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## APPROACHING JUBILEE FESTIVAL OF THE R.M.B.I.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, in the Report which they presented at the annual meeting of the Governors and Subscribers in May last, after appealing to the Craft for a continuance of that support which had been so generously accorded them in past years, expressed the hope that "on the occasion of the Jubilee Festival in 1892, they would rally round" the Committee "in such numbers and to such good purpose" that they will feel themselves "justified in recommending a still further extension of its benefits." With this hope there is a general concurrence of feeling amongst the brethren, but the time has now come when it seems desirable that we and all who are interested in the general welfare of this important Charity—and, for the moment in a more especial degree, in the success of the approaching Jubilee—should bestir ourselves in order that when the event is celebrated the hope expressed by the Committee may be realised. Thus far we think the worthy Secretary of the Charity, Bro. JAMES TERRY, has no reason to be dissatisfied with the result of his efforts in obtaining the services of brethren as Stewards. The list of those who have given in their names to act in this capacity exceeds 500, and among them are included sundry of the Provincial Grand Masters and their Deputies, a formidable array of influential and hard-working brethren, and the representatives of many of our principal lodges in town and country. There is also another fact with which our readers must be tolerably familiar, namely, that at most, if not all, of the annual Provincial Grand Lodges which have been held during the past four months, the greatest sympathy has been expressed with this Institution, while in several cases the amount of the grant which is ordinarily voted to it on these occasions has been substantially enlarged. These two circumstances—the list of Stewards already enrolled and the increased grants from several of the Provinces—are decidedly favourable indications. They show that our lodges and brethren are wasting no time in making the necessary efforts in behalf of the Jubilee, and we trust that in the interval of between three and four months which still remains, such an addition will be made to the Board of Stewards as will put all doubts at rest as to the success of the celebration.

But the anxiety of the Committee of Management is not so much in respect of the Jubilee on its own account—though this is certainly an important element in their consideration—but because, as they tell us in their last Report already referred to, they are desirous of "recommending a still further extension" of the benefits dispensed by the Institution to our aged indigent brethren and their widows. They are bold men, these members of the Committee. They have appreciably increased the number of annuitants on the Male and Widows' Funds during the last ten or a dozen years, so that the Institution already stands committed to an annual expenditure for annuities alone of upwards of £15,000, while the income, including the grants from Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter—which are not necessarily permanent—is only about £4000. But their wish is no more than natural. They know better than the Craft generally how numerous is the body of brethren and widows of brethren who, by unavoidable circumstances, have been reduced from affluence to penury; how great is the amount of suffering which prevails amongst them; and how imperative it is that at a Festival of more than ordinary importance like the approaching Jubilee, an extraordinary effort should be made, and successfully made, so that they may feel themselves justified in recommending a still further increase in the number of annuitants. At the election in May last there

were 147 candidates, of whom 66 were for the Male Fund and 81 for the Widows' Fund. Of these there still remain on the lists no less than 106—namely, 45 men and 61 widows—while the number of those whose petitions have been—or before the year's end will be—approved will, in all probability, and in spite of the greater stringency of the qualifications, raise the total to between 130 and 140. There are thus good and sufficient reasons for this anxiety of a Committee which, in the face of recent increments and more stringent qualifications, finds itself year by year confronted with an array of candidates, of whom only a very moderate proportion can be admitted to the benefits of the Charity. It will, indeed, be a most gratifying result of the efforts which the Committee and their Secretary are now making, if the proceeds of the next Anniversary Festival of an Institution which is doing such a vast amount of good for our indigent Old People should prove to be of such magnitude as will enable the Committee to increase its funded property and at the same time recommend a "further extension of its benefits."

There is another circumstance to which reference may properly be made. The Secretary in his circular to the lodges calling their attention to the near approach of the Jubilee Festival expresses a hope—not perhaps in so many words—that the authorities of the Institution may be able to enlist the active sympathy in its behalf of the most illustrious of all English Freemasons, who has just been celebrating in the privacy of his family the Jubilee anniversary of his birthday. Bro. TERRY has also enumerated the additional privileges in the shape of votes which the Committee, after due consideration, has resolved on offering to the brethren as an inducement to them either to act on this special occasion as Stewards, or to contribute to the funds of the Charity. As regards the first of these statements we are not in a position to say anything more than that the authorities are endeavouring to enlist the support of the illustrious personage indicated, and we trust their endeavours will be successful. As regards the special inducements held out to brethren to give their support to the Charity next year, the fact that upwards of 50 brethren have already given in their names as Stewards and that a large number of these are justly hopeful of being able to compile exceptionally large lists of contributions, is evidence that the inducements in question have not been offered in vain. We are aware there are those who look upon these special votes as involving a certain amount of injustice to brethren who have contributed in past years or who may contribute in future years amounts of equal value for fewer privileges. But to all such brethren we take leave to point out that an extraordinary effort on some particular occasion and for a special purpose may reasonably be considered a justification for granting extraordinary privileges. The Committee, as we have said, are anxious to obtain such an amount as will enable them to increase the funded property and extend—with the sanction and approval of the general body of Governors and Subscribers—the benefits of the Institution to more of those who are applying for them than the present circumstances of the Charity justify. To do this they must raise a far larger amount than is obtained at ordinary Festivals, and every one must realise for himself that this will involve a greater amount of labour and enthusiasm than usual. We, therefore, regard this offer of special privileges as justified by the special requirements of the occasion.

It only remains for us to repeat the hope we have already expressed—that the Committee of Management and Bro. TERRY, by the extraordinary efforts they are now making, may succeed in obtaining such a sum as will enable them to recommend an increase in the number of annuitants, so that the present list of candidates may be brought within more manageable compass, and every brother and widow whose petition is accepted in future years may see before them a fair chance of their being admitted *within a reasonable time* to the benefits they so urgently need.

## M.W. BRO. J. ROSS ROBERTSON, G.M., AS A MASONIC AUTHOR.

### "CRYPTIC AND KNIGHT TEMPLAR DEGREES."

As a writer and as a worker, Bro. Robertson (of Toronto), the esteemed Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada (Ontario), is simply inexhaustible, and appears to increase in vigour and capacity as the demands on his time, his abilities, and his energies multiply. Of his extraordinary generosity and benevolence I need not say a word now, as his overflowing goodness is known and appreciated far and wide. My object in this brief article is to refer to two works of a very important series now published and on sale\*, and to express the hope that we shall soon have the other two, in completion of the quartette of volumes, on the history of Craft, Royal Arch, Cryptic, and Knight Templar Masonry in Canada. Not that these exhaust his contributions as a literary Freemason, as there is still another book to be mentioned, viz., "Talks with Craftsmen and Pencillings by the Wayside, 1890."

### "THE CRYPTIC RITE."

I confess it was a surprise to me to receive this volume, running to some 250 pages of closely printed matter, because it did not seem to me possible to devote so much space to such a subject and not be tedious. A perusal of the handsomely got up work, however, dispels any idea of weariness, and leads me to the conviction that it is the standard book in the English language concerning the Royal, Select, and Super-Excellent Degrees.

These ceremonies now conferred in Councils more or less separate, but virtually connected with Royal Arch Grand Chapters, were in early days given under the wings of Supreme Councils of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, though Bro. Robertson claims that they existed even prior to the formation of these *hautes grades*.

Capitular and Cryptic Masonry are hand in hand, as exponents of principles and ceremonies dear to both Rites, and generally speaking they appear to flourish side by side. In Division XIV. of the "History of Freemasonry and Concordant Orders, 1891,"† due attention is paid to the Cryptic Degrees by Dr. Grissom, who pays a graceful and well-earned tribute to Bro. Robertson, as also to Bro. J. H. Drummond, who contributes to the volume by the latter Craftsman. It fell to my duty to write a brief account of those Degrees in England and Scotland for this new and very popular history of the "Fraternity Company," but their career in this country of late years only dates from 1871, yet they evidently were worked—one or more—in England at least a century ago, and possibly earlier. The best pamphlet on the general subject is by Bro. C. K. Francis, of Philadelphia, U.S.A.‡

The special features of Bro. Robertson's work are the abundance of facts furnished relating to all departments of the subject, and his readiness, not only to utilise the researches of his fellow labourers, but his generous acknowledgments for aid rendered, or light obtained from all sources, are scattered throughout its pages.

Such authorities as the revered General Albert Pike, the lamented Dr. Albert Mackey, and Bro. J. H. Drummond, the chief American writer on the historical side, are naturally and wisely frequently quoted and referred to by Bro. Robertson, besides which the origin and progress of all Grand Councils in the world are ably treated and carefully described at more or less length, as their age or importance demand. In fact, Bro. Robertson has been *thorough from beginning to end*.

### "THE KNIGHTS TEMPLARS."

Bro. Robertson has dedicated his "History of the Knights Templars of Canada" to our mutual friend the Grand Chancellor, M.W. Bro. Daniel Spry, P.G.M. of Canada, &c. The terms of the compliment certify that Bro. Spry is "A frater who has endeared himself to the author, through long years of personal friendship, and whose excellent qualities of heart and hand have raised him to a high place in the esteem of all Craftsmen." This we all steadfastly believe, who enjoy the friendship of Daniel Spry as brethren and fellows of Chivalric Masonry.

The massive volume of 400 pages is rich in facts and bristling with statistics and information respecting the Knights Templars. Concerning the Order originally, Bro. Robertson, save in a brief introduction, has discreetly left that department in the hands of his numerous predecessors, but concerning the *Masonic* body, he has written so much and so well, that the work is the recognised authority for Canada, besides taking front rank with all the general treatises on the subject which have been issued of late years.

As the author truly observes in his very short preface, "*the work speaks for itself*." The records are as complete as fallible man can make them. . . . The archives of every preceptory from the Atlantic to the Pacific have been searched, and their records read and carefully examined."

More than this, many of the famous "Allocutions" delivered by the beloved Col. W. J. B. Macleod Moore, Grand Master, at the annual meetings are to be found in the interesting volume. These tend to make the work still more valuable, as, excepting in the "Fraternity Company's" History, those inimitable addresses by the chief Masonic Templar authority in the world will be all the more welcome, since the lamented ruler has gone to his reward.

The old warrant of 31st October, 1800, granted for Kingston "under the sanction of Lodge No. 6," is given in facsimile, and the documentary evidence else abounds. My impression is that more material has been found and used in this grand volume than could be obtained for a similar work in this country, and I cannot conceive any intelligent Knight Templar in Great Britain and Ireland, after perusing Bro. Robertson's important History, not wishing another such work was written by a brother equally well informed and competent in reference to the Degrees of Masonic Knighthood in this country. With all good wishes and thanks to Bro. Robertson, especially in advance for the two concluding volumes of the series on the Craft and Royal Arch, I am now awaiting the advent of the next book by this accomplished and industrious Craftsman.

W. J. HUGHAN.

\* "The Cryptic Rite, its Origin and Introduction on this Continent, 1888." Price, 7/6; and "History of the Knights Templars of Canada from the Foundation of the Order, with an Historical Retrospect of Templarism, 1890." Price, 10/6. Bro. G. Kenning, London.

† Boston U.S.A., and George Kenning, London.

‡ Pittsburgh, 1888, and the new History, Division XIV.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORLAND.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Assembly Rooms, King's Arms Hotel, Wigton, under the banner of St. John's Lodge, No. 327, on Friday, the 6th inst., when, in the absence of the P.G.M., through indisposition, Bro. L. F. B. Dykes, P.G.D. England, D.P.G.M., presided, with Bro. Col. Sewell, P.P.S.G.W., as D.P.G.M., and the following Present and Past Grand Officers were in attendance: Bros. G. J. McKay, G. Std. Br. England, P.G. Sec., and W. F. Lamonby, Past S.G.W. of Victoria. They were received in form, and saluted according to rank, and

Bro. W. F. LAMONBY thanked the D.P.G.M. and the brethren of his mother province, on behalf of the sister Grand Lodge of Victoria, for the hearty welcome they had given him on his return to his native country.

It is just turned 19 years since the Prov. Grand Lodge assembled under the banner of No. 327, which is one of the senior lodges of the province, its warrant bearing date 21st April, 1809.

The following members were also in attendance:

Bros. Rev. J. S. Ostle, M.A., P.G. Chap.; Rev. J. Ewbank, P.G. Chap.; Rev. J. Anderson, P.P.G. Chap.; Dr. Muir, P.M. 872, P.S.G.D.; J. B. Thwaites, P.M. 339, P.J.G.D.; F. Toombs, P.G.S. of W.; H. Wynn, P.M. 1400, P.G.D.C.; G. Hill, P.M. 1390, P.A.G.D.C.; W. S. Ponton, P.M. 327, P.G. Purst.; J. Bewley, P.M. 1989, P.S.G.W.; J. Sewell, P.G. Tyler; E. J. Burgess, P.M. 327, P.G. Stwd.; W. Matthews, P.M. 1532, P.G. Stwd.; William Armstrong, P.M. 1267, P.G. Stwd.; Captain Broadbent, W.M. 119; G. Starkey, P.M. 119, P.G. Stwd.; T. Richardson, 119, P.P.G. Tyler; J. Baty, P.M. 310; W. Pogson, H. Court, P.M.; J. T. Graham, J.W.; J. J. Hamilton, P. Graham, R. A. Clarke, J. Robinson, P.M. 327; J. Gate, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; J. Pearson, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; T. Richardson, S.W.; J. W. Kirkland, P.M.; R. Pearson, 327; J. Harris, P.M. 327; G. Smiley, 339; W. H. Hoodless, P.P.G. Purst.; J. Lazonby, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; D. White, W.M. 327; Rev. Wm. Cree, 339, 1074, P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. Simpson Yeates, 339; E. B. Penrice, P.M. 371; J. Dickinson, P.M. 371, P.P.G.D.C.; T. Mandle, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; J. Abbott, P.M., P.P.G. Stwd.; Rev. W. T. Melrose, 371, P.P.G. Chap.; J. Messenger, P.P.G. Tyler; J. Ward, P.M.; J. Reed, W.M. 371; H. Murphy, T. Ormiston, P.M. 310, P.A.G.D.C.; D. Atkinson, W.M. 872; J. Moffatt, P.M.; E. Pattinson, S.W.; W. H. Brockbank, E. Loach, W.M. 962; D. H. Windeler, T. Mason, P.M. 1002, P.P.G.P.; J. Hewson, S.W., P.P.G. Tyler; J. Towers, J.W.; Rev. H. D. Rawnsley, P.M. 1073, P.P.G. Chap.; W. Hodgson, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; J. K. Lawies, J. Gibson, F. Treeby, J. F. Hope, J.D.; T. Usher, P.P.G. Tyler; H. Hallowell, I.G.; J. Scott, C. Christopherson, J. Forester, 1220; G. Brooker, 1073, P.P.G. Purst.; E. K. Bouch, 1025; J. Nelson, P.M. 1267, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Armstrong, P.M.; W. Irving, S.W. 1267; J. Mills, P.M. 1390, P.P.S.G.D.; J. Kerly, P.M. 1400; T. B. Roxby, Tyler; J. Nicholson, S.D.; W. Bellingham, J. R. Bell, F. Neill, T. E. Bedford, T. J. Richardson, W.M. 1532; John Wakefield, W.M. 1660; E. Jackson, J.D.; J. Singers, D.C.; J. Dickinson, I.P.M. 1989; C. Gowan, P.M. P.P.G.S.B.; T. Temple, Tyler; G. Watson, S.D.; T. A. Argles, P.M. 2217, P.P.G. Reg.; and others.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was opened, and the roll of lodges called, when all were represented, with one exception. The muster from the other 19 lodges was all that could be desired, many having travelled a distance of nearly 100 miles to be present.

The minutes of the last half-yearly meeting, held at Whitehaven last May, were read and confirmed.

In the unavoidable absence of the P.G. Treasurer, Bro. McKay read a statement of accounts, which showed a balance to credit of £57 9s.

Fifty guineas and 10 guineas having been voted to two Institutions during the year, on the motion of Bro. Col. SEWELL, seconded by Bro. SPITTALL, P.S.G.W., the accounts were passed as read.

Bro. Col. SEWELL moved, and Bro. SPITTALL seconded, that Bro. R. J. Nelson, P.M. 129, be again elected P.G. Treasurer, which was unanimously carried.

The D.P.G.M. then invested the following as Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. T. A. Argles (High Sheriff of Westmorland)...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Henry Bewes, P.M. 327 ...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. J. Ewbank, 1002 ...	} Prov. G. Chaplains.
" Rev. W. Cree, 1074 ...	
" R. J. Nelson, P.M. 129...	Prov. G. Treas.
" John Nelson, P.M. 1267 ...	Prov. G. Reg.
" G. J. McKay, G. Std. Br. England	Prov. G. Sec.
" G. Starkey, I.P.M. 119 ...	Prov. S.G.D.
" Dr. White, W.M. 327 ...	Prov. J.G.D.
" T. J. Richardson, W.M. 1532 ...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" E. J. Burgess, P.M. 327 ...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. Kerly, P.M. 1400 ...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" W. Armstrong, P.M. 1267 ...	Prov. G.S.B.
" J. S. Moffatt, P.M. 872 ...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" E. Loach, W.M. 962 ...	
" E. Kassell, W.M. 1074...	Prov. G. Org.
" Geo. Dalrymple, P.M. 872, 1660 ...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" Joseph Wilkinson, P.M. 1989 ...	Prov. G. Purst.
" John Dickinson, P.M. 1660 ...	Prov. Asst. G. Purst.
" Capt. Broadbent, W.M. 119 ...	} Prov. G. Stewards.
" A. C. Hardy, W.M. 129 ...	
" J. Wharton, W.M. 310...	
" T. Atkinson, W.M. 1002 ...	
" G. Brooker, W.M. 1073 ...	} Prov. G. Tyler.
" Wm. Heathcote, W.M. 1989 ...	
" J. Wakefield, W.M. 1660 ...	

The P.A.G. SECRETARY read the report adopted by the Charity Committee, which showed three local grants, viz., six, five, and three guineas, which were unanimously confirmed as read.

The P.G. SECRETARY read his annual report, which showed the province was still moving in the direction of prosperity. The annual returns and collection of votes had been well attended to, and two brethren represented the province at the Boys' Festival last June—Bros. Dalrymple and Paterson—with lists; the former £161 3s. 6d. and the latter £105; and two boys were elected to the School last month, not leaving a candidate upon the list. As many of the brethren were aware, it would soon be the silver wedding of the P.G.M. as chief of the province, and also another matter they could not

pass over without special notice. Next year would be the Jubilee of the R.M.B.I., and if the province would only support a scheme he (Bro. McKay) had consulted the Charity Committee upon, much good would result from it, and no more suitable time could have been selected than the 25 years of his lordship's reign and the Jubilee Festival of the Benevolent Institution. The scheme was to purchase a presentation in the R.M.B.I., to be called the Bective Presentation, and he now moved that the same be fully considered at the next meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge.

Several brethren spoke favourably of the scheme, and notice of motion was ordered to be entered accordingly, with a recommendation from Bro. Rev. H. D. RAWNSLEY, P.P.G. Chap., that all the lodges in the province be written to anent the same.

Bro. DALRYMPLE, Secretary for the Cumberland and Westmorland Masonic Educational Fund, read a report of the doings for the year of its adoption, which showed that all the lodges, chapters, and conclaves had unanimously adopted the scheme, and had promised to support the same, and as an evidence of the latter, nearly all the lodges in the province had either from the lodge funds or private subscriptions handed in a list creditable to all. The grand total had reached the handsome sum of £174 1s., and with little effort.

One member from each lodge was then elected to serve on the Committee, and seven lodges (as per By-law 24) had the right to nominate a member to serve. Bro. John Mills was unanimously elected Treasurer to the Fund, and Bro. Dalrymple, Hon. Sec.

Bro. MILLS gave notice of motion that the title of the Fund be for the future "Educational and Benevolent Fund."

Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren were marshalled in processional rank to the parish church, where Bro. Rev. J. S. OSTLE, M.A., P.P.G. Chap., preached an excellent sermon from St. Luke x. and 29, the procession was re-formed and marched back to the King's Arms, and subsequently to the Market Hall, where a banquet was served by mine hostess, Mrs. Martin, of the Lion and Lamb Hotel, worthy of the highest praise.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master having to leave by an early train, Bro. McKay, P.G. Sec., presided, supported by the Prov. Grand Chaplains and the W.M. of 327 on the right, and Bros. Lamonby and Mills on the left, with the Prov. Grand Wardens west and south.

The usual loyal toasts were given from the chair.

The first Masonic toast—"The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales; the Pro G.M., the Earl of Lathom; the Deputy G.M., the Earl of Mount Edgcombe; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past"—was proposed by Bro. W. F. LAMONBY, P.S.G.W. Victoria, who said that he desired to be permitted the expression of the assumption that the honour of proposing the toast could not have fallen into more appropriate hands; this he observed more from the fact that he was a Past Grand Officer from a sister Constitution 13,000 miles away. But, though they had in the Colony of Australia thought fit to cut the painter cord that bound them to their mother Grand Lodge of England, he could assure them that no body of Masons could possibly express a greater affection and veneration for the Grand Lodge of England than did the various Colonial Grand Lodges. The best proof of this was the fact that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was the Grand Patron of Masonry in all the Australian Colonies where there was a Grand Lodge, and he could further inform them that that was a toast that preceded all others at their Masonic gatherings. He coupled the toast with the name of their president of the evening—Bro. G. J. McKay, G. Std. Br. of England—and he (Bro. Lamonby) assured them that he read in the English papers with the greatest possible pleasure and gratification the announcement that H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. had been graciously pleased to honour Bro. McKay with the purple of Grand Lodge, because there was no other who had worked harder or better deserved the reward, for more than 20 years he had done good work.

Bro. McKay replied for Grand Lodge, and thanked Bro. Lamonby for his kind expressions of the fraternal spirit that existed between the Grand Lodge of England and Victoria, and hoped it would long continue to be so, and said he could assure our worthy brother that he was much pleased on being invested as a Grand Officer.

Bro. LOACH proposed the toast of "The W.M. of 327, Bro. Dr. White."

Bro. WHITE briefly replied, and said he was pleased that Provincial Grand Lodge should have visited Wigton during his Mastership.

The other toasts that followed were "The Visitors," "The Masonic Charities," and the Tyler's toast closed a most successful gathering.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF OXFORDSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held on Thursday, the 22nd ult., in the Apollo Masonic Hall, Frewen-court, Oxford. The whole of the lodges in the province were represented, there being upwards of a hundred brethren present. The roll of the lodges was called, and the minutes of the last annual Prov. Grand Lodge were read and confirmed. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary of England, by the authority of the Prov. G.M., Bro. the Earl of Jersey, attended and invested Bro. Viscount Valentia, P.G.W., as Deputy Prov. G.M.

The PROV. GRAND SECRETARY made a report of the lodges in the province, which was satisfactory.

The PROV. GRAND TREASURER made his reports and presented his accounts, which were duly passed, and he then moved grants from the funds of the Prov. Grand Lodge to the Masonic and other Charities.

The Prov. Grand Treasurer was unanimously re-elected, thanks being given to him for his services.

The report of the Charity Committee was read and adopted, and Charity jewels were presented to Bros. W. R. Bowden, 340 and 1515; W. R. Cooper, 599; F. H. Holmes, 1895; and G. S. Russell, 1399. Bars for the jewel were presented to Bros. P. Colville Smith, 357; Capt. G. P. Airey, 340; and Rev. H. Adair Pickard and H. O. Wakeman, of 357.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER announced the consecration of a new lodge in the province at Burford, which would very shortly take place.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master then appointed and invested the officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Bro. P. Colville Smith, 357	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" S. J. Shipp, 340	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. W. H. Hughes, 357	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" W. G. Emberlin, 340	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" M. U. Weyland, 478	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" W. L. Morgan, 357	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Dan Symes, 1515	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" Col. J. C. Lockwood, 1036	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" F. H. Clapper, 1703	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" Viscount Doneraile, 357	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" A. R. Lloyds, 1895	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" F. M. Davies, 478	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" W. Strange, 599	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" J. Tanner, 1763	...	...	
" J. J. Turner, 340	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" A. Rowley, 340	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" C. Bathurst, 357	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" F. H. Holmes, 1895	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" E. H. Cartwright, 357	...	...	Prov. G. Stewards.
" Rhodes, J.W. 1895	...	...	
" T. Sayre, 2334	...	...	
" E. Rice, 357	...	...	
" J. Freeman, 1399	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" E. J. Giles, 340	...	...	
" G. R. Norwood, 357	...	...	

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the banqueting room, where an excellent entertainment had been provided for them. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master presided, and the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

## LODGES OF INSTRUCTION: THEIR USES AND DEFECTS.

*Read at a meeting of the Graystone Lodge of Instruction, No. 1915, Whitsstable, 29th October, 1891, by SIBERT SAUNDERS, P.M., Prov. G. Stwd. Kent.*

Under a strong conviction that the value of a lodge of instruction as an important adjunct to every regular lodge is not fully estimated by the brethren generally, I have ventured to put my ideas on the subject into writing in the hope that when communicated they may be discussed in such a fraternal spirit as shall ultimately lead to a truer appreciation of the causes which at present prevent the lodge of instruction from commanding warm and hearty support.

The importance of some system of instruction is admitted by all who value a correct and dignified rendering of the ritual, not only in conferring the several Degrees, but also in the ceremonies of opening and closing the lodge.

The impression made upon a candidate for initiation or for the reception of the subsequent Degrees (the last of which, remember, we call "Sublime") will depend very much on the way in which the ceremonial is carried out. If the various officers do their work smartly, but with reverence and calm dignity, the candidate feels at once the *reality* of what he is being introduced into; but if he is conscious that those who are bringing him into the mysterious precincts of Freemasonry of which he has heard so much in the outer world, or who are guiding him up the symbolic steps to a higher Degree, play their part in a halting, uncertain, slovenly fashion, the high ideal he may have formed of the revelation that awaited him fades away, and he comes to the conclusion that, after all, Freemasonry is but a commonplace affair, and such it will probably be to him ever afterwards, for first impressions are strong and lasting. But not only in its bearing on the candidate is proficiency on the part of the officers important. It is also of great value in keeping alive in the members the true spirit of enthusiasm for our secret arts and hidden mysteries. The mere opening and closing of the lodge, well done, affords a constant opportunity to the thoughtful Mason for realising his privilege in being a member of a Society which has been inspired by Wisdom, is supported by Strength, and embellished by Beauty. On the contrary, the frequent repetition of these ceremonies carelessly performed blunts his sense of their true meaning until in time he forgets that *every* part of our system has its symbolic teaching for the brother who can read it aright.

Nor is it alone for the officers present or prospective that instruction is needed. There is also much to be learnt by the brethren generally about the history and development of Freemasonry—about its relation to the great Operative Guilds of the Middle Ages on the one hand, and the ancient mysteries and philosophies on the other; about the connection between the "Fraternity of Dionysian Architects" of Tyre and our ancient brethren, the builders of the Temple of Solomon, and about the high teachings which speculative Masonry has evolved from the material work of the operative builders, and which is communicated to us in the symbolism of the Order. If Masons generally were better acquainted with what has been written on these subjects, they would be able to take a more intelligent interest in the ceremonials of the Craft, and thus value more highly than they now do every opportunity of meeting in lodge.

My own opinion is very strong that information on the matters I have just referred to ought to be imparted in the regular lodge. That at least on those evenings when there is no ceremony connected with the conferring of Degrees an opportunity should be given for some qualified brother to read an original essay or an extract from some reliable author on points connected with the principles and practice of Masonry.

But if it is not considered desirable to introduce this method of teaching into the regular lodge, then, certainly, information on these matters should somehow be communicated to the members of the lodge of instruction, otherwise what opportunity has the ordinary brother in the provinces of acquiring such knowledge?



Comparatively few have access to the works of the great masters of our art, and those who have that privilege would be glad to interchange with other brethren the knowledge thus acquired. The injunction is laid upon every initiate into our mysteries that he is to make a "daily advancement in Masonic knowledge." What opportunities for such advancement are ordinarily afforded to the neophyte by the lodge through whose portals he has been allowed to cross the threshold of the mystic temple?

I do not forget that in many lodges of instruction the authorised lectures (so called), which are really a catechetical instruction in the ceremonies of the Craft, are "worked" regularly, and exceedingly valuable and interesting is the instruction thus given; but as been well said of Mackey, "These lectures constitute the simple text of Masonry, while the extended illustrations which are given to them by an intelligent Master or Lecturer, and which he can only derive from a careful study of scripture, of history, of the manuscript lectures of the philosophical Degrees, and, lastly, of the published works of learned Masonic writers constitute the commentary, without which the simple text would be comparatively barren and uninteresting. These commentaries are the philosophy of Masonry, and without an adequate knowledge of them no brother can be entitled to claim our technical title of 'a bright Mason.'" I believe that the working of the lectures in those lodges of instruction which have not as yet taken them up would do much to increase the interest of the brethren in the meetings of the lodge, as it would certainly increase the knowledge both of the brethren who worked the Sections and of those who heard them.

A common defect in lodges of instruction is the somewhat free and easy manner in which the business is carried on, especially when the instruction is not given in the regular lodge room with those surroundings which in a well-appointed lodge go far to ensure soberness of thought and seriousness of manner in those who meet there. Considerable freedom of speech and action must be allowed in the lodge of instruction, but I am satisfied that the more the brethren keep in mind the "dignity and high importance of Freemasonry," and all that concerns its ritual and teaching, and comport themselves accordingly, the more will they experience satisfaction in their meetings for instruction, and the lessons learnt there will be real and abiding. Anything like levity during the rehearsal of a ceremony should be as impossible in the lodge of instruction as in the regular lodge, otherwise the effect upon some of the younger brethren—to whom, perhaps, the same ceremony may only recently have been a solemn reality—must be disastrous, by raising a suspicion in their minds that the solemnities of the Masonic temple have made no abiding impression on the hearts and minds of those who habitually take part in its sublime ritual. It may help to enforce my argument for strict regularity and decorum in the lodge of instruction, if I remind the brethren that such a lodge can only be held under certain conditions laid down in the Book of Constitutions.

1. It must be under the sanction of a regular warranted lodge, or by special license of the Grand Master; and the lodge giving its sanction is answerable for the proceedings.—(Rule 158.)

2. Notice of the time and place of meeting is to be submitted for approval to the Grand Secretary or Provincial Grand Secretary.—(Rule 159.)

3. Minutes of the proceedings are to be kept, and produced when called for by the Grand Master, the Provincial Grand Master, the Board of General Purposes, or the lodge granting the sanction.—(Rule 160.)

4. The lodge which has sanctioned a lodge of instruction may at any time withdraw that sanction.—(Rule 161.)

It will be observed that these regulations, while insisting that no lodge of instruction shall be held except under official recognition and sanction, and that a systematic record shall be kept of its proceedings, do not define the scope of its functions or the character of its work. Hence it is important that each lodge of instruction should frame a set of by-laws for its own government, while the mode of carrying on the work is left to the judgment of the Preceptor, and his authority must be recognised as absolute. Here, I think, we may notice another defect in some lodges of instruction arising from a want of firmness on the part of the Preceptor in asserting himself, and insisting on a high standard of excellence in the rehearsal of the ritual. Attention should be closely given to *actions* as well as to words, and both should be worked up to a point as near perfection as the circumstances of the lodge and the attainments of the brethren render possible. Of course this means much repetition of certain parts of the ceremony, and much painstaking labour on the part of those who are working; but, unless they are prepared for this, brethren had better not attempt to work the ceremonies in the lodge of instruction, and still less in the regular lodge. The method of perambulating the lodge, the presentation of the candidates to, and reception by, the Wardens, and the method of advancing to the E. in the several Degrees are matters of great importance, apart from the correct rendering of the dialogue in each case.

Too much is sometimes attempted at each sitting. Better to get through less work and, by reiteration of faulty portions, ensure improvements, than to hurry through a whole ceremony without pausing to consider whether it is being done *as well as it can be by those who are rehearsing it*. The recital of O.B.'s, addresses, charges, and the like may well be omitted, unless there is abundance of time at the disposal both of the Preceptor and the brethren.

I now come to what I consider two radical defects in the method of carrying on most lodges of instruction. The first is a waste of time and opportunity by the assumption of offices in the lodge of instruction by brethren who cannot possibly take up the same offices in a regular lodge for some time to come. Take for example the putting a Deacon, or some brother below that rank into the chair of W.M. in the lodge of instruction. Such a brother *must*, by the Constitutions, serve at least one year, and will probably serve two years as a Warden before he can be installed in the chair of K.S., and that period will be his opportunity for qualifying for the Master's chair. On the contrary, a Deacon, or any other brother, may be called on to fill a Warden's chair in a regular lodge at any moment, and, therefore, he should acquire proficiency in the Warden's work.

It seems reasonable that Present or Past Wardens of a regular lodge only should in turn take the chair of W.M. in the lodge of instruction, while brethren below the rank of Warden should have all the offices below the Master's chair open to them. The other point on which I presume to differ from many Preceptors and Past Masters is the custom of passing from one Degree to another at each successive meeting of the lodge of instruction. If the usual, and very desirable, system of a regular rotation of the officers is observed, the brother who begins as I.G. should have the opportunity of progressing through all the other offices step by step. But if, concurrently with the rotation of officers, there is a change of Degree, then the I.G. in the First Degree finds himself at the next meeting J.D. in the Second Degree; and when the First Degree comes round to him again he will be

promoted to the chair of J.W. without having gone through the important offices of J.D. in that Degree, or of S.D. in the Second Degree. I hold that it would be far more profitable if one Degree were rehearsed continuously for at least five successive meetings, when it might give way to another Degree to be worked in the same exhaustive manner.

In conclusion, I venture to think that if half the time allotted to each meeting were spent in ritual rehearsal on the lines I have indicated, and half in working some portion of the authorised lectures in a systematic manner, or in discussing some of the many questions which might be raised relating to Masonic history, jurisprudence, or ritual, a lively interest would be aroused in the proceedings of the lodge of instruction, and the pleasure and profit thus experienced could not fail to be reflected in the meetings of the regular lodge.

## AN ORATION.

The following oration was delivered by Bro. E. T. Fulford, P.M. 1254, P.P.G. Treas., on the occasion of laying the foundation-stone of a Masonic Hall at Budleigh Salterton, on Wednesday, August 26. The stone having been duly laid and tested by Bro. Elphinstone-Stone, P.M. 372, P.P.S.G.W., Bro. Fulford said: "I declare this stone well and truly laid" is the remark that has just fallen from our revered and Worshipful Brother Elphinstone-Stone, and from the reputation acquired by the architect and builder, we have no right to doubt that upon it will be raised a 'superstructure perfect in all its parts and honourable to the builder.' Designed in 'Wisdom,' built in 'Strength,' and adorned with 'Beauty,' we will pray the Great Architect that it may long continue an ornament to your town and useful to that Institution to whose sacred objects it will then be dedicated. Sacred because I venture to say that the lessons and objects of Freemasonry, if they are worth anything, are calculated to promote the honour and glory of God and the welfare of our fellow-creatures. Freemasonry, as we have been taught it, does not, however, consist in a matter of bricks and mortar, but rather in the enforcement and promulgation of those grand principles upon which Freemasonry rests. We are right and justified in rejoicing at the prospective possession of a tabernacle for the meeting of the brethren in this locality; but of far higher importance is it that we should show by our lives and conduct that we reflect the lustre of those lessons which Freemasonry is intended to teach. If our association with Freemasonry does not conduce to make us better men and better members of society, it fails in its great object, and our beautiful ritual then becomes but as 'tinkling brass and sounding cymbals.' As we hope that by the superstructure to be here erected the material aspect of this site will be improved, so let it be our aim in our dealings with our fellow men to show that Freemasonry has improved our morals, elevated our tastes, and sanctified our lives. Let it be ours to show the world that by 'square conduct, level steps, and just and upright intentions,' we deal with our fellow-man 'as we would under similar circumstances he should deal toward us,' thus demonstrating that our Freemasonry is something more than form, more than a system of signs and symbols; not involving 'the neglect of the ordinary duties of our station' for the ceremonies of Freemasonry, but infusing the *spirit* of Freemasonry into the 'ordinary duties of our station.' Founded on the basis of 'Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth,' our Freemasonry, teaching and preaching the doctrine of glory to God and good to man, and inculcating and enforcing the very highest principles of morality, 'of truth, of honour, and of virtue,' is an Institution with which the highest and noblest in the land need not be, and are not 'ashamed to hear themselves named.' And among the poor, downcast, and depressed, many a time and oft has it been that they have been called upon to bless the existence of the system that we call Freemasonry. Catholic in its nature, while imposing upon no individual member any obligation incompatible with the duty that he owes to his Church, to his party, or to his country, it recognises the universal brotherhood of man, and teaches each to remember that every creature is the handiwork of that great Creator whose we are and whom we profess to serve. Around this site will shortly be erected walls to form an enclosure, but you cannot enclose Freemasonry within them, it is universal. You will put upon the building a substantial roof to preserve you from the inclemency of the weather, but you must not forget that, although you cover the building, the blue eternal sky is your canopy; and as extensive as is that covering, so is the Freemasonry with which we are identified, teaching us not only the universality of the science, but calling upon us to remember that in every child of Adam we meet a brother who is entitled to, and who I am sure will have from you, all the succour, assistance, and encouragement that it may be in your power prudently to give. While we talk about 'Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth,' that does not necessarily mean almsgiving. Remember that that motto involves a principle of brotherhood that is not measured by pounds, shillings, and pence. I am conscious I have been setting up a standard of excellence which perhaps few attain to, but do not let us on that account lower the standard. Let us endeavour to lift our life and conduct up as near as possible to the high mark of our Order rather than lower the standard to our lives and conduct; then shall we have reason to bless our connection with Freemasonry; and although it may be sometimes that, with all our professions and aspirations for higher things, we have men among us that do discredit to the Craft, I do not think that a legitimate argument against the Institution with which we are identified. Does it not brighten the appearance of those who are proved to be genuine? I trust we shall never seek to lower the standard, believing that the man who aims at the sky will surely hit higher than he who simply aims at a tree. I have been commending principles that should permeate our conduct and lives. We should advocate them and act up to them, and if you brethren of 372 hand them down to your successors, and they in their turn are true to their trust, I am quite sure it will be a blessing to your town, and while it will help to make those who are members of the Craft esteemed members of society, will prove to the world not only the beauty but the utility of Freemasonry. May God grant that such may be your course, and that, while passing through your lodge and its offices, and through all the labours with which you are identified, you will take care to remember that the eyes of the world are upon you, and that the credit of Freemasonry depends upon the conduct of every individual member of it."

## ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of Management held their regular meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday. The chair was occupied by Bro. J. Newton, and there were present Bros. James Brett, P.G.P.; Geo. E. Fairchild, A. H. Tattershall, S. Brooks, Wm. Fisher, D. D. Mercer, P.G.P.; C. H. Webb, C. Kempton, Chas. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; R. Griggs, W. H. Hulbert, H. Cotter, John Barnett, jun., W. Webber, W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B.; Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; J. J. Berry, F. Mead, P.G.S.B.; J. Bunker, James P. Fitzgerald, Geo. Everett, G. Treas.; and James Terry, P.G.S.B. (Secretary).

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, the SECRETARY reported the deaths of three annuitants (two males and one widow), two accepted candidates (one male and one widow), and one widow half-annuitant. The Warden's report for the past month was read.

Eight petitions (seven males and one widow) were considered and accepted, and their names ordered to be entered on the lists of candidates for the election in May, 1892.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman brought the proceedings to a close.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Council of the Institution held their monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Saturday last. The chair was taken by Bro. Richard Eve, P.G. Treasurer, Patron, and there were present Bros. Geo. Adamson, J. P. Fitzgerald, W. A. Tinney, James Brett, P.G.P.; O. Barnett, H. E. Cooper, C. H. Webb, Geo. Corble, Frederick Craggs, Arthur Williams, R. D. Cummings, Stephen A. Cooper, George Everett, G. Treas.; J. Bodenham, J. S. Cumberland, W. H. Saunders, W. A. Scurrah, J. Willing, jun., John Glass, Geo. E. Fairchild, J. D. Beveridge, R. Pittam Stevens, F. Foxley, Fredk. Burgess, W. M. Stiles, E. Valeriani, Henry Pritchard, H. Webb, G. P. Gillard, Geo. Gardner, James W. Burgess, Chas. Hawksley, R. W. Bourne, Edward Hobbs, and J. Morrison McLeod (Secretary).

The minutes of the previous council having been read and verified, Bro. George E. Fairchild was elected to fill the vacancy on the Board of Management caused by the lamented death of Bro. A. Escott, whose services were gratefully recognised, and to whose premature death sympathetic reference was made by several of the brethren present, the Secretary being at the same time instructed to address a letter of condolence to Mrs. Escott.

The Secretary reported the investment of £7500 in the Three and Half per Cent. Indian Railway Stock, and that the Edgar Bowyer Memorial Fund, amounting to £45 14s., had been invested in Consols.

It was unanimously agreed to increase the salary of the Head Master to £525 per annum from the 1st January next.

The Board of Management reported that they had duly considered the questions referred to them in connection with the removal of the School to a more favourable site, as suggested by Bro. the Earl of Lathom at the recent Festival; and that they had had several eligible places in the neighbourhood of the Metropolis under their notice, but that they considered the question of removal should be postponed until a means had been found for disposing of the present site to advantage.

The proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

## JUBILEE OF THE M.W.G.M., H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES—DINNER AT THE HULL MASONIC CLUB.

On Monday evening the members of the Hull Masonic Club gave a dinner in honour of the 50th anniversary of the M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. The President, Bro. F. B. Grotian, M.P., occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. Canon McCormick, D.D., P.P.G.C.; M. C. Peck, P.G. Std. Br. England, P.G. Sec.; W. C. Whiteside, P.M.; F. Fullerton, P.M., P.P.G.R.; J. R. Strenger, P.P.G.O.; T. A. Haigh, P.M.; Jules de Meilhac, J. W. L. Whitfield, T. H. Dixon, J. Hancock, T. Heaton Haller, H. J. Oldroyd, Hon. Sec.; H. C. Lambert, Westerhoff, Wallis, Richard Barton, C. T. Capes, J. Charlesworth, Isaac Fawcett, E. Mendelsohn, T. Linsley, M. Schultz, D. C. McNeill, F. L. Slade, Barron, Barlow, Wilkinson, Carlill Savill, J. Fox, and Brown.

Bro. Vessey King, the Steward, provided a *recherche* banquet.

The PRESIDENT gave "The Queen and the Craft," which was duly honoured with musical honours.

Bro. F. B. GROTRIAN, M.P., then submitted the toast of the evening, "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England." The Prince of Wales, he said, had most well and worthily filled his position as Grand Master of the Craft. His Royal Highness presided at the Centenary of the Girls' School, at which £51,500 were raised. That fact alone showed that the philanthropy of the Craft was not a sham and a delusion, but a solid reality. He was quite sure they would receive with much enthusiasm the toast of the Prince of Wales, who was celebrating that evening his

Jubilee at Sandringham. The Secretary, Bro. Oldroyd, had—he was sure with the approval of the brethren—sent to his Royal Highness a telegram to the following effect: "Members of Hull Masonic Club fraternally present hearty good wishes on your Royal Highness's birthday." Continuing, the President said H.R.H. occupied a very distinguished position, and after all little or nothing could be said against the Prince, and very much might be said in his favour. He was most assiduous on all occasions where his presence could aid a philanthropic object. He thought the Prince must have felt sometimes that possibly, in the discharge of those varied duties, that life would be tolerable but for its amusements. Another point in his favour was the absolute disinterestedness which he had on all occasions shown in regard to the great political parties of this country. In this respect he had responded to the bright examples and good training of our beloved Queen, who had ever been absolutely impartial.

The toast having been duly honoured, Bro. Oldroyd sang "God bless the Prince of Wales," the refrain being taken up with great heartiness.

Bro. T. LINSLEY proposed "Success to the Hull Masonic Club." The welfare of the club had their heartiest sympathies. It had been formed in order that the brethren of the various lodges might fraternise and enjoy each others company. Whatever success the club had attained up to the present was due to a large extent to the zeal put forward by Bro. Oldroyd.

Bro. H. J. OLDROYD, in response, said they did not wish to make the club a success merely from a financial point, but more from a social aspect.

Bro. Canon MCCORMICK submitted "The Health of the President, Bro. Grotian, M.P." The President was, the speaker said, a "jolly good fellow" in every sense. He was ever ready to assist in any philanthropic movement for the good of the people, ready to take the chair on any festive or other occasion. His character stood high with the people, and he (the Canon) was sure that every Freemason wished him much prosperity in this life and happiness in the bosom of his family. It gave him much satisfaction to bear his testimony of respect for their President, and he was sure it met with their complete approbation.

The toast was received with great cordiality and musical honours, cheers being also given for Mrs. Grotian and the family.

The PRESIDENT, in reply, said his interest in the Craft was of long standing, and he felt, when asked to become the President of the club, that he could not do otherwise than accept the office, with a view, in any minor degree, to show his continued interest in Masonry. Those pleasant social gatherings were beneficial to one's better nature, they softened all feelings of asperity and subdued antagonisms; the voice of rivalry was shut out, and only the noble tenets of the Order—brotherly love, concord, and peace—prevailed, and where they gave their mutual support and help to one another.

During the evening songs were rendered by Bros. Oldroyd, Richard Barton, H. C. Lambert, Peck, and Whiteside, whilst Bro. Canon McCormick delighted the brethren with some droll personal reminiscences. Bro. J. R. Stringer, P.P.G.O., kindly officiated at the piano with his well-known masterly skill and ability.

Shortly before the brethren retired the following telegram was received from the Prince of Wales: "The President of Masonic Club, Hull; I thank you for fraternal and kind congratulations. — ALBERT EDWARD."

## MASONIC LECTURE AT NORWICH.

Bro. James Stevens, P.M., &c., delivered his popular lecture on the Ritual and Ceremonial of the Symbolic Degrees in Freemasonry to the members of the Masonic Association at 47, St. Giles'-street, Norwich, on Friday, the 6th inst. There was a very fair attendance of the brethren of the local and neighbouring lodges, which, but for the counter attraction of a grand concert in the town on the same evening, would certainly have been still larger. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Norfolk, Bro. Hamon Le Strange, presided, and was supported by the Worshipful Masters of the Union Lodge, No. 52; the Social Lodge, No. 93; the Perseverance Lodge, No. 213; and the Cabbell Lodge, No. 807, with many of their respective lodge officers and brethren, and several Provincial Grand Officers. This was the lecturer's second visit in continuation of his greatly esteemed discourses on the subject of Masonic ritual.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER, in re-introducing Bro. Stevens to the meeting, expressed his pleasure at being enabled to preside on this occasion, and enlisted the kindly consideration of his hearers for the lecturer, who, notwithstanding a recent and heavy domestic bereavement, had not failed to meet them as had been arranged. He felt assured that the address they were about to listen to would give equal satisfaction to that with which, he had been informed, the former portion had been attended.

Bro. STEVENS, on rising, was cordially received, and after briefly commenting on the points he had introduced into his former lecture, proceeded to deal at length with those more closely associated with the working of the Second and Third Degrees. These were, if anything, even of greater interest, and, to the advanced brethren, more full of instruction.

During the progress of his extempore discourse the most earnest attention was accorded him. A great Masonic celebrity, but recently deceased, has written that in the course of his lecturing tours over a large

portion of America and Canada to brethren of all classes, he never in one instance found his audience becoming weary, although he rarely spoke for less than two hours, often two and a half and sometimes three. He therefore knew that men of many kinds can be deeply interested in the subject of the symbolism of the Blue lodge, and are glad to have it proven to them that there is something more, and higher, and nobler in their Blue Freemasonry than they had supposed. It would seem to us that Bro. Stevens might readily endorse these remarks for lapse of time was quite unheeded by his audience, and, we almost think, by himself, for he had evidently not exhausted this subject when, after a two hours' oration, he resumed his seat.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER, in proposing a vote of thanks to the lecturer, expressed his warm and earnest appreciation of the interesting and instructive address, to which he had listened with much pleasure, and, he was sure, with much benefit. He hoped that future opportunities would be found amongst the lodges in his province for obtaining such information as had that evening been afforded to those present, and highly complimented Bro. Stevens on the reception which had been given to his remarks.

Bro. G. BAXTER, P.M. 213, P.P.J.G.W., seconded the proposition, which was unanimously carried, and the formal meeting was concluded.

Subsequently, such of the brethren as could remain joined a social circle, which the Deputy Provincial Grand Master honoured by attending, when many of the points of the lecture were thoughtfully discussed, and Bro. Stevens added further information.

Amongst brethren who should be named as materially contributing to the success of this meeting are Bros. J. H. Guyton, P.M., Director, and Geo. Baxter, P.M., Secretary of the Norwich Masonic Association, who were assisted by several officers of the Perseverance and Cabbell Lodges.

## Ancient and Accepted Rite.

### DERBY.

St. Mary's Chapter (No. 63).—A regular convocation of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall on Tuesday, the 3rd inst. Present: Bros. Abm. Woodiwiss, M.W.S.; J. H. Lawson, P.M.W.S., Prelate; W. H. Marsden, 2nd Gen.; Sir John Smith, P.M.W.S., Treas.; Percy Wallis, P.M.W.S., Recorder; W. Naylor, G.M.; J. E. Harrison, Raphael; A. Schofield, P.M.W.S., D.C.; G. M. Bond, Herald; Thomas Roe, M.P., Capt. of Guards; W. Stone, O.G.; Ill. Bro. Chas. Fendelow, 33°, I.G.W.C.D.; Bros. J. R. Fielding, G. H. Turner, H. Rowbottom, Hon. C. W. Trollope, and A. W. Slack.

The chapter having been opened, Ill. Bro. Fendelow, 33°, was received with honours. The minutes were read, and the ballot was then taken for Bros. W. de Burgh Jessop, F. E. Leech, and J. Walker, who were elected, and the two former being in attendance were duly perfected by the M.W.S. The Recorder reported that he represented the chapter as Steward at the last Festival of the R.M.I.B., and that the chapter now only required 15 guineas to complete its qualification as Vice-President of that Institution; this, he gave notice, he should move at the next meeting should be taken from the funds of the chapter.

After a candidate had been proposed, the chapter was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Bell Hotel, where a most enjoyable banquet was served by Host Rayner.

## 'Red Cross of Rome and Constantine.

Original or Premier Conclave.—This old and distinguished conclave met at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 2nd inst. Among those in attendance were Sir Knights Colonel Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., I.P.G.S.; Nelson Prower, M.A., M.P.S.; C. E. Keyser, V.E.; Purrott, S.G.; H. C. Heard, I.P.M.P.S., acting J.G.; John Mason, P.G.G., P.M.P.S., Recorder; Pakes, Prelate; W. A. Scurrah, Std. Br.; J. N. Frye, Herald; L. Steele, H. H. Shirley, M.A., P.M.P.S.; Captain Walls, P.G.G., P.M.P.S.; H. J. Lardner, P.M.P.S.; W. Lake, P.M.P.S., G.S., &c.; and Marsh, P.G.G., P.M.P.S. (hon. member). Visitor: Sir Knight Dr. Coffin, P.M.P.S.

The minutes of the previous conclave were read and confirmed. The ballot having been taken, Bro. the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., 393, was installed as a knight of the Order by the M.P.S. Sir Knight Pakes effectively delivered the historical oration. The M.P.S. gave a notice of motion to reduce the meetings of the conclave from four to three. He also announced that at the January meeting the ceremonies of K.H.S. and St. John would be performed. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Sir Knights T. Cubitt, P.G.G., P.M.P.S., Treas.; Dr. Mickleby, P.M.P.S.; and others. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted.

The conclave was then closed, and the sir knights adjourned to the banquet, which was well served under the direction of Bro. Mantell.

Upon the removal of the cloth, the M.P.S. most fluently proposed the customary toasts, his remarks being exceedingly clever, but terse and pertinent.

Sir Knights Walls and Lardner responded on behalf of "The Grand Council," and Sir Knight W. Lake for "The Grand Senate."

Sir Knights Heard and Shirley acknowledged the toast of "The Past Sovereigns," Sir Knight C. E. Keyser "The V.E.," and Sir Knight Dr. Coffin "The Visitors."

Sir Knight J. Mason responded for "The Treasurer and Recorder," and spoke of the long services rendered to the conclave and Order generally, by Sir Knight T. Cubitt, their respected Treasurer, whose absence through ill-health they all greatly deplored.

Sir Knights Scurrah, Pakes, and Frye replied on behalf of "The Officers."

The proceedings then terminated.

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## To Correspondents.

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Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Kent.  
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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1891.

## Masonic Notes.

We have received copy of the minutes of a Special  
Communication of the District Grand Lodge of the  
Eastern Archipelago, which was held at the Masonic  
Hall, Singapore, on the 18th August last, for the pur-  
pose of installing Bro. Major-General Sir Charles  
Warren, G.C.M.G., P.M., P.Z., Past Grand Deacon of  
England, as District Grand Master. The ceremony  
appears to have been very ably performed by Bro. J.  
D. Vaughan, the Deputy District Grand Master in  
charge, who was subsequently appointed, invested, and  
saluted as Sir Charles's Deputy. The District Grand  
Officers for the year were also appointed and invested,  
and after an able address from the new District Grand  
Master, the proceedings in District Grand Lodge were  
brought to a conclusion.

We congratulate Bro. Sir Charles Warren on his  
installation in this important office, in which, while his  
duties and responsibilities will undoubtedly be onerous,  
his opportunities of promoting the welfare of the Craft,  
and more particularly of the lodges placed under his  
immediate control will be many. But the new  
chief of this remote district is a man of known  
energy and ability, and at the same time a  
Mason who has taken a deep interest in the study  
of our history; and we have every reason to anti-  
cipate that his tenure of the post into which he has  
so recently been inducted, will demonstrate more  
clearly still his fitness as a ruler. We also congratulate  
most heartily the brethren of the Quatuor Coronati  
Lodge on the honour which is reflected on them by the  
appointment of one of their chief founders and first  
W.M. to a position of such eminence. They have had  
ample experience of Bro. Sir Charles Warren  
both as a ruler who presided over their lodge  
with conspicuous success during the most critical period  
of its existence and as a brother, who is conversant  
above the majority of his fellows with the history of  
our venerable Fraternity, and will be able to realise the  
good fortune which has befallen the lodges in the Eastern  
Archipelago in having him for their chief.

The address which Bro. Sir C. Warren delivered on  
this occasion calls for no remark, except as regards one  
matter to which he somewhat pointedly referred.  
Years ago, at the instance of the Palestine Exploration  
Society, he conducted a series of explorations in the  
Holy Land, and in his inaugural address he gave it as  
his opinion that "Freemasonry is of very ancient date,  
and the more one examines the matter the more one  
discovers that it is founded on very antient rites and  
ceremonies which probably came to us through [the



Phoenicians during their voyages all over the world." Perhaps some of our more learned brethren will give this matter their consideration.

We gather from the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of All Scottish Freemasonry in India at the Quarterly Communication, held in Freemasons' Hall, Bombay, on the 25th July last, that the late Bro. Sir H. Morland having found it necessary, in consequence of the state of his health, to resign his office of M.W. Grand Master, suggested that Bro. J. W. Smith, Depute Grand Master, should be recommended for nomination as his successor by Grand Lodge, and that the suggestion was acted upon, and Bro. Smith recommended to the Grand Master Mason of Scotland for the vacant post. There is every reason to believe that a better choice could not have been made. Bro. Smith has the reputation of being a capable man, and in his capacity of Depute Grand Master has had considerable experience of the duties which will devolve upon him as Grand Master. In succeeding one so distinguished as the late Bro. Sir H. Morland, Bro. Smith will have a hard task before him, but in time no doubt he will be able to establish for himself a reputation second only to that of his late lamented chief.

Our readers must be tolerably familiar with the name and great reputation of Bro. J. Ross Robertson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada for the Province of Ontario. Bro. Robertson visited this country during the summer of last year, and received a most cordial welcome, a welcome worthy of his exalted rank, both in Grand Lodge and sundry of our private lodges. They will therefore be the more delighted to hear of his recent act of munificence in presenting the Lakeside Home for Sick Children to the city of Toronto. This institution was founded eight years ago by Mr. Robertson, but on a far smaller scale, at a cost of some 3000 dollars. Subsequently additional buildings were erected at a further cost of 2000 dollars, while last year a new and enlarged Home was planned and its erection begun, the cost of the new premises with the requisite furniture and appointments being set down at a further \$20,000. On the 5th September last the new Home was formally presented as a gift to the city by Bro. Robertson and accepted by the trustees on its behalf. The gift of such an institution as this, which will accommodate 200 sick children and their attendants, and furnish the means for their complete restoration to health, is an act which will hand down the name of J. Ross Robertson to posterity as one of the greatest and most munificent of benefactors. Toronto must indeed be proud of such a citizen, and the Freemasons of Canada at having so worthy a man to preside over their Grand Lodge.

It will soon be our duty to review the Provincial Calendars which are so numerous issued about the beginning of the year, and we are glad to be in a position to announce that the number will be increased in 1892 by the publication by Bro. G. J. Cosburn, P.P.A.G.D.C. Berks, of the Caxton Printing Works, Newbury, of a calendar for the Province of Berkshire. The work will be issued with the approval of H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, P.G.M., while the duty of editing and compiling will be discharged by Bro. John T. Morland, D.P.G.M. We trust the new calendar will prove worthy of the Province, and that the day may not be far distant when every Province in England will have its calendar.

We cannot allow the present week to pass without offering our very hearty congratulations to Bro. W. J. Hughan on his recent success in discovering five new MSS. of the Old Charges, all of them being of greater or less value. Such a find in the brief space of one week is indeed an instance of good fortune which is very rarely heard of. However, Bro. Hughan, with his untiring energy and marvellous enthusiasm, well deserves whatever good fortune may befall him, and we trust that still further successes await him in the same field of labour.

We notice with regret that our respected Bro. the Grand Master of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Kent, the Rev. T. Robinson, was unable through continued illness to be present at the annual meeting on the 4th inst. His place was, however, well filled by the able and popular Deputy, the Rev. Hayman Cummings, and the business, of which we hope to give a report next week, was very satisfactorily gone through. We trust the Mark Masons of Kent will soon have their revered chief again taking an active part in the work of the Province.

At a meeting of the Royal Naval College Lodge, No. 1593, held at the Ship, Greenwich, on Tuesday evening, Bro. Rear-Admiral Albert Hastings Markham, the well-known Arctic explorer, was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year by Bro. Robert Main, of the Admiralty, in the presence of Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg.; W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M. of Hampshire; C. F. Matier, Grand Mark Secretary; Common. P.G.M. of Tennessee; and many other distinguished members of the Craft.

## 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,

In his last "Note" Bro. "33" seems to imply my acceptance of his opinion that, if a lodge warrant is transferred by authority to a new set of brethren, there having been no break in the payments, the continuity is uninterrupted. I do not, however, assent to this view of the matter. Take an instance—a lodge constituted in the South of England, say in 1770, for some reason became unable to exist, and returned its warrant to Grand Lodge, which re-issued it, say in 1800, to an entirely new set of brethren in one of the Northern Counties, and the dues of both lodges having all been paid, does Bro. "33" seriously contend that the Northern lodge could claim a centenary warrant from 1770? There was no continuity as a lodge, and the fact that the Northern lodge is in possession of a warrant of that date is easily understood if proper consideration is given to the difficulties the Grand Lodge and its executive officers had to encounter in consequence of the Act of Parliament of 1799 (39 Geo. III., c. 79). I thank Bro. "33" for his offer of information, of which I may be glad to avail myself later on, but should prefer its coming through the *Freemason*, because the more light is thrown on these matters generally the less probability there will be of a repetition of former errors.

I go somewhat further perhaps than Bro. "33" in stating that every lodge "suspended" or "erased" by the Grand Lodge—whether such action was confirmed at the next meeting or not—became during the period of such suspension or erasure practically dead. Could any member of a suspended lodge (without other qualification) attend Grand Lodge whilst his lodge was in that unpleasant position? Or, could the lodge itself meet and perform any Masonic work when under suspension? Most assuredly not, and consequently there must have been in every such instance a break in the continuity—an "interruption" that must prove fatal to any claim to "uninterrupted existence."

Bro. Lamont's letter in connection with this subject and Lodge No. 119 is valuable. The point, however, which he rightly considers "highly important" is not new to me. It is alluded to, briefly, in my letter in the *Freemason* of 18th January, 1890, in which I challenged the production of "any satisfactory evidence that the lodge did assemble regularly," as alleged, "from the year 1768 to the end of the year 1806," and the matter is also fully referred to in my recent work "Centenary Warrants and Jewels," which may be consulted on the subject.—Yours fraternally,

JNO. LANE.

Torquay, November 7th.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Referring to my letter in your issue, anent the Lodge No. 119 controversy, I have received a note from Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D., pointing out a serious error committed by me in asserting that he, in his "Masonic Register," gives No. 119 and three other "Ancient" lodges (now extinct) as having been warranted in the early part of the present century. The true facts are—that he gives the present No. 119 as warranted in 1768, whilst the other three lodges have no dates at all.

I hasten, in justice to Bro. Hughan, to make the correction, or *amende honorable*—whichever you like to term it—and I will add that I cannot imagine how I came to make so strange a *lapsus calami* with respect to our able historian, though, if I may claim any excuse therefore, the said excuse consists in the positive assurance that I certainly have seen the figures and dates I referred to in my letter somewhere.

Let me, in conclusion, extract the following from the minutes of the old Provincial Grand Lodge of Cumberland, dated April 19th, 1819. Amongst other business, the representatives of lodges were "requested to produce the warrants of their respective lodges, when the Lodge of Harmony appeared the oldest established in the province." The list is appended:—

"Lodge of Harmony, No. 344, Carlisle...	A.D. 1771.
"Sun and Sector, No. 398, Workington...	" 1774.
"Union, No. 579, Carlisle...	" 1796.
"Concord, No. 187, Whitehaven...	" 1805.
"St. John's, No. 614, Wigton...	" 1807.
"Unanimity, No. 647, Penrith...	" 1813.
"Hibernian, No. 208, Wigton...	" 1813.
"Holy Temple, No. 682, Longtown...	" 1816.
"St. Michael's, No. 683, Brampton...	" 1816."

Of the foregoing lodges, the Concord and Hibernian were of "Ancient" origin, which will account for their precedence in numbers over the "Modern" lodges. I will only add that the present Sun, Square, and Compasses Lodge, No. 119, then No. 190, was not represented at the Provincial meeting referred to, neither were the other two Whitehaven "Ancient" lodges—the Royal Cumberland Militia, No. 270, and the No. 273 (no name).—Fraternally yours,

W. F. LAMONBY.

Cockermouth, November 9th.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Bro. Lane expresses a wish that some of the 'many people' whom Bro. "33" has "put to the question" will reply.

As to the questions put to me, I will do my best, but I am not quite sure I know exactly what "33" wants me to answer, and I was at first inclined to say, "Bro. '33' please ask me another."

As to the first question, I think that in the present state of the law, Art. 175, makes it clear that so long as a lodge exists and returns the name of a brother, even if the return be "in arrears," such brother can at any time, by the payment of all arrears, resume his full rights, and he must then be considered during all the time as having preserved a continuity of membership.

With regard to exclusion by vote of the brethren, such exclusion must be in strict conformity with Art. 210, and if the proper formalities are not strictly complied with, I think Grand Lodge would at any time reinstate a brother, on his tendering all arrears, who could prove that his name was improperly returned as excluded, e.g., if he could prove he had never received due notice in writing of the complaint and time appointed for its consideration; as pointed out by Bro. Brackstone Baker in Grand Lodge, in December, 1888. If so reinstated, such brother would, I take it, be restored to all his privileges and his continuity of membership preserved even if he appeared in his lodge roll and Grand Lodge books as "excluded."

As to continuity of lodges, I cannot but think that Bro. Lane, with all deference to him, is wrong in the view he takes as to "suspension," though I admit that Bro. Oliver seems to agree with him to some extent as to the effect of "suspension" in its application to an individual brother. I think, however, Mackey takes the right view in saying of a brother under suspension "his rights are placed in abeyance. . . . But he is still a Mason. By suspension, as by the 'relegatio' of the Roman law, Masonic citizenship is not lost, although the exercise of its rights and duties is temporarily interdicted. And, therefore, as soon as the period limited by the sentence has expired the Mason at once resumes his former position in the Order, and is re-invested with all his Masonic rights, whether those rights be of a private or of an official nature." Similarly a lodge, on the expiration of the sentence if definite, or on making compliance if the sentence be "until . . .," is, I should think, restored to all its old rights, and the most that can be urged is that in such a case the hundred years might require to be completed by a further time equal to the suspension.

The case of *erasure* is somewhat different, but even there I am inclined to think that if the edict was formally taken off by Grand Lodge, and the lodge restored to its place and privileges, it must be considered as rightly claiming a continuous existence. The restoration must I think be considered as for all purposes a complete and final restoration, and the sentence considered annulled as from the time of its pronouncement. This, however, is a more difficult question, and must no doubt be considered by the light of the Constitutions existing at the times of the erasure and restoration. A grant of a new charter under the old number to a new set of brethren would not fall within the lines of the case I am considering and would not, I think, be a case of continuity. I do not like to quote cases from Bro. Lane's book, but there are examples of each sort, as Bro. "33" is no doubt well aware. Beyond the information given by Bro. Lane, I have not sufficient knowledge to attempt to give the opinion requested as to "Bro. Lane's deliverances."

It cannot be too constantly borne in mind that the period to be covered embraces a long period of time, in which the Craft has been governed by varying sets of laws—all of which are not, unfortunately, in my possession—that the whole Craft has not always been governed at the same time by the same laws, that strict proof of every point is not always attainable, and lastly, that in a matter of *prerogative* the discretion of the Grand Master is not to be questioned too minutely, however grateful we are, as we all ought to be, for Bro. Lane's careful details.

In conclusion, I would ask Bros. Lane and "33" how far they are of opinion that the instructions as to applying for the Grand Master's permission can strictly be considered as a part of the Constitutions?—Yours fraternally,

LEX SCRIPTA.

November 6th.

P.S.—Bro. "33"'s note in to-day's issue seems to differ a good deal from my views, but I let this go for his consideration.

November 7th.

According to present arrangements her Majesty and the Court will leave Balmoral and take up their residence at Windsor Castle on or about the 20th inst.

## "THE OLD MASONIANS."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir,

In reply to the letter of "Two Provincial Members" on the subject of the formation of a Masonic lodge in connection with the Old Masonians, we beg to inform them that the proposal has our most serious consideration. It would, however, form so important an epoch in the annals of the Association—which is already so closely connected with the Craft—that we feel that if an Old Masonians' lodge be established, it should be on a perfectly firm and substantial basis.

At present the Association is young, and its financial position, although steadily improving, would not bear the expenses incidental to the formation of such a lodge, which should at once hold an honourable position in the Craft, and maintain the high reputation and traditions of the R.M.I.B.—Yours faithfully,

R. S. CHANDLER, } Hon. Secs.  
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## THE FUTURE OF FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The future of Masonry will be based on what is being done at the present time. For 150 years the Society was worked on identical lines—"Jolly good-fellowship and philanthropy"—and for the last 20 years attempts have been made to relay the lines on a broader and more lasting basis—philanthropy and education. Without the latter concomitant no society can hope to continue its existence, and in the words (quoted in today's *Freemason*) of the Grand Master of Arkansas—"Masonic ignorance can be no longer tolerated." The Society appears to be emerging out of the days of "firing glasses," and I have every hope in its future. "Toleration and sympathy" for our old leaders, on the one side, and "room and consideration" for the "young men of learning and industry," on the other, will right the Society. Masonry is not, from its constitution, a one-sided plane, but a well-constructed triangle, and place must be found for the exercise of the talents of every well-meaning brother. I have known many men of good position and excellent attainments who have disconnected themselves from their lodge, hurt beyond measure and touched to the quick, at the disorderly scenes of the refreshment table and the dull sameness of the lodge proceedings.

The lodge of instruction, designed to satisfy the enquiring brother, has fallen into desuetude, and a wearisome jerked ritual occupies the sole programme the year through.

Matters, however, would never be remedied if all who were dissatisfied left the Craft, and it remains for those who recognise the situation to do their share in amending and re-organising the proceedings so as to attract instead of repel.

It must be conceded by even those who are too careless to think that to "do a Degree" "refresh" and engage in "harmony" is by no means an "elevating" aim for a Society; it may be contended it is a "relaxation," and I admit that it is.

Now, there are three legitimate channels for a Mason's energies to work in, and these embrace many minor channels in themselves. The ritual and landmarks, Charities, history, and literature of the Craft, all are honourable, and if well worked will give satisfaction; most of our great leaders are proficient in all departments.

The ritual, the origin of which is lost in mystery and antiquity, is the most used and most misunderstood thing in the Craft, the sublimatic elements are never recognised, and many of our ancient leaders understood just as much about it as the "initiate," and yet the ritual will repay the student for his labour; there may be as much mental energy expended thereon as upon either the charges or "tracing board." The ritual comprises at once the subjects of Scripture, philosophy, geometry, and history. While Masonry is not purely a Benevolent Institution, or much less a friendly society, there is great and grand scope for the benevolent brother; apart from the great and minor Charities of the Order, there are the local philanthropic institutes, and a Mason should be practically in touch with every institute for the "relief" of distress. The obligations, if well studied, will allay a brother to every object that will carry out the great principle of "relief;" the hand will be extended, but the arm will not be seen. Surely there is scope here, and of the most honourable character.

When I mention that there is supposed to be upwards of 6000 books and booklets bearing directly or indirectly upon the history, ritual, and customs of the Craft, and that an enormous amount of information is wanted before the history of the Craft can be completed (if ever), I have surely said everything that would imply there is room for every Mason who is desirous of work or obtaining information.

I wish to impress the fact that every Mason ought to do something for the Order if it is to take an honourable position in the institutions of the nation, the plea that was made to the Crown when secret societies were being suppressed for the continuation of the Masonic Society ought to be justified and more than justified, the calumnious reputation that hung round the Society, clogging its pathway, is being cleared, and while the secrets have not been revealed the public eye is more favourably inclined, while the voice of slander (sometimes justifiable slander) is dying gradually away.

Candidates ought only to be admitted to the Order who are likely to take an honourable place in the ranks.—Yours fraternally,

G. W. BAIN.

November 9th.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I think the experience of your correspondent "A P.P.G. Officer" must be confined within very narrow limits—no doubt in a very small province. If he will only travel as far as Lancashire or Yorkshire he will find that lodges are not so plentifully filled with "purple Masons," and that there are hundreds of Past Masters who still wear the light blue collar, all anxious to change it for the purple; but how far this part of his letter concerns the admission of undesirable members into our Order is a question rather beyond my comprehension. Then the remedies he and your other correspondent "Latomus" suggest are quite impracticable. Let me just take one as an example—"A P.P.G. Officer" thinks that the Provincial Grand Registrar ought to visit every lodge in the province to which he belongs, and as a reward for his labours be promoted to the office of Prov. Senior Grand Warden. This possibly might work in the smaller provinces, but is it at all likely that the Prov. Grand Registrar of West Lancashire, who resides in Southport, could visit the 105 lodges in that large province; to do so he would have annually to travel something like 3000 miles by rail, give up at least 105 afternoons and evenings, and sleep away from home a considerable number of nights. Does your correspondent think that any professional man would do this for the sake of changing his badge of office from Registrar to that of Senior Warden? These remarks apply just as aptly to East Lancashire, West Yorkshire, and several other extensive provinces.

In the provinces I have just named lodge summonses are sent to the respective Prov. Grand Secretaries, who are salaried officials, and as a rule these worthy brethren pay frequent visits to the various lodges, but still undesirable candidates will creep in.

I do not for one moment believe that the visits of Prov. Grand Officers will in the least degree deter the introduction of unworthy candidates; such visits might possibly be the means of eliminating innovations and irregularities from the working of some of the lodges; but to my mind so long as Prov. Grand Masters will go on recommending petitions for new lodges right and left, the evil complained of will assuredly continue. If the guiding officials of Grand Lodge would make a determined stand in refusing all applications for at least two years, and Past Masters of lodges could be induced to take more interest in supervising the lists of candidates, I believe we should accomplish the desired object of stopping the introduction of unworthy men.—I am, yours fraternally,

ANOTHER P.P.G. OFFICER.

November 10th.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have read with great interest the letters which have appeared in your valuable paper on the above subject, and it certainly appears to me most extraordinary that you have not had many more communications on a matter which is so vital to the best interests of the Craft.

I suppose it is due to a natural aversion which the brethren have to write letters for publication, and I have that feeling, but I consider that the *Freemason* is to some extent sacred to the Craft and that we may express our ideas by its medium when we should not think of doing so by other means.

The brother who signs himself "Latomus" gives us a valuable addition to the correspondence so far, and I trust we shall see other contributions from brethren who by their rank and experience are capable of communicating light to their less fortunate brethren who, like the writer, are only members of the rank and file.

I beg to add my testimony to those of Bro. Whythead and Bro. Wiley as to the evil which most certainly exists in many lodges of admitting candidates for initiation totally regardless of their position or their suitability, the only consideration which enters into the matter being the payment of the fees, and I hear of some cases where this is dispensed with, and the money paid by the lodge. All the candidates that can be found by hook or by crook are swept into the Craft to swell the number of initiates, and give the lodge which can show the largest number a place of honour in the province to which they belong.

And, Bro. Editor, I differ with Bro. Whythead as to the motive for this. It is not, in my opinion, done to get money for the Charities. The lodges which conduct their business in this way care nothing about the Charities, except in so far as an occasional donation may redound to their own honour and glory. If enquiry were made it would be found that the money is spent in other ways much less creditable.

But in my opinion the moving motive for this irregular making of Masons is an idea which appears to prevail largely that the lodge which can show the largest number of initiates will have conferred upon it some signal mark of appreciation from the rulers of the province.

I sincerely trust that there is no real foundation for this idea, but that it does prevail to a great extent I know, and the sooner our provincial rulers let it be

known that honours are not to be bought by money payments, either to Charities or anything else, or by numerical additions to the Craft, the better it will be for our noble Institution, and the sooner shall we see what every true Mason so much desires, a more healthy tone in our lodges, and a more hearty appreciation of the true principles of the Craft amongst all its members.

The evil will not be cured by casual remarks made at annual meetings. It will require much more drastic measures, and no time should be lost in it, as the fact of so many objectionable persons being admitted is already having a most pernicious effect, and is keeping many good men from joining our ranks, and will certainly result in Masonry losing that proud position we all boast of, and which it ought to hold all the world over.—Yours fraternally,

P.M.

## Reviews.

THE ANTIQUITIES OF HERALDRY collected from the Literature, Coins, Gems, Vases, and other Monuments of Pre-Christian and Mediaeval Times, with a Catalogue of Early Armorial Seals, &c. By WILLIAM SMITH ELLIS, London.

This is a very remarkable and ably written volume, full of interesting and curious details, many of which are little known, and not a few quite overlooked of late years. To the studious Freemason it is invaluable, and we are glad to know there are still a few copies available, Mr. Henry Gray, of 47, Leicester-square, having purchased the remainder, and will send those left at half a guinea each, post-free. It is quite impossible to indicate in a brief notice the varied contents of this massive book, which has been written with a definite aim. The object Mr. Ellis has before him throughout is to prove that modern heraldry was in existence at the Norman Conquest, is an inheritance from the ancient Gauls and Germans, and from the nations of antiquity, as directly and in the same sense as the Italian language was derived from the Latin. This proposition he proves both deductively and inductively, and enforces his powerful arguments by reference to a score of plates containing numerous figures drawn from various sources, ranging from the 10th to the 13th centuries. These are all most accurately drawn and form a special feature of the very entertaining volume. The banner of the Templars and other bodies, seals, coins, and in fact all possible sources for obtaining light and information are duly detailed, and often most effectively illustrated, the originals of several well-known emblems being, though startling, apparently well established. The Tribal symbols are most curious, and the ensigns and devices, transmitted by inheritance, succession, and adoption, are carefully considered, in relation to the general question. The arguments against the author's opinion receive fair treatment, and throughout the work the evident desire is to do justice to all theories, whilst attending particularly to the author's own views of the matter.

## Masonic Notes and Queries.

## 959] OLD ROYAL ARCH BY-LAWS.

Bro. J. H. Sillitoe, of Manchester, has kindly sent me the by-laws of an old Royal Arch chapter held doubtless in connection with an "Ancient" lodge in Manchester towards the end of last century. The Royal Arch Degree was first planted in that city by the "Moderns," in 1769, but the "Ancient" lodges had authority to work the ceremony from the time of their being warranted in Manchester, viz., A.D. 1755. The rules are small 32mo., of eight pages, five only being written on. The reference to "mak'g Ancient" was in the event of a "Modern" Mason wishing to be exalted.

W. J. HUGHAN.

## RULES AND ORDERS.

- RULES & ORDERS which are punctually to be observed & kept by the United Members of the Right Worshipful Society of Royal Arch Masons.
- 1st. That a Lodge be held at Manchester each Sunday six weeks or Eight times in the year to be computed from nearest Sunday to Candlemas, May Day, Lammas, & All Saints.
  - 2d. The time of meeting shall be precisely at 5 o'clock & sit till Eight, each member to spend at pleasure & put Two pence in the Box for a Fund & each absent member shall pay his dues to the fund.
  - A Visitor to bear equal expences with the Members.
  - 3d. The Officers shall be chose out of the Members on Trinity Sunday, which shall be the Festival.
  - Every Person not attending, who resides in Town or within 3 miles shall forfeit sixpence to the Fund; sickness excepted.
  - 4th. Any Person desirous of becoming a Member shall pay for making, Seven Shillings & Sixpence. For mak'g Ancient 4s. 6d.

## 960] PICART'S "CEREMONIES."

I see that J. and M. L. Tregaskis, of 232, High Holborn, have the Dutch edition of Picart's "Ceremonies," 1727-1738, for sale at three guineas. This is a good chance for any Masonic library, as the plates are certified to be brilliant impressions. The text is by Moulach, and the six vols. are bound in three, folio,



*whole white vellum.* Should this edition be purchased by anyone who reads this notice, I should like to know if the plate of the Masonic lodges, A.D. 1736, shows the numbers, &c., from right to left (as most later ones), or *vice versa*, as the original issue.

W. J. HUGHAN.

#### 961] ROYAL ARCH REGULATIONS.

I have only to-day seen "India's" Note 954. I have a copy dated 1864, John Smith and Co., printers, 52, Long Acre.

LEX SCRIPTA.



### Cratt Masonry.

#### METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

**Strong Man Lodge (No. 45).**—The regular meeting of this old lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C., on Thursday, the 5th inst. The Worshipful Master, Bro. W. H. Liddall, presided, and was supported by Bros. E. H. Dove, I.P.M.; C. H. Dowsett, J.W.; B. S. Liddall, Treas.; H. T. Nell, P.M., Sec.; G. G. Symons, P.M., D. of C.; A. M. Whitby, S.D.; J. G. Cobb, J.D.; W. Sammes, I.G.; J. Emerson, Org.; Langdon, W. G. Mills, and Rutter, Stwds.; T. Williams, acting Tyler; F. Driver, M.A., P.M.; John Smith, P.M.; H. Sadler, P.M.; Manuelle, Medcalf, Taylor, Jenkinson, Cuer, Spurgeon, Yates, Ashford, Batchelor, Finch, Ockelford, Reed, Burgess, T. E. Mills, Bewers, Smethurst, A. Whitby, Soar, Best, and Stafford. Visitors: Bros. W. H. Read, 382; E. Read, 382; Holland, 1500; Milnes, 2242; Young, 2374; Hind, 1489; Pridmore, 2148; Day, 212; and J. Medcalf, 212.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Messrs. Henry Reed and Thomas John Burgess, who were duly initiated. The ceremony being performed most ably by the W.M. for the first time since his installation. A ballot was also taken for a re-joining member, Bro. Wilkins, which proved unanimous.

The lodge being closed, the brethren sat down to dinner. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the Secretary, in reply to the toast of his health, drew attention that the Strong Man Lodge of Instruction had been re-started at the Tiptree Restaurant, Leadenhall-street, on Thursdays at 6.30, and appealed to the brethren for their especial support.

The Tyler's toast concluded a very enjoyable evening. The musical programme was exceedingly well carried out, Bros. Tom Taylor, Hind, Pridmore, Burgess, Spurgeon, Finch, Nell, and Yates taking part, and Bro. Emerson presiding at the piano.

**Faith Lodge (No. 141).**—This old lodge held its installation meeting on the 27th ult., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Among those present were Bros. W. Langdale, W.M.; W. J. Hakim, P.M., acting S.W.; C. Welch, J.W., W.M. elect; W. Carter, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Taylor, S.D.; Ryan, J.D.; Trott, I.G.; C. Wetzlar, I.P.M.; E. Hopwood, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Charles Dairy, P.M.; Rumball, P.M.; M. Heaphy, P.M.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W.; Frommholz, P.M.; Hudson, P.M.; Coop, P.M.; White, Godfrey, Lange, Swan, Steinfeld, Gluckstein, and others. Among the visitors were Bros. John Mason, P.P.G.D.; Goffin, P.P.G.D.C.; Long, I.P.M. 175; Bryant, I.P.M. 1445; Robottom, 179; West, 1310; Barnes, 1339; Orr, 1572; Barnett, 1299; Isaacs, 2030; Ward, 2080; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. F. A. Woof and F. W. Andrews were passed to the Second Degree and Mr. Walter White duly initiated into Craft mysteries, the ceremonies being well performed. Bro. T. Holmes, late of 141, was elected as a joining member. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. Bro. Welch was ably installed into the chair of K.S. by the W.M. The following appointments and investitures took place: Bros. Taylor, S.W.; Ryan, J.W.; Carter, Treas. (33rd time); Stuart, Sec.; Trott, S.D.; White, J.D.; Godfrey, I.G.; Sharpley, Org.; Lange and Swan, Stewards; Steinfeld, D.C.; Gluckstein, A.D.C.; and Longstaff, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel and a vote of thanks as Installing Officer were given to Bro. W. Langdale, I.P.M. It was proposed by Bro. Capt. Walls, seconded by Bro. Hakim, and carried unanimously, that the sum of ten guineas be voted to the R.M.B.I., per Bro. E. Hopwood, P.M., &c., as Steward to that Institution's Jubilee Festival, 1892.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, which was well-served under the personal superintendence of Bro. A. Clemov.

The usual toasts received full justice. The Worshipful Master was assisted in the toast propositions by Bros. Coop, P.M.; Hudson, P.M.; Wetzlar, P.M.; Hakim, P.M.; Walls, P.M.; and others.

Bros. Goffin, Long, and Bryant responded on behalf of "The Visitors" in exhaustive speeches.

Bro. John Mason, as usual, made a stirring appeal on behalf of "The Masonic Charities" in response to the toast.

During the evening instrumental and vocal selections were given by Messrs. F. Ruffell, Harry Middleton, F. and P. Macdonald, Stubbins, and Newman.

The Worshipful Master and executive are to be congratulated on the great success that attended the entire proceedings.

**Duke of Edinburgh Lodge (No. 1259).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Limehouse, on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., under the presidency of Bro. George Parrett, W.M., supported by Bros. J. R. Omer, I.P.M.; W. W. Esmond, P.M.; R. Atkins, P.M.; J. Trappitt, S.W.; Adams, J.W.; C. Wakefield, P.M., Treas.; T. W. Buchan, P.M., Sec.; J. Lusty, S.D.; Powell, J.D.; B. Holbrook, D.C.; Westmorland, I.G.; G. G. Seddons, Org.; and Gentry, Stwd. Among the members were

Bros. Beales, Harding, Simmons, and several others. Visitors: Bros. J. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; M. Bleick; Wm. Shurmur, 2374; J. T. Kinipple, P.M. 1816; E. Pettipher, P.M. 1816; B. Britain, P.M. 1278; J. Morrison, P.M. 1382; E. Brindley, 1382; Holbrook, 1345; Ozanne, 1765; and J. Coote, 1278.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. J. Terry, acting as Installing Officer, then introduced Bro. G. Parrett, W.M. elect for the second time, to Bro. Omer, I.P.M., who acted as W.M. *pro tem.*, to be installed in the chair of K.S. A Board of Installed Masters having been formed, Bro. Parrett was formally installed into the Worshipful Master's chair. Bro. Parrett then appointed the following officers, and they were respectively invested by Bro. Terry, who addressed a few words of congratulation and exhortation: Bros. Trappitt, S.W.; Adams, J.W.; C. Wakefield, P.M., Treas.; T. W. Buchan, P.M., Sec.; J. Lusty, S.D.; Powell, J.D.; T. Holbrook, D.C.; Westmorland, I.G.; Gentry, Stwd.; G. G. Seddons, Org. (for the 12th year); and J. Very, Tyler. Bro. J. Terry then addressed the W.M., Wardens, and officers respectively, and exhorted them to uphold the dignity of their offices and be always ready to instruct the brethren and set an example of regularity to them; in like manner, addressing the brethren generally, he admonished them on the virtues of obedience and the advantages of Freemasonry as a rule of rectitude. The ceremony was worked by Bro. Terry with the utmost precision, and the addresses delivered with impressiveness. Other business was then transacted, and after "Hearty good wishes" to the W.M. from all present, the lodge was closed.

The banquet which followed was highly satisfactory to the brethren, and reflected credit on the catering of Bro. Burnell, the worthy host of the Cape of Good Hope. The loyal toasts were proposed and accepted in a hearty way.

The toast of "The Worshipful Master" was proposed by Bro. Omer, I.P.M., in brief but telling words, who congratulated him on the almost unprecedented honour bestowed upon him of being raised to the chair two years in succession.

Bro. Parrett responded in his wonted fluent and easy manner. He thanked the brethren for the kind way in which they had received the toast, and pledged himself to do all that was possible towards the prosperity and honour of the lodge during his year of office.

Most of the remaining toasts were briefly put and as briefly responded to.

For "The Charities" Bro. James Terry, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, responded as he so well knows how to. His eloquence in expatiating the claims of Charity as the chief virtue that should distinguish a Mason is too well known to be here recorded at length. The fact that under his auspices the financial condition of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution stands as it does, is largely owing to his pleading in its favour whenever he gets a chance.

Other toasts were drunk, and between the various intervals Bros. Buchan, Parrett, Britain, and Brindley contributed to the harmony.

The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

**Asaph Lodge (No. 1319).**—The installation meeting of this dramatic and musical lodge was held on Monday, the 2nd inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. T. de Brunnow Holmes, W.M., presiding. The attendance of brethren was very numerous, and the list of Grand Officers who attended included the names of Bros. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; George Everett, G. Treas.; Edward Terry, P.G.T.; R. Eve, P.G.T.; C. Belton, and Thomas Fenn. Bro. George Fairchild, at the request of the W.M., installed Bro. Alfred Edward Bishop, S.W. and W.M. elect, as W.M.; and the following brethren were invested as the W.M.'s officers for the year: Bros. W. S. Penley, S.W.; J. E. Hambleton, J.W.; C. Wellard, P.M., Treas.; W. A. Tinney, P.M., Sec.; F. H. Macklin, S.D.; S. Johnson, J.D.; G. E. Fairchild, P.M., D. of C.; C. E. Tinney, P.M., Org.; F. Stewart, I.G.; L. Lablache and W. J. Holloway, Stwds.; and John Gilbert, Tyler. Bro. Penley, S.W., then moved, and Bro. Beveridge, P.M., seconded, a vote of thanks to the W.M. for a handsome present to the lodge of collars and gauntlets for the W.M. and Wardens. The motion was carried unanimously. The Secretary having announced that the Benevolent Institution had applied for a Steward from the lodge for its Jubilee Festival next year, the selection of such Steward was deferred till the following meeting. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern to banquet.

Under the direction of Bro. C. E. Tinney, Madame Isabel George, Miss Violet Winchester, Miss Cora Cardigan, Miss Ethel Bevens, Bros. Hy. Tolhurst, Ormond Yearsley, Charles E. Tinney, Howard Reynolds, Harry Nicholls, and Mr. Henry Lindsey performed a beautiful selection of music. Miss Cora Cardigan (Mrs. Honig), accompanied by Bro. Louis Honig, performed some lovely flute solos.

After the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W.G.M." had been disposed of, Bro. Bishop, in proposing "The Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," referred to the fact that under the Earl of Lathom's presidency this year, £30,000 had been subscribed to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

Bro. George Everett, G. Treas., in replying to the toast of "The Grand Officers," said a reverend and very popular brother whose after dinner speeches were always of the brightest and the happiest, in speaking to this self same toast a few days ago said that he had been enabled to enjoy his dinner because the fact that his name was to be coupled with it had been kept from him. He was not quite in the position of that reverend brother, because when he took his seat at that festive board he knew that by the accident of Masonic rank it would fall to his lot to say a few words, however feebly, in response to the toast of the Grand Officers. He had, nevertheless, thoroughly enjoyed his dinner, and for two reasons, first because they had had placed before them a repast such as none but the most dyspeptic could fail to enjoy, and secondly because he knew that long speeches were not countenanced in that lodge, and that a few words therefore would suffice to get him out of his trouble. The W.M. had been good enough to propose that toast in very complimentary terms, and the brethren had received it as they invariably did on those occasions, with much warmth and enthusiasm. The fact that it was so received was very gratifying to the Grand Officers, and met with their high appreciation. It was a great pleasure to him to be present

that day at the coming of age of so large and important a lodge as the Asaph, and to congratulate its members, which he did most heartily, on the fact that the promising child of 21 years ago had fulfilled that promise, and grown to such stalwart manhood. He was glad to witness the induction into the Master's chair of one so well fitted to adorn that position as their good Bro. Alfred Bishop, and he had been delighted beyond measure at the masterly and impressive manner in which the ceremony had been performed by Bro. George Fairchild. Whilst thanking them for their kind hospitality, he assured them that he should carry away with him the most pleasing recollections of the day on which the Lodge of Asaph attained its majority.

Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec., also responded, stating that personally he was delighted to be present and witness the continued career of success of the lodge.

Bro. Holmes, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said it was now "the witching hour of night," or nearly so, and he would not detain the brethren long in saying what he had to say of Bro. Bishop. He might well speak half-an-hour in narrating his good qualities, but every one knew him as a true friend and a good Mason. In Bro. Bishop they had a brother who was thoroughly *au fait* at the ritual of Freemasonry, and there was no one who could work the three Degrees who would be ashamed of hearing him do it. He was certain that during the next year they would all look forward to having the ceremonies rehearsed in the most perfect form possible.

The Worshipful Master, in responding, thanked Bro. Holmes for his generous observations, and the brethren for their cordial acceptance of them. He sincerely appreciated that expression of the brethren's feelings, though he had some conscientious doubts whether he deserved the good wishes of Bro. Holmes. However, backed up by such encouragement, he could promise them that by every means in his power he would uphold the dignity of the lodge. While under his direction it would be his endeavour to maintain the high reputation of the lodge, perhaps to increase it. He could not forget the grand work done by the late Bro. John Maclean, and by Bros. Tinney and Fairchild, and many others, but of course they must not look on those brethren as mere ordinary Past Masters. If he had the power in Grand Lodge he should create another and higher rank, such as Past Master General, or some such title, to mark the excellence of a Master's work. He offered this suggestion with all reserve, but he hoped the Grand Officers present would at the next opportunity in Grand Lodge not forget it. With the very able assistance he would receive from every brother of the lodge and the officers, he hoped that at the expiration of his year of office he would render a fairly good account of himself, and that the lodge would have no cause to regret his election to the honourable position of W.M.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Health of the Immediate Past Master, Bro. Holmes." The Past Masters knew the numerous difficulties that surrounded a brother when he took the chair of a lodge for the first time, but no one of the leaders of a lodge looked for perfection at first. In such a lodge as the Asaph the difficulties were exceptionally great. But allowing for this, he was sure the brethren would admit that Bro. Holmes had come through the ordeal with honour and reputation. Recognising Bro. Holmes' efforts in the interest of the lodge, the brethren had deputed him (the W.M.) to present Bro. Holmes with a handsome Past Master's jewel as a mark of their esteem and good feeling, and he now pinned it on his breast with the expression of the hope that he would wear it in health and strength for many years, and that it would remind him of many pleasant evenings he had had with the brethren.

Bro. Holmes, in reply, said he wished that a more able Master than himself would this year fill the chair. His year of office was the 21st year of the lodge. If last July twelvemonth he had been able to foresee the many duties he was bound to perform during the last year, he should have felt it his duty very unwillingly to notify to the lodge that he thought under the circumstances he ought not to accept the position of Master of the Lodge of Asaph. He stated when the brethren were kind enough last July to vote him a jewel that he thanked them for the great honour they had conferred on him. During his year of office, though perhaps he had not done what he should have wished to do, he had done his very level best. He had had duties which had kept him away from his lodge duties. Those duties could not possibly be averted, because they were duties he had undertaken, and they had the first call on him. But whenever he went to any lodge he should always wear the jewel of the Lodge of Asaph, and anybody seeing he wore such a badge, would say that he was a Past Master who had attempted to do his duty to the lodge, and that he was not a bad Mason.

Bro. Richard Eve, P.G. Treas., responded to the toast of "The Visitors," and complimented the lodge on having for one of its members a brother who could perform the ceremony of installation like Bro. Fairchild. It had been a great treat to witness such a performance, and Bro. Fairchild had that day actually exceeded himself.

Bro. W. A. Tinney, P.M. and Sec., replied to the toast of "The Past Masters," and Bro. Penley, S.W., to that of "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast closed an exceedingly pleasant evening.

**Kennington Lodge (No. 1381).**—This lodge met for the dispatch of business at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, on the 3rd inst. Among those present were Bros. J. J. La Feuillade, W.M.; Dennis, S.W.; Lundie, J.W.; George Everett, P.M.; G. Treas., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M. 141, Sec.; Hearn, S.D.; W. W. Westley, I.P.M.; H. Higgins, P.M.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W.; Cockburn, P.M.; R. La Feuillade, P.M.; Lingley, P.M.; and Foulc, P.M. Visitors: Bros. Richard Eve, P.G. Treas., P.P.G.W., &c.; Geo. Gardner, P.P.G.S.B. Bucks; M. Harris, 185; Farmer, 1019; T. Wilson, 1614; and Folkard, 2345.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Lingley impressively raised Bro. W. H. Sharpton to the Third Degree. The W.M. passed Bros. A. S. Moore and R. C. Scutt to the Second Degree. Apologies for non-attendance having been received from numerous brethren, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was, as usual, admirably served by Bro. Buxton, the genial host.

Upon the removal of the cloth, the customary loyal and Craft toasts received full justice.

The toast of "The Grand Officers" was acknowledged at great length, and in most fluent and effective terms, by Bro. R. Eve, P.G. Treas.

"The Health of the W.M." was given by Bro. George Everett, his utterances, as usual, being marked by originality and humour.

The W.M. briefly thanked the proposer of the toast for the flattering manner in which he had mentioned his poor services to the lodge. He did not pose as an after-dinner speaker; it was not his forte to possess a splendid flow of language such as they had heard that night from the lips of Bro. Eve. However, he would continue to do his best, and, with the assistance of the Past Masters and officers of the lodge, he believed that his year of office would be not altogether an uneventful one.

Bro. G. Gardner, among others, responded on behalf of "The Visitors." In the course of his remarks he congratulated the lodge upon its efficient working and great financial prosperity. He was particularly interested in the lodge, because it contained so many members whom it was his pride to call personal friends.

Bro. R. La Feuillade replied on behalf of "The Past Masters" in a neat speech.

In giving "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. said that No. 1381 owed a great debt of gratitude to those worthy brethren, particularly to Bro. George Everett, by whose exertions the lodge had attained, as one of the visitors pointed out, a most prosperous position.

Bros. Everett and Stuart having responded, the toast of "The Officers," coupled with the names of Bros. Dennis and Lundie, terminated the proceedings.

During the evening some beautiful selections of harmony were given by members and guests.

#### Royal Kensington Lodge (No. 1627).

A regular meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Friday, the 6th inst., when Bro. H. T. Pitt was installed as the W.M. for the ensuing year. The members present were Bros. H. G. Hale, W.M.; H. T. Pitt, S.W.; W. Bellamy, J.W.; J. B. Stevens, P.M.; Treas.; H. P. Hay, P.M., Sec.; E. Daoust, S.D.; E. E. Poudard, J.D.; J. Broughton, I.G.; Percy Leith, P.G.D.; C. Took, P.M.; A. A. Rumsey, P.M.; E. Delacoste, P.M.; and W. Hudson, P.M. Visitors: Bros. J. L. Mather, P.A.G.D.C.; J. J. Thomas, P.M. 753, 2150; W. H. Wills, J.D. 753; F. Haine, 193; W. Taylor, 133; W. J. Forscutt, P.M. 144; A. Laurence, P.P.G.D. Surrey; J. Gordon Langton, P.M. 96; E. Caxton, P.M. 63; A. Sly, 1478; A. Hudson, P.M. 1627; H. D. Willoughby, P.M. 73, G. Stwd.; J. Curr, 55; G. Ridout, S.D. 1287; T. Covill, P.M. 1733; D. J. Luckhurst, 2021; A. Romano, 1351; and W. W. Lee, S.W. 2381.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed, after which the report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. Ballot was taken for several gentlemen as candidates for initiation, and Mr. Fergus Lamb being in attendance, was duly initiated. Bros. O. Heinemann, 1791; C. H. Bull, 1791; F. W. Goswin, 164; and I. Quincey, 1668, were unanimously elected joining members. Bro. Stevens, P.M., Treas., assumed the chair, and installed Bro. H. T. Pitt as W.M. The following officers were invested: Bros. H. G. Hale, I.P.M.; W. Bellamy, S.W.; E. Daoust, J.W.; J. B. Stevens, P.M., Treas.; H. P. Hay, P.M., Sec.; E. E. Poudard, S.D.; J. Broughton, J.D.; C. F. Bennewitz, I.G.; and E. Delacoste, P.M., D.C. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Hale, I.P.M., and was duly acknowledged, and the lodge was formally closed.

After banquet the customary toasts received hearty recognition.

Bro. Percy Leith, P.G.D., responded for "The Grand Officers," and having returned thanks, said he hoped the brethren would give the Grand Officers credit for performing their duties to the best of their ability. It was a pleasure on all occasions to have the toast received with such enthusiasm, and the Grand Officers appreciated the compliment.

Bro. H. G. Hale, I.P.M., then gave "The Worshipful Master," and said the toast was always received with enthusiasm. He was sure their Worshipful Master was a man of sterling business capabilities, who would do his best to further the interest of the lodge. He knew they could rely upon Bro. Pitt, W.M., to follow in the steps of those who had gone before, who had done their work well. It gave him pleasure to propose the Worshipful Master's health, and he hoped Bro. Pitt would be spared for many years to study the welfare of the lodge which he had so much at heart.

Bro. H. T. Pitt, W.M., thanked the I.P.M. for the cordial manner in which his health had been proposed and received, and said he hoped that at the end of his year he should be received in the same hearty manner as now.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Installing Master," and remarked that there was no more worthy or more appreciated brother than Bro. Stevens, P.M., Treas. That brother was an especial favourite in the lodge and wherever he went.

Bro. J. B. Stevens, P.M., Treas., returned sincere and hearty thanks for the kind reception given his name. It was now about 16 years since he was initiated in this lodge, and that day was the anniversary of the day when the principles of Freemasonry first made such an impression on him. He considered the installation ceremony the very essence of Freemasonry, and he recommended it to all who aspired to be workers of the ritual. In the capacity of Treasurer, the W.M. could rest assured of his earnest support during the coming year, and he would continue to do his best for the lodge as long as the Great Architect spared him.

"The Initiate" having been cordially given and received, the W.M. submitted the toast of "The I.P.M. and Past Masters."

Bro. H. G. Hale, I.P.M., said he hoped the Past Masters had done their duty in the past, and he felt sure that those who were following on were equally expert and would devote their attention and ability to the lodge.

Bro. T. Covill, P.M. 1733, replying for "The Visitors," thanked the W.M. for the cordial reception given them, and said he was personally indebted to the W.M. for his invitation. He was pleased to be present to see the work, and from what he knew of the W.M. he was sure that during the coming year that brother would endeavour to do as well as his predecessors.

"The Masonic Charities" and "The Officers" were given, and the Tyler's toast terminated the proceedings.

An excellent programme of music was carried out, under the direction of Bro. Hy. Prenton, assisted by Miss Jessie Hotine, Miss Hamilton Smith, Miss Maud Prenton, Mr. J. B. Hardwicke, and Bro. Roland Henry.

**Trinity College Lodge (No. 1765).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at 13, Mandeville-place, W., on Thursday, the 5th inst., under the presidency of Bro. T. E. Biddlecombe, W.M., supported by Bros. E. Burritt Lane, I.P.M.; F. W. Plant Martin, P.M.; Aubrey F. Howard, P.M. and D.C.; J. B. Sargeant, S.W. and W.M. elect; C. J. Ozanne, J.W.; J. A. Hammond, Treas.; S. J. Wilford, S.D.; J. T. Hutchinson, J.D.; W. C. Hutchinson, I.G.; L. J. Van der Heyden, Stwd.; and G. Harrison, Tyler. The members present were Bros. H. V. Geary, J. Bennett, F. Robinson, Scott Hatley, Sinclair Dunn, E. C. M. Fischel, H. Robertson, B. S. Reed, R. Sladdin, J. S. Eidmans, W. L. Cotton, C. J. Comerford, A. Carnall, and W. S. Holder. Visitors: Bros. J. A. Norton, P.M. 370; R. H. Harland, P.M. 1716; C. Wakefield, P.M. and Treasurer 1259; F. Swinford, 2272; Karl Krifert, 1319; J. D. Hartley, 1986; A. W. Lane, W.M. 167; W. J. Rundell, 1716; C. W. Dixon, 1366; J. E. Hopgood, late 1765; F. A. Warner, 657; and A. R. Bishop, 1872.

The lodge being opened, the minutes were read and confirmed, and the Auditors' report was then presented by Bros. Geary, F. Robinson, and Bennett, and read by Bro. Geary, and on its being put to the brethren it was unanimously adopted by them. Bros. Scott Hatley and F. Robinson were then raised, and Bros. R. Sladdin and B. S. Reed were passed. Bro. J. S. Eidmans was balloted for as a joining member, and was unanimously elected. Messrs. C. J. Comerford, W. H. Wells, and W. Lynch Cotton were then balloted for as candidates for initiation, and being unanimous, Messrs. Comerford and Cotton were initiated, Mr. Wells being absent. The chief business of the evening then took place. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, and the Installing Officer, Bro. J. A. Hammond, installed Bro. Sargeant into the chair of K.S., and appointed his officers as follows: Bros. C. J. Ozanne, S.W.; S. J. Wilford, J.W.; J. A. Hammond, P.M., Treas.; J. Mills, Sec.; J. T. Hutchinson, S.D.; W. C. Hutchinson, J.D.; L. J. Van der Heyden, I.G.; F. W. Rant Martin, D.C.; A. Carnall, Org.; E. C. M. Fischel and Sinclair Dunn, Stewards; and G. Harrison, Tyler. The Installing Officer then addressed the W.M., Wardens, and brethren. Bro. Hammond, although well known for his working of the installation ceremony, on the present occasion seemed to eclipse all his past efforts in the impressiveness of the addresses and the precise manner in which all parts of the ceremony were performed. Among the items of business that followed £20 was voted to a distressed brother, and several candidates were proposed for initiation and joining. The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been proposed and honoured, the toast of "The W.M." was given by Bro. Biddlecombe, who expressed the views of all present when he said that the chair could not be filled more worthily.

Bro. Sargeant briefly responded.

The hour being advanced, the other toasts and replies were as short as possible to allow time for the performance of the admirable musical programme provided and conducted by Bro. Sinclair Dunn.

The proceedings were terminated by the Tyler's toast.

The following entertained the company during the evening: Madame Worrell, Miss Susetta Fenn, Bro. Sinclair Dunn and Bro. Frank Swinford.

**Tivoli Lodge (No. 2150).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Tivoli Restaurant, Strand, on Tuesday, the 3rd instant. There was a good attendance, and amongst the members were Bros. J. J. Thomas, W.M.; W. J. Mason, S.W.; H. R. Schreiber, J.W.; J. T. Lacey, Treas.; H. W. Davie, Sec.; M. S. McDonnell, P.M.; G. W. Bolton, P.M.; J. Stephens, P.M.; W. T. Farthing, P.M.; E. H. Brown, P.M.; and many others. Visitors: Bros. Eugene Monteuiis, P.G.S.B.; W. J. Stratton, I.P.M. 753; G. Davis, P.M. 167; G. Gardner, 1642; H. Holmes, P.P.G.D. Herts; W. R. Hatton, 2246; G. English, 901; F. L. Chandler, P.P.G.P. Middx.; Julius Jonas, 2398; G. J. Chretien, J.W. 1328; T. G. Dacombe, S.W. 359; W. H. Dipstale, W.M. 55; E. T. Ginder, 1563; J. Hughes, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey; C. T. Johnson, 1706; E. S. White, 902; G. Guterbock, P.M. 173; D. Hoxley, P.M. 173; G. T. Becker, P.M. 1139; F. Schmitz, 907; W. R. Flack, 1656; H. F. Williams, S.W. 834; C. Grassi, P.M. 1559; L. Solomon, P.M. 1732; B. Kauffmann, P.M. 1732; E. W. Ellis, W.M. 1314; A. Moore, W.M. 173; A. Briscoe, I.P.M. 1927; G. Wood, S.W. 1608; E. W. Allen, P.M. 173; E. Rogers, P.G. Stwd.; H. J. Thomas, 753; and W. W. Lee, S.W. 2381.

The lodge was opened, the minutes confirmed, and a satisfactory balance-sheet adopted. Bro. A. H. J. Gerard, 1559, was unanimously elected a joining member. Bro. W. J. Mason was presented as W.M. elect, and was installed into the chair by Bro. J. J. Thomas, I.P.M., who performed the ceremony in a very efficient and impressive manner. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. H. R. Schreiber, S.W.; H. Grevel, J.W.; J. T. Lacey, Treas.; H. W. Davie, Sec.; J. C. Radford, S.D.; C. D. Lavington, J.D.; A. F. R. Ulrich, I.G.; W. T. Farthing, P.M., D.C.; C. Hunter, Stwd.; and H. Thomas, Tyler. Other business was transacted, and the lodge was closed.

After a recherché repast, the usual toasts were loyally honoured.

Bro. E. Monteuiis, P.G.S.B., responding for "The Grand Officers," said they endeavoured to merit that appreciation which was always so kindly expressed, and endeavoured to promote the advantage and good working of Masonry. He wished to have made a few remarks about the working he had seen and the great hospitality of the lodge, but he feared he should be trespassing upon the privileges of the visitors who replied. He would simply return thanks for the opportunity afforded him of visiting the lodge and for the kind manner in which the toast had been received.

Bro. J. J. Thomas, I.P.M., in proposing "The W.M.," said that Bro. Mason, W.M., was not new to the office to which he had been elevated, and had passed through that ordeal which so many coveted—the Master's chair. The W.M. occupied that office two years ago, and the Tivoli Lodge would lose none of its lustre by having him in the chair. The W.M. was a thorough Mason, and had the advantage of many in having been born a Mason, and would do honour and credit to the lodge in the admirable way he would discharge his duties. Bro. Mason, W.M., was one of the founders, and had worked up through the

offices in a most creditable manner, and the brethren would therefore give him a hearty reception as W.M. They wished the W.M. a successful year, and cordially congratulated him in having arrived at that position for which he was so well fitted.

Bro. W. J. Mason, W.M., thanked the I.P.M. for the very kind way he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for the generous reception accorded it. That was he hoped a very pleasant occasion to them all, and they need have no apprehension that he was going to mar that enjoyment by making a long speech. He was unable to acknowledge fully the great kindness he had received, but he fully appreciated the important position in which he was placed. He would endeavour to maintain the welfare and harmony of the lodge and the comfort of the brethren, and he trusted to receive that kind assistance accorded to his predecessors. With the assistance of the brethren, and particularly of his officers, he hoped to hand over to his successor the prestige and honour of the lodge unsullied as he received it.

"The Joining Member" was next honoured and duly responded to by Bro. Gerard, after which "The Visitors" was proposed in cordial terms by the Worshipful Master.

Bro. E. Rogers, P.G. Stwd., said he was pleased to reply, as the Worshipful Master was one of his personal friends, and he congratulated the lodge on having such a Master. The Worshipful Master was a Mason in name, but also in heart, and never studied his personal convenience if he could do anything for Freemasonry. He was proud to be associated with the Worshipful Master in a lodge of instruction, and they were going up as Stewards to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and hoped to take up a good list.

Bro. G. Davis, P.M. 167, said he was pleased and delighted to see Bro. Mason installed, for he did not know in his Masonic career a more worthy Mason. He remembered Bro. Mason long before he was a Mason, and he always thought that if ever that brother joined Masonry he would make a good Mason. The manner in which the I.P.M. installed his successor was highly creditable to the lodge and to Bro. Thomas.

The W.M. then gave "The I.P.M. and Installing Master," and said it was nearly 40 years since his old friend John and he were boys together, and he hoped they would enjoy each other's company for another 40 years. On his own behalf, he thanked the I.P.M. for the able manner in which he performed the duties of Installing Master. He had now to ask Bro. Thomas, I.P.M., to allow him to pin on his breast a Past Master's jewel, which he did with the great pleasure, heartily and sincerely trusting the I.P.M. would be spared many years to wear it in the lodge.

Bro. J. J. Thomas, I.P.M., in reply, after thanking the Worshipful Master and brethren, said he had had great pleasure in being a member of that lodge and one of the founders, and also in attaining the chair. His year having expired, it was right that he should retire into that happiness which the Past Masters sought after their labours. The labours to him were most endearing, and he felt the time passed away rapidly, and that he had only just arrived at the zenith of his pleasure when it was time to be released and place another Master in the chair. The kindness he had received and the assistance given him had rendered his year one of the most pleasant he had experienced during his career. That feeling was somewhat enhanced by placing Bro. Mason in the chair. The friendship that had existed between them for 40 years had been cemented in a Masonic lodge, and the cordiality with which the right hand of goodfellowship was grasped had been continued, and he hoped would long continue. His poor efforts in the lodge had been rewarded by the jewel which had been accorded to him by the unanimous vote of the members. He should wear that jewel with great pleasure, and hoped to be with them for many years.

Bro. Farthing, P.M., replied for "The Past Masters," and "The Treasurer and Secretary" having been honoured, the Tyler's toast closed a very successful meeting. The musical arrangements were in the hands of Bro. E. P. Delevanti, assisted by Miss Lizzie Holmes, Miss Agnes Wilson, Bro. Arthur Thomas, and Messrs. P. Craig and J. W. Turner.

**Argonauts' Lodge (No. 2243).**—A regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 9th inst. at Cromwell Hall, Putney, S.W. Present: Bros. Gordon-Smith, W.M.; G. D. Lister, S.W.; T. W. Willis, J.W.; J. F. Savory, I.P.M., Sec.; E. T. Smith, S.D.; H. H. Woodroffe, J.D.; C. W. Mapleton, Stwd.; F. G. Mitchell, Tyler; H. M. Watt, J. A. Drake-Smith, P. A. N. Thorn, and A. Thorn.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. Bro. G. D. Lister was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., re-elected Treasurer. Bro. Mitchell was re-elected Tyler.

There being no other business of importance, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to supper.

#### PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

##### ALDERLEY.

**Alan Lodge (No. 2368).**—The first meeting after the installation of Bro. H. Gordon Small, W.M., was held at the Queen's Hotel, on Wednesday, the 4th instant, presided over by the W.M. There were also present Bros. T. W. Markland, P.G.S., S.W.; A. Keymer, J.W.; A. Lawley, P.P.A.G. Sec.; Treas.; W. Ramsden, P.P.G.D., Sec.; J. B. Gemmell, S.D.; Elliott A. Crompton, A. W. Henry, Dr. Danville Davis, E. T. Everitt, P.P.G.D.; J. Lau-isch, J. Urquhart, J. Moffatt, J. Gow, and J. B. Kirk, Tyler. Visitor: Bro. Cook.

The lodge was opened and closed in the three Degrees very smartly by Bro. Small.

##### BEAMINSTER.

**Beaminster Manor Lodge (No. 1367).**—The 124th regular meeting of the members of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., at the White Hart Hotel, and was attended by the following officers and brethren: Bros. H. Maunders, W.M.; J. S. Webb, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., I.P.M.; R. R. Samson, S.W.; A. Hann, J.W.; Rev. E. G. Austen, P.P.G.C., Chap.; J. Andrews, P.P.J.G.W., Treas.; O. M. Beament, Sec.; R. England, S.D.; W. Oxley, J.D.; R. Toleman, P.M., P.P.G.P., D.C.; C. G. Purkis, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., Org.; C. Hann, P.M., Stwd.; F. P. Kitson, I.G.; and J. Keech, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. T. Giles, P.M. 35 and 707, P.P.G. Supt.



of Works Hants and Dorset; A. Hart, P.M. 814, P.P.G. Supt. of Works Somerset; S. Lawrence, P.M. 814, P.P.G.D.C.; G. Parry, P.M. 814; and Rev. E. H. G. de Castro, 357.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the former meeting confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bros. the Rev. E. H. G. de Castro, 357, and J. Giles, 35 and 707, as joining members, the ballot in both cases proving favourable. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed, and the customary adjournment took place.

The brethren afterwards supped together, and the toasts of "The Joining Brethren" and "The Visitors" were duly proposed by the W.M.

#### CHESTER.

**Clarence Lodge** (No. 2386).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 5th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Queen-street, when there were present Bros. W. H. Finchett, W.M.; T. Litherland, S.W.; Capt. F. E. Cooper, J.W.; G. Hart Davies, Treas.; Major R. Ford. Sec.; R. McKay, S.D.; R. Cariss, J.D.; J. Osborne, Stwd.; S. Smith, P.G.T.; Tyler; H. Ellis, P.M.; J. Thomas, C. Edwards, J. Evason, F. W. Pilcher, Frank Coveney, J. L. Jones, G. Haswell, F. B. Mason, W. Peers, R. Fawcett, W. Mason, G. Willis, F. Clements, F. R. Price, E. Bryant, M. S. Rogers, J. Mellor, J. Russell, J. P. Forster, and A. C. H. Davies. Visitors: Bros. J. Doran, 546; F. Ruscoe, 1576; and C. W. Bamford, 1536.

The lodge having been opened, Mr. R. Fawcett was initiated, and after Bros. Haswell and Mason had been passed to the Second Degree, the lodge was closed.

#### SOUTH SHIELDS.

**Hadrian Lodge** (No. 1970).—There was a very large assemblage at the annual meeting of this lodge at the Freemasons' Hall, on Tuesday afternoon, the 3rd inst., on the occasion of the installation of the W.M. and the investiture of the officers for the ensuing year. The retiring W.M., Bro. J. H. Penney, presided, and was supported by Bros. J. T. Ross, I.P.M.; T. Coulson, P.M., P.P.G.D.; George Robson, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. J. Athey, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; M. J. Wheatley, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; T. D. Marshall, P.M., P.P.G.R.; J. Hepell, P.M., P.P.D.G.D. of C.; J. A. Hall, P.M., P.P.G. Stwd.; Walter Ross, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. C. Moor, P.P.G.D.; W. White, P.M.; C. F. Sutcliffe, P.M.; Robert Purvis, jun., P.M.; W. E. Moffett, P.M. 240; F. S. Cooper, I.P.M. 2039, P.P.G. Stwd.; J. W. Henderson, W.M. 240; M. J. Cohen, W.M. 431; J. Sedcole, P.M. 1119; T. Potter, P.M. 240; W. E. Wolsey, P.M. 312; Jas. W. Chater, W.M. 1119; and J. W. Hedley, W.M. elect 1389.

The lodge was opened, and after the confirmation of the minutes, the W.M. elect, Bro. G. Harland, S.W., was presented for installation by Bro. J. J. Athey, P.M., D.C., and the ceremony of installing that brother was ably performed by Bro. J. H. Penney, W.M. The musical portion of the ceremony was very admirably rendered by a choir of 10 brethren, Bro. Young being Organist. Bro. Harland afterwards appointed the following officers: Bros. J. H. Penney, I.P.M.; J. W. Henderson, S.W.; Robert Copland, J.W.; T. Coulson, P.M., Treas.; William Thomas, Sec.; Superintendent Farmer, S.D.; J. Wood, J.D.; P. Tighe, I.G.; J. J. Athey, P.M., D. of C.; J. Young, Org.; L. Snowden and T. Jameson, Stwds.; and T. Potter, P.M., Tyler. The Worshipful Master presented to Bro. J. H. Penney, I.P.M., a handsome gold Past Master's jewel, as a memento of his services in the chair. Bro. Penney appropriately expressed his thanks, and then pinned on the breast of the Worshipful Master the jewel of the Hadrian Lodge, manufactured from a penny of the time of Hadrian. The lodge was afterwards closed.

The annual festival of the lodge was held in the evening at the Golden Lion Hotel, King-street. The Worshipful Master, Bro. G. Harland, presided, and there was a very large company. An excellent repast was served under the direction of Bro. G. Happe, manager.

#### SUTTON BRIDGE.

**Alexandra Lodge** (No. 985).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the lodge room, Bridge Hotel, on Monday, the 10th ult., when there were present Bros. J. E. Townsend, W.M.; S. S. Mossop, P.P.G.P., I.P.M.; S. J. Coupland, S.W.; E. Sunderland, J.W.; Mark Cox, P.P.G.S. of W., Treas.; J. R. Clarke, P.M., P.P.A.G.P., Sec.; Chas. E. Ward, P.P. S.G.W., D.C.; J. G. Dunlop, S.D.; A. H. Brooks, I.G.; H. Healey, Org.; W. Abbott, P.P.G.S.B.; H. F. Pollock, Past G. Stwd.; Jas. Hiscox, and others. Visitors: Bros. R. Smith, W.M., Geo. Whitehead, I.P.M., Kennerill, P.M., and Gilling, J.W., of 809; C. Smyth, 1800, Prov. Grand Charity Steward; and Sharp, Beaford, and J. Kent. Several were prevented from attending by the wet weather.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and after the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for the Rev. Cudmore, M.A., which being unanimous, the W.M. vacated the chair, and Mr. Cudmore was initiated by Bro. Chas. E. Ward, P.P.S.G.W. Bro. Ward then introduced Bro. C. Smyth, Prov. Grand Charity Steward, who made an appeal on behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at the Jubilee Festival of which, in February next, he will represent the province, and explained that as Bro. Ward will represent Alexandra Lodge, he wished it understood that both are working in perfect harmony, and all subscriptions or donations taken by Bro. Ward will swell the provincial list. The installation of the W.M. then took place, the ceremony being ably performed. The chair was then taken by Bro. Chas. E. Ward, Installing Master, and Bro. Townsend presented the W.M. elect, Bro. Rev. G. F. H. Foxton, P.P.G.C., assisted by Bros. S. S. Mossop, P.P.G.P.; W. Abbott, P.P.G.S.B.; and J. R. Clarke. The W.M. appointed and invested the following officers, the I.P.M. addressing each upon his duties: Bros. E. Sunderland, S.W.; H. Healey, J.W.; M. Cox, P.P.G.S. of W., Treas.; J. R. Clarke, P.P.A.G.P., Sec.; C. E. Ward, P.P. S.G.W., D. of C.; J. G. Dunlop, S.D.; A. H. Brooks, J.D.; G. P. Hobson and W. Foxton, Stwds.; J. Mottram, Org.; A. E. Sharp, I.G.; and D. Oliver, Tyler. The W.M. announced that Bro. Chas. E. Ward, P.P.G. Charity Steward, and Life Member of Provincial Charity Committees, will act as Charity correspondent for the lodge. Bro. S. S. Mossop proposed, the W.M. seconded, and the brethren unanimously carried, a vote of thanks to Bro. Ward for his able services as Installing Master.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, put on in excellent style by the host, Bro. J. R. Clarke, to which about 40 sat down.

After the usual loyal toasts had been received with musical honours,

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," coupling with the toast the name of Bro. H. F. Pollock, P.G. Stwd., who responded.

Bro. J. Hiscox proposed "The Prov. G.M., Bro. W. H. Smyth, D.L., J.P.; the D.P.G.M., Bro. J. Fowler; and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers," coupling with the toast the name of Bro. C. E. Ward, P.P.S.G.W., P.P.G. Charity Steward.

Bro. Ward, in responding, spoke of the excellent way in which the P.G.M. managed the province (which will celebrate its centenary at Grantham 21st June, 1892); of the excellent work done by the D.P.G.M., who collected 1000 guineas to form the "Oliver Memorial Fund" for assisting to educate sons of Lincolnshire Masons; also of services rendered by other Prov. Grand Officers, and reminded the brethren that the P.G.M. was always careful to reward Masonic services. The brethren were ever ready to support their chief in anything for the good of Freemasonry in the province.

Bro. Pollock, P.G. Stwd., proposed "The Masonic Charities," remarking that wherever we met, whether in London, in Lancashire, or the Colonies, we knew that as Masons we met in the cause of Charity, and it was in Charity that Masonry had its birth, and that in the cause of Charity Masonry might see the end of the world. He claimed some knowledge of the subject, as at the age of 21 he became a member of a lodge in which every brother but himself was over 60, and as it was a Grand Stewards' lodge, it became his duty to serve on the Board of Benevolence, the Boys' and Girls' and Benevolent Festivals, and to do what he could for Masonic Charity, and from that experience he could say that there were no Charities in which so large a sum is administered and given with such knowledge of the requirements of the case as by the Freemasons, and he hoped the day would be far distant when the cause of Masonic Charity would fail to wake a responsive chord in the hearts of the brethren.

Bro. Smyth, in replying, referred to the fact that whereas in 1888 the Alexandra Lodge had only 12 brethren and 3 votes in the Central Charities, the lodge now possessed 15 brethren and 31 votes, besides which 24 more life votes were being qualified for by brethren through the lodge Benevolent Association, and, whilst thanking the brethren for the sums of £21 given to the R.M.B.I. in 1889, £150 to the R.M.I.G. in 1890, and £10 to the R.V.I.B. in 1891, hoped they would assist to make up a good list for the coming Festival.

The toast of "The W.M." was proposed by Bro. Abbott, who mentioned that the W.M. was now the oldest Mason in the lodge, and he wished him a most successful year of office, at the same time thanking Bro. S. J. Coupland, P.S.W., for his true Masonic spirit in so kindly standing by for a year that Bro. Foxton might be elected to the chair.

The Worshipful Master responded in a few well chosen remarks, thanking the brethren for his election, and assuring them he would do his best to hand over the lodge warrant pure and unsullied as he had received it.

The toasts of "The Initiate, Bro. Cudmore, "The Installing Master," "The Immediate Past Master," and "The Visitors" concluded a very successful meeting.

#### WOLVERHAMPTON.

**St. Peter's Lodge** (No. 419).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Star and Garter Hotel, on Thursday, the 5th inst. The W.M., Bro. J. Bradney, having recovered from his late illness, was in the chair, with proper officers attending, and a good muster of brethren, including the following visitors: Bros. D. Macmillan, 384; J. Kendall, 1031; and W. H. Hammond, 1246.

The lodge was opened, and Mr. A. C. Smith, elected last month, was initiated. Mr. W. Howland Mr. De La Haye were unanimously elected as candidates for initiation for next month. Bro. R. Gibson, P.P.G.W., was elected as Steward for the Jubilee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution next year.

Other business having been transacted the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to supper.

#### Royal Arch.

**Fidelity Chapter** (No. 3).—This very old chapter met at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Friday, the 6th inst., when there were present, among others, Comps. W. J. Collens, P.Z., M.E.Z.; Capt. W. Williams, H.; Capt. Walls, P.Z., D.C., acting J.; Radcliffe, S.E.; Stevens, S.N.; J. Heming, P.Z., Treas.; Samuel Cochrane, 1st A.S.; H. J. Lardner, P.Z. 1745, P.P.G. Std. Br.; Mapleton, Hart, Heming, Birch, and Nash.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The election of Principals and officers for the year ensuing then took place as follows: Comps. W. Williams, M.E.Z.; Birch, H.; Radcliffe, J.; W. J. Collens, S.E.; Stevens, S.N.; J. Heming, Treasurer; Larcombe, P.S.; Cochrane, 1st A.S.; Capt. Walls, 2nd A.S.; Mapleton, D.C.; Lardner, Stwd.; and Goddard, Janitor. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. A Past Principal's jewel was voted to Comp. W. J. Collens, and a vote of thanks passed to him for his services as M.E.Z. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. F. Graves, P.Z.; Weeks, P.Z.; F. McDougal, P.Z.; Pearce, P.Z.; Rev. J. Amos, P.Z.; and others.

The chapter was then duly closed, and the companions adjourned to an excellent banquet, most ably catered for by Bro. Mantell.

The customary toasts followed, and a most agreeable evening was spent. The proceedings terminated at an early hour.

**Islington Chapter** (No. 1471).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held on Wednesday, the 28th ult., at the Cock Hotel, Highbury, when Comp. James M. Scarlett was duly installed as M.E.Z.; Comp. W. D. Church, H.; and Comp. S. Napper, J.; the ceremonies being ably performed by Comp. T. C. Edmonds, P.Z.

1507. The officers appointed were Comps. W. Shurmur, I.P.Z.; H. Cox, P.Z., Treas.; Walter E. Sutton, S.E.; Dr. T. S. Jackson, S.N.; and J. Speller, P.S. The retiring M.E.Z. was presented with a handsome jewel for his services during the past three years.

The following members of the chapter were present: Comps. D. P. Holness, P.Z.; G. F. Cook, P.Z.; D. Campbell, C. H. Stevenson, W. H. Bullock, R. Loomes, C. G. Cutchey, J. Holland, C. Horst, Dr. J. Bredin, W. H. Caton, C. E. Lukes, S. C. Kauffman, E. A. Beer, J. W. Vaughan, E. Brooks, W. S. Wright, J. Bunker, N. Fortesque, C. F. Barham, and John Ives, Janitor. The following were visitors: Comps. T. J. Ralling, P.G.S.B., P.G.S.E. Essex; C. F. Hogard, P.D.G.D.C.; T. C. Edmonds, P.Z. 1507; A. Snook, 1237; and W. P. Allen, 2256.

After the business of the chapter had been finished, the companions adjourned to the banquet room, and after the loyal and Masonic toasts had been given from the chair, the M.E.Z. proposed the toast of "The Grand Officers," to which Comp. T. J. Ralling responded, and referred to the services rendered by the M.E.Z. in the Province of Essex, for which he was rewarded with Grand honours. He was pleased to have the opportunity of being present at the installation of the M.E.Z., and wished him a prosperous year of office.

Comp. C. F. Hogard also replied. The toast of "The M.E.Z." was very ably proposed by Comp. W. Shurmur, and, in reply, the M.E.Z. thanked the companions for the great honour the chapter had done him in electing him to preside over them. He felt a great responsibility in having to follow one who had occupied the chair for three years in succession, and who had brought the chapter to its present extraordinary prosperity. He could assure the companions that no effort on his part would be spared to maintain and uphold the high position the chapter had been brought to, and he trusted at the termination of his year of office it would not have lost any of its former splendour.

The toast of "The H. and J." was responded to by Comps. W. D. Church and S. Napper.

"The Past Principals" was responded to by Comps. W. Shurmur and D. P. Holness; "The Installing Principal" by Comp. T. C. Edmonds; "The Visitors" by Comps. Allen, Snook, and Dr. Bredin; and "The Officers" by Comp. J. Speller and others.

#### BEAMINSTER.

**St. Mary's Chapter** (No. 707).—A meeting of this chapter was held at the White Hart Hotel, on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., with the following companions present: Comps. C. Hann, M.E.Z.; R. Coleman, H.; S. Lawrence, J.; J. Andrews, S.E.; J. S. Webb, P.Z., Treas.; A. Hart, Stwd.; G. Parry, Rev. E. G. Austin, and T. Giles, P.Z. The ballot for Bro. J. Wheatley, 814, as a candidate for exaltation was taken, and proved unanimously favourable.

On the conclusion of the chapter the lodge was held and was attended by several of the companions.

#### TEDDINGTON.

**Sir Charles Bright Chapter** (No. 1793).—An emergency meeting of this chapter was held at the Clarence Hotel on Wednesday, the 4th inst., when there were present Comps. R. Collick, P.P.G.D.C., Z.; H. Sapsworth, P.G.D.C., H.; R. W. Forge, P.Z., P.P. G.P.S., acting as J.; Hopwood, P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; Austin, P.A.G.D.C., S.E.; Porter, P.G. Org., acting P.S.; W. R. Plaford, T. Plaford, R. Goff, and W. H. Lee, Prov. Grand S.E.

The lodge having been opened, a ballot was taken for Bros. Philip Howard Davis, Ph.D., 1993 and James Alfred Randall, 1963, and being unanimous in their favour, they were most impressively exalted, the lecture of the Second chair being most efficiently rendered by the P.G.S.E., and that of the Third chair by Comp. Austin.

After a modest repast the companions were entertained with music and recitations, the reputation of the Sir Charles Bright Chapter for harmony being fully sustained.

#### Mark Masonry.

##### BRADFORD.

**Old York Lodge** (T.I.).—The installation meeting of this old lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, on Tuesday, the 27th ultimo. In the absence of the W.M., Bro. Welsman (who had removed to Leamington), Bro. C. J. Schott, P.P.G.D., I.P.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. T. Norfolk, S.W. and W.M. elect; F. O. Galcke, J.W.; G. Althorp, P.P.G.W., Treas.; J. T. Last, Sec.; A. E. Kirkham, W.M. 53, as M.O.; K. Hodgson, W.M. 58, as S.O.; W. Flockton, W.M. 111, as J.O.; W. Laycock, as S.D.; G. Martin, J.D.; R. H. Bonsor, as I.G.; J. Hill, Tyler; James Dewhurst, P.M.; Simeon Whiteley, P.P.G.D., Org.; C. Crabtree, P.P.G.W.; J. Ingleby, J. B. Fearnley, S. A. Auty, and J. Wilson. Visitors: Bros. W. Langbridge, W.M. 398; J. Reed, Treas. 398; T. Robertshaw, J.W. 58; G. Patchett, J.O. 58; Rev. T. J. McNulty, Prov. G. Chap.; C. E. Rose, 58; J. Milligan, 58; R. C. Sykes, 58; J. J. Martin, W.M. 110; and Tudor Trevor, P.M. 111, Prov. G. Sec.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, resolutions of regret and condolence were passed regarding the deaths of Bro. John Craven Taylor, P.M., and Bro. Thos. Hill, P.M., two of the oldest members of the lodge. The ballot was taken for Bro. John Thornton, S.D. 2321, which proved in his favour, but as he was unavoidably absent, the ceremony of advancement was deferred until the next meeting. The Auditors having reported that they had audited the Treasurer's accounts for the past year and found the same correct, it was resolved that the Treasurer's balance-sheet be deferred until the next meeting for consideration. Bro. Norfolk, J.W., the W.M. elect, was then presented to the W.M. by Bro. Althorp, P.P.G.W., for the benefit of installation, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, Bro. Norfolk was duly installed in the chair of A. by Bro. Schott, P.P.G.D., the Installing Master, in a highly satisfactory manner. The newly-installed W.M. afterwards invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bro. T. H. Pattinson, S.W.; Tom E. Greenough, J.W.; F. D. Harrison, M.O.; M. Hayes, S.O.; J. R. Lund, J.O.; Wm. Laycock, S.D.; Geo. Martin, J.D.; Carlo Fara



I.G.; Geo. Althorp, P.P.G.W., Treas.; J. T. Last, Sec.; R. H. Bonsor, R.M.; and Jno. Hill, Tyler. Bro. Rev. Thos. J. McNulty, P.G. Chap., was proposed as a joining member.

The Worshipful Master received "Hearty good wishes" and congratulations from the visitors, after which the lodge was closed, labour being followed by refreshment.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and in responding to the toast of "The Visitors," the Prov. G. Sec., Bro. Tudor Trevor, P.M., and the W.M.'s of the lodges at Sheffield, Leeds, Wakefield, Doncaster, and Halifax, complimented the lodge on the very excellent manner in which Bro. Schott, P.P.G.D., the Installing Master, had discharged his duties, as well as upon the efficiency of the officers generally, which augured well for a successful year for the lodge.

#### LIVERPOOL.

**West Lancashire Lodge (No. 65).**—The annual installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at the Adelphi Hotel, on Wednesday, the 4th inst. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. J. C. Robinson, P.G.D.C., supported by Bros. Wm. Hewson, S.W., W.M. elect; D. Davies, P.M.; D. Langley, P.M.; John Williams, P.M.; John Hayes, P.M., Treas.; R. Owen, M.O.; James Pittaway, S.O.; E. Routledge, R. of M.; John Molloy, J.D.; E. R. Latham, Robt. Foote, P.P.G. Treas.; R. T. Britten, T. R. Connell, P.P.G. Std. Br. Cheshire; J. Milne, Wm. Cattle, J. H. Tyson, W. J. Davidson, and others. Visitors: Bros. J. F. Booth, W.M. 161, P.A.G.D.C.; D. Jones, P.M. 359, P.S.G.W.; W. J. Cronan, P.P.S.G.O. Cheshire; Jas. Pilling, P.M. 161, P.P.G.D.C.

After the minutes had been confirmed, the W.M. advanced Bro. T. C. Clarke. The chair was then taken by Bro. John Hayes, P.M., who installed Bro. W. Hewson in a very efficient manner. After some further business the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the festive board. During the evening the I.P.M., Bro. John C. Robinson, was presented with a gold Past Master's jewel, manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

### Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

**NEPTUNE LODGE (No. 22).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 9th inst., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham, when there were present Bros. Janau, W.M.; Livett, S.W.; Windsor, J.W.; Westley, Preceptor and Treas.; Poole, acting as Sec.; J. Mitchell, S.D.; Scott, J.D.; Balcombe, I.G.; Weeks, Tyler; Purvis, Cochrane, Woods, Folkard, Russell, Barton, Steele, and F. Reeves.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of passing being announced, and Bro. Purvis having offered himself as a candidate, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Purvis duly passed to the Degree of a F.C. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. The ceremony of initiation being announced, and Bro. Folkard having offered himself as a candidate, was initiated. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Livett was elected W.M. for the next meeting. He returned thanks, and appointed his officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

**CLARENCE LODGE (No. 263).**—The usual weekly meeting was held on Thursday, the 5th inst., at 1A, Fitzroy-square, when the following brethren were present: Bros. J. Corpe, W.M.; J. Hart, S.W.; W. A. Pocock, J.W.; W. H. Kirby, Preceptor; W. Baker, Sec.; M. B. Evans, S.D.; D. D. West, J.D.; A. J. Richmond, I.G.; D. G. Imlay, J. B. Corp, H. G. Hurt, W. A. Buckland, F. T. Rushton, John Rutgers, H. Tatton-Sykes, W. H. Bourke, J. H. Passmore, B. Norman, Dr. H. Thompson, and Henry Neville.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Bro. W. H. Bourke, which was unanimous in his favour, and he was accordingly welcomed as a joining member. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. J. Rutgers volunteered to act as candidate, and having answered the questions before raising, was entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising. The lodge was closed down. Bro. W. A. Pocock was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation, and announced that the work would be the ceremony of initiation, the charge, and the 3rd and 5th Sections of the Second Lecture. The lodge was then closed.

**RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).**—A meeting was held on Friday, the 6th inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. J. Davies, P.M. 169, W.M.; R. Reid, S.W.; F. Craggs, W.M. 834, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M. 834, Preceptor; A. Williams, P.M. 2090, Treas.; Wate, S.D.; R. Phillips, J.D.; Cronin, I.G.; R. H. Williams, P.P.J.G.D. Middx.; L. Bryett, P.P.G.S. of W. Berks and Bucks; Fox, Banks, and Blackman. Visitor: Bro. R. N. Muiacke, 2012.

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Fox offering himself as a candidate for raising, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The lodge was closed in the Third Degree, and the 1st Section of the Second Lecture was worked by the brethren, under the direction of the W.M. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. R. N. Muiacke, 2012, was elected a member. After "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

**BLACKHEATH LODGE (No. 1320).**—The consecration and installation ceremonies were rehearsed on Monday, the 2nd inst., at the Milkwood Tavern, Milkwood-road, Loughborough Junction, by Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., when there were present Bros. Hooper, W.M.; W. Raw, S.W.; H. T. Raw, J.W.; F. Hilton, P.M., Preceptor; Cass, Treas.; C. H. Stone, Sec.; Hill, S.D.; Cass, J.D.; Mawson, I.G.; Lake, Tyler; D. D. Mercer, P.G.P.; Rice, 1320; Newland, S.D. 1949; C. McIntyre

North, I.P.M. 1559; W. Harbord, 1963; Pugh, I.G. 2147; Smith, 2147; Orton, 1320; Eyre, 101; Salter, Stwd. 1320; Loader, P.M. 1622; S. J. Martin, P.M. 1320; Kirby, Treas. 1622; Spicer, P.M. 1269; Evans, J.D. 1987; Hexter, 749; Ransford, P.M. 1512; Spencer, 1320; Downing, P.M. 20; Penrie, 1320; Wright, S.W. 1158; Roe, S.D. 1891; T. Salmon, 1475; A. Salmon, 1622; Davis, J.W. 2128; Thomas Grumman, P.M.; R. J. Vincent, P.M. 1963; Holman, 907; Shrubsole, 1641; Barratt, 1641; Mason, 1365; Pullen, S.W. 1622; Wm. Eckersall, P.M. 217; Hobley, 1320; R. J. Voisey, P.M. 1329; Elgar, Sec. 1329; J. Dunn, P.M. 1622; Ruff, 101; Munson, 244; Sparks, 720; Perkins, 1928; Luckhurst, P.M. 1604; Lister, 1320; Bethell, 1475; F. S. Smith, 2272; Vernon Lee, 1288; Wm. Price, J.W. 28; Peters, 1475; Stafford, 65; Simons, 1986; Reeves, 902; Cooke, 1539; Payne, J.D. 1539; F. Mash, 1539; French, P.M. 1632; Plant, I.G. 101; Payten, 101; Wright, 1320; Pike, 1320; Stunt, P.M. 1320; and Brindley, P.M., W.M. 1604.

The lodge was opened in the Three Degrees, and Bro. Terry rehearsed the consecration and installation ceremonies in a most able and impressive manner. Bro. Hooper, W.M. 1320, being installed into the chair of K.S., in a Board of 21 Installed Masters, and he afterwards invested his officers in a very able manner. The addresses were most eloquently rendered by Bro. Terry. The W.M. rose the first time, when it was proposed by Bro. Hilton, P.M., Preceptor, and seconded by the W.M., that the brethren as per signature book become members of this lodge of instruction—carried unanimously. The dues were collected, and the W.M. rose the second time, when Bro. Hilton, Preceptor, announced that the officers for the ensuing week were appointed. The W.M. rose the third time. A cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Terry and a proposition that the honorary membership of the lodge should be conferred on him were, on the proposition of Bro. Hilton, carried unanimously, and Bro. Terry in an earnest and appreciative speech thanked the brethren for the honour. The musical arrangements were under the able superintendence of Bro. W. Price, and efficiently supported by Bros. F. Swinford Lee and Simons. The lodge was then closed.

**KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 10th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwars-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. W. Hillier, W.M.; R. J. Williams, S.W.; J. R. Hubbard, W.M. 463, P.J.G.D. Surrey, J.W.; R. H. Williams, W.M. 2090, P.P.J.G.D. Middx., Treas.; F. Craggs, W.M. 834, Sec.; W. B. Neville, S.D.; J. B. Cory, J.D.; W. Thwaites, I.G.; J. Wiggins, W.M. 1767; C. Woods, T. C. Dyer, C. G. Hatt, J. H. Neville, Jas. Sims, P.M.; and A. Williams, P.M.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Wiggins acting as candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Hatt offering himself as a candidate for raising, was examined, and being found proficient, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. R. J. Williams was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. Dyer was elected a joining member. The balance-sheet and Auditors' report were received and adopted. The lodge was then closed.

### MASONIC BANQUET AT CAMBRIDGE IN COMMEMORATION OF THE 50TH BIRTHDAY OF THE M.W.G.M.

The brethren of the Scientific Lodge, No. 88, and the Lodge of the Three Grand Principles, No. 441, Cambridge, held a united banquet on Monday in their lodge room at the Lion Hotel, to commemorate the 50th birthday of the M.W.G.M., and the gathering was an unalloyed success.

Between 80 and 90 brethren were present, under the governance of the respective W.M.'s—Bros. Frank Piggott and W. C. Dewberry; and the company included Bro. Lieut.-Col. R. T. Caldwell, Prov. G.M. designate of Cambridgeshire (who proposed "The Health of the Prince of Wales") and Bro. F. C. Wace, the retiring Mayor of the borough (who gave "The Provincial Grand Officers.")

The Masters sent a joint telegram to Sandringham, conveying the heartiest congratulations of the brethren to the M.W.G.M., with fervent hopes that his Royal Highness might long continue to exercise a prosperous rule over the Craft; and the following reply was in due course received by Bros. Piggott and Dewberry: "I thank the brethren of the two lodges for their kind congratulations.—ALBERT EDWARD."

Our report of the proceedings is unavoidably deferred.

### THE LORD MAYOR'S SHOW.

The Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Company, of which the new Lord Mayor, Bro. Alderman David Evans, is the Senior Warden, was very strongly represented in the procession on Monday by Bro. Gabriel Lindo, C.C., the Master; Bros. E. F. B. Fuller, Wm. Hays, and D. Wellby, F.R.G.S., Wardens; Bros. D. H. Jacobs, Horace F. Stewart, George Davenport, Abel Knapton, Jas. Knapton, and George Kenning, Past Masters; and Bros. Bishop, H. W. Rance, L.L.D., and James Robert Brown. These gentlemen occupied places in a carriage and four horses ridden by postillions in handsome liveries, while the supporters of the Company's arms were represented by an African carrying a bar of silver, and a British workman dressed as in the olden time.

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