all of whom held allegiance to a Grand Lodge situate within the jurisdiction of the United Kingdom, and there having been no invasion of that colony by any other actual or pretended foreign Masonic jurisdiction whatever, he thought he was not going beyond what the good sense of every Mason present would confirm when he said that they had here a clear case—as clear a case as could be—of a territorial Masonic jurisdiction of the United Kingdom. He ventured to say that that which had been alleged by Bro. Sir Robert Stout, in his long and elaborate defence in answer to the Grand Secretary, who challenged him on the matter, would hardly carry the opinion of Grand Lodge with it. With regard to Bro. Sir Robert Stout himself, his act was an extremely clear one, as he himself admitted. In a colony such as he (Bro. Philbrick) had described, with Masonic matters

in it such as he had also put before this Grand Lodge, Sir Robert Stout had brought a warrant purporting to establish a Masonic lodge, of which he was, and is, the first W.M., holding under the Grand Orient of France. Bro. Sir Robert Stout took an exception to the fact that Grand Lodge of England had held themselves not to be in full Masonic union with the Grand Orient of France. Unfortunately at the moment from causes the existence of which they all deplored that was true; but if any brother within the sound of his (Bro. Philbrick's) voice would reflect for one moment he would see it did not matter even where the body was irregular, which he was far from saying the Grand Orient was, although there might be Masons in it professing doctrines to which English Masons never subscribed, but if it were irregular that did not in any way alter the case. If the lodge was the most regular lodge in the world, and in amity with the Grand Lodge of England, if it took on itself to establish a lodge of its own anywhere where the Union Jack flew it would be guilty of a great Masonic mistake. In all cases he ventured to say the real and true sound doctrine was the general rule that where the flag flies to take another jurisdiction into that territory was invasion. It was so in common sense, in general and ordinary matters, and according to French law, and he ventured to think the Masonic law in point of principle did not differ. It was hardly worth while to quote principle in such a matter, but that was the accepted doctrine of Grand Lodge in regard to the case of 1863, when a case came before the Grand Master of the Supreme Conseil of France, which was another body, a supreme body in Masonry of France, and which had issued a warrant for Jersey, and a lodge had been established there under it, and its first Master was a brother under the English Constitution. He was summoned before Grand Lodge, and the matter was fully gone into. His (Bro. Philbrick's) distinguished predecessor, the Grand Registrar (Bro. McIntyre), in advising Grand Lodge, very clearly laid down that the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge of England extended over the island of Jersey, and bringing in a warrant under the Grand Conseil of France was an invasion, that the brother was therefore suspended from all his Masonic privileges till he had made due submission to the Grand Master, and till the Grand Master was pleased to remove his suspension. He (Bro. Philbrick) did not think he need trouble Grand Lodge by dilating further in the matter. Bro. Sir Robert Stout was not an inexperienced Mason, he was one of us, he was initiated under our Constitution, he had occupied the chair in a lodge holding under the District Grand Lodge of England, and had been appointed and was under the District Grand Lodge of Otago and Southland. Moreover, he had received the honours of Grand Lodge, having been appointed Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies. Being, therefore, an experienced Mason, his act had been a deliberate one, and he defended it, and said that Grand Lodge was a Court of Appeal and not a Court of First Instance. He (Bro. Philbrick) would very much like to know how a District Grand Lodge in New Zealand or any other foreign part would interfere between Grand Lodge and an Officer of Grand Lodge. But apart from that, on principle this Grand Lodge had a jurisdiction, and a direct and absolute jurisdiction over every brother who was a member of it—certainly over the Grand Officers, and it actually asserted that jurisdiction more than once, and in a very early period of United Grand Lodge of England, after the Union in the year 1816, it did so, and in the case of a Bro. Bonner, the Grand Lodge resolved that he be deprived of his insignia as a Grand Officer and all the privileges arising therefrom. Therefore both principles, Masonic precedent and Masonic law showed that Grand Lodge had a direct and primary jurisdiction over all those who were members of it, certainly over Grand Officers. Bro. Sir Robert Stout says further, and in a matter of this importance Grand Lodge would pardon him (Bro. Philbrick) for referring to what he said in his defence, for the Grand Lodge ought to consider it fully—that Grand Lodge had no more concern with the matter than if he had joined the Odd Fellows, the Foresters, or the Buffaloes. Sir Robert Stout said Grand Lodge had no concern in the matter, because the Grand Orient of France was not a recognised Masonic body. Taking the question of invasion, he would put an analogy not entirely exact, but sufficient perhaps to convey his meaning. Suppose the case of an invasion of one country by another; would it be any answer if the invaders, caught red handed, after landing were to say they were not invaders, because they were not recognised as a regular enemy? The answer would be—"We have endeavoured to stop you before your invasion was successful." He thought Grand Lodge would say that the pleas put forward by Sir Robert Stout in the long letter which was read, and which they were able to follow, were all such that they could make up their minds upon them. Personally he felt the present was a case of great weight and extreme gravity with regard to Masonry. The knowledge and position of Sir Robert Stout, who was high in authority in a distant part of the globe, where above all his duty was to set an example of and show loyal obedience to the Craft, rendered it a case of gravity. He considered, therefore, that Grand Lodge must feel that the complaint of the Grand Master was a well founded one, and deal with it as a serious matter, and he had therefore to propose that Grand Lodge, having carefully considered the report and the documents submitted to it by the Most Worshipful Grand Master relative to the establishment by Bro. Sir Robert Stout, P.A.G.D.C., and Deputy District Grand Master of Otago and Southland, New Zealand, of a lodge at Wellington in that province, under the Grand Orient of France, of which he is Master, resolves that in the opinion of Grand Lodge the complaint against Bro. Sir Robert Stout is well founded, and his plea in extenuation cannot be accepted, and Grand Lodge therefore adjudges him guilty of a grave Masonic offence, and in accordance with the precedent in the case of Bro. Bonner in 1816 hereby deprives Sir Robert Stout of his rank and status of Deputy District Grand Master. Grand Lodge is further of opinion that by his action as herein stated Bro. Sir Robert Stout has placed himself under the provision of Article 204 of the Book of Constitutions, and directs that this fact shall be brought under the notice of the District Grand Master and Grand Lodge of Otago and Southland with the view of being further dealt with by the District Grand Lodge according to Masonic law, and he moved accordingly.

Bro. THOMAS FENN, President of the Board of General Purposes, said, in seconding the motion, that Bro. Philbrick had in this serious matter very rightly gone into it at some length, but really the matter was comprised in a very small compass, and it would not be necessary for him to detain the brethren very long. He could vouch for the correctness of the precedents which had been quoted by

the Grand Registrar. The case of Bro. Bonner was not the only case in which Grand Lodge had dealt with a Masonic offence by a Grand Officer and deprived him of his rank. This power the Grand Lodge had not delegated to District Grand Lodges or any subordinate authority. All that was proposed to do was to exercise this power and to leave all other matters to the District Grand Lodges and District Grand Masters. The Masonic offence was clearly laid down in the second precedent which had been put by the Grand Registrar. He distinctly recollected a very painful scene in that Grand Lodge. It was fixed on his mind, because it was the first time he ever saw a brother introduced into Grand Lodge in the humiliating position in which that brother was introduced between the two Deacons, deprived of his Masonic clothing, to appeal against his suspension. On that occasion the Grand Master in the chair very clearly laid down what the offence was; it was precisely the same as that of Bro. Stout, and the Grand Master there said that no foreign jurisdiction—that is, other jurisdictions than that of the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, and Ireland—could be exercised, or any lodge established in any part of the Queen's dominions. There could be no doubt that New Zealand was part of the Queen's dominions; and therefore any lodge established or attempted to be established there under another jurisdiction was an irregular lodge. Bro. McIntyre on that occasion showed that according to the ancient charges, a Master solemnly admitted that no new lodge could be formed without permission of the Grand Master or his Deputy, and that no countenance ought to be given to any irregular lodge or to any person initiated therein. Yet the brother there had proceeded to establish an irregular lodge by accepting the office of Master. The offence was precisely the same in this case, and it was clearly laid down to be a Masonic offence which Grand Lodge had the power to deal with in the way proposed. He begged to second the motion of the Grand Registrar.

Bro. BEACH said before he put this resolution he might remark that Grand Lodge would look with leniency on a Masonic offence if it were not of an important character. No doubt a W.M. might go beyond his authority by inadvertence; a Provincial Grand Master might go beyond his authority in thinking he had a power, a dispensing power, which appertained only to the Grand Master; but in such a case it would be an error through inadvertence, and he thought that Grand Lodge would look with great favour upon a fault so committed. But the brethren were dealing with a much more serious matter than that; they had a brother in high authority who should set an example to others, and yet from the clear information of the details they had received, Bro. Stout had no doubt transgressed and gone beyond all his proper authority, and committed a flagrant violation of his Masonic duties. That any one in authority, and entrusted with authority under the Grand Lodge of England, should apply to a foreign jurisdiction to establish a new lodge, and then should put himself at its head, was indeed a grave dereliction of duty; but that dereliction of duty was intensified and aggravated by the fact that the Masonic authority to which he applied was one with which the Grand Lodge of England had passed a resolution repudiating the association. He need not advert to the causes which led to that; they were stated by Bro. Sir Robert Stout in his own letter, in which he said they took a view of Masonic progress. Grand Lodge adhered to the ancient landmarks of the Order, and admitted no progress which was not based on the ancient landmarks. He need say no more than that he heartily concurred with the resolution which he should have the honour now to put to Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge having carefully considered the report and documents submitted to it by the M.W. Grand Master relative to the establishment by Bro. Sir Robert Stout, K.C.M.G., Past Asst. G.D. of C., Deputy Grand Master of Otago and Southland, New Zealand, of a lodge in the town of Wellington in that colony, under a warrant from the Grand Orient of France, and of which lodge he is Master.

Resolved—"That in the opinion of Grand Lodge the complaint against Bro. Sir Robert Stout is well founded, and his plea of justification cannot be accepted. Grand Lodge therefore adjudges him guilty of a grave Masonic offence, and in accordance with the precedent set in the case of Bro. Bonner in the year 1816, hereby removes Bro. Sir Robert Stout from his rank and status as a Grand Officer of the Grand Lodge of England."

"Grand Lodge is further of opinion that by his action as herein stated Bro. Sir Robert Stout has placed himself under the provisions of Article 204, Book of Constitutions, and directs that this fact shall be brought under the notice of the District Grand Master of Otago and Southland, with a view to the withdrawal of Sir Robert Stout's patent as Deputy Grand Master of that District, and to his being further dealt with by the District Grand Lodge according to Masonic law."

Bro. JOHN AIRD, W.M. 259: M.W.G.M. in the chair, I had the honour at the last meeting of Grand Lodge to nominate H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master for the ensuing year, and this evening I have the further honour of proposing his election; and knowing full well that it is unusual on these occasions to refer to any length to the merits of one who is known to all good Masons, and who is loved and respected by them all, and bearing out that feeling, I need only refer to the recent ceremony at Reading, where the son of his Royal Highness took an honourable position in Berkshire. We have had noticed in the minutes to-night the letter from the Grand Master's brother, the Duke of Connaught, also showing the deep interest he takes in the Craft; and many are also aware of the ceremony which in a few days will take place with one of our Charities, the Girls' School, and where H.R.H. the Prince of Wales would be with the Princess of Wales to carry out a very important ceremony. These are only a few of the many reasons which have endeared the Prince of Wales to the Craft, not only in England but also throughout the world, and I am sure the pleasure we shall have to-night in re-electing him as Grand Master of Grand Lodge will be a pleasure that will be conveyed to the world at large. I therefore, M.W.G.M. in the chair, with the greatest pleasure move that his Royal Highness be elected as our M.W.G.M. for the ensuing year.

Bro. SIR GEORGE TAUBMAN GOLDNEY: M.W.G.M. in the chair, I have the honour of seconding on this occasion the annual resolution by which year by year English Freemasonry shows the great benefits which his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has conferred, and is conferring, on Freemasonry. At the same time I feel the duty is a very light one. Everything has been said by Bro. Aird. I shall, therefore, not weaken what he has said by adding to it. I shall simply second the motion that his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales be re-elected our Grand Master.

Bro. BEACH: Brethren, I call upon you to carry it by acclamation.

The motion was carried, and Sir Albert Woods proclaimed the Prince of Wales duly elected.

Bro. JOHN GLASS, P.M. 453, said that following his nomination at last Grand Lodge he now proposed Bro. George Everett, P.M. 177, to be the Grand Treasurer for the year ensuing. He was sure Bro. Everett was so well known that the brethren would accord him the honour. He was glad to find Bro. Everett was able to attend on this occasion though he was absent when he was nominated.

Bro. RICHARD EVE, P.G. Treas., seconded the motion, which was put and carried.

The report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which were recommendations for the following grants, was adopted.

The widow of a brother of the Lodge of Peace and Harmony,			
No. 199, Dover	£50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Commercial Lodge, No. 411,			
Nottingham...	50 0 0
A brother of the Upper Norwood Lodge, No. 1586, Upper			
Norwood	50 0 0

The orphan children of a brother of the Granite Lodge, No. 2028, Narborough	100	0	0
A brother of the St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 222, London ...	150	0	0
A brother of the Wanderers Lodge, No. 1604, London ...	50	0	0
A brother of the Leigh Lodge, No. 957, London ...	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101, Reading	100	0	0

The following report of the Board of General Purposes was also adopted:—

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.
The Board of General Purposes beg to submit a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 13th day of February instant, showing a balance in the Bank of England (Western Branch) of £5308 7s. 4d., and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £100, and for servants' wages £100, and balance of annual allowance for library £54 4s. 11d.

(Signed) THOMAS FENN, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

The Report of Bro. John Smith, Auditor of Grand Lodge accounts, of receipts and disbursements during the year was passed.

Bro. PHILBRICK brought forward the following appeal:

By Lodge Rewa of Viti, No. 2238, Nausori, Rewa Viti Levu Fiji, against the ruling of the Colonial Board on the complaints of Brother James Harding of the said Lodge—and against the decision of the Board cancelling his exclusion from the lodge and ordering him to be reinstated therein.

Bro. PHILBRICK said Art. 217 of the Book of Constitutions laid down the following rule: "Any lodge or brother who feels aggrieved by the decision of a Provincial Grand Master, a District Grand Master, or District Grand Lodge, or of any Board or Committee, or of any other Masonic authority or jurisdiction whatsoever, may appeal against such decision to the next practicable meeting of Grand Lodge." In the present case the lodge had not appealed within the specified time, or nearly six months after, and therefore he moved that the appeal be dismissed.

Bro. T. HASTINGS MILLER seconded the motion, and it was put and carried.

Bro. PHILBRICK then stated, for the information of the brethren, what he thought ought to be brought to the attention of Grand Lodge. The Fiji Lodge declined by a unanimous vote to accept the brother as a re-instated member, on the ground that he was guilty of some conduct that they did not approve of, and then they said that sooner than admit him they would surrender the warrant. Under these circumstances they must be informed that they would be required to make obedience to the Colonial Board, and unless they complied, this refractory lodge must be erased.

Grand Lodge was then closed in form.

GRAND MARK LODGE.

The first Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, since the new resolution of Grand Lodge, to have quarterly instead of half-yearly meetings, was held on Tuesday evening, at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, The Marquess of Hertford, M.W. Pro G.M., presided, supported by Bros. The Earl of Euston, D.G.M.; Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. G.M. of Middlesex and Surrey, acted as P.G.M.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.W.; and Baron De Ferrieres, as J.G.W.

Among those present were—

Bros. A. F. Godson, M.A., M.P., Prov. G.M. Worcestershire; Frank Richardson, P.G.W., G. Registrar; C. F. Matier, P.G.W., G. Sec.; Robert Berridge, P.G.W., G.D.C.; Abraham Woodiwiss, J.P., G.M.O.; C. Belton, P.G.M.O., as J.G.O.; L. G. Gordon Robbins, S.G.O.; Lieut.-Col. A. B. Cook, P.G.M.O., President General Board; C. H. Driver, P.G.M.O., G.I. of W.; J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G.M.O.; Alfred Williams, P.G.M.O.; G. King Patten, P.G.O.; Rev. T. Barton Spencer, M.A., G.C.; Rev. T. W. Lemon, D.D. Oxon, P.G. Chap.; W. C. Gilles, G. Treas.; R. G. Glover, S.G.D.; H. E. Cousans, P.G.D.; F. Lawrence, A.G.D.C.; John Ramsey, P.A.G. D. of C.; Deputy Inspector-General Belgrave Ninnis, R.N., G.S.B.; W. M. Stiles, G. Std. Br.; H. W. G. Abell, G. Std. Br.; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; J. T. Briggs, P.G. Std. Br.; A. R. Carter, P.G. Std. Br.; Wm. Vincent, P.G.I.G.; W. H. Cowper, A.G.I.G.; E. J. Mills, P.A.G.I.G., G. Tyler; the Grand Stewards of the year, many Past Grand Stewards, with many Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers, and the Worshipful Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, and Overseers of many private lodges.

Grand Lodge having been formally opened,

The Marquess of HERTFORD said: Brethren, before I call for the minutes to be read, I have to acquaint you that I have received a personal communication from his Royal Highness the M.W.G.M., and he has signified his wish that the rank of a Past Grand Master should be conferred on his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught. The rank of a Past Grand Master has been conferred on his Royal Highness in United Grand Lodge of England, and therefore there is precedent for what the Grand Master suggests, and I feel sure it will also be the wish of every Mark Mason that the Mark Grand Lodge should confer a similar rank in Mark Grand Lodge. I therefore will propose that the rank of Past Grand Master be conferred on his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, Provincial Grand Master of Sussex, District Grand Master of Bombay, Past Grand Z., Past Senior Grand Warden, and Provincial Grand Mark Master designate of Sussex. In proposing that I will take the opportunity also of informing you that his Royal Highness will on Tuesday next present himself for the ceremony of his installation at Brighton, and I would wish that as many of you as possible will attend on that occasion of his installation. I beg to move the resolution I have now read to you.

The Earl of EUSTON: M.W. Pro Grand Master and brethren, I have the greatest pleasure in seconding the resolution proposed by the Grand Master in the chair. In doing so I may repeat that I do it with the greatest pleasure, having years ago been with his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught in Canada, and I know what a good and true-hearted man he is, and has proved himself to be, with us both in the Craft and in the Mark. In conferring on him the rank of Past Grand Master, we are doing honour to one to whom honour is due, and I think when he comes among us we shall all be able to give him such a hearty reception as will show that we welcome him as a Past Grand Master, and I know he will be proud to receive the honour at our hands. In complying with the wishes of the Prince of Wales, we show that we like to do in Mark Grand Lodge what we do in the Craft, knowing that what he wishes is for the good of the Craft and for the good of the Mark. We remember this, and it is with the greatest honour and pride I second this proposition, and I only hope it will be received in a way that will prove beyond doubt that we welcome his Royal Highness among us as Past Grand Master. I hope it will be received unanimously.

The motion was put and adopted unanimously.

The Marquess of HERTFORD: Brethren, I shall have the greatest pleasure in announcing to his Royal Highness the Grand Master that his proposition has been unanimously received.

The minutes of the Half-yearly Communication of December 2nd, 1890, were then read and confirmed.

The following report of the General Board was taken as read, received, and ordered to be entered on the minutes:—

During the three months ending 31st December, 1890, there have been issued:— Mark certificates, 281; total number registered, 27,639. Warrants for new lodges, 6, viz.:—

- No. 423, Keystone, King William's Town, Cape of Good Hope.
- „ 424, Ashlar, Johannesburg, South African Republic.
- „ 425, Sarnian, Guernsey.
- „ 426, Brighton, Brighton.
- „ 427, Nene, Sutton Bridge, Lincolnshire.
- „ 428, Broxbourne, Broxbourne, Hertfordshire.

Royal Ark Mariners certificates, 46; total number registered, 3186.

One warrant for a new Ark Mariner lodge has been issued. The Euston Lodge to be attached to Euston Lodge, No. 399.

The following Provincial and District Grand Masters have been re-appointed for a further term of three years:—The Hon. Mr. Justice Parsons, Bombay; Rev. Thomas Robinson, Kent; Colonel Marmaduke Ramsay, Mediterranean; T. F. Halsey, M.P., Hertfordshire; R. C. Else, J.P., Somersetshire; Sir Pryse Pryse, Bart., South Wales; Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, Buckinghamshire.

The R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Lincolnshire having appointed Bro. Wm. Mason, S.W. 172, to the office of Provincial Grand Senior Warden, and Bro. B. Coulbeck, M.O. 188, to the office of Provincial Grand Master Overseer, contrary to Article 81, Book of Constitutions, the Board have decided that such appointments are null and void, and that the before-mentioned brethren are not entitled to assume the rank or wear the clothing of Provincial Grand Senior Warden, or Provincial Grand Master Overseer.

Bro. F. Johnson, I.P.M., of Beaconsfield Lodge, No. 205, having through a change of the days of meeting inadvertently served 22 days short of the term of one year, the Board recommend Grand Lodge to confirm him in the rank and privileges of Past Master, on payment of a fee of two guineas for special dispensation.

The Board having carefully re-considered the question of certain proposed alterations of the Book of Constitutions, beg to report that for the present they do not advise any alteration.

The total result of the appeal on behalf of the "Portal Memorial Organ Fund," only amounts to £161 4s. 2d., but the Board have reason to believe that certain amounts have been voted by lodges, although not yet paid, and it would greatly oblige the Executive if such amounts were paid by the Treasurers so soon as minutes are confirmed.

The Board have relieved as follows:

Bro. J. L.	£10	0	0
„ J. H. W.	5	0	0

(Signed)

A. B. COOK, P.G.M.O., President.
FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.W., G. Reg., Vice-Pres.
C. F. MATIER, P.G.W., G. Secretary.

Bro. Col. A. BOTT COOK, President of the Board: M.W.G.M. in the chair and brethren, there is only one recommendation arising out of this report, and in fact only one on which I think any remarks are necessary, and that is the paragraph referring to Bro. Johnson, the I.P.M. of the Beaconsfield Lodge. The brethren of the lodge having found the days of meeting were very inconvenient, they in a proper and constitutional manner proceeded to change the days of meeting and the installation of their W.M. Unfortunately, through an oversight they did not provide for the time the Master should act—12 months—in the chair. This was the case with Bro. William Johnson, who, as a matter of fact, served 22 days short of the time required by the Constitutions. The Board, after fully considering the matter, were quite sure it was an oversight, and therefore they beg to recommend that he be confirmed in his position of P.M. It is necessary that there should be a dispensation, and therefore we also recommend that he pay a fee of two guineas for that dispensation. I beg to move that this recommendation of the Board be adopted.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, G. Reg., seconded the resolution, and said that after the full explanation of the President of the General Board he had nothing to add to it.

The motion was carried, and on the motion of Bro. Col. A. BOTT COOK, seconded by Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, the Report of the General Board was adopted.

Bro. the Rev. JOSEPH CATOR, W.M. Bisley Lodge, next said: Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master and brethren, the honour was accorded me at our last Communication to nominate H.R.H. the Prince of Wales for M.W.G.M. for the ensuing year. It now becomes my duty, therefore, to move that our present Grand Master should be elected Grand Master for the ensuing 12 months. It would ill become me to attempt to exalt one who already occupies such a position in Masonry by any words that I could offer to Grand Lodge; he not only holds the highest possible dignity and position among Mark Master Masons, but a very warm place in the affections of every brother of the Mark Degree. With your kind permission, I therefore propose that his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales be elected M.W. Grand Master for the ensuing 12 months.

Bro. ALFRED WILLIAMS: I have much pleasure in seconding the motion.

The Marquess of HERTFORD: Brethren, it has been proposed and seconded that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., be re-elected Grand Master, and I feel certain that we cannot possibly make any mistake in electing him to be our M.W.G. Master again. I put the resolution, although I feel it is unnecessary. (Cries of "All.")

The motion was carried unanimously, and Bro. ROBERT BERRIDGE, G.D.C., proclaimed the Prince of Wales as Grand Master.

Bro. GILLES, Grand Treasurer, said: M.W.G.M. in the chair,—It was my pleasure at the last meeting to nominate for the position of Grand Treasurer Bro. Gordon Miller, and I now propose him for election. His services in Mark Masonry make him suitable for that position, and I am sure if elected he will be a great credit to the Order.

Bro. HOGARD seconded the motion, which was then put and carried.

Bro. GORDON MILLER: I have to thank you very much indeed for the compliment you have paid me. I assure you that during my year of office I shall do the best I can to further the interests of Mark Masonry.

The GRAND SECRETARY having stated, in answer to the Grand Master in the chair, that he had no communications beyond letters of apology from brethren for not being able to attend that meeting.

Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF SCOTLAND.

List of companions who have been recommended by Supreme Committee to be put in nomination for the different offices in Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland at the Quarterly Communication, held on Wednesday, the 4th instant: Comps. the Right Hon. the Earl of Haddington, Grand Z.; William Officer, S.S.C., Depute Grand Z.; James Crichton, Z. 1, Grand H.; J. Dalrymple Duncan, Z. 189, Grand J.; R. S. Brown, P.Z. 115, G.S.E.; James Melville, P.Z. 118, G.S.N.; Dr. Geo. Dickson, Z. 83, G. Treas.; Major F. W. Allan, P.J. 192, G. Recorder; Chas. Baxter, W.S.P.Z. 14, G. Chancellor; Colonel P. Stirling, Z. 2, 1st G.S.; E. Macbean, Z. 50, 2nd G.S.; J. McNaught Campbell, Z. 69, 3rd G.S.; C. C. Nisbet, W.S.Z. 40, G.S.B.; J. Carruthers, Z. 37, G.S. of W.; Allan Mackenzie, P.Z. 174, 1st G. Std. Br.; J. Simpson, P.Z. 64, 2nd G. Std. Br.; and John Taylor, G. Janitor.

THE COLUMBIA LODGE, No. 2397.

Yet another lodge is to be added to the roll on Thursday, the 19th inst., in the form of a duplicate of the enormously successful Anglo-American. The new lodge has been projected as a sort of supplement to the latter, and its meetings are to be held in the off months, when many American visitors will be passing through London, and when, as at present arranged, there is no regular Masonic home meeting for their reception.

In the foundation of the lodge Bros. Brackstone Baker, Major George Lambert, Adolphus Clark, W. M. Bywater, E. Jessurun, Cuming, Dr. Wedgewood, and many other well-known Masons are prominent, and in securing Bro. Clark as their first W.M., Bro. Colonel North for their first S.W., and Bro. A. Cook (Mayor of Leeds) for their first J.W., we feel sure a good start is ensured. There is one American brother in London without whom no semi-American lodge is perfect, and this lodge has secured him—Bro. Cuming—as its Treasurer.

We are not at present able to give a list of the whole of the officers designate, but we feel satisfied that the wealth and talent available among the Anglo-American community in London is ample to justify us in our prediction of a bright future for this lodge. It has been suggested that the members elected shall be alternately English and American. This, if carried out, seems to us a happy idea, and one likely to give great satisfaction to all concerned.

The ceremony of consecration will be undertaken by Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, the Grand Secretary, and we feel assured that the day may be marked with a red letter in Masonic calendars on both sides of the water. If we add that the Café Royal, Regent-street, is to be the home of the lodge, we have said enough to show that comfort and hospitality will be conspicuously present. The Secretary *pro tem.* is Bro. W. J. Spratling, 74, Wickham-road, Brockley, S.E., who will be glad to furnish further information.

PHILANTHROPIC LODGE, No. 304.—
MEMORIAL SERVICE.

Owing to the death of Bro. Craig, P.M., P.P.G.D., taking place while on a visit to his friends, and far from Leeds, and none of his brethren being able, owing to time and distance, to attend his funeral, it was decided to hold a lodge of emergency for the purpose of having a memorial service, to which all the Masons resident in Leeds were invited.

The lodge of emergency was opened by the W.M., Bro. J. W. Booth, in the presence of Bros. Chas. Normanton, S.W.; Chas. Crozsdale, J.W.; C. Letch Mason, P.M., Treas.; J. Rickard, P.M.; F. H. Lawson, I.P.M.; T. Myer, P.M.; J. Yates, P.M.; W. F. Tomlinson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; S. T. Oates, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; James Bedford, P.P.G.D.; W. H. Hewson, P.M.; J. Beaumont, Sec.; G. Hamsworth, L. Kettlewell, E. White, W. Neill, F. H. Lawson, jun., Wm. Brownridge, S. Barrand, Tyler; H. Smith, P.M. 302, D.P.G.M.; D. R. Glover, P.M. 289, P.P.G.D.; T. Dodds; J. C. Malcolm, P.M., W.M. 306, P.P.G.R.; J. Threppleton, P.M. 306; S. T. Simpkin, 306; C. Fenton, 306; F. J. Blackburn, P.M. 306; W. Flockton, P.M. 1042; R. Thompson, P.M. 1042, Prov. G. Steward; T. Thorp, S.W. 1042; A. Atkinson, S.D. 1042; G. Heathwaite, 1042; H. Bank, 1042; R. Waide, 1042; A. Dongill, 1042; A. T. Dobson, 1042; Wm. Smith, P.M. 1211; C. Scriven, P.M. 1211; Rev. T. E. Jameson, 1211; A. S. Bacon, 1211; C. B. Inman, 1211; Tom Tomlinson, P.M. 1221; R. Lucas, P.M. 1221; Jos. Millington, J.D. 1221; S. W. Cliff, I.G. 1221; T. C. Turner, 1221; T. S. Usher, 1221; G. Whitaker, 1221; W. W. Clayton, W.M. 1311; J. J. Fretwell, W.M. 2069; C. Middleton, P.M. 2069; Tudor Trevor, P.M. 2069; and others.

The service consisted of prayer and a portion of Holy Writ, which were very solemnly and appropriately rendered by Bro. Jos. Rickard, P.M. The following hymns were sung: "O God our help in ages past," "Lead kindly light amid the encircling gloom," "Brief life is here our portion," and "Abide with me fast falls the eventide."

The following address was given by Bro. W. F. TOMLINSON, P.P.G.D.C.: W.M. and Brethren,—As we were not permitted to join in the obsequies of our dear departed brother (owing to his death having taken place at a great distance from Leeds), and thereby be enabled to show our appreciation of his beautiful and blameless life, we turn our thoughts to that quiet country churchyard which now contains all that is mortal of Robert Craig, but, brethren, "we sorrow not as those without hope." Our hearts are sustained by the assurance that his flesh shall there rest in sure and certain hope of a joyful resurrection unto eternal life. "Our loss is his infinite gain." Our loss, who can estimate it? It is irreparable. We of the Philanthropic Lodge shall miss his kindly genial presence at our regular meetings, and at the Hall Committee, and the young rising Masons of this great and important town will miss his patient painstaking training in the unique and beautiful ritual of our Order; his tact in imparting accurate knowledge of our ceremonies was very great, and I had the advantage of his large and ripe experience, and by him was stimulated to learn the working of the whole three Degrees, which at the period appeared to my mind almost unattainable. He has gone from us. Our aspirations follow him from this sublunary abode to the Grand Lodge above, where the Great Jehovah is the Master and His officers the holy angels.

The Dep. Prov. G.M., Bro. HENRY SMITH, P.G.D. of Eng., also expressed the great loss the province had sustained by Bro. Craig's death.

Bro. J. J. FREIWELL, W.M. 2069, paid an eloquent tribute to the memory of our deceased brother. He particularly alluded to Bro. Craig's connection with Lodge Prudence, and said that by his death Freemasonry—not only in Leeds, but in the Province of West Yorkshire—had sustained a loss which it would be very difficult to replace.

Immediately before singing the last hymn Bro. C. LETCH

MASON, P.M., P.P.G. Treas., delivered the following oration: It may truly be said, brethren, in the midst of life we are in death. When we assembled on the 28th of last month to celebrate with joy the installation of the W.M., none thought that before many days elapsed we should mourn for one of our oldest members, one who has been an honoured and esteemed Past Master of the lodge for many years, one who was looked up to by many as their father in Masonry, the kind loving Preceptor and instructor, loving and beloved by all who came within the circle of his acquaintance. The badges of mourning and the tokens of Masonic regret we see around in lodge to-night remind us one and all more forcibly than words express of this recent dispensation of an all-wise and all-merciful Providence. Let us, therefore, for a few minutes, devote a few passing moments to honour the memory of one, whose worth as a man we all acknowledge and whose excellency as a Mason we all admired—for, believe me, the beneficent and genial spirit of our noble Order never shines more brightly than when (as with a ray from heaven) it seeks to lighten up the shifting scenes and sterner vicissitudes of life with its own unfading lustre of brotherly sympathy and brotherly love. Robert Craig—with all reverence let his name be spoken—was born on the 5th May, 1815, at Coldingham, a small parish on the coast of Berwickshire, skirting on East Lothian. Here among the ranges of hills belonging to the Lammermuir chain, cloven into ridges by intervening valleys of considerable extent, and watered by the Eye, the Ale, their tributaries and five minor streams, with St. Abbs Head close at hand with its rocky and dangerous coast, abounding in caves and fissures, once the retreat of smugglers—here were his boyhood days spent, and no doubt tended to form that character of enterprise and travel which so greatly distinguished his later years. His apprenticeship was served at Berwick-on-Tweed, after which he came to Leeds as manager and foreman for Mr. Hemmant, in Briggate. There are some things we call accidents, others look upon them as an overruling of a Divine Providence. On completing his apprenticeship he was proceeding to London, and passing through Leeds, stayed all night at the Bull and Mouth, and in course of conversation named that he was going to London in quest of an appointment, when some one present said Mr. Hemmant was in want of a good assistant. Bro. Craig quietly went out, and business places being open later than now, saw Mr. Hemmant. They mutually took a fancy to each other, which resulted in his settling down in Leeds, and it is also well known that the great George Moore admiring his business capabilities, offered him an appointment. About the year 1848 he succeeded to the business, when he was joined by two of his brothers, and it was carried on for many years as "R. W. and G. Craig." He survived both his brothers, and finally retired from business in 1885. He was for 20 years one of the overseers of the poor, viz., from 1857 to 1877, and was also an active member of the Trade Protection Society, having been elected a member of the Committee in September, 1855, and up to the time of leaving Leeds he regularly attended to and discharged his duties—a pretty good period of service—35 years. At all times he took an active interest in all that appertained to the welfare of the town of his adoption. Our brother was a great student, and was a fountain of knowledge, and, perhaps, to this may be attributed the affection of his eyes and the complete loss of sight in one. Few subjects you could touch on that he was not conversant with. He was a great admirer of Carlyle and his writings, especially "Sartor Resartus" and "Life of Frederick the Great." Some have heard him give with much feeling the recitation from Sartor on "War." He was a great traveller, and had been in most of the capitals in Europe, with some of which he was well acquainted. He was a good business man; just, upright, and forgiving even when wronged, never known to say an unkind word against anyone, and we all know the excellency of his memory. He enjoyed to the last excellent spirits, and died on the 2nd February, 1891, far from all his Leeds friends, but amongst his relatives, and was laid quietly to rest in the churchyard at Coldingham. But to us, my brethren, he stood in a closer friendship. Bro. Craig was initiated into our Ancient and Honourable Society on the 27th April, 1864—just about the time when the erection of the hall in which we are now assembled was under careful consideration, and we find that both he and his brother George (who was also a member of our Order) were amongst those who took up debentures to assist in the erection of this hall. He was exalted to the Supreme Degree of a Royal Arch Mason on the 1st October, 1866, but we do not find him taking any active interest in the working of the lodge until the end of 1870, when I, as Master of the lodge, had the pleasure of appointing him, with the full consent of the Board of Past Masters, to the office of Secretary of the lodge, and I think that we may fairly reckon this time as the commencement of that long and honourable career which has only terminated by the Grand Master's call to ascend to the Grand Lodge above. At the close of 1871 he was appointed Junior Warden and in 1872 Senior Warden. When the time approached for the election of Worshipful Master in 1873, he reluctantly felt he must decline to go forward owing to the foreshadowing of that which in his later days deprived him of his greatest pleasure—the study of books. However, the brethren felt they could not afford to lose his services, and Bro. Colonel Pilsworth, P.M., was placed in the chair, whilst Bro. Lowrey, P.M., kindly undertook the duties of Senior Warden so as to keep the path open if Bro. Craig could undertake the duties of Master in the succeeding year. To the great delight of the brethren he was unanimously elected to the chair in 1874 and regularly installed Master of the lodge. During his year of office the Provincial Grand Master had occasion to call his advice committee together several times, when Bro. Craig hospitably entertained them, and on the conclusion of the business was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel, which he at all times valued very highly. Bro. Craig held office as a Grand Deacon in the Provincial Grand Lodge. In Royal Arch Masonry, after serving the minor offices, he was installed Third Principal in 1877, Second Principal in 1878, and First Principal in 1879, and Grand Asst. Sojourner in the Provincial Grand Chapter in 1883. He was advanced to the Honourable Degree of a Mark Master Mason on 3rd October, 1876, and worked up to and was elected Master of the Copley Lodge in 1881, but at the time he ought to have been installed he was undergoing a painful operation connected with his eyesight, and he was unable to attend any Masonic duties for some time, and so his installation did not take place; however in 1887 he accepted the office of Junior Warden, in 1888 Senior Warden, and was

installed Master in 1889. He was appointed within a few days of his installation Junior Grand Warden of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of West Yorkshire. He was also a knight of the Temple and a knight of Malta, and also became a member of the White Rose Council of Royal and Select Masters. Bro. Craig was a warm supporter of our Masonic Charities, the Girls' School and the Benevolent Funds being his especial favourites. He was also a Life-Governor of our local Benevolent Educational Fund, and was a past President. He was also for some time Chairman of our local Relief Committee, and many can testify to his kind, attentive, and careful consideration of the claims of those who came to him for relief. And what can we say more? His courtesy and consideration for others was forcibly marked in all his words and actions. No one ever endeavoured more truly to carry out in practice the theory of our Masonic teaching, and to be one to whom the burdened heart might pour forth its sorrow, to whom distress might prefer its suit; truly, his head was guided by justice and his heart was expanded by benevolence. Who ever heard our brother say an unkind word about anyone? yea, even when he might justly have done so, but rather suggested the most favourable and palliating circumstances in extenuation, when their conduct was justly liable to reprehension and blame. Who ever heard of him refusing to give instruction to any one willing to learn? but would spend hour after hour imparting instruction to all who came within the circle of his circumference, delighting to transmit pure and unsullied the genuine tenets of our Institution. And may we not, my brethren, draw some valuable thoughts for ourselves, some useful lessons from him who has gone before? Who of us, brethren, can reckon on to-morrow's light? Who of us, I ask, met here together, when he lays himself down to take his sweet repose to-night, can say he will evermore arise; that our summons may not—will not—come even before the night watches are sped away. Day by day and hour by hour our own experience tells us with an unwavering voice, what we are all so loth to believe and to learn, that this life of ours with all its gifts, its charms, its blessings, is not only most shadowy, but most uncertain; that its precious sands are fast running away past recall into the eternity of our being. Day by day we see the youngest, the fairest, the most hopeful, and the most gifted fall at our side, though we ourselves are still spared. Hour by hour the whisper of fond affection is hushed, and the pleasant voice of gentleness is still; to-day we are full of gladness and rejoicing, bright hopes and glowing anticipations, all is well with us and ours; to-morrow, alas! a shadow has fallen on our hearths; the face that gave it sunshine, the voice that filled our home, our lodge, with melody has passed away for ever. In a moment, my brethren, on a sudden, most awfully sudden at times; to-day, to-morrow, here and there, in our studies, in the market place, in our counting houses, in our homes, when we are most lonely as well as when we are most busy, it is all the same—we ourselves are not; we have ceased to be, to breathe, to speak, to hope, to plan; our place of business, our sphere of duty, our home, our lodge will know us no more. Friends regret us, or sometimes, alas! friends forget us. We have passed away from this earth, all our hopes and fears ended in the grave. Such is the home appointed for all living—a home to some of many fears and sad anticipations, but yet to many a home "where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary be at rest." And then, my brethren, in that dark grave and that mysterious future. What then? What is behind that veil which the eye of human reason cannot penetrate? What shall we see in that strange land of which all mortal men are ignorant? What shall we find at that distant bourne from which no traveller returns? Men and brethren, should not such a memory and such an opportunity as to-day supplies teach us to look onward, upwards, and inwards? Should it not lift us, as it were, above this passing scene, and bring us to self-contemplation and self-consideration? May we not in this way grasp at that great lesson of human life, that solemn measure of self-discipline, which we are required to learn as onwards we pass through time to eternity? For we have all sooner or later, unless we wilfully close our ears to that still small voice within us which bears witness of a vital and immortal principle, to prepare ourselves for the closing hours of our own mortal struggle, that so, amid all the intricate windings of this transitory life, and raising our eyes ever upwards to that bright morning star whose rising proclaimed peace and salvation to the faithful and obedient of the human race, as our guide through the dark valley of the shadow of death, we may, by God's providence, have not only learnt how to live here below, but also have learnt how to die. May we learn to make the Volume of the Sacred Law, the unerring standard of right and wrong, our patient and reverential study, and to regulate our lives and actions by the divine precepts it contains. May we ever inculcate upon others, and ever seek to practise carefully ourselves those distinguishing duties of morality and order as taught us by Masonic lore, brotherly love, belief, and truth. May prudence direct us, temperance chasten us, fortitude support, and justice be the guide of all our actions. May we ever show forth fidelity, secrecy, and obedience as Masons; benevolence, courtesy, and Charity as men. May we in our several stations in life discharge our moral and social duties with freedom, fervency, and zeal. Then, my brethren, all our hidden mysteries and symbols will not have been displayed in vain. Then, like our dear departed brother, we shall lay, by God's help, a foundation-stone right and true on which to raise a superstructure perfect in all its parts and honourable to the builder. Farewell, dear friend and brother, lying peacefully amongst thy kith and ken in the home of your childhood. Farewell, kind friend, instructor and Preceptor. Farewell, Bro. Craig, a long, long farewell till the morning break and the shadows flee away, till the last days when time shall be swallowed up in eternity. Farewell! farewell! Brethren, we are not yet dismissed from our labour and our toil. The times of refreshing are not yet come to us, but our Grand Master's summons may come to us any day, and then, as with our departed brother, so may we hope when time itself shall be no more, through the mercy alone of the world's Great Architect, to dwell in his presence in those mansions not made with hands eternal in the heavens. Oh, may the Almighty and all merciful Father of us all vouchsafe His presence to all the gatherings, and His blessings to all the labours of our brethren scattered over this wide world, and may He continue to cement and adorn our Order with every moral and social virtue.

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Masonic Notes.

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 1891.

The remarks in our last issue in regard to the arrangements for the important function of Thursday next, the 12th inst., when the Prince of Wales, accompanied by the Princess of Wales, will open the Centenary Hall of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, have had one very satisfactory result. We have been favoured by Bro. E. Letchworth, Chairman for the current month of the House Committee, with a communication, which will be found in our Correspondence column, and in which are very clearly set forth (1) the difficulties by which the Committee have been beset in their endeavours to make the arrangements necessary for so important an occasion; and (2) the arrangements which they have been at length enabled to make under those difficulties. These matters are so fully explained in Bro. Letchworth's letter, that we are content to refer our readers to it for any information they may be desirous of obtaining.

The difficulties with which the Committee have had to contend are of a character to account in great measure for the delays of which, not without reason, we complained, in our remarks of last week; while the arrangements which have been made for the ceremony of Thursday next are, in our opinion, perfectly satisfactory. Having regard to the very limited space at the disposal of the Committee as well as to the fact that, in view of the Princess of Wales accompanying her husband, a number of ladies will be invited to attend, we consider the Committee have done the best that was possible under very difficult circumstances. Having, however, greater experience in these matters than Bro. Letchworth, we are not so sanguine as he is that the Committee will altogether escape criticism, but as they have done their best—and a best for which they deserve great credit—we advise them to treat the critics with indifference. Provided always that the manner in which the arrangements are carried out is as admirable as the arrangements themselves are commendable.

While on the subject of next Thursday's function, we will add that we have been especially requested to announce that the brethren who will have the *entrée* to the Girls' School Centenary Hall on that occasion, will be expected to appear in morning dress and without their Masonic clothing.

We have much pleasure in announcing that H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught has been pleased to appoint Tuesday, the 10th inst., for his installation as R.W. Provincial Grand Master for Sussex. The ceremony will take place at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, at three o'clock, and will be performed by the M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Marquess of Hertford, and immediately after the Brighton Mark Lodge, No. 426, will be consecrated.

The annual festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, which was held in Freemasons' Hall and, as regards the festive portion of the proceedings, in the adjoining Tavern, on Friday, the 27th ult., under the presidency of Bro. Lord Cremorne, Past S.G.W., proved somewhat more of a conspicuous success than usual. The work in lodge was, as a matter of course, irreproachable, while the after-dinner speeches were a treat to listen to. This is not to be wondered at, seeing that the speakers include, besides Lord Cremorne himself, such recognised exemplars of Masonic eloquence as Bros. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, Past Grand Chap.; Thomas Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes; Samuel Pope, Q.C., P.G.D.; and J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D. A festival at which such brethren as these were among the chief speakers, could not fail to be a success, and we congratulate the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, its officers, and the brethren who acted as Stewards for the day on the admirable manner in which the meeting passed off.

One of our numerous exchanges takes us somewhat sharply to task because in some recent note or article we happen to have described a member of the Cambrian Lodge of Australia, who prefers remaining in his

old allegiance to the Constitution of England in preference to joining the New South Wales Constitution, as a "loyal" brother. Perhaps our worthy contemporary, whose mind, for lack of something better to occupy its attention, is thus exercised by ingenious, but somewhat pointless quibbling, will be kind enough to state what this English brother is, if he is not "loyal" to his old allegiance?

We would further advise our contemporary to read up its logic a little. It is clearly a *non sequitur* to state that because one man elects to remain loyal, true, faithful, or whatever else he may be called, to the Constitution with which he has always been connected, therefore, all those thousands of brethren, who, by proper constitutional means, have left that constitution and organised a Grand Lodge of their own, must be disloyal. Those constitutional steps were taken under the auspices of Bro. Lord Carrington, at the instance of the late Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, the object being to put an end to the strife which our late Pro Grand Master found existing among the several Masonic bodies in New South Wales at the time of his visit to the Antipodes. Our Grand Lodge at once recognised the Grand Lodge of New South Wales on condition that any English lodge or lodges which desired to remain loyal to its or their old Constitution should be allowed to do so, and our G.M., the Prince of Wales, is Patron of the New South Wales Grand Lodge. It is therefore as absurd as it is illogical to argue that, because we have described as "loyal" a brother who prefers to remain an English instead of becoming a New South Wales Mason, we have, by so doing, branded the whole body of New South Wales Masons, to whom we cordially wish all prosperity, as "disloyal." Our contemporary must be hard pressed for matter to waste its time and space in such taunts as this.

As for its sneer at our having excepted Lords Carrington and Carnarvon from the charge of disloyalty because they were English peers, we have never excepted them from it, neither have we included them in it, for the best of all reasons, that we have never made any charge of disloyalty against the New South Wales brethren and their advisers, noble or simple, save in the imagination of our contemporary.

There may be differences of opinion as to the establishment of what is called a Masonic Home being the wisest and best course to pursue in the furtherance of Masonic Charity, but there can be no doubt that those who endeavour to promote the establishment of such an Institution are as sincere in the cause of Charity as those who differ with them. Therefore, the Home which it is the desire of the South Australian brethren to found at Glenelg on a block of land presented some 18 months ago to the Craft in that colony, will have our best wishes for its success as well as the best wishes of all who feel sympathy for the poor and distressed brother, his widow, and family. A short time ago the trustees of Freemasons' Hall, Adelaide, in whom the ground is vested, together with the members of the Board of General Purposes, and other members of Grand Lodge, made an excursion to Glenelg, where they were received by Bro. Gray, the donor of the land, and his son, and conducted over the site of the future Home. Subsequently the party lunched together at the Town Hall buildings, and then returned to Adelaide much pleased with their visit.

The land which has been thus presented to the Craft is described as comprising about 14 acres, and is situated facing the sea, its frontage being between 1300 feet and 1400 feet. It has been stipulated that a great part of it should be let on certain terms if necessary and the revenue so derived employed in the erection of cottages and educational buildings. It is also proposed to raise a fund in furtherance of the object, so that there appears to be a fair chance of the scheme being carried out successfully. We sincerely hope the prospect will be realised.

It is evident from the reports contained in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Colorado at its annual Communication in September last that the Craft is in a flourishing state in that jurisdiction. It is but 30 years since the Grand Lodge was founded, yet there are already 75 lodges on its roll, with a total membership of 5252. The receipts for the year exceeded \$5000, and the total of the various funds amounted to nearly \$19,200, the expenditure, including a donation of \$5000 towards the erection of a Masonic Hall, being, in round figures, \$9955.

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.]

INAUGURATION OF THE NEW BUILDINGS AT THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

As it is evident, from the remarks in your last week's paper, that an entirely erroneous impression prevails as to the principle adopted by the Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls in the distribution of tickets of admission to the approaching ceremony on the 12th inst., I take the earliest opportunity, as Chairman for the month of the Committee having charge of the arrangements, to correct that impression by stating briefly the mode in which the tickets will be allotted.

When, at a very recent date, it was intimated that her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales had graciously consented to accompany the Prince, the Committee deemed it only fitting that every brother attending the ceremony should have the privilege of introducing a lady.

This necessarily reduced, by nearly a half, the space in the hall available for brethren, and left accommodation for not very many more than 300 brethren, exclusive of ladies. The important question then arose as to the principle on which those brethren should be selected for invitation; and the Committee, after the fullest consideration, determined that those having the first claim to places were the brethren who had been most munificent in their support of the Institution, including amongst that number Provincial Grand Masters and Provincial Grand Secretaries in their representative capacities.

At the same time it was considered that the claims of those at present exerting themselves in connection with the approaching Festival should not be entirely overlooked. As, however, a comparatively small proportion of such brethren could be accommodated with places, it was decided to limit the privilege of admission of such Stewards to those who had acted in the same capacity on the occasion of the Centenary Festival, thus recognising, as far as could be done, the claims of both.

But it so happens that the list of Stewards of the approaching Festival is very far from complete. The only means, therefore, by which the names of those possessing the requisite qualifications could be obtained was by communicating with all the Centenary Stewards who had not qualified as Patrons, Vice-Patrons, or Vice-Presidents.

I fear the circular addressed to the Centenary Stewards with that object has to some extent occasioned the misapprehension that exists, the brethren receiving them being unaware that invitations had also been sent to a large number of those referred to.

The Committee have now received replies from a very large proportion of those who have been communicated with, and I am therefore in a position to state, for the information of your readers, that those who will be present at the ceremony on the 12th inst., will, with the exception of ladies, and a very few others invited for special reasons, be brethren who, if not actual Stewards at the Centenary Festival, were among the largest contributors to the magnificent sum raised on that occasion, out of which the cost of the new buildings has been defrayed.

The brethren attending the ceremony will consist of—

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4. Those of the Vice-Presidents who have personally contributed 50 guineas and upwards who served as Stewards at the Centenary Festival.

5. Those brethren who served as Stewards at that Festival and have intimated to the Secretary their intention to serve again at the ensuing Festival.

6. Those immediately connected with the Institution and a few to whom complimentary invitations for sufficient reason have been or will be sent, and the representatives of the press.

I venture to think the most captious critic of the action of the Committee will not begrudge the privilege accorded to any of the above-named brethren.

The Committee extremely regret that, for the causes I have indicated, they are precluded from welcoming to the School on the 12th inst. a large number of brethren who are valued supporters of the Institution.

With the view, however, of affording such brethren the earliest opportunity to inspect the Centenary Hall and other new buildings the Committee will be pleased to receive them, and ladies in their company, at the Institution on the afternoons of Saturday, the 14th, and Wednesday, the 18th inst., between the hours of three and five, when the children at half-past three will perform their calisthenic exercises in the large hall.

Brethren who may desire to avail themselves of this invitation will be admitted at the main entrance on presentation of their visiting cards with the names of their respective lodges written thereon.—Yours fraternally,

EDWARD LETCHWORTH.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Faith Lodge (No. 141).—This ancient lodge met at Anderton's Hotel, on the 24th ult. Among those in attendance were Bros. W. Langdale, W.M.; Frommholz, P.M.; acting S.W.; Welsh, J.W.; W. Carter, P.M.; Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M.; Sec.; W. Taylor, S.D.; Godfrey, acting I.G.; E. Hopwood, P.M.; P.P.G.S.B.; C. Dairy, P.M.; Capt. Walls, P.M.; Hudson, P.M.; Cobham, P.M.; and others.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, apologies for non-attendance from absent brethren were read. A proposition for initiation at the next meeting having been handed in, the lodge was closed, and the brethren separated.

Panmure Lodge (No. 715).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 21st ult., at the Cannon-street Hotel, Bro. H. Birdseye, W.M., in the chair. Among the visitors were Bros. W. T. Buck; T. A. Dennison, Wellington and Highbury Lodges; L. H. Perkins, S.W. Laurence Lodge, U.S.A.; E. R. Spears, T. H. Henri, P.M.; and I. E. Blank, 205. Bro. I. Isaacs was raised to the Third Degree. Bro. J. S. White was duly installed by the W.M., and appointed the following officers: Bros. E. Quicke, J.W.; S. Myers, S.D.; J. Cope, P.M.; Treas.; H. Birdseye, P.M.; Sec.; and J. Isaacs, I.G. During the proceedings a handsomely framed address, engrossed on vellum, was presented to the I.P.M., and in making the presentation Bro. White said that it was given not alone as a token of the high respect and esteem in which Bro. Birdseye was held by the members and the lodge, but also as a tangible mark of the affection which he won for himself.

At the close of the business the brethren adjourned to a well-served banquet, at which the customary toasts were proposed and honoured.

In proposing "The Health of the W.M." the I.P.M., Bro. Birdseye, said that notwithstanding the fact that Bro. White was practically a young Mason, he had made such rapid strides in the knowledge of the Craft, and had displayed such marked proficiency, that it would be a pleasure to the members to bestow upon him the coveted office of W.M. He had both in the lodge and in his general career set an example which could be followed with advantage.

A series of musical selections given by the brethren added considerably to the success of a highly enjoyable meeting.

St. Dunstan's Lodge (No. 1589).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 25th ult., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, Bro. Wm. Farrington, W.M., presiding. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the Audit Committee's report was received. Bro. Walter Wellsman, P.M., W.M. elect, was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed in a masterly manner by Bro. Wm. Farrington. The newly-installed W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. C. Moore, S.W.; Innes, J.W.; Clemow, P.M.; Treas.; Robinson, P.M.; Sec.; Hunter, S.D.; Buck, J.D.; Beningsfield, P.M., I.G.; W. E. Farrington, P.M., D.C.; and F. Farrington, P.M., Stwd. After the investiture of officers a very pleasing and interesting duty devolved upon the W.M., who initiated his son, Mr. Walter Henry Wellsman; Mr. Thomas Randell was also initiated by the W.M.

The members of the lodge and a large number of visitors afterwards adjourned to the Pillar Room, where a sumptuous banquet was partaken of.

The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W. Grand Master" were proposed by the W.M., and responded to heartily.

In proposing the toast of "The Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. said he was deprived of the presence of three Grand Officers that evening. One was a member of the lodge, Sir Polydore de Keyser, who wrote expressing his regret that he could not attend, having to be present at the Poulterers' Company. Bro. Sheriff Augustus Harris, Grand Treasurer, had expressed personally to him (the W.M.) his regret that he could not be there that evening, as he had to be at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; and Bro. Sir Somers Vine, Grand Deacon, was also prevented from being present. The W.M. expressed his sorrow that those brethren could not be with them, but said they were worthy of the brethren's highest admiration and highest praise.

The next toast, that of "The W.M.," was proposed by the I.P.M., Bro. Wm. Farrington, who said it was an unusual thing to put a Past Master in the chair. He had the honour and pleasure that evening of installing the father of the lodge, Bro. Wellsman. He congratulated the W.M. on his initiating his son, and asked the brethren to cordially drink his health.

The toast having been heartily responded to, the W.M. replied. He said that 14 years ago that night he sat in that chair. He little thought then that two apprenticeships would pass and that he should again assume it. Since he was first in the chair a great deal had happened. Brethren had joined the lodge, brethren had left the lodge, brethren had died, and others had gone elsewhere, and but few of the old faces remained. His interest in the lodge remained and was as keen now as ever it was. The honour that the brethren had done him would ever remain in his mind. Since he had been a member of the lodge he had done his duty, but why he should have been rewarded as he had been he failed to see. It had been the pleasure of the brethren that he should carry on the work for another year, and he only hoped that he should have health and strength to do it. He would try to make his year of office a success, and hoped he should have plenty of work to do. He had already initiated two gentlemen that evening, and was promised two more on the next occasion.

The toast of "The Initiates" was next proposed by the W.M. He said it was one of the peculiar pleasures of the W.M. to have some work to do after he was installed.

With regard to his initiating his son, the W.M. said he had endeavoured to show him the right way in Masonry as in other things, and he trusted he would be a worthy brother of the St. Dunstan's Lodge. His son's interest in Freemasonry was real and true, and he hoped he was impressed with what he had gone through.

Bro. W. H. Wellsman, in a neat speech, replied. He said there were occasions on which every man should make some effort to say a few words appropriate to the occasion. He must say that the ceremony was most impressive, and was one which he should remember through his life. He thanked the brethren for the honour they had done him in electing him as a member of the lodge, and he had to thank his father for his great kindness in introducing him. He sincerely hoped that he might always promote the welfare of the St. Dunstan's Lodge.

Bro. Thomas Randell also responded. The Worshipful Master next proposed the toast of "The Visitors," which was, he said, next to the toast of the Initiates, the most popular toast in the St. Dunstan's Lodge. They had a goodly array of visitors present, but there were some they should like to have seen, but who were unable to be present. They were Bros. Altman, P.G. Stwd.; Lake, a Past Grand Officer of Cornwall; and Lewis, from Somersetshire. In their absence he called upon Bros. Green, P.M. 108; Woods, P.M. 858; Holbrook, P.G.P. Hants; and Morton, P.M., who ably responded to the toast.

The Worshipful Master then proposed the toast of "The Past Masters." In doing so he dwelt on the fact that years ago the lodge used to have a regular Installing Master, who used year after year to install the new W.M. But he was pleased to say that the I.P.M. had put him in the chair, and the way he had done the ceremony must have impressed everybody. The position of the Past Masters was one of great honour, because they were the mainstay of the lodge, and helped the Master in every possible way they could.

Bro. Wm. Farrington, I.P.M., responded. As far as the installation was concerned, he considered it his duty to do it, and he worked to that end. The Masters of the lodge would do the same in the time to come as they had done in the past, and they would endeavour to further the interests of the lodge.

Bro. Woodbridge, P.M., also responded. The toast of "The Officers" was proposed by the W.M., and fittingly replied to by the S.W., Bro. C. Moore.

The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close. During the evening a charming selection of music was given by the Central Glee Union, Mr. Edgar Barnes, and Mr. Alfred Latter, with Bro. W. J. Kipps at the piano.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

DUNMOW.

Roslyn Lodge (No. 1543).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Saracen's Head Hotel, on Wednesday, the 25th ult. The W.M., Bro. D. Milbank, P.G. Stwd., presided, and was supported by the following officers: Bros. W. C. Sams, S.W.; John Wright, J.W.; F. J. Snell, P.M. and Treas.; J. M. Welch, Sec.; W. R. Hoskins, S.D.; J. C. Newman, J.D.; F. J. Carter, I.G.; Fred. W. Warner, Tyler; R. C. Lyle, I.P.M., and a large attendance of members. Bros. Edmund Piper and I. Bradridge were passed to the F.C. Degree.

Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., delivered an interesting lecture on "The Ritual and Ceremonial of the Symbolic Degrees in Craft Masonry." Although this was a third visit to the lodge for a similar purpose, the interest of the brethren remained unabated, whilst for nearly two hours Bro. Stevens, in an extempore address, without hesitation or pause, interpreted the allegorical and symbolical meanings of the several portions of lodge ritual and proceedings.

The lecture is entirely different from what is known as "Section Working;" indeed, it offers much needed explanations in regard to that portion of Masonic work itself. To much that he had on previous occasions set before the brethren, the lecturer added new and important illustrations, giving his lecture a novelty that was greatly appreciated by his hearers, who testified their gratification by earnest applause when he had terminated his address.

The thanks of the lodge having been voted to Bro. Stevens, and some formal business transacted, the lodge was closed, and the remainder of a pleasant evening was spent in social converse and fraternal harmony.

HAMPTON COURT.

Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—This prosperous provincial lodge met at the Greyhound Hotel on the 26th ult. Among those in attendance were Bros. F. A. F. Scholding, W.M.; W. Fisher, P.M. 834, S.W.; J. Smith, J.W.; J. C. Jessett, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; Captain Walls, P.P.G.W., Sec.; J. W. Clark, S.D.; H. Robinson, J.D.; Trotter, I.G.; G. Ransford, P.M., D.C.; G. J. Tagg, Cronin, and C. Wheatley, Stwds.; W. Spearling, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; R. Eales, P.M.; E. Clark, P.M.; W. S. Plimsaul, P.M.; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Whicher was ably passed. Bro. E. Clark, who was prevented from attending the previous meeting by a severe domestic affliction, was then presented with a Past Master's jewel. Previously to the lodge being closed, communications regretting inability to attend were received from Bros. H. H. Room, P.G. Sec. Middx. (Hon. Member); H. Wheatley, P.M.; R. Kent, E. Wright, and others. The resignation of Bro. A. Bushell was received with regret.

The brethren then adjourned to refreshment. The customary loyal and Craft toasts having been duly honoured, Bro. W. Spearling in a neat speech acknowledged the toast of "The Provincial Grand Officers."

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by the Secretary. In giving this toast the speaker mentioned the zeal and application that Bro. Scholding had brought to bear upon the discharge of the duties of the various offices he had held in the lodge. They had seen how well he had invested his officers on the night of his installation, and they had also witnessed his working that evening. He augured for the W.M. a very successful year of office.

Bro. Scholding having replied, gave the toast of "The Visitors," which was replied to by Bro. Edgell, of the Dobie Lodge.

Bros. E. Clark, R. Eales, and G. Ransford responded for "The Past Masters," Bros. Jessett and Walls for "The

Treasurer and Secretary," and Bros. J. Smith and J. W. Clarke for "The Officers."

The proceedings, which had been enlivened by the vocal and dramatic abilities of several of the brethren, then terminated.

KEYNSHAM.

St. Keyna Lodge (No. 1833).—The installation meeting of this lodge, which was constituted some 10 or 12 years ago, and is now one of the most flourishing lodges in the Province of Somerset, was held at the Public Hall, on Monday, the 23rd ult., when the following, amongst others, were present: Bros. James S. Naish, W.M.; W. D. Hobkirk, I.P.M.; C. Pfeiffer, S.W.; Charles Newell, J.W.; Alfred J. Gay, Treas.; Ben. Read, Sec.; R. H. Shrapnell, S.D.; D. Stallworthy, J.D.; E. J. Grubb, P.M. 68, P.P.G.P., D.C.; Joseph Byerley, I.G.; R. G. Parminter, Org.; R. Tippetts, Stwd.; S. J. Lewis, P.M.; Wm. Roberts, P.M.; F. Trull, P.M. 68, P.P.J.G.D.; T. E. Forse, 68; Wm. Galpin, P.M. 68, P.P.G. Std. Br.; George Will, 1750; Jos. Owner, P.M. 610, P.P.G.P.; W. C. Jarrett, 68, P.P.G.S.; C. Welch, P.M. 976, P.P. G.S.; F. Gressy, 237; Charles E. Cooper, 36; A. J. Tonkin, J.D. 1755; A. J. Mott, 68; A. H. Bate, 1404; T. P. Overbury, 68; F. R. Geary, P.M. 68; Charles Harrison, S. Fr. Andrews, O. W. Wiltshire, C. J. Tidman, Robert Bennett, H. B. Southwell, C. A. Hayes, Sidney M. Birt, L. W. Brown, S. G. Britton, E. Bradham, W. Collett, J. Cambridge, Vincent Russell, A. W. Ordish, T. Webley, W.M. 68; H. Fielding, I.G. 326; J. Smith, C. C. Stokes, A. R. Knee, J. T. Hallam, P.M. 326; and J. Stoate, Tyler.

After the preliminary business had been disposed of, Bro. Charlie Pfeiffer, Worshipful Master elect, was duly installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. J. T. Hallam, P.M. 326, P.P.J.G.W., in the unavoidable absence of the D.P.G.M., Bro. R. C. Else, P.G.D. of England. The newly-installed W.M. proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows: Bros. J. Naish, I.P.M.; C. Newell, S.W.; J. Read, J.W.; A. J. Gay, Treas.; R. H. Shrapnell, Sec.; D. Stallworthy, S.D.; J. Byerley, J.D.; R. Tippetts, I.G.; C. J. Tidman and C. A. Hayes, Stwds.; and J. Stoate, Tyler. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Hallam, P.P.J.G.W. of the Province of Bristol, for kindly performing at short notice the ceremony of installation—the same to be entered on the minutes. The occasion was marked by a substantial subscription to the Masonic Charities, the sum raised being £59 10s.

At the conclusion of the lodge business, the banquet was held at the Lamb and Lark Hotel under the genial presidency of the newly-installed Worshipful Master.

"The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," were given in suitable terms from the chair.

"The D.G.M., the Earl of Lathom, and the Grand Lodge of England," was duly honoured.

Bro. W. D. Hobkirk, P.M., proposed "The Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. R. C. Else, and the Prov. Grand Lodge of Somerset," and, in doing so, regretted the absence of Bro. Else, whom everyone expected would have been present. It was a matter of further regret that Bro. Else had been kept away by the illness of his wife. They would sympathise with him, and perhaps many would have occasion to correspond with the Deputy in expressing their sympathy. The toast was acknowledged by Bros. Welsh, Gay, and Lewis.

Bro. J. S. Naish, I.P.M., submitted "The W.M. of the St. Keyna Lodge," whose name was received with prolonged applause. Bro. Naish said Bro. Pfeiffer had been working among them for some time, and from the very efficient manner he had filled the several offices they had chosen him as W.M., and it was a general desire that he should have a good year of office.

The health was drunk with enthusiasm and the usual honours, and Bro. Pfeiffer, in reply, said: Honourable Past Masters, Officers, and Brethren,—There are certain occasions in a man's life when he is unable to find words to express exactly how he feels. That is how I am situated to-night, and you must take the will for the deed. I suppose every Mason has an ambition, and to-night I have reached the summit of my Masonic ambition. My early desire as a Mason was to become Master of a lodge, and my laudable hope is now realised. I firmly purpose, with the help of the G.A.O.T.U., to show you by my conduct as Master of this lodge, and as a citizen of the world, that your confidence in me has not been misplaced. I will strive for a further ambition now by endeavouring to make you say at the end of my reign that I have proved a worthy Master of a worthy lodge. To you, Bro. Hallam, I tender my heartfelt thanks for kindly performing my installation at a very brief notice, with which ceremony I was very much impressed. I am echoing the wish of all when I say I hope you will long be spared to attend the St. Keyna Lodge and to install future Masters. Brethren, I thank you all for the kind manner you have drunk my health, and I now submit to you that of "The I.P.M., Bro. Naish," in whom we had one of the most worthy Masters that ever filled the chair of this lodge. No one who has attended the meetings could be other than delighted by the excellent way he had rendered all three ceremonies. By fair hard work and perseverance, Bro. Naish had reached that degree of perfection it is the lot of few to attain, and whose good example he (the speaker) was going to humbly try to follow.

Bro. Naish responded in the following terms: I am sure I feel honoured that you should have spoken of me in such flattering terms, and I thank you. When I was initiated I wanted to know more about Freemasonry, and I was determined I would know as much as I could, and with that object I strove on. When I reached the Senior Warden's chair I began to feel afraid, because I had such eminent Masters to follow, but I came across that paragraph in our ritual which begins "If at first the task seems insurmountable," which I took to heart and applied it to myself, and have won the kind words spoken of me to-day. If any brethren think the ceremony is all that pertains to the W.M.'s chair they are mistaken, as there is much to do both in and outside the lodge, but if they earnestly apply themselves to the work and persevere they will succeed.

Bro. Gay, P.M., proposed "The Visiting Brethren," saying how pleased they were at all times to receive visitors, especially on occasions like the present. Out of the large number of lodges in the Provinces of Somerset, Gloucester, and Bristol, for holding forth the right-good hand of fellowship, they took a place second to none. They tried to do good working, and afterwards further provide for them as regards refreshment. That day they congratulated themselves on many distinguished visitors.

The sentiment was acknowledged by Bros. Hallam, P.M.; Geary, P.M.; Galpin, P.M.; Trull, P.M.; Webley, W.M.; and Welsh.

Bro. Pfeiffer, W.M., proposed "The Past Masters and Officers of the Lodge," and in doing so said he could not find words to eulogise them sufficiently. They had had a grand run of Past Masters, who had stuck nobly to the lodge, so as to land them in their present proud and prosperous position. At the present time he had one of the best set of officers any Master ever had, thoroughly capable of doing good work.

The toast was well received, and tersely replied to by several brethren.

"The Charities" was heartily drunk, and suitably spoken to.

The Tyler's toast brought the list to a close.

Bro. Shrapnell presided at the pianoforte, and in the course of the evening songs were contributed by Bros. Forse, Pfeiffer, Burt, Shrapnell, and others.

The proceedings were a complete success.

LANDPORT.

Portsmouth Temperance Lodge (No. 2068).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 28th ult., at the Speedwell Hotel, Commercial-road, when the following were present: Bros. P. H. Emanuel, W.M.; Miller, I.P.M.; G. Williams, S.W.; W.M. elect; E. R. Fisher, J.W.; H. Boyce, acting S.D.; H. King, acting J.D.; R. G. Pither, acting Sec.; T. H. Biggs, I.G.; W. Merrifield, Org.; A. E. J. Guy, Steward; G. Bevis, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; J. H. Windrum, P.M., P.D.S.G.D. (Hong Kong and South China); and about 70 members of the lodge. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Hewetson, W.M., H. Siebert, and Thornton, of 342; Hill, P.M. 309, P.P.G.S.B.; G. Lancaster, P.P.S.G.W., W.M., and Outridge, P.M., of 487; Graphy, 804; Jago, 903; J. Jackson, P.M., P.P.G.P., and E. Austin, of 1903; J. W. Digby, W.M. 1958; E. W. Kerwood, and S. Kerwood, of 1776; and J. Wickens, W.M., E. Glover, Bagshaw, and Bills, of 2074.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes were confirmed, and a ballot taken for Mr. Strickland, which proved unanimous, and he was initiated by the W.M. in a very impressive manner. Bro. Miller, I.P.M. then occupied the chair as Installing Master, and Bro. G. Williams was duly installed as W.M., the ceremony being admirably performed by Bro. Miller. Bro. Williams then appointed the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. P. H. Emanuel, I.P.M.; E. R. Fisher, S.W.; G. Woodthorpe, J.W.; J. Palmer, P.M., P.P.G.S., Treas.; R. G. Pither, Sec.; G. Boyce, S.D.; T. H. Biggs, J.D.; F. Rycroft, D.C.; H. Boyce, I.G.; W. Merrifield, Org.; R. E. J. Guy and H. Thorpe, Stewards; and J. Wells, Tyler. The Installing Master then gave the usual address in such a masterly manner as to cause the highest approval. The balance-sheet, showing a balance of £79 odd, was passed, and a report from the Library Committee was read, in which it was announced that Bro. W. J. Hughan had given a book and pamphlets to the library, and recommended that, in slight recognition of his most valuable service to Masonry, Bro. Hughan be elected an honorary member of the lodge; the Committee also recommended joining the Quatuor Coronati Lodge—all of which was received and adopted. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Bro. Miller, Installing Master, who briefly responded. Two candidates for initiation were proposed, and "Hearty good wishes" having been offered from the visitors, the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards sat down to a most *recherché* banquet, most admirably catered by Bro. Grigsby.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Bro. Emanuel, P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said to his idea it was the toast of the evening, as all the brethren had come to do honour to Bro. Williams, a brother who was the first initiate in the lodge, and had commenced as Steward and worked in a most commendable manner every office until he had arrived at the honourable position of W.M. During the time Bro. Williams had been in the Wardens' chairs he had evinced to the brethren his abilities, and he (Bro. Emanuel) had no fear of saying that as W.M. Bro. Williams would be a credit to the Craft and to the lodge.

Bro. Williams responded, and assured the brethren he would do his utmost to carry out his duties as they should be done. He had had a good example before him by all his predecessors, and in order to help him carry out his duties he should rely upon his officers and the brethren to rally around and support the chair. Before sitting down, he continued, he had a pleasant duty to perform, and that was to propose "The Health of Bro. P. H. Emanuel, I.P.M.," who had had a most successful year of office, notwithstanding his having had some buffeting about in removing the lodge to its present position. Bro. Emanuel was also to be commended on having started a library in connection with the lodge. In recognition of his services the members had subscribed together, and he had much pleasure in presenting Bro. Emanuel with a Past Master's silver chain, collar, and emblem, and an 18-carat Past Master's jewel, and hoped he would be spared many years to wear it.

Bro. P. H. Emanuel, I.P.M., said he hardly knew how to steer his course to reply as he should wish. It was rather conventional to say he did not deserve it, but he really did not, because what he had done was what every W.M. should do. Twelve months ago he was placed into the chair of K.S., and shortly after that there was a cloud passing over the lodge, but he was happy to say that had burst, and now it was all sunshine, and he hoped it would continue. He would say it, without egotism, that it was not due to himself, but to those officers and brethren who had supported him. He particularly thanked all his officers, and especially Bro. Miller, who had most ably assisted him. He would always remember that evening, and regard it as one of the milestones of his life, and assured the brethren of his high appreciation of the very handsome gift.

The collar is of massive sterling silver, and composed of links in which is the recipient's initials, P. H. E., the square and compass, and the number of the lodge. This is laid upon a blue collar suspended from which is a silver Past Master's emblem. The jewel is 18-carat gold and formed by the Past Master's emblem hanging from a pale blue ribbon upon which is the number of the lodge. The whole was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

The toasts of "The Worshipful Masters of Neighbouring Lodges," "The Installing Master," "The Visitors," "The Officers," and Tyler's toast concluded a very pleasant evening.

Bros. Batchelor, P. H. Emanuel, Cronin, Siebert, J. M. Godfrey, H. Boyce, and T. Hunter contributed several songs during the evening; the latter brother also officiated as accompanist.

MANCHESTER.

Minnehaha Minstrel Lodge (No. 2363).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Victoria Hotel, on the 23rd ult., Bro. Martin Thomas, P.M., W.M., presiding, the following brethren being present: Bros. J. Wood, acting I.P.M.; S. Wrigley, S.W.; F. W. Woolaston, J.W.; W. A. Brabner, S.D.; C. H. Beever, J.D.; G. R. Ward, I.G.; H. Nall, D.C.; E. Smith, Org.; C. Mercer, Stwd.; J. B. Kirk, Tyler; H. Geddes, A. Hills, T. W. Richmond, W. H. Hayes, J. W. Lloyd, and H. W. Brockbank. Visitors: Bros. W. J. Marsden, 992; J. W. Abbott, P.M. 1030, P.P.G.D.C.; J. H. Edwards, 1357; H. D. Ballard, 1052; J. MacLaren, 62, P.P.S.G.W.; J. D. Mathieson, P.S.W. 776; E. Chorlton, 999; A. D. Leigh, 993; T. E. Holland, 1375; J. S. Whitehead, 317; E. G. Lingard, 1030, P.S.G.W.; A. S. Fletcher, S.D. 289; J. J. Lambert, 1387, P.P.G.R.; and J. G. Bromley, P.M., Sec. 1375.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which there was an initiation and raising. The lodge was then closed.

NORWICH.

Cabbell Lodge (No. 807).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, January 29th, at the Masonic Club, St. Giles-street, under very auspicious circumstances, in consequence of the presence of the P.G.M., Bro. Lord Suffield, K.C.B., the D.P.G.M., Bro. Hamon Le Strange, and a number of Prov. Grand Officers accompanying them; and, as we have often observed, whatever lodge his lordship attends, he not only gladdens the feelings of the brethren, but gives a success to the meeting not to be equalled on other occasions however successful they may be.

The lodge was opened by the retiring W.M., Bro. W. F. Stratford, P.P.G. Stwd., assisted by his officers. Among those present were Bros. W. F. Stratford, P.P.G. Stwd.; J. H. Guyton, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; A. J. Berry, P.M., P.P.G.P.; J. J. Hunt, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; H. Rosling, P.M., P.P.G.P.; J. W. Browne, P.M., P.P.G.P.; G. Baxter, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; T. Camping, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; A. Sidell, W.M. elect; G. E. Theobald, A. G. Holmes, P.G. Stwd.; T. A. Fiddy, H. Newhouse, H. G. Holl, W. B. Hovell, E. Austin, G. W. Booker, 1631; S. F. Stackard, H. J. Howard, F. J. Horsey, and W. Murrell, Tyler. Among the visitors were Bros. Lord Suffield, P.G.M.; H. Le Strange, D.P.G.M.; R. P. Noverre, W.M., and J. B. Pearce, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., of 52; J. L. N. Barnard, P.M., J. B. Bridgman, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., J. H. Brockbank, P.A.G. Sec., and F. E. Linging, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., of 93; W. J. Pond, P.M., P.P.G. Stwd., G. W. Durdell, W.M., T. C. R. King, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., J. S. Offord, P.M., P.G. Treas., G. V. Grummett, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., J. E. H. Watson, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., G. Kersey, P.M., P.P.G.P., C. H. Rust, P.P.G. Stwd., J. Tench, Chas. E. Sexton, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., B. B. Morgan, and H. Cole, of 213; G. W. G. Barnard, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., P.G. Sec.; W. F. Stockings, Geo. A. Fuller, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., and J. Francis, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., of 943; W. Warner, P.P.G. Stwd., W.M., F. Mills, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., R. W. H. Gissing, C. J. Camping, P.P.G. Org., W. J. Farrow, and H. Cork, of 1500; Geo. S. Panks, 1741; and J. D. Harmon, 2182. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for and was unanimous in favour of Mr. Edwin Cutler, and the ceremony of initiation was admirably performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. W. F. Stratford, Bro. A. Sidell, W.M. elect, rendering the charge in an excellent manner. The ceremony of installing Bro. A. Sidell then took place, and too much credit cannot be accorded to Bros. Stratford and J. H. Guyton, the former doing the installing portion, and the latter the charges, for their excellent and correct working. Bro. A. J. Berry acted as D.C. Upon being placed in the chair of K.S., the newly-installed W.M. appointed the following as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. W. F. Stratford, I.P.M.; G. E. Theobald, S.W.; A. G. Holmes, J.W.; S. N. Berry, P.M., Treas.; G. Baxter, P.M., Sec.; T. H. Fiddy, S.D.; H. Newhouse, J.D.; A. J. Berry, P.M., D.C.; J. W. Brown, P.M., Org.; W. H. Sellex, I.G.; H. G. Holl, E. Austen, and G. Booker, Stewards; and W. Murrell, Tyler. Other lodge business followed, and "Hearty good wishes" being given by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to a most *recherché* banquet, at the conclusion of which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and duly acknowledged.

The P.G.M., in replying to the toast of "The Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past," observed that he did so as an ex-officio officer belonging to the Grand Lodge of England. In reference to the Earl of Lathom, his lordship said he had no doubt that distinguished brother was well known to most of them, for he himself had a lively recollection of the Deputy Grand Master taking part in the installation of himself (Lord Suffield) as P.G.M. of Norfolk, and, on behalf of the Grand Officers of England, he thanked those present for the hearty reception they had given the toast.

In giving the toast of "The P.G.M.," the W.M. observed that to those who knew him, he was sure they would sympathise with him for the onerous duty of proposing so noble a toast as that then before them. Words would fail him in expressing the feelings of himself and the lodge of the pleasure they felt at the presence of his lordship. To say that they honoured him and welcomed him was simple enough, but he hoped the brethren would show their appreciation by drinking the toast with the utmost enthusiasm.

Lord Suffield, on rising was received with immense cheering, after which he said that it was not difficult for him to reply, for he felt their kindness not only on that, but on all occasions. It gave him great pleasure to visit the lodge. In the first place, for the admirable working, and in that he was corroborated by the D.P.G.M. The working of Bro. Stratford, P.M., was excellent, and the addresses in the ceremony of installation by Bro. Guyton, P.M., were admirable. The beauty of those addresses were clearly shown by Bro. Guyton's rendering. It had been some time since he (Lord Suffield) had witnessed an installation, and he should be glad soon again to see it in a similar manner he had witnessed that evening. His lordship observed that his visit was of a spontaneous character, but he was most satisfied at the proficiency in working displayed. He had every

desire to visit lodges, and he hoped it would not be long before he was able to do so again. With reference to the appointment of the D.P.G.M., he always had a desire for Bro. Hamon Le Strange to fulfil that office, and it was a source of great pleasure that the appointment was the choice of the brethren of the province. Bro. Hamon Le Strange was of a most genial character, and whatever his duties were he would be always willing to do them in a Masonic and good manner, and would fully represent him (his lordship) in his absence. Lord Suffield, in conclusion, said that it grieved him he was obliged, in consequence of his duties, to be so long absent from them, but he would do all he could for the success of the province, and thanked those present for the heartiness of the reception they had given him.

The Worshipful Master, in giving the toast of "The D.P.G.M., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," did so in eulogistic terms, observing that he had no doubt the D.P.G.M. was present at the meeting at considerable inconvenience to himself. However, he (the W.M.) had no doubt they were pleased to see the D.P.G.M., and would join in giving him a hearty reception on every occasion they might be honoured by his presence. The W.M. also coupled the names of Bros. G. W. G. Barnard, P.G. Sec., and J. S. Offord, P.G. Treas., for the Present, and Bro. J. B. Bridgman for the Past Officers.

The D.P.G.M., in reply, said he had great pleasure in attending the lodge, and re-echoed the words of the P.G.M. upon the work, as although he belonged to a London lodge he had observed that the further one got from the centre the better the work was done. The work, as performed by the Master who had left the chair (Bro. W. F. Stratford), was a pattern to all Masons, and he agreed with the way Bro. Stratford had adopted of dividing some portion of the work, giving the S.W., Bro. Sidell, the duty of delivering the charge, which he characterised as admirably rendered. It not only worked well, but gave inferior officers and past officers an interest in the work. When a W.M. undertook the whole of the work it was a great labour, but with help it made his after duties much easier. The D.P.G.M. observed that he should like to repeat the remarks made two nights previous as to wearing Masonic jewels contrary to the regulations laid down in the Book of Constitutions, and he would ask the co-operation of W.M.'s of lodges in that respect. Nothing would be more annoying than to see brethren abusing one of the fundamental rules of Grand Lodge. He would also deprecate the use of pockets. Jewels of each Degree should only be worn when brethren were engaged in the Degree to which they appertained. He was also glad to see the office of D. of C. entrusted to a P.M. The D. of C. was to guide the brethren, and no brother could do so unless he was in a position to speak from personal and practical experience. There were many little matters in the etiquette of Freemasonry which only a P.M. could know. The D.P.G.M., in conclusion, thanked the brethren for their kindness to him on that and all other occasions.

Bros. Barnard, Offord, and Bridgman also responded.

The W.M. then gave the toast of "The W.M.'s of other Lodges Present" and "The Visitors," coupling the names of Bros. P. Noverre, Durdell, Mills, and Paull, who duly acknowledged the same.

The Initiate also responded to the toast of his success, proposed by the W.M.

The Prov. Grand Master then proposed "The Health of the Newly-installed W.M., Bro. A. Sidell," observing that as he had been deputed to propose the same, he might say that he had rarely seen a more impressive ceremony than he had that night. He was sure Bro. Sidell would be equal to the duties devolving upon him, and emulate the example of his predecessors. His lordship said he was sure Bro. Sidell would not have been appointed had he not borne the respect of the brethren, and been equal to the arduous duties devolving upon the W.M. of the lodge. His lordship wished the W.M. a successful and pleasant year of office.

The W.M., in reply, said that if he felt he deserved half the kind words spoken of him and genial action shown him he would be satisfied, but he hoped he should feel convinced he deserved them before his year of office had expired. He would do his best as far as he could to follow in the footsteps of his predecessors, and carefully preserve the honour and reputation of the lodge. Thanking the brethren for the honour they had done him in placing him in the chair, he concluded by assuring the brethren he would do his best during the coming 12 months.

The D.P.G.M. then gave the toast of "The I.P.M., Bro. W. F. Stratford," and expressed a hope that full justice should be done to the same. Bro. Stratford had done his duty well not only in this, but in other Degrees where he (the D.P.G.M.) had met him. He had learned that Bro. Stratford had had a most successful year of office, and hoped he would live long to come amongst them. The D.P.G.M. then presented Bro. Stratford with a handsome Past Master's jewel, subscribed for by the members of the lodge, bearing the following inscription on the back: "Presented by the officers and brethren of Cabbell Lodge, No. 807, to Bro. William Farrow Stratford on his retiring from the chair, as a token of esteem and fraternal affection. Jan. 29th, 1891." The D.P.G.M. concluded by observing that in asking Bro. Stratford to accept the present, he hoped it would recall many pleasant evenings and of good work done in the chair, and of the respect felt by the brethren, and that he would live for many years to appreciate the present.

Bro. Stratford, in reply, said he thanked the D.P.G.M. for his kind words, and the brethren for their hearty reception of the toast. He hoped they were all satisfied with the way he had done his duty during the past year, and he would help their present or any W.M. in the future. As far as laid in his power he would do all he could for the success of the Cabbell Lodge.

The P.G. Treasurer gave the toast of "The Past Masters of the Lodge," coupling the names of Bros. T. Camping, P.M.; H. Rosling, P.M.; and J. H. Guyton, P.M.; who duly responded.

Bros. G. Baxter, G. E. Theobald, and A. Holmes replied for "The Officers of the Lodge."

The toast of "The Ladies" and the Tyler's toast concluded a very pleasant evening.

During the evening Bros. G. Baxter, J. S. Offord, J. H. Brockbank, F. Stackard, A. J. Berry, Horsley, and others rendered some excellent songs, Bro. C. Camping accompanying.

We congratulate Bros. W. F. Stratford and A. Sidell, the former upon his most successful year of office, and the latter upon the pleasant augury of his incoming year.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

SEAFORTH.

Skelmersdale Lodge (No. 1380).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held at Lathom Hall on Monday, 2nd inst., and in the course of the proceedings, a distinctive feature of which is the delivery of lectures, Bro. T. A. Bellew, F.S.S., read a paper, which was exceedingly well received, on "Arkite Mythology: a Sidelight on Freemasonry." Bro. Bellew dealt with the subject from a purely archaeological point of view, and in his extensive reference to the mysteries of Isis in Egypt and Ceres in Greece, he laid it down that Freemasonry is a continuation of those mysteries of old time, and that its origin is not by any means to be looked for in Operative Masonry. In incidentally alluding to the Craft apron, Bro. Bellew said it had no more relation to bricks and mortar than had the bishop's apron, the Highlander's philibeg, or the scalp hanging to the belt of Sitting Bull.

SELBY.

St. Germain's Lodge (No. 566).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 20th ult., at the Masonic Rooms. Bro. G. W. Hudson, W.M., opened the lodge, assisted by the following officers: Bros. M. Scott, P.J.G.W., I.P.M.; R. Hodgson, S.W.; Howitt Eggleston, J.W.; Rev. T. Cheese, Chaplain; W. N. Cheesman, P.M., Treas.; E. Townend, Sec.; T. G. P. Barlow, D.C.; W. Staniland, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Lecturer; J. F. Watson, S.D.; W. Wilkinson, J.D.; F. W. Sykes, Org.; J. J. Richardson, I.G.; S. M. Scott, Steward; and W. Rawling, P.P.G.O., Tyler. Among the visitors were Bros. M. C. Peck, P.G. Std. Br. England, P.P.S.G.W., and P.G. Sec.; J. Harling, P.P.S.G.D.; J. J. Casson, 182, U.S.A.; J. Constable, W.M. 1482; O. W. Fretwell, I.P.M. 242; T. B. Wilson, P.M. 1542; W. Brown, P.M. 1611; G. F. Carr, S.W. 1542; N. Shaw, W.M. 630; J. T. Emmott, J.W. 630; J. G. Loam, S.D. 630; G. E. Cheesman, 2078; F. W. Buckland, 242; W. Bradley, J.W. 57; G. H. Metcalfe, 250; R. Spencer, D.C. 1019; F. H. Vaughan, 1611; G. F. Wells, 250; A. McK. Johnston, 250; and J. W. Purnell, S.W. 236.

The minutes of the last lodge and lodge of emergency were read and confirmed. The latter meeting had been called to pass the Treasurer's accounts, and it transpired in the minutes that the lodge was entirely free from the debt with which it had been encumbered for many years past, and that there was now a good balance in hand. The Installing Master, Bro. M. Scott, P.M., P.J.G.W., took the chair, and applied himself to the ceremony of the day. Bro. H. Eggleston, J.W., was presented as W.M. elect. He subscribed to the customary obligation, and in due course a Board of Installed Masters was constituted, and the impressive rite was performed in a masterly manner, after which the W.M. proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. G. W. Hudson, I.P.M.; Rev. T. Cheese, B.A., S.W.; J. F. Watson, J.W.; W. N. Cheesman, P.M., Treas.; E. Townend, Sec.; T. Stott, P.M., D.C.; Rev. A. G. Tweedie, M.A., Chap.; W. Wilkinson, S.D.; J. J. Richardson, J.D.; F. H. Mould, Org.; F. W. Sykes, I.G.; Rev. H. Greeves, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., S. M. Scott, and G. A. Buckingham, Stewards; and W. Rawling, P.P.G.O., Tyler. The customary addresses were then delivered by the Installing Master, whose rendering of the ceremony throughout secured the cordial approval of all assembled.

"Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visiting brethren on behalf of their respective lodges, and the lodge was closed.

At the banquet, which was subsequently held at the Lonsborough Hotel, the members and their visitors, to the number of nearly 50, enjoyed themselves most heartily, under the presidency of their new W.M., who eloquently introduced the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," which was most loyally honoured.

In speaking of the second toast—"The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales,"—Bro. Eggleston alluded to the active personal interest which his Royal Highness takes in the Craft.

Bro. Peck, P.G. Std. Br., P.G. Sec., whose remarks were frequently applauded, made a most eloquent reply.

Bro. M. Scott, P.M., P.J.G.W., in responding to the toast of "The Prov. Grand Lodge of North and East Yorkshire," regretted the absence of the P.G.M. from the province, but added that they could all look with pride and satisfaction on the admirable manner in which he was discharging his duties in Ireland as Viceroy, and all were aware what a very able representative he had in the province in the Hon. Orde-Powlett, the D.P.G.M., whose interest and zeal in Freemasonry so eminently qualified him for his high office. Very shortly he would be consecrating a new lodge in Middlesbrough, to be called the "Orde-Powlett" Lodge, and he had reason to believe that very soon he would be called upon to consecrate another lodge in the province. Masonry was decidedly spreading in N. and E. Yorkshire, and Bro. Scott earnestly pleaded that every Freemason should strictly observe in daily life the high moral obligations he had placed himself under—that the ancient Institution might win the highest respect of all good men outside Masonic ranks.

Bro. Hudson, I.P.M., gave the toast of the evening, "The Health of the Newly-installed Master."

Bro. Eggleston, W.M., thanked the brethren for their extremely cordial reception. After reviewing his short career as a Mason, the W.M. expressed a hope that the ensuing year would be a prosperous one to the lodge, and a pleasant one to the brethren.

The toast of "The Retiring W.M. of the Lodge," was proposed by Bro. T. G. P. Barlow, P.M., and Bro. Hudson, I.P.M., responded.

Bro. Hudson expressed the pleasure he had while occupying the chair, and the extreme regret he felt in leaving it, concluding by wishing his successor as pleasant a year of office as he himself had had.

Bro. Cheesman, P.M., in proposing "The Health of the Installing Master," thought all present would agree with him that the grand ceremony of installation had that day been rendered in a manner befitting the occasion, and that the lodge ought to be proud that it possessed such an able and accomplished brother as Bro. M. Scott, not only on account of his many and varied talents, but on account of the very great interest he took in everything which concerned the welfare of their dear old lodge.

Bro. Scott, whose reception was most enthusiastic, stated that it gave him great pleasure to perform the installation ceremony for the first time, especially as the W.M. was

one whom he had proposed as a candidate for Freemasonry.

The toast of "The Visiting Brethren" was proposed by Bro. R. Hodgson, who, in a very cordial and hearty manner, expressed the great pleasure it gave the brethren to see so many visitors assembled round the festive board.

The toast was responded to by members of the various lodges present.

"Past Masters of No. 566" was proposed by Bro. Townend, Sec., and Bro. Barlow, P.M., suitably replied.

"The Newly-appointed Officers" was proposed by Bro. Hudson, I.P.M., and the officers present responded.

"The Masonic Charities" was proposed by Bro. Cheesman, P.M., who pointed out the duty of Freemasons to practice that virtue which was so often impressed upon the brethren in the lodge, and called attention to the Educational Fund of the province, which was doing good work as an auxiliary to the larger Institutions.

Bro. Stott, P.M., D.C., in responding, advocated the claims of the three great Institutions, and gave a detailed account of the annual expenditure, number of inmates, &c., of each Institution, also some account of the work done by the Board of Benevolence. Bro. Stott related his own experience as Charity Steward of Candour Lodge, No. 337, during which period several grants were made to distressed Masons and widows both from the province and the Board of Benevolence, in addition to two aged Masons being placed on the Annuity Fund for £40 per year.

"The Ladies" was proposed by Bro. Richardson, and Bro. W. A. Watson replied.

A most pleasant evening was spent, with abundance of harmony. Songs, &c., were contributed by the W.M., Bros. Wells, Barlow, Buckingham, Metcalfe, Loam, Rawling, Giddy, and the lodge glee party. Bros. Scott, P.M., Cheesman, P.M., and Johnson gave recitations in capital style.

SOUTHAMPTON.

Southampton Lodge (No. 394).—The brethren of this lodge celebrated the Festival of St. John at the Masonic Hall, Albion-place, on Thursday, the 19th ult., when Bro. P. A. Dunsford, the S.W. of the past year, was installed into the chair as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremonies being admirably performed by Bro. G. J. Tilling, P.M. 394 and 1461, P.P.G.S. of W. In addition to the retiring W.M., Bro. S. Dacombe, and the Installing Master, the Board of Installed Masters included Bros. Le Feuvre, P.M. 130, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Aslatt, H. Lashmore, J. D. Barford, E. Gayton, R. H. Brannon, and W. Bowyer, all of the lodge; Harfield, W.M. 1112; Hussey, 1780; Jenvey and Aldis, of 359; and Warren, 1780. After the installation the new W.M. invested the following brethren as officers for the year: Bros. Simeon Dacombe, I.P.M.; A. Hewett, S.W.; H. C. Ashdown, J.W.; J. Lemon, Treas.; W. Bowyer, P.M., Sec.; W. Bates, S.D.; W. Paul, J.D.; R. R. Linthorne, I.G.; E. Gayton, P.M., D.C.; J. W. Barford, Org.; J. Hollis and A. F. Doggrell, Stwds.; and W. Vare, Tyler. The Installing Master was heartily thanked for his services, and a similar compliment was accorded the outgoing Master for the excellent manner in which he had conducted the work of the lodge during the past year. Bro. Barford was congratulated on his reappearance in the lodge after recovery from a severe illness.

The installation banquet was afterwards served in excellent style by Bro. Biggs, the new W.M. presiding, supported on his right by the D.P.G.M., and on his left by the I.P.M. and the Past Masters of the lodge.

The usual Masonic toasts were honoured, Bro. Le Feuvre responding for "Grand Lodge" and "Provincial Grand Lodge," and "The Visitors" being acknowledged by Bros. Aldis, Harfield, Hussey, Ritchie, Burrows, Dunsford, T. Tilling, Reader, and Purkis, all of whom tendered "Hearty good wishes" to the W.M. for a pleasant and successful year of office.

The D.P.G.M. congratulated the lodge on the progress it was making, and in responding for "The Officers," coupled also with the names of the Wardens, Bro. Bowyer, Secretary, gave some highly interesting extracts from the lodge minutes.

A very pleasant evening was spent.

TEDDINGTON.

Sir Charles Bright Lodge (No. 1793).—This lodge met at the Clarence Hotel, on the 26th ult. Among those present were Bros. A. J. R. Simmonds, W.M.; J. R. Barns, S.W., W.M. elect; Finch, P.M., P.G.S. of W., acting J.W.; J. Pillar, P.M., Treas.; R. W. Forge, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Sec.; W. Middleweek, S.D.; W. H. Windeatt, I.G.; J. E. Ruffe, Org.; Müller, D.C.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.P.G.W., Stwd.; C. W. Warner, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; W. J. Porter, I.P.M.; W. R. Plafor, J. Barns, T. Middleweek, Walter Smith, J. Hall, E. Hall, J. Baldwin, P.P.G.D. (Hon. Member), and others. Among the visitors were Bros. Beard, P.P.A.G. D.C.; Squire, P.M. 3; Poupart, P.M. 9; Harvey, P.M. 1314; and J. H. Hall, 2045.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Warner, who was assisted by Bros. Pillar, as S.W.; Finch, J.W.; Forge, D.C.; and Walls, I.G., ably installed Bro. Barns, as W.M. The officers appointed and invested were Bros. W. Middleweek, S.W.; Windeatt, J.W.; Pillar, Treas.; Warner, Sec.; Müller, S.D.; Ruffe, J.D.; F. Chandler, I.G.; J. Hall, Org.; Playford, D.C.; Capt. Walls and Walter Smith, Stwds.; and Gilbert, Tyler. A vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Officer. The I.P.M. was then presented with a Past Master's jewel, and a vote of thanks to him ordered to be recorded on the minutes. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Forge, the late Secretary; all the Past Masters testifying to the great services that he had rendered to the lodge since he was first appointed to that onerous position. The sum of £5 was voted to the newly-formed Benevolent Fund in connection with the lodge, Bro. Forge kindly augmenting the same by forwarding a donation of five guineas. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., P.G.M.; J. F. H. Woodward, P.G.S.B.; H. H. Room, P.G. Sec.; C. Stevens, P.P.G. Org.; F. Chandler, P.M.; and many others.

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

The preliminary toasts having been duly honoured, Bro. Capt. Walls responded on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers."

In giving "The Health of the W.M.," the I.P.M. said that although Bro. Barns had entered Masonry late in life, yet he had shown thus far an aptitude and interest in its affairs. He trusted that the W.M.'s year would prove to be as happy and as successful as his own had been.

The W.M. having replied, gave "The Immediate Past Master." He briefly said that Bro. Simmonds had done well, not only in his rendering of the respective ceremonies, but by his personal liberality in increasing the enjoyment and comfort of the brethren at the banquet table.

The toast was drunk with more than usual warmth.

The Immediate Past Master having modestly replied, "The Health of the Visitors" followed.

In reply to this toast Bros. Squire, Poupart, and Beard spoke most highly of the lodge, both as regards its working and its hospitality. The last-mentioned brother especially touched upon the great services rendered to the lodge by Bro. Forge as a founder, Master, and Secretary.

The next toast, that of "The Installing Master, Treasurer, and ex-Secretary," gave Bros. Warner, Pillar, and Forge an opportunity of speaking of the past, present, and future career of No. 1793.

Bro. Playford acknowledged the toast of "The Masonic Charities," and Bro. W. Middleweek "The Health of the Officers."

The proceedings then terminated.

During the evening an excellent programme of instrumental and vocal music was carried out by Bros. Ruffe, J. Hall, E. Hall, Poupart, T. Middleweek, and Master Floyd.

TREDEGAR.

St. George's Lodge (No. 1098).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 12th ult. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. J. J. Williams, P.S.G.D., who was supported by the following officers: Bros. J. P. Fowler, I.P.M.; W. H. Richards, S.W.; B. Phillips, J.W.; Rev. Thos. Theophilus, P.G. Chap., Chap.; T. Morgan, Sec.; L. N. Willputte, S.D.; D. L. Davis, J.D.; J. North, I.G.; Illyre and J. Daird, Orgs.; T. Davis, D.C.; J. Johnson and J. L. Herbert, Stwds.; and E. Barnard, Tyler. The following brethren and visitors were also present: Bros. Capt. S. G. Homfray, P.M., P.A.G.D.C. England, D.P.G.M.; John Lewis, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; W. Davis, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; G. A. Brown, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; N. Bradley, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; J. A. Shepard, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; J. J. Morgan, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; G. Golding, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; J. Green, P.M., P.P.G. Purst.; G. D. Burdett, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. South Wales (Eastern Division); D. W. Harod, D. Hughes, Thomas Henry, S. T. Davies, R. H. Spencer, J. Turnbull, J. E. Webb, L. R. Rogers, J. D. Sullivan, J. Samuel, J. Burnett, E. Davis, H. Harris, A. Taylor, P.M. 1420, P.G. Sec.; W. L. Marks, J.W. 2226; R. A. Forsyth, P.M. 683, P.G.D.C.; Fred. C. Williams, J.D. 2226, P.G. Stwd.; J. Aish, 2226; O. E. Briant, 1388; D. Macdonald, J.W. 110; and G. H. Brown, 268 (I.C.).

The lodge was opened and the minutes read and confirmed. The W.M. elect, Bro. W. H. Richards, was then presented to the W.M., and a Board of Installed Masters was formed. The ceremony of installation was then enacted by Bro. Captain S. G. Homfray, D.P.G.M., in a most impressive manner. Bro. Richards then appointed the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year, and invested them with the insignia of their offices with appropriate words: Bros. J. J. Williams, I.P.M.; B. Phillips, S.W.; T. Morgan, J.W.; T. Theophilus, Chap.; C. Widdowson, P.M., Treas.; N. L. Willputte, Sec.; D. L. Davis, S.D.; W. North, J.D.; J. J. David, I.G.; S. T. Davis, S. of W.; J. Johnston, D.C.; R. H. Spencer and J. L. Davis, Stwds.; and E. Barnard, Tyler. At the close of the installation ceremony the Deputy Provincial Grand Master presented Bro. J. J. Williams, I.P.M., with a very handsome Past Master's jewel as a token of esteem and regard, expressing in the name of the brethren of the lodge their entire satisfaction and appreciation of the eminently good business performed by him generally during his year of office. Bro. Williams thanked the brethren for this unexpected token of regard, and said he was pleased to find that the humble services rendered by him to the lodge during his year of office had given satisfaction, and he further hoped in the future (if he was spared) he would be able to give every assistance in carrying out the duties of the lodge.

This was all the lodge business, and the whole of the brethren repaired to the Freemasons' Arms Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served. The usual loyal toasts were proposed, and were received with all Masonic honour, after which those of "The W.M.," "The Visitors," "The Past Masters," "The Officers," and several others were duly given, and suitably responded to.

A capital programme of music was ably carried out during the evening, after which the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

YORK.

Albert Victor Lodge (No. 2328).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, on Tuesday, the 24th ult. In the absence of the W.M. (Bro. T. B. Whytehead), the chair was taken by Bro. C. G. Padel, P.M., there being also present Bros. H. L. Swift, S.W.; C. E. Wright, as J.W.; A. H. Russell, J. E. Jones, F. Shaun, and others. Visitors: Bros. C. M. Forbes, P.M. 236, and P. Pearson, 1611.

The business consisted in the initiation of Captain T. Linberg and the raising of Bro. T. P. Carr, the latter ceremony being performed by Bro. Forbes. The brethren, as usual, dined together before lodge.

Royal Arch.

Mount Sinai Chapter (No. 19).—A convocation of this chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleetstreet, on Tuesday, the 17th ult., the Principal's chair being taken by Comp. Ernest Collard, C.C., M.E.Z.; Comp. S. E. Cooper, H.; and Comp. G. Read, as J. After the chapter was opened, the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The companions present were Comps. E. Collard, M.E.Z.; E. C. Cooper, H.; G. Read, P.Z., as J.; J. Charles, P.Z.; Asher Barfield, P.G.T., Treas.; R. Clipperton, S.E.; F. Cambridge, S.N.; M. C. Gossett, P.S.; C. Bassam, 1st A.S.; T. W. Heath, 2nd A.S.; T. H. Baker, E. Hopwood, G. W. A. Corderoy, R. Clowes, W. F. Stauffer, W. Carter, Pounds, P.Z.; and Sneath. Visitors: W. E. Coffin, P.Z.

749; J. T. Briggs, P.Z. 179; E. C. Mulvey, M.E.Z. 2246; P.G.D.C. Surrey, H. F. Frost, 1260; R. E. Cursons, 1507. Comp. G. Read, acting as M.E.Z., performed the ceremony of exaltation in his usual able manner. The next business was the election of officers for the ensuing year. The following officers were duly elected: Comps. E. C. Cooper, Z.; Crowden, H.; J. Cambridge, J.; Asher Barfield, P.G.T., Treas.; R. Clipperton, S.E.; M. C. Gossett, S.N.; C. Bassam, P.S.; T. W. Heath, 1st A.S.; and Sneath, 2nd A.S.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to an excellent banquet presided over by the M.E.Z.

Farringdon Without Chapter (No. 1745).

This civic chapter met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 23rd ult., when there were present, among others, Comps. T. Simpson, M.E.Z.; H. J. Lardner, P.Z., Treas., acting H.; J. Young, P.Z., acting J.; Capt. Walls, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S., S.E.; N. Prower, M.A., S.N.; B. Lane, Mus. Bac., P.S.; E. Brennell, 2nd A.S.; Dr. E. M. Lott, Mus. Doc., P.G. Org., Hon. Org.; and others.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, communications regretting inability to attend were received from Comps. G. Herbert, H. Herbert, and others. The companions also heard with deep regret of the serious illness of Comp. Robert Webber, the Third Principal of the chapter.

The convocation was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet. The M.E.Z. presided most ably and genially.

The customary toasts were duly honoured.

During the proceedings Comps. Dr. Lott, B. Lane, E. Brennell, and J. Young instrumentally and vocally entertained the brethren.

DARLINGTON.

Chapter of Vigilance (No. 111).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, on the 10th ult. The chapter being opened, and the minutes confirmed, the installation of the Principals was proceeded with. Comp. T. Watson was installed into the First Principal's chair by Comp. Bousfield, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B. Comp. Dr. Hill Drury, P.Z. 52, P.G. Reg. Norfolk, was placed into Second Principal's chair; and Comp. H. A. Massingberd was installed into the Third Principal's chair by Comp. Dr. Hill Drury. The other officers were invested as follows: Comps. W. C. Barron, S.E.; J. Graham, S.N.; W. Hobson, P.Z., Treas.; C. H. Backhouse, P.S.; B. S. Beckwith, 1st A.S.; J. K. Wilkes, 2nd A.S.; R. Luck, P.Z., P.P.G.J., D. of C.; and F. Tovey, Org. The Treasurer's report was received and adopted.

There being no further business the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to dinner.

Mark Masonry.

Prince Leopold Lodge (No. 238).—This lodge met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 16th ult. Among those present were Bros. N. Prower, M.A., W.M.; Chauffourier, S.W.; C. Brennell, J.W.; W. Drew, M.O.; Capt. Walls, P.G.S.B., Sec.; W. E. Farrington, P.M.; T. O. Harding, M.A., P.M.; and others. Bros. F. W. Driver, M.A., P.G.S.; Lieut.-Col. P. Godfrey, P.M.; C. Jackson, F.R.C.S.; and Roberts were visitors.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. Harvey, P.M. 9, and Holroyd, P.M. 9, were advanced to the Degree of M.M. Bro. Chauffourier was unanimously elected W.M. Bro. F. Farrington, Treas., and Bro. Goddard, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was voted to the W.M., and a vote of thanks ordered to be recorded on the minutes to him for his two years' services as W.M.

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

The usual toasts followed.

The W.M. presided most admirably, his speeches being graceful and eloquent.

Bro. F. W. Driver responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers" and Bro. W. E. Farrington for "The Provincial Grand Officers."

The Advancers, in their respective responses, spoke most highly of the ceremony, and trusted that in due time they might arrive at the position of W.M.

The proceedings terminated at an early hour.

BRADFORD.

Old York Lodge (T.I.).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, on Tuesday, the 24th ult. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., the chair was occupied by Bro. Charles Jacob Schott, P.J.G.D., I.P.M., who was supported by Bros. Simeon Whiteley, P.P.G.D., Org., as I.P.M.; T. Norfolk, S.W.; F. O. Gaulke, J.W.; T. E. Greenhough, M.O.; F. D. Harrison, S.O.; M. Hayes, J.O.; G. Althorp, P.P.G.W., Treas.; J. T. Last, Sec.; J. Niven, R. of M.; Last, as S.D.; G. Martin, J.D.; R. H. Bonser, as I.G.; J. Hill, Tyler; J. W. Monckman, P.G. Stwd., P.P.G.W.; J. Dewhurst, P.M.; J. Wilson, and Wm. Laycock. Visitors: Bros. Tudor Trevor, Copley Lodge, P.G. Sec., and H. Grindel, Tudor Lodge, P.P.G. Sec. Staffordshire.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last regular lodge were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Bro. S. A. Auty, W.M. 2321, which proving in his favour he was admitted in due form, and regularly advanced to the Degree of a M.M. by Bro. Schott, the acting W.M. Bro. Whiteley, P.P.G.D., explained to the candidate the tools. The Secretary read a communication from the Grand Secretary referring to the lodge by-laws, whereupon a resolution was passed appointing the W.M. and the officers of the lodge a Committee to consider and if necessary to revise the by-laws. A distinguished brother from the Tudor Lodge was proposed as a joining member, and apologies were tendered for the unavoidable absence of Bro. Welsman, the W.M., and a number of other brethren. "Hearty good wishes" were tendered by the visiting brethren, and nothing further appearing for the good of Mark Masonry the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

After the usual loyal toasts had been duly honoured, the W.M. proposed the "The Officers of Grand Lodge,"

which was suitably responded to by Bro. Monckman, P.G. Stwd.

In acknowledging the toast of "The Provincial Grand Master and Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge," Bro. Tudor Trevor, Prov. Grand Sec., expressed the pleasure it had afforded him to officially visit the lodge, and he complimented the W.M. on the careful attention to details which had been observed by all the officers in rendering the ceremonies of the evening.

In acknowledging the toast of his health Bro. Auty (the candidate or newly-advanced brother) incidentally referred to the Mark Degree as it was worked in one or two of the local Craft lodges prior to the formation of the Grand Mark Lodge. This led to a very interesting discussion on early Mark Masonry, there being evidence in local lodge minute books that it had existed in Bradford for a very long period.

EGREMONT.

Sewell Lodge (No. 421).—The first meeting after consecration of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 26th ult., Bro. James Stout, P.G. Std. Br., W.M., in the chair. The lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed, and several candidates were balloted for and accepted. Three were in attendance, and were advanced in a most impressive manner. With "Hearty good wishes," and the usual business transacted, the lodge was closed.

The following were present: Bros. J. Lowery, S.W.; J. Kitchin, J.W.; J. Nelson, M.O.; W. Irving, S.O.; J. A. Parker, J.O.; H. Hartley, W.M. 216, P.J.G.O., Treas.; T. McLeod, R. of M.; W. Bosward, Sec.; T. Miller, S.D.; E. Bouch, I.G.; S. Braithwaite, Tyler; George Dalrymple, P.M. 216, P.A.G.D.C. Eng.; Thomas Brakenridge, P.M. 213, P.P.S.G.O.; J. Wakefield, S.W. 216, P.G. Stwd.; B. Craig, P.M. 216, P.P.G.M.O.; W. Shaw, J.D. 216; James Muncaster, G. Wilson, and E. Bromley.

MANCHESTER.

St. Andrew's Lodge (No. 34).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 26th ult., when the following were present: Bros. S. Kelly, W.M.; E. L. Littler, J.W.; Edgar Towell, M.O.; Geo. S. Smith, S.O.; J. M. Sinclair, P.P.G.M.O., Treas.; J. T. Richardson, P.P.G.S. of Wks., Sec.; Geo. Langley, I.G.; Hy. L. Rocca, P.P.G.M.O.; A. Middleton, P.G.D. England; John Walker, G. A. Myers, J. M. Veal, C. H. Miller, P.P.G.M.O.; Percy D. Langley, F. Stretch, A. K. Boothroyd, and J. B. Kirk, Tyler. Bros. A. H. Jefferis, P.P.G.D., G.D. England; William Goodacre, P.G.D. England; F. G. Goodacre, J.W. 394; and C. Heywood, W.M.

Bro. E. L. Littler, P.G.S., was installed by Bro. Arthur Middleton, P.G.D. England. The following were appointed and invested for the ensuing year: Bros. C. E. Towell, S.W.; G. S. Smith, J.W.; Fred Stretch, Sec.; J. M. Sinclair, Treas.; G. Langley, M.O.; G. A. Myers, S.O.; A. K. Boothroyd, J.O.; J. M. Veal, S.D.; J. Walker, J.D.; G. D. Langley, I.G.; J. T. Richardson, P.P.G.S. of W., Reg.; and J. B. Kirk, Tyler. The ceremony was beautifully rendered by Bro. Arthur Middleton, who was highly complimented, and justly so.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

PLYMOUTH.

Huyshe Chapter (No. 38).—This chapter held its annual convocation at the Freemasons' Hall, on the 23rd ult. Frater James Griffin, the M.W.S. elect, was installed, Frater D. Cross, the retiring M.W.S., being the Installing Officer. Frater the Rev. Dr. Lemon, 31; F. B. Westlake, 30; J. H. Keats, 30; E. Aitken-Davies, P. B. Clemens, W. S. Hearder, F.R.S., W. Trevena, and T. Goodall, all of 18, formed the Board of Past M.W.S.'s. The officers invested were Frater D. Cross, I.P.M.W.S.; Rev. Dr. Lemon, High Prelate; W. F. Westcott, 1st Gen.; C. F. Dunsterville, 2nd Gen.; J. H. Keats, Treasurer; F. B. Westlake, Recorder; J. M. Hiffley, G.M.; J. R. Wilson, R.; A. E. Pinching, Herald; E. Aitken-Davies, C.G.; W. Trevena, D.C.; W. S. Hearder, Org.; and Bro. W. H. Phillips, Equerry.

In the evening the fratres dined together at the Freemasons' Club. The M.W.S., Frater J. Griffin, presided. A capital banquet was furnished. Several toasts were given and a very pleasant entertainment enjoyed. Bro. Harvey and Mrs. Harvey were thanked for their excellent catering.

Red Cross of Rome and Constantine.

JERSEY.

Concord Conclave (No. 8).—This distinguished conclave held its regular quarterly convocation at the Masonic Temple, Stopford-road, St. Helier's, on Wednesday, the 25th ult. Among those present were Sir Knights Thos. Stone, M.P.S.; P. Bois, V.E.; H. Elliott, S.G.; J. H. Elliott, J.G.; O. Dodge, H. Prelate; J. T. Baal, A.S.G.; J. C. Barrette, A.J.G.; J. E. Hamon, I.P.M.P.S.; L. Polick-Hespiradoux, P.M.P.S.; T. Le Seelleur, P.M.P.S.; J. A. Goldsmith, Prefect; E. Oldridge, Herald; W. T. Pugsley, P.M.P.S., Treas.; J. W. Hamling, Recorder; H. Buker, Org.; W. Gosling, D.C.; H. Richer, Std. Br.; G. Le Geyt, Asst. Std. Br.; Thomas Leat, P.M.P.S.; E. Dodman, H. C. S. Broadhurst, P. J. Le Bant, and George Rogers, Sentinel.

The conclave being opened, the minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Bro. H. Ahier, Sec. 590, and other candidates, proving unanimous in favour of each. Bro. H. Ahier being only in attendance, was then duly installed a knight of the Order of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine. The oration was given in capital style by the H. Prelate. The installation ceremonies were performed in his usual perfect manner by Sir Knight T. Stone, M.P.S., and all his officers were well up in their work. M.E. Sir Knight Col. E. C. Malet de Carteret, Intendant-General, was prevented from attending through unavoidable circumstances.

Other business having been transacted, the conclave was closed, and the sir knights adjourned to the spacious banquet room of the Temple, where an excellent spread was ably provided and discussed.

The customary loyal toasts having been honoured, Sir Knight Capt. T. Le Seelleur ably responded on behalf of "The Grand Council and the Grand Senate."

In proposing "The Health of the M.P.S.," Sir Knight J. E. Hamon, I.P.M.P.S., dwelt at length upon the long and distinguished services rendered to all grades of Masonry by Sir Knight T. Stone, M.P.S.

The toast was cordially received and heartily responded to the M.P.S. acknowledged and thanked the sir knights in a very eloquent speech.

"The Health of Sir Knight H. Ahier" followed. In introducing this toast the M.P.S. said that Sir Knight Ahier was their youngest member, but from what they noticed in his zeal and indefatigability in Craft, Mark, and Royal Arch Masonry they might all be sure of his endeavours to show, in his career as a Red Cross Knight that he was worthy of the honour bestowed on him that night.

The toast was received with extra warmth, and Sir Knight Ahier having replied, "The Past Sovereigns," coupled with the names of Sir Knights Thos. Leat and L. P. Hespiradoux, came next in order.

This toast having been acknowledged, "The Healths of the V.R.E." and "The Officers" was hereafter proposed. Sir Knight L. P. Hespiradoux, P.M.P.S., complimenting the officers, one and all, for the great efficiency of their work, their zeal, and their energy, and congratulated the M.P.S. on having so excellent a staff of officers during his year of office around him.

The Sentinel's toast closed the proceedings.

PORTSMOUTH.

Naval and Military Conclave (No. 35).

—The annual meeting of this conclave was held at the Masonic Hall, Landport, on Friday, the 27th ult. The conclave having been opened by the Intendant-General, Ill. Sir Knight Charles Knott, the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The Em. Sir Knight A. Howell, Viceroy, was then presented to the Intendant-General by Ill. Sir Knight Buck, P.S., to receive at his hands the benefit of enthronement as Sovereign of the conclave. A Senate of Sovereigns having been opened, the Sovereign elect was obligated and enthroned under an arch of steel. The Senate of Sovereigns was then closed. Sir Knight Wm. Miller, P.S., having been presented to the Sovereign for consecration as Viceroy, a Grand College of Viceroy was opened, and Sir Knight Miller was placed in the chair of E., after which the college was closed. The Sovereign then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. R. Payne, S.G.; A. W. Campbell, J.G.; F. Sanders, High Prelate; J. E. Buck, Treas.; A. R. Robinson, Recorder; Woodthorpe, Prefect; Hardy, Sub-Prefect; Coward, Std. Br.; and Exell, Sentinel. Bro. F. Mayes was then admitted and installed as a knight of the Order by Sir Knight A. Howell, M.P.S.

The conclave having been closed, the sir knights adjourned to the banquet room, where were already assembled, by invitation of the M.P.S., a large number of brethren not members of the Order. The banquet was presided over by the newly-enthroned M.P.S., and gave great satisfaction to all who had the pleasure of partaking of it.

In proposing "The Health of the M.P.S.," Ill. Sir Knight Charles Knott, Intendant-General, remarked upon the very great interest taken in every branch of Masonry by Sir Knight Alexander Howell, who was a member of every Masonic Degree meeting in Hampshire, and of some others, viz.—Craft, Royal Arch, Mark, Royal Ark Mariners, Allied Degrees, Cryptic, Rose Croix, Templar, Secret Monitor, Swedenborgian Rite, Rosicrucian, Red Cross, and K.H.S., in most of which he held office, besides being a Life Governor and Past Steward of each of the three central Masonic Charities, and of the Mark Benevolent Fund, and a Vice-Patron and Past Steward of the Hants and Isle of Wight Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution. The energy and ability which Bro. Howell had evinced in his professional and private life augured well for his rapid advancement in all things Masonic, and he ventured to predict that, if spared, he would in course of time rise to a very high position in their Craft and other Degrees.

The toast having been drunk with musical honours, Sir Knight Alexander Howell briefly responded, and especially thanked Sir Knight Knott for the very kind way in which he had referred to his Masonic career. He regretted to have to apologise for the absence of Sir Knight C. F. Hogard, Grand Recorder of the Order, whom he had invited to be present, but who was prevented from attending through an engagement at the Emulation Lodge of Instruction.

Royal Ark Mariners.

Prince Leopold Lodge (No. 238).—This lodge met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 16th ult. Among those present were Bros. W. E. Farrington, W.C.N.; Nelson Prower, M.A., J.; Chauffourier, S.; Capt. Walls, P.G.C., P.W.C.N., Scribe; F. W. Driver, M.A., S.D.; W. Drew, Warder; T. O. Harding, M.A., P.W.C.N.; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. N. Power was unanimously elected W.C.N.; Bro. F. Farrington, P.W.C.N., Treas.; and Bro. Goddard, Beadle. A vote of thanks was passed, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes, to Bro. W. E. Farrington for his past services as W.C.N. It having been reported that since the last meeting Bro. T. R. Richnell, the late Treasurer of the lodge, had died, a vote of condolence was passed to his family.

The proceedings then terminated, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was held in conjunction with that of the Prince Leopold Mark Lodge.

WHITEHAVEN.

F. R. Sewell Lodge (No. 213).—The quarterly meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 27th ult., Bro. Thos. Atkinson, N., in the chair, supported by his officers. The lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. Two candidates were balloted for and accepted, and one elevated. Bro. G. Dalrymple, P.W.C.N., was then invited to preside, and Bro. Jas. Gardiner, C.N. elect, was presented by Bro. Atkinson, N., and he was enthroned and proclaimed, and invested the following as his officers: Bros. T. Brakenridge, J.; G. Dalrymple, S.; Rev. Jas. Anderson, Chaplain; Thos. Atkinson, Treas.; H. Burns,

Scribe; Dr. Muir, S.D.; D. Atkinson, J.D.; T. Mitchell, D.C.; D. H. Cook, Org.; Geo. Starkey, Guardian; W. Heathcote, Stwd.; and J. Casson, Warder. The following were also present: Bros. Thos. Mantle, 151; Thos. Atkinson, 151; J. O. Scott, 151; R. Browne, 151; Jos. Ramsay, W. H. Brockbank, and J. W. Thompson. Three candidates were presented with their Grand Council certificates, and a vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Master for his services, and "Hearty good wishes" were given from the Collin Lodge, No. 151, Maryport, and the lodge was closed.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

NEPTUNE LODGE (No. 22).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 2nd inst., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham, when there were present Bros. Janau, W.M.; King, S.W.; Lavington, J.W.; Westley, Preceptor and Treas.; Poole, acting as Sec.; Evans, S.D.; Hennell, J.D.; Weeks, Tyler; Woods, Cheese, Reeves, Rashleigh, Nettleship, Steele, Livett, Boulton, Williams, Cochrane, Laker, Letchford, Gilbert, Langdon, Morris, and Fox. Bro. A. West, 570, was a visitor.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation being announced, and Bro. Langton having offered himself as a candidate, was initiated, the W.M. giving the address. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture worked by Bro. Gilbert. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture worked by Bro. Westley. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. Archibald West, 570, was elected a joining member of this lodge—carried unanimously. Bro. West returned thanks. Bro. King was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and returned thanks, and appointed his officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. H. B. Harding, W.M.; R. Loomes, S.W.; J. Speller, J.W.; W. Hancock, Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; J. Duncan, S.D.; Milton Smith, J.D.; C. G. Gray, I.G.; E. H. Bury, T. E. Newman, and G. R. Carsberg.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Bury being the candidate. Bro. Carsberg answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and the chair of W.M. taken by Bro. Speller. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Carsberg being the candidate. The lodge was opened and closed in the Third Degree, and was then closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Carsberg was elected a member of the lodge. Bro. Loomes was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed the officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 26th ultimo, at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W. There were present Bros. Hagen, W.M.; Hillier, S.W.; Catling, J.W.; J. Davies, Preceptor; Austin, Treas.; H. P. Gilbert, Sec.; Aslett, S.D.; Elkin, J.D.; Woodard, I.G.; R. Josey, P.M.; Allman, P.M.; Spiegel, P.M.; Brown, Cox, Williams, P.M.; Jobson, F. Craggs, Cox, Jennings, Arnott, Oliver, Jane, Kingdom, Higginson, Cotton, and Richardson.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, and worked the 4th Section of the Lecture. Bro. Jobson worked the 5th Section, after which Bro. Hillier was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 28th ult., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith, W., when there were present Bros. F. Craggs, W.M.; A. Williams, P.M., S.W.; F. A. Barth, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; H. Bright, Sec.; J. N. Baxter, S.D.; W. S. Whiteley, J.D.; T. Barth, I.G.; T. W. Biggs, Stwd.; J. Brown and T. Jobson.

The lodge was opened in the First and Second Degrees, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. J. Brown acting as candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the brethren assisted Bro. A. Williams, P.M., to work the 1st and 2nd Sections of the First Lecture. Bro. T. Barth, 865, was unanimously elected a member.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting of this chapter was held at the Stirling Castle, Camberwell, on Friday, the 27th ult., when there were present Comps. T. Grummant, P.Z. 1275, M.E.Z.; J. Hill, H. 1329, H.; North, J. 1275, J.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; C. H. Stone, S.E.; J. Osterstock, S.N.; Goodwin, P.S.; Axford, P.Z.; Benedetti, Z. 1275; Dobinson, Montgomery, H. Martin, Towers, and Hewett.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Hewett personating the candidate. Comp. W. J. Hewett, A.S. 1185, was elected a member. It was decided that the third annual supper take place on April 17th, at 7 p.m., at the above address. Comp. Benedetti, M.E.Z. 1275, assented to preside. Comp. J. Hill, H. 1329, was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting, and the chapter was closed.

Cryptic Masonry.

Grand Masters' Council (No. 1).—This old council met on the 27th ult., at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Among those present were Bros. H. J. Lardner, T.I.M.; T. Poore, as P.D.M.; Baron de Ferrieres, acting D.M.; R. B. Bryant, G.L., P.C.W.; G. Graveley, P.T.I.M., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.D.G.M., Recorder; H. H. Shirley, M.A., Marshal; A. McDowall, N. Prower, M.A., B. Stewart, G. Briggs, the Rev. Dr. W. Lemon, D.D., P.G. Chap., W. F. Crook, H. E. Vickers, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bros. Burgess, Wright, and Holland, and, it proving to be unanimous, they were impressively admitted, greeted, and received as M.E.M., R.M., S.M., and S.E.M., the working of the T.I.M. and the P.C.W. being almost faultless. Bro. Baron de Ferrieres was unanimously elected T.I.M.; Bro. G. Graveley, Treasurer; and Bro. E. Mills, Outer Sentinel. A vote of thanks was passed with acclamation to the T.I.M. for the very excellent manner in which he had performed his duties during the past year. The resignation of Bro. W. W. Codd was received with regret. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. Major G. Lambert, F.S.A., Capt. W. B. Williamson, J.P., J. N. Frye, H. Carmen, Edwin Storr, J. J. Thomas, T. Cubitt, Dr. F. E. Pocock, R. Roy, M.A., and others.

The council was then closed in the Degree of Select Master, and the brethren dined together at the Holborn Restaurant, under the presidency of the T.I.M. The usual toasts followed.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE EMULATION LODGE OF IMPROVEMENT.

The greatest success yet reached by the annual meetings of this well-known lodge of improvement was attained on Friday, the 27th ult., when more than 400 brethren attended to witness the working of the First Lecture under the presidency of Bro. Thomas Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes, the Treasurer of the lodge.

The meeting was held in the Temple, Freemasons' Hall, which was lighted with gas, the electric light having totally failed in all parts of the building, and as candles had to be requisitioned in some portions, the brethren could not but have been reminded of the difficulties under which in the early days of the lodge those brethren must have worked who have handed down to their successors the splendid work now carried on in private lodges and in lodges of instruction.

Bro. Lord Cremorne, P.S.G.W., who presided at the supper which followed the work of the lodge, attended immediately after the opening of the lodge, and witnessed the whole of the work, and among the Present and Past Grand Officers who supported him were: Bros. Rev. R. J. Simpson, Past G. Chap.; A. Barfield, Past G. Treas.; Thos. Fenn, President Board of General Purposes, P.G.D.; R. Loveland Loveland, S.G.D.; Frank Richardson, P.S.G.D.; Samel Pope, Q.C., P.S.G.D.; George Cooper, P.S.G.D.; C. A. Murton, P.G.D.; Henry J. P. Dumas, P.G.D.; Jos. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.; Ralph Clutton, P.G.D.; G. B. Brodie, M.D., P.G.D.; Hy. Smith, P.G.D.; Rudolph G. Glover, P.G.D.; Charles Belton, P.D.G.D. of C.; J. H. Matthews, P.D.G.D. of C.; W. G. Lemon, Asst. G.D. of C.; Lieut.-Col. Arthur Bott Cook, Past G.D. of C.; Col. Charles Harding, Past G.D. of C.; John Laurence Mather, Past G.D. of C.; Wm. H. Spaul, Past G.D. of C.; Col. Jas. Peters, P.G.S.B.; Charles Hammerton, P.G.S.B.; Frederick Mead, P.G.S.B.; Herbert Jordan Adams, P.G.S.B.; Eugène Montenuis, P.G.S.B.; Richard Joynes, Emmerson, Grand Std. Br.; Robert Clay Sudlow, Grand Std. Br.; Charles Fitzgerald Matier, Past G. Std. Br.; Chas. F. Hogard, Past G. Std. Br.; Henri Bué, Past G. Std. Br.; Wm. Alex. Barrett, Past G. Org.; David Dixon Mercer, Grand Purst.; Henry Garrod, Past G. Purst.; Walter Hopekirk, Past G. Purst.; Thomas Webb Whitmarsh, Past G. Purst.; Col. Gerard Noel Money, C.B., J. M. McLeod, Secretary R.M.I.B.; Le Strange, Deputy Prov. G.M. Norfolk; A. A. Richards, Past G. Stwd.; and others.

The First Lecture was worked (Bro. Fenn putting the questions) by the following brethren:

1st Section by Bro. J. C. Mortimer, 10.14.	
2nd " " W. H. Kirby, S.W. 1965.	
3rd " " J. Pullmann, W.M. 8.	
4th " " W. P. Reynolds, W.M. 7.	
5th " " J. J. Black, P.M., Sec. 1564.	
6th " " T. C. Martin, S.D. 1768.	
7th " " C. W. A. Trollope, P.M. 1826.	

On the motion of Lord CREMORNE, a hearty vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to the working brethren, and Bro. FENN having announced the terms of membership of the lodge (2s. 6d. on election and 1s. every night of attendance, all the money being devoted to Masonic Charities after the small expenses of the lodge had been deducted), a very large number of names were handed in, proposed and seconded, for election at the next weekly meeting.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to supper at Freemasons' Tavern, where, on account of the large hall not affording sufficient space for the great gathering, a supplemental supper had to be provided under the Chairmanship of Bro. R. CLAY SUDLOW, G. Std. Br., in the drawing room.

After supper and grace, Lord CREMORNE proposed the first toast, "The Queen and the Craft," and said the brethren would hail it with the loyal enthusiasm which was so universal among Masons, and which he believed was one of the fundamental principles of the Order. The interest which her Majesty the Queen had shown in it was so well known that it was quite needless for him to dilate upon it, but they could never forget that her Majesty had all her life long been a model to her subjects, both as a woman, a wife, a mother, and a Sovereign, and they were sorry that they could not also add one thing, that of being a model Mason.

Lord CREMORNE, in giving "The Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," said that toast was one which claimed the loyalty of the brethren, perhaps not in the same way but none the less heartily. The Prince of Wales had

been elected and re-elected Grand Master of the Order and no doubt the circumstance had been of great advantage to the Order, but it was impossible for him amidst all the multitudinous and multifarious calls on his time, to be always amongst the brethren; still, whenever peculiar circumstances called for his presence he was very likely to put in an appearance, and when he did so it was known he did it most effectually. Those who knew most of him knew and could testify to the care with which he watched over the interests of the Order, and the desire he at all times had to forward its welfare. They could but regret whenever the Prince was not among them, but that was no reason why they should not drink his health with enthusiastic zeal all the same.

Lord CREMORNE then said in that large and representative gathering it was only fitting there should be a large number of Grand Officers present. It would be a great pity if it were otherwise; but as it was he was sure the brethren would gladly greet them, and that most heartily, and moreover there was not only quantity but quality also, for he saw around him many who, as far as his own knowledge went, were distinguished in Masonry, and he was sure the same might be said of all of them, even though he did not individually know it, for there were very few who attained the rank of Grand Officer who had not at some time or other shown their zeal and ability in forwarding the great interests of the Order.

Bro. the Rev. R. J. SIMPSON, P.G. Chap., replying, said he felt it a very great honour to have to return thanks for that toast, more especially as he was surrounded by so many distinguished Grand Officers, brethren who were better fitted from their former services as well as their ability to speak to return thanks. The only virtue he should show would be that he should make a very short speech indeed, because he felt that the appearance there of the Grand Officers showed their sympathy with the working of Masonry in the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, as well as their admiration of the manner in which the ceremonies were conducted. He had ever looked up to it personally as one of the greatest Masonic advantages to be present, and he was sure he was joined by his brethren, the Grand Officers, in feeling edified, and he might add, instructed, by the working of that evening. The working had been spoken to by the Right Worshipful President in the lodge, and therefore he should not dilate further on it than to say that there was no faculty apparently in their nature which had not been drawn out by the circumstances of that evening; the religious faculty, the mental faculty, the moral faculty, and the social faculty; and let him simply say before he sat down that he trusted that the number of new members—105, he believed—who had been added to the roll of the Emulation Lodge that night would be able to produce from their number men who would be as competent and who would be able to go through their work as well as those who they had just had the pleasure of hearing. They were Masons, free, it was true, and he hoped would be for ever free, both as Masons and as Englishmen; but whatever might be the turns of fortune he hoped they might never forget that those things were free vows to which they were bound by their most solemn obligations, bound by their interest as Englishmen and as Masons to keep to their God, their country, and their laws.

Bro. S. POPE, Q.C., P.G.D., in proposing "The R.W. Brother in the Chair," said he did not know whether to congratulate Lord Cremorne or the brethren most. He congratulated Lord Cremorne because he presided over the largest, the most remarkable meeting which had distinguished that remarkable lodge. And he congratulated the brethren that they had in their Chairman a man who was not content merely with an exercise of the ornamental functions of Masonry, but who himself was an earnest worker in the ritual of the Craft. He (Bro. Pope) had had the privilege for several years of attending that annual festival. He had seen it grow to dimensions which threatened to exceed the accommodation which the Board of General Purposes had at its disposal to provide for. It was encouraging to find that there existed among the great body of Masons an inclination and determination to follow the ritual of the Craft to a perfection which alone could make it worthy of the objects which it professed to serve. He had learned—and never more than now—to look with a feeling approaching veneration upon Bro. Fenn and his staff, and he hardly withheld his meed of admiration of those brethren who with an accuracy of memory, with a power of diction, with a propriety of elocution, which gave dignity to the ritual, had taught them how it ought to be performed. He sometimes had had the privilege of meeting Lord Cremorne in other assemblies, and he would say that there was no member of the House of Commons who sat in discharge of his duties as a legislator who appeared to be more imbued with the true principles of Masonry, became more determined honestly, fairly, justly to do his duty as between the interests involved than Lord Cremorne when he sat on Committees of the House of Commons. The brethren had in their Chairman, therefore, a man who was not merely devoted to Masonry as a science, but who had imbibed its true principles, and endeavoured to carry them out because he endeavoured to do justice between man and man, and recognised the brotherhood which formed the great basis of Masonic union. Therefore, bearing in mind that they had had a long, interesting, but somewhat exhaustive ceremony before they came into the supper room, and that they all desired to reach their homes before the early hours of the morning, he confined himself, although the subject was

a tempting one, to asking the health of the brother in the chair, Lord Cremorne, and thanking him for presiding.

Bro. Lord CREMORNE, responding, said he wished he deserved the kind and flattering words of Bro. Pope, and their hearty reception by the brethren. When he was Master of his lodge he thought he succeeded fairly in his work, and he acknowledged the valuable assistance he received in those days from the Lodge of Emulation. It was very kind of them to teach him his business. And that led him to perhaps a more important subject than his health—the toast of “Success to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement.” They were there assembled to celebrate its annual festival, and the lodge no doubt might be justly proud of the good work it did and of the position it bore. Of course there were plenty of other institutions of that nature, and probably they might very generally fairly justify their position and influence, but the position of the Lodge of Emulation was a peculiar one, and it stood out apart from other institutions of that nature; for that Lodge of Emulation not only instructed, it did more—it gave a tone to the whole Masonic ritual of those lands; it was accepted as a standard for ceremony, and in these days, when Masonry was spreading and spreading every day, the necessity for one central standard to which all ceremonial could be referred, it was obviously all the more necessary. It was essential to guard against additions which were unnecessary, against mutilation and improper deviation; it was necessary for the maintenance not only of words, but of forms and ceremonies, and in both those matters the Lodge of Emulation fulfilled a great duty to the Craft at large under the constitution of the Grand Lodge of England to begin with, and in some degree he believed of foreign Constitutions as well. What had been done in lodge that evening had been so ably alluded to by Bro. Pope that he need not say more on the subject, but that perfection reigned in the Lodge of Emulation was, he thought, an accepted axiom of Masonry. In respect of that, the Committee who managed the lodge deserved well of the Craft on every possible and suitable occasion, and consequently, in proposing the toast of “Success to the Lodge of Emulation,” he was going to couple the name of a most eminent brother at the head of the Committee, who had distinguished himself in Masonry in many ways. It must be pleasing to know that there was in Freemasons’ Hall at the present moment an excellent portrait of him, as a memento of the good work he had done in Masonry. However, it was not so much of Bro. Fenn personally that he spoke, but of the Committee who had managed the Lodge of Emulation, of which he was the chief, and possibly the ruling spirit, that he was going to ask the brethren to associate with the toast.

The toast was most cordially drunk.

Bro. FENN, in reply, said: Bro. Lord Cremorne and Brethren,—It has been the custom for some years past for the brother who has the honour of responding to this toast to give a short history of the lodge, and our reasons for claiming the highest authority for the ritual that it teaches, but I have been asked to change the subject this evening, and as the Emulation work has become so general, and its pre-eminence is now almost universally acknowledged, it does seem unnecessary to repeat the oft-told tale. But as I believe I am expected to say something respecting our lodge, I do not know that I can do better than avail myself of this opportunity to answer the question which has often been put to us, “Why we work the lectures on these occasions and not the ceremonies?” Many years ago, but not so many as to be beyond my own recollection, the sections were occasionally worked in private lodges, but whether it be from the increase of ceremonial duties, whether it be from indifference or the superior attractions of the dinner table, the lectures have apparently been relegated to lodges of instruction, and the work in private lodges—so far as my opportunities of observation go—seems now generally confined to the ceremonies. The brethren have therefore so many opportunities of hearing these ceremonies that we doubt if a repetition of them on these nights would prove sufficient attraction to bring together so large a gathering as we desire to see. But a brother newly-admitted into our mysteries naturally feels some degree of curiosity to learn more of the meaning and design of the various peculiarities of the ceremonies through which he has passed. He has heard that Freemasonry is a peculiar system of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols, but when he seeks an explanation of those symbols, when he asks why he was required to do this or that, or the meaning of any particular part of the ceremonies, he is told that he must go to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement and hear the lectures, where he will have all these matters fully explained. But comparatively few do come to the ordinary meetings of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, and it is often that young Masons hear these lectures for the first time at our annual festivals. A newly-initiated brother is not unfrequently—on the very night of his introduction into Masonry—told by some zealous brother, who is serving as Steward for one of our Institutions, that as Charity is the great principle in Masonry, his first duty is to place a liberal subscription on his list. No one can blame the zealous brother, he is actuated by the best of motives, in endeavouring to swell his list of subscriptions for the Institution he represents. No doubt every Mason should support to the best of his ability those noble Institutions of which we are justly proud, and this lodge sets the example by giving to them (as you have heard to-night) all its surplus funds. But it is easy to conceive that in many cases the neophyte may go away with the impression that to subscribe to

these Institutions is the sole end and aim of Masonic Charity. On these occasions he may hear for the first time in the lectures, which have been so ably and impressively rendered to-night, that Masonic Charity, in its true and extended sense, is to envy not our neighbour; to believe not a tale reported to his prejudice; to forgive the injuries of men; and endeavour to blot them from our recollection; not only to relieve the distressed (which is a duty incumbent on all men), but to soothe the unhappy, sympathise in their misfortunes, compassionate their miseries, and restore peace to their troubled minds; and that to communicate happiness to others is the truest and surest source of happiness to ourselves. We are taught in these lectures that in the Masonic interpretation of brotherly love is comprised that grand principle of universality, which is one of the peculiar and distinguishing features of our Institution, which embraces in its fraternal arms the high and low, the rich and poor, and men of every country, whatever may be their religious or political opinions. We are here told that to be a good Freemason is to lead an upright life, to be scrupulously honourable in all his dealings, to look down with scorn and contempt on meanness and deception as something that is beneath him, to render to every man his just due, and that without distinction, whether he be his equal or his servant. And while maintaining and practising impartial justice, to exercise to the fullest extent that Divine attribute, mercy, even as he hopes hereafter for mercy himself. These lectures, in fact, expatiate on that grand system of morality, shadowed faith in our ceremonies, that firm and enduring foundation of our glorious Masonic edifice, which has enabled it to stand the test of ages, to survive the wreck of mighty empires, and resist the destroying hand of time. Opinions may alter, manners change, creeds rise and fall, but the moral law, the foundation of Masonry, is graven on the tablets of eternity. To preserve, in their integrity, our lectures which embody these sublime truths, and to hand them down to their successors as they have received them from those who have gone before, is one of the duties of the Committee whom I have the honour to represent, and in thanking you, in their names, for the compliment you have paid them I can safely assure you that they are deeply sensible of the responsibility which this trust imposes upon them. For my own part I am now only a consulting member of the Committee, but while such brethren as Bro. Sudlow, who I am pleased to see has received the honour of the purple since we last met; Bro. F. Spaul, our late Secretary, who has done such good service for the lodge, and whose absence to-night from a severe accident we must all deplore; Bro. Kentish, our present indefatigable Secretary, to whom the success of this great gathering is mainly due; and Bro. Rushton, who has lately been elected on the Committee in consideration of his efficiency and zeal for the interests of the lodge. While such brethren are intrusted with that duty we may rest assured that it will be faithfully and earnestly discharged.

Bro. J. C. PARKINSON, P.G.D., proposed “The Lodge of Unions,” under whose banner the Lodge of Emulation meets. He said whilst the eloquence of Bro. Fenn was still tingling on the brethren’s ears and vibrating on their hearts, it was not for him to trouble them at any length. A better or more able exposition of the meaning and force of the work of the Lodge of Emulation never fell from the lips of man since its establishment. He as an old, very old, member of the Lodge of Emulation, as one who had worked in the adjacent room, not so well as the brethren had worked that night, but still to the best of his ability, he was deeply grateful to Bro. Fenn for putting before the younger members so clearly, so forcibly, so touchingly the great objects Masons had in preserving those lectures, and in preserving and upholding the forms and ceremonies of the Craft. They had been told earlier in the evening that Masonry is free: could they have had a better exemplification of that than they had had that night? For though the ritual had been given verbatim, though the loyalty of its teachers had been so charmingly exemplified in the applause which greeted the name of Bro. Sudlow most deservedly, still behind that exactitude what had they seen? They had seen that individuals had different intellectual conceptions; all found scope in the rendering of the ritual they had heard that night. It was impossible to listen to the exposition of the various brethren who responded to the sections without seeing at once that their whole minds were at work, and that they, from their different points of view, gave individual readings to the words set forth. They had the style of the late Mr. John Kemble; they had a lighter style; they had a deliberation of utterance, and a more rapid utterance; they were able to discriminate between the two; they were able to admire all that, and that they all owed to the Lodge of Emulation, which held its warrant from the Lodge of Unions, and it was the toast of the Lodge of Unions that he now proposed.

Bro. C. W. MAPLETON, W.M. 256, in acknowledging the cordial greeting which followed the proposal of the toast, said he could hardly express the feelings of the lodge when he had to return thanks for the very cordial and fraternal sentiments expressed by Bro. Parkinson. He might, perhaps, tell the brethren in a few words one or two small facts in the history of the Lodge of Unions. It was founded in 1785, at the Fox, in Castle-street, Southwark. They very soon after that appeared to get into money difficulties, for four years after consecration they found that the lodge had a delicate hint from the Secretary that a more punctual payment of dues would be appreciated. The Master took the hint, apologised, and paid, and received grace. Very soon

after, when Europe was disturbed by war, the price of provisions went up, and the price of supper was raised from 1/6 to 2/-, which he thought would hardly satisfy the brethren of the present day. Another sign that they were not very strong then was that sometimes they had from six to 10 members at a meeting, and it was twice proposed and rejected that they should join with St. James’s Union, No. 2990. Very shortly after, the brethren pulled themselves together, for in 1830 the Emulation Lodge of Improvement came to them, and they were only too pleased to grant them sanction, and they worked from the warrant of the Lodge of Unions from that day to this. During the time from the consecration of the Lodge of Unions till 1851, when they met at Freemasons’ Hall, they had met at 17 houses in different parts of London; in one year they met at four different houses, which showed they were of rather a roving disposition. Since then they had gone on gaily and strongly, and they had had very good Masons, men who held good positions in the Craft. One was very well known in the Emulation—Bro. Peter Gilks—also John Hervey, lately Grand Secretary. He thought it was in 1836 a brother joined them whose son was still with them—the brother was Bro. William Farnfield, who became their Secretary and held that office 50 years. He was succeeded by his son, John A. Farnfield, their Treasurer, who now held the important position of Treasurer to the Benevolent Institution; he was also Past Asst. G.D.C., which was conferred on him by the M.W.G.M. in 1887. They were now going on very strong and well, and were able at any time to afford relief in distress, and send up Stewards to the Festivals of the Masonic Charities. One word more; they were very proud of their connection with the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, and he hoped and trusted it might continue for many and many a long year to come.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.P., proposed “The Masonic Charities,” and referring to the statistics of London Charities, said nearly £100,000 a year was subscribed and disbursed in Charity. Comparing what was subscribed by Masons for Charity, he contended that Masons did their duty loyally.

Bro. J. MORRISON McLEON, Secretary to the Boys’ School, responded.

Bro. FREDK. MEAD, P.G.S.B., proposed “The Working Officers.”

Bro. R. CLAY SUDLOW, G. Std. Br., said he had responded so often to the toast that he had nothing new to say. The position of officer of that lodge was one of no small importance, for it meant that a brother accepting office had made himself well nigh perfect, not only in the ritual, but in all the details of his office, so that he was eligible to act, and virtually did act as Preceptor for the work he undertook. To be an officer of that lodge on evenings such as those, was a still greater distinction, inasmuch as every officer was specially selected by the Committee, and upon the officers so chosen rested the responsibility of maintaining the prestige of the lodge for correct working and exemplifying the system of ritual as taught in that lodge. The references to the work of that night had been most kindly and most generous, and he knew that the officers appreciated very highly the words of commendation that had fallen from different speakers. In view of that praise, perhaps he might say of the officers of the lodge, as was said of some Craftsmen of old, that they filled their parts with the utmost fidelity.

Bro. C. W. A. TROLLOPE, P.M. 1826, also replied.

Bro. W. G. KENTISH, P.M. 1293, 1758, Secretary, in replying to the toast of “The Stewards,” thanked the brethren for so kindly drinking it in acknowledgment of the efforts that had been made to bring that great meeting to a successful issue. A great deal, of course, devolved upon him as Secretary of the lodge, and it might not be so well done if he was not assisted by a large body of Stewards, who threw themselves into the work thoroughly. As far as he was concerned he thanked those Stewards most heartily for their co-operation with him. He felt himself a servant in the Lodge of Emulation, and he was glad to do what he could for it. It had sent out a great many first-rate fellows. Many brethren came to it and graduated, and became first-class Masons. He again thanked the Stewards for assisting him, and the brethren for acknowledging their work.

The Tyler’s toast closed the proceedings.

In lodge the organ was beautifully played while the brethren assembled and dispersed by Bro. J. H. Maunder.

MASONIC CALENDARS, 1891.

West Yorkshire.—This useful (what shall we call it?) slip or sheet contains the days of meeting for the year for the 75 lodges, 38 chapters, 11 Mark lodges, 8 preceptories, and 3 Rose Croix chapters for the province, as well as places of meeting and other items. We still believe it would add to its practical character if published in pamphlet form.

Middlesex.—Edited on the same lines as 1890 by Bros. Room and Lee, and a boon indeed to all concerned. The statistical information is valuable, and from the tables we glean that the 40 lodges in the province average 33 members each, the total strength being 1331—the largest yet recorded. There are 14 Royal Arch chapters, with 292 members, the numbers being just one less for last return. There are only three Mark lodges in Middlesex, though there are 40 Craft lodges. Where, oh! where, are the Mark Masons!

Hull.—A handy little guide, the sheet, printed by Bro. M. C. Peck, and edited by Bro. W. Reynolds, being brimful of particulars relative to that very thriving home of the Craft and the Hautes Grades.

Yorkshire.—Bro. Whytehead has for fifteen years, not only edited, but presented the Masonic Guide for the county of Yorkshire to the brethren in that locality; and not a few outside that jurisdiction have to thank him for his kind thoughtfulness, in also providing them annually with this handsome *bijou* Masonic Directory, which is now a necessity for all of us who take an interest in that important divided and united county, Masonically. There are 30 lodges in N. and E. Yorkshire, with 2118 members, being the very large average of 70 to each lodge. In West Yorkshire there are 75 lodges, as already noted 3471 members, or an average of 47 to each, which is much nearer the ordinary experience. It is wonderful what a lot of matter is ably condensed in the 36 pages of this *pocket companion*.

Mark Grand Lodge.—Though Bro. Matier's hands are so full of work, he has contrived to edit this indispensable Mark Calendar, now in its sixth year, and no better and more accurate guide is to be had under any jurisdiction. If brethren generally knew that copies were to be had for seven stamps, post free, the edition would be cleared out in a week. Speaking for ourselves, we emphatically state we would not miss a copy annually for much more than its weight in silver. "Nothing for nothing" is a good rough motto, and following its rule we decline to say more about its contents, as brethren can be supplied in the usual way, and it will be to their loss if they neglect the opportunity.

Dorset.—This is one of the most complete and carefully edited Calendars, and neatly printed by Bro. J. A. Sherren, who is also the publisher, at Weymouth. We have many times in the past drawn attention to its special merits, and there being no new features in this issue, we will only say *ditto* to all we have said before. There are 13 lodges in the Province of Dorset, with 623 members (48 to each lodge), and the large number of 179 Past Masters (being an advance on previous years), 7 Royal Arch chapters, and 189 members (three advance on 1890), 5 Mark lodges, 2 Preceptories, and the same number of Rose Croix chapters. The "Dorset Masonic Charity" is also in full swing, and doing a grand work for the necessitous in the province.

Durham.—This real "live" province has one of the best calendars published in England, and beyond question this year's is the best of the series, because, though arranged on "the old lines," there are some new features added, which considerably increase the utility and value of the bulky but handy volume. The Editor for 1891 is our old friend (better possibly say long known, as the "Dr." is a Rosicrucian, and juvenile and active as ever), Bro. Dr. Hill Drury, of Darlington. The Past Provincial Officers from the earliest date down to the present era are given in italics (this time) when deceased, which is a good idea, and the Rosicrucian Society of England has four pages devoted to its officers, &c., being a fresh departure also. The particulars are varied, interesting, and voluminous, and as 184 pages are pressed into the service, it will be easily understood that the labour has been considerable as respects compilation. We should suggest a page devoted to statistics, so as to exhibit the membership during the last few years, as in the model report of the Prov. Grand Lodge by the Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. Robert Hudson. We find by reference to this excellent pamphlet (which also attends to the Prov. Grand Chapter), and also by consulting the capital Report of the Mark Prov. Grand Lodge, by Bro. C. B. Ford, Prov. Grand Sec., side by side with the Directory, that there are 32 lodges, having 2306 members on the roll (72 to each lodge, an enormous average); 12 Royal Arch Chapters with 441 members; 11 Mark lodges and 395 members; 3 Knights Templar Preceptories and 93 members; and 2 Rose Croix Chapters and 56 members. The "Durham Education Fund" is thriving well, having 22 children on the establishment, and considerably over £1000 capital. The total votes for the Central Masonic Charities number 2216, and so it will be seen that Durham is to the fore as "per usual."

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The following sums have been received since the publication of last week's issue of the *Freemason*, the majority of the amounts being additional to the lists as then recorded:

LONDON.			
		£	s. d.
Unattached—Bro. T. L. M. Rose	new list	10	10 0
Lodge			
179 Bro. R. P. Angel	additional	11	11 0
197 " A. M. Cope	"	1	1 0
228 " James Jennings	"	1	1 0
781 " R. C. Pasfield	"	29	1 0
861 " C. Sims	"	5	5 0
871 " J. J. Pakes	"	1	5 0
1366 " A. Cook	"	5	5 0
1540 " Siegfried Scherer	new list	9	19 6
1743 " Charles J. Fox	additional	1	1 0
2012 " F. Browne	new list	10	10 0
TOTAL—LONDON			
		86	9 6
PROVINCES.			
HERTFORDSHIRE.			
1385 Bro. J. B. Poole	new list	39	6 0
(raising total for province to £358 8s. 6d.)			

KENT.			
1678 " John S. Charlton	additional	10	10 0
(raising his list to £52 10s.)			
MIDDLESEX.			
2183 " T. W. Walker	"	3	3 0
(raising his list to £31 10s.)			
OXFORDSHIRE.			
357 " J. S. Peareth	"	0	10 0
(raising his list to £27 10s.)			
SOMERSETSHIRE.			
Province—Bro. W. J. Nosworthy	"	10	10 0
(raising total for province to £92 12s.)			
SUFFOLK.			
1224 Bro. C. J. N. Rose	"	18	0 0
(raising his list to £105.)			
TOTAL ADDITIONS			
KENT.			
Less			
Lodge			
558 " G. Spurgeon	"	21	0 0
558 " W. Dunk	"		
(This joint list being £42, not £63.)			
NET ADDITIONS			
TOTAL ANNOUNCED			
TOTAL TO DATE			

We have also to state that Bro. E. G. Wathew was Steward for No. 1915, not No. 1951, Kent; Bro. E. G. Harwood, for No. 1723, not No. 993, East Lancashire; and that Bro. W. Drewett was not a Steward Unattached Surrey, but represented Lodge No. 889. We also stated in our analysis that Bro. J. R. Davies acted as sole Steward for the Eastern Division of South Wales at the Boys' Festival last year and raised a total of £380. We should have stated at the Festival of the Girls' School and that his list amounted to £400. Bro. Oldis also who brought up £200 os. 6d., was a Steward for Finsbury Park Lodge, No. 1288, and not of the Royal Standard Lodge as stated.

THE GOLD AND SILVER WYRE DRAWERS' COMPANY.

An interesting report relative to the company's exhibit at the Royal Military Exhibition has been presented to the court by the committee appointed to take charge of the matter. "Your committee," the report states, "in the first place put themselves in communication with the various members of the company, and, subsequently, with the valued assistance of Past Masters Kenning and Stewart, called personally upon other gentlemen more immediately connected with the trade. After a careful examination of the specimens in the warehouses of these latter gentlemen your committee selected a number of appropriate articles, which were generously lent for exhibition by (among others) Messrs. Kenning, Stanton, Benton and Johnson, Simpson and Rook, and J. B. Corney, to all of whom the committee are much indebted for their kind and gratuitous assistance. The exhibits, in addition to those selected, comprised various articles being the property of the company, and they were tastefully arranged in a handsome showcase. The case was placed in a prominent position in the northern transept of the Exhibition. It was inspected and much admired by a large number of visitors, as was testified not only by personal observation, but by the receipt of many letters congratulating the company on the successful result of its new departure. It having been thought that some suitable memento of the exhibit should be presented to the members of the company and others, your committee, after carefully considering the matter, decided that a souvenir card should be engraved, and this was done, and a copy sent to every member of the company, and also to those gentlemen who had contributed to the exhibit, as well as to the Lord Mayor and to the masters of the several livery companies. The committee likewise sent tickets of admission to all the foregoing, with a notification drawing their special attention to the exhibit of the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Company." After alluding to the expenditure the exhibit entailed upon the company, the committee, in conclusion, thank the various gentlemen who were instrumental in promoting the success of the exhibit. "The most prominent among these are Past Master Stewart and also Past Master Kenning, who devoted much valuable time and attention to the arrangements at the Exhibition, and Miss Ethel Wright, who skilfully designed the memento card referred to above, and whose artistic help has been throughout of much service to the committee."—*City Press*.

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MASONIC MEETINGS (Metropolitan)

For the week ending Saturday, March 14, 1891.

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 7.

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

GRAFT LODGES.

142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-street Hotel.
1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tavern.
1928, Gallery, Anderson's Hotel.
2182, Sterndale Bennett, Surrey Masonic Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Cuswick, 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.
ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

975, Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew.

MONDAY, MARCH 9.

GRAFT LODGES.

5, St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall.
29, St. Alban's, Albion Tavern.
59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.
90, St. John's, Albion Tavern.
136, Good Report, Inns of Court Hotel.
193, Confidence, Anderson's Hotel.
1366, Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel.
157, Leopold, Bridge House Hotel.
1670, Adel hi, Freemasons' Hall.
1922, Earl of Lathom, Surrey Masonic Hall.
2012, Chiswick, Star and Garter, Kew.
2030, The Abbey, Town Hall, Westminster.
2243, Argonauts, Cromwell Hall, Putney.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Joborn, 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, Addle-street, Wood-street, E.C., at 7.
Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202, Whitechapel-road, at 7.
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.
Ubique, 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 to 10.
West Smithfield, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C., at 7.
Zeland, 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.

58, Felicity, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
1118, University, Freemasons' Hall.
1789, Ubique, Cafe Royal, Regent-street.

MARK LODGE.

104, Macdonald, Mark Masons' Hall.

ROSE CROIX CHAPTER.

53, Holy Sanctuary, 33, Golden-square.

TUESDAY, MARCH 10.

GRAFT LODGES.

96, Burlington, Albion Tavern.
180, St. James' 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.
548, Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.
917, Cosmopolitan, Cannon-street Hotel.
933, Doric, Anderson's Hotel.
1190, Urban, Freemasons' Hall.
1269, Stanhope, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
1604, Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall.
1614, Covent Garden, Criterion.
1665, Samson, Cafe Royal, Regent-street.
1969, 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 8.
Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.
Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Corner of Queen's-road and Middle-ton-road, Dalston, E., at 8.
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, Rotherhithe.
Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, at 8.
Finsbury, The Goose and Gridiron, London House Yard, St. Paul's Churchyard, E.C., at 7.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30.
Friars, The White Horse, 94 White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., E., 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 Edgumbe, 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 Fues.
Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, at 8.

Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
Robert Burns, Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road, W.C., at 8.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, S.W., at 7.30.
St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.
Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma-road, S.W., at 8.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, at 6.40.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

172, Old Concord, Holborn Restaurant.

MARK LODGE.

233, West Smithfield, Mark Masons' Hall.

ROSE CROIX CHAPTER.

71, Bayard, 33, Golden-square.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 4.

CRAFT LODGES.

11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.
15, Kent, Freemasons' Hall.
87, Vitruvian, Bridge House Hotel.
147, Justice, White Swan, Deptford.
166, Union, Criterion.
249, Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel.
281, Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Limehouse.
820, Lily Lodge of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.
1228, Beacontree, Guildhall Tavern.
1306, St. John, Three Nuns, Aldgate.
1629, United, Freemasons' Hall.
1803, Cornhill, London Tavern.
1827, Alliance, Guildhall Tavern.
1986, Honor Oak, White Swan, Upper Norwood.
2272, Rye, Peckham Public Hall.
2302, Bloomsbury Rifles, Head-quarters, Chenies-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, 169, 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, Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwards-square, Kensington, at 8.
St. Leonard, Pr. of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-road, Victoria Park, 8.
Stanhope, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Putney, at 8.
Temperance in the East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30.
United Mariners, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto-road, Nunhead.
United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Regent's-pk., at 8.
Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W.
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8.
Andrew Chapter, Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street West, Hammersmith.
Domestic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

1260, John Hervey, Holborn Restaurant.
1440, Mount Edgumbe, St. Botolph's Chambers.
1900, Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel.

MARK LODGES.

350, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-place, Poplar.
415, Grafton, Blanchard's Restaurant, Regent-street.

THURSDAY, MARCH 12.

INAUGURATION OF THE CENTENARY HALL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS, BY THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES.

CRAFT LODGES.

19, Royal Athelstan, Cannon-street Hotel.
9, Regularity, Freemasons' Hall.
206, Friendship, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
238, Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall.
243, Bank of England, Albion Tavern.
534, Polish National, Freemasons' Hall.
657, Canonbury, Albion Tavern.
860, Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel.
879, Southwark, Bridge House Hotel.
1076, Capper, Guildhall Tavern.
1471, Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury.
1599, Skelmersdale, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
1642, Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill.
1708, Plucknett, Bald-faced Stag, East Finchley.
1791, Creation, Freemasons' Hall.
1987, Strand, Criterion.
2000, Hammersmith, Vestry Hall, Hammersmith.
2168, Derby Alcroft, Midland Grand Hotel.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Burdett-Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
Clarence, Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham-court-road, at 7.30.
Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
Creation, Wheatheaf Hot., Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W., 8.
Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, 9.
Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern (opposite Limehouse 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.
Houses, Lewisham Masonic Rooms, adjoining White Hart Hotel, 116, High-street, Lewisham, S.E., 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 Railway 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., Isington, at 8.
Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New-road, at 8.
Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-street, Kennington.
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 8.30.
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.

65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern.
72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel.
554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
907, Royal Albert, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane.

FRIDAY, MARCH 13.

CRAFT LODGES.

33, Britannic, Freemasons' Hall.
134, Caledonian, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
157, Bedford, Freemasons' Hall.
177, Domestic, Anderton's Hotel.
780, Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, New Bridge.
1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.
1602, Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall.
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.
Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.
Euphrates, Green Man, Mansell-street, Whitechapel, E., 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.
Queen's Westminster, The Criterion, Piccadilly, W., at 8.
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8.
Royal Standard, Builders' Arms, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, N.
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, New 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.
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.

SATURDAY, MARCH 14.

CRAFT LODGES.

108, London, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.
179, Caveac, Albion Tavern.
1323, Granite, Freemasons' Hall.
1440, Great City, Cannon-street Hotel.
1007, Loyalty, London Tavern.
1680, Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1743, Perseverance, Anderton's Hotel.
1839, Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall.
1904, Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
2009, King Solomon, Mark Masons' Hall.
2200, Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon.
2384, Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Lower Mitcham.

MASONIC MEETINGS (Provincial)

for the week ending Saturday, March 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, MARCH 9.

CRAFT LODGES.	Towns	Numbers
Hastings...	40	40
Bristol...	08	08
Falmouth...	75	75
Cambridge...	08	08
Stockport...	104	104
Plymouth...	105	105
Exmouth...	100	100
Eversham...	133	133
F. Stonehouse...	189	189
Swansea...	237	237
South Shields...	240	240
Shrewsbury...	202	202
Liverpool...	292	292
Sheffield...	206	206
Lincoln...	297	297
Gt. Yarmouth...	313	313
Preston...	314	314
Bodmin...	330	330
Penrith...	339	339
Bath...	379	379
Nottingham...	411	411
Newcastle...	481	481
Birmingham...	527	527
Sleaford...	588	588
Redruth...	589	589
Trowbridge...	632	632
Lyme Regis...	605	605
Llanelli...	671	671
Chester...	721	721
Dartmouth...	797	797
Wirksworth...	804	804
Bowden...	941	941
Furness...	1021	1021
Portsmouth...	1069	1069
Shirley...	1122	1122
Leeds...	1221	1221
Enfield...	1237	1237
Manchester...	1253	1253
Liverpool...	1350	1350
Andover...	1373	1373
Stalybridge...	1408	1408
Canterbury...	1449	1449
Moss Side...	1490	1490
Bury St. Edmunds...	1592	1592
York...	1611	1611
Saltburn-by-Sea...	1618	1618
Hampton Court...	1650	1650
Urmston...	1732	1732
Harborne...	1792	1792
East Retford...	1802	1802
Mansfield...	1852	1852
Gt. Torrington...	1865	1865
Ravenstall...	1948	1948
Chapel-en-le-Frith...	1952	1952
Wellington...	1900	1900
Bowden...	2144	2144
Douglas...	2197	2197
Wells, Norfolk...	2437	2437
R.A. CHAPTERS.		
Warrington...	148	148
Jersey...	244	244
Kidderminster...	377	377
Manchester...	993	993
Aldershot...	1331	1331
Barton-on-Humber...	1447	1447
MARK LODGES.		
Oldham...	171	171
Newton Abbot...	215	215
Beverley...	281	281
Whitby...	337	337
Blackburn...	56	56
Stockton-on-Tees...	118	118

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

CRAFT LODGES.	Towns	Numbers
Sunderland...	80	80
Norwich...	93	93
Truro...	131	131
New Brompton...	184	184
Liverpool...	241	241
Boston...	274	274
Stockport...	322	322
Wakeneld...	495	495
St. Austell...	490	490
Rugby...	502	502
Maidstone...	503	503
Halesowen...	573	573
Aldersley...	593	593
Totts...	603	603
Chippenham...	620	620
Harwich...	650	650
Bristol...	680	680
Wednesbury...	690	690
Aldershot...	723	723
West Hartlepool...	704	704
Windsor...	771	771
Jersey...	877	877
Leominster...	892	892
St. Helens...	857	857
Gosport...	903	903
Devonport...	954	954
Frome...	973	973
Kewick...	1073	1073
Newton Abbot...	1138	1138
Warrington...	1250	1250
Egremont...	1207	1207
Sutton...	1347	1347
Bala...	1309	1309
Sevenoaks...	1414	1414
Blackpool...	1470	1470
Baldon...	1545	1545
Leicester...	1500	1500
Walton-on-the-Hill...	1713	1713
Colehill...	1782	1782
Wilmington...	1837	1837
Stonehouse...	1847	1847
Winchester...	1883	1883
Herne Bay...	2099	2099
Hull...	2134	2134
Feel...	2104	2104
Horwich...	2324	2324
Southport...	2300	2300
R.A. CHAPTERS.		
Liverpool...	249	249
Derby...	253	253
Keighley...	205	205
Leeds...	209	209
Bradford...	302	302
Portsmouth...	497	497
Ormskirk...	583	583
Malton...	600	600
Wilmington Quay...	991	991
MARK LODGES.		
Tavistock...	23	23
Southampton...	04	04
Brecon...	271	271
East Looe...	351	351

TUESDAY, MARCH 10.

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Sunderland...	80	80
Norwich...	93	93
Truro...	131	131
New Brompton...	184	184
Liverpool...	241	241
Boston...	274	274
Stockport...	322	322
Wakeneld...	495	495
St. Austell...	490	490
Rugby...	502	502
Maidstone...	503	503
Halesowen...	573	573
Aldersley...	593	593
Totts...	603	603
Chippenham...	620	620
Harwich...	650	650
Bristol...	680	680
Wednesbury...	690	690
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CRAFT LODGES.	Towns	Numbers
Cardiff...	36	36
Wattenhaven...	119	119
Margate...	127	127
Batley...	264	264
Maryport...	371	371
Newcastle...	406	406
Broadstairs...	429	429
Halifax...	448	448
Aylesbury...	591	591
West Bromwich...	602	602
Woolwich...	700	700
Lee...	704	704

Stafford ... 726
Crewkerne ... 814
Wotton-under-Edge ... 855
Stockton ... 940
Cardiff ... 960

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11.

CRAFT LODGES.



The final meeting of the Board of Stewards at the recent Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will be held this (Friday) afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall, at 5 p.m., when the accounts will be dealt with, votes of thanks passed to the officers, and the Board dissolved.

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 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 inst., at 4 p.m.

Bro. Lord Fitzhardinge presided at the recent annual meeting of the Cotswold Hunt, when Mr. W. F. Hicks-Beach, who has hunted the pack for the last six seasons, was prevailed upon to retain the Mastership for another year.

In our report of the Coborn Lodge installation meeting a week or two since we stated that the Charity Association numbered 750. It should have been 78.

The Duchess of Westminster presented the annual prizes to the Queen's Westminster in their drill hall, James-street, on Saturday afternoon last. The report of the regiment for the past year showed that it numbered 1070 of all ranks.

At the Empire Theatre, the latest novelty is the "Colibri Midgits," said to be the six smallest people in the world, who have created a considerable sensation at Paris. Bro. Hitchens certainly keeps the place alive with novelties, and the present programme is a remarkably attractive one.

Among those present on Friday, the 27th ult., at the great military steeplechase meeting at Sandown Park were the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Teck and Princess Mary of Teck, Bro. Lord A. Gordon-Lennox, the Earl of Durham, the Marchioness of Londonderry, Count Kinsky, and others.

The Empress Frederick of Germany, with her daughter the Princess Margaret of Prussia, arrived in England from Paris on the 27th ult., and travelled by the London, Chatham and Dover Railway to Windsor direct, where she was met by the Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg, by whom she was conducted to the Castle.

The Countess of Lonsborough is slowly recovering from her recent indisposition, but was not well enough to attend her Majesty's Drawing Room at Buckingham Palace on Wednesday. Consequently her daughters, the Ladies Lilian and Mildred Denison, were accompanied by the Countess of Raincliffe.

At a sale of pictures at Messrs. Christie, Manson, and Wood's, on Saturday afternoon last, some very good prices were realised. A portrait of Mrs. Buller by Sir Joshua Reynolds fetched £4705; "The Departure of King Charles the Second from the Scheldt," by W. Vanden Velde, £1963 10s.; and a garden scene by Jax Weenin, £1102 10s.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, at the Navarino Tavern, Navarino-road, Dalston, on Saturday, the 14th instant, at 7 o'clock, precisely. Bro. T. G. Hodges, I.P.M. 1695, will preside, supported by Bros. J. A. Powell, 186, as S.W.; R. Heslop, S.D. 1695, as J.W.; and C. Lorkin, P.M. 1524, as I.P.M.

Orders have been received at Sheerness to the effect that navigating parties are to be despatched forthwith to Elswick to receive the new Australian cruisers Wallaroo, Katoomba, and Mildura, which are ready for delivery from the works of Armstrong and Co., by whom they have been built and equipped at a cost of £120,000 each. The cruisers, which steam 19 knots an hour, are to be immediately commissioned and despatched to Australia.

A small committee of the personal friends of H.R.H. the Princess Christian, consisting of the Duchesses of Buccleugh and Westminster, the Marchioness of Salisbury, and the Countesses of Lathom and Arran, has been formed with a view to making her Royal Highness a present on the occasion of her silver wedding in July next. Gentlemen who are honoured by the Princess's friendship will also be at liberty to contribute.

Bro. Lord Wantage presided at the winter general meeting of the National Rifle Association, held at the Royal United Service Institution, on Thursday, the 26th ult. The report showed that the first meeting at Bisley had proved a success, and the accounts for the year 1890 gave a balance to the good of over £760. The Duke of Cambridge was unanimously re-elected President of the Association, while Bro. Lord Wantage after four years' service as Chairman, is succeeded by the Earl of Waldegrave.

The complimentary Smoking Concert to Bro. J. S. Fleming, late Treasurer Drury Lane and Her Majesty's Theatres, which took place on Monday last in the Large Hall of Freemasons' Tavern, was an unqualified success. Nearly all "the talent" in London was on the bill, and, what is better, nearly all put in an appearance. We congratulate Bro. Fleming not only on the success of the concert, but on the evidence it has afforded of the respect and esteem in which he is held by so many before and behind the curtain.

"The Freemasons' Calendar," "The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar (London: G. Kenning).—The Freemasons' Calendar is issued by authority of the Prince of Wales, and contains full particulars of the lodges held under the English constitution, and of the Present and Past Grand Officers. This year, for the first time, it is published by Mr. George Kenning. "The Cosmopolitan Calendar," therefore, appears without this matter, but is otherwise a complete guide to all branches of Masonry in all parts of the world. The only criticism we can offer is that in one or two instances the foreign information has not been translated, which might be accomplished. "The Cosmopolitan" is a particularly neat little book, and the two together form indispensable handbooks for the active Mason.—*Bristol Mercury*.

Sir Knight L. P. Hespéradoux will deliver at the next convocation of the Concord Conclave, No. 8, Jersey, a lecture entitled "The Orders of Chivalry."

Bro. the Archbishop of York has been spending some days at Worthing with his son, who has just returned from Ceylon, and whose health has been somewhat impaired.

The Prince of Wales has kindly consented to preside at a festival dinner which will be held on the 24th prox. in aid of the funds of the Eastern Counties Asylum for Idiots, Colchester.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Zetland attended the 62nd Exhibition of the Royal Hibernian Academy in Dublin on Monday, and were most cordially received by a numerous and representative gathering.

Among those present at the second performance of the Tableaux Vivants at Chesterfield Gardens on Friday, the 27th ult., were the Prince of Wales, the Prince and Princess Christian and their daughters, the Princesses Louise and Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein, and a goodly company.

Bro. Lord Mayor Savory, Bro. Sheriff Augustus Harris, and a numerous company of ladies and gentlemen were present at the public supper at Christ's Hospital on the 26th ult. The various ceremonies were carried out strictly in accordance with ancient custom, the whole concluding with the usual march past the chair.

The National Australasian Federation Convention was opened on Monday morning in the Chamber of the New South Wales Legislative Assembly, Sydney, and after Sir Henry Parkes, Premier of that colony, had been elected President, the Convention adjourned. In the evening there was a grand banquet in its honour.

All the arrangements for her Majesty's visit to the Riviera are completed, and she will leave England on the 23rd instant, travelling *in cog*, as the Countess of Balmoral *vid* Cherbourg and Paris. Her Majesty will be accompanied by the Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg, and is expected to return home towards the end of April.

The Oxford and Cambridge boat race will take place over the usual course from Putney to Mortlake on Saturday, the 21st inst., and on Monday the rival crews appeared for the first time on the London waters. The Oxford did a good piece of hard rowing from Hammersmith to Barnes Railway Bridge, and were greatly admired, while the light blues took a spin from Putney to Chiswick Eyot. The Oxford is by far the heavier of the two crews, and the betting is all in their favour.

The annual "At Home" given by the W.M., Bro. J. Oldfield, and brethren of the Friendship Lodge, No. 202, took place at the Masonic Hall, Granby-street, Devonport, on the 25th ult., and proved quite as successful as those of former years. The refectory was utilised as a ball room, and looked exceedingly pretty. There were about 30 present, and a capital programme was arranged by the M.C.'s—Bros. J. F. Burns and S. Horswell—who carried out their duties admirably.

For the vacancy caused by the decease of Sir Thomas Gabriel, the Deputy of Vintry Ward, Bro. Frank Green, P.G.D., will be a candidate, and an influential requisition we learn, has been presented to him. The Court of Aldermen will issue the precept for the election on Tuesday next, and the wardmote will take place on the following Tuesday. It is not anticipated that a contest will be provoked, the general impression being that the Deputy's lengthy services as a Corporator eminently qualify him for the office he is now seeking.

At the meeting of the Lodge of Good Fellowship, No. 276, on the 19th ult., a handsome gold Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. T. Rymer Jarvis. The jewel bears the inscription: "Lodge of Good Fellowship, No. 276, 1789, 1889," and on the reverse "Presented to W. Bro. T. Rymer Jarvis, P.M., P.S.G.D., by the Lodge of Good Fellowship, No. 276, in appreciation of his services as W.M., 1889-90, in obtaining the Centenary Jewel for the lodge. February, 1891." A miniature centenary jewel and the motto of the lodge, "Knowing yet unknown," are attached to the ribbon.

The Queen, accompanied by the Empress Frederick and the Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg, left Windsor Castle for Buckingham Palace on Tuesday. On arriving at the Paddington terminus the Royal party, escorted by a detachment of Life Guards, drove to the Palace, which was reached shortly after noon. Later in the day her Majesty received the Christ's Hospital boys on Charles II.'s foundation, and inspected their charts and drawings. On Wednesday the Queen held a Drawing Room, at which most of the members of the Royal Family were present, while a number of presentations were made. On Thursday, prior to her return to Windsor, her Majesty was pleased to visit the Horse Show at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, where she was received by the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Portland, and others.

A concert under the auspices of the Warwickshire Masonic Musical Union, in aid of the Masonic Charities, was given at the Masonic Hall, Birmingham, on Wednesday, the 25th ult. The vocalists were Miss Laura Taylor and Master Leonard Hulme (chorister of Christ Church and Town Hall concerts). Mr. Percy Stranders, silver medallist, R.A.M., acted as accompanist, and Mr. Cockerill, solo harp, while the services of the Dudley Glee Union had been obtained. The programme commenced with a part song, "The Chapel," by the Glee Union, which was well received. Then followed a pianoforte solo by Mr. Stranders, "La Cascade," performed in a meritorious manner. A song entitled "Queen of the Earth," which was very much enjoyed, was next given by Bro. Alex. Smith, followed by a recitation by Bro. Thomas E. Shaw, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. Miss Laura Taylor sang "Say what is Lovlier," and was encored. Mr. Cockerill gave two harp solos, and Bro. James Rooker, I.P.M., also recited. The efforts of the Glee Union and the remaining items on the programme were deservedly well received.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—The Female's Friend.—So soon as the human functions are disordered they should be rectified. It is a hopeless delusion to leave the malady to its own course. A few appropriate doses of Holloway's Pills at the proper period will prevent many a serious illness. They arrest all morbid influences, and prevent disease from extending and affecting more distant organs. Their action is upon the blood, stomach, liver, kidneys, and bowels. Their secondary action strengthens the nervous centres. No drug can be at once so harmless, yet so antagonistic, to disorders affecting the other sex. The most perfect reliance may be placed on their purifying, regulating, and renovating virtues. This may be safely taken by females at any time.

The Castle Lodge of Harmony, No. 26, met and dined at the Savoy Hotel, Victoria Embankment, on the 23rd ult., and on the following day the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 259, also held its meeting and dined at the same place.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Zetland gave a *bal blanc* at Dublin Castle on the 26th ult., which was attended by a large number of guests, and proved a great success, no such brilliant scene having been witnessed for a long time at the Castle.

At the regular meeting of the Pattison Lodge, No. 913 (Bro. Col. Edwin Hughes, M.P., W.M.), held at the Freemasons' Hall, Plumstead, on Thursday, the 5th instant, Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., delivered his lecture on "The Ritual and Ceremonial of the Symbolic Degrees in Freemasonry." A report of the meeting will appear in our next.

The Bath Saloon was crowded on the 27th ult., when the members of the Masonic Amateur Dramatic Society terminated their 14th season with perhaps the most successful amateur performance ever given in Sheffield. In selecting the late T. W. Robertson's beautiful play, "Caste," the members set themselves a task calculated to put their resources to the severest test, and that the performance should bear such evidences of undeniable merit in the rendering of the piece, and care and experience in its stage management, is high testimony to the excellence of its preparation, and a matter for cordial congratulation to all connected with it. The cast was an excellent one, and the performers acquitted themselves admirably.

Under the banner of Lodge Fortitude, No. 105, and in conjunction with other local lodges represented by a Committee formed for that purpose, Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., is to lecture on "The Ritual and Ceremonial of Symbolic Freemasonry" at an emergency meeting of that lodge at Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, on Friday next, the 13th inst. Lodges in North Devon have also arranged for the delivery of the lecture at the Masonic Hall, Barnstaple, on Monday, the 16th inst.

The distribution of prizes for the present year to the pupils of the Masonic Female Orphan School of Ireland, will take place on Thursday, the 30th of April, and the Duchess of Abercorn has kindly promised to attend. On the present occasion much greater attraction will be given to the event from the fact that all friends of the Order, and of this noble institution in connection with it, are already looking forward to the grand centenary celebration of its existence, which is to be held in May of next year in Dublin.

At a meeting of the members of the North Wales Masonic Charities, held at Chester, Bro. T. E. Harris (Bangor) retired from the Honorary Secretaryship, and Bro. H. A. Steer (Rhyl) was appointed his successor, with Bro. D. Wynn Williams (Bangor) as acting Secretary. The Treasurer, Bro. C. W. Richards, announced that there was £324 in hand on the two funds. Four boys were now in the Schools, and one girl, the daughter of Bro. R. Griffith, National Schools, Llanfairfechan. Grants were voted for the education of brethren's children, the son of the late Bro. Nevin, Colwyn Bay, well known in commercial circles in North Wales, being adopted by the province as a candidate for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Bro. C. K. Benson (Wrexham) was unanimously elected Chairman of the Association.

"OUR BOYS" IN CHANCERY.—Bro. Edward Terry, P.G. Treas., has given "Our Boys" of the School, at Wood Green, a rare treat by inviting them to a performance of "In Chancery," at Terry's Theatre, which, it is needless to say, gave the greatest delight, and we hear that the present Grand Treasurer, Bro. Augustus Harris, has, on a slight hint from our ingenious Bro. James Willing, generously offered to find room for the whole of the pupils at Drury Lane to witness the pantomime on Monday afternoon next.

A somewhat serious fire broke out at a Boarding School at Heaton Moor on Saturday last, which resulted in damage to the building of about £600. It would certainly have been much more serious but for the fact that the building was fitted up with the Harness "Ready" Fire Extinguishers. These were requisitioned and the fire brigade, headed by Bro. A. Pemberton, at great personal risk succeeded in mastering the flames, and it seems reasonable to conclude that but for the fortunate application of these Extinguishers the whole of the building would have been destroyed.

Messrs. W. H. Benyan and Co., fine art publishers, of Cheltenham, have lately issued a very fine three-quarter length portrait, in Masonic insignia, of the popular Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Devonshire, Bro. W. Goddard Rogers. It is a speaking likeness, and an admirable art production. We note also that Messrs. Benyan state that 10 per cent. of the gross subscription for this portrait will be placed at the disposal of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund, and that Bro. Jno. B. Gover, Park Place House, Plymouth, the Secretary of the fund, has kindly arranged to receive subscribers' orders.

It will interest many of our readers to learn that the report of the Tenant Farmers' delegates from the United Kingdom—among whom were Colonel Fane, of Fulbeck Hall, Grantham; Mr. Arthur Daniel, late of Bucklesham Hall, Ipswich, and now of Norwich; Mr. Henry Simmons, of Bearwood Farm, Wokingham; and Mr. Robert Pitt, of Ilminster—is now available. Their work appears to have been done in a thoroughly impartial spirit, and the advantages and disadvantages of the various districts visited are very plainly put forward. Viewed in the light of the experience of the last farmers' delegation that visited Canada 10 years ago, the report is a striking confirmation of the views then expressed, and an eloquent testimony of the progress that has been achieved during that interval. The industrial and commercial interests of Canada have apparently increased and multiplied hardly less than the agricultural. The great development of railway construction, including the Canadian Pacific Railway, rendered the inspection of a great area of new country practicable in Manitoba and the north-west territories, and by a wise distribution of the work the delegates were enabled to visit the remote parts open for settlement in the course of their stay. For all practical purposes the reports are far and away the best and most reliable literature available for those who wish to learn the true condition of life and work and the prospects for settlers in our great dependency. The report, we understand, can be obtained, free of charge, on application to the office of the High Commissioner for Canada, 17, Victoria-street, S.W.