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THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW LODGES AND NEW MEMBERS.

We cannot complain that we have been inundated with letters relating to the important question so ably set forth by Bro. WHYTEHEAD in the letter he addressed to us some weeks since on the indiscriminate acceptance of candidates and the touting which is openly practised by some lodges in order to obtain new members. The question is a vital one as regards the future well-being of Freemasonry, but as public opinion is slow to manifest itself amongst Masons, we must congratulate ourselves on having wrung from an unwilling public two long and well-written communications on the subject, but more especially on the fact that the Grand Master of one of our largest and most influential Provinces has pointedly drawn the attention of the lodges and brethren under his immediate control to the correspondence thus initiated by Bro. WHYTEHEAD. It may be perhaps that the remarks of Bro. TEW and his worthy Deputy may induce others to bestir themselves in opposition to the malpractices so vehemently and so righteously denounced by our correspondents, but in the meantime one or two other questions of a cognate character have been raised which appear to call for some observations. Thus "Latomus" in his letter which appeared in our last week's issue, after expressing his abhorrence of the evils which have been enumerated by previous correspondents, lays stress on the importance of having a proper and frequent supervision of lodges. With regard to lodges which are grouped together in Provinces, he thinks they "should at the least once in every year be visited" by the Provincial Grand Master, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, or the Provincial Grand Secretary, who he considers are "especially suited to the duties by virtue of their position." He does not contemplate—indeed he speaks with the utmost contempt of introducing anything like a "system of espionage" into the government of these groups of lodges. What he advocates is a "fraternal interest in the welfare of the Craft" under his care by the Provincial Grand Master, his Deputy, and his Secretary, but he has grave doubts as to whether the men who are usually appointed to these offices are quite the kind of men "to exercise this oversight." As regards Provincial Grand Masters he says, and says truly, that they "are very generally peers, heirs to peerages, baronets, or members of Parliament, men who are non-residents in their respective Provinces during the greater part of the year, and when they are residing in their provinces their time is more than fully occupied by the public duties of their station." So also as regards the Deputies and Secretaries, they are "frequently men who in the capacity of country gentlemen or professional men have their hands far too full to exercise any personal supervision at all." The inference we draw from these observations is that our correspondent would have the work of supervision entrusted to other and perhaps to specially-appointed officers; or, that he would have other than men of position appointed Prov. G. Masters, Deputy P.G. Masters, and Prov. G. Secretaries. To this we reply, in the first place, that it is your busy man, who always has his hands full of every variety of work, who invariably finds time to perform some extra duty; in the second place, that, as far as our experience goes, our Prov. Grand Masters already exercise this supervision, and to every good purpose, either personally or by deputy; and, lastly, that if this work of supervision is to be exercised at all, with manifest advantage to the lodges supervised, and in such a manner that the supervision shall be void of the slightest suspicion of anything like espionage, it must be done by men of good social standing, whom none will dare to suspect of objectionable motives in the discharge of their duty; in other words, by the very class of men who now fill these offices of P.G.M., D.P.G.M., and P.G. Sec. We further submit this question to the consideration of our correspondent, who we trust will kindly favour us with his views in reply at his early convenience. In what manner does he expect that the supervision he proposes

will prevent the malpractices of which Bro WHYTEHEAD and others so justly complain? Neither the lodges which now openly tout for candidates, nor those members of lodges who, having no sense of the responsibility which attaches to them for their acts, are ready at all times to propose men as candidates of whose character and antecedents they know nothing or next to nothing, will be prevented from seeking or proposing whom they please by the exercise of this proposed visitation.

Thus far we have confined our remarks to the question of constituting new members; but on reference to our report last week of the recent meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex, it will be found that the Duke of CONNAUGHT, P.G.M., in his address to the brethren assembled, mentioned that "applications had been made at different times for three new lodges in the Province, but as, upon due consideration, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master could not recommend the petitions to the favourable consideration of the M.W. Grand Master, they were not forwarded to the Grand Lodge." The only remarkable thing about this statement is the fact of its having been made openly in Provincial Grand Lodge, and for this we consider the Provincial Grand Master deserves well of the Craft generally. It makes it clear, at all events, that the Provincial authorities of Sussex, though they are naturally anxious to see the Craft in their charge increasing in numbers as well as in efficiency, are determined not to encourage mere numerical increase for its own sake and without reference to the true interests of Freemasonry. If in the exercise of their undoubted right of judgment they consider the new lodges for which petitions are submitted to them are needed and will be likely to establish themselves on a firm basis, they will recommend and forward them to the Grand Master; but if they think them unnecessary or unlikely to succeed prominently, or if in their discretion they consider their establishment undesirable, then they will not recommend such petitions to the Grand Master and will not forward them to Grand Lodge. We do not know, or profess to know, the reasons by which Bro. Sir W. T. MARRIOTT, D.P.G.M., was actuated when he declined to recommend the particular petitions referred to by the Duke of CONNAUGHT in his address on this occasion. We are content to assume that he had good reasons for the course he pursued, and until our whole system of Masonic authority, as it is at present constituted, is destroyed, we shall consider it incumbent on us to support those entrusted with such authority in the performance of their duties. As for the absurd and even mischievous doctrine we have seen propounded, that a Prov. Grand Master must consider "the effects of the feeling" he creates in the minds of those whose petitions he considers it his duty to reject, we remark that a Prov. Grand Master who prefers the personal feelings of some 30 or 40 brethren to what he considers the welfare of the whole body entrusted to his charge is unworthy of the office he has been appointed to fill. Some day no doubt the question will again crop up as to the desirability of constituting new lodges in Sussex, either in the localities chosen for the particular three which have not been recommended or elsewhere; and to us it is a comfort to rest assured that when it does crop up, the interests of all Sussex Freemasonry will not be lost sight of out of consideration for the personal feelings of a few of its members.

OLD MASONIC CHARGES.

I have much pleasure in announcing that two more MSS. have been traced—one of value, which should be called the "*Dumfries Kilwinning MS.*," owned by one of the oldest lodges on the Scottish register.

The roll is composed of seven strips of vellum joined together, running to the extraordinary length of 14 feet 8 inches, the width varying from slightly over 5 inches to 6 inches, and is the property of the "*Dumfries Kilwinning Lodge*," No. 53, Scotland, which, though not chartered prior to the year 1750, was at work long before, the preserved records dating from 1687.

The text of this scroll is in not a few respects an exceedingly curious one, and, until its advent, was only represented in most respects by one MS. known, viz., the "Bedford MS.," belonging to the "Bedford Lodge," No. 157, London, transcribed by my old friend, Bro. John Constable, P.M. 185, and published in the *Freemasons' Chronicle* for the 22nd and 29th April, 1882. Its title is the "Harris MS. No. 1" (also a No. 2, B.M.). The obligation is peculiar, so is the finale and some of the "Charges" are equally so, as also the marginal notes; in fact, it will not be safe to dilate on such points in this brief communication, which is sent for the simple purpose of announcing the discovery (if it may be so termed) of another and valuable roll, written apparently late in the seventeenth century.

There is also another copy of the "Old Charges" in the minute book of the "Journeymen Lodge," (now Thistle, No. 62), Dumfries, first constituted on the 6th June, 1753, and warranted in the succeeding year (10th December, 1754), which was written as the code of laws for the government of that lodge, for the attestation clause reads—"We bind ourselves to all the above articles," &c., and is duly signed by 64 members, beginning with the Master and others, in 1756, after which are given the minutes in the regular way. This text is quite a *sui-generis*, and might well be termed *The Theological MS.*, for its author has mixed up a lot of religious injunctions with many of the ordinary portions of such a manuscript Book of Constitutions, and rendered it useless critically and Masonically, save as a clear indication, that so late as 1756 the custom was followed by that lodge of requiring adhesion to a form of the "Old Charges."

I am indebted to Bro. James Smith, of Dumfries, for a sight of the original roll, and transcript of the strange MS., he having kindly obtained the consent of Bro. McCreath, the R.W.M. of No. 53, to forward the precious document for my inspection. I am very pleased to state that Bro. Smith will have the old roll reproduced in his forthcoming history of the ancient lodge of Dumfries.

Since writing the foregoing I have received *three more MSS.* from Bro. James Smith, making a most extraordinary series of finds in one brief week. Nothing in my experience has ever occurred like it. Such an unusual discovery of *five MSS.* may well indicate how much more there remains to be done, and how necessary it is to leave no spot unexamined that may yield some return for the labour, as I have long advocated.

These three MSS. are written on paper, one only being (or rather having been) a roll, and two belong to the Dumfries Kilwinning Lodge, No. 53. For the sake of identification I number them—*i.e.*, the *five*—as follows:

Dumfries Kilwinning MSS.

1. Paper (3 sheets.) *Late seventeenth century.*
2. Ditto. Roll, but imperfect. *Ditto.*
3. Vellum roll (before mentioned). *Ditto.*
4. Paper in book form, *early eighteenth.*
(*With Apprentice Charges.*)

Thistle Lodge, No. 62, Dumfries.

MS. written in *Minute Book* A.D. 1756.

I must not now stay to say more, save to remark that waiting for the next find, indicates the state of my mind; there are two more rolls traced lately of the eighteenth century, which will doubtless soon be described.

W. J. HUGHAN.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF JERSEY.

The annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Thursday, the 22nd ult., at the Masonic Temple, Stopford-road, St. Heliers, under the banner of the Yarborough Lodge, No. 244, the senior lodge in the province. The attendance was larger, perhaps, than at any previous meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, although the day brought very unpropitious weather with it. It was also said that illness kept away several brethren.

The Worshipful Master and officers of the Yarborough Lodge opened their lodge, and Bro. Col. E. C. Malet de Carteret, the Prov. Grand Master of Jersey, attended, supported by Bro. Dr. J. Le Cronier, Dep. Prov. Grand Master, and the W.M. and officers of the Yarborough Lodge having greeted him, the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND SECRETARY having read the circular convening the meeting, called over the roll of lodges and the roll of Provincial Grand Officers, when it was found that each lodge, excepting Lodge La Césarée, No. 590, under suspension by Grand Lodge of England, was well represented, and that there was an increased attendance of Provincial Grand Officers as compared with those present at the annual meeting of last year.

The report of the Auditors and the accounts of the Provincial Grand Treasurer were presented, passed, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The accounts showed a very satisfactory balance in hand (nearly £70), after payment of various contributions authorised by Provincial Grand Lodge.

Bro. F. LE FEUVRE, P.M. 877, P.P.G.S.B., proposed, and Bro. W. J. PUGSLEY, P.M. 245, P.P.S.G.W., seconded, the re-election of Bro. G. J. Renouf as Prov. Grand Treasurer.

The proposition was carried unanimously, and the honour of re-election acknowledged.

The sum of ten guineas was voted from Provincial Grand Lodge funds towards the expenses incurred in re-decorating and renovating the lodge rooms, ante-room, and hall of the Temple.

A Steward was appointed to represent the province at the forthcoming Festival to celebrate the Jubilee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in February next, and the sum of 20 guineas was voted from the Provincial Grand Lodge fund towards the object. Bro. Dr. A. C. Godfrey was unanimously elected as Steward.

Bro. Geo. Rogers, P.M. 1003, was unanimously re-elected Provincial Grand Tyler.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER read his annual address, in which he described the state of Masonry in the province as being very satisfactory. He was able, he said, to bear witness to the great benefits which had resulted from the visits of Prov. Grand Officers to the various lodges during the past year, and he found from the reports of those brethren that good, nay, excellent, work was performed by the majority of the lodges in the province, and that the visits made had been very welcome. He learned that discipline in the lodges was well maintained, and that the duties appertaining to the office of W.M. were better performed than in years gone by, while the W.M.'s and officers themselves were doing their work with commendable zeal. He was also aware, although he had no actual statistics to quote, that Masonry had made considerable progress in the province. The annual returns from the six lodges now active showed the Craft to number 491—an average of over 80 members each lodge. Lodge La Césarée, No. 590, had made no returns, and he (the P.G.M.) then alluded in the most feeling terms to the sad episode which had occurred in that lodge, and subsequently referred to several points affecting the internal government and working of the lodges, and concluded his address by informing the brethren that the next annual Prov. Grand Lodge meeting would probably be held under the banner of the Mechanics' Lodge, No. 245.

Various other items were passed, and other routine business of Prov. Grand Lodge transacted, after which the Prov. Grand Master appointed and invested the following Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. Dr. John Le Cronier (re-appointed)	...	D.P.G.M.
" John Gray	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Samuel Gilley	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. O. M. Holden, M.A.	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" G. J. Renouf (re-elected)	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" F. Vincent	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" P. E. Sohier (re-appointed)	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" E. J. Dodman	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" J. A. Balleine	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" N. H. Harris	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" F. Jubiel	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. H. Le Poidevin	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Dr. A. E. Hind	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" Jas. Caton	...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" Thos. Glass	...	
" C. H. Wilson	...	Prov. G. Org.
" C. L. H. Brodhurst	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" F. A. Bossy	...	Prov. Asst. G. Purst.
" A. Anslow	...	} Prov. G. Stewards.
" J. Lesbirel	...	
" J. Midgley	...	
" J. A. Tocque	...	
" J. Brouart	...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
" E. Le Bas	...	
" G. Rogers (re-elected)	...	

The PROV. GRAND MASTER expressed his acknowledgments to the retiring Prov. Grand Officers for the manner in which they had discharged their duties during the past year.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed.

Amongst those present were

Bros. Col. E. C. Malet de Carteret, Prov. G.M.; Dr. J. Le Cronier, P.M., P.Z., Dep. Prov. G.M.; C. Donaldson, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., acting P.S.G.W.; W. H. Bowles, P.M., P.J.G.W.; Rev. O. M. Holden, M.A., acting Prov. G. Chap.; G. J. Renouf, P.M., P.Z., P.P.S.G.W., P.G. Treasurer; P. E. Sohier, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Prov. G. Secretary; Thomas Stone, P.G. Reg.; L. P. Hespiradoux, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Francis Le Feuvre, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; John Durell, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; James Caton, J.W. 244, P.G. Stwd.; Clement Baker, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Works; Oliver Dodge, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; Fred. Vincent, P.M., P.Z. P.P.J.G.D.; Dr. Maxwell Le Cronier, P.G.S.B.; E. L. Bisson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; W. Tyacke, P.G. Std. Br.; J. H. Le Poidevin, P.G. Stwd.; P. G. Hamilton, P.P.S.G.D.; T. H. Marguerie, P.P.G.O.; Dr. A. C. Godfrey, P.M.; Peter Bois, P.P.J.G.W.; Thomas Adderson, P.M., P.A.G.D.C.; H. C. L. Brodhurst, P.G. Stwd.; J. D. Tocque, J.D. 491; Walter Fentum, S.W. 244, P.P.G. Org.; C. Donaldson, P.M., Treas. 244; Alfred Anslow, S.D. 244; P. Flampied, P.M. 245, P.P.G.D.C.; F. A. Bossy, 244; N. H. Harris, S.D. 245, P.G. Stwd.; H. J. Gilbey, Org. 244; W. Gosling, 1003; Dr. A. H. Hind, 877; W. H. Dickson, 244; C. H. Wilson, J.D. 244; Joshua Lesbirel, I.G. 244; Dr. F. A. Godfrey, 877; Thomas Glass, 860 and 1003; O. M. Holden, 357 and 877; L. A. Jubel, S.W. 491; Capt. J. C. Barrette, W.M. 245, P.G.D.C.; Thos. Baudains, P.M. 958, P.P.G.D.C.; A. Baudoux, 244; John E. Hamon, P.S.W. 244; E. Oldridge, P.M. 1003; S. Gilley, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G. Reg.; W. T. Pugsley, P.M., 245, P.P.S.G.W.; C. H. Harris, 244; Arthur Hone, 2348; John Gray, P.M. 245, P.Z., P.P.S.G.D.; A. Curry, P.G. Org.; H. Mather, I.G. 491; Dr. Thomas J. Aubin, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; J. O. Le Sueur, P.P.G.W.; and others.

A banquet afterwards took place, at which the Provincial Grand Master presided.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST LANCASHIRE.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. W. GOODACRE.

On the 28th ult. between 600 and 700 brethren journeyed from all parts of West Lancashire to Blackpool for the purpose of attending the annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge, which was held at the Winter Gardens. Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Pro Grand Master, Prov. Grand Master, presided. The rolls of Prov. Grand Officers and lodges were called, only one lodge failing to send representatives.

From the Prov. Grand Treasurer's statement it appeared that the total

receipts up to the close of the year, including balances, amounted to £2339 6s. 6d., the disbursements to £1271, leaving a balance in hand of £1068.

A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. G. A. Harradon for his services as Prov. Grand Treasurer during the past year.

Bro. W. GOODACRE, Prov. G. Sec., read his annual report, in the course of which he said that though the past year had not been conspicuous for any increase in the number of lodges, yet the roll of membership had very considerable additions. The number of candidates during the year was 709, and there were now 6806 brethren on the roll of members compared with a total of 6561 the previous year. It might be worth while to enquire how it was that while the number of initiates was over 700, the increase in the number on the rolls was less than 250. The reason of this was that in several lodges a large number of brethren in arrears had been struck off the rolls. For instance, one lodge had initiated 80 candidates, and the members now numbered 18 less than in the previous year. It was to be regretted also that the lodges who had the largest number of initiates were not always the largest contributors to the funds of benevolence. As a fixed rule, the net amount received for initiation fees should be devoted to benevolent purposes, and if current expenses could not be met by other means, either the subscriptions should be increased or the expenditure decreased. He earnestly recommended this subject to the attention of those who had at heart the best interests of the Craft. He congratulated the province on the glorious result of their efforts for the Boys' School, the sum of £6000 subscribed by them never having been previously reached by this or any other province. On behalf of the brethren he congratulated the Provincial Grand Master on his appointment as Pro Grand Master of England, in succession to the late Earl of Carnarvon.

Bro. the Earl of LATHOM, replying, said he considered it a very good thing that only one lodge had been consecrated during the year, for in his opinion there had been too rapid an increase. There were plenty of lodges if they were but well supported and kept up. He cordially endorsed everything Bro. Goodacre had said about the initiation fees. He also, he might say, thought that much greater care should be taken in the selection of candidates, for brethren who were admitted into the Fraternity should be brethren capable and willing to help the Masonic Charities, and not brethren who would soon go upon the benevolent fund themselves. Although he thought that the initiation fees should all be devoted to charitable purposes, yet he by no means complained of the brethren of that province, for they had indeed shown how thoroughly they were imbued with the true spirit of Charity. He now took the opportunity of thanking them for the support the whole of the brethren of West Lancashire gave him the other day when he took the chair at the Boys' Institution meeting. In conclusion, he might say that he should endeavour to perform his duties as thoroughly and as Masonically as possible; he would follow in the steps of the late Earl of Carnarvon, who was a good man and a good Mason.

Bro. W. Platt was unanimously elected Provincial Grand Treasurer and subsequently invested.

The Prov. Grand Master appointed and invested his officers as follows:

Bro. J. de Bels Adam	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" John Bickerstaffe (Mayor of Blackpool)	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. W. H. Baynes	...	Prov. G. Chaplains.
" Rev. W. L. Appleford	...	
" W. Platt	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Herbert Kidson	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" W. Goodacre	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" C. E. Hindley	...	Prov. S.G.D.'s.
" John Utting	...	
" W. Duncan	...	Prov. J.G.D.'s.
" W. W. Wilson	...	
" R. T. Britten	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" J. Winn	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" W. Corner	...	Prov. D.G.D.C.
" J. M. Smythe	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Andrew Kirkpatrick	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" C. Wadsworth	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" A. Cotter	...	
" C. W. Fisher	...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. Foulkes	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" C. Cooper	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" J. Barrow	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" W. Dean	...	Prov. G. Stewards.
" W. Dwerryhouse	...	
" C. Heywood	...	
" Isaac Platts	...	
" W. E. Coxon	...	
" P. Heaton	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" Peter Ball (re-elected)	...	

The Prov. Grand Master presented the following brethren with Charity jewels in view of their services as Stewards to the London Institutions: Bros. J. de Bels Adam, P.S.G.W. (Vice-Patron's collarette); Bickerstaffe, P.J.G.W.; Corner, P.D.G.D.C.; Cross, P.P.G.D.; Gardner, P.P.G.S.B.; Forrester, P.G. Std. Br. (Vice-President's rosette); Hampson, J.W. 2349; Hubbard, 1032 (jewel and Vice-Patron's collarette); Kilbey, 2360; Layland, P.M. 178; Margerson, W.M. elect 2269; Marsh, J.W. 1730; Robinson, P.P.G.D.C.; Smith, W.M. 2269; Smythe, P.A.G.D.C.; Sutton, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Wells, P.M. 2109; Edwards, P.M. 1013; Burgess, P.P.G.P. (six Charity bars); and Murray, P.P.G.D.C. (six Charity bars).

The sum of 100 guineas was voted from the Charities Fund to the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, 50 guineas to the Hamer Benevolent Institution, and 50 guineas to the Alpass Benevolent Institution. Other Charitable votes were made, and the proceedings closed.

Before business commenced Bro. W. Goodacre, Prov. Grand Secretary, was presented with a silver salver, address, and a purse of £350, the P.G.M. referring to the excellent services the recipient had rendered to the cause of Masonry in the province.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER.

At the meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter the following appointments were made:—

Comp. the Earl of Crawford	...	Prov. G.H.
" E. Segar	...	Prov. G.J.
" W. Goodacre	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" Rev. M'Nally	...	Prov. G.S.N.

Comp. George A. Harradon	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" T. Clarke	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. Preston	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" C. Fothergill	...	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" T. Westwood	...	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" J. Woolfenden	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" W. H. Robinson	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" H. A. Tobias	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" G. Kelson	...	Prov. A.G.D. of C.
" R. Bowker	...	Prov. G. Org.
" H. Crosby	...	Prov. A.G.S.E.
" Peter Ball	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

A donation of £30 was voted from the funds of the Prov. Grand Chapter to the Alpass Benevolent Fund.

INSTALLATION OF THE EARL OF RADNOR AS PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER OF WILTSHIRE.

The Earl of Radnor was on Saturday, the 31st ult., installed as Prov. Grand Master of Wiltshire. The ceremony took place at the Council Chamber, Salisbury, which had been kindly lent for the occasion by his Worship the Mayor, and was performed by his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, K.G., M.W.P.G.M., P.G.M. Sussex, and R.W. Dist. G.M. of Bombay. His Royal Highness was met at the station by the Mayor and by the Earl of Radnor and Viscount Folkestone, who then drove with him to the Council Chamber.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened by Bro. Sir Gabriel Goldney, D.P.G.M., who was assisted by the Prov. Grand Officers.

After the Provincial Grand Lodge had been opened, the roll of the provincial lodges was read over by Bro. HARRY BEVIR, Prov. G. Secretary, and it was found that all the lodges were represented—Nos. 335, Corsham; 355, Old Swindon; 506, Salisbury; 626, Chippenham; 632, Trowbridge; 663, Devizes; 1271, Bradford-on-Avon; 1295, New Swindon; 1478, Warminster; 1533, Marlborough; and 2227, Westbury.

The minutes were then read and confirmed.

The Duke of Connaught was then announced, and he was escorted into the Prov. Grand Lodge by a deputation of Prov. Grand Officers. His Royal Highness was accompanied by the following brethren:

Bros. the Earl of Lathom, Pro G.M.; W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight; Montague J. Guest, P.G.M. Dorset; Col. Sir F. Burdett, Bart., P.G.M. Middlesex; Colonel Money, C.B., P.G.M. Surrey; W. E. Brymer, M.P., D.P.G.M. Dorset; J. E. Le Feuvre, D.P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight; J. R. Bramble, D.P.G.M. Bristol; the Rev. John A. Lloyd, P.G. Chap. England; J. T. Morland, D.P.G.M. Berks; Colonel the Hon. H. Byng, Equerry to the Queen, P.G.W.; Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W.; Sir Reginald Hanson, P.G.W.; Colonel Egerton, Controller to H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg., D.P.G.M. Essex; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; F. Richardson, P.G.D.; Baron de Ferrieres, P.G.D.; Captain N. G. Philips, P.G.D.; T. Fenn, P.G.D., P.B.G.P.; G. Everett, G. Treas.; R. Eve, P.G.T.; E. Letchworth, P.G.D.; Robert Grey, P.G.D., President Board of Benevolence; G. Prior Goldney, P.G.D.; Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, P.G.D.; H. C. Tombs, P.G.D.; F. H. Goldney, P.G.D.; Col. T. Perkins, P.G.D.; W. Roebuck, P.G.S.B.; Col. Harding, P.A.G.D.C.; James Terry, P.G.S.B., Secretary Benevolent Institution; F. R. W. Hedges, P.G.S.B., Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; C. F. Matier, P.G. Std. Br., Grand Mark Secretary; J. M. McLeod, Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; Col. Stirling, Guy Repton, and A. Scott Gatty, of Bard of Avon Lodge.

The other brethren present in Provincial Grand Lodge were:

Bros. Pierrepoint Harris, P.G. Sec. Bristol; Robert Case, P.G. Sec. Dorset; Edgar Goble, P.G. Sec. Hants and Isle of Wight; Oliver Papworth, P.P.G.D. Cambridge; Hugh Wyatt, G. Stwd.; Dr. F. C. Hutchings, New South Wales; Rev. Harry Hebb, Head Master Boys' School; Nelson Prower; G. J. Cosburn, P.G.D. Berks and Bucks; Henry Massey, 160, P.M. 619 and 1923; T. B. Goss, Rev. E. Anderson, J. Robinson, B. W. Watts, E. Noke, J. A. Timmins, G. W. Keeling, F. O. Gardiner, Surgeon-General Ringer, S. G. Mitchell, W. B. Gregory, Rev. C. J. MacConnell, F. H. Milner, E. Lewis, and F. W. Beasley, of 335; John Chandler, H. Kemble, A. Plummer, R. Tarrant, Capt. Martin, R.N., A. Barns, Nicolson Browne, C. Bishop, A. E. Withey, R. S. Edmonds, G. S. Hanson, G. M. Butterworth, E. H. Pritchett, F. Pleydell Goddard, and Harry Bevir, P.G. Sec., of 355; C. Mitchell, W.M., E. Waters, S.W., G. M. Wilson, J.W., E. E. Bartlett, J. T. Calkin, R. Dear, F. Griffin, E. Hale, P.M., Sec., W. C. Powning, J. Rumbold, Rev. F. King, C. T. Winson, Horatio Ward, Rev. F. W. Macdonald, Prov. G. Chaplain, G. T. E. Blakely, J. Harwood, W. G. Gramshaw, Dr. H. P. Blackmore, F. Aston Dawes, E. A. B. Elers, G. Fulford, W. Flower, F. Goslett, H. Gibbs, F. Hodding, W. T. Jennings, G. Harris, J. C. Welsh, C. H. Major, H. W. Major, J. W. Newton, E. W. Blue, H. Rigden, H. Rowland, F. Sutton, D. Stevens, C. Southby, and Lord Folkestone, of 586; A. R. Wilson, Stanley Moore, A. Whitehead, James Brown, T. Perkins, W. G. Knight, H. Blake, E. J. Brittan, J. S. Pearse, W. S. Mu-sell, and C. Hulbert, of 319; W. T. Briscoe, M.D., A. H. Lapham, C. Milson, G. W. Collen, J. Hearn, C. J. Hibbard, J. Parker, I. James, W. T. Coleman, E. Neale, W. H. Brinkworth, F. W. Joyner, W. H. Wooster, J. M. Swayne, Major Aylmer Jones, and A. Woodward (visitor), of 623; W. J. Mann, W. Roger Brown, T. S. Hill, and F. B. Norris, of 632; G. Llewellyn Palmer, J. Pocock, J. W. Jones, H. Millington, F. W. Selve, J. Chapman, M. Millard, A. J. G. Stancomb, R. H. Gowing, E. Williams, J. Huntley, C. H. Ryles, H. Mundy, A. Cox, Rev. W. Humphrys, W.M., B. W. Creese, J. P. Martin, W. H. Burt, J. A. Randell, T. C. Hopkins, H. Howse, J. H. Chandler, F. S. Hancock, F. G. Billingham, D. Owen, and H. Baker, of 663; J. Sparks, P.M., A. J. Beaven, H. Merrick, Rev. W. N. C. Wheeler, C. W. B. Bryant, A. Scammell, W. E. Taylor, C. S. Adye, T. Moore, and Dr. Thompson, of 1271; John Williams, W.M., E. Jones, H. D. Evans, L. T. Haydon, W. E. Morris, T. O. Hogarth, and J. P. Kirby, of 1295; T. Ponting, J. K. Read, Edmund Cruse, and Charles Price, of 1478; Col. E. B. Merriman, P.P.S.G.W.; R. W. Merriman, P.P.G. Reg.; Rev. W. Gardiner, Prov. G. Chap.; W. S. Bambridge, Mus. Bac., P.G. Org.; and W. H. Godding, of 1533; Charles N. P. Phipps, Thomas Reeves, Dr. Walter H. Reed, Henry Reeves, H. W. Pinniger, W.M., A. P. Hall, G. H. Knight, and Rev. W. C. Browne, of 2227.

The Duke of Connaught took the chair, Bro. Sir Gabriel Goldney sitting on his right, and after salute, an opening chorale, composed by Bro. Bambridge, Mus. Bac., of Marlborough College, Prov. G. Org., was sung.

The Duke of CONNAUGHT then said the brethren were assembled for the purpose of installing a new Provincial Grand Master for Wiltshire. He

was deputed by his Royal Highness the M.W.G.M. to perform this important ceremony, and he did so with the greatest pleasure, not only on account of it being the first time that he had been requested so to officiate since the high distinction was given him of the rank of Past Grand Master of England, but also on account of his being Provincial Grand Master of a neighbouring county, and District Grand Master of one of England's great possessions. It was an occasion of deep interest to them all, and he sincerely hoped that the choice which H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. had made of Lord Radnor would be a very excellent one. Since this province was founded in the year 1777, during the time of that most distinguished Mason Bro. Thos. Dunckerley, who was then appointed Prov. Grand Master, the province had gone on flourishing. His successor was appointed in 1792, and in 1825 Bro. J. R. Groset, M.P., was Prov. Grand Master. After his death, in the year 1847, the province became vacant till 1853, when the late Lord Methuen was appointed Prov. Grand Master—an office which he held to his death with honour to himself and advantage to the province which he represented. He was sure it would not be out of place on this occasion, when they were there to install the new Prov. Grand Master, for him to express deep regret at the great loss this province had sustained by Lord Methuen's death. There were at present 11 lodges in the province. The oldest—the Lodge of Rectitude, No. 335, Corsham—was founded in 1812, and the youngest—the White Horse, No. 2227, Westbury—in 1887. The first lodge of which there was any record in Wiltshire met at the Three Lions, Salisbury, as far back as 1732, but it was erased from the roll in 1801. The new Prov. Grand Master designate, Lord Radnor, was initiated a few years ago in the Bard of Avon Lodge, No. 778, Hampton Court, and was its present Master. He was also in the Royal Arch chapter attached to that lodge. Therefore they saw he was a brother who was likely to carry out the duties of the high and important office of Provincial Grand Master of Wilts, and the province had to congratulate itself on having a brother who would carry out those duties with so much dignity and tact.

Bro. F. RICHARDSON, P.G.D., who was acting as Director of Ceremonies, then announced that the Earl of Radnor was outside the lodge desiring to be installed as Provincial Grand Master. The patent of appointment having been sent in and examined, a deputation consisting of the following Past Masters of Wiltshire lodges were directed to conduct Lord Radnor into the lodge: Bros. A. Mitchell, 335; John Chandler, 355; the Rev. F. King, 586; B. H. Watts, 626; W. J. Mann, 632; J. H. Chandler, 663; and James Sparks, 1271.

His lordship having entered, the usual forms were observed, and Bro. Lord Radnor was invested and installed as Prov. G.M. for Wiltshire. Bro. Sir Gabriel Goldney was appointed Deputy Prov. G.M., and the following brethren were appointed the other Prov. Grand Officers:—

Bro. Rev. John A. Lloyd, 335	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" W. Charles Powning, 586	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. F. W. Macdonald, 335 and 586	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Frederick Goldney	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" F. S. Hancock, 663, S.G.D.	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Harry Bevir, 335 and 355	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Edwin Eyres, 626	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" Frederick Newton, 1295	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" Viscount Folkestone, 586	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" John Chandler, 355, 1295, S.G.W....	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Charles Mitchell, 586	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Amos Barns, 355	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" W. S. Bambridge, Mus. Bac., 1533	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. Harwood, 586	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" William Dean	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" T. B. Goss, W.M. 335	...	...
" S. Snell, W.M. 355	...	...
" C. J. Winson, W.M. 586	...	...
" J. Parker, W.M. 626	...	...
" F. W. Selfe, W.M. 632...	...	...
" H. J. Johnson, P.M. 663	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" A. Wallington, I.P.M. 1271	...	...
" E. T. Lewis, W.M. 1478	...	...
" H. Leaf, W.M. 1533	...	...
" H. W. Pinning, W.M. 2227	...	...

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, before Grand Lodge was closed, proposed a vote of regret at the death of Lord Methuen and of appreciation of the way in which he had performed the duties of his office for 38 years.

Sir GABRIEL GOLDNEY, D.P.G.M., seconded the motion, and it was put and carried unanimously.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER proposed, and Bro. WINSON seconded, a vote of thanks to the Mayor of Salisbury for lending the use of the Council Chamber to the Provincial Grand Lodge, and the motion was carried.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then said: I have one pleasing duty to perform. I think you will all agree with me that it is right that I should ask you to adopt a resolution which I now propose to place before you, and that is a vote of thanks to his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught for having so kindly come here to occupy the office of Installing Master on this occasion, which will be for ever memorable in my mind as one of the proudest moments of my life. We do not very often have a member of the Royal Family among us, and I am quite sure that the fact of his Royal Highness having kindly consented to take upon his shoulders the duties which he has done to-day has been more fully appreciated by us on that account. I will not say anything more, brethren, but I will ask you to adopt at once the expression of your thanks to his Royal Highness for the kind work which he has undertaken for us on this occasion.

The Duke of CONNAUGHT said: Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, I thank you for the vote of thanks you have proposed, and you, brethren, for the warm reception that you have accorded to it.

The alms were then collected, the closing chorale was sung, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards lunched in the County Hall, which was elegantly laid out. A splendid show of silver, worth £2000 was lent for the occasion.

The usual toasts followed the banquet.

"The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W.G.M." having been duly proposed and honoured,

The PROV. GRAND MASTER said he was now going to propose a toast which he was sure the brethren would respond to with the very greatest cordiality—"The Health of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught." Some time ago, when he (the Prov. Grand Master) had it intimated to him that the Prince of Wales desired him to be the Grand Master of the Province of Wiltshire, he immediately approached H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught with

the view of his undertaking the duty of Installing Master for him. The Duke of Connaught responded most cordially to the request, and he was happy to say they were able to find a time which was convenient to his Royal Highness to attend, and to all brethren who wished to attend on this most auspicious occasion. The Duke of Connaught, as the brethren were aware, was present as a triune Mason, being a Past Grand Master of Grand Lodge representing the principal combination of lodges and provinces perhaps in the world; he was also Prov. Grand Master of Sussex, in which post he represented the country districts, and he was also District Grand Master of Bombay, thereby representing the Colonies. He asked the brethren to drink his Royal Highness's health, both in his personal and in his triune country.

The Duke of CONNAUGHT, who on rising to respond was received with the greatest enthusiasm, said he was very grateful to the Provincial Grand Master for having proposed his health, and to the brethren for the very kind manner in which they had received it. He could assure them it was both an honour and a pleasure to him to be there on that occasion, an honour in his having been permitted by H.R.H. the Grand Master to represent him, and a pleasure that he should have been able to help in any way a ceremony which would long be remembered among the Freemasons of Wiltshire. The Provincial Grand Master had referred to his (the Duke of Connaught) being there in a triple capacity. That was one which he was sure he had every reason to be proud of, because it was an exceptional position. He felt very greatly honoured by having had the rank given to him of Past Grand Master of England, and by being in the position of Provincial Grand Master of Sussex, he felt he was representing a province which had always held a high position in Masonry, one which he hoped was progressing in its position in the Craft. With regard to his being District Grand Master of Bombay, the brethren would be interested to know that during the three years he had held that office Masonry had made great strides in the Bombay Presidency. It had there brought together nationalities and creeds that hitherto would not sit at the same table. During the time that he was there he visited not only our own English lodges, but native lodges, both Parsee and Hindoo, and he was sure the brethren would have been pleased to see the admirable and decorous manner in which they carried out their duties, all speaking English the same as we did. He was indeed truly grateful to the brethren for the right hand of fellowship they had so warmly extended to him on this occasion, and he could assure them that he should not leave Wiltshire without taking away with him the most pleasant recollections of the kind and fraternal manner in which they had received him.

The Earl of LATHOM, Pro Grand Master, in responding to the toast of "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," which was proposed by the PROV. GRAND MASTER, said on his own part he thanked his relative and brother for the kind way he had spoken of him and of the small services he had been able to perform for Masonry. It was true his Masonic career extended a long way back. He was initiated in Masonry in 1856, but he had been amply rewarded for the little he had done by seeing how Masonry had grown in favour with the public, but more especially by the way the great principles of the Craft were now carried out. On behalf of his colleague, the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe had been only recently appointed, but he was well-known to the brethren. Only the day before he expressed his regret that he would not be able to be present. As to what had been said of the Grand Officers, he (the Earl of Lathom) most thoroughly endorsed; they had done their duty in the past, and they would do it in the future. They ought to be grateful to the Grand Officers for so readily coming forward at all times to assist at the festivals and to promote in any way they could the cause of Masonry throughout the country. For himself, he came with the greatest gladness from Lancashire to be here, and he brought the best wishes of the 106 lodges there for the 11 lodges here.

The Duke of CONNAUGHT said: Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Grand Officers, and Brethren, I rise to propose a health which I am sure will be received by all the brethren here in a most cordial manner. I propose "The Health of the Prov. G.M. of Wilts, the Earl of Radnor." Brethren, we remember the terms of affection and esteem with which Lord Radnor's predecessor was looked on in this province. We regret more than we can express his demise, but I am sure that we all feel that in Lord Radnor you have a Provincial Grand Master whose greatest object will be to keep up all that is good and great in Freemasonry, and I am certain we cannot wish him to do better than to walk in the footsteps of his distinguished predecessor. Brethren, he is well-known to you all, and so are all his family, and I feel that in proposing his health I am proposing it to ears which will receive it with the greatest welcome. I am only proud to have been able on this occasion as the representative of his Royal Highness our Grand Master to install him, and I shall ever remember with pride and pleasure the office I performed on this occasion. Brethren, I would ask you to join with me in drinking with all cordiality and enthusiasm the health of your Provincial Grand Master.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, in acknowledging the toast, said: Your Royal Highness, I beg to thank you most heartily for the very kind terms in which you have proposed to my brethren here present the toast of my health, and I beg most cordially to thank my brethren in the room for the kind way in which they have received that toast. Your Royal Highness has alluded to my predecessor. My predecessor was a near relative of mine, and I hope most sincerely to be able to follow truthfully in his footsteps. I shall do all I can, all that lies my power to advance the cause of Masonry, which we have been told by Lord Lathom has been flourishing of late years in England. I shall do my best to make it as flourishing, and if possible, more flourishing in Wilts over which I have been now appointed to rule. Brethren, I am but a baby Mason, but as you are aware, no doubt, babies generally when they come into this world are not endowed with many hirsute appendages on their heads. I rather imitate their example by being a little thin on the thatch. If my predecessor ruled you with a rod of iron a long time, if he beat you with whips, depend upon it I will scourge you with scorpions. I remember on the last occasion I looked in at this hall that it was when the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows held their meeting of the annual migratory congress. I was very much struck on that occasion by the autocratic way in which their democratic Chairman ruled the delegates. Brethren, I warn you that I ruling on every occasion at once without a murmur shall have to treat you in the same way as that democratic Chairman treated the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows. But, brethren, I have no fear that I shall have to exercise the privilege of my evil temper, and I am quite certain that you will do the best you can on your part as I shall do the best I can on my part, that you and I may live together in brotherly friendship and in unity.

Bro. Sir GABRIEL GOLDNEY responded to the toast of "The Deputy Prov. Grand Master," and Bro. W. BEACH, M.P., Prov. G.M. Hants and the Isle of Wight, for "The Other Prov. Grand Masters."

The PROV. S.G.W. proposed "The Entertaining Lodge, Elias De Derham," which was responded to by the W.M.

Bro. Col. Sir FRANCIS BURDETT, Bart., Prov. G.M. for Middx., proposed "The Masonic Charities," which was replied to by Bro. JAMES TERRY, P.G.S.B., Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; and the PROV. GRAND MASTER then proposed "Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D.," thanking that brother most cordially for his kindness in coming down to Salisbury and acting as Director of Ceremonies.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.D., acknowledged the compliment.

The Prov. Grand Master then resigned his seat to Bro. Sir Gabriel Goldney, while he and the Duke of Connaught went to meet the Duchess of Connaught, who was just arriving by train. Loud cheers greeted the Duke of Connaught and the Earl of Radnor and party as they left the hall. Singing was afterwards engaged in till the time arrived for the departure of the London brethren.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present—

Comps. F. A. Philbrick, Grand Registrar, Grand Superintendent Essex, as M.E.G.Z.; Gen. C. W. Randolph, Grand Superintendent Sussex, as G.H.; Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, P.G. Soj., as G.J.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E.; Col. G. N. Money, Grand Superintendent Surrey, as G.S.N.; Robert Grey, Pres. Com. Gen. Purposes; George Everett, G. Treas.; Sir Bruce Seton, as G.P.S.; R. L. Loveland, as 1st A.G.S.; Hamon Le Strange, 2nd A.G.S.; Edmond K. Bayley, G.S.B.; F. Sumner Knyvett; Richard Clowes, G. Std. Br.; Frank Richardson, P.A.G.S., G.D.C.; Henri Bué, D.G.D.C.; Alfred Spencer, R. C. Sudlow, T. W. Whitmarsh, 2nd Asst. G.D.C.; A. A. Pendlebury, A.G.S.E.; E. Goble, Eugene Monteuis, J. M. Case, R. J. Emmerson, C. F. Matier, E. M. Lott, Mus. Doc., as G. Org.; Sir John B. Monckton, H. Garrod, Charles H. Driver, Frederick West, E. Letchworth, J. S. Eastes, W. Hopekirk, J. F. Collins, Chas. Belton, Sir G. J. Harris, W. G. Lemon, Baron de Ferrieres, H. J. Adams, Magnus Ohren, C. F. Hogard, T. J. Ralling, Geo. Lambert, J. E. Le Feuvre, Col. Charles Harding, W. F. Smithson, Ralph Clutton, H. J. P. Duman, Thos. Fenn, W. M. Bywater, Col. R. Townley Caldwell, G. Supt. Cambridge; Ralph Gooding, M.D., P.A.G.S.; H. A. Tobias, P.Z. 241; Rev. J. Cater, J. 1339; J. Rhodes, Z. 452; W. M. Goss, P.Z. 176; L. G. Gordon Robbins, P.Z. 10; M. Slaughter, Z. 176; G. S. Recknell, P.Z. 73; R. F. Potter, H. 1326; C. N. McIntyre North, J. 1275; Stephen Richardson, Z. 720; W. H. Rylands, H. 2; S. Vallentine, P.Z. 9; H. Massey, Z. 1928; J. Gordon Langton, Z. 1194; B. Cooper, Z. 1366; Frank Taylor, J. 1260; J. H. Hoit, Z. 1524; J. Morley, 1437, P.G.T. Essex; E. J. Bamber, Z. 1615; W. A. Scurrah, P.Z. 749; William Fisher, Z. 834; Charles J. Pulman, P.Z. 157; George H. Kennaby, Z. 766; J. Lewis Wigan, Z. 409; L. W. Harvey, 39; J. H. Price, Z. 1321; Lennox Browne, P.Z. 2108; E. W. Stanton, Z. 46; J. W. Hinton, P.Z. 84; G. C. Conner, Grand Chapter Tennessee, P.G.H.P.; George R. Langley, Z. 1326; Thomas C. Corpe, Z. 507; William H. Holroyd, H. 9; Henry Esling, J. 1321; and H. Sadler, G. Janitor.

The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation having been read by the G.S.E., were put and confirmed, and the following report of the Committee of General Purposes was taken as read:

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

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

To Balance Grand Chapter...	£496 19 2	By Disbursements during the	
" " Unappropriated		Quarter	£309 3 2
" Account	190 17 10	" Balance	488 1 10
" Subsequent Receipts	297 1 10	" " Unappropriated	
		" Account	187 13 10
	£984 18 10		£984 18 10

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

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

1st. From Comps. the Rev. Joseph Cater, M.A., B. Mus., F.G.S., as Z.; John Bulgin Snow Lancaster, as H.; Edward Henry Gale Crowdy, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Bisley Lodge, No. 2317, Bisley, to be called the Bisley Chapter, and to meet at the National Schools, Bisley, in the county of Surrey.

2nd. From Comps. George Harlow, as Z.; Walter Solomon Whitaker, as H.; George Briggs, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Crays Valley Lodge, No. 2147, St. Mary Cray, to be called the Crays Valley Chapter, and to meet at the Institute, St. Mary Cray, in the county of Kent.

3rd. From Comps. Walter Hailes, as Z.; Francis Nelson Wright, as H.; Edward Samuel Dunn Tumber, as J.; and eight others for a chapter to be attached to the Lodge Harmony, No. 438, Cawnpore, to be called the Harmony and Fidelity Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Cawnpore, in the District of Bengal.

4th. From Comps. Benjamin Hill Russell, as Z.; Arthur Gompertz Gamble, as H.; Edwin Thomas Wigelsworth, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Doric Lodge, No. 362, Grantham, to be called the Doric Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, St. Peter's Hill, Grantham, in the county of Lincoln.

5th. From Comps. John Percy White, as Z.; George Robert Harriott, as H.; Frederick Oxley Harvey, as J.; and eight others for a chapter to be attached to the St. Paul's Lodge, No. 2277, Cyprus, to be called the St. Paul's Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Rooms, Limassol, in the Island of Cyprus.

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

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

- No. 1008, the White Rose Chapter, Bury St. Edmunds, from the Angel Hotel to the Masonic Hall, Chequer-square, Bury St. Edmunds.
- No. 1624, the Eccleston Chapter, London, from Freemasons' Hall to the Criterion, Piccadilly.

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

(Signed) ROBERT GREY, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
21st October, 1891.

Comp. ROBERT GREY moved, and Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON seconded, the several recommendations contained in the above report, and they were put separately and carried.

Grand Chapter was then closed.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF CORNWALL.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Chapter was held on Tuesday, the 14th ultimo, at the Guildhall, Liskeard, under the banner of St. Martin's Chapter, No. 510. The Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, G. Supt., sat on the throne and installed and invested the following companions as his officers for the ensuing year:

Comp. Sir Charles Graves-Sawle, Bart. P.Z.	...	Prov. G.H.
" W. Nettle, P.Z., 510...	...	Prov. G.J.
" E. D. Anderton, P.Z. 331	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" W. Mason, P.Z. 496	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" Rev. A. H. Ferris, 1151	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" J. H. Ferris, P.Z. 331	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" B. F. Edyvean, P.Z. 331	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" G. H. Small, P.Z. 121	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" J. Crossman, P.Z. 970	...	Prov. G. 1st A.S.
" J. M. Carne, P.Z. 75	...	Prov. G. 2nd A.S.
" R. C. Revill, P.Z. 1071	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" W. F. Creber, P.Z. 1164	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" J. T. Williams, P.Z. 557	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" J. Harris, P.Z. 510	...	Prov. A.G.D. of C.
" J. T. Baker, P.Z. 1151	...	Prov. A.G.S.E.
" W. H. Huddy, P.Z. 510	...	Prov. G. Org.

The companions afterwards dined together at Webb's Hotel, under the presidency of Comp. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, who was compelled to leave before the loyal toasts commenced, having to entertain a party at Mount Edgcumbe. Comp. Hammond then occupied the chair.

Comp. E. D. ANDERTON proposed in eulogistic terms "The Health of the Grand Superintendent, the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe." He said the union of the Edgcumbe and Lopes families had been a source of great gratification to all, especially to Freemasons. They had evidence that day of his lordship's love and zeal for Freemasonry, for, although he had his house full of guests, he had journeyed specially to Liskeard to attend that meeting. It was his (Comp. Anderton's) privilege to exalt the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe into Royal Arch Masonry at Truro, and R.A. Masons ought to feel proud at having such a noble and distinguished Mason and gentleman to preside over them.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF SUSSEX.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Town Hall, Chichester, on Monday, the 26th ult. His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, Provincial Grand Master, was present, having come over from Portsmouth especially to attend the meeting. There was a good muster of the brethren of the province, and from the neighbouring Province of Hants, including Bro. Dr. Paxton, the Mayor of Chichester, who, with the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Rev. E. R. Currie, P.G. Chaplain, met his Royal Highness at the station.

The members of Provincial Grand Lodge having entered in procession, the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened, and the business transacted, when the following Provincial Grand Officers were nominated and invested by the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. R. Clowes, G.O., having been previously re-elected Provincial Grand Treasurer:

Bro. J. C. Buckwell	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" R. Willard	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. J. Puttick	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" W. W. Turner	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" E. S. Medcalf	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" T. Bullock	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" R. Clowes	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" A. F. Lamette	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. P. Slingsby Roberts	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" T. Methley	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" J. Farncombe	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" G. Holman	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" W. Wright	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" E. G. Whittle	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" W. H. Beaumont	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" T. Wickham	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" W. W. Welling	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" W. Norman Roc	...	Prov. G. Org.
" R. Weston	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" S. H. Soper (Mayor of Brighton)	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" W. Gill	...	
" W. B. Isworth	...	
" E. Histed	...	
" E. Histed	...	

The PROV. GRAND MASTER addressed the brethren, congratulating the province upon the large increase in its numbers, and calling attention to the dispensations asked for to install as Masters of lodges brethren who had not passed the chair in the Craft. Such dispensations should only be applied for and granted under exceptional circumstances. He (the Prov. Grand Master) also suggested that it was not desirable to change the locations of the lodges more frequently than was absolutely necessary.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, at which the Provincial Grand Master presided, being supported by the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, Pro G.M.; Bros. C. F. Matier, P.G.W., G. Sec.; R. Berridge, P.G.D. of C., P.G.W.; and several other distinguished brethren.

It is hoped that this meeting may result in a Mark lodge being formed at Chichester.

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- Alexandra Lodge, No. 925.
- Asaph Lodge, No. 1319.



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1891.

Masonic Notes.

The Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., will complete the
50th or Jubilee year of his age on Monday next, having
been born on the 9th November, 1841, and we trust his
Royal Highness will be spared for many years to
preside over the Craft, whose destinies he has success-
fully guided for the last 17 years. It has been said that
steps will be taken in London and elsewhere to worthily
celebrate this auspicious event, in which case we hope
a means will be found whereby the celebration of the
jubilee of his birth may be combined with that of the
jubilee of the birth of the Royal Masonic Benevolent
Institution, which was ushered into existence in the
early days of 1842 under the auspices of the Prince's
great uncle, the late Duke of Sussex, the then Grand
Master of United Grand Lodge.

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It will be seen from the report we publish elsewhere
that the Masonic gathering at Salisbury on Saturday
last, when Bro. the Earl of Radnor was installed Prov.
Grand Master of Wiltshire, in succession to the late
Bro. Lord Methuen, by H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught,
Past Grand Master of England, was a most brilliant
and successful one. As we anticipated last week, the
attendance of our Wiltshire brethren to greet their new
chief was exceptionally large, and the importance of
the proceedings was further enhanced by the presence
of several of the great dignitaries of the Order. We
congratulate Bro. the Earl of Radnor on his induction
into so important an office, and we hope his lordship
may have a long and prosperous reign, as long and as
prosperous as was that of his predecessor.

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Very sincere regret will be felt at the loss sustained
by the Craft in the London district through the death,
after a somewhat protracted illness, of Bro. A. Escott.
The deceased had the reputation of being one of the
most expert workers in Royal Arch Masonry, was a
diligent student of our mysteries, and a very generous
supporter of our Institutions. Indeed, it was only in
the course of the past summer that he was elected a
member of the Board of Management of the Boys'
School. He had been connected for many years with
the Royal Naval School, Greenwich, where he will be
specially missed.

We have much pleasure in announcing that it is proposed to found a library at the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, a library, that is to say, of works for the use and enjoyment of the pupils. The Supreme Council, 33°, of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, has voted the very handsome donation of £25 towards carrying this object into effect, and we are sure the scheme only needs to become generally known in order to command the generous encouragement and support of the Craft at large and their friends. We have no doubt that contributions of suitable books would be gladly received.

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The Masonic fraternity in Maine has recently sustained a heavy loss by the death of Bro. Ira Berry, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter, and Grand Recorder of the Grand Conclave and Grand Council of that State. Bro. Berry had attained the good old age of 90 years, and had been Recording Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge since 1856, the only Grand Secretary in the United States who had served that office for a longer term of years being the veteran Bro. Theodore S. Parvin, Grand Secretary of Iowa. From the accounts we have heard of our deceased brother's career, his name of "Ira" must have been a misnomer. "Ira," when interpreted in the vulgar tongue, implies "anger," but the late Bro. Berry appears to have been by nature one of the kindest of men, and in manner most suave and genial. We sympathise most deeply with our Maine brethren, who will no doubt cherish the memory of those virtues they respected so highly in their late Grand Secretary, and we hope his successor in office, Bro. Stephen Berry, will prove himself as worthy of respect as did his father before him.

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Our worthy contemporary, the Philadelphia *Keystone*, criticises in its usual genial fashion some remarks which appeared in an article of ours entitled "Unwieldy Lodges." We said that "in the United States of America, where size is one of the chief elements of consideration, we realise that a lodge of Freemasons will be judged by its strength of membership," &c. The *Keystone* admits that bigness is a feature in things American, including even its Masonic lodges. "True," it says, "lodges are often large here—but everything is large here. Our territory is large, our ideas are large, our men are of large stature, our fruits are as large in proportion as our men, and our lodges appear to share in this general greatness of size." This justifies our statement. But in an effete old country like this we prefer to see our lodges of a moderate size. We have enough of bigness to contemplate in the area, population, wealth, commerce, &c., of the British Empire.

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.]

CENTENARY WARRANTS AND JEWELS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have been deeply interested in the two communications from "33" and Bro. John Lane, relative to the *bona fides*—I use the term with no desire whatever to offend those concerned—of the centenary warrant held by Lodge No. 119, of Whitehaven. Last year when the question cropped up, and provoked a long and somewhat heated controversy in a Whitehaven paper, as also in your columns, I was in Australia, and consequently placed at a disadvantage in following a subject about which I might claim to possess some little knowledge.

My particular object in now writing is to crave the permission to point out that one highly important period in the history of Lodge 119 has never, so far as I am aware, been alluded to or imported into the discussion of the centenary warrant of that lodge. Let me explain. The warrant of the original No. 157 (now 119) was issued by the "Antients" in 1768. The document may still be seen in its mahogany cabinet on regular lodge nights. So far so good; but, up to the year 1804, so far as I am aware—and I made very diligent search when compiling the material for my little work on "Craft Masonry in Cumberland and Westmorland"—there is no documentary evidence of the lodge ever being in existence, unless the cash books of the "Athole" institution in the archives of our present Grand Lodge can prove to the contrary.

And while on this point I may point out a curious coincidence with respect to the lodge in dispute, and three others also warranted by the "Antients" in Whitehaven, during the last century. I will include the present No. 119 under its original No. 157 in the four, and they ranked thus; Concord Lodge, No. 154, Whitehaven; No. 157, no name (now Sun, Square, and Compasses, No. 119, Whitehaven); Royal Cumberland Militia, No. 215, Whitehaven or Kingston-

upon-Hull; and No. 217, no name, Whitehaven. Now, the coincidence is this—that Bro. W. J. Hughan, in his valuable "Masonic Register," gives every one of these four lodges as being warranted by the "Antients" in the early part of the present century. I cannot name the precise years from memory, seeing that my library is stored in London, but I believe I am correct as to the main facts. On the other hand, I discovered the warrant of the Cumberland Militia Lodge, in Whitehaven, 13 years ago. The date is October 10th, 1781, and the parchment is now framed and hanging on the wall of No. 119 lodge room.

The foregoing circumstances certainly provide food for careful reflection, though how they can affect the actual holding of the centenary warrant by Lodge 119, is more than problematical. *De jure* it is a centenary lodge, whether *de facto* is quite another matter that I do not intend to combat.—Yours fraternally,

W. F. LAMONBY.

Cockermouth, November 2nd.

THE FUTURE OF FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

During the last few years I have been greatly struck when visiting lodges in the provinces—of which I have visited a goodly number—at the large proportion of Provincial Grand Officers there are in proportion to the members of the lodges wearing the blue apron. This is especially so in the smaller provinces. Upon enquiry, I find that Provincial Grand "honours" are in too many provinces granted as a matter of course, thus detracting considerably, if not altogether, from the honour intended to be conferred. This should not be so, the offices should, in my opinion, be given in consideration of good, real, and honest work in the lodge, coupled with a due recognition of services rendered to our great Charitable Institutions. I find that in some provinces the offices are conferred upon the Masters of the lodges who are in the chair at the time Provincial Grand Lodge is held, as a matter of course, without regard being had to their fitness for office. I have come across instances—and I am sorry to say not a few—where Provincial Grand Officers holding coveted offices had never opened or closed their lodges when in the chair without a considerable amount of prompting, and as to performing a ceremony that was utterly out of the question. I also found that in the majority of cases they had never subscribed to any of our Charities. I have also been informed of a case where a brother had accepted office in Prov. Grand Lodge and been compelled to borrow the necessary money to pay the "fees of honour" and provide himself with the clothing rather than be in the (to him) unenviable position of being the first Master of the lodge who had not got "the purple." It is true that was (I hope) an exceptional case, although considering the way in which members are now admitted to the Craft, as if it was a mere benefit society like the Oddfellows and Foresters, I fear it will become more and more common in the near future. Instead of an "honour" being conferred either upon the lodge or the officer, this kind of thing is a farce and causes disgust upon the part of the officers who have done something for the Craft, and discourages others who have its welfare at heart. The result is that instead of the Craft being composed of "worthy men, and worthy men alone," I fear it has opened its portals to and conferred honours upon those who, in many instances, will not ultimately "reflect credit" upon the brethren who have admitted them to their fellowship. All this means incalculable harm to our excellent Institution, and it behoves those who are concerned for its welfare to see where the remedy lies, although I much fear, judging by past experience, that there is too much apathy upon the part of those who rule to lead us to hope for any drastic remedy being applied to this cankerous growth that is gnawing the very vitals of the Craft. I agree with Bro. "Latomus" that we want a greater supervision of our lodges in the provinces by our Provincial Grand Officers. Every lodge should be visited *at the least once in every year, without notice* being given of such visit, and, if possible, *when a ceremony is to be performed*. In the majority of instances the Provincial Grand Master and his Deputy has no time to attend to such a duty, and the Secretaries in most provinces devote already more of their valuable time to Masonic work than we can expect of them, and we certainly should not think of increasing that responsibility. There is, however, an officer upon whom this duty might, I think, be imposed, especially as the office is at present a sinecure—I mean the Provincial Grand Registrar. As a rule he is a professional man, who has done good work in his lodge, and *should* have all the ceremonies and the rules and regulations at his fingers' ends, consequently he is pre-eminently marked out as one to judge of the fitness of brethren for honours, and also should have sufficient courage to call attention to any irregularities, and point out, if he knows it, the undesirability of admitting unworthy candidates into lodge. For this purpose the circular of every meeting of the lodges in the province should be sent to him, as well as to the officer to whom they are now sent, and it should be understood that it is the duty of any brother in the lodge who doubts the wisdom of admitting any person for initiation or as a joining member into his lodge, but who has not the courage himself to speak out to communicate with the Registrar, who will then call the attention of the Master and Secretary to the matter. After every official visit, the Registrar should send a written report to the Prov.

Grand Master of the working of the lodge and its officers, and of the fitness of individual officers for Provincial Grand rank. The Prov. Grand Master would then have reliable data upon which to make the appointments, and by this means the honours would be looked upon and appreciated at their proper value. Probably I shall be asked who would accept the office of Registrar upon such terms. Well, at present we get Prov. Grand Secretaries, and I see no difficulty with regard to this office. Let the office be a permanent one—for say five years—provided the brother is confident and attends to his duties; let his proper expenses for travelling and hotel expenses be defrayed out of the Prov. Grand Lodge funds, subject to audit, and let it be understood that he will at the end of his tenure of office be eligible—not as of right—if the Prov. Grand Master thinks fit, for the Senior Warden's chair, and there will be plenty of brethren who will sacrifice their time to carry out the work. In another way I think Prov. Grand Masters can make the offices at their disposal of more real Masonic value, and that is by making some of these tenable for a term of years, for instance those of Director of Ceremonies and Assistant Secretary, in addition to those of Registrar and Secretary. In most provinces, too, a great difficulty might be obviated by only electing the Chaplain instead of two. Often a brother who has not passed the chair get this appointment, because there is no other clergyman in the province eligible for the post. Attention to this point would, in my humble opinion, based upon the experience and observation of many years, tend to greatly strengthen the future position of the Craft in the provinces. Not so long ago it was the exception to see "the purple" in a private lodge, now to be a Past Master and *not* to wear it is so rare that one is apt to enquire the reason. It is now considered so *cheap* as not to be an *honour*, but a mere matter of course, whether the Past Master is fit for it either Masonically, socially, or financially or not. Consequently those who were, in years of yore, the pillars of our Order, are now conspicuous by their absence. Cannot our Prov. Grand Masters, with their Deputies, see their way to change this state of affairs? Let them put their shoulders to the wheel, and with very little effort they will remove the stumbling block to real Masonic progress from its path. At the approaching Jubilee Festival of our Old People's Institution the majority of our Prov. Grand Masters and their Deputies will be in London. Cannot they arrange a meeting to confer, to consider the points that are suggested for their consideration in your columns? If so they will be doing a lasting benefit to those over whom they rule.—Yours fraternally,

A P.P.G. OFFICER.

November 2nd.

THE ADMISSION OF VISITORS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Be good enough to express an opinion as to the proper reading of Rule 150, Edition 1884, due value being accorded to the "commas" and to the word "or." Would a W.M. be justified in admitting a visitor to his lodge on the following grounds?

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- If vouched for, after examination.
- If personally known to, or vouched for, after due examination.
- By producing his Grand Lodge certificate.
- By producing other "proper voucher."

Therefore, according to a, d, and e, examination is not compulsory, but Article 15 of the Ancient Charges renders it obligatory for the W.M. to insist on examination and production of proper vouchers, the latter to be certificates appertaining to the recognised Degrees (Rule 1). A proper voucher can surely mean nothing else, the only certificate a lodge is empowered to grant being those mentioned in Rules 203—213.

Rule 308 expressly comments and directs that the collars of the officers of a regular lodge shall be worn *only* in their own lodge, or when representing their lodge in Grand Lodge or Provincial Grand Lodge as Master or Wardens, yet under cover of a dispensation granted in accordance with Rule 206 the said officers' collars are worn in public. Why are the Constitutions ignored?—Yours fraternally,

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THE "OLD MASONIANS."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir,

The above Association was started about five years ago by some old pupils of the R.M.I.B. The avowed object of the Association is the helping on in life of any old pupils who might require assistance after leaving the Institution. It was further announced when the club was started that as soon as it was feasible a lodge would be formed, as we understand only seven are required to form a lodge, and it seems, therefore, that there can be no reason why the lodge should not be formed at once, for there are certainly seven brethren members of the "Old Masonians." Perhaps the Hon. Secs. will enlighten the members as to whether anything is being done in this direction.—Yours faithfully,

TWO PROVINCIAL MEMBERS.

It is stated that the title which will be assumed by the widow of the Right Hon. W. H. Smith, M.P., will be taken from the village of Hambleton, near Henley-on-Thames, in the churchyard of which the remains of the late First Lord of the Treasury were interred.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

957] DR. RAWLINSON'S LIBRARY.

The "Bibliotheca Rawlinsoniana Sive Catalogus Librorum Richardi Rawlinson, LL.D.," was prepared in 1756 by Samuel Baker the auctioneer, the sale of the library occupying 50 days (extending from March 29th to May 25th), at York-street, Covent Garden. (Octavo, pages 244). Dr. Rawlinson's library consisted of 9405 lots, and fetched £1161 18s. 6d. The Masonic books were strangely few in number, for I have not traced more than two or three in the priced catalogue now before me. No. 1526, "Constitutions of the Freemasons," 1723 (page 40), made *one shilling!* There were also *two* copies of Ashmole's Life, by Burman, first edition, now a *rara avis* (Nos. 1621 and 2071), which fetched *one shilling each. Oh! dear!* The wee volume is now rarely met with for sale (*say once in five years*), and yet then made such a *sum!* Holmes' "Academy of Armoury" (No. 7073), of A.D. 1688, a valuable work relating in part to the Craft, fetched only 7s. 6d. I have never known a copy occur for sale of late years. The prices generally ran very low indeed. Rawlinson's portrait (published 1808), forms the appropriate frontispiece to the volume.

W. J. HUGHAN.

958] LANE'S CENTENARY JEWELS.

I am much obliged to Bro. Lane for his courteous reply to my queries. No matter whether I am a 33rd or not, or belong to Lodge No. 33 or not, or am 33 years of age, or not, such points do not concern the important questions at issue. I want an authoritative deliverance respecting continuity. We appear to agree in the belief that if a lodge pays its arrears of dues, not having been erased, the continuity is preserved; but if once erased, on confirmation, the interruption thus caused is fatal to the claim of a centenary jewel, if the period is covered in part by such erasure. Bro. Lane has fully satisfied my scruples. I cannot mention cases known to me without telling names, but if Bro. Lane cares to pursue the subject, and will address a letter to me, care of the Editor of the *Freemason*, he shall be enlightened, but only for his own private use. I still contend that if a lodge warrant is transferred by *authority* to a new set of brethren, so long as there has been no break in the payments to local and general funds, the continuity is still uninterrupted, but I am not prepared to say such continuity would be broken if only two members were on the lodge register at the time, as I can find no rule in "Constitutions" thereon until recently.

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Cratt Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Peace and Harmony Lodge (No. 60).—

This old lodge met at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 23rd ult. Among those present were Bros. E. Rogers, P.M., P.G.S., P.P.G.D., W.M.; H. Slade, P.G.S., S.W., W.M. elect; W. H. Kempster, M.D., P.M., G. Stwd., J.W.; H. Young, P.M., P.G.S., Treas.; F. Binckes, P.M., P.G.S.B., P.G.S., Sec.; R. Clowes, P.M., G. Std. Br., S.D.; Capt. Walls, P.P.G.W., J.D.; Masters, P.M., I.G.; W. H. Kempster, jun., Steward; H. J. Lardner, P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; Barton, P.M., P.G.S.; and Josling, P.M., P.G.S. Among the visitors were Bros. the Rev. P. Deedes, P.M. 1479, P.P.G.C. Herts; W. A. Scurrah, P.M. 167, P.P.G.S. of W.; Goffe, P.P.G. Org. Herts; Grace, P.M. 87; Cumming, P.M. 890; Holman, 198; Gillingham, P.M. 1238; A. J. Apthorpe, late 442; Miskin, 1479; and others.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. A. Andrade and P. Mecklenburg were impressively passed to the Second Degree. The W.M. then installed Bro. H. Slade into the chair of K.S. Among the officers appointed and invested were Bros. Dr. W. H. Kempster, S.W.; R. Clowes, J.W.; H. Young, Treas.; F. Binckes, Sec.; Captain Walls, S.D.; Masters, J.D.; W. H. Kempster, I.G.; and H. J. Lardner, Stwd. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. E. Rogers as Installing Officer, and he was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. The resignation of Bro. Kent, P.M., P.G.S., D.C., as an active member of the lodge, was received with regret, and his request to become a country member was acceded to. Bro. Captain Walls was elected to represent the lodge at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and the sum of five guineas voted to head his list as Steward. Ten propositions for initiation and joining having been handed in, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to an excellent banquet, which was well served under the personal direction of Bro. Mantell. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual toasts received full justice. The W.M. presided most ably.

During the evening various instrumental, vocal, and dramatic selections were given by several members and guests.

Victoria Park Lodge (No. 1816).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the City of London Tavern, Fenchurch-street, on Thursday, the 21st ult., under the presidency of Bro. E. Clements, W.M., who was supported by Bros. Hodges, P.M.; Kinipple, P.M.; Sinclair, P.M.; A. Govier, S.W., W.M. elect; G. Morris, J.W.; C. Reeve, P.M., Treas.; Hy. Rogers, P.M., P.Z., Sec.; W. Abraham, S.D.; J. Bradford,

J.D.; D. Meiklereid, I.G.; A. Reed and G. Smith, Stwds.; and H. Stewart, Tyler. Among the members present, who numbered over 40, were the following: Bros. T. Hallett, F. Johnson, J. Finch, S. Corfield, J. Corfield, W. Musto, T. Cowell, A. Bristowe, G. Huxsom, C. Scholer, J. Smith, H. Jackson, J. Maris, J. Horlock, J. Adams, T. Holtum, G. Shrimpton, J. Cook, W. Lamb, J. Collingwood, J. Allen, W. Shepherd, T. Wilson, J. Calver, and many others. Among the visitors were Bros. James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; J. G. Stephens (late Assistant Secretary of the Benevolent Fund); H. Worland; G. Hay; G. Kidd; Trew, P.M.; Tucker, P.M.; Hay, P.M.; and others.

Lodge being duly opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Messrs. Wilson and Hopkins were initiated. The main business of the evening then took place. Bro. Govier, the W.M. elect, was presented to the W.M., and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, Bro. Reeve, who acted as the Installing Master, inducted Bro. Govier into the chair of K.S. in a very able and impressive manner. The W.M. then proceeded to appoint and invest the following officers: Bros. E. J. Morris, S.W.; W. B. Abraham, J.W.; C. Reeves, P.M., Treas.; H. Rogers, P.M., P.Z., Sec.; D. Meiklereid, S.D.; J. Bradford, J.D.; A. Reed, I.G.; E. Smyth, D.C.; J. Longworth and R. Trethie, Stwds.; M. Sherwin, Org.; and H. Stewart, Tyler. Bro. Reeve then, in a most impressive manner, addressed the W.M., Wards, officers, and brethren respectively, and exhorted each in his several capacity to do to his utmost everything that conduced to the good of the Craft and the interests of his lodge. An important item in the business subsequently transacted was a vote of 25 guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, of which Bro. Govier, W.M., goes forward as Steward at the coming Festival.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to a banquet that maintained the prestige of the purveyorship of the London Tavern.

After the loyal toasts, and that of "The Grand Officers" had been proposed and drunk with Masonic enthusiasm, the toast of "The W.M." was proposed and drunk with due honours.

Bro. Govier, in his reply, expressed his gratification. He was proud of his position in the chair, and would use his utmost endeavours to uphold its dignity, and do nothing but what would reflect benefit to the lodge.

Other toasts were proposed and accepted with cordiality and truly Masonic fervour.

To that of "The Masonic Charities," Bro. Stephens, in a pointed and earnest speech, replied as representing Grand Lodge. He observed that the Victoria Park Lodge, although comparatively a young lodge, had distinguished itself in that brief period by its attention to the most promising characteristic of Freemasonry. In 12 years they had sent up eight Stewards, who had brought with them the handsome total of £1000 in round numbers. While sitting round that festive board they had shown they were not unmindful of the claims of those less fortunate than themselves by adding between £75 and £80 to the Steward's list which Bro. Clements, I.P.M., had laid before them.

The remaining toasts were briefly proposed and responded to, and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

Duke of Fife Lodge (No. 2345).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 21st ult., at the Alexandra Hotel, Clapham Common, when there were present Bros. W. W. Westley, W.M.; S. Cochrane, I.P.M.; Geo. Everett, Grand Treasurer; J. W. Folkard, S.W.; R. Steele, Treas.; C. Woods, Sec.; A. Harvey, S.D.; Beaven, J.D.; J. Lyell, D.C.; J. Langdon, I.G.; J. Gilbert, Stwd.; C. Patrick, Tyler; Wyer, P.P.G.D.C. Kent; A. Robertson, G. C. Harrison, Hadley, H. Lyon, Morris, Rashleigh, Baldwin, Daoust, and Lavender. Bro. P. H. Davis, 239 (I.C.), was a visitor.

The minutes of the installation meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Baldwin was impressively raised. A discussion on certain recommendations of the Audit Committee took place. A letter acknowledging the vote of congratulation passed at the last meeting was received from Bro. his Grace the Duke of Fife. Apologies for absence were received from Bros. Lawrence and Dr. Simpson, and all business being ended, the lodge was closed.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BARNET.

Gladsmuir Lodge (No. 1385).—The regular monthly meeting was held at the Red Lion Hotel on Friday, the 30th ult., the W.M., Bro. J. E. Cussans, P.M. 403, P.P.S.G.W., who was warmly congratulated on having sufficiently recovered to be able to resume his duties, occupied the chair, and there were present Bros. T. Tryon, S.W.; G. Blizard Abbott, J.W.; Charles Gray, P.M., Sec.; R. Fisher Young, P.M., D.C.; Thompson, S.D.; Collingwood, J.D.; Oldfield, I.G.; Anneveld, Stwd.; Goddard, Tyler; J. Brittain, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; Euerby, P.M., P.P.G.P.; W. Lewis, P.M., P.P.G.P.; Mason, Spicer, G. T. Phillips, Curnow, Ellis, Bridgland, and others. Visitor: Bro. Dr. Haskins.

The minutes of the September meeting having been read and confirmed, Messrs. F. H. Phillips and H. F. P. Inglis, who had been unanimously elected at the previous meeting, were introduced and initiated into the mysteries of the First Degree, after which Bros. Ellis and Bridgland were passed to the F.C. Degree.

A sum of £3 3s. having been voted to the Barnet Cottage Hospital, and notice having been given of a motion to vote the usual sum in order to present a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Cussans on his vacation of the chair in January next, the lodge was closed, and the brethren afterwards dined together and spent a most enjoyable evening.

BRIGHTON.

Earl of Sussex Lodge (No. 2201).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Royal Pavilion, on the 31st ult. The lodge was opened by Bro. the Rev. E. R. Currie (Dean of Battle), W.M., the following officers and brethren being present, viz.: Bros. A. King, S.W.; C. W. Hudson, S.D.; J. P. Slingsby Roberts, J.D.; C. Bamfylde Warre, D.C.; R. Percy Clowes, I.G.; Chapman Marshall, Org.; R. Pidcock, Stwd.; H. H. Hughes, Tyler; C. W. Randolph, P.P.S.G.W.; Sir W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., P.M., D.P.G.M.; R. Clowes, P.M., P.G.S.; Gerald W. E. Loder, M.P.; Gerald E. Beddington, Montague S. Pilcher, Lennox

Browne, P. Saillard, W. F. Pilcher, and Seymour Burrows. The visiting brethren included Bros. S. H. Soper (Mayor of Brighton), P.M. 732, P.P.G.D.; W. E. Morrison (Mayor of Eastbourne), P.M. 1110, P.P.J.G.W.; W. Doman, W.M. 35; W. Wright, W.M. 311, P.J.G.W.; F. Carr, 1466; T. C. Woodman, P.M. 271; P.P.G.D. of C.; G. Wilson, W.M. 1619; E. D. Sapey, W.M. 1141; R. Weston, W.M. 1303; J. Terry, P.M. 315, P.P.A.G.P.; F. C. Edwards, W.M. 40; B. F. Meadows, W.M. 1842; W. H. Causton, P.M. 1726, P.P.G.D.; T. Burne, W.M. 1726; L. Jeffery, W.M. 916; W. Oswald Thompson, P.M., P.G. Chap. England; A. F. Lamette, J.W. 271, 1303; J. Newbery, P.M. 574; W. F. Booth, S.D. 732; J. Dennant, P.M. 271, P.P.G.D.; J. Wood, J.W. 1636; I. D. Dowdall, W.M. 271, P.P.G. Chap.; E. A. Buchanan, 1829; J. Turton, S.W. 811; A. J. P. Wise, 92; G. M. Smith, P.M. 1797; C. Nye, W.M. 2187, P.P.G.S. of W.; E. Broadbridge, P.M., P.P.G.D.; F. Holford, P.M. 811, P.P.G.D. of C.; L. Sarre, 1402; W. H. Cockburn, 1466; J. A. Strachan, P.M. 414; W. C. Newsam, W.M. 1821; J. L. Brigden, P.M. 732, P.P.G.W.; F. Daniel, P.M. 732, P.P.G.D.; T. Billing, P.M. 271, P.P.J.G.W.; J. K. Nye, 732; J. Bradford, W.M. 732; J. Sayers, 1636; E. G. Whittle, W.M. 811; W. Kuhe, P.M. 271 and 1636, P.G.O.; C. A. Smith, W.M. 1466; and G. Cole, P.M. 1636, P.P.G.O.

The chief feature of the meeting was the installation of Bro. A. King, Mus. Doc., P.G. Org., as W.M. The ceremony was impressively performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. the Very Rev. E. R. Currie. The newly-installed W.M. appointed his officers for the ensuing year, and those present were invested with the insignia of their respective offices as follows: Bros. C. W. Hudson, P.P.G.W., S.W.; J. P. Slingsby Roberts, Prov. G. Stwd., J.W.; Very Rev. E. R. Currie (Dean of Battle), P.G.C. England, P.P.G.C., Chaplain; Major-General Barnett Ford, P. Dist. G.D. Bengal, Treas.; V. P. Freeman, P.G.D., P.P.G.W., Prov. G. Sec., Sec.; R. P. Clowes, S.D.; Chapman Marshall, J.D.; C. Bamfylde Warre, P.P.G.D., D.C.; G. E. Beddington, I.G.; R. Pidcock, P.P.G.R., Steward; and H. H. Hughes, Tyler. Bro. Currie was presented with a Past Master's gold jewel, in appreciation of the admirable manner in which he had carried out the duties of his office during the past year.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where they sat down to an excellent banquet, under the presidency of the newly-installed W.M., Bro. A. King.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The W.M. proposed "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," the last named being responded to by Bro. Oswald Thompson, P.G.C.

The Worshipful Master next gave "The Prov. G.M., his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught; the Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. the Right Hon. Sir W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., Judge Advocate-General, P.G.S.; and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past." In speaking of his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, he said few words only were needed, for all had recently seen how admirably the Prov. Grand Master had done his work at the Prov. Grand Lodge meeting. In Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott they also had one with whom they were well acquainted, and one who had worked well for the province. The Past and Present Officers were a host in themselves. In submitting the toast, he spoke in the warmest terms of the excellent work of the Prov. Grand Secretary.

Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott, in responding, bore testimony to the great interest taken by H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught in the Sussex Province. Within the past few days he had presided at Prov. G. Lodge meetings held at Brighton and Chichester, and had, that afternoon, attended a meeting at Salisbury, where he had installed the Prov. Grand Master of Wiltshire.

Bro. T. Billing also acknowledged the toast, congratulating the W.M. on his installation.

Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott next proposed "The W.M. of the Earl of Sussex Lodge." The members of the lodge were proud, he said, in having Bro. King as their W.M. He was known in every Sussex lodge and outside those lodges; and all who had musical ears could well appreciate his admirable work in the Earl of Sussex Lodge and the Provincial Grand Lodge.

Bro. King was warmly received on rising to respond. He said he felt deeply the warm and hearty manner in which the toast had been proposed, and the kindly reception given to it by the brethren. To him Masonry meant much beyond its social aspect, for were its principles thoroughly carried out there would be less trouble and much more happiness in the world. He appreciated the great honour which had been conferred upon him, and would do his utmost to preserve the honour and dignity of the lodge.

The Worshipful Master in proposing "The Visitors" gave them a hearty welcome.

Bro. S. H. Soper (Mayor of Brighton) responded. He congratulated the W.M. on his accession to office, and wished him and his officers a happy year. He had been officially associated, he said, with Bro. King, of whom, as a Doctor of Music, the town was proud.

Bros. W. Kuhe and J. K. Nye also acknowledged the toast.

The remaining toasts were "The Past Masters of the Lodge," to which Bro. R. Clowes responded; "The Worshipful Masters of the Lodges in the Province," which Bros. Bradford, Whittle, and Smith acknowledged; "The Officers of the Lodge," to which the Secretary replied; and the Tyler's toast.

During the evening a very pleasing programme of music was admirably sustained by the Lewes Orpheus Glee Union—Messrs. Albert Barnard, J. Farncombe, W. N. Barnard, C. R. Wells, and E. T. Hall. Mr. P. J. Starnes accompanied with great skill. An especial feature of the programme was a glee, "The True Beauty," composed expressly for the occasion by the W.M., Bro. Alfred King. Its rendering proved so enjoyable that it was unanimously encored.

CAMBRIDGE.

Isaac Newton (University) Lodge (No. 850).—The installation meeting was held at the Red Lion Hotel, on Tuesday, the 27th ult. Bro. Walter H. Francis, W.M., had a very busy day, beginning with initiations and raisings and subsequently installing his successor, Bro. G. F. Rogers, M.A., in an admirable manner. The ceremony was attended by brethren from the lodges of the sister Universities and many other visitors.

Bro. Francis obtains a "record" in this lodge of unique progress, inasmuch as he has initiated no fewer than 38 candidates during his year of office. Bro. H. Trevor-Jones previously held the highest record with a total of 36. The following were invested as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. W. H. Francis, I.P.M.; F. O. Carr, S.W.; A. Hill, J.W.; Rev. J. H. Gray, P.M., Chap.; F. C. Wace, P.M., Treas.; Dennis Hall, P.M., Sec.; R. P. Simpson, S.D.; C. H. French, J.D.; H. S. Cronin, D.C.; T. E. Worledge, I.G.; and Ellis and Allen, Tylers. Upwards of 50 brethren afterwards sat down to banquet.

CHINGFORD.

Warner Lodge (No. 2256).—The installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on Tuesday, the 13th ult., at the Royal Forest Hotel. There was a very large attendance of brethren, including Bros. Courtenay Warner, P.S.G.W.; F. M. Mercer, W. B. Whittingham, G. M. Long, M. Baillie, S. Herbert, C. G. Cutchey, G. R. Brown, A. Dummett, Dr. C. G. Dunbar, J. Holland, J. H. Wildash, E. G. Tagg, J. H. Hands, jun., Walter Latter, James Bird, W. Carruthers, Wain, J. W. Calver, A. D. Stephens, N. Fortescue, F. Finch, Church, I.P.M., Sec. 1305; Becher, 1305; Ackworth, Prov. G. Treas.; Symes, 205; Nell, P.M., J.W. 2278; Manuelle, 45; Hind, 1489; Loder, 179; Peck, 2374; Duck, S.W. 898; Porter, S.W. 1013; Bundy, P.M. 1531; Mumford, P.M. 1538; Abbott, W.M. 2077; Harris, 1278; Ellis, W.M. 1314; Bromhead, P.M. 2318; Howard, 72; Goodwin, 619; Colsell, 1095; Church, Organist 1305; and J. Dring, 2318. Bro. J. Scoresby-Jackson, P.P.S.G.D., W.M., presided.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. J. J. Briginshaw, P.G.S., S.W., W.M. elect, was impressively installed as W.M. by the retiring W.M., Bro. T. Scoresby-Jackson. The W.M. then appointed the following as his officers: Bros. J. Speller, S.W.; G. Hurley, J.W.; Rev. H. A. Allpass, Chaplain; W. Shurmur, Treasurer; H. Comins, Secretary; R. Kershaw, S.D.; W. P. Allen, J.D.; W. Latter, Organist; W. Finch, D.C.; Rev. M. Rees, I.G.; and G. M. Long, and F. Taylor, Stwds. The ceremony of initiation was then ably performed by the W.M., and Bro. A. G. Stephens duly admitted into Freemasonry. The W.M. was unanimously elected as Steward for the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

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

The W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were most heartily received.

Bros. Courtenay Warner, P.S.G.W.; Rev. Matthew Rees, P.G. Chap.; and J. Ackworth, P.G. Treas., replied for "The Prov. Grand Officers."

Bro. T. Scoresby-Jackson, P.P.S.G.D., I.P.M., proposed, in felicitous terms, "The Health of the Worshipful Master."

The W.M., in replying, said he deeply felt the honour the brethren had conferred upon him that day; he was proud of the high position, and it would be his constant endeavour to maintain the high reputation of the lodge. He thanked the brethren heartily for the very cordial manner in which they had received the toast. He felt unable to express all he would like to say, but assured the brethren that what was not expressed in words he felt in his heart.

The W.M. then proposed the following toasts: "The Initiate," "The Visitors," "The Installing Master," and "The Officers of the Lodge," all of which were heartily responded to.

An excellent musical entertainment was given during the evening under the direction of Bro. W. Latter, P.G. Org., by Bros. A. Weston, E. Loder, F. Taylor, and F. M. Hind, which materially added to the enjoyment of the brethren and visitors present.

An interesting feature of the proceedings was the presentation to the retiring Master, Bro. T. Scoresby-Jackson, of a beautiful jewel, unanimously awarded by the lodge. In presenting the decoration, Bro. Briginshaw, W.M., expressed the great pleasure it gave him, on behalf of the brethren, in bestowing a recognition of the services that had been so ably rendered to the Craft by the Immediate Past Master during his term of office.

Bro. Scoresby-Jackson, I.P.M., responded, and warmly acknowledged the honour conferred upon him.

YERSEY.

Yarborough Lodge (No. 244).—This prosperous lodge held its regular monthly meeting at the Masonic Temple, Stopford-road, St. Heliers, on Wednesday, the 14th ult. There were present Bros. J. A. Balliene, W.M.; Major J. T. du Jardin, P.M., acting I.P.M.; J. E. Hamon, acting S.W.; Jas. Caton, J.W.; C. Donaldson, P.M., Treas.; Thos. Adderson, P.M., Sec.; A. Anslow, S.D.; H. J. Gilley, acting J.D.; C. H. Wilson, acting Org.; Josh. Lesbirel, I.G.; L. P. Hespirdoux, P.M.; Clement Baker, P.M.; E. Leigh-Bennett, P.M.; F. A. Bossy, Wm. Statt, John Durell, P.M. 590; F. Le Feuvre, P.M. 877; H. Ahier, Sec. 590; and several other members and visitors.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. C. W. Wyatt was passed to the Degree of F.C., the W.M. performing the ceremonies with much impressiveness. The tracing board was delivered by Bro. L. P. Hespirdoux, P.M. Altogether a great improvement in the working of this lodge is observable, for which the brethren are indebted to the unflagging zeal and energy of their Preceptor, Bro. Jas. Caton. A candidate was proposed for initiation at the next meeting. After several items of business connected with the administration of the lodge had been disposed of, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment.

The harmony of the evening was much enlivened, by Bros. Thos. Adderson, H. J. Gilley, Organist of the lodge, and others. We may here state that the ceremonies in this lodge are much enhanced by a kind of choir service ably got up by Bro. C. H. Wilson, late Org., now J.D. This lodge is now one of the most prosperous as its progress since 1885 (as shown by the lodges directory at the end of their by-law book) has been most marked.

LICHFIELD.

St. John's Lodge (No. 1039).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 28th ult., at the George Hotel, when there were present Bros. Col. Foster Gough, LL.D., Prov. Grand Master, G. Haynes, W.M.; T. Cox, S.W.; A. Smyrk, J.W.; Perkins,

P.M., P.P.A.G.P., Treas.; Gladman, P.M., Sec.; Lloyd, S.D.; Mounsdon, J.D.; W. B. Ashmall, P.M., P.P. J.G.D., D.C.; Moore and Garmstone, Stwds.; Bullock, Tyler; J. Fowler, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; F. Harper, P.M.; Buckley, Barnes, and Eyles.

The minutes of the last regular lodge were read and confirmed. The Prov. Grand Master in addressing the lodge complained of the want of punctuality in opening the lodge. He strongly urged upon the members to give their support to the Masonic Charities, which were entitled to the greatest consideration. Bro. Col. Foster Gough, before leaving the lodge expressed his approval of the work done. Notice was given of a proposal to vote the sum of £2 2s. to the Gould Annuity Fund, this scheme being strongly recommended by the Prov. Grand Master. The lodge was then closed.

MANCHESTER.

Minnehaha Minstrel Lodge (No. 2363).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 26th ult., at the Victoria Hotel. Bro. Seth Wrigley, P.M., S.W. and W.M. elect, was installed into the chair, the ceremony being performed by Bro. M. Thomas, P.J.G.D., W.M., assisted by a Board of Installed Masters.

The following brethren were present: Bros. Martin Thomas, W.M.; J. C. Wood, I.P.M.; Seth Wrigley, S.W.; R. W. Wollaston, J.W.; C. Harrop, Treas.; Fred. Hilton, Sec.; W. A. Brabner, S.D.; C. H. Beaver, J.D.; Hy. Nall, D.C.; E. Smith, Org.; Chas. Mercer, Stwd.; A. J. Schofield, Arthur B. Barlow, J. W. Lloyd, Thos. Hamnett, J. H. Hayes, H. W. Brockbank, J. H. Lilley, Edgar Armstrong, O. Gags, W.M. 2156; F. Watson, C. Duckworth, W.M. 204; C. H. Normanton, J. E. Law, and J. B. Kirk, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. John Chadwick, P.G. Sec.; V. M. Vultchoff, W.M. 317; S. I. Thomson, W.M. 2109; D. D. Macpherson, P.M. 103; A. Hebden, P.M. 1458, P.D.G.D.C.; W. W. Lofthouse, W.M. 1052; J. W. Abbott, P.M. 1030, P.P.G.D.C.; John Hinchliffe, 204; J. H. Dalglish, I.P.M. 1147; C. Mackey, J.W. 2231; F. D. Ballard, 1052; J. H. Sillitoe, P.G. Std. Br. England; M. G. Wilson; A. H. Jefferis, P.P.G. D. of C.; A. B. Taylor, 2185; and A. G. Cook, 426.

Royal Arch.

Star Chapter (No. 1275).—The election meeting of the above took place at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, on the 27th ult., when there were present Comps. Benedetti, M.E.Z.; Grummant, H.; North, J.; Cowley, P.Z., S.N.; C. H. Stone, P.S.; and Fry, A.S. The Past Principals were Comps. Hilton, Williams (S.E.), Crook, Addington, and Elliott, and the following companions, Eckersall and Patrick, P.Z., Janitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The election of officers then took place for the ensuing year. A letter of apology from Comp. Haggai was read for non-attendance through illness. The business of convocation ended, the companions adjourned to supper, ably presided over by the M.E.Z. At the close the loyal and Royal Arch toasts were given most suitably by the M.E.Z., and most cordially received.

The M.E.Z. next gave that of "The Grand Officers," praising their endeavours to promote the best interests of all.

The toast of "The M.E.Z." was next given by Comp. Crook, I.P.Z., in a very few appropriate and well-chosen remarks, which were well received.

In reply, Comp. Benedetti thanked the companions for their kind expressions, for which he was deeply sensible. He knew the considerate manner in which he had always been received by them, and he trusted that his successor would receive such; in fact, he knew he would, for those who succeeded to the chair were most ably supported.

The toast of "The H. and J." was next given by the M.E.Z. in fitting terms. He regretted the absence of the H. on account of illness, but the duties had been ably carried out by Comp. Grummant. They all knew the capabilities of Comp. North, J., and he would make an excellent H.

The toast was received most cordially, and Comps. Grummant and North very suitably replied.

The M.E.Z. next gave the toast of "Comp. Grummant, Treasurer, and Comp. Williams, Scribe E.," remarking that the Treasurer was most careful about the funds of the chapter, which could not be placed in better hands. Of the S.E., none knew his value more than he. Comp. Williams had been connected with the chapter from its consecration, had become a P.Z., and had since carried out the duties of S.E. for many years in a very perfect way. The toast was well received.

In reply, Comp. Grummant heartily thanked the companions for the cordial manner the toast had been received. He trusted that during the coming year they might have more exaltees, for there always had been perfect concord among the companions, and with such a rosy hue he hoped the Star in the East would go on and prosper, and thereby largely add to its funds.

The S.E. also heartily thanked the companions for the manner the toast had been received, remarking since the consecration of the chapter he had never been without a collar, and he was grateful for the honour in re-electing him S.E. So long as his avocations permitted, would he devote his abilities most cheerfully for the chapter.

The toast of "The Past Principals" was next given by the M.E.Z., who stated they were the very life and soul of the chapter, and he was delighted to see such an array.

Comps. Crook, I.P.Z., and Addington most suitably responded, stating they were pleased to see the excellence with which the M.E.Z. performed his duties and in keeping up the good name which the chapter had always enjoyed.

The Janitor's toast closed a most enjoyable meeting.

SHIPLEY.

Moravian Chapter (No. 387).—A regular convocation of this chapter was held at the Salthair Institute, on Wednesday, the 21st ult., when there were present Comps. Wm. Oddy, Z.; J. L. Atherton, Prov. G.H., H.; John Tillotson, J.; T. Denby, P.Z., Treas.; T. M. Holmes, P.Z., as S.N.; J. T. Last, as P.S.; John Niven, A.S.; John Thornton, G. H. Macgregor, and W. Slicer. Visitor: Comp. J. Wilson, P.Z. 302.

The minutes of the regular convocation held on the 1st July were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. J. B. Fearnley, Sec. 2321, which proved in his

favour, and he was exalted to the Supreme Degree of a Royal Arch Mason by Comp. Atherton, Prov. G.H., who also gave the mystical lecture and explained the signs peculiar to the Degree in his usual graphic and able manner. Two propositions for exaltation at the next meeting of the chapter were received, and after apologies had been tendered on behalf of several absent companions, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to refreshment, and afterwards spent a pleasant evening.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and Comps. Holmes and Last contributed songs and music to the harmony of the meeting.

TWICKENHAM.

Sir Francis Burdett Chapter (No. 1503).—A meeting of this chapter was held at the Albany Hotel on the 21st ult. Among those present were Comps. Capt. T. C. Walls, P.P.G.P. Soj., P.Z., S.E., acting M.E.Z.; W. Taylor, P.Z., P.P.G.J., Treas., acting H.; Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, P.Z., P.P.G.J., acting J.; A. Toulmin, jun., P.S.; and Harrison, Janitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. W. J. Hakim, P.M. 141, and it proving to be unanimous, he was duly exalted. The election of Principals and officers for the year ensuing then took place, with the following result: Comps. W. Taylor, M.E.Z.; Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, H.; A. Toulmin, jun., J.; Capt. T. C. Walls, S.E.; W. J. Hakim, S.N.; and Harrison, Janitor. A vote of thanks was passed and ordered to be entered on the minutes to Comp. Dunkley, P.P.G. Org., for his second year's services as M.E.Z. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. Gurney, E. W. Jenkins, H. Hosken, M.A., P.Z.; H. H. Room, P.Z.; and others.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet. The usual toasts followed.

Mark Masonry.

Earl of Carnarvon Lodge (No. 211).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, on the 29th ult. Among those present were Bros. F. E. Pocock, M.D., W.M.; S. H. Parkhouse, S.W.; H. Kiallmark, M.D., acting J.W.; Monson, M.O.; Wadham, S.O.; J. N. Frye, P.M., Treas.; Capt. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., P.G.S.B., Sec.; Rickwood, P.M.; and Schofield, Tyler.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. S. H. Parkhouse, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. J. N. Frye, Treasurer; and Bro. Schofield, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to the W.M. A notice of motion was given to remove the lodge to Mark Masons' Hall. Apologies for non-attendance were read from Bros. Lawson, P.M.; Goodall, P.M.; F. C. Frye, P.M.; Cama, P.M.; and others. A proposition for advancement having been handed in, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

Upon the removal of the cloth, the usual toasts received full justice. The W.M. gave the toasts briefly but pertinently.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.

Industry Lodge (No. 293).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Jackson-street, on Monday, the 2nd inst., when there was a good muster of brethren present. The W.M., Bro. R. Wilson, presided, and was supported and assisted by Bros. W. Brown, I.P.M.; Robert Whitfield, P.M.; W. F. Carmon, P.M.; John Page, P.M., D.C.; John Wood, P.M., Treas.; C. B. Ford, P.M., as S.W.; W. Richardson, J.W.; A. Simpson, M.O.; J. A. Armstrong, S.O.; J. R. Short, J.O.; A. Dodds, Reg. of Marks; T. R. Jobson, Sec.; C. P. Laidler, S.D.; W. Stafford, J.D.; H. Jackson, I.G.; R. Ferry, Org.; T. Chegwidan and J. K. Sinton, Stwds.; J. Curry, Tyler; W. Holtzappel, W. J. Jobson, F. J. Busby, J. Hedley, and Isaac Taylor. Amongst the visitors were Bros. J. S. Bell, P.M., W. M. Lyons, P.M., F. J. Schnitger, Sec., and W. T. Hall, all of the Northumberland and Berwick-on-Tweed T.I. Lodge; and Thomas Purvis, W.M. 293.

The ballot having been taken for Bros. J. R. J. Douglass, Gosforth Lodge, and Jas. McCaldin, Montank Lodge, U.S.A., the candidates were duly advanced by the W.M., who explained the working tools, &c. The nominations for Treasurer and other officers followed, after which the proceedings closed and the members adjourned to the refreshment room.

MANCHESTER.

St. Andrew's Lodge (No. 34).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 29th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street. In the absence of the W.M., Bro. J. T. Richardson, P.M., P.P.G.I. of W., took the chair. The following brethren were present: Bros. Clare Edgar Towell, S.W.; G. S. Smith, J.W.; G. A. Myers, S.O.; A. K. Boothroyd, J.O.; J. M. Sinclair, P.M., P.P.G.M.O.; F. Stretch, Sec.; J. M. Veal, S.D.; J. Walker, J.D.; P. D. Langley, I.G.; Julius Laurisch, J. T. Richardson, P.M., P.P.G.I. of W.; W. Nicholl, P.G.D. England; and Julius Arnersberg.

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. Jacques, of the Avon Lodge, which proved favourable, but unfortunately he had a most important business engagement which prevented him being present. There was a proposal for another candidate for advancement. We congratulate the lodge upon the great progress it has made during the last year or two by the great exertions of some of its members, especially Bro. C. E. Towell, S.W.

SUTTON BRIDGE.

Nene Lodge (No. 427).—The ordinary meeting of this lodge, which was consecrated by Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.W., Grand Secretary, in January last, was held on Wednesday, the 28th ult., Bro. G. Woodward, W.M., in the chair. Bros. J. H. Carter, P.P.A.G.D.C., and L. Hampson were elected for advancement. Bros. Chas. E. Ward, S.W., was elected W.M., and Bro. Mark Cox and D. Oliver re-elected Treasurer and Tyler for the ensuing year. On the proposition of Bro. Ward, by-laws for establishing a Benevolent Fund to support the Mark Charities were adopted. A vote of condolence with Mrs. Mills on the death of the late Bro. W. Mills, J.W., was passed, 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. Lyell, W.M.; Janau, S.W.; Livett, J.W.; Westley, Preceptor and Treas.; Poole, acting as Sec.; Cheese, S.D.; King, J.D.; Lavington, I.G.; Weeks, Tyler; Folkard, Churcher, Cochran, Nettleship, Steele, Ellson, Morris, Rashleigh, and Windsor. Visitors: Bros. J. W. Forrest, 1044; T. Chesterton, 1331; and J. Broomfield, 2345.

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. Windsor having offered himself as a candidate, was initiated, the W.M. giving the charge. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The ceremony of raising being announced, and Bro. Folkard having offered himself as a candidate, and having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Folkard raised to the Degree of M.M. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. Bros. Forrest, Chesterton, and Broomfield were unanimously elected joining members. Bro. Janau was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 2nd inst., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. J. W. Belsham, W.M.; C. Coleman, S.W.; M. J. R. Dundas, J.W.; Geo. Read, P.M. 511, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; J. C. Conway, S.D.; E. Thos. Ginder, J.D.; M. Rosenberg, I.G.; W. Jackman, Stwd.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425, Dep. Preceptor; J. R. Allman, P.M. 1425; J. W. Stretton, P.M. 753; J. Bartlett, P.M.; J. C. Cuff, P.M. 511; J. S. Henry, E. J. Reed, C. Godfrey, E. A. Boughton, J. T. Shapcott, N. Spyer, and L. J. Powell. Visitors: Bros. John J. Jonas, 96; G. Weaver, 733; and J. Mason, 2206.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Powell being the candidate. Bro. Coleman, at the request of the W.M., assumed the chair. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Bartlett being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. G. Read was re-elected Treasurer and Preceptor, Bro. H. Dehane, Secretary, and Bro. W. H. Chalfont, Deputy Preceptor for the ensuing 12 months, and the following brethren as Auditors, Bros. Allman, Cuff, and Ginder, which compliments were duly acknowledged. After "Hearty good wishes" 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. R. Loomes, W.M.; H. B. Harding, S.W.; R. W. Nicole, J.W.; W. Hancock, Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; J. Duncan, S.D.; Melton Smith, J.D.; H. J. Kembell, jun., I.G.; D. P. Holness, P.M.; J. Amand, T. E. Newman, A. Oliver, J. W. Clarke, C. T. Barlow, R. P. Upton, E. H. Bury, and E. J. Grubb, P.M., P.P.G.P. Bristol.

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. Upton being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Bury answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Bury being the candidate. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. Bros. Barlow and Upton were elected members of the lodge. Bro. Harding was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

LANGTON LODGE (No. 1673).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 29th ult., at the White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, E.C., when there were present Bros. G. W. Bullen, W.M.; H. E. Stenning, S.W.; P. H. Hall, J.W.; G. F. Marshall, Preceptor; J. S. Fraser, Treas.; C. W. Mapleton, Sec.; S. M. Southwell, S.D.; F. H. Daubeny, J.D.; J. H. Ashburner, I.G.; W. T. Grant, A. Toulmin, jun., E. G. Brewer, H. J. Gates, L. A. Francis, S. V. Morris, G. F. Ivey, E. Mansell, A. Smith, S. M. Smiles, S. Lea-Smith, J. H. Williams, A. R. Stenning, J. White, jun., and J. P. Simpson. Visitors: Bros. P. Sharpe, H. S. Thomas, A. Beddell, W. H. Moore, and H. Ough.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of passing and the explanation of the tracing board were rehearsed, Bro. A. R. Stenning acting as candidate. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Bro. Toulmin acting as Installing Master. Bro. H. E. Stenning was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation, and gave notice that the ceremony of raising would be rehearsed. Bros. Little, Ough, and Thomas were elected members of the lodge. The lodge was then closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. J. Wiggins, W.M. 1767, W.M.; W. Hillier, S.W.; W. G. Foster, J.W.; George Read, P.M., Preceptor; R. H. Williams, W.M. 2090, Treas.; F. Craggs, W.M. 834, Sec.; R. J. Williams, S.D.; E. E. Geflowski, J.D.; Henry Ollive, I.G.; J. Barker, W.M.; J. R. Hubbard, W.M. 463, P.J.G.D. Surrey; A. Williams, P.M.; C. Woods, W. H. Dresden, W. B. Neville, J. B. Cory, and H. Wake.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Neville acting as candidate. Bro. Dresden offered himself as a candidate for passing, and was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed, Bro. Woods offering himself as a candidate for raising, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Wiggins vacated the chair of W.M. in favour of Bro. Hillier, who rehearsed the cere-

mony of raising. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Hillier was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. Ollive was elected a joining member. A vote of thanks was passed to the Preceptor, Treasurer, and Secretary for past services, and they were re-elected to their respective offices. Bros. Hubbard, Dresden, and Hillier were elected Auditors, and the lodge was closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 20th ult., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W., when there were present Bros. Allman, W.M.; Jennings, S.W.; Brown, P.M., J.W.; J. Davies, P.M., Preceptor; E. Austin, P.M., Treas.; H. P. Gilbert, P.M., Sec.; C. M. Hagen, S.D.; Gane, J.D.; J. Arnott, I.G.; Spiegel, P.M.; Carpenter, Higginson, F. Craggs, W.M. 834; and Head.

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Higginson acting as candidate. Bro. Kington answered the questions usually put to candidates for passing. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Kington acting as candidate. The lodge was opened and closed in the Third Degree. The W.M. worked the 2nd Section of the Second Lecture, the Preceptor putting the questions. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first and second times, and Bro. Jennings was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time. The Secretary informed the brethren that the next meeting was the election of officers for the ensuing 12 months. The lodge was then closed.

ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 2nd inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, when there were present Bros. T. W. Heath, W.M.; T. C. Dyer, S.W.; C. C. Barber, J.W.; Jesse Collings, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, Sec.; B. H. Dames, S.D.; C. G. Hatt, J.D.; W. G. Foster, I.G.; G. Swann, P.M.; P. Howard, W. Dew, and T. E. P. Bell.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Dew acting as candidate. Bro. Bell offered himself as a candidate for passing, and was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Dyer was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. Bell was elected a joining member, and the lodge was closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 31st ult., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, W., when there were present Bros. W. Hillier, W.M.; F. Craggs, W.M. 834, S.W.; W. Pocock, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; H. Bright, Sec.; R. Reed, S.D.; W. Hyde, J.D.; W. J. Clark, I.G.; W. S. Whiteley, Stwd.; M. Spiegel, P.M.; A. Williams, P.M.; H. Dehane, P.M.; J. Brown, W.M. 2012; R. H. Wimpey, L. J. Powell, and H. Bone.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Whiteley volunteering to act as candidate for the raising ceremony, answered the necessary questions and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree and the ceremony rehearsed, the W.M. reciting the traditional history. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. Bro. Craggs was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

WALTHAMSTOW LODGE (No. 2192).—The weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 2nd inst., at Bridge Chambers, Hoe-street, Station, Walthamstow, when there were present Bros. G. J. Westfield, P.P.G.S.B., W.M.; R. Kershaw, S.W.; N. Fortescue, J.W.; Wm. Shurmur, P.P.G. Treas.; Preceptor; C. H. Bestow, Sec.; W. W. Cook, S.D.; F. Taylor, J.D.; J. Clark, I.G.; C. Spurgeon, Org.; J. Collett, Stwd.; J. Ives, P.M.; J. H. Wildash, P.M.; J. Pinder, P.M.; W. P. Allen, J. King, Dr. Dunbar, W. Smith, R. Jeremy, T. H. Lloyd, W. J. Short, P. D. Parsons, T. W. Stacey, P. Trickett, G. Schummer, S. C. Bateman, G. Long, C. Horst, E. James, W. J. Bastick, J. J. Brigginshaw, T. Maynard, A. H. Wilson, J. Hamilton, E. T. Fuller, G. R. Brown, C. MacColla, and J. L. Young.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. T. H. Lloyd acting as candidate, and the ancient charge was delivered by Bro. Fortescue, J.W. Bro. R. Kershaw was unanimously elected to occupy the chair at the ensuing meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. There being no further business, the lodge was then closed.

HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).—A meeting was held on the 30th ult., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. W. H. Chalfont, H. 975, M.E.Z.; J. C. Tilt, 1st A.S. 862, H.; G. March, M.E.Z. 733; J.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; W. Hillier, 834, S.N.; G. Gregory, 2nd A.S. 862, P.S.; and R. Larchin, P.S. 862.

The chapter was declared open, the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Larchin being candidate. Comp. Gregory received a vote of thanks for the very able manner he had rehearsed the duties of P.S. for the first time. The M.E.Z. rose the usual number of times, and after "Hearty good wishes," had been accorded the chapter was closed.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell, on Friday, the 30th ult., when there were present Comps. Grumant, M.E.Z.; Scott Young, H.; Phillips, J.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; C. H. Stone, S.E.; Hill, S.N.; C. Plant, P.S.; Capt. G. F. Smith, Towers, Corpe, Meierhoff, Dale, Braik, Pullen, Patrick, C. W. Davis, Warren, Roe, C. Wilson, Mayo, Cowley, and H. Martin.

The chapter was opened, and the ceremony of installation of Second Principal was rehearsed, Comp. Hill installing Comp. Grumant. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation

was rehearsed, Comp. Braik personating the candidate. Comp. Roe, 1329, was elected a joining member. Comp. Hilton, Preceptor, was congratulated upon the great success the chapter was attaining. Comp. Hilton suitably replied, and announced that he would represent this chapter of instruction at the next Festival of the R.M.B.I. Comp. Scott Young was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting, when an installation will be worked. The chapter was then closed.

Red Cross of Rome and Constantine.

COCKERMOUTH.

Dykes Conclave (No. 36).—The annual assembly of this conclave was held in the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday afternoon, the 28th ult. Em. Sir Knight R. Robinson, P.S., occupied the throne, in the unavoidable absence of the M.P.S., Em. Sir Knight R. Walker, Em. Sir Knight J. Paterson, V.E., also being in the western seat of honour. Amongst others present were Ill. Sir Knight W. H. Lewthwaite, Senior Grand General of the Order, P.S. and Rec.; and Em. Sir Knights H. Peacock, P.S.; and C. Gowan, P.S.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, apologies were read from the following members, who were out of town: Ill. Sir Knight Col. F. R. Sewell, P.S., Chief Intendant-General of Cumberland and Westmorland; Em. Sir Knights G. Dalrymple, P.S., G. Herald; W. F. Lamony, P.S. 36 and 143 (Melbourne); R. Shepherd, V.E. elect; and R. Walker, M.P.S. The new M.P.S., Em. Sir Knight J. Paterson, was duly enthroned by the presiding officer, while the consecration of Sir Knight R. Shepherd as V.E. had to be postponed in his absence. The subordinate officers were invested, after which a candidate was proposed.

The conclave was then closed, and the sir knights adjourned to the Globe Hotel, where an elegant refecton waited them.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

Shadwell Clerke Chapter (No. 107).

A meeting of this chapter was held at 33, Golden-square, on Wednesday, the 28th ult., when there were present Ill. Bros. John Read, 30°, M.W.S., in the chair; W. A. Scurrah, 30°, I.P.M.W.S., Recorder; H. Lovegrove, 30°, P.M.W.S., Treas.; T. P. Dorman, 30°, Prelate; N. Goodchild, 30°, 1st Gen.; E. and P. Bros. E. Storr, 18°, 2nd Gen.; R. C. Leversedge, 18°, Raphael; L. M. Biden, 18°, Capt. of Guard; G. J. Dunkley, 18°, Org.; M. Ill. Bro. Lieut.-Col. G. Lambert, 33°; Ill. Bro. W. R. Palmer, 30°; E. and P. Bros. A. Scurrah, Stiles, Longman, and Fry. Visitors: Ill. Bro. Sir G. Harris, 31°; E. and P. Bros. James Shilcock, 18°, M.W.S. 10; Rev. H. F. Oliver, M.A., 18°; S. Hodgkinson, 18°; and S. B. Hudson, 18°.

The chapter was opened, and the usual routine business proceeded with. After a successful ballot, three candidates were perfected, viz., Bros. Stevens, Purrott, and Jay. This being the annual period of installation, Ill. Bro. Palmer, 30°, who was elected at the previous meeting, was presented to Ill. Bro. Read, M.W.S., and was by him installed into the chair of M.W.S. The M.W.S. invested and appointed the following brethren to office for the ensuing year: Ill. Bros. T. P. Dorman, 30°, Prelate; N. Goodchild, 30°, 1st Gen.; E. and P. Bro. E. Storr, 18°, 2nd Gen.; Ill. Bro. John Read, 30°, I.P.M.W.S., Recorder; Henry Lovegrove, 30°, P.M.W.S., Treasurer; E. and P. Bros. R. C. Leversedge, 18°, Grand Marshal; H. E. Coffin, 18°, Raphael; L. M. Biden, 18°, Dir. of Cers.; W. M. Stiles, 18°, Herald; A. H. Scurrah, 18°, Captain of the Guard; G. J. Dunkley, 18°, Organist; C. H. Fry, 18°, Steward; and Austen, Outer Guard. The M.W.S. presented Ill. Bro. Read, 30°, with a P.M.W.S.'s jewel, for which Ill. Bro. Read returned thanks in a suitable manner. The Recorder then read the correspondence, and the meeting adjourned.

The brethren subsequently dined together at the Criterion, at which the M.W.S. presided. After the banquet, the toasts were considerably enlivened by some vocal music, admirably rendered by Miss Matthews, Miss Annie Wilson, Bro. Hanson, and Mrs. Hodges, under the direction of and conducted by Ill. Bro. John Read, 30°.

Knights Templar.

PROVINCIAL PRIORY OF DEVONSHIRE.

The annual convocation of the above Provincial Priory was held on the 29th ult. at Torquay, under the banner of the Royal Sussex Preceptory. Five guineas were voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The Treasurer, Sir Knight W. Taylor, added another five guineas to that donation, and that sum was directed to be carried to the list of the Provincial Prior as a Steward for the Institution for the year.

The Priory was opened by the P.P., supported by Sir Knights E. Aitken-Davies, as Past Guard of the National Priory; J. Chapman, Guard of the National Priory; J. Lane, P.G. Reg., as Prov. G. Constable; P. B. Clemens, Prov. G. Marshal; W. Taylor, Prov. G. Treas.; and H. Stocker, P.G.C.D. There were also among the fratres present Sir Knights W. J. Hughan, P.P.G.P. Canada; J. Austin, P.P.G.E.; Geo. Dunster-ville, H. Loyal Brunswick Preceptory; J. Taylor, E.P., F. C. Frost, P.P.G.W.R., T. H. Wills, Marshal, and T. A. Blackler, C.G., all of Royal Sussex Preceptory; W. H. Dillon, Aide-de-Camp; and Frater J. Gidley, Guard.

The PROV. CHANCELLOR reported that the members registered had not increased during the past year.

The PROV. TREASURER reported that all the liabilities had been met, and there remained a satisfactory available balance in hand.

Sir Knight F. C. Frost was elected Treasurer.

The Prov. Prior invested as his officers—

Sir Knight	John Brewer ...	Prov. Sub. Prior.
"	Rev. G. T. Warner,	
"	M.A. ...	Prov. Prelate.
"	H. Stocker ...	Prov. Chancellor.
"	Jno. Chapman ...	Prov. Constable.
"	Josiah Austin ...	Prov. Marshal.
"	F. C. Frost ...	Prov. Treasurer.
"	J. Jerman ...	Prov. Registrar.
"	W. Trevena ...	Prov. V. Chancellor.
"	Jno. Taylor ...	Prov. Sub-Marshal.
"	Rev. T. Russell ...	Prov. Almoner and Chap.
"	H. J. Edwards,	
"	Mus. Doc. ...	Prov. Herald.
"	F. Crouch ...	Prov. Std. Br. (Beau.).
"	F. R. Thomas ...	Prov. Std. Br. (V.B.).
"	J. Kinton Bond,	
"	B.Sc. ...	Prov. Prior's B.B.
"	J. B. Gover ...	Prov. C.G.
"	T. H. Wills ...	Prov. S.B.
"	H. B. Stark ...	Prov. O.
Frater J. Gidley ...		Prov. Guard.

Sir Knight W. J. HUGHAN, who was cordially received as a distinguished visitor, said it was the first time such a meeting had been held at Torquay, and curiously on the occasion of its being the centenary of the Great Priory. Many priories of Knights Templar had been held long before, but 1791 was the first occasion when a Grand Conclave had been held for England, and that was held under that distinguished Sir Knight Thomas Dunckerley. Since then Knight Templary had made considerable progress in England. It was Masonry worked in connection with a Christian Order, and it was rather strange that it had not made even wider progress throughout Great Britain. In the United States of America and in Canada it had been taken up with greater enthusiasm. In the States there were not less than 80,000 members, and there they were trained, and even drilled, after the manner of soldiers, and formed a disciplined and very important body of considerable influence in promoting the objects of the Order. In Canada they were also very well organised, and were very creditable to Masonry. With the progress of Masonic information in England he believed they might look forward also to a much wider extension of their numbers.

Sir Knight CHAPMAN thanked the Prior for selecting Torquay to hold his meeting at. That town had very interesting Knight Templar reminiscences. Near where they were then met many valiant knights embarked to proceed to the Holy Land.

WAKEFIELD MASONIC LITERARY SOCIETY.

The first meeting of the winter session of this flourishing society, of which the Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire, Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P., is President, took place at the Masonic Hall, Zeland-street, Wakefield, on the 27th ult. In the unfortunate absence of Bro. Tew, who is unable at present through illness to discharge the active duties of his office, the chair was taken by Bro. Henry Smith, his Deputy. There was a good attendance, including Bros. Walter Fennell, W.M. 154; Schotten, W.M., H. Oxley, P.M., B. F. Glover, P.M., H. Goodyear, P.M., E. Pickersgill, P.M., J. Martin, A. Leach, S.W., Kingswell, T. Horner, and P. Whittaker, of 495; H. G. E. Green, P.M., Prov. G. Sec., J. J. Martin, P.M., W. Hall, T. Gosney, and J. Matthewman, P.M., of 1019; H. S. Childe, S.W. 154; the Secretaries of the Society, and others.

The minutes of the last meeting held on the 20th April, at which Bro. Jos. Binney, P.M. 139, gave a very interesting paper, with cleverly executed illustrations, on "Hiram Abif and the Temple," were read and submitted for confirmation.

After apologies for absence had been announced, Bro. Hy. SMITH introduced the lecturer for the evening. This was Bro. E. Pearson Peterson, W.M. of the Acacia Lodge, No. 2321, Bradford.

Bro. PETERSON then gave a most interesting and instructive lecture on "Masonic Triads." Commencing at the very earliest periods, he showed how the mystic number three permeated all religions and all systems of philosophy, and illustrated it by instances from those of the Greeks and Romans, the Platomists, the Buddhists, the Egyptians, and the Druids. China and Japan, Hindostan and Scandinavia, Phœnicia and ancient Israel contributed each in their turn instances to show the prevalence of the Triad system. Coming to Freemasonry, examples without number were easily re-called, most of them familiar to the mind of every brother. In a most pleasing manner Bro. Peterson kept the attention and sustained the interest of the brethren throughout his lecture, which was delivered without notes, and at its close comments were made by several of the audience of a very complimentary character. Discussion it could not be called, for there was nothing in the lecture which elicited any difference of opinion, but Bros. Oxley, Fenrell, Kingswell, Schotten, and others expressed their views and contributed cases which added other links to the chain of evidence which has been so carefully compiled and so skilfully arranged by Bro. Peterson.

A very hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer and a similar compliment to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

After putting the last Bro. MATTHEWMAN gave notice that at the invitation of their President, the Very Rev. A. P. Purey-Cust, D.D., Dean of York, P.M. 2328, Past Grand Chaplain of England, had kindly consented to give an address to their Society at their next meeting, an announcement which caused universal satisfaction. So eminent a divine and so good a Mason cannot fail to prove an immense attraction, and we venture to predict that the Craftsmen of Wakefield will extend to the Dean a welcome which will be as creditable to that city as it is characteristic of West Yorkshire.

INTERNATIONAL MASONIC VISITATION.

An interesting and important fraternal visit has recently been paid by the St. Nicholas Lodge, No. 1676, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, to a lodge of Freemasons in Dublin. It appears that Bro. Thos. Pickering, of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, who is a member of the St. Nicholas Lodge, and who was initiated into Freemasonry in the Lodge of Israel, No. 126, Dublin, put himself in communication with the officers of his mother lodge, who sent to the St. Nicholas Lodge an official invitation to visit Dublin, in response to which a trip was arranged by the St. Nicholas brethren, who invited members of other lodges to join them. Admirable arrangements seem to have been made at both ends, and to have been thoroughly carried out. The start on the trip was fixed for 5.15 p.m., on Sunday, the 18th ult., from the Central Station, Newcastle, where, on the muster roll being called, the following members of St. Nicholas Lodge were found to be present, viz: Bros. William Charlton, jun., W.M.; Edward Clark, P.M.; Richard H. Holme, S.W.; George Richardson, J.W.; John Graham Cole, Sec.; William A. Bell, S.D.; Richard W. Cummings, P.M., P.P.G.P., D.C.; Thomas Pickering, I.G. 24; Joseph Donkin, Robert W. Bell, J. D. Walker, Wm. Grant, Jas. Inman, John Wilson, and Geo. Donkin; and the following brethren from other lodges: Bros. W. E. Harker, W.M. 24; W. Cooper, P.M., W.M. 1342, P.P.G.D.; J. Matthews, P.M. 1342; Peter Hastie, 1342; Thomas E. Smith, P.M. 991; Robert Foggan, P.M. 1902; Rev. W. Davidson, Chap. 1902; James Carmichael, P.M. 659, P.P.G. Std. Br.; E. Foster, P.M. 659; J. Tweedie, S.W. 659; and J. Thompson, 659.

A saloon carriage having been provided by the North-Eastern Railway Company, the party entered, when each one was presented with a very handsomely got-up programme and time-table of the visit, giving every detail, including a descriptive guide to the places of interest intended to be visited and of the city of Dublin. The book (which had been prepared with great care by Bro. J. J. Irwin, P.M. of the Dublin Lodge, and a native of Gateshead-on-Tyne) was supplied by the Dublin brethren at their own cost. The cover bore at the top the coat-of-arms of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, in the centre the Masonic arms on a shamrock, and at the foot the coat-of-arms of the city of Dublin, and interlacing these devices were the words "Caed mille failthe" (a hundred thousand welcomes) "to St. Nicholas Lodge and brethren from Newcastle-upon-Tyne from the Lodge of Israel, No. 126. Dublin, October, 1891."

The programme was prefaced with the following cordial welcome:—

"To the visiting brethren from Newcastle-on-Tyne.

"Brethren,—In presenting this detailed programme of your visit, we give you all a hearty and fraternal welcome to the tents of Israel and to our ancient city. We esteem it as a great honour that this lodge should have been selected to exemplify Irish working, and also as being the one chosen in Dublin to receive such an official fraternal visit from a lodge of the sister Constitution. May we express the hope that your time with us will be pleasant and profitable, and that it may tend to still further strengthen the ties of love and goodwill which cement and unite us as members of a grand and ancient Order.

"The programme, as sketched herewith, is of necessity brief, owing to the short time at your disposal. Many of our scenic beauties are outside the city, and although you cannot view them at this time, we will express the hope that this present glimpse of Erin may induce you to return and explore still further a land which has been called the

'First flower of the Earth
And first gem of the Sea.'

"The centenary celebration of the Masonic Orphan Girls' School, to be held in May, 1892, will be a favourable time to visit Dublin, and to witness the spirit prevailing generally in our Irish Order. Commending you to the care of the Great Architect of the Universe, and wishing for each brother a time of peace, love, and harmony,—We are, dear brethren, your fraternally,

The W.M. and brethren of
Lodge of Israel, No. 126."

By the North-Eastern Railway Company the party was conveyed to Carlisle, where they joined the London and North-Western Railway Company's (Edinburgh to London) mail, by which they were taken (in a reserved carriage) to Warrington, where saloon carriages awaited them, and in these latter carriages they were taken *via* Chester to Holyhead. It was intended that they should be conveyed from Holyhead to Kingstown by the Dublin Steam Packet Company's steamer Connaught, but that vessel having been delayed (as it afterwards transpired) by a break down in her machinery, caused by a storm she met in crossing from Dublin, the party were taken on board the com-

pany's handsome new steamer Ireland, and conveyed *via* Kingstown to Dublin (Westland-row Station), where they arrived about 8 a.m. on the 19th ult. The party having been met and greeted at the station by officers of the Dublin lodge, proceeded by jaunting cars to the Gresham Hotel in Upper Sackville-street, where arrangements had been made for their accommodation.

After having had a wash-up and breakfast, to which each one did justice, the party at 9.30 a.m. mounted jaunting cars at the hotel door, and drove through the principal streets of the city to the entrance of the People's Gardens. There they alighted, and having walked through the gardens, rejoined the cars at the north side, and drove past the Headquarter Barracks of the Irish Constabulary (where the constables were at drill), through Phoenix Park, passing Viceregal Lodge, Chief Secretary's Lodge, Phoenix Monument, Ordnance Survey Depot, Hibernian Military Academy, Palmerstown Asylum, Magazine Fort, Wellington Memorial, and the spot where Cavendish and Burke were killed, thence by North Circular-road Gate (passing Richmond Asylum, St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, and crossing Royal Canal at Glasnevin Bridge) to Glasnevin Cemetery. Here the most prominent memorial is that to Daniel O'Connell, in the form of an Irish round tower, upwards of 160 feet in height. His remains are in the crypt underneath, where the visitors were shown the coffin containing them. Mr. Parnell's grave was also visited, and it seemed to be an object of very great interest, for the party experienced some difficulty in getting through the vast crowd which even at that date surrounded it.

The party, on leaving the cemetery, proceeded to Glasnevin Botanic Gardens, and having there inspected the mammoth palm house, orchid, and other houses, journeyed back to their hotel for dinner, which was served at 2 p.m. After dinner they remounted their cars and went off to Messrs. Powers' Distillery. Here they were met by the partners of the firm, who personally conducted them through the premises and explained everything, finally coming to the offices, where the visitors were entertained by the firm.

In the evening the party visited the Masonic Hall, in Molesworth-street, where, after inspecting and admiring the very handsome and complete building, they attended the meeting of the lodge of Israel and witnessed the working of Masonry under the Irish Constitution.

On the morning of the 20th the visitors, at the invitation of Lodge of Israel, again visited the Masonic Hall, where they were, with several of the Irish brethren, photographed in a group. The photograph was arranged for by the members of the Lodge of Israel, who intend to present a copy to each visitor. After being photographed, the party proceeded in brakes to the Masonic Orphan Boys' School at Richview, Clonskeagh, where they were received by Bro. Oliver Fry, Hon. Sec., and Bro. J. Holdbrook, Head Master of the school. The boys were drawn up in line to receive the visitors in front of the school, and went through a drill which would have done credit to an experienced army of soldiers. Bro. Charlton, the W.M. of St. Nicholas Lodge, having addressed a few words of encouragement and advice to the boys, asked and gained from the Head Master permission for the boys to have a holiday for the remainder of the day. The building was next inspected, and afterwards the boys treated their visitors to an athletic exhibition in the gymnasium attached to the school.

The party next proceeded to the Masonic Orphan Girls' School at Ballsbridge, where they were received by Lord Justice Fitzgibbon (of the Irish Bench), who is one of the most active Governors of the Institution, and by Bro. S. Eaves, Hon. Sec., Mrs. Neale, the Matron, and Miss Triggs, the Head Governess of the school. After an inspection of the premises by the visitors the girls went through their calisthenic exercises, and gave a sample of their musical talent, both vocal and instrumental, the whole proceedings being thoroughly enjoyed by their visitors, who all expressed their admiration of the perfection of the arrangements of the building and of the efficiency of the pupils.

Bro. DAVIDSON, the Chaplain of St. Cuthbert's Lodge, No. 1902, having on behalf of the visitors addressed the children, and the Head Governess having by request granted the girls holiday for the remainder of the day, the visitors left the building, followed by the hearty cheers of the juveniles.

The Bank of Ireland was next visited, and after an inspection of that building (which, by the way, is the old Parliament House of Ireland, and contains intact even now the chamber of the Irish House of Lords), and having seen the manufacture of Irish bank notes, the party returned to their hotel for luncheon.

In the afternoon Trinity College and the new Science and Art Museum were visited, and in the evening a banquet was given by the Lodge of Israel in the Masonic Hall in honour of the visitors. Bro. George Metcalfe, W.M. of Lodge of Israel, presided. The company numbered about 150, and included Bros. Lord Justice Fitzgibbon, Alderman Thomas Sexton, Professor Meredith, LL.D., and several other distinguished members of the Order in Ireland.

A letter was read from Bro. Lord Wolseley regretting that he could not avail himself of the invitation to be present.

The toast of "Our Visiting Brethren" was responded to by Bros. CHARLTON, W.M. 1676; CLARK, P.M. 1676; and HARKER, W.M. 24; each of whom expressed his appreciation of the truly Irish and fraternal welcome extended to the party. The arrangements for their visit they said were simply perfect, and the

hospitality they had received at the hands of their Dublin brethren had almost overwhelmed them. They had been greatly impressed with the sights they had seen, but what interested them most was the Boys' and Girls' Schools. These were Institutions which reflected the highest credit on the Masons of Ireland.

It was announced that the visitors had subscribed £10 towards the Boys' School, and that Bro. Pickering, whose mother lodge is No. 126, but who now lives in Newcastle-on-Tyne, had subscribed £10 towards the Girls' School, in addition to presenting each boy and girl with one shilling to spend the holiday.

On Wednesday, the 21st, through the kindness of Alderman Perry, the visitors were allowed to inspect the City Hall (where the late Mr. Parnell's body lay in state), the Municipal Buildings (and the ancient and interesting charters and rolls there), and the principal station of the Fire Brigade, which claims to be the oldest brigade in the United Kingdom. Afterwards they proceeded to Guinness's Brewery, the world-wide fame of this manufactory having given them a desire to include it in the list of "sights." They were cordially received, and after a rapid tour round, each member of the party was presented with one of the beautiful books entitled "A Visit to Guinness's Brewery." From this place they drove to the Royal Hospital, Kilmainham, where Lord Wolseley met the party, and personally conducted them around the dining hall, pointing out the many interesting pieces of old armour, weapons, &c. We understand that this finely-proportioned old dining hall owes its present armour-clad decorations to Lord Wolseley, who found in the Pigeon House Fort and elsewhere many neglected relics of past warfare, and had them transferred to Kilmainham. The party were much interested in all they saw, and very highly gratified to receive such a kindly and fraternal reception from Lord Wolseley. The General was accompanied by Major Childers, Military Secretary, and Lieut. Lord Edward H. Cecil (son of the Marquis of Salisbury), aide-de-camp. Kilmainham Jail was the next object of interest, and finally the Castle, with St. Patrick's Hall, &c. After entertaining some of the members of the Lodge of Israel at dinner in the Gresham Hotel, the party left Westland-row en route for Newcastle-on-Tyne, more than delighted with their trip, and full of gratitude for the kindness and goodwill everywhere shown them in Dublin. Several Dublin brethren accompanied the visitors to Kingstown to bid them bon-voyage.

The visit, we believe, has created a very warm sympathy between brethren in the two countries, and will, we have no doubt, do great good in Masonic circles, both in Newcastle-upon-Tyne and in Dublin.



Mr. H. A. Jones has never to our mind written a dull play. He could not do so. His plays may not be what are called popular ones, but they are lovely and of good report. They are brilliant in their dialogue in the author's way of conveying what he wants to teach. "Saints and Sinners" was a fine play, whilst "Wealth," "The Middleman," "Judah," and "The Dancing Girl" all are grand in their different ways. His new one, "The Crusaders," at the Avenue, is a beautiful piece, true to life, too true for many, and that is why it has not been received with general enthusiasm. Never mind, Mr. Jones, you are doing a good work in making the theatre what it should be, not only a place of amusement, but a great teacher and factor in the life of a nation. If only you can keep "The Crusaders" going for a time it will, it must live, and the lesson its story is supposed to teach London will be learnt, for London will go and see it and be taught. Yes, as Miss Olga Brandon is made to say in "The Crusaders," "we are mad," we idealists, who want to make London beautiful, London sober, London free, everyone happy; who want to crush the narrow bigoted hypocritical Puritan who would make the unhappy man's life more unhappy, who would falsely, in the name of the Deity, make this world miserable, until it became a hell upon earth, who would make every man a mean, cringing, contemptible cad. Yes, we who would try—and we only ask to be allowed to try—to make roses grow in London, and to let its inhabitants see the blue sky and all the works of T.G.A.O.T.U. as He meant them for our use and enjoyment. Yes, we may be mad, but we are the people, as Miss Brandon says, who keep the world going. The people who are always talking about preaching, about writing, about the God they profess to serve, what have they done to clothe the naked, to feed the hungry, to give the cup of cold water to the least of His children? Nothing. Mr. Jones has written a noble play and if it only lives down its first opposition it must be even a monetary success. To thoroughly appreciate all its merits it must be seen many times. In "The Crusaders" Mr. Jones has groundwork for several plays. The plot is rather weak, but it is the truisms it contains, the lesson it conveys, the bitter sarcasm it bristles with, and the magnificent acting by a most competent cast which makes it to our mind a play every one ought to see. We have not attempted to present an outline of the story according to the characters, for it would be spoilt unless given at great length, but we strongly advise our readers to go and see "The Crusaders" and judge for themselves. The

Crusaders in the 19th century are actuated to do as great a religious work as the Crusaders were in the mediæval ages. We hope Mr. H. A. Jones will take heart, and continue writing plays with a purpose.

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"Godpapa," as adapted by Mr. Phillips and Mr. Brookfield, may not have a long run, but it will be a merry one, for Mr. Charles Hawtreu is again suited with a part which fits him like a glove. Now that Bro. Wyndham has gone in for more serious characters, Mr. Hawtreu is the best fibber on the stage. He acts with such deliberate coolness that he almost convinces one he is telling the truth, and the charm of his acting is that he never over acts his part. With Miss Lottie Venne as his helpmeet, and Mr. Brookfield, Miss Annie Irish, and Miss Vane Featherstone in the company, "Godpapa" will make the Comedy Theatre ring with merriment for some time to come. If anyone wishes to have a hearty laugh let him go and spend an evening with "Godpapa."

The Craft Abroad.

MHOW.

Malwa Chapter (No. 139, S.C.).—The annual election of officers of this chapter took place at the Masonic Hall on September 23rd, when Comp. K. Bohadore Besonjee Sorabjee, H., was elected Z.; Comp. Major King, H.; and Comp. Summers, I. Comp. A. H. Etty, P.Z., undertook the offices of Scribe E. and Treasurer, and the other offices were left to be filled up at the next meeting, as many of the present members are on the point of leaving, and two fresh regiments are shortly expected. The above Principals were duly installed the same evening by Comp. Etty, P.Z., to whom the chapter subsequently voted a P.Z.'s jewel in recognition of his zeal for the chapter during the past three years, for two of which he had been Z., and for the last of which the work of the chapter had mostly devolved on him, as two out of the installed Principals had suddenly been moved from Mhow. Comp. Etty acknowledged the compliment in suitable terms, and said he should much value that souvenir of his connection with the chapter, which he expected would be sundered by his leaving for England some time next year.

The annual banquet followed, when the usual loyal and congratulatory speeches and toasts were duly observed.

Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

BIRTHS.

BECKLES.—1st inst., All Saints' Day, at Ellesmere, Christ Church-avenue, Brondesbury, the wife of the Rev. W. A. Beckles, of a son.

FLOWERDEW.—30th ult., the wife of Herbert H. Flowerdew, Walton Hall, Preston, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

GLOVER—FOSTER.—31st ult., at St. Cuthbert's, Lytham, by the Rev. G. Philpot, Rector of Gorton (godfather of the bride), John Weatherald, son of F. H. Glover, Wood End, Handforth, to Annie, elder daughter of the late John Foster, Polygon, Ardwick.

MARSHALL—FULTON.—28th ult., at Newtownstewart, by the Rev. David Morton, B.A., Wm. E. Marshall, of Abbey Wood, Kent, eldest son of William Marshall, of Bexley, Kent, to Susie, youngest daughter of the late George Fulton, of Newtownstewart, county Tyrone.

DEATHS.

GATHEHOUSE.—On the 2nd inst., at 1, Brook-street, Hanover-square, W., Harriett Elizabeth, widow of the late William Afield Gatehouse, and eldest surviving daughter of Bro. James Stevens, of Evelyn, Catford, S.E., in her 38th year.

HARDY.—1st inst., at Seafeld, Booterstown, county Dublin, Captain F. Hardy, R.N., J.P., aged 61 years.

CORNISH'S AMERICAN ORGANS.—There is no doubt the American Organs manufactured by Messrs. Cornish and Co., Washington and New Jersey, U.S.A., are excellent in tone and quality, substantially made, and well worth the moderate prices at which they are sold. The firm has been established some 25 years, and experts who from time to time have visited the factory in the United States bear ample testimony to the care bestowed on the manufacture of each instrument, so that in whatever country the purchaser may happen to reside, it will be found capable of standing the heat, cold, or moisture, as the case may be, of that particular climate. The result of this is shown by the increasing popularity of the organs made by the firm, especially in this country, in which a ready and appreciative market has been already for them. Those of our readers who may be desirous of possessing an instrument of this kind should carefully read the particulars contained in the announcement which will be found in our advertisement columns. These will give them an excellent idea of the Cornish organ, while as regards price and in other respects, they leave nothing to be desired, Messrs. Cornish and Co. undertaking to supply what is required at their own risk, and free of all charges for freight, &c., and to take back any instrument which does not give satisfaction to the purchaser.

A fire broke out at Sandringham Hall, the Norfolk seat of the Prince of Wales, on Sunday morning, when the second and third floors and the property they contained were destroyed, the damage done being estimated at from £10,000 to £15,000. Owing, however, to the pluck and determination of the firemen the rest of the building, though damaged by water, was saved.

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LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Table listing lodges of instruction with columns for location and number. Includes Cardiff, Whitehaven, Jersey, Batley, Marvport, Newcastle, Broadstairs, Halifax, Avlesburv, W. Bromwich, Lee, Stafford, Crewkerne, Wotton-under-Edge, Stockton, Cardiff, East Dereham, Kirkdale, Jarrow, Edmonton, Redcar, Liverpool, Waterloo, Workington, Liverpool, Huddersfield, Dartford, Beckenham.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11.

Table listing craft lodges for Wednesday, November 11. Includes Rochdale, Prescott, Hythe, Bolton, Bristol, Manchester, Hull, Heckmondwike, Oldham, Lancaster, Todmorden, Stockport, Yeovil, Rye, Bath, Crovdon, Haverfordwest, Gravesend, Warwick, Ormskirk, New Mills, Seaham Harbour, Dartmouth, Aberdare, Colchester, Derby, Llandudno, Shaw, Pontefract, Gloucester, Bradford, Birmingham, Tamworth, Burnley, Stalybridge, Ivbridge, Liverpool, Reading, Ilfracombe, Heaton Moor, Wymondham, Ramsgate, Douglas, Scarborough, Oakham, Aldershot, Liverpool, Dalton-in-Furness, Eastwood, Twickenham, Liverpool, Stretford, Hebburn-on-Tyne, Grange-over-Sands, Huddersfield, Middlesboro, Plympton, Amble, Spennymoor, Manchester, Hampton Court, St. Neots, Grimshy, Wavertree, Chatham, R.A. CHAPTERS, Portsmouth, Shepton Mallet, Rochdale, Stamford, Liverpool, Barrow-in-Furness, MARK LODGES, Exeter, Cokermonth, Wolverhampton, Chorley, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, Norwich.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Table listing lodges of instruction for Thursday, November 12. Includes Chatham, Dover, Tunbridge Wells, Haverfordwest, Newbury, Middlesboro, Tunbridge Wells, Sowerby Bridge, Bromley, Herne Bay, Hendon.

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 12.

Table listing craft lodges for Thursday, November 12. Includes Sunderland, Exeter, Colne, Southampton, Shetfield, Bury, Dewsbury, Liverpool, Huddersfield, Clunnsford, Haslingden, Hadleigh, Preston, Uppermill, Radcliffe, Kearsley, Clitheroe, Spalding, Birkenhead, Portsmouth, Longton, Salisbury, Howden, Brighton, Birmingham, Deal, Relper, Willington Quay, Southend, Chorley, Manchester, Lytham, Tredegar, Stoke Damerel, Melton Mowbray, Denbigh, Ashton-under-Lyne, Accrington, Manchester, St. Germans, Malvern, Eccles, Buxton, Plymouth, Sittingbourne, Chorlton-cum-Tees, Hardy, Thirsk, Newport, Mon., Loughton, Oxford, Parkgate, Tynwyn, Clevedon, Tynemouth, Whitstable, Cardiff, Alton, Langport, Beekenhams, Wallingford, Carshalton, Carshalton, Dover, Bradford, Bangor, Southwold, Godalming, Plumstead, R.A. CHAPTERS, Woodbridge, Leeds, Swindon, Harrogate, MARK LODGES, Crovdon, Ripon, LODGES OF INSTRUCTION, Leicester, Southend, Liverpool, Bristol (Province).

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Table listing lodges of instruction for Friday, November 13. Includes Gravesend, Liverpool, Batley, Leeds, Uxbridge, Manchester, Rochester, Romford, Hatfield, Leyton, Sandown, Shanklin, Wallingford, Carshalton, Carshalton, Dover, Bradford, Bangor, Southwold, Godalming, Plumstead, R.A. CHAPTERS, Woodbridge, Leeds, Swindon, Harrogate, MARK LODGES, Crovdon, Ripon.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Table listing lodges of instruction for Saturday, November 14. Includes Keighley, Bristol, Meltham, Swanage, Didsbury, Birkenhead, Leicester, Southend, Liverpool, Bristol (Province).

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