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## FREEMASONRY: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE.

The very admirable address which was recently delivered by the Very Rev. the Dean of York before the Wakefield Masonic Literary Society on "Freemasonry: Past, Present, and Future," has come most opportunely just now, when a discussion, initiated by Bro. WHYTEHEAD, is proceeding in the columns of this journal on the "Future of Freemasonry." We do not know, nor is it material to inquire, if our reverend brother was led by mere accident or a deliberate purpose to select this particular subject for his address at this particular juncture, but undoubtedly his paper will exercise a beneficial influence in favour of those who are anxious to protect our Society from the evils which appear to menace it in the immediate future. The Dean of York did not carry his audience back to a very remote "Past." He did not concern himself about the constitution of Freemasonry in the Middle Ages, and the influence it may then have exercised. The "Past" he dealt with was one with which he had been personally familiar in his Undergraduate days at Oxford, and the picture he drew of Freemasonry and its influence in that ancient and learned city was most flattering, but in all probability not more flattering than it was just. In those days—that is to say about the year 1847—Oxford was little known and difficult of access, and the world generally knew but little of the kind of life that was led by "the youths who frequented its time-honoured colleges." It seems, however, that they were left pretty much to their own devices, and the Dean tells us as the result of his own personal experience that during the whole of the three years he spent at the University he could not remember to have received "one serious word of counsel or advice from any of those under whose authority we were placed." Nor is this surprising when we are told that the Dons thought more of the pleasures of the Common Room than of the duties they were charged to fulfil. But what he found not in the College, the Dean tells us he found in the society of Freemasons. Then, as now, there were two lodges in Oxford, the Alfred and the Apollo University, in the latter of which he was initiated in the year 1847, and, says Dean PUREY-CUST, within its precincts "I found good-fellowship and social intercourse, based not upon mere jovial and often excessive eating and drinking, but upon refined and intelligent society, scrupulously combined with the strictest temperance. In my lodge I found conversation of a highly rational character, the opportunity of meeting men more or less distinguished in various walks in life, musicians like STEPHEN ELVEY, for instance, and with all this charming talk and jest there was nothing to offend. One felt at once it was a beneficent movement, and I was drawn towards it, for within it I found not only pleasant intercourse but safety." The value of this picture is materially enhanced by the statements in the following sentences in which he describes how Undergraduates met late in the evening by the Proctor and his bulldogs were closely questioned as to whence they had come and whither they were going; but in reply to these questions to be able "to declare yourself a Mason, and to say that you were returning from the *Apollo*, was a passport at once; no further question was asked, the excellent character of the lodge was so well-known and acknowledged." So much for the "Past" of Freemasonry as delineated by the Dean. As regards the "Present," he is hardly less complimentary. Considering, indeed, that the testimony he adduces in support of its present excellence is that of a non-Mason, his statement is even more flattering, and will undoubtedly command a readier acceptance from the general public. The testimony is that of the Dean of LINCOLN, in conversation with whom a French Abbé one day laid all the blame for the present unsettled condition of society upon the Freemasons. "It was they," he declared, "who caused and carried out the horrors of the French Revolution; they who

upset thrones and destroyed dynasties; they who formed secret associations for all kinds of iniquity; they, in fact, who would overthrow all law and order, and substitute no one knew not. They were Republicans, Socialists, and unbelievers, and everything should be done to destroy their pernicious influence, and to root them out from society." This is no doubt the stereotyped idea about Freemasonry which prevails everywhere among all classes of the Roman Catholic clergy, and we can more easily imagine than describe the surprise of the French Abbé when, in response to this tirade against our Society, the Dean of LINCOLN—who, be it remembered, is not one of us—replied that "In England the Freemasons were the very opposite of all this; that they were loyal, patriotic, and charitable, and that every movement for the public good was invariably supported by them." To this Dean PUREY-CUST adds from his own experience, for the benefit of his Wakefield audience, "That so far from our Brotherhood exercising a disturbing influence, it has, on the contrary, done more to bring men together, promote good feeling, and enlist human sympathy than any other institution that could be named."

As regards its "Future," the DEAN spoke most hopefully. "I believe," said he, "that as it is no effete survival of the past, so will it make its influence continue to be felt, and that as time goes on, by means of its three great and eternal principles, it will help to keep alive the idea that we are all one brotherhood, that we need sympathy and support, and that it will do much to promote a genuine feeling of confidence amongst all classes and all nations." But in order that it may succeed in fulfilling this object, the DEAN is careful to remind us that we must practice what we preach. "We have," he pointed out to his Wakefield brethren, "a great responsibility, we inherit a high prestige, we have a grand opportunity for the future, what shall we make of it? Only let us keep steadfastly to our principles, and I have no fear for the result. Let us bring our Freemasonry as it were up to date, let us make it a great beneficial power amongst us, let us remember that its keynote is unselfishness, that it is embodied philanthropy, and that the benefit of humanity and the general good of society are comprehended within its tenets." Above all, "we must watch well our conduct," and "remove any cause of misrepresentation and prevent any blemish on our Craft." But in order to effect this purpose "in adding to our number we must try to get the right men, not men of any special grade; men with right motives, who will understand and appreciate our objects." This is sound advice, and our lodges will do well to profit by it. It is, in effect, the advice which the present Grand Secretary, like his immediate predecessor, the late Bro. JOHN HERVEY, and other brethren of distinction are constantly urging upon our attention, that we must be careful as to the quality of the men we receive into our lodges. But how can lodges be careful who are thinking more of their balance-sheets than the character of those they elect as members? How can lodges establish and preserve a high standard of excellence when they take pride in mere numerical strength, and that lodge is held to have best fulfilled its duties which can point to the largest contingent of initiates within a given period? There must be no touting for candidates, no mere enrolment of members for the sake of obtaining numerical superiority over other lodges, if the "high prestige" we have inherited from the past is to remain unblemished. These are matters which it is well for Craftsmen everywhere to ponder over, "to read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest." They fit in admirably with the advice which the wisest and best of our brethren are continually impressing upon the lodges, and they show that the warnings raised by Bro. WHYTEHEAD and others are neither unnecessary nor inopportune. We thank the Dean of York for his address, and we sincerely trust it will be repeated on other occasions in the same or in other forms, so that the Craft in England may learn what is required of them in order to maintain the "high prestige" which has come down to them from former generations of Craftsmen.

## ARTICLE 219.

We would direct the attention of our readers to the very important business coming before Grand Lodge on Wednesday next. We refer especially to No. 10 on the agenda paper, which will be found in our columns in another place. It will be seen that the question of the true construction of the law will now be raised in a legitimate manner by two petitions from members of the District Grand Lodges of Wellington and Canterbury, New Zealand, inviting Grand Lodge to declare in an authoritative manner what is the true interpretation of the rule. This, as our readers will remember, is the course that we suggested in our leader of the 9th May last ought to be adopted, and we trust that Grand Lodge will approach the subject in a calm and judicial frame of mind, and listening carefully to the arguments on either side, will come to a deliberate decision worthy of the importance of the subject and the traditions of the Grand Lodge of England. The two opposing views of the true meaning of the law are clearly set out in paragraphs 5 and 7 of the Wellington Petition, which are as follows:

5. "The R.W. District Grand Master was strengthened in this position by the statements made by the V.W. Grand Registrar to your M.W. Grand Master, in Quarterly Communication, on the 3rd day of June, 1885, when he said: 'While the allegiance of an individual Mason to his lodge can be broken by him if he so chooses to deal with his obligation, and ignore the extent to which it may be binding on himself, that affects the individual brother only; but the lodge is a body which is authorised to act by its Warrant, and owes its Masonic existence thereto. . . . We know from the moment we enter into Freemasonry that the majority of brethren in a lodge bind the minority, yet in the matter of continuing to hold a Warrant, no matter what the majority, if any three brethren of the lodge continue, the majority cannot surrender it; and therefore to protect the rights of the minority and of those who choose to adhere to their allegiance, there is that very distinct rule made in the Book of Constitutions.' And on the 5th of December, 1888, when he said: 'Having the honour of holding the position of adviser to this Grand Lodge, I should say it is my duty to inform the brethren that we are bound to maintain the rights of those who should not feel themselves enabled to join with the majority.'

7. "From these letters it will be seen that the Colonial Board, under the advice of the V.W. Grand Registrar, have, 'as the consultative and executive authority of Grand Lodge in Colonial questions,' declared the law to be as follows:—

"Law 219 can only extend to matters which can legitimately be the subject of discussion in the lodge, and cannot include a proposition which involves a disclaimer of the very authority under which those laws exist.

"Such laws regulate lodges and matters affecting them within themselves, and also their relation to the Supreme body, but proposals to secede, or renounce their allegiance to the latter are manifestly matters not covered by the laws and Constitutions of Grand Lodge."

The petition goes on to state calmly, but with considerable force and feeling, what are the practical effects of the ruling of the Colonial Board, and to argue respectfully, but strongly, against the correctness of that ruling. It is not our purpose now to enter afresh into the merits of the question. The two views are so clearly stated in the petition as above quoted, that all our readers have to do is to decide for themselves which seems to them the construction most consonant with common sense and justice, and to say which of the two they prefer to be the law in future. In our correspondence columns will be found a letter from "Lex Scripta" dealing with the historical aspect of the question. Whether his view is well founded or not is perhaps hardly material at the present moment. The later history of the question and the way successive Grand Lodges have dealt with it should be familiar to our readers. We merely draw attention to the subject, and invite all who are able to attend Grand Lodge to remember that while in one sense they will be asked only to interpret the law as it stands, yet that in another sense they are asked to interpret it not merely as a judicial but as a legislative assembly. If the question be approached in the proper spirit, and Grand Lodge be but true to itself, we have no fear but that the decision will be worthy of Grand Lodge, and we trust that however it be determined the question will be so dealt with as to calm the bitterness of spirit which undeniably exists at the present time amongst our Colonial brethren, and to stop the conflict of interpretation between ourselves and the Grand Lodge of Scotland of similar laws.

## UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

The following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday next, the 2nd prox.:

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 2nd September for confirmation.
2. Nomination of a Grand Master for the ensuing year.
3. Nomination of a Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.
4. Appointment and investment of a President of the Board of Benevolence.
5. Election of a Senior and a Junior Vice-President of the Board of Benevolence.
6. Election of 12 Past Masters to serve on the Board of Benevolence for the year ensuing.
7. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz.:

A brother of the Upton Lodge, No. 1227, London	...	£75	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Arboretum Lodge, No. 731, Derby	...	100	0	0
A brother of the Lodge of Emulation, No. 299, Dartford	...	100	0	0
A brother of the Cecil Lodge, No. 449, Hitchin	...	50	0	0
A brother of the Earl of Lathom Lodge, No. 1922, London	...	100	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Shadwell Clerke Lodge, No. 1910, London	...	50	0	0
A brother of the Lodge of Concord, No. 323, Stockport	...	50	0	0
The widow of a brother of the Lodge of Benevolence, No. 226, Littleborough	...	50	0	0
A brother of the Humber Lodge, No. 57, Hull	...	50	0	0
A brother of the Belgrave Lodge, No. 749, London	...	50	0	0

## 8. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board of General Purposes beg to submit a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 13th day of November instant, showing a balance in the Bank of England (Western Branch) of £4919 10s. 4d., and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £100, and for servants' wages £100, and balance of annual allowance for library £8 5s. 8d.

(Signed) THOMAS FENN,  
President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,  
17th November, 1891.

## 9. NOTICES OF MOTION—

1st. By Bro. Sir Albert W. Woods, K.C.M.G., C.B., Garter, P.G.W., and Grand Director of Ceremonies:

That, in recognition of the eminent services rendered to the Grand Lodge of England by Bro. the Earl of Lathom, Pro Grand Master, for the 16 years during which he has held the position of Deputy Grand Master, it is hereby resolved that a full length portrait of his lordship be painted and placed in the Masonic Temple, Freemasons' Hall, London.

2nd. By Bro. Sir JOHN BRADDICK MONCKTON, P.G.W.—

That the sum of five hundred guineas be given from the funds at the disposal of Grand Lodge to the funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution on the occasion of the Jubilee Festival in February next.

3rd. By Bro. RICHARD EVE, P.G. Treasurer, Chairman of the Board of Management of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys—

That the resolution of Grand Lodge of Wednesday, 1st December, 1852, to the following effect: "That the sum of £500 be paid out of the Funds for General Purposes to be invested in the three first names of the Trustees of the Building Fund of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys and of the Grand Treasurer for the time being, respectively, for the purpose of providing a fund to be kept separate and distinct. . . . to be applied exclusively for the purpose of upholding, repairing, &c., the intended new structure of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, &c., &c., &c." be rescinded, and that the Council of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys be permitted to merge into the general invested capital of the Institution the said sum of £500 paid from the funds of Grand Lodge under such resolution.

10. The Grand Registrar will submit to Grand Lodge for its consideration and decision, two petitions from members of the District Grand Lodges of Wellington and Canterbury, New Zealand, recently received through the District Grand Master of Wellington, praying for a ruling in the case of a majority of members desiring to transfer their allegiance to a proposed local Grand Lodge.

Names of brethren nominated for election to the offices of Senior and Junior Vice-President of the Board of Benevolence: Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., as Senior Vice-President; Bro. Charles Alexander Cottebrune, P.G.P., as Junior Vice-President; and none others were nominated.

Names of Past Masters nominated to serve on the Board of Benevolence:

## NOMINATED BY

Bro. William Peter Brown, P.M. 90	...	} Bro. Henry Garrod, P.G. Purst.
" James Bunker, P.M. 1158	...	
" George B. Chapman, P.M. 27	...	
" Charles Dairy, P.M. 141	...	
" Simon H. Goldschmidt, P.M. 1329	...	
" James Burgess Grieve, P.M. 1351	...	
" Lewis Christopher Haslip, P.M. 813	...	
" George Read, P.M. 511	...	
" Alfred Cooper Woodward, P.M. 1538	...	
" George R. Langle, P.M. 183	...	
" George Coope, P.M. 1612	...	" W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B.
" Thomas Cusworth, P.M. 1579	...	" Charles Dairy, P.M. 141
" William Fisher, P.M. 834	...	" L. C. Haslip, P.M. 813
" Ebenezer C. Mulvey, P.M. 2353	...	} " James Brett, P.G. Purst.
" William Vincent, P.M. 1194	...	
" Thomas Weeks, P.M. 749	...	} " Henry Garrod, P.G. Purst.
" Charles J. R. Tijou, P.M. 1804	...	

The commission to execute a portrait-bust of the late Bro. Alderman Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., to be placed as a memorial of that most worthy citizen in the Guildhall, has been assigned to Bro. Walter Merrett, of the Strand Lodge, No. 1937. Bro. Merrett is already known by his excellent busts of the late Bro. the Earl of Shaftesbury, Bro. Alderman Sir B. S. Phillips, and Sir R. W. Carden, Bart., which occupy places of honour in the Guildhall, and his satisfaction must be all the greater at receiving this commission, as it was assigned to him after a competition in which five other artists took part.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

### INSTALLATION OF THE NEW PROV. GRAND MASTER.

Special importance was attached to the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cambridgeshire on the 20th inst., by reason of the installation of the new Provincial Grand Master, and Bro. Lieut.-Col. Robert Townley Caldwell has every reason to be pleased with the auspicious inauguration of his rule. His appointment to the highest rank in the province, upon the resignation of Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Hardwicke, was hailed with the liveliest satisfaction by the brethren, and they testified to their interest by assembling in large numbers on Friday, the 20th inst., to witness the ceremony of installation, which was most effectively carried out by Bro. Lord Henniker, P.G.M. Suffolk, assisted by Bro. Thomas Fenn, Pres. Bd. Gen. Purps., as Grand Director of Ceremonies, and other Grand Officers.

The lodge met at the Guildhall, when, in addition to the Prov. Grand Master designate, there were present Bros. Col. G. Noel Money, P.G.M. Surrey; Capt. N. G. Philips, P.S.G.D. Eng.; Chas. E. Keyser, P.P.G.W. Herts; George Everett, G. Treas.; James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; James M. McLeod, P.S.G.W. Derby, Sec. Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; Rev. C. J. Martyn, D.P.G.M. Suffolk; C. F. Matier, P.G. Std. Br.; Hamon Le Strange, J.G.D. Eng., D.P.G.M. Norfolk; Rev. H. Hebb; and Charles E. Ward, 985, P.P.S.G.W. Lincolnshire.

The following officers of Provincial Grand Lodge took their respective chairs, viz.: Bros. A. H. Moyes, P.G. Std. Br. England, Deputy Prov. Grand Master; B. Anningson, P.S.G.W.; J. Stacey Youngman, P.J.G.W.; Rev. R. Jackson, Prov. G. Chap.; Col. B. W. Beales, P.G. Treas.; Oliver Papworth, acting Prov. G. Sec.; J. R. Green, P.S.G.D.; W. H. Francis, P.J.G.D.; George Tindal, P.G.S. of W.; F. Dewberry, P.G.D.C.; J. Royston, P.A.G.D.C.; A. E. Chaplin, P.G.S.B.; F. O. Carr, P.G. Org.; and A. Hill, P.G. Purst.

The following brethren were also present:

Bros. B. Chennell, P.M., T. Hunnybun, P.M., E. Hills, P.M., T. Nichols, P.M., W. I. Pashler, P.M., J. V. Pryor, P.M., W. Purchas, I.P.M., Frank Piggott, W.M., W. P. Spalding, S.W., W. P. Spalding, J.W., C. H. Banham, S.D., J. L. Rutter, J.D., B. W. Beales, I.G., Rev. J. C. Saunders (P.M. 859), Alfred Jones, R. Moore, R. Hills, O. F. Reed, W. R. Bright, H. Davison, F. Moden, T. W. Allsop, A. R. Hill, W. Sindall, A. J. Moyes, W. James, Organist, C. E. S. Innes, and H. W. Wheaton, all of 88; F. G. G. Barber, P.M., F. Bailey, P.M., G. Cole, P.M., J. Sheldrick, P.M., E. H. Jennings, P.M., T. Watts, P.M., S. H. Sharman, P.M., J. Fuller, P.M., W. C. Dewberry, W.M., G. Whitmore, F. Cole, J. Hedding, W. R. Roper, P. H. Young, F. W. Potts, D. Greenwood, J. F. Miller, Geo. Bull, H. H. Tebbutt, G. T. Woolridge, F. Waters, C. Ernest Gray, F. Kelly, F. W. Miller, J. Owen, and G. W. Harry (P.M. 1001), of 441; G. Carrick, P.M., W. Bray, P.M., H. Thorns, P.M., G. W. Whitehead, P.M., John Kennerell, P.M., A. Bothamley, P.M., Robinson Smith, W.M., J. Grover, S.W., W. R. Girling, J.W., B. Sullivan, W. Layle, A. J. Elworthy, J. H. Foster, J. T. Baker, W. M. Boulton, J. R. Bainbridge, A. Smith, and R. J. Sharman, of 809; Rev. F. J. Foakes-Jackson, P.M., Rev. J. H. Gray, P.M., W. G. Bell, P.M., H. C. Knott, P.M., D. Hall, P.M., G. F. Rogers, W.M., F. W. Hutchinson, J. H. Hough, T. E. Worledge, F. Gilling, S. Mahdi Hasan, W. H. Crewdson, A. R. Tinkler, C. H. French, R. P. Simpson, and F. W. Simpson, of 859; G. B. Courtney, W.M., and W. M. Fawcett, P.M., of 1492; W. Hutchinson, P.M., W. B. Sheppard, Rev. L. R. Tuttiatt, A. W. Aldrich, and J. T. Cowell, of 2107; J. McN. Davis, P.M. 884; C. Kent, P.M. 699; J. Hiscox, P.M. 469; M. Cox, W.M. 985; and H. A. Hill, 447.

The brethren of the province were ranged under their respective banners, and these deserve a note in passing. The banner from Wisbech, presented by the wife of Bro. Robinson Smith, W.M., made its first appearance in Prov. Grand Lodge, and was much admired. The Lodge of the Three Grand Principles, No. 441, had also been at the pains of providing a new banner, which now first saw the light.

The Prov. Grand Lodge having been opened by Bro. A. H. Moyes, D.P.G.M., the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the Masters of the respective lodges made their returns.

After some communications had been read, the Installing Master (Bro. Lord Henniker), accompanied by the Grand Officers, entered the lodge, and was saluted.

The Installing Master then addressed the brethren on the subject of the installation.

Bro. Lord HENNIKER said it gave him great pleasure to come there for this ceremony, not only because he was the Grand Master of a neighbouring province and also of another branch of Masonry, but it always gave him the greatest possible pleasure to come to his old University town, where he spent many happy days of his life. It was also a great personal pleasure to be able to install Bro. Lieut.-Col. Caldwell, and was glad that worthy brother had found favour with his Royal Highness the Grand Master. They would, he was sure, agree with him that no better appointment could have been made. He could not mention the name of his Royal Highness the Grand Master without saying a word—in which they would join—a word of sympathy with him in the great trouble he was now passing through, and expressing their fervent hope that Prince George would soon be restored to health. The Province of Cambridgeshire was not a large one, having only six lodges, and most of them were in Cambridge; of these the Scientific Lodge was established in 1754. There was once an older lodge, established in 1749, but that had ceased to exist. But though not a large province it was a very important one. There were four lodges in Cambridge, which meant that Freemasonry had not merely a local interest, but there were many young men initiated into Masonry there who would go all over the world. The teaching of these lodges, therefore, had an important bearing on the good of Freemasonry in general. The province was formed about a hundred years ago (1796), and Bro. Lord Eardley was its first Grand Master. In 1832 he was succeeded by Bro. Rev. Geo. Adam Browne; in 1844 Bro. Thomas Henry Hall came in and presided until 1870; and in 1873 Bro. the Earl of Hardwicke was appointed. His lordship had held the office until the present year, but had resigned because he was no longer going to reside in the county. He had long known Lord Hardwicke, who was deservedly popular with all who knew him. Since his lordship's resignation the province had been in the capable hands of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. A. H. Moyes. And now they had met to install Bro. Lieut.-Col. Caldwell, who had for many years been a Provin-

cial Grand Officer, and for some time Superintendent of Royal Arch Masonry in the province. He felt perfectly confident that Bro. Caldwell would rule the province satisfactorily, and he wished the new Prov. Grand Master and the province all success and prosperity for many years to come.

The arrival of the Prov. Grand Master designate was then announced, and he was requested to send in his patent. This having been done, a deputation consisting of Bros. F. Piggott, W.M.; W. C. Dewberry, W.M.; Robinson Smith, W.M.; G. F. Rogers, W.M.; G. B. Courtney, W.M.; G. Tindal, W.M.; and T. Hunnybun, P.M., retired with Bro. T. Fenn, D.C., and introduced the Provincial Grand Master designate, the two former bearing the insignia of office.

The patent having been read by the ACTING PROV. GRAND SECRETARY, the installation by Bro. Lord Henniker was afterwards proceeded with, and Bro. Caldwell was duly invested, proclaimed, and saluted.

The Prov. Grand Master then appointed Bro. Andrew H. Moyes as his Deputy, and he was duly installed in his chair, proclaimed, and saluted.

The Prov. Grand Treasurer, Bro. Col. B. W. BEALES, next presented his accounts, which were passed.

Bro. OLIVER PAPWORTH thereupon read the eighth annual report of the Cambridgeshire Masonic Charity Association, of which he is the indefatigable Hon. Secretary. The province was represented at the anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Boys by Bro. G. Carrick, P.M. 809, who took up with him £103 19s., and Bro. W. H. Francis, W.M. 859, who took up £37 5s.; and at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls by Bro. S. H. Sharman, P.M. 441, who took up £85 16s. The Committee owe 60 boys' and 80 girls' votes, but they have now owing to them 1099 boys' votes, 1308 girls' votes, 296 men's votes, and 246 women's votes. The votes in the province are now about 230 boys' and 280 girls, half-yearly, and 170 men's and 160 women's, yearly. The contributions through Stewards from the province since the year 1883 to the three Masonic Charities amounted to £2706. Bro. Oliver Papworth, on the nomination of the province, had served on the Board of Management for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys since April last. The report was regarded as very satisfactory and was passed.

Upon the motion of Bro. E. H. JENNINGS, seconded by Bro. F. PIGGOTT, W.M., Bro. Col. B. W. Beales was re-elected Prov. Grand Treasurer by an unanimous vote.

The Prov. Grand Master then invested his officers for the year as follows:

Bro. Oliver Papworth, P.M. 88	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" G. F. Rogers, W.M. 859	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. R. Jackson, P. Chap. 88	...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. L. R. Tuttiatt, S.D. 2107	...	...	
" B. W. Beales, Steward 88 (re-elected)	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" R. Smith, W.M. 809	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. Bonnett, 859 (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" F. Piggott, W.M. 88	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" J. F. Symonds, I.P.M. 441	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" C. H. Banham, S.D. 88	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" F. Dewberry, P.M. 441 (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" W. B. Sheppard, S.W. 2107	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" F. O. Carr, S.W. 859 (re-appointed)	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" P. H. Young, S.D. 441	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" A. J. Elworthy, S.D. 809	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" W. Sindall, 88	...	...	Prov. G. Stewards.
" J. Owen, 441	...	...	
" P. F. W. Simpson, S.D. 859	...	...	
" C. H. French, J.D. 859	...	...	

The PROV. GRAND MASTER proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. the Earl of Hardwicke for the efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of Prov. Grand Master during the past 17 years, with such great advantage to the province.

The D.P.G.M., in seconding the same, spoke of the genial qualities of Lord Hardwicke as a presiding officer, and said he left the province in a far greater state of efficiency and prosperity than when he came to the office. Two lodges had been added to the roll, the old lodges had increased, and, above all, they had established a Provincial Masonic Charities Association, which had done excellent work.

The vote was carried with acclamation.

A cordial vote of thanks was also passed to Bro. Thomas Fenn for so ably assisting in the installation as D.C.

Upon the motion of Bro. S. H. SHARMAN, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., it was resolved to vote 10 guineas to the Cambridge Masonic Charities Association for current expenses, and special mention was made of the sterling services of Bro. Oliver Papworth, the Hon. Sec.

Bro. OLIVER PAPWORTH, P.M., P.S.G.W., then proposed that a sum of 50 guineas be placed at the disposal of the Masonic Charities Association, of which not less than 30 guineas should be paid to the R.M.B.I., in response to the special appeal of the Committee of that Institution on the occasion of the Jubilee Festival in 1892.

Carried unanimously.

The PROV. G. TREASURER proposed that £100 Stock be sold out and placed to the current account; and his reasons were so cogent that the vote was readily assented to.

Upon the proposition of Bro. F. PIGGOTT, Bro. Oliver Papworth was again nominated for election on the Board of Management for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

A collection of alms was made, and directed to be devoted to two local charities.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the ordinary lodge room at the Lion Hotel for banquet, when they found the table excellently arranged and elaborately decorated, evidently by lady hands.

Nearly a hundred brethren sat down, under the able presidency of the Prov. Grand Master. Unfortunately, Lord Henniker and some other Grand Officers were unable to stay to dinner.

After "The Queen and the Craft" had been duly honoured,

The PROV. GRAND MASTER gave "The Health of the M.W. Grand Master," and took occasion to refer to the happy meeting of Lodges 88 and 441 in that same room on November 9th to commemorate the Prince of Wales's birthday, when he was entrusted with the same toast. Since then there had come the illness of Prince George of Wales, in respect to whom a telegram had been sent from the lodge to the Prince of Wales that evening, expressing their deep sympathy and their hope that the young Prince was favourably progressing. A telegraphic reply had been received, stating



hat the Prince of Wales expressed his sincere thanks for the kind sympathy of the brethren.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER next gave "The Health of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers." They deeply regretted the absence of Bro. Col. Shadwell Clerke and other Grand Officers who had hoped to be present, but said they were fortunate in having several Grand Officers amongst them, and he coupled the name of Bro. Col. Money, P.G.M. of Surrey.

Bro. Col. G. N. MONEY said it had given the Grand Officers extreme pleasure to be present on that auspicious occasion, and he was sure Bro. Col. Shadwell Clerke was deeply grieved at being kept away. Bro. Fenn, whose services had been of great use, had also been obliged to leave early. The rule of their new Prov. Grand Master had begun most auspiciously, and he wished him many happy years in the office.

Bro. Capt. N. G. PHILIPS, P.S.G.D., proposed "The Health of the Prov. Grand Master of Cambridgeshire," who was an old friend of his, and felt sure that Bro. Colonel Caldwell would do his utmost to promote the interests of Freemasonry in the province.

The toast was drunk with musical honours.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER, in responding, thanked the brethren for their cordial reception. When in April last he received from Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke the intimation that his Royal Highness the Grand Master had appointed him to the office of Prov. Grand Master of Cambridgeshire he was thoroughly surprised, because he had not heard that Lord Hardwicke had resigned the appointment. He had also been since surprised by the cordial manner with which his own appointment had been received by the brethren of the province. It was a source of great satisfaction to preside over such a province. It was not large, truly, and was therefore more easily worked, but it was distinguished for its unanimity. He knew that was a fundamental principle of the Craft, but there were susceptibilities in some cases to be remembered. In that province, however, they were singularly free from personal susceptibilities. He was very proud to be the Superintendent of such a province, which could go back to such a number as 88, which of itself spoke much for the age of the province. And as regards work, the lodges showed a large amount of life and activity, as illustrated by the fact that in one lodge alone they had this year no fewer than 38 initiations. The other lodges too, had their share, so that there was at once a great deal of antiquity and activity in the province. He hoped that at future gatherings they would have opportunities of discussing the prospects of further developing the Order in the province.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER next gave "The Health of the Prov. Grand Master of Suffolk, the Installing Master, Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Henniker." By pressure of work his lordship had been obliged to leave them. He had come at great personal inconvenience, and they owed him a deep debt of gratitude for his kindness in attending to perform the installation ceremony, which he did so thoroughly and effectively. Even Colonel Shadwell Clerke, severe critic as he was, would have been gratified with the way in which the work was done.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER proposed "The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. A. H. Moyes, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers," and spoke of the great zeal which Bro. Moyes had always shown for the Craft, and the skill and thoughtfulness of all his arrangements. They had a most efficient staff of officers, and he was sure that with them the province must prosper. He particularly thanked Bro. Oliver Papworth for acting as Prov. Grand Secretary during the illness of Bro. J. Bonnett, and also mentioned the very capable manner in which Bro. F. Dewberry had discharged his duties as D.C.

Bro. A. H. MOYES, D.P.G.M., returned thanks on his re-appointment, and expressed his full assurance that all the officers were animated with the same feeling and would endeavour to uphold and further the interests of Freemasonry in general, and of that province in particular. He added some words of caution as to the acceptance of candidates, and urged the fact that the Craft was not a benefit society.

Bro. E. H. JENNINGS, P.M. 441, in suitable terms gave "The Health of the Visitors."

Bro. CHARLES E. KEYSER, in responding, congratulated Bro. Oliver Papworth, the Secretary of the Masonic Charities Association, upon his present distinguished position as P.S.G.W. He also congratulated the province most heartily upon having such a P.G.M. as Bro. Colonel Caldwell, who was initiated about the same time as himself. He had often attended Grand Chapter when Bro. Caldwell acted as Grand Superintendent. They had in him a Master who would do everything possible to increase Freemasonry. The visitors wished the province all prosperity, and he felt confident that was well assured under the auspices of that day's meeting.

The other visitors who rose were Bros. Colonel MONEY, G. EVERETT, HAMON LE STRANGE, JAMES TERRY, C. F. MATIER, J. M. MCLEOD, Captain PHILIPS, C. E. WARD, and J. M. DAVIES.

Bro. OLIVER PAPWORTH, P.M. 88, proposed "The Masonic Charities," and spoke of their necessity to Masons, their widows and children. They had with them the Secretaries of the Benevolent and the Boys' Institution, but Bro. Hedges was unable to join them. The speaker expressed his willingness to serve again on the Board of Management for the Boys' School if elected.

Bro. J. TERRY considered that in view of the vote earlier in the day that not less than 30 guineas out of 50 should be devoted to the Benevolent Institution, he had special reason for thankfulness. But he would suggest to the province that if the whole 50 guineas were devoted to that Charity this year it would give them 40 votes, which in 1892 would cost £200. In a forcible speech he proceeded to urge the claims of the aged, pointing out that the children were more and more capable of taking care of themselves, whereas the aged were daily growing less capable. They had known cases of children being adopted, but never an old man or an old woman. They never had a more painstaking and energetic brother for the Charities than Bro. Oliver Papworth, and the province could place the utmost confidence in him.

Bro. J. MCLEOD said he was quite content to leave the claims of the Boys' Institution to their Masonic Charities Committee. With good work, economy of management, and efficiency of teaching, he was certain the claims of the Boys' Institution (now in its 94th year) would not be lost sight of. He also thanked the province in behalf of Bro. Hedges for their support to the Girls' Institution. From past experience, there was no need to make a special appeal to this province, which would do all it could for all the Masonic Charities.

The Tyler's toast brought to a close a most harmonious meeting, the pleasure of which was increased by songs from Bros. T. E. Worledge, J. Fuller, Oliver Papworth, T. W. Allsop, and others.

## CONSECRATION OF THE HICKS-BEACH LODGE, No. 2407.

The consecration of the Hicks-Beach Lodge took place on Tuesday, the 17th inst., at Stroud. It is just 20 years since a similar function took place in the province—when the Tyndall Lodge (Chipping Sodbury) was constituted—and as such an interesting event might possibly occur but once in a generation, there was a large muster of brethren, all the 14 lodges in the province being represented. It may not, perhaps, be out of place to note that the oldest lodge in Gloucestershire is the Foundation Lodge, of Cheltenham, which was founded in 1753. The order of seniority of the other lodges is as follows: Royal Union Lodge, Cheltenham, founded in 1813, removed to that town in 1822; Royal Faith and Friendship Lodge, founded in 1789, removed to Berkley in 1802; Royal Lebanon Lodge, Gloucester, founded in 1844; Cotteswold Lodge, Cirencester, founded in 1851; Sherborne Lodge, Stroud, founded in 1857; St. John's Lodge, Dursley, founded in 1858; Royal Gloucestershire Lodge, Gloucester, founded in 1861; Sympathy Lodge, Wotton-under-Edge, founded in 1861; St. George's Lodge, Tewkesbury, founded in 1862; Prince of Wales Lodge, founded in 1863; Zetland Lodge, Gloucester, founded in 1864; Royal Forest of Dean Lodge, Newnham, founded in 1866; Tyndall Lodge, Chipping Sodbury, 1871.

It will be noticed from the above list that there has been a Masonic lodge in Stroud for thirty-four years, the members of which have met at the Subscription-rooms. Owing to the increase of the population in the valley famed for its clothing industries, it was thought advisable to inaugurate a second lodge in Stroud, and the preliminaries having been successfully completed, the ceremony of consecration was performed on Tuesday, at the Subscription-rooms, which were handsomely fitted up for the occasion. The new lodge is named after the Provincial Grand Master, the Right Hon. Sir Michael E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., who performed the ceremony of consecration, assisted by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith. The new lodge (No. 2407) will meet at the Imperial Hotel, Stroud. The founders are Bros. R. J. Weston, P.M., P.G. Supt. of Wks.; E. Hulbert, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; E. Lea, W.M. 1005; Bros. N. Philpott, J. Estop, T. H. Daniels, W. J. Edwards, S. B. Dark, J. Kyle, J. Brown, H. J. Ferris, W. Knee, G. J. Holloway, and H. J. Brewer.

The ceremony was fixed to commence at three o'clock, when the brethren mustered in strong force. The Prov. G.M., Bro. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, having taken the chair as Presiding Officer, appointed his officers *pro tem.*, Bros. Dr. Needham and Dr. Campbell, acting as Prov. G.D. of C.'s; and Bros. General W. J. Vizard, P.S.G.W.; Northcott, P.J.G.W.; and H. Jew, P.G.P., ably assisted at the impressive ceremony.

The lodge having been opened in the Three Degrees, the hymn commencing "Hail, Eternal, by whose aid," was sung.

The PRESIDING OFFICER then addressed the brethren on the motive of the meeting, and the ceremony of consecration was proceeded with.

Bro. R. V. VASSAR-SMITH, D.P.G.M., with that ability for which he is so well known, afterwards installed the W.M. designate, Bro. R. J. Weston, P.M., P.G. Supt. of Works. The newly-installed W.M. then invested the following officers of the Hicks-Beach Lodge:—Bros. N. Philpott, S.W.; J. Estop, J.W.; J. Daniels, Treas.; J. Edwards, Sec.; Dark, S.D.; J. Kyle, J.D.; Hulbert, D.C.; Ferris and Knee, Stwds.; J. Brown, I.G.; and Holland, Tyler. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. E. G. Woodward, P.M., P.G. Organist.

Amongst the visiting brethren were—

Bros. R. V. Vassar-Smith, D.P.G.M.; W. J. Vizard, P.S.G.W.; R. W. Northcott, P.J.G.W.; Chris. V. Childe, P.G.C.; John Naysmith, P.G.R.; James B. Winterbotham, P.G.S.; W. W. Drew, P.S.G.D.; R. Anderson, P.J.G.D.; Baron de Ferrières, P.S.G.D.; J. Campbell, P.M., P.G.D.C.; S. W. Haddingham, P.M. 1067, P.G.S.B.; E. G. Woodward, P.M., P.G.O.; J. A. Gould, P.G. Stwd.; W. Heath, P.G.S.B.; H. Phillips, P.G. Tyler; Sir J. E. Dorington, M.P., P.P.S.G.W.; Sir Lionel Darell, P.G.D.; J. S. Carleton, P.P.G.D.C.; E. Dening, P.M. 951, P.P.S.G.D.; R. Blizard, P.P.G.S.B.; R. Chandler, P.P.S.G.D.; T. Partridge, P.P.G.S. of Wks.; W. E. Hayward, P.P.G.S.B.; C. T. Chipp, P.P.J.G.D.; F. Fisher, P.P.G.S. of Wks.; J. Bruton, P.P.J.G.D.; D. Chandler, J. W. R. Felton, P.P.G.W.; J. A. Roberts, P.P.G.R.; W. P. Hadley, P.P.G.P.; E. H. Hawkins, P.P.G. Chap.; J. Davies, P.P.G. Chap.; S. W. Woods, P.G.S.B.; B. T. Cadle, P.P.G.P.; M. F. Carter, P.P.G.S.B.; J. A. Matthews, W.M., P.P.G.R.; W. Powell, P.P.G.S.B.; E. Baylis, P.P.G.S.B.; W. J. Lighton, P.M. 1005, P.P.S.G.W.; A. V. Hatton, P.P.J.G.W.; W. H. James, P.P.G.D.C.; E. C. Sewell, P.P.J.G.W.; H. Blandford, P.M. 706, P.P.G.P.; S. Bloodworth, P.G.S.; N. Philpott, C. L. Wilson, S.W.; S. B. Dark, J. Kyle, J. Brown, T. H. Daniels, W. J. Edwards, E. Lea, 1005; L. Wilkinson, 1067; H. T. Balfour, 1057; W. A. Turner, 1067; G. L. Thorp, 1057; H. Teague, 951; W. R. Porcher, P.M. 82 and 246; R. Rogers, W.M. 82; H. J. Small, 706; J. Estop, F. Mind, C. Davieson, R. Flint, J. H. Seabrook, S.D. 839; C. T. Chipp, P.M. 1005; W. L. Evans, 82; J. Miller, 1067; E. Tike, 839; A. Baker, 900; H. J. Berry, 493; R. Willis, J.D. 900; J. S. Mends, Asst. Sec. 1258; J. P. A. Bowers, 839; T. Robins, Stwd. 493; J. J. Darby, P.S.W. 246; W. R. Felton, 246, P.P.G.S. of W.; P. R. Cutler, 493; Chris. Millard, 1258; R. P. Sammar, 839; L. G. Mayer, J.D. 839; J. C. Hill, J.W. 839; B. Combe, 246; C. J. Parker, 839; M. H. Needland, 839; H. A. Baram, 187, P.G.S.B.; J. Bryant, 839, P.P.S.G.W.; F. Cullis, S.D. 1093; G. A. Baker, 1095; J. Ridler, 163, Summer St. Paul, Minn., U.S.A.; P. Harris, P.G. Sec. Bristol; W. E. Parr, P.G. Reg. Bristol; G. R. Sudman, 1314 and 1005; Harold Lewis, I.P.M. 686, 2257, P.P.G. Stwd. Bristol; W. J. Jenkin, S.D. 493; F. Holmes, 702; Joseph Owner, 610, P.P.G.P.; G. P. Smith, P.M., H. B. Barfour, J. S. Carleton, G. Norman, C. J. Parker, and J. Waghorne, of 246; W. H. Morgan, St. John's Lodge; D. J. Dutton, 270; G. H. Perrin, P.M. 855; T. Viney, S.D. 761; F. Hirst, 633; A. F. Bailey, 761; A. C. Cragg, 592; T. A. Huband, W.M. 246; T. Holland, 702; R. P. Bent, P.G. Chaplain England; J. E. Falconer; W. J. Lister, 706; J. Jennings, 1005; M. H. Medland, 839; J. A. Fisher, 493; J. C. Hill, J.W. 839; W. B. Wood, 839; and others.

After the ceremony the banquet took place at the Imperial Hotel, under the presidency of Bro. Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, when a large gathering of brethren were present.

H. G. DE W. GERBIER was a physician at Paris, who played, in or about 1784, a very leading part as regards the High Grades. Thory tells us that in 1785 there was at Paris a body of Freemasons called the "Grand Chapitre Général de France." This was formed out of the remains of the older Council of the Emperors of the East and the West, and of some High Grade Freemasons. It professed to be the most ancient chapter in France. Gerbier attended one of its meetings, and told the members that he presided over a chapter more ancient still, inasmuch as he had a Constitution, which he submitted to them, in Latin, of a Rose Croix Chapter, emanating from Edinburgh, 1721; and he seemed to have impressed the members with a belief in his statement. In 1786, the "Grande Loge Royale" declared the patent of the Rose Croix chapter of 1721, put forward by Dr. Gerbier, spurious, and deserving of no confidence. His chapter was the "Chapitre Métropolitain de France," as it was termed.—*Kenning's Cyclopaedia of Freemasonry.*

# INSTALLATION OF THE GRAND SECRETARY AS W.M. OF THE SHADWELL CLERKE LODGE.

A ceremony interesting in itself, but rendered unique from the fact that it is the first occasion on record of a Grand Secretary being installed in the chair of a lodge, took place at Mark Masons' Hall on Tuesday last, and as the lodge bears the honoured name of Shadwell Clerke, the ceremony was a peculiarly fitting and appropriate one.

There was a slight departure from the usual custom, the meeting of the lodge for business taking place in the ordinary lodge room, and the members and visitors assembling afterwards in the large hall for the installation ceremony. Bro. J. L. Mather, P.A.G.D.C., as the oldest Past Master present, performed the ceremony of installation, while Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G. Std. Br., the Secretary of the lodge, gave the addresses. In the hands of the brethren named it is needless to say that the ceremonial was perfectly gone through, and it is equally unnecessary to add that the candidate for installation was free from nervous embarrassment and relieved his sponsors from any trouble in connection with the ceremony. A goodly number of Past Masters were present, including one of the oldest and one of the newest Provincial Grand Masters in the persons of R.W. Bros. W. W. B. Beach and Colonel Money.

The W.M., in appointing his officers, referred in feeling terms to the tragic event that had deprived him of the pleasure of investing the late Bro. MacDonald as I.P.M., and proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. Geo. J. Reed, S.W.; Gordon Miller, J.W.; Charles Belton, P.M., Treas.; C. F. Matier, P.M., Sec.; Thomas Wye, S.D.; Jabez Church, J.D.; J. L. Mather, P.M., D.C.; H. G. Holmes, Org.; R. L. Andrews, I.G.; E. W. Monkhouse and F. Cordeux Rhys, Stwds.; and E. J. Mills, Tyler. This being done, and several candidates having been proposed, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a very choice banquet at the Holborn Restaurant. The menu was well chosen, and the arrangements, as might have been expected, were, in the hands of the Secretary, admirably carried out. We give below a list of those present, but we may mention that there sat down nearly 40 members and about 50 visitors, the Grand Officers numbering 31. The toasts were brief but to the point. That of "The M.W. Grand Master" gave the W.M. occasion to refer in terms of sympathy to the domestic affliction which unfortunately existed in his Royal Highness's household. In reply to the toast of "The W.M.," Bro. Colonel SHADWELL H. CLERKE thanked the brethren for the honour they had done him, first in giving his name to the lodge, and for electing him to the chair on that occasion. After a lapse of 16 years he was not desirous again of undertaking the duties of the Master's chair, but circumstances had rendered it desirable that he should accede to the unanimous wish of the brethren, and he gladly did so. "The Visitors" toast was responded to in a breezy speech by Rear-Admiral MARKHAM, and Bro. BELTON, as Treas., and Bro. C. F. MATIER, as Sec., replied on behalf of "The Officers."

Altogether the proceedings were worthy of the occasion, and as we can unhesitatingly say that the lodge does credit to its name, so we can as safely aver that the W.M. will, during his year of office, add lustre to the lodge.

The brethren present were—Members: Bros. W. C. Gilles, I.P.M., as W.M.; J. Kenyon, as S.W.; Geo. J. Reed, J.W.; C. Belton, Treas.; C. F. Matier, P.M., Sec.; Thomas Wye, J.D.; J. L. Mather, P.M., D.C.; E. M. Lott, P.G. Org., Org.; R. L. Andrews and E. W. Monkhouse, Stewards; Richard Eve, P.G. Treas.; Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; C. H. Driver, P.G.S. of W.; Sir J. B. Monckton, P.G.W.; Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.D.; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg.; Richard Ellis, F. C. Hill, W. B. Williamson, F. Cordeux Rhys, Gordon Miller, Jabez Church, J. R. Green, A. L. Andrews, D. H. Marrable, H. T. Matthews, J. L. Grossmith, H. Ward Andrews, A. C. Whitaker, A. C. Pirie, J. McCulloch, G. F. Smith, J. J. Cummins, T. W. Fullilove, and H. G. Holmes. Visitors: Bros. W. W. B. Beach, Prov. G.M. Hants and the Isle of Wight; Col. G. Noel Money, Prov. G.M. Surrey; Hugh D. Sandeman, P. Dist. G.M. Bengal; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G. Chaplain; Thomas Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes; Samuel Pope, Q.C., P.G.D.; Robert Berridge, P.G.D.; Sir George D. Harris, P.G.D.; Frederick West, P.G.D.; Dr. Ralph Gooding, M.D., P.G.D.; R. Loveland Loveland, P.G.D.; V. P. Freeman, P.G.D.; Geo. Cooper, P.G.D.; R. Turtle Pigott, P.A.G.D.C.; J. Lewis Thomas, P.A. G.D.C.; Richard Clowes, G. Std. Br.; A. A. Pendlebury, A.G. Sec.; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; W. Stevenson Hoyte, G. Steward; J. Balfour Cockburn, Past District Junior Grand Deacon Gibraltar; G. C. H. Jennings, W.M. 1237; Admiral Markham, W.M. 1953; H. R. Rose, W.M. 2000; C. Mussared, W.M. 2264; Alderman Newton, W.M. 2347; W. Lake, P.M. 131; W. G. P. Gilbert, P.M. 257; J. R. Hayman, P.M. 257; Corrie Jackson, P.M. 534; Richard Mullen, P.M. 600; T. A. Richardson, P.M. 1397; R. Main, P.M. 1593; Lennox Browne, P.M. 2108; Dr. I. Zacharie, P.M. 2191; Major C. W. Carrell, 2312; A. R. Carter, P.M. 2347; Lewis Thomson, J.W. 1593; R. Percy Clowes, S.D. 2201; J. E. Evans Jackson, 10; F. O. de la Chapelle, 10; A. F. Church, 33; W. H. Ballison, 60; C. Browne, 218; W. H. Hillman, 569; Wm. Cussans, 1602; C. de la Chapelle, 1615; Fredk. Barton, 2266; J. Smith, 2343; and E. J. Mills, Tyler.

# THE GOLD AND SILVER WYRE DRAWERS' COMPANY.

But little is known generally as to the origin and career of "The Worshipful Company of Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers," and hence the history of that distinguished Society by Past Master Horace Stewart (privately printed in 1891) is most welcome and opportune.

The popular notion that merchants dealing and trading with gold and silver in their numerous artistic forms, must necessarily be rich and powerful, cannot be said to have found its fulfilment in the history of this Company, for until recent years financial troubles were quite its ordinary experience, and that, from no fault of its members, but due to circumstances which, for many years, they were powerless to control.

It may be that owing to the late incorporation of the Company and the necessity that existed for a most rigid scrutiny of the quality of the manufactured gold and silver wyre, as well as the large importation of foreign and inferior articles, the coffers were filled, but to be emptied, in prosecuting delinquents and in protection of the rights of the members.

It is pleasant to read at times of the satisfactory results which followed from such proceedings. In 1701, John Hughes, goldsmith, who was arrested for "denying search," made due submission, "whereupon the Committee of the Court withdrew the proceedings, and admitted him to the freedom of the Company."

Such cases admit rays of sunlight between many lawsuits of a costly nature, the semi-official duties of search, inspection, and seizure entailing considerable expenses in early days, added to the heavy outlay contingent on securing the passing of various Bills in Parliament, or of opposing others of an objectionable class, which concerned the rights, privileges, and ordinances of the Company.

Mr. Stewart thinks that the principal, if not the only omission which the members of to-day have to reproach their predecessors with, consists in the want of foresight "which prevented them from making at a trifling outlay those judicious investments which have placed so many of the City Companies in their present fortunate and prosperous condition."

With all deterrence to so great an authority, it appears from the records submitted that the absence of such investments was the misfortune, not the fault, of the old members, the poverty of the Company in the 18th century, united with its readiness at all times to assist indigent brethren, and above all the heavy legal expenses already referred to, literally kept the Court without means for meeting any but urgent claims and demands, which were either unavoidable or charitable.

It is disappointing to find that though the manufacture and use of gold wyre and thread can be traced back to Ancient Egyptian and Anglo-Saxon times, and numerous instances are cited by the diligent author of mediæval work in gold and silver wyre and embroidery, all of which are of a most interesting character, and not a few are quite ordinary to students, yet the Company so ably described by Mr. Horace Stewart was not permanently incorporated until June 16th, 1693, under writ of the Lord Privy seal with the title of "Masters, Wardens, Assistants, and Commonalty of the Art and Mystery of Drawing, and Flattening of Gold and Silver Wyre; and Making and Spinning of Gold and Silver Thread and Stuffe in our City of London."

Most unfortunately the charter granted on June 16th, 1623 (just 70 years before the present one), by authority of James I., to the "Gould Wyre-Drawers of the City of London," though confirmed by a Royal Proclamation, was declared by another edict "to be null and void," and the King announced his intention to abolish the manufacture of gold and silver thread, &c., because wasteful of the coin and bullion of the realm.

This was a terrible disappointment to the "storm-tossed and harassed Wyre-Drawers," who seemed as if nearing a haven of rest and prosperity. However, the trade was not ended, though its opposers did in time end their persecutions, and on the accession of Charles I. there was a lull in the agitation until 1735, when the trade was again most unfairly treated, and their petition for incorporation met with much opposition from the Goldsmiths and others, who ought to have befriended their less fortunate craftsmen; whereas petty trade jealousies took the place of fair and honest competition, the richer trades gaining the ear of the King and Parliament, for evident reasons.

The chapters on the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers during the Tudors, the Stuarts, and the Commonwealth are deeply interesting, and exhibit considerable research and painstaking by the author, who was so fortunate as to find the Charter of A.D. 1623 when searching the Rolls at the Public Record Office, an attested copy of which is now owned by the Company, and a transcript is given in the appendix to this volume.

The Rules and Ordinances of 1699-1700 are very suggestive, in some respects, of the Masonic Regulations in the "Old Charges," and run to some thirty-nine in number ("39 Articles").

The Master and Wardens had to agree to the binding of apprentices, and made free of the Company those who had duly served their time accordingly, or who were entitled to their freedom otherwise; Stewards were elected annually, whose duty it was to provide two feasts during the year—viz., one on Lord Mayor's day, and the other on the election of the chief officers. This position, however, was not an enviable one, its duties being onerous and costly, hence fines were frequently inflicted for non-service, and even writs were issued to obtain the penalties.

Only freemen could take apprentices, the term was seven years, enrolments being obligatory within

twelve months, and within 40 days of the expiration of the term they were *made free*, if conduct and service were satisfactory.

Cowans (not so termed) were not to be instructed or even worked with under penalties, as unfreemen were to be ignored and none allowed to practice in the mystery or trade within the Cities of London and Westminster.

Widows were allowed to pursue the trade of their deceased husbands and even admitted to the freedom, which says much for the hearts and gallantry of the old members. In evidence of the appreciation of such kindness, one of the earliest donations to the Company was by Mrs. Russell, who was thus favoured, and whose virtues are duly recorded on a mural tablet in St. Alphage's Church, in London Wall.

The oldest legacy only dates back to 1713, when the sum of £10 was willed by a popular craftsman, which was to be devoted to the purchase of a silver tankard, which is still in possession of the Company, and no doubt has been frequently used at its annual meetings.

After sundry attempts a livery was petitioned for and granted to the Company in 1780, many members at once exercising the privilege. The fines paid in consequence amounting to nearly £300, and were a very welcome addition to the funds.

Of late years, the Company has been prosperous, if not rich, and is doing a splendid work in relation to the particular industry or trade it so ably and usefully represents.

As Mr. Stewart states, it appears invidious to make a distinction when all have done so well, but "a special word of recognition is due to the long-sustained and untiring exertions of the able honorary Clerk, W. E. Baxter, Esq., J.P., D.L."

"To Past Masters George Kenning and Major Joseph, C.C., a special tribute of gratitude is likewise due, and mention must be made of the invaluable work that has been done by the present Master, Gabriel Lindo, Esq., C.C.," who has been elected for the third time in succession to that high office.

Bro. George Kenning has been repeatedly thanked for devotion to the interests of the Company, not only whilst serving as Master during two consecutive years, but for the valuable exhibition of gold and silver wyre-drawing (made at his own expense) in "The Old London Street" at "The Healtheries," the Lord Mayor's Procession, 1885, and for the assistance rendered to the collection at the Royal Military Exhibition, which was such a success.

Since the publication of this very valuable history, the "Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers" were represented in the Lord Mayor's Procession by its Master, three Wardens, six Past Masters, and other members, the present Lord Mayor being the Senior Warden of the Company.

In concluding this brief sketch of a deeply interesting volume (especially so to brethren of the "Mystic Tie," who are so familiar with gold and silver embroidery and decorations), I have pleasure in stating that the very effective illustrations are by the skilful hand of Miss Estelle D'Avigdor, daughter of one of the Liverymen; I desire also to draw attention to the fact that the gifts have nearly all been made within the last 50 years, that is during the period of the gradually increasing prosperity of the Company, only two having been made prior to 1849.

In that year, the late Mr. Scovell presented the silver loving cup, without which no old company would be complete, and another relic of antiquity, at least of the sound thereof, is the snuff-box of tortoise shell, from Past Master F. F. Camroux in 1862.

From this year the Masonic fraternity is well to the fore, nearly all the presentations being from well-known members of the Craft. Bros. Dr. Henniker Rance, in 1880, gave the "Declaration Book;" Colonel Sewell the bannerol in the same year; Past Master George Kenning the Arms of the Company, *worked in gold and silver wire*, in 1882, and the Beadle's gown in 1885; Past Master Horace Stewart (Historian) the ebony cigar cabinet (surmounted with silver model of City Griffin) and the "Charity box" in 1889; the Master (Bro. Gabriel Lindo, C.C.) presenting the Chairman's hammer and the Master's gold and silver chain of office.

Numerous banners of the donors' arms are also recorded on the roll of gifts in the list of the Liverymen for 1891.

Copies of the History have been accepted by the Queen and Princess of Wales.

W. J. HUGHAN.

# THE OLD MASONIANS.

The second social evening in connection with the above Association took place on Friday, the 13th inst., under the chairmanship of Mr. W. J. Packer, supported by Bros. W. Boyce, J. Gilchrist, and others. The members mustered in good force, and evinced their appreciation of the artistes by frequent applause.

The following gentlemen supplied the talent, and were all most successful in their various contributions: Messrs. E. Conby, E. T. Platt, R. L. Pearce, F. L. Scurr, S. Shales, G. Alexander, C. H. Uwins, L. H. Palmer, H. Hawkes, and J. B. Whiteley.

Bro. Cole, 177, entertained the company with an inimitable laughing song.

The vote of thanks to the Chairman was proposed by Mr. C. H. UWINS, who drew attention to the excellent service Mr. Packer had rendered to the Association, and trusted this was the first of many occasions that he would occupy the chair.

Mr. PACKER having replied, the evening was brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem.

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Addiscombe, No. 1550; Covent Garden, No. 614; Minerva,  
No. 1942; Jersey, No. 2103; and Horwich, No. 2324.  
**MARK LODGE—**  
Sir Francis Burdett, No. 181.  
**ROYAL ARK MARINERS LODGE—**  
Prince Leopold, No. 238.  
Provincial Grand Chapter of Hertfordshire.  
Pro-inc 1 G and Chapter of West Yorkshire.  
Ladies' Night of the Emblematic Lodge, No. 1329.  
We are also compelled to omit the whole of the reports of  
Lodges of Instruction, but hope to include all we have in type in  
our next issue.



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1891.

## Masonic Notes.

In addition to the business which is transacted in  
the ordinary course at the Quarterly Communication of  
Grand Lodge on Wednesday next two propositions  
will be submitted which are certain to command the  
sympathy and support of the Craft generally.

The first, which will be brought forward by Bro. Sir  
Albert W. Woods (Garter), will be to the effect that,  
in consideration of the eminent services which the new  
Pro Grand Master, Bro. the Earl of Lathom, rendered  
to the Craft during his 16 years' tenure of the office of  
Deputy Grand Master, a full-length portrait of his  
lordship be painted and placed in the great hall at  
Freemasons' Hall. There is little doubt the motion  
will be received with the utmost favour by the members  
present, as well as—as we have already remarked—  
by the Craft at large. There is no more popular  
Mason than Lord Lathom, none that has rendered more  
important service. It is no light burden which his  
lordship has borne for the last 18 years, that of pre-  
siding over one of the strongest, wealthiest, and most  
influential of our Provinces. But though in his  
relations with the lodges and brethren under his charge  
he has exhibited firmness, he has at the same time  
shown great tact and judgment, and assuredly there is  
no Province in which the feelings existing between the  
chief and his subordinates are on a kindlier or firmer  
footing. In Grand Lodge, and wherever else he has  
been called upon to preside, Lord Lathom has uniformly  
exhibited the same qualities, and thus it is that Bro.  
Sir Albert Woods's proposal has our warmest com-  
mendation, as we are confident it has that of everyone  
who has the interests of our Society at heart.

The other is a motion which Bro. Sir John B.  
Monckton, P.G.W., has given notice, and will contain  
a proposal to grant the sum of 500 guineas to the Royal  
Masonic Benevolent Institution on the occasion of its  
Jubilee Festival next year. This, too, is a resolution  
which cannot fail to enlist general sympathy and  
support. The Benevolent Institution is the creation of  
Grand Lodge, and not only has the latter taken a deep  
interest in the welfare of its offspring, but it has like-  
wise a very conspicuous share in its government.  
Hence, in this instance, as in the case of Bro. Sir  
Albert Woods's motion, we have every reason to expect  
that it will be carried by acclamation.

On Thursday next, at the regular meeting of the  
Loyal Cambrian Lodge, No. 110, Merthyr Tydvil, a life  
size portrait of himself, painted by Bro. G. F. Harris,  
will be presented to Bro. Lieut.-Col. Lewis, who for the  
last 20 years has rendered most valuable services to the  
lodge. The picture will be handsomely mounted, and  
will bear the inscription: "Presented to Bro. David  
Rees Lewis, P.M., P.P.G.R., P.P.J.G.W., together with  
an illuminated address, by the members of the Loyal  
Cambrian Lodge, No. 110, for faithful and liberal ser-  
vices to his lodge and Masonry for a period of 20  
years. October, 1891." We congratulate Bro. Lewis  
on this evidence of the esteem and respect in which he  
is held, and the lodge on the kindly feeling which has  
thus prompted it to recognise Bro. Lewis's work.

Bro. Solomon Strasser, P.M., whom many of our  
readers will remember as one of the body of pilgrims  
from the United States which visited these shores  
during the past summer, has just reached home again,  
and as is the custom with his brother Masons of  
America, he experienced the other day a most cordial and  
even elaborate welcome, his lodge—Mount Vernon,  
No. 3 jurisdiction of New York—specially inviting him  
to deliver an address descriptive of the many places  
he had visited during his pilgrimage. A goodly com-  
pany assembled on the occasion, and when the address,  
which was listened to with marked attention, was con-  
cluded, Bro. Strasser was presented with a handsome  
solid gold Past Master's jewel together with a mallet  
and trowel of beautiful workmanship. The proceed-  
ings throughout were of a most pleasant character, and  
Bro. Strasser, whose geniality was so prominent a  
feature when here, is to be congratulated on the  
heartiness with which his return was greeted. They  
manage these things very nicely in the States.



## Correspondence.

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

## THE FUTURE OF FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am very pleased to respond to the invitation you give me in your leading article on "The Constitution of New Lodges and New Members" of the 7th inst., to write you again on the subject of "The Future of Freemasonry," and should have written you earlier had my professional engagements permitted. And now I write with much diffidence, for I feel that it is somewhat presumptuous for an unknown and undistinguished member of the rank and file of Freemasonry to be discussing matters of such high import to the Craft—matters which should I think have been dealt with from time to time as occasion required in the past by the rulers of the Craft, and if this had been done, and done wisely and well, there would be less reason to find fault with the present condition of the Order. It seems to be admitted on all hands that of late years numbers of undesirable men have been accepted as approved candidates, and have been initiated into Masonry. Thus far then all are agreed, and also as far as I can see there is a consensus of opinion that this evil arises, primarily at least, from the fact that whenever in an existing lodge there be any difference of opinion, any little friction between certain of the members, factions are formed, one faction leaves the parent lodge and founds a lodge for itself; then its members have to tout for candidates (holding out the Charities as a bribe) in order to exist, and in some cases even then failing to live. In such lodges as this you will find all sorts and conditions of men. Truly, but then the question comes, why are such lodges allowed to spring into existence? Why simply because the Provincial authorities, to say nothing of the officials at headquarters in London, know absolutely nothing of the state of things, the existence of which was the real reason of the formation of the young lodge. So the application for a warrant is favourably received and forwarded, and in due course the M.W. Grand Master graciously grants the prayer of the petitioners, and the young lodge proceeds on its course increasing the number of English Masons, and making many men members of the Craft who would be doing very much better for themselves by becoming Oddfellows, Foresters, or Buffaloes, and whom our Order would be better off without. This all, I say, in my humble opinion proceeds from the fact that in the generality of cases the provincial officials are not sufficiently in touch with the various lodges of their province. So I suggested, and, notwithstanding the objection of "Another P.P.G. Officer," I see no reason yet for thinking the suggestion either useless or impracticable, that there should be some official but fraternal and friendly oversight exercised by a specially selected Provincial Grand Officer, and I believe that if such oversight were judiciously carried out by experienced brethren much good must necessarily result. The provincial authorities would then be in possession of reliable information as to the state of the various private lodges in their province, such as I cannot but think was the case with the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Sussex recently. But as to "Another P.P.G. Officer's" objection, I may say that in large provinces such as he mentions the difficulty is easily surmounted. Supposing that, as suggested by another correspondent, the Provincial Grand Registrar be the officer who shall have the duty of visiting and reporting on the private lodges, he would not find that his duties in such provinces as Herefordshire, Berkshire, or Cambridgeshire were very heavy, that they involved much expenditure of time, or that the amount of travelling and hotel expenses would be a very costly item per annum; but in the Provinces of East Lancashire and West Yorkshire I admit the case is widely different. In such provinces as the latter there could be more Registrars, say four, or as nearly as may be one Registrar (or inspector of lodges as he really would be) to every 25 or 26 lodges. Then each Registrar would have the area over which he would be expected to exercise the supervision of lodges properly mapped out, so that neither official would in any way interfere with another. In this way (just as Archdeacons assume territorial designations) supposing there were two Registrars allotted to the Province of Kent, one taking the eastern half of the province as his district could be named the Registrar of Canterbury and Provincial Grand Registrar of Kent, his fellow could, having the western part of the province in his care, be known as the Registrar of Tonbridge and Provincial Grand Registrar of Kent. I put it in this way to show exactly how my suggestion may be worked out, and I have no doubt but that it could be made very useful for bringing the chiefs of the Craft in the provinces and the private lodges closer together. Then I would make another suggestion, and that is that the Provincial Grand Master, attended by his Secretary, should hold a deliberative assembly or council composed of one member (who should of necessity be an Installed Master) elected annually by each lodge in the province, and that such council should be charged with the duty of discussing all applications for warrants of constitution for new lodges and other matters of purely provincial interest, but such councils should not in any way be so constituted as to interfere with or infringe the Provincial Grand Master's prerogative. Such councils would I

think be of great advantage. You ask if I desire that the Provincial Grand Masters should be drawn from an inferior social class from that to which our Provincial Grand Masters now belong? Certainly not. I am proud that the Heir to the Throne is at the head of the Society of which I am a member (albeit an humble one), and in like manner I think it only fitting that the government of the provinces should be in the hands of noblemen. But much of the M.W. Grand Master's work is done by the Pro Grand Master. Every Royal Prince, when Worshipful Master of a private Craft lodge, may appoint his Deputy, and in like manner I think that an officer corresponding to the Pro Grand Master (shall I say a Pro Provincial Grand Master) could very well—as well as the Deputy Provincial Grand Master—be established in each province. These and many other little matters may well be considered as they are things which tend, in my opinion, to the future welfare of Freemasonry, but there are others, such as the splitting up of large provinces into two or more smaller ones according to their size so as to make each province more manageable in size; the constitution of one or more Provincial Grand Lodges for London so that the Grand Lodge of England may become a kind of higher chamber in which distinguished brethren (distinguished in Masonry I mean, not distinguished in social position) may be appointed to office, and such brethren be drawn from the ranks of provincial brethren of all provinces in the country as well as the more prominent of metropolitan Masons. As it now exists it has always appeared to me that the Grand Lodge of England is too much like the Provincial Grand Lodge of London, inasmuch as many London and few provincial brethren become Grand Officers so that when a country brother has been appointed to Provincial Grand office he has nothing more to aspire to. All these and many other things have occurred to me but I trust you will not blame my letter for being too long nor me for being too presumptuous in attempting, however lightly, to touch on them. If you do I must, I suppose, remember what the poet says of a certain class of folk who "rush in where angels fear to tread" and class myself with the aforesaid kind of people accordingly. Meantime I subscribe myself—Yours fraternally,

LATOMUS.

November 18th.

## ARTICLE 219.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In view of the probability that Grand Lodge will before long be asked to formally decide what is the true construction of this law, I trust you will pardon an attempt to again put the matter shortly before your readers, the question being an important one.

Article 219 reads thus: "Should the majority of any lodge determine to retire from it the power of assembling remains with the rest of the members, but should the number of members remaining at any time be less than three the warrant becomes extinct."

The wording of this law seems clear enough; but the question has arisen whether it applies to the case of the majority of the members wishing to transfer their allegiance to a newly-formed body and to take the lodge warrant with them, so as to deprive the minority, though consisting of three or more, of the protection of this law.

Till very recently it has, I believe, always been held that the law did apply to this case, as may be seen by reference to Bro. Lamont's letter as to the Combermere Lodge, No. 752 (*Freemason*, vol. 26, p. 231), where the rights of the minority were upheld, and the charter restored to them by the M.W.G.M. of Victoria.

In the recognition of, I believe, every new Grand Lodge of late, the speakers in favour of recognition have insisted on the necessity of upholding the rights of the minorities.

Quite lately, however, a new interpretation has been adopted, and it has been "ruled" that the law was not intended to apply to a case where "the majority of the lodge are not retiring from the lodge but are taking it with them."

I am not aware of any law of the Craft, written or unwritten, which allows a majority of the lodge to renounce the allegiance of the lodge to its mother Grand Lodge.

On the contrary, I think that the history, as far as I can trace it, of this Art. 219, distinctly proves the contrary.

In the Constitutions of 1871—"Of Private Lodges, Law 29," 1861 and 1855, the law reads as follows: "Should the majority of any lodge determine to retire from it, the power of assembling remains with the rest of the members who adhere to their allegiance, but if all the members of a lodge withdraw, the warrant becomes extinct."

In Williams' Constitutions of 1815—the first after the Union—Art. 34, Private Lodges, reads: "As every warranted lodge is a constituent part of the Grand Lodge, in which assembly all the power of the Fraternity resides, it is clear that no other authority can destroy the power granted by a warrant; if, therefore, the majority of the lodge should determine to quit the Society, the constitution, or power of assembling, remains with the rest of the members who adhere to their allegiance. If all the members of a lodge withdraw themselves, their constitution ceases and becomes extinct, and all the authority thereby granted or enjoyed reverts to the Grand Lodge."

This is, so far as I am aware, the first appearance of a law on the point, though it is not improbable that Noorthouck's edition of 1786, the last before the Union, may deal with the question, but I do not possess a copy.

Now were those words "who adhere to their allegiance" inserted without meaning?

Or was this Article inserted in consequence of the dispute between Grand Lodge and the Lodge of Antiquity?

In 1777 the Lodge of Antiquity, for reasons fully set out in *Preston's Illustrations* and quoted in *Gould's Four Old Lodges* came to a rupture with the Grand Lodge, "discontinued the attendance of its Masters and Wardens at the Committees of Charity and Quarterly Communications as its representatives; published a manifesto in its vindication; notified its separation from the Grand Lodge; and avowed an alliance with the Grand Lodge of All England held in the City of York. . . . The Grand Lodge enforced its edicts, and extended protection to the brethren whose cause it had espoused. Anathemas were issued, several worthy men in their absence expelled from the Society for refusing to surrender the property of the lodge to three persons who had been regularly expelled from it," &c.

"To justify the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, the following resolution of the Committee of Charity held in February, 1779, was printed and dispersed among the lodges: Resolved—That every private lodge derives its authority from the Grand Lodge, and that no authority but the Grand Lodge can withdraw or take away that power. That though the majority of a lodge may determine to quit the Society, the constitution or power of assembling remains with, and is vested in the rest of the members who may be desirous of continuing their allegiance; and that if all the members withdraw themselves, the constitution is extinct, and the authority reverts to the Grand Lodge." Gould's "Four Old Lodges," p. 21.

The schism lasted ten years till 1789, when Preston and those expelled with him by Grand Lodge from the Society made submission, and were restored to their privileges. "It has been said that Preston came out of this dispute the victor. Such was far from being the case. The attitude of the Grand Lodge of England was the same from first to last—that is to say with regard to the great question of privilege raised by the senior lodge on its roll." Gould's "History of Freemasonry, II.," p. 428.

I say it is not improbable that Noorthouck's Constitutions of 1786 contain some provision on the point. Looking at the date, and the fact that Noorthouck was one of the expelled minority from the Lodge of Antiquity whose cause the Grand Lodge had espoused, I think it is most probable; but, as I said, I do not know.

Anyhow, comparing the wording of Williams' Constitutions with that of the resolution of the Committee of Charity above quoted, it does seem to me that the Article was originally inserted to meet the case of the majority of a lodge wishing to transfer its allegiance, and "take the warrant with them," and I trust that if the question ever comes before Grand Lodge again we shall find the Grand Lodge of to-day as staunch in supporting minorities who wish to adhere to their allegiance as was the Grand Lodge of 1779.—Yours fraternally,

LEX SCRIPTA.

November 24th.

## Masonic Notes and Queries.

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Bro. G. W. Bain, of Sunderland (who is certainly one of the most successful collectors of Masonic books in England), has in his fine library one each of the slightly different issues of the regulations about which I enquired for "India," and kindly informs me that they are precisely alike, save the title-page, and then the only difference is in the name of the firm, the one being given as *Ford and Tilt*, and the other as *John Smith and Co.* The address to each is the same, viz., "52, Long Acre," so it is reasonable to suppose that the latter succeeded Messrs. Ford and Tilt, who are recorded as the printers for both the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter during the period named. The new firm apparently preferred a fresh title-page, as I find some 500 copies left in sheets of the 1864 were bound some two years later, so that "John Smith and Co." represents second lot bound of the same edition of 1864.

W. J. HUGHAN.

## CONCERT AT THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

There was a small gathering at the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls on Saturday afternoon, the 14th inst., at the invitation of the Chairman, to test the acoustic properties of the new Centenary Hall, when Bro. Frank Pownall, Mrs. Tuer, and Mrs. Godfrey Pearce, the well-known amateurs, favoured the company with several magnificent pieces of music. It was the universal opinion that the acoustic properties of the hall were as near perfect as possible, considering also that the hall was not nearly full, and that there are no hangings or drapery. The hall is 104 feet long, 40 feet wide, and 50 feet high, and has an elliptical ceiling. After the concert the children went through their musical drill, to the manifest and frequently expressed delight of the visitors.

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### Craft Masonry.

#### METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

**Old King's Arms Lodge (No. 28).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 23rd inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Bro. E. F. Debenham, W.M., being in the chair, supported by Bros. Barrat, S.W.; W. P. Ice, J.W.; D. Crombie, P.M., Sec.; F. Clark, S.D.; C. Carrell, J.D.; T. Rose, I.G.; and various other brethren, members of the lodge, and visitors.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, Bro. A. W. Daniell was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by the W.M. Bro. E. Money, P.M., brought forward a motion, of which he had previously given notice, to appoint the W.M. and Bro. Newland, P.M., as fresh trustees of the invested benevolent fund of the lodge, and that a further sum of £50 out of the benevolent funds in the hands of the Treasurer should be likewise invested. This motion being seconded, and put to the vote, was unanimously carried.

All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet at Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of the W.M., when a pleasant evening was spent.

**Belgrave Lodge (No. 749).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, the 11th inst., when there was a good attendance. The members present included Bros. E. Triggs, W.M.; E. E. Austin, S.W.; W. D. T. Turnpenny, J.W.; P. Parsons, P.M., Treas.; H. Garrod, P.M., P.G.P., Sec.; J. H. Brand, S.D.; J. Mahon, I.G.; J. W. Hobbs, P.M., D.C.; W. Graves, Org.; W. C. Hall, P.M.; H. W. L. Hobbs, P.M.; F. Weeks, P.M.; A. F. Leech, P.M.; W. Groves, P.M.; J. Coltart, P.M.; H. W. Greenwood, P.M.; G. S. Elliott, P.M.; W. Tittley, P.M.; F. Kedge, P.M.; and many others. Visitors: Bros. E. Reed, 2021; A. Watts, A.D.C. 1571; J. J. Thomas, P.M. 753; J. F. Perrins, 1839; J. Stephens, P.M. 1425; J. Shepherd, S.W. 140; T. Sheppard, 1703; G. White, J.W. 975; G. Weige, P.M. 860; G. Harper, W.M. 2163; J. Wells, P.M. 1612; J. Everett, 2209; W. Johnston, 1538; J. Hart, S.W. 193; J. T. Dormer, W.M. 1571; W. H. Jordan, 140; W. Price, J.W. 29; F. D. Bowles, 1299; J. Terry, P.G.S.B.; E. Storr, P.M. 167; C. Michel, 177; H. T. Culliford, 1563; J. D. Loved, 1169; W. H. Mantell, 1391; J. C. well, 65; W. W. Lee, S.W. 2381; and others.

Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. There was a full agenda of work, the three Degrees being each down for working, and this heavy programme having been disposed of, the principal business of the evening was proceeded with. Bro. P. Parsons, P.M., Treas., assumed the chair, and proceeded to install Bro. E. E. Austin as the W.M. for the ensuing year. The following officers were then invested: Bros. W. D. T. Turnpenny, S.W.; J. H. Brand, J.W.; P. Parsons, P.M., Treas.; H. Garrod, P.M., Sec.; J. Mahon, S.D.; F. Kedge, P.M., J.D.; R. W. Benns, I.G.; J. W. Hobbs, P.M., D.C.; C. Dorea, A.D.C.; W. Graves, Org.; J. W. Jones and J. C. Scudamore, Stwds.; and S. Homewood, Tyler. The Installing Master then delivered the usual addresses, at the conclusion of which the W.M. presented Bro. E. Triggs, I.P.M., with a handsome Past Master's jewel. Relief was unanimously voted to a distressed brother, and the sum of five guineas was also voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to be placed on the list of the Steward representing the lodge. Other business was transacted, and the lodge was closed.

Ample justice was done to an excellent banquet, served under the management of Bro. Clemow, and the customary toast list was then proceeded with.

Bro. J. Terry P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I., replying for "The Grand Officers," said that no two better brethren had ever been appointed to preside over the business of Grand Lodge than the two brethren they honoured by drinking as the Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master. Each had rendered important service in his province, and when Lord Lathom presided over the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys his province sent up £6400.

Bro. E. Triggs, I.P.M., proposed "The Worshipful Master," and said the brethren felt sure that in electing Bro. Austin to the honourable position of Worshipful Master they had elected one who would do ample justice to the lodge during the coming year. The Worshipful Master was a Mason at heart, and they had had an exemplification of the way in which he would conduct their meetings. He was proud to know he was the means of introducing Bro. Austin into the lodge, and also that they were now side by side in their various positions.

Bro. E. E. Austin, W.M., returned hearty thanks for the very warm manner in which the I.P.M. proposed the toast, and also for the hearty manner in which it was received. He blushed to receive such kindness after the way his merits had been magnified, but he thanked them most heartily. He begged to assure them that at the end of his year he should endeavour to deserve their congratulations no less than now.

The Worshipful Master then gave "The Immediate Past Master," and said that Bro. Triggs, I.P.M., had assured him that he had had a happy year of office, and that his only regret was that it had come to an end. The efficient manner in which the I.P.M. had discharged his duties was well-known to all, and he retired with the esteem and thanks of all the members.

Bro. E. Triggs, I.P.M., thanked them all for the very hearty proposition and reception of the toast, and also for the unanimous manner in which the Past Master's jewel was voted to him. He felt proud to be associated with the lodge, for he regarded it as one of those whose name was known far and wide. He hoped to live for many years to wear the jewel, and as long as his health lasted he hoped to be connected with the lodge.

"The Installing Master, Bro. P. Parsons, P.M. and Treas.," was then given by the W.M., who said he was sure it would be received with acclamation. The manner in which Bro. Parsons, P.M., performed the ceremony of installation had impressed him, as it must have impressed them all. He felt great pleasure in being installed by the senior P.M., and he was glad to know that Bro. Parsons, P.M. and Treas., was not only happy in the ritual, but also in the state of his finances.

Bro. P. Parsons, P.M., Treas., in response, said he rose to return sincere thanks for the cordial manner in which this double toast had been given. As far as the Installing Master was concerned, he had had great pleasure in installing the W.M. in the presence of 14 or more Past Masters, and he vouched that the installation had been conducted in due form. A man when rehearsing these ceremonies fancied he could perform them satisfactory, but when he came before a numerous assembly he was put in the background. He had done his best that night and was sure the brethren would be satisfied with that. The W.M. expressed a desire to be installed by the father of the lodge and the others immediately gave way. As far as the Treasurer was concerned he should be happy to take charge of all money paid to him. He was glad to say they were in such a position as to give a hearty good welcome to all, and so long as he was elected to the office he should endeavour to see they did not exceed the proper limits.

Bro. J. Stephens, P.M. 1425, acknowledged the toast of "The Visitors," and said that as he did not aspire to respond he had signed his name as a P.M., rather than as the W.M. of another lodge. He complimented the W.M. on the very admirable manner in which he was installed into the chair, and he had never seen the officers invested in a more perfect manner. He thanked Bro. Elliott for inviting him. That brother was a member of the Belgrave Chapter, and he (Bro. Stephens) was in the First Principal's chair, and he invited the lodge to join with the chapter by the members coming amongst them. Those who were eligible they were only too willing to welcome from the mother lodge.

Other brethren replied, and

Bro. Jas. Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I., in response to "The Masonic Charities," strongly appealed to the brethren to support the Institution he represented at the forthcoming Jubilee Festival.

Bro. Groves, P.M., replied for "The Past Masters," and "The Officers" having been given, the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. W. Graves, Org., assisted by Bros. W. Price, R. Mantell, and G. Vigay.

**Merchant Navy Lodge (No. 781).**—A regular meeting of this lodge took place at the Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, on Wednesday, the 11th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Passfield, W.M., supported by Bros. J. Pringle, P.M.; S. W. Timson, P.M.; F. Robinson, P.M.; and others. The following officers were in attendance: Bros. Gooch, S.W.; Turriff, J.W.; Daniell, P.M., Treas.; C. Breden, P.M., Sec.; Lancett, S.D. (*pro tem.*); Bebbroth, J.D. (*pro tem.*); Seage, I.G.; J. Groat, Org.; and Ellingford, Tyler. Among the members, of whom about 50 were present, were Bros. Morrow, Ferguson, Patrick, Huett, sen., Huett, jun., Odling, Wilson, Bull, Bell, and many others. Visitors: Bros. E. Clement, P.M. 1816; Parsons, 1816; J. Bennett, 1765; W. Mountford, 1716; M. Bleick, 2374; Nightingale, and Jones.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Knight, of this lodge, and Bro. Parsons, 1816, were passed, and Mr. Langham, who had been already proposed and approved, was initiated.

Further business having been transacted the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, after which the usual loyal toasts were proposed and accepted with the wonted Masonic enthusiasm.

Other toasts followed, with songs and recitations interspersed between the speeches, and a very pleasant evening was spent until the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

Bros. Bennett, Burges, Jones, and Turriff contributed to the harmony of the evening.

**Corinthian Lodge (No. 1382).**—A regular meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 18th inst., at the George Hotel, Cubitt Town, under the presidency of Bro. W. J. Millington, P.M., in place of Bro. R. J. Pitt, W.M., who was absent through illness. He was supported by the officers of the lodge and Bros. McLeod, P.M.; Morrison, P.M.; Parrett, Davis, Evans, Latta, and about 50 members and visitors were also present.

Lodge being duly opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Bros. Davis and Evans were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., after which Bro. Latta was passed to the Degree of F.C. Great regret being expressed at the absence of the W.M., the Secretary was instructed to write conveying the earnest wishes of the brethren for his speedy recovery. On the motion of Bro. McLeod, seconded by Bro. Parrett, it was unanimously agreed that a jewel should be presented to the Secretary in recognition of his services to the lodge. Both brethren spoke in complimentary terms of the zeal and ability displayed by Bro. A. H. Oakley and his invariable courtesy to the brethren. A vote of condolence with the widow of a deceased brother was passed, and the lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to refreshment, when a very pleasant evening was spent.

**Imperial Lodge (No. 1694).**—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at 24, Victoria-street, Westminster, S.W., on Monday, the 16th inst., when Bro. H. H. Hyde Clarke was installed as W.M. The lodge was formally opened by Bro. W. Hicks, W.M., assisted by Bros. H. H. Hyde Clarke, S.W.; C. W. Stephenson, J.W.; C. H. Reid Todd, P.M., Treas.; J. N. Frye, P.M., Sec.; R. J. C. Davis, S.D.; R. Bradley, J.D.; W. Davis, P.M.; W. F. Woods, P.M.; R. M. Daniel, P.M.; R. Cumberland, P.M.; H. Comins, C. Tuckey, and many lay members. Visitors: Bros. Hugh D. Sandeman, P.D. G.M. Bengal; G. H. Gunton, 858; T. J. Cannon, I.P.M. 2021; E. Owen, W.M. 2033; T. Walkley, P.M. 2233; F. Stone, 1494; A. W. Orwin, W.M. 1091.

The report of the Audit Committee, showing the finances to be in a good condition, was received and adopted. Ballot was declared unanimous in favour of Mr. F. C. Davison as a candidate for initiation, and for Bros. W. G. Smart, 145; and C. Howard, 858, as joining members. Mr.

F. C. Davison, being in attendance, was impressively initiated by the W.M. The chair was then taken by Bro. R. Todd, P.M., Treas., who proceeded to install Bro. H. H. Hyde Clarke, the W.M. elect. Previous to this ceremony, a dispensation from the M.W.G.M. was read, allowing Bro. Hyde Clarke to be installed, he being at the present time W.M. of the Old Westminster's Lodge. After the installation the following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. C. Stephenson, S.W.; R. J. C. Davis, J.W.; C. H. Reid Todd, P.M., Treas.; J. N. Frye, P.M., Sec.; R. Bradley, S.D.; Watkins, J.D.; and Langton, I.G. The Installing Master concluded his duties by effectively rendering the customary addresses. Letters of regret for non-attendance were read from Bros. Lord Euston, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; Hyde Clarke, P.G.M. Colombia; Howard H. Room. Herman Dirs Mertens, P.M.; F. J. Pearse, P.M.; Dr. Curnow, P.M.; H. J. Sibley, and others. The W.M. presented Bro. Hicks, I.P.M., with a Past Master's jewel, and said the prophecy made a year ago that the lodge would be ruled by an excellent Master had been fulfilled. The pleasure of the presentation was enhanced by the fact that the I.P.M. was a very old and valued friend, and also by the fact that Bro. Hicks had done more work during the past year than any preceding Master, and had ruled with tact and discretion when such gifts were eminently necessary. The I.P.M. briefly acknowledged the kind gift, and the lodge was closed.

After banquet, the usual toasts received a cordial recognition.

Bro. H. D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal, returned sincere thanks for "The Grand Officers," and also for the opportunity and pleasure afforded him of being present. In every society in the world some must take the lead, and Masonry was no exception to that rule; but putting aside the Grand Officers—who would have responded better than he were they present—he would say it gave him peculiar pleasure and gratification to attend for the first time in that lodge, but he trusted not for the last. He felt himself to be close in the neighbourhood of that dear old school in which he and some of the members around the table were brought up. He could scarcely say the W.M. and he were pupils together—the same remark applied to the I.P.M. and others. Of course, he was a model boy at school, was always led into mischief and never led others, and always did his best to raise the moral standard of the boys at Westminster. Regarding the lodge, nothing pleased the Grand Officers more than going to a working lodge and seeing that the landmarks of the Order were not departed from. He thanked the brethren for the kind reception accorded them, and assured them of the great satisfaction it had been to see a member of the Old Westminster's Lodge installed as W.M.

Bro. W. Hicks, I.P.M., then rose and said he had the task of proposing what he thought, even in the presence of the initiate, was the toast of the evening, because the occasion and the principal object of their meeting was to perform the installation ceremony, which they had done in installing Bro. Hyde Clarke into the chair. It had often occurred to him that there was a little too much of the mutual admiration society on these occasions, but in proposing "The Health of the Worshipful Master" he could speak of Bro. Hyde Clarke's virtues and say what an excellent fellow he was from an acquaintance of over 25 years. From the time they were at the dear old school together to the present time he had known him to be an excellent fellow and an excellent Mason, and the two were synonymous. He was speaking from his heart in wishing the W.M. every happiness and prosperity during his year, and he could offer him no better wish than that his term of office would be as pleasant as his own had been.

Bro. H. H. Hyde Clarke, W.M., in reply, said he had first of all to thank his dear old friend and schoolfellow, the I.P.M., for the kindly manner in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for the cordiality with which it had been received. Some reference had been made to the Old Westminster's Lodge, of which he was the present W.M., of which the I.P.M. was S.W., and of which many brethren present were members. Proud as he was of the Old Westminster's Lodge, they must not think he had ever forgotten his mother lodge. To attain the chair in his mother lodge was a thing he had long looked forward to, although it had not been his fortune to be Master in it first. He had looked forward to it with anxiety, and he thanked them for electing him. He wished to be installed that evening in his Master Mason's apron with which he was invested in the lodge, and although he had a better one, he had asked Bro. George Kenning to make it look respectable for the occasion. He was as proud that night as he could be, the more especially as he was not only Master of this lodge, but also W.M. of a lodge which prided itself on its working. The diffidence he felt in becoming Master was that he was afraid he should not equal the working of his predecessors. He should do his best, of that they might be confident, and he knew he should be supported by the Past Masters and brethren. He could only again thank them for the kind manner in which they had received his health.

The Worshipful Master, in giving "The I.P.M.," said that speaking on behalf of the lodge he could not say enough of Bro. Hicks, I.P.M., but he asked all present to cordially drink the toast.

Bro. W. Hicks, I.P.M. said he had a difficult task to perform in thanking them for the kind proposition and reception of the toast. When he looked back upon the excellent Past Masters who had done their work so well, he congratulated himself upon having done his best during the past year and in having earned their satisfaction. He had initiated nine candidates into Freemasonry and worked the whole of the Degrees. The officers had all rendered him great assistance, and no Master could possibly have had better officers. He thanked them for the beautiful jewel which would recall the many happy hours he had spent as W.M. of the Imperial Lodge.

Bros. Owen, W.M. 2033; Wakley, P.M. 2233; and others responded for "The Visitors."

Other toasts were given before a very pleasant evening concluded with the Tyler's toast.

**Lodge La France (No. 2060).**—This lodge had quite a gala day at the Café-Royal on Monday, the 16th inst., on the occasion of the installation of Bro. A. Sauvè as W.M. The ceremony was performed by Bro. E. St. Clair, P.M., the first initiate of the lodge, of whom the brethren are justly proud as a good and thorough worker and a thorough Mason. He acquitted himself of his duties in a most masterly manner, and one of the attractions of the



evening was no doubt the rendering of the addresses by Bro. T. Fenn, P.B.G.P., who is ever ready to perform any duties as well in French as in English. In the early part of the evening Bro. T. Fenn filled the Senior Warden's chair, while that of the Junior Warden was filled by Bro. H. Bué, P.G. Std. Br., to whom, as we all know, the Lodge La France owes its ritual. The ceremony was witnessed by a great number of brethren, the very pretty temple of the Café Royal being quite crowded. Among the company we noticed as Grand Officers of Grand Lodge Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W., and Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, G. Sec.; also half a dozen red collars from the Tuscan Lodge (Bro. W. E. Sampson, G.S. of the year, Bros. Hopkinson, Regester, Gordon Smith, and Ebbetts, P.G.S.), the Tuscan Lodge having stood sponsor for the lodge at the time of sending in the petition. Bros. Keyser and Tomkins represented the Prov. Grand Officers, and Bros. Letord, Thorn, and Cubitt formed an English contingent from the Chapitre La France. There were also about 40 P.M.'s and distinguished members of various lodges, among whom we must mention Bro. J. MacDonald, of the Kilwinning Lodge, U.S.A. The W.M. having been duly installed, invested his officers as follows: Bros. B. A. Lacoste, I.P.M.; E. J. N. Pouard, S.W.; H. Testard, J.W.; H. Bué, Treas.; E. Monteuis, Sec.; J. Oppenheim, S.D.; E. Chatrian, J.D.; P. Saillard, I.G.; E. St. Clair, D.C.; Beranger and Dreyfus, Stwds.; Walter, Org.; and G. F. Mitchel, Tyler. Bro. St. Clair, P.M., was also elected to represent the lodge at the Jubilee Festival of the Benevolent Institution, with a promise of a good subscription from the lodge to head his list, the funds being in a very healthy state, and showing a handsome balance at the bank.

Work being ended, the brethren adjourned to refreshment, and this being under the management of Bro. Delacoste, the duty of Steward became a sinecure, although we must not omit to mention that Bro. E. St. Clair, as D.C., was ubiquitous and most assiduous in his attentions.

The speeches for the "Sautés d'Obligation" (regulation toasts) were short and to the point, and therefore pleased everybody.

"La Reine et la Francmaçonnerie," "La France et Sou Représentant, M. le Président Carnot," "Le T.V. le Grand Maître de l'Ordre, S.A. R. le Prince de Galles," were proposed by the W.M., and duly acknowledged.

Bro. St. Clair was deputed to propose "The Healths du Pro Grand Maître, du Dep. Gr.M., des Autres Grands Officiers en exercice et des Ancien, Grands Officiers."

Bro. B. A. Lacoste, I.P.M., gave "The W.M.," and wished him a successful year of office.

Bro. E. Monteuis, P.M., proposed "The Visitors," and gave them a hearty welcome.

Bro. L. Clerc, P.M., sang the praises of Bro. St. Clair, the Installing Master, and of Bro. T. Fenn, his Assistant.

Then the Worshipful Master was again on his legs to decorate the I.P.M. and drink "The Health of the Past Masters," and so through the list. All were duly honoured and suitably responded to, the points of interest being evidently whether the Grand Officers and visitors would answer in French or in English, and if in French how they would acquit themselves. We must say they went through the ordeal thoroughly well, never venturing beyond their depth.

Bro. J. MacDonald, of the Kilwinning Lodge, United States of America, did not venture beyond "Vénéérable Maître et mes frères" in French, but his speech was particularly felicitous, and he ended by remarking that as he regretted very much not to be able to greet fraternally the members of the French lodges generally, he was happy to be able to extend the hand of fellowship to the members of the Lodge La France.

Bros. Regester and Jackson treated the brethren to speeches wholly in French, and right well they did it; but the great hit of the evening was made by Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, who in replying for "The Grand Officers," addressed the brethren in French and wound up with these words: "Mes frères le jeu est fait," and sat down. This quite brought down the house.

Is it necessary to say that under such pleasurable circumstances "Les Maçons pauvres et Malheureux" were not forgotten, and that the "Tronc de la Veuve" received a considerable addition to its funds.

Among the visitors present were Bros. C. E. Keyser, P.M. 404; A. E. Young, I.G. 14; George Raid, J.D. 1614; Walter Ebbetts, W.M. 14; Henry W. Coyne, J.D. 2323; A. Andrade, 2020; L. Cheviat, 1563; L. E. Lumley, 1; Chas. W. Stephens, P.M. 14; C. L. Mudale, 1563; E. Janau, J.W. 1641; H. Pulman, D.C. 2309; J. Rusferbd, 188; A. Parik, 838; J. Clastel, 1260; Thos. Grumman, P.M. 1559; F. Goeray, 1623; S. T. Morris, J.D. 231; J. G. Swanson, 700; Chas. Monckton, P.M. 1150; H. G. Cubitt, S.W. 2020; L. G. Letorg, P.M. 255; Fred Coles, P.M. 1150; H. Mordaunt, P.M. 90; Corrie Jackson, P.M. 534; A. Thorn, 2243; T. C. Artand, 1305; J. G. Ivey, J.W. 231; James McDonald, Kilwinning Lodge, United States of America; L. W. Rehl, 3; A. S. Tomkins, P.M. 822; Gilbert Bartholomew, P.M. 673; M. Laval, 2309; J. G. Galbraith, jun., 2381; E. Miroy, P.M. 1599; E. Richardson, 14; W. Bradley, 1950; Alex. Boune, 180; H. Borgsledd, 180; T. Abbott Smith, P.M. 90; W. Regester, P.M. 14; L. Black, J.D. 11; Gordon Smith, P.M. 14, P.G.S.; T. Sampson, 14, G.S.; W. J. Mackay, 1287; and A. Mackay, 1321.

**Derby Allcroft Lodge (No. 2168).**—There was a numerous attendance of distinguished brethren at the installation meeting of this flourishing lodge, which was held at the Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras, on Thursday, the 12th inst. Lodge was opened by Bro. J. Corbett, W.M., supported by Bros. J. D. Allcroft, P.M., P.G. Treas.; J. P. Fitzgerald, P.M.; H. Halliday, I.P.M.; J. P. Harding, P.M., S.W.; W. F. Lord, J.W.; E. Y. Jolliffe, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. Middx., Treas.; R. D. Cummings, P.M., Sec.; W. Thomas, P.M., S.D.; J. W. Dixon, P.M., I.G.; S. Garcia, P.M., D. of C.; J. F. Haskins, Org.; and others. Visitors: Bros. George Everrett, G. Treas.; R. Eve, P.G. Treas.; C. M. Jessop, P.M. 286; J. Hassell, P.P.G.D. Leicestershire; T. C. Freeman, S.W. 1767; W. Cook, P.M. 22; A. J. Bolton, P.M. 862; W. Brownwood, S.W. 180; J. A. Gray, 2054; R. B. Saunders, W.M. 913; C. F. Quick, W.M. 1531; C. M. Brander, I.P.M. 1561; R. Glasspool, P.P.S.G.D. Hants; A. M. Barnard, I.G. 1964; J. W. H. Dennie, W.M. 1206; J. Liscombe, S.W. 1818; E. B. Cox, Prov. G.S.B. Bucks; H. Povey, P.M. 22; R. Pittam

Stevens, P.M. 901; C. R. Aldey Wright, P.M., Sec. 1691; R. Hardridge, 1974; J. Vernon, 1441; J. H. Williams, 2394; W. Shurmur, P.P.G. Treas. Essex; P. D. Isaacs, 185; M. Isaacs, 2030; W. T. Ansell, P.P.J.G.D. Turkey; T. H. Bullock, 101; A. James, 1706; W. Coward, 2001; J. Kift, 1791; and W. W. Lee, S.W. 2381.

The minutes of the regular and emergency meetings were read and confirmed. Bro. J. P. Harding, P.M., was then presented as Worshipful Master elect, and was impressively installed into the chair by Bro. J. Corbett, I.P.M. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. W. F. Lord, S.W.; W. Thomas, P.M., Z., J.W.; E. Y. Jolliffe, P.M., P.Z., &c., Treas.; R. D. Cummings, P.M., P.Z., Sec.; J. H. Dixon, P.M., S.D.; W. Lawrence, J.D.; R. J. Smerdon, I.G.; S. Garcia, P.M., D.C.; James Haskins, Org.; A. Boden and J. Nash, Stwds.; and Goddard, Tyler. Letters of apology for non-attendance were announced from several Grand Officers and other brethren, and the lodge was formally closed.

The brethren then partook of a choice banquet, which was followed by the usual toast list.

In proposing "The Grand Officers," the W.M. said they always welcomed Grand Officers in that lodge, but they seemed to have a special regard for Grand Treasurers, as the father of the lodge was the first Grand Treasurer elected to that position.

Bro. George Everrett, Grand Treasurer, expressed his pleasure at being present at this very rising and important lodge, and said his pleasure had been further enhanced by meeting many he had long looked upon as esteemed friends. It was rather appropriate that it should fall to his lot to respond to that toast in a lodge named after one of his distinguished predecessors—Bro. Derby Allcroft—who gained high repute during the time he occupied the position for the manner in which he performed the duties. He was also pleased to see Bro. Eve, who gave great satisfaction during his year, and who had distinguished himself in other walks of Masonic life. That there should be three Grand Officers, and all Grand Treasurers, was a happy coincidence in a lodge named after a Past Grand Treasurer. It would not require a great stretch of imagination to suppose that to be the Grand Treasurers' mess, and the other brethren the visitors. A great deal of the high standing the Craft had arrived at was mainly due to the manner in which the Past Grand Officers performed their duties. The Present Grand Officers desired that the brethren would be able to say that they had done their duties to the best of their abilities. He wished to mention the masterly manner in which the I.P.M., Bro. Corbett, performed the impressive ceremony of installation, and the Worshipful Master had shown he knew his business by the manner in which he took up his duties, which was an augury for the continued prosperity of the lodge.

Bro. J. Derby Allcroft, P.G. Treas., also replied. He had come up from the country to be present, and he felt great pleasure in attending, for he could echo Bro. Everrett's words as to the conduct of the business by the I.P.M., and the beginning the new Worshipful Master had made. It was gratifying to him to see the success of the lodge and the increase of the members, and by the time they met next year they would no doubt number 60 members, which was very good in six years. It was one of his delights to feel that that lodge, associated by their kind offices with his name, was proving a success, and so long as he was spared he wished to see it prosper, not only in numbers, but in quality.

Bro. J. Corbett, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said they had heard from two eminent authorities of the able way in which the W.M. had shown his quality by the work he had done, but the members were in somewhat a better position to judge of the merits of their W.M. They had seen from the early days of the lodge how very anxious he was to take any office, and they had seen him work his way up step by step to the chair. Bro. Harding had in every office performed his work in a masterly and able manner, and had distinguished himself by a singleness of purpose and readiness to do his duty. They had in their W.M. a forecast of a happy and prosperous year of office, and as there was work to be performed he was sure they would not be disappointed.

Bro. J. P. Harding, W.M., in reply, said he hoped that during his year the brethren would give him plenty of work and bring in good members, and he would then do his best to give them as much satisfaction as his humble abilities would allow. It would be his earnest desire to emulate those who had gone before, and uphold the high position the lodge had gained. He felt he had a very difficult position to fill in following such very worthy brethren who had attained such wonderful success not only in that but in other lodges. He trusted that one and all would give him their support, and at the end of his year they would be able to say if he had deserved the high honour they had paid him.

"The I.P.M. and Installing Master" was next proposed by the W.M., who remarked that no brother who had presided in that lodge had done so with more earnest interest for its welfare and true Masonic energy than the brother who had just vacated the chair. Bro. Corbett, I.P.M., had performed his duties with singular ability, and had given them a ritual which had surpassed all who had gone before. There was one pleasant duty he had to perform, and that was to present Bro. J. Corbett, I.P.M., with a handsome jewel as a token of the important work that brother had done in the lodge. The members would all join in wishing the I.P.M. many years to wear it, and health and strength to attend their lodge and give them the benefit of his assistance when required.

Bro. J. Corbett, I.P.M., in responding, said the brethren were aware that the performance of duty was always before him, and that was the only thing he aspired to. He was obliged to the W.M. for the way he proposed the toast, and had no doubt he spoke the sentiments of his heart, for in every station of life, be it ever so humble, the fact of having done one's duty was a satisfactory one. Some people might say there was no great merit in that, but at the same time when they found duty neglected on every hand, to find a person impressed with a desire to do his duty was a subject for commendation. When they found this intention rewarded by the esteem of their fellow men it was an additional charm to success. It was to him a very great charm, because he felt sure in the way they had received the toast and in the very handsome jewel voted him, that it was no empty compliment, but that they felt he had endeavoured to perform his duty while he occupied the chair. He felt deeply indebted to them for the hearty reception given the toast and for the handsome jewel pre-

sented to him. He also felt that the lodge was now in such a position that it gave every prospect of maintaining the position it had held for years past.

Bros. Hassell, Brander, Shurmur, and others acknowledged "The Visitors."

"The Masonic Charities" was next given by the W.M., who said that Bro. R. D. Cummings, P.M., Sec., was a Steward for the Jubilee Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and asked the brethren to send him up with a good list.

Bro. R. Eve, P.G. Treas., replied, after which "The Past Masters" and "The Officers" were given, and a very successful meeting closed with the Tyler's toast.

A selection of music was performed under the direction of Bros. J. F. Haskins and W. Bradford, assisted by Bros. Walter Coward, Albert James, and James Kift.

**Hampstead Lodge (No. 2408).**—The first regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Hampstead Conservatoire, Eton-avenue, Hampstead, on Tuesday, the 17th inst., when Bro. Andrew Miller, M.D., W.M., opened the lodge, assisted by the following officers: Bros. N. Hanhart, S.W.; T. Sansome Preston, J.W.; G. Low, P.M., Treas.; G. Haynes, Sec.; N. J. West, P.M., P.P.G. Treas. Cornwall, S.D.; G. Titus Barham, P.M., I.G.; C. W. P. Dyke, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. Dorset, and H. Haynes, Stwds.; and P. S. Gregory, Tyler. The visitors included Bros. A. H. Debenham, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. Herts; J. Ricks, P.M. 33; W. H. Fenton, 337; and W. A. Satchell.

The minutes of the consecration meeting having been read, a ballot was taken for the following joining members, who were unanimously elected: Bros. John Hart, John Hughes, Samuel Pounceby, P. G. C. Shaw, H. C. C. Shaw, A. L. Secretan, and A. F. Thomson. A ballot was then taken for Messrs. E. Ault, P. Stafford Day, R. Cromwell Edwards, and F. H. Gervis, who were duly initiated in a most impressive manner by the W.M. The following brethren were elected honorary members: Bros. Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chap.; T. Fenn, President Board of General Purposes; Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.D.; Lieut.-Col. S. Burney, P.G.D.; and F. Richardson, P.G.D. Other business being disposed of, including two propositions for joining, the lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to dinner.

Full honours were done to the usual Masonic toasts, and some excellent music and recitations closed a most enjoyable evening.

## PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

### BATTLE.

**Abbey Lodge (No. 1184).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 19th inst., at the Masonic Hall, when there were present Bros. J. B. Foster, W.M.; J. W. Pepper, S.W.; T. W. Avis, J.W.; Rev. R. W. Loosemore, M.A., P.M., P.P.G.C. Yorks, Chap.; H. G. F. Wells, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; R. Hughes, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; F. W. Hotham, S.D.; F. G. Ticehurst, J.D.; W. T. Jordan, P.M., Director of Ceremonies; C. J. Honisett, acting I.G.; J. Fielding, Org.; W. J. Newman, Tyler; the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, D.D., P.M., P.P.G.C., P.G.C.; Wm. Lamborn, P.M., P.P. G.P.; Till, Hodson, Noakes, Smith, and others. Visitor: Bro. H. Amelat, 1563.

The lodge having been opened, the Chaplain and S.D., who have been unavoidably absent on previous occasions, were invested with the collars of their respective offices. Several lodge matters were discussed and a candidate proposed for initiation. Bro. Hughes gave notice that at the next meeting he would move a series of recommendations as to the future procedure in submitting the particulars of a candidate to a select Committee before formal proposition in open lodge. These recommendations are based on those of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, and, in view of the recent correspondence and remarks in our columns as to the influx of new members, appear to be desirable additions to the ordinary by-laws, especially those of large lodges.

### CROYDON.

**Frederick Lodge of Unity (No. 452).**—On Tuesday, the 17th inst., the installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, High-street, the W.M., Bro. David W. Sugg, presiding, when an unusually profitable evening was spent. The lodge was opened in the Three Degrees by the W.M., who in a very able and impressive manner raised Bro. L. T. Chabot to the Third Degree. Bro. Aubrey M. Ohren, son of the respected Treasurer, Bro. Magnus Ohren, P.A.G.D.C., was then installed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. Harold Levett, ably assisted by Bro. Scott.

The lodge was then closed, and the remainder of the evening passed in a very enjoyable manner in the cosy little banqueting hall adjoining the lodge, where cheerful music and hearty good-fellowship brought a well spent evening to a happy close.

### KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.

**Dobie Lodge (No. 889).**—On the 18th inst., at the Griffin Hotel, Bro. F. J. Hayward, in the presence of a good assembly of the brethren, raised Bros. Bedser and Gaze to the Sublime Degree, and the working throughout of each officer concerned was most creditable indeed. The election of W.M. for next year fell with an unanimous vote upon Bro. A. M. Levy, S.W. Bro. John Drewett was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Gilbert as Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was voted to the out-going Master on the motion of Bro. Long, the senior P.M., who highly commended the way in which Bro. Hayward, an initiate in the lodge, had worked in every office upward. Bro. Long also kindly undertook to represent the Dobie Lodge at the forthcoming Jubilee Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and a vote of ten guineas was made from the lodge funds. The evening closed in the usual way.

### LEEDS.

**Zetland Lodge (No. 1311).**—The installation meeting of this popular and prosperous lodge took place on the 20th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Great George-street. There was a large and brilliant gathering of members of Prov. G. Lodge, Leeds brethren, and members from distant lodges. Amongst those present when the W.M., Bro. William Whiteley Clayton, took the chair, were the Acting

Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Henry Smith, P.G.D.; Bros. W. F. Smithson, P.G.D., Prov. S.G.W.; H. G. E. Green, P.M., Prov. G. Sec.; Dr. Smyth, M.A., D.D., LL.D., Past G. Chap.; Bedford, P.M., P.P.G.D.; W. F. Crow, P.M., P.P.G.D.; Hargreaves, P.M., P. Prov. G.S.B.; Schofield, P.P.G.D.; Swales, W.M. 1221; Lawson, I.P.M. 304; Fretwell, I.P.M. 2069; Malcolm, W.M. 306, P.P.G. Reg.; the Worshipful Masters or representatives of the seven sister lodges in Leeds; and many others.

The preliminary business having been dispatched, Bro. G. H. Clemons, S.W., the W.M. elect, was presented for installation by the Acting Prov. Grand Master, and the work was taken in hand and carried through with very great effect and precision by Bro. Clayton, whose excellent working was greatly admired. After the first obligation Bro. Smith sang "Be thou faithful unto death" with great effect, Bro. Long acting as accompanist. The newly-installed W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. Clayton, I.P.M.; H. G. Blackburn, S.W.; W. Postlethwaite, J.W.; C. Anderson, P.M., Treas.; J. W. Smith, P.M., Sec.; Rev. Dr. Bourne, S.D.; M. A. Briggs, J.D.; W. S. Blackburn, P.M., D.C.; A. T. Walker, I.G.; F. Long, Org.; Nettleship and Dr. Smailes, Stwds. It should be stated that the whole of the installation ceremony was, according to custom in this lodge, worked by the outgoing W.M., Bro. Clayton, who was heartily congratulated upon his excellent exposition of this beautiful ceremony.

Afterwards the banquet, provided by Mrs. Barrand, was held, at which there was an unusually large and brilliant company. The speeches were pleasantly interspersed with songs, &c., under the direction of the able Organist, Bro. F. Long.

#### LEEDS.

**Prudence Lodge (No. 2069).**—On Saturday, the 14th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Bro. Tom Atkinson was installed as the eighth Worshipful Master of this prosperous and flourishing lodge. The proceedings were opened by the W.M., Bro. J. J. Fretwell, and amongst others present were Bros. Tom Atkinson, S.W.; R. Abbott, J.W.; and all the officers; Bros. C. Letch Mason, P.P.G. Treas.; Dr. Smyth, P.G.C.; and many others.

The minutes having been adopted, the distinguished visitors, of whom there were a large number, were received and saluted. These included the Acting Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Henry Smith, P.G.D.; Bros. W. F. Smithson, Past Grand Deacon, Prov. S.G.W.; T. Bateman Fox, P.P.G.S.B., Chairman of the Charity Committee of West Yorkshire; J. Binney, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; Crossley, P.P.S.G.W.; Herbert G. Green, P.M., Prov. G. Sec.; Matthewman, P.M., Prov. A.G. Sec.; J. Cooper Malcolm, W.M. 306, P.P.G. Reg.; the Worshipful Masters and representatives of the seven sister lodges, as well as a large contingent of brethren from Bradford, Castleford, and neighbouring towns, there being upwards of 60 in the lodge. Bro. Trevor, P.M., D.C., presented the W.M. elect for the benefit of installation, and the ceremony was duly and impressively performed to the admiration of all present by the W.M., Bros. Dr. Smyth, C. L. Mason, Middleton, Trevor, and Dimery. The newly-installed W.M. then invested his officers, this portion of the work being done in a manner which elicited the highest encomiums from all present. Bro. Atkinson had evidently spared no pains to perfect himself in this important duty, and his performance gives a good augury of his future management of the lodge. The various offices were filled as follows: Bros. Robert Abbott, S.W.; Arthur Butterworth, J.W.; Rev. W. Wilkinson, Chap.; C. L. Mason, P.M., P.P.G. Treas., Treasurer; Benjamin Sykes Bailey, Sec.; Edward Ellis, S.D.; H. Begbie Abbott, J.D.; Rev. T. C. Smyth, D.D., LL.D., P.M., P.G. Chap. of England, D.C.; J. Thornton Jones, I.G.; James Buckley, Org.; R. Alfred Smithson, Asst. Secretary; and J. C. Kirk and R. Jones, Stewards. The various officers were loudly cheered on their investment, and to each one the Worshipful Master addressed suitable words of advice and encouragement. Bro. Tudor Trevor was unanimously re-appointed as the representative of the lodge on the West Yorkshire Charity Committee, his assiduity, urbanity, and efficiency being loudly extolled. Other business having been despatched, the Worshipful Master, in the name of the brethren, presented to the I.P.M. a beautiful and valuable gold Past Master's jewel of the lodge pattern. It bore the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. J. J. Fretwell, the seventh W.M., by the brethren of Lodge Prudence, No. 2069, as a token of esteem and respect." He assured Bro. Fretwell that he possessed in no ordinary degree the affection and esteem of his brethren in that lodge. They had followed his course through the various offices with admiration, and they asked him to wear that jewel as a souvenir of sincere attachment and goodwill. Bro. Fretwell, in accepting the present, said that he should wear it as a twofold token. In the first place it had been given to him as the first initiate W.M. of the lodge, and it would mark a very interesting epoch in the history of the lodge and in his own life. He also accepted it as a proof that in his endeavour to rule the lodge with equity, to hold the scale of justice with an equal poise, he had been successful. Whatever measure of success the lodge had attained to under his rule he owed it first to the readiness of the Past Masters to give him assistance whenever needed, secondly to the zeal and assiduity of his officers and the loyalty with which they had supported him, and thirdly to the cordial support he had received from the whole lodge. He should wear that jewel upon all proper and suitable occasions, and it would always recall a very happy period in his life. He had striven to serve the lodge to the best of his ability, and he was not ashamed of the record of his year's work. Whatever he could do to further the interests of the lodge would not only be a sacred duty, but a real labour of love. The lodge was then closed.

The banquet was presided over by the Worshipful Master, who, in felicitous terms, gave the loyal toasts.

In response to the toast of "The Provincial Grand Lodge," Bro. Henry Smith, P.G.D., acting Prov. G.M., said: I desire most heartily to return our thanks for the very complimentary way in which you always receive us. Your Prov. Grand Master is worthily at the head of the Masons of this great province; he is one who has never turned his back upon difficulties, but has always striven to make himself popular, not for popularities' sake, but for the benefit of the beloved Craft in his province. Even now in his time of sickness he takes a most deep interest in you all, and he is constantly referring to us for particulars on every subject. I will also say that the assistance which has been rendered to me and the deep respect paid to me at this trying time is something almost overwhelming. We, as Provincial Grand Officers,

have always striven to do our best, we have done that, and no men could do more. I trust that our Provincial Grand Master—the best Provincial Grand Master in England—will be restored to such a state of convalescence that he may once more be able to rule over us in that enlightened and genial manner which has made him and the province he loves so dearly known and respected throughout the Craft. I wish to say a word or two about your retiring W.M. and the very handsome jewel you have presented to him. I sympathise very much with your presentation, and I sympathise very much too with the remarks he made. They were well-timed, hearty, and sincere. He will wear that jewel as a memento of your appreciation of his services as W.M., and it will serve to remind him of many happy associations in the good Lodge Prudence, No. 2069. Brethren, in conclusion, you may depend upon the best services of your Provincial Grand Lodge Officers whenever you need them. I trust we may all be spared to rejoice over the completion of the Thomas William Tew Presentation. I do not know any mark of confidence and love which could cheer him more or be so highly valued by him at this time of sickness and trial.

Bro. Trevor, P.M., Charity Steward of the lodge, in submitting the toast of "Our Masonic Charities," said that his earnest prayer was that in the coming year all the brethren would do their best to support the great central Charities, not forgetting the local ones too. These Charities were founded upon the great example of their Master. Although they had lost the services of Bro. W. F. Smithson, as Chairman of the Charity Committee of that great province, he was glad to see that brother present on that occasion. What his services had been few of them could gauge, his labours had been stupendous, in fact, absolutely unique. His able successor, Bro. Alderman T. Bateman Fox, was, he was glad to say, present on that occasion, and he knew from personal experience what an excellent Chairman of the West Yorkshire Charity Committee he was.

Bro. Bateman Fox, who had a most cordial reception, in responding to the toast, said that he had never attended an installation meeting which had greater features of satisfaction than that one. He took it that a most harmonious feeling pervaded the lodge, and that the brethren were animated by one common feeling, namely, the desire to promote Freemasonry in general, and in that lodge in particular. At the last election of the Girls' School they were successful in placing two girls in that Charity—one by presentation and the other by election. That Institution contrived to hold the premier position for sound management, and the good and practical education it afforded to the inmates. He did not wish to be understood as questioning the management of the Boys' School, which to-day was on the best possible footing, thanks in a great measure to Bro. Smithson and others, who had taken a deep interest in the question. The staff was working admirably, the management was excellent, and the whole tone of the boys was wonderfully improved. Any subscriber who paid the Institution a visit must come away with the feeling that marvellous improvement had taken place, and that the Institution was worthy of the Craft. As to the Benevolent Institution, they in West Yorkshire were busy at that moment seeking to raise funds to purchase a presentation for men. He knew that there was a feeling shared in by some that it was a mistake to give these large sums to a central Charity; that it would be wiser to raise a local fund. To some extent he sympathised with that feeling, and when the proper time arrived he should be prepared to go with them. The time for that change, however, was not ripe. At that moment West Yorkshire was exceedingly weak in votes for the men. The province possessed two presentations for boys, two for girls, two for widows, but had not a presentation for men. He reminded his hearers that a presentation possessed far greater value than was apparent on the face of it. Under these circumstances he earnestly pleaded for assistance in raising a presentation for men to be called the "Thomas William Tew Presentation." Nothing would cheer Bro. Tew more in this hour of trial, and it would be an additional proof of their love to their revered chief if it were raised quickly. He acknowledged with gratitude the assistance rendered to the Charity Committee by the lodge. That lodge had done remarkably well in the past, and he was sure that in the future good service would be ungrudgingly rendered. He was sure that in this world they would never regret any help they had given to the fatherless, widows, and afflicted. The presentation fund already amounted to £500.

Bro. J. J. Fretwell then submitted the toast of the evening—"The Health of the Newly-installed W.M."—which was received with great enthusiasm. He said that since Bro. Tom Atkinson's entrance into the lodge he had been marked out for preferment. The admirable manner in which he had discharged the duties of every office he had held, from Junior Steward upwards, proved that he was a Mason of no ordinary calibre. His courteous bearing, his unassuming conduct, his painstaking work had won for him a place in the affections of his brethren second to no one in the lodge. It was because they loved him with a deep affection that they had that afternoon conferred upon him the crowning honour it was in their power to give, and had made him W.M. of his mother lodge. There were many present who had been in the habit of attending installations for years, but he questioned if one of them had ever seen a newly-installed W.M. bear himself so admirably, and discharge his duties with such tact and efficiency as had been exhibited by Bro. Tom Atkinson. This gave good augury for a successful future. They were properly jealous of the good name and fame of their lodge, and they felt perfectly certain that in Bro. Atkinson's hands the reins of office would be worthily held, and that the dear old lodge would be guided into the attainment of still greater success in the future. They prayed that every blessing might attend their W.M. in his lodge, in his home, and in his business. What they could do to make his year happy and successful they were all determined to do, and when he left the chair he would occupy as warm a place in the affections of his brethren as he did that evening.

Bro. Tom Atkinson, on rising to respond, was received with loud and long-continued cheering. In earnest but modest language he told them that they were taking him on trust, but they knew how near to his heart the success of the lodge lay, and that no efforts would be lacking on his part, with their assistance, to attain that success. His responsibility was great, but he did not fear for the future. He had the brilliant example of his predecessors to guide and to help him, and if he carried on the lodge as they had done, he doubted not what the verdict of his brethren would be.

The Worshipful Master, in felicitous terms, proposed "The Health of the Officers," and asserted that assisted by such a zealous and efficient band, his duties must be comparatively easy.

The Officers made due acknowledgment.

"The Health of the Sister Lodges" was heartily given, and Bros. Booth, 304; Malcolm, 306; Wales Smith, 289; Clayton, 1311; and others, bore testimony to the fraternal feeling existing in the lodges.

Other toasts were also honoured.

Bros. Reuss, Lawson, and many others added to the harmony of the meeting, and the proceedings throughout were by common consent voted to be as successful as on any previous occasion.

#### MANCHESTER.

**Minnehaha Minstrel Lodge (No. 2363).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 23rd inst., at the Victoria Hotel. The following brethren were present:—Bros. Seth Wrigley, W.M.; M. Thomas, I.P.M.; Hy. Nall, D.C., acting as S.W.; W. Brabner, J.W.; Chas. Harrop, Treas.; Fredk. Hilton Sec.; C. H. Beever, S.D.; J. Hepworth Waddington, Chap.; C. Mercer, I.G.; Edgar Armstrong, Stwd.; J. H. Hamnett, Arthur B. Barlow, Arthur J. Schofield, C. H. Normanton, and J. W. Lloyd. Visitors: Bros. Percy Circuik, W.M. 1253, P.G.C., and W. H. Worsley, 815.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. Thos. Hamnett was passed, and Bro. A. J. Schofield raised by Bro. Seth Wrigley, W.M. The lodge was afterwards closed.

#### NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME.

**Sutherland Lodge of Unity (No. 460).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 13th inst., at the Castle Hotel, when there were present Bros. W. H. Newby, W.M.; H. Windle, P.M., acting S.W.; T. Edwards, J.W.; L. C. A. Edgworth, Chap.; S. Hyslop, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; J. Green Ainsworth, P.M., P.P. S.G.D., Sec.; J. R. Whittingham, S.D.; W. E. Pattison, J.D.; J. Ingamells, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., D.C.; J. M. Adlington, I.G.; A. Pepper and R. C. Downs, Stwds.; B. Hancock, Tyler; John Smith, P.M.; J. Forster, P.M.; J. Hawley, T. Wright, G. Rushforth, J. G. Howson, W. Horne, Haydn Mercer, and W. H. Robinson. Visitors: Bros. H. Windle, P.M. 418; Ben. Horth, 418; W. Edwards, 418; W. J. Marsden, J.D. 992; A. W. Kearsley, 581 and 992; J. Scarratt, J.W. 98; H. Pilkington, 98; and H. Horne, 731.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last regular meeting were confirmed. The W.M. impressively raised Bro. W. H. Robinson to the Third Degree. A resolution was proposed by the W.M. that a vote of congratulation be passed to his Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master on his attaining his 50th year, which was carried unanimously, as was one by the Secretary to Bro. W. O. Briggs, P.P. S.G.W., on his being again elected Mayor of the borough.

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

#### PLUMSTEAD.

**Pattison Lodge (No. 913).**—Bro. Walter Busbridge commenced his year of office as W.M. of the above powerful lodge on Thursday, the 5th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, by a heavy night's work, no less than the working of the Three Degrees, which he did in a faultless and masterly manner.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Deverue George Jelley, and it proving unanimous, that gentleman, with Mr. Wm. J. Baker, already approved of, was regularly initiated. Bro. R. E. Williams was passed, and Bro. C. H. Stone raised. It was resolved that the Pattison Lodge become a subscriber to the Correspondence Circle of the Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076. It was also decided to at once form the nucleus of a Masonic library, and that the *Freemason* be taken in from this time forthwith, and paid for out of the lodge funds. Several brethren promised books.

Among the brethren present were Bros. Col. E. Hughes, M.P., P.M.; C. Coupland, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Treas.; A. Penfold, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; E. Denton, P.M., P.P. J.G.D., Sec.; W. T. Vincent, P.M.; R. J. Cook, P.M., P.G.R.; C. H. Lawson, P.M., Asst. Sec.; B. de B. Lopez, P.M., P.G. Stwd. England; F. Barry, P.M., P.P. G.P. Somerset; G. H. Letton, P.M.; R. Estler, P.M.; C. Jolly, P.M. (Hon.); W. C. Taylor, S.W.; Dr. E. Bryceson, J.W.; Rev. J. W. Horsley, M.A., Chap.; C. J. Clapham, S.D.; J. J. Collins, J.D.; D. K. Somers, I.G.; J. O. Cook, J. J. Murphy, C. Scantlebury, E. M. Taylor, J. Farrier, C. Warren, Tyler; J. Turton, J. C. Wills, T. Quick, W. Freeman, W. Wren, J. Buckley, W. H. Pryce, B. Littlewood, E. Trapnell, W. G. Newton, B. Hammond, E. Morris, W.M. 1789; A. Moore, H. G. Baker, T. J. Nell, W. Davidson, J. Griffiths, T. G. Arnold, A. D. Capon, L. Mills, J. Walton, D. C. Capon, J. Mitchell, R. Saunders, J. W. Tucker, Lieut. E. H. Foster, H. Martin, H. G. Spence, W. Harris, A. Wallis, G. H. Campbell, W. J. Young, J. O. Widgery, A. M. Blest, H. Steward, J. Hooton, S. Horton, and W. Lock, all of the lodge. The visitors included Bros. J. McColeck, W.M. 700; W. W. Wheeler, W.M. 1536; J. H. Herman, P.M. 1329; Col. C. Vansittart, S.W., and J. Bilton, J.W. 2399; P. Shove, S.W. 2041; W. S. Edwards, J.W. 1536; H. Tufnell, S.D., J. H. Chennells, J. A. Grant, and H. Walking, of 700; W. Forder, 1238; F. W. Bofan (I.C.); F. Stretton, 1536; J. W. Johnstone, 1789; W. Simpson (Dover Lodge); W. Haley, 1789; W. Benn, 615; W. Grover, 186; R. Prewer, 1789; J. Thompson and J. Wheatley, of 2399; Dr. F. Hamilton, 2161; and W. Reeve, 720.

A modest little supper having been disposed of, the W.M. gave the usual loyal, Grand Lodge, and Provincial Grand Lodge toasts, to all of which the brethren responded heartily.

Bro. Hughes, I.P.M., then proposed the toast of "The Worshipful Master," saying that Bro. Busbridge deserved their heartiest thanks for the conspicuous ability with which he had carried out the arduous duties of his office that night, and as two of the Degrees were left over from his (Bro. Hughes) year, he thought it only right on his part to individually thank Bro. Busbridge, and also to congratulate the lodge on having for its Master so excellent and admirable a worker. As the year went on he felt sure their W.M. would show that he was earnestly worthy of



their confidence, and would be one of the most conspicuous and successful Masters that had ever filled the chair of the Pattison Lodge.

Bro. Sydney Horton having played a brilliant violin solo, the W.M., in returning thanks, said that after the exquisite music they had just heard, he felt that it would be out of place for him to make a speech, or at least more than a very brief one, especially as several of the brethren and visitors were about to depart by train, which, like "tide and time, waited for no man." It, however, would be somewhat wrong on his part if he did not thank Bro. Hughes for the kind way in which he had proposed the toast of his (the W.M.'s) health. He now did so, and also thanked the brethren for the cordial manner in which they had received it, and could assure them that nothing should be wanting on his part to achieve the high standard of merit attained by his predecessors in the chair which he now occupied.

Bro. Herman, in responding for the toast of "The Visitors," said that as his name had been coupled with the toast by the W.M., he should obey the commands of the W.M. and respond, although he would have preferred to have given them a little recitation. His speech would be one of regret, because, although he had had several invitations, he regretted not having visited the Pattison Lodge before, but after witnessing the excellent working of their W.M., which had delighted him by its reverential solemnity, and after partaking of their "common-sense" banquet, and last, though not least, having enjoyed their artistic and delightful harmony, he would promise them to have no more regrets, but to come and see them again. After paying a deserved tribute to the officers and choir for their efficient services during the ritual, he concluded by thanking them for the pleasure his visit had afforded him.

Bro. Vansittart regretted the unavoidable absence of the W.M. of the Ordnance Lodge, which lodge he had the honour to represent that evening, and thanked the W.M. and brethren of the Pattison Lodge for their hospitality.

Bro. Grant said it was always a great pleasure for the "Nelsons" to visit the Pattison Lodge. He knew that the Pattison Lodge claimed to be the "premier lodge" in the district, and felt sure that it had great claims to the title. He hoped to see a goodly number of the "Pattisons" at the Nelson Lodge on the third Wednesday of the month, when he felt sure they would be received with the same hospitality that had been extended to the visitors that night. "The Initiates" were toasted, and severally returned thanks.

Bro. Coupland eloquently responded to the toast of "The Past Masters."

A special toast to the esteemed Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. Horsley, afforded that brother an opportunity of delighting the brethren with one of his witty and appropriate anecdotes.

"The Officers" and Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings, which were supplemented by some fine playing by Bro. Horton on the violin, Bro. Tyler accompanying, and some excellent singing by Bro. Nell and others.

#### ROCHDALE.

**St. Chad's Lodge (No. 1129).**—The St. John's Festival of this lodge was celebrated on Wednesday, the 18th inst., at the Roebuck Hotel, when a full musical service was sung, and efficiently conducted by Bro. C. Parker, Org., and the excellent working of the lodge gave great satisfaction to the large number of brethren present. The retiring W.M., Bro. Wm. Whitehead, had the pleasure of installing his successor, Bro. W. A. Wright, in the chair. The W.M. appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers: Bros. J. W. Hartley, S.W.; T. Hargreaves, J.W.; P. Lee, P.M.; Chap.; J. Hadfield, P.M.; P.P.G.D., Treas.; E. T. Fletcher, P.M.; Sec.; S. L. Lee, S.D.; A. Crabtree, J.D.; W. Whitehead, I.P.M., D.C.; C. Parker, Org.; J. T. Clegg, Deputy Org.; J. Smith, I.G.; T. H. Williams, P.M., Charity representative; J. T. Ogden, W. Norris, S. Kaye, and T. Fairbank, Stwds.; and W. Swift, P.M., Tyler.

The I.P.M. has enjoyed a very successful and harmonious year, every attention having been paid to the instruction lodges, and generally sustaining the good reputation of the lodge, which is rapidly growing in membership. Deep sympathy was expressed amongst the brethren with the W.M. elect, whose brother lay on his death-bed and who expired a few hours after he was installed in the chair. Under the circumstances he retired immediately after the ceremony, much to the regret of all the brethren. The I.P.M. took the chair in his absence, the rest of the evening being spent as pleasantly as could well be expected under the sad circumstances. The menu was all that could be desired.

Songs and recitations were given between the toasts by Bros. C. Parker, W. Norris, L. Speke, T. L. Roberts, T. Nuttall, C. E. Collingwood, and J. M. L. Chadwick.

This being the 25th anniversary of the lodge, the brethren presented their photographs—which were very handsomely framed and gave great satisfaction to all present—as a mark of esteem and as a memento of his year of office during the anniversary year. They also presented the I.P.M. with a very handsome Masonic album containing their photos.

#### SAFFRON WALDEN.

**Walden Lodge (No. 1280).**—The anniversary meeting of this lodge was held at the Rose and Crown Hotel, on the 16th inst., when Bro. Stebbing Leverett, P.M., P.P.G.D., was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. the Rev. Thomas Lloyd, I.P.M., 2342, Prov. G. Chap. In the course of the evening the retiring W.M., Bro. Jas. Foster, Prov. Deputy G.D. of C., remarked upon the paucity of work there had been in the lodge during the year just closed, and being anxious not to leave the chair without doing something to mark his year of office, he had thought that a painting of his own of one of the members of the lodge to hang upon the walls of their lodge-room would not be unacceptable. His thoughts naturally turned to Bro. Bell, who was a founder of their lodge and the father of Freemasonry in their midst, and Bro. Bell having kindly given his consent, and also several sittings, the result he had now the pleasure to offer to the lodge for its acceptance. The portrait was then uncovered amidst loud and continued applause. It is a three-quarter length portrait in oils, and represents Bro. Joseph Bell in full Craft clothing as P.P.J.G.W. Essex. All present agreed that it was a striking likeness, and the execution of the picture was greatly admired.

"The Health of Bro. Bell" having been cordially drunk, Bro. Bell, P.M., whose rising was the signal for a fresh

demonstration of applause, said in all his life he had never been placed in such a difficult position. He thanked the brethren for the kind way they had received the gift of their I.P.M., and he also appreciated most highly the feeling that had prompted Bro. Foster to undertake so much labour in his honour. He certainly had felt a great interest in Freemasonry during more years perhaps than he cared to remember, and the prosperity of the Walden Lodge was particularly dear to him.

The inscription on the picture is as follows: "Bro. Joseph Bell, founder of Walden Lodge, No. 1280, P.M. 441 and 1280, P.P.S.G.D. Cambs., P.P.J.G.W. Essex, P.Z. 441. Painted and presented by Bro. Geo. Foster, W.M. 1280, P.D.G.D.C. Essex, upon his resigning the chair, November 16, 1891."

#### SANDGATE.

**Sandgate Lodge (No. 1436).**—The ceremony of installing Bro. O. H. Smith as W.M. of this lodge took place at the Masonic Hall on Monday, the 9th inst. Among the brethren present were Bros. the Rev. H. Russell Wakefield, W.M.; J. Roper, J.W.; Rev. J. Hackett, Chap.; H. T. Samson, P.M., Treas.; J. J. B. Caudell, P.M., P.P.G.P., Sec.; T. H. Goddard, S.D.; H. T. Longly, Org.; W. L. Chubb, I.G.; R. H. Pledge, P.M., P.P.A.G.S., D.C.; R. J. Fynmore, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; C. J. Woods, P.S.W.; D. J. Ramsey, J. Blundell, A. D. Pepper, G. Giles, H. Simons, and Onslow. Visitors: Bros. George Everett, Grand Treasurer; J. Morrison McLeod, Prov. S.G.W. Derbyshire, Sec. R.M.I. for Boys; Sir E. W. Watkin, Bart., M.P.; E. Hire, P.M. 125; J. J. Jeal, S.W. 125; S. J. Hitchin, 1246; R. Smith, 137; C. T. Smith (Mayor of Chatham), P.M. 1426; G. Peden, P.M. 125; T. H. English, 558; H. Price, 177; C. W. Blaxland, W.M. 709; S. H. White, P.M. 125; H. Clifton, 125; J. R. Green, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W. Cambs.; H. R. Messenge, 1328; J. Smith, 2343; C. Kingsmill, P.M. 125, P.P.A.G.S.; and C. W. Young, W.M. 125.

Lodge having been opened, Bro. the Rev. H. Russell Wakefield performed the installation ceremony in an impressive style, and the newly-installed W.M. appointed the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. J. Roper, S.W.; T. H. Goddard, J.W.; Rev. J. Hackett, Chap.; R. J. Fynmore, P.M., Treas.; J. J. B. Caudell, P.M., Sec.; W. L. Chubb, S.D.; T. Onslow, J.D.; A. Pepper, I.G.; C. J. Woods, D.C.; H. T. Longly, Org.; and G. Butcher, Tyler. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. the Rev. H. Russell Wakefield for the able manner in which he had carried on the duties of the lodge during his year of office. Bro. Caudell was again appointed Charity officer.

The lodge having been closed, a banquet was afterwards held at the Royal Kent Hotel.

During the proceedings a telegram was sent to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, congratulating him on the attainment of his jubilee, and the following reply was received by Bro. O. H. Smith on Tuesday morning:

"Sandringham, 8.5 a.m.—Worshipful Master, Sandgate Lodge—I thank you for kind congratulations.—ALBERT EDWARD."

#### SOUTHEND.

**Priory Lodge (No. 1000).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 12th inst., at the Middleton Hotel, when there were present Bros. T. Hood, Prov. G.S., W.M.; B. Thomas, S.W.; A. Vandervord, J.W.; Rev. T. W. Herbert, P.P.G.C., Chap.; F. Wood, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; A. Lucking, P.M., P.G.P., Sec.; F. J. Cumine, J.D., as S.D.; W. Elam, as J.D.; E. J. Bowmaker, I.G.; R. J. Smith, Stwd.; A. W. Martin, Prov. G.T., Tyler; W. E. Bridgland, P.M. 933, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Creswell, W. T. Darke, G. F. Vandervord, H. O. Grenfell, and H. Brown, jun. Bro. J. H. Davies, 1460, was a visitor.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes were read and confirmed, and Bro. H. Brown, jun., was passed. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

#### SOUTHPORT.

**Rose of Lancaster Lodge (No. 2325).**—The annual installation meeting of this young and flourishing lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms on Thursday, the 19th inst. There were present Bros. W. J. Worden, W.M.; W. Platt, P.G. Treas., I.P.M.; Thos. Adams, P.M., P.P.G.D.; C. Watson, J.W.; W. Walker, Treas.; Jas. Platt, P.M., P.P.G.D., Sec.; W. Connard, S.D.; R. A. Fletcher, J.D.; W. A. Tedswell, I.G.; G. B. Rhodes and P. Rawsthorne, Stewards; G. Rothwell, Tyler; and others. Visitors: Bros. W. Goodacre, Past G.S.B. England, Prov. G. Sec.; J. De Bels Adam (Mayor of Liverpool), Prov. S.G.W.; H. Kidson, P.M., Prov. G. Reg.; W. Foulkes, P.M., Prov. A.G. Sec.; Rev. C. Hesketh Knowlys, P.M., P.P.G.C.; W. M. Gaskin, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; J. H. Barrow, P.M., P.P.G.D.; John C. Robinson, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. T. Callow, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; R. Armitage, P.M., P.P.A.G. Sec.; J. Sutton, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; J. G. Ripley, W.M. 1313; Rev. Dr. Porter, W.M. 2360; H. Harrison, P.M. 1908; M. H. Boyd, W.M. elect, 613; Eli Brooks, P.M. 2294; R. Sharrock, P.M. 1313; J. Hatch, P.M. 613; T. Hayward, W.M. 613; and S. Boyce, P.M. 1213.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Worden, and after the minutes had been confirmed, the W.M. elect, Bro. Charles Watson was presented for installation by Bro. Wm. Platt, P.G. Treas., and the ceremony was most impressively performed by the retiring W.M. Bro. C. Watson then appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. W. J. Worden, I.P.M.; G. Austerfield, S.W.; W. Connard, J.W.; Rev. C. Hesketh Knowlys, M.A., P.M. 1070, P.P.G.C., Chap.; William Walker, Treas.; James Platt, P.M. 613, 1313, P.P.G.D., Sec.; Thomas Adams, P.M. 613, P.P.G.D., D.C.; R. A. Fletcher, S.D.; W. A. Tidswell, J.D.; J. Witham, P.M. 1070, Org.; G. B. Rhodes, I.G.; P. Rawsthorne and H. Peak, Stwds.; and G. Rockliff, Tyler. Bro. James Platt, P.P.G.D., Charity representative. The I.P.M. then presented the lodge with a handsome silk banner, and Bro. W. Connard presented a case containing silver square and compasses. The Mayor of Liverpool was then elected an honorary member and returned thanks for the honour.

After the usual routine business the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. During the proceedings Bro. W. J. Worden was presented with a gold Past Master's jewel.

#### ST. MARY CRAY.

**Crays Valley Lodge (No. 2147).**—The annual meeting of this lodge for the installation of a new W.M. was held on Saturday, the 14th inst., at the Public Hall, under the presidency of Bro. G. Harlow, jun., W.M. There was a large attendance of members of the lodge and visitors. Among the former were Bros. H. Algar, S.W., W.M. elect; S. Matthews, J.W.; H. Tyrer, P.M., Treas.; John Pollard, P.M., Sec.; John Marshall, S.D.; Wm. Lee, J.D.; R. J. C. E. Pugh, I.G.; Edward H. Rolfe, P.M.; Edmund H. Joynson, P.M.; F. Tyrer, G. Harlow, sen., F. Stanger, John Otway, Montague M. Rock, James T. Cookson, G. Tyrer, J. Smith, Wm. Elias Bailey, Org.; W. Stevenson, Oliver Cromwell, Wm. Akers Lord, P.M.; D. Hickson, H. C. Harris, Walter Bratt, J. R. Hennett, Walter Scott, Nelson Reed, W. H. Cole, Wm. John Lord, and W. Tapsell, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. J. Solomon, W.M. 77; C. H. Stone, J.W. 507; A. T. Pearce, P.M. 1872; A. L. Pugh, 829; H. W. Lovegrove, 1575; H. Massey, 160, P.M. 619 and 1928; T. Camshing, 1892; F. H. Willcock, 1572; A. Jones, 1339; E. T. Gething, 1223; R. F. Whur, 901; H. Line, 1658; Walter W. Arter, Org. 1572; and C. A. Hooper, S.W. 1613.

The lodge having been opened, the W.M. passed Bro. W. J. Lord to the Second Degree, and afterwards initiated Mr. Herbert Moates Ellis, and the brethren elected Bro. Latham Augustus, of the Withall Lodge of Harmony, South Australia, as a joining member. Bro. Harlow then installed Bro. Harry Algar as Master of the lodge for the ensuing year, and did the whole of the work perfectly. Bro. Harlow was invested as I.P.M., and the following brethren received the various officers' collars: Bros. Sydney Matthews, S.W.; J. Marshall, J.W.; Henry Tyrer, P.M., Treas.; John Pollard, P.M., Sec.; William Lee, S.D.; R. J. Pugh, J.D.; E. H. Rolfe, P.M., D.C.; John Otway, I.G.; W. E. Bailey, Org.; J. T. Cookson and Frank Stanger, Stwds.; and W. Tapsell, Tyler. The I.P.M., Bro. Harlow, jun., was elected representative of the lodge on the Charity Committee of the Province of Kent. On his motion, seconded by Bro. Sydney Matthews, a vote of congratulation was passed to Bro. Joynson on his being appointed by Earl Amherst as Prov. J.G.D., together with the lodge's thanks to the Prov. G.M. for the honour he had conferred on the Crays Valley Lodge by making that appointment. Bro. Joynson, P.M., in acknowledging the vote, said he appreciated it very much indeed. His only regret was that the first Past Master of the lodge, Bro. Roge, had not had the honour, and he wrote to the Provincial Grand Master, asking him if he did not think Bro. Rolfe should be preferred. However, having been appointed, he should do everything he could for the Provincial Grand Lodge, for the Crays Valley Lodge, and for Masonry generally. The W.M. then said he had the pleasing duty to perform of presenting a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Harlow, which had been unanimously voted to him by the lodge. All the brethren were aware how well during the past year Bro. Harlow had performed his work in the Crays Valley Lodge, how genial he had been in his working, and how admirably his work had gone on. The lodge was extremely proud of him. He would make one further observation. The lodge was a young one, and many of the members of it were young Masons, and were able to benefit by the experience of those who had preceded them and assisted them in the lodge and in the lodge of instruction. The assistance given had been of benefit to all of them. In placing the jewel on Bro. Harlow's breast he was adding it to his other honours, and the brethren trusted Bro. Harlow would live long to wear it. Bro. Harlow, I.P.M., in reply, thanked the W.M. for his kind expressions, and the brethren for their cordial reception of them. He thanked all the brethren of the lodge for their kindness to him during his year. If he had done any good to the lodge he was glad of it, and if he could do anything for it in the future he should be happy to do it. The Worshipful Master said he had another pleasing duty before him. When the Crays Valley Lodge was founded a Charitable Fund in connection with the lodge of instruction was formed, and a great many brethren joined it. During the four years it lasted they had been able to send up the large sum of upwards of £200 to the Masonic Institutions. Bro. Rolfe was President of the little Institution and it was named after him. When the Institution died a natural death in four years it was determined by the brethren to present Bro. Rolfe with a Charity jewel as a mark of their sense of his great efforts in the cause of Masonic Charity. That jewel he now begged to present to him, and in doing so he would express the same feeling he had expressed to Bro. Harlow, that he might live long to wear the jewel. Bro. Rolfe, P.M., in acknowledging the gift, said it had come upon him unawares, for he knew nothing about it when he entered the lodge. When the lodge of instruction was started he thought it would be well to start a Benevolent Fund, because a brother could not always give ten guineas at once to one of the Charities, but by small subscriptions he could do so. He was proud of what the Crays Valley Lodge had done. As there so many brethren present that evening it boded well for the system going on. He hoped that it would go on and that they would be able to subscribe to all the Institutions.

The lodge was then closed, and an elegant banquet followed at the Public Library. The usual toasts were afterwards honoured.

Bro. Harlow, I.P.M., in proposing "The W.M.," said the brethren had that night taken to themselves a new Master, and he trusted that during Bro. Algar's year, which he knew would be a successful one, they would never regret the selection they had made. He hoped also that Bro. Algar would never regret he was Master of the Crays Valley Lodge. Bro. Algar would do his work thoroughly. He (Bro. Harlow) little thought five years ago, when the lodge was first founded (he was not a founder himself), that he would be Master. He was there the first night at the consecration of the lodge, and at the following meeting, when Bro. Algar was the first initiate, he (Bro. Harlow) acted as Junior Deacon. He deaconed him also in the other Degrees, and it was a great pleasure that night to have to install him. During the five years' existence of the lodge he had had the pleasure of attending the lodge of instruction, and it was very pleasing to see the first initiate go into the Master's chair. The Crays Valley Lodge had a great future before it; it was one of the best conducted lodges in the province, because it had a very good body of men and Masons in it. If brethren were going to work up to the chair they must go to lodges of instruction, for no one could



attain to the position reached by the W.M. that night unless he had learned the ritual well.

Bro. Algar, W.M., replying, said he was specially obliged to the I.P.M. for the kind things he had been pleased to say of him, but ever since he was initiated in Masonry he had tried his utmost to do his duty as a Mason. He was initiated at the first business meeting of the lodge, and one of his duties he must say he had fulfilled to the utmost of his ability—he had never been absent from a meeting of the lodge, and had never been late. In another respect he had also tried his best—at the lodge of instruction; and during his year of office he should do everything he possibly could for the comfort and pleasure of the brethren.

Bro. Algar, in proposing "The Initiates," said he hoped that during his year he would have several initiates, and he wished Bro. Ellis health and prosperity. They were all sure he would make a worthy member of the lodge.

Bro. Ellis, in reply, said he was inclined at first to think he was in an awkward position. Such, however, was not the case, it was a grand position; he felt himself that evening in the grandest position he had ever occupied. He had been initiated into that great mystery of which everyone that belonged to it was proud. Those who did not belong to it wished they did, and wondered why they did not. He could not thank the brethren sufficiently for having elected him one of their number. He recognised that Freemasonry placed one in the fellowship of men, that it was the foundation of everything that existed, both in religion, in business, and in every condition in which men were brought in connection with one another. He realised that it was the foundation of everything that was good; the world stood upon it; they all stood upon it; and he thanked God he (Bro. Ellis) stood upon it.

Bro. Algar then gave "The Installing Master and the Past Masters of the Lodge," saying they had the privilege of having all the Past Masters of the lodge present that evening, which was a great pleasure. They all owed to the Past Masters all that was good in the lodge, and they could not be thanked enough.

Bro. Harlow said he had great pleasure in doing his work that night, and he thought there was a very great deal of pleasure to be got out of it. He trusted that what he had done had met with the satisfaction of all the brethren. If so, he was well repaid for the time and trouble taken in getting up the ceremony.

Bros. Pollard and Rolfe also replied, and hoped the brethren would attend the lodge of instruction and join in getting up another Charitable Association. Bro. Rolfe said he promised every assistance he could give, both in instructing in Masonry and forwarding a Charitable Association.

Bros. Massey, Solomon, Lovegrove, and Hooper responded to the toast of "The Visitors."

The S.W. replied to the toast of "The Officers," and, after the Tyler's toast the brethren concluded a most pleasant evening.

#### SUDBURY.

**Stour Valley Lodge (No. 1224).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on Friday, the 12th instant, and was numerously attended by members and visitors, the ceremony of installation being performed by Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Past G. Chap., Deputy Prov. Grand Master. Amongst the large assembly were Bros. Mitchell Reid, W.M.; William Bailey, W.M. elect; Joseph Hills, P.P.J.G.W., Treas., acting J.W.; W. Ticehurst Corfield, P.G. Chaplain, Chaplain; Fred. Wheeler, P.P.G.R., Sec.; Robert Sizer Joy, as S.D.; J. George, J.D.; B. H. Hurst, P.G. Organist, Organist; H. Sholl, Tyler; H. C. Pratt, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; W. Inglis Mason, J.P., P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; T. B. Ardley, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; G. H. Grimwood (Mayor of Sudbury), P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; D. Alston, P.M., P.P.G. Stwd.; C. J. N. Rowe, A. W. Salzmann, W. J. Barter, W. J. Normandale, C. E. Maldon, W. L. Lewis, C. Sewell, W. H. Kenney, Napoleon Aprile, J. S. Carlton, W. Brown, and others. Visitors: Bros. G. N. Copus, P.M. 2154; E. H. Inman, P.P.G. Reg. Essex; T. Stokoe, P.M. 2183, P.P.G. G. Purst; Rev. T. S. Raffles, W.M. 2239, P.P.G. Chap. Essex; E. Hennemeyer, P.M. 51, P.P.S.G.W. Essex; J. Stevens, P.M. 720, 1216, 1426; J. Bardwell, S.D. 1823; A. Taylor, I.P.M. 332; Andrew Boa, W.M. 1823; Rev. B. B. Syer, P.P.G.C.; F. C. Johnson, 46; C. S. Goodchild, P.M. 1823; James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; W. J. Ward, P.M. 1823; A. J. Ward, P.P.G.R. Essex; Sam Evans, 650; C. E. Porter, 879; A. Osmond, P.M. 51, P.P.G. Org. Essex; J. Motum, P.M. 51; and other brethren.

The lodge having been opened, the Deputy Grand Master was received and saluted, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, he at once proceeded to install Bro. William Bailey into the chair of K.S. in his customary able and impressive manner. The officers invested were Bros. Joseph George, S.W.; G. Hawkins, J.W.; Rev. W. T. Corfield, Chap.; J. F. Hills, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Treas.; F. Wheeler, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., Sec.; R. S. Joy, S.D.; George Grant, J.D.; W. G. Normandale, I.G.; H. W. Kenney, D.C.; B. H. Hurst, Prov. G. Org., Org.; C. Sewell, Stwd., and H. Sholl, Tyler. The ceremony having been completed, arrangements were made for the representation of the lodge at the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The decease of Bro. John Martin, one of the founders and first Secretary of the lodge, and which sad event had taken place on the previous day, was announced amidst expressions of great regret. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master proposed a vote of condolence with the sorrowing relatives, and it was decided that the lodge should be fully represented when paying the last sad tribute of respect to departed merit.

Other routine business having been disposed of, the lodge was closed, and the brethren shortly afterwards re-united in the handsome assembly room of the Rose and Crown Hotel, where, under the direction of the host, Bro. J. George, S.W. of the lodge, a very *recherché* banquet was provided, which gave general satisfaction.

After the cloth had been cleared and grace sung, the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair, and duly honoured.

For "The Grand Lodge Officers," Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., replied in a capital speech very much to the purpose.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master replied in equally felicitous terms to the toast which embraced himself and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers of Suffolk, and again as Installing Master.

"The Worshipful Master's Health" was drank with

enthusiasm, and a brief resumé of the progress of this prosperous lodge gave much pleasure to his hearers.

For "The Masonic Charities," Bro. James Terry, Secretary of the Benevolent Institution, made an effective response, congratulating the lodge on the zeal evinced by members who had offered to undertake Stewardships on behalf of his particular Institution, and inducing an immediate collection of ten guineas to supplement the proposed lodge donations and other liberal promises.

For "The Visitors," Bro. James Stevens expressed thanks for an unstinted hospitality and the pleasure afforded by the excellent work in lodge.

Other brethren added their expressions of appreciation of both labour and refreshments.

"The Past Masters," "The Officers," "The Musical Brethren," and the Tyler's toast completed the agenda, and brought a most pleasant evening to an agreeable termination.

Beyond the compliments paid to the brethren who had the direction of the musical arrangements in their hands, Bros. A. Osmond and J. Motum, both Past Masters of No. 51, Colchester, it is but fair to state that with the assistance of the choir boys brought over by them for that purpose, a well selected and not too lengthy concert added greatly to the success of this installation meeting, and the general enjoyment of those members of the Craft who had the privilege of attending.

#### SURBITON.

**St. Margaret's Lodge (No. 1872).**—On the 19th inst. the brethren were summoned to witness the installation of Bro. John Hodgkin in the chair, at the Maple Hall, but, to the great regret of all, he was suffering from bronchitis, and unable to leave his house. There were present Bros. S. M. Cooke, W.M.; J. H. Crofts, I.P.M.; Hogg, P.M., acting S.W.; Stanley Hodgkin, J.W.; Piper, P.M., Treas.; Pearce, P.M., Sec.; Douglas Chester, P.M. 180, S.D.; D. W. Gardiner, J.D.; Dr. Owst, I.G.; Dr. Gibbs, P.M., D.C.; Stillwell, P.M.; Haram, Startin, Bishop, Charlton, and Rawlings. Among the visitors were Bros. Col. Noel Money, C.B., Prov. G.M.; Col. Nettleship, P.M. 14, P.G. Std. Br.; W. Drewett, P.M. 889, 1638, P.P.G. Std. Br.; B. H. Paul, W.M. 2394; H. W. Stock, W.M. 255; W. H. Hooker, W.M. 1670; S. Hewett, W.M. 2146; R. Sebastian Hart, P.M. 2146; F. J. Hayward, W.M. 889; H. G. Vickers, P.M. 1632; W. J. Parker, P.M. 91; E. Seaton, P.M. 3; J. Easterbrook, P.M. 1920; James Edgell, J.W. 889; and others.

The only business transacted was to receive the Auditors' report and ballot for Dr. Garry, this last being unanimous in his favour. A resolution of sympathy with the W.M. elect was passed, and later on in the evening a telegram was sent to him, conveying an expression of regret at his absence from the banquet, and an earnest hope for his speedy recovery.

The lodge being closed, the brethren took train to Hampton Court, where, at the Mitre Hotel, they partook of one of Bro. Sadler's *recherché* banquets, served in that perfect style which is so well known to many lodges.

The usual toasts were proposed, with intervals for vocal music contributed by members of the lodge and visitors.

Bro. Col. Nettleship replied for "The Grand Officers," and assured the W.M. that they were always pleased to visit lodges to witness the working.

In response to the toast in his honour, Bro. Colonel Money said that it was with great pleasure he accepted the invitation to this lodge, and having been given charge of the province he should endeavour to visit it at least once a year. He deeply sympathised with the W.M. elect and also with the members, for he could see how genuine was their regret at the illness which had prevented the ceremony of installation being performed. What little work he had seen done was most satisfactory, and he should endeavour to attend the installation of Bro. Hodgkin at their next meeting.

A most enjoyable evening was spent, and the visitors will not readily forget the very hospitable and cordial treatment met with at this lodge.

#### THORNE.

**St. Nicholas Lodge (No. 2359).**—The meeting of this lodge was held at Peace Hall on Wednesday, the 18th inst., when there were present Bros. S. H. C. Asplin, W.M.; J. H. Bletcher, I.P.M.; J. Constable, S.W.; G. Kenyon, J.W.; A. L. Peace, Treas.; W. P. Robotham, Sec.; Rev. J. J. Littlewood, Chap.; W. Martin, S.D.; A. Goodhind, J.D.; H. A. Fenton, D.C.; T. Livingstone, Almoner; T. Barber, I.G.; F. Pine, Tyler; B. Maskill, W. G. Winter, and R. N. Brunyee. Visitors: Bros. Chamberlain, 1482; T. Foster, 242; and others. On the proposition of the W.M. the sum of five guineas was voted to the Tew Presentation Fund, and this with private donations from members will at least make up the requisite ten guineas.

After "Hearty good wishes" and congratulations to the W.M. on this the first meeting over which he had presided, the brethren adjourned to spend a social hour.

#### TWICKENHAM.

**Sir Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 1503).**—This lodge met at the Albany Hotel, on the 11th instant. Among those present were Bros. A. Toulmin, jun., W.M.; R. H. Thrupp, P.A.G.D.C., D.P.G.M., acting S.W.; Capt. R. Perry, J.W.; J. T. Briggs, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; Capt. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., Sec.; and the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, P.M., P.P.G.C., Chap.; and Davis, I.G.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Secretary officially announced that, in consequence of the illness of Bro. Lieut.-Col. R. Cuming, S.W., W.M. elect, he was prevented from attending to be installed that evening, consequently the W.M. would hold office another year. Bro. Davis was invested with the collar of the vacant office of J.D. The Secretary, as the oldest member present, presented the W.M., in the name of the lodge, with the very handsome jewel of a Past Master, which had been unanimously voted to him at the last meeting. Bro. A. Toulmin, jun., modestly acknowledged the gift, and greatly regretted that he had not had the opportunity of installing his old friend, Bro. Lieut.-Col. Cuming, as W.M. that day. He hoped, however, that the honour was merely deferred. Bros. A. H. Gurney, E. W. Jenkins, H. Jenkins, and H. Bennett were elected non-dining members at their request, in compliance with the by-laws. Among those who regretted their inability to attend were Bros. W. H. Saunders, P.M., P.P.G.D., the senior member

of the lodge; W. Taylor, P.M., P.P.G.W.; Lieut.-Col. R. Cuming, S.W.; D. P. Cama, P.G. Treas.; A. R. Murphy, and others. Before the lodge was closed, Bro. Thrupp, the D.P.G.M., was duly saluted.

The brethren then adjourned to refreshment. A few toasts were given, and the proceedings terminated.

#### YORK.

**York Lodge (No. 236).**—A regular meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, on Monday, the 16th inst., when there were present Bros. Thomas S. Brogden, W.M.; E. W. Purnell, S.W.; John Sampson, J.W.; J. Todd, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; H. Foster, P.M., Sec.; E. Carter, S.D.; M. Bryson, J.D.; A. Sample, Org.; C. Linley, I.G.; T. Archey and A. Laughton, Stwds.; J. Hall, Tyler; M. C. Peck, P.M., P.G. Std. Br. Eng., P.G. Sec.; G. Kirby, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Rev. J. E. M. Young, P.M., P.P.G.C.; George Balmford, P.M., P.P.G. Org.; W. Draper, P.M., Prov. S.G.D.; Geo. C. Lee, P.M.; T. G. Hodgson, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; E. R. Turner, J. Lockwood, Arthur Young, W. N. Stimpson, J. A. Askew, A. F. King, P.S.W., L. Hick, Thomas Smith, and W. D. Rudgard. The visitors were Bros. W. Tesseyman, P.M. 57; G. L. Shackles, P.M. 1511; and R. Addinall.

The lodge having been opened, the election respectively of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler took place. Bro. E. W. Purnell, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and, in acknowledging the honour, thanked the brethren for having entrusted him with so responsible a position in so ancient a lodge. He touched upon the long roll of old Masters of this lodge, and, in asking the brethren to give him assistance in his work, he said it would be his endeavour to so conduct the business during his year of office as should tend to this lodge being an honour to Freemasonry and affording the members the greatest possible happiness. Bro. Jos. Todd, P.M., was then unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and, in replying, remarked that he had been thus honoured for the thirteenth time. It was satisfactory to know that the lodge continued in a prosperous state, and he anticipated that the coming year would be a very happy one as far as that lodge was concerned. Bro. J. Hall was re-elected Tyler, and suitably acknowledged the honour. The Treasurer elect, Bro. Todd, moved that the sum of ten guineas be paid to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at the Jubilee Festival in February next, to be placed on the list of Bro. E. W. Purnell, S.W., who will represent the lodge as Steward. In the course of some remarks he urged the need of supporting the W.M. with their subscriptions on his representing the lodge at the Festival, as this is the most deserving of all Masonic Charities, inasmuch as it provided for the necessities of aged or infirm brethren who had in time past done good service for the Craft. Unfortunately there were more candidates than could at present be assisted, and the authorities in London were anxious to increase their strength financially, therefore it was to be hoped the Province of York would do all possible to help. Bro. Geo. Kirby, P.M., seconded, and after a brief discussion as to another matter bearing on the subject, the resolution was unanimously adopted. The W.M. elect fixed the 21st December next for his installation and banquet. Bros. Peck, P.G. Std. Br. England, P.G. Sec., and Shackles, P.M., joined in congratulating the W.M. elect and wishing him a happy and busy year of office, the first-named speaker commenting upon the antiquity of the York Lodge and upon its orderly working. The lodge was then closed.

**Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).**—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on the 9th inst. in the Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, when Bro. Wm. Storey was placed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.G.S.B., the working tools being given by Bro. G. Lamb, the outgoing Master. The officers were invested as follows: Bros. G. Lamb, I.P.M.; J. H. Shonksmith, S.W.; P. Pearson, J.W.; Rev. R. P. T. Tennent, Chap.; G. Balmford, P.M., Treas.; J. Kay, Sec.; J. L. Spetch, S.D.; F. W. Halliwell, J.D.; W. Sharp, D.C.; J. Smith, I.G.; G. A. Chapman, Org.; A. Archer and F. H. Vaughan, Stwds.; and T. Dunlop, Tyler. Bro. G. Lamb, I.P.M., accepted the post of Preceptor of the lodge of instruction, and Bro. Whytehead, P.M., that of Librarian. After the close of the ceremonies about 50 members and visitors sat down to an excellent banquet at the De Gray Rooms.

**Albert Victor Lodge (No. 2328).**—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Tuesday, the 24th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, when Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.G.S.B., the outgoing W.M., installed his successor, Bro. H. L. Swift, in the chair of K.S., after which the officers were invested as follows: Bros. T. B. Whytehead, I.P.M.; C. E. L. Wright, S.W.; J. E. Jones, J.W.; Rev. E. Bulmer, Chap.; Wm. Lawton, P.M., Treas.; C. Turner, Sec.; F. Shaun, S.D.; Lieut.-Col. Russell, J.D.; C. G. Padel, P.M., D.C.; Capt. T. H. Lindberg, I.G.; J. P. Carr, Org.; and J. R. Parker, Tyler.

After the close of the lodge the brethren and their visitors dined together in the banqueting room, to the number of about 35. Amongst those present were Bros. Hon. T. W. Orde-Powlett, D.P.G.M.; the Very Rev. the Dean of York, P.G. Chap.; J. Todd, P.M. 236; A. Buckle, P.M. 236; W. Storey, W.M. 1611; W. H. Cowper, P.M.; J. S. Rymer, P.M. 236; Stubbs, P.M.; and many other brethren.

#### Royal Arch.

**St. Dunstan's Chapter (No. 1589).**—This chapter met for the dispatch of business at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 12th inst. Among those present were Comps. Farthing, M.E.Z.; T. A. Woodbridge, H.; Capt. J. Beningfield, J.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.Z., S.E.; J. W. Gaze, S.N.; F. Farrington, P.Z., Treas.; W. E. Farrington, P.Z.; Nuding, acting 1st Asst. Soj.; and W. H. Clemow, P.Z. Comps. Lieut.-Col. H. Radcliffe, P.Z. (Hon. Member); Alfred Tisley, P.Z.; Hattersley, and Williams were visitors.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. Evens, I.P.M. 1949, and it proving to be unanimous he was exalted to the R.A. Degree by the Scribe E., ably assisted by Comp. Lieut.-Col. H. Radcliffe, who performed the

duties of the office of P.S. and gave the historical and symbolical lecture in a manner that left but little to be desired. Comp. Lieut.-Col. Radcliffe then installed Comp. T. A. Woodbridge, as Z.; Comp. J. Benningfield, as H.; and Comp. J. W. Gaze, as J. The following investitures then took place: Comps. Capt. Walls, S.E.; C. Moore, S.N.; F. Farrington, Treas.; Nuding, P.S.; and Gilbert, Janitor. Comp. Farthing was presented with a Past Principal's jewel. A vote of thanks was passed with acclamation to Comp. Lieut.-Col. Radcliffe for his service as Installing Officer, a duty which he has performed, with two exceptions, since the consecration of the chapter in 1879.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to an excellent banquet, which was admirably catered for by Comp. Arthur Clemow. The customary toasts received full justice. The M.E.Z., who is an old public speaker, presided most ably and charmed every one by his geniality and address.

#### ALTRINCHAM.

**Stamford Chapter (No. 1045).**—A most enthusiastic meeting of companions was held at the Town Hall, on Monday, the 23rd inst. Comp. G. R. B. Lindsell was installed as Z. by Comp. Sudren; the Second Principal, Comp. J. Lewis, was installed by Comp. Lindsell; and the Third Principal, the Hon. Alan Egerton, was installed by Comp. John Lewis, H. There were 24 companions present, including Comp. R. Newhouse, P.G.J. It was scarcely possible for each respective ceremony to have been performed in a better manner, all expressing themselves highly pleased with what they had witnessed.

#### MANCHESTER.

**Caledonian Chapter (No. 204).**—The regular meeting of this chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Thursday, the 9th inst. Comp. R. A. Eldershaw, M.E.Z., presided, supported by the following: Comps. W. Willis, H.; W. Aldred, Treas.; Chas. Swinn, S.E.; C. E. Towell, S.N.; W. B. Russell, P.S.; Martin Thomas, Asst. S.; J. N. Molesworth, P.Z.; T. Statton, N. Dumville, P.Z., P.P.G.S.; E. Vallian, P.Z.; J. Cliffe, P.Z.; Frank J. Watson, A. K. Boothroyd, Thos. Shorrocks, E. W. Thornhill, and H. Guthrie. Visitors: Comps. Rudman, A. H. Jefferis, P.G.J.; G. S. Smith, T. Griffin, C. Duckworth, J. L. Savage, and G. Barlow.

The chapter having been opened, Bro. J. M. Veal was exalted by Comp. J. Cliffe, P.Z. The following were elected to office for the ensuing year: Comps. W. Willis, as Z.; Chas. Swinn, as H.; W. B. Russell, as J.; W. Aldred, Treas.; C. E. Towell, S.E.; J. Mamelock, S.N.; M. Thomas, P.S.; Hughes, 1st Asst. S.; T. Shorrocks, 2nd Asst. S.; Salom, P.Z., D.C.; and Griffin and A. K. Boothroyd, Auditors.

At the conclusion of the business Comp. R. A. Eldershaw alluded to the very regretted death of the late Comp. H. Miller, P.Z., P.P.G. Org., and who was a member of the chapter, and for many years acted as Organist. It was due to him that they had always had such a splendid musical ceremony in the chapter at every meeting. None can conceive how he would be missed by them, as he was so dearly beloved by all who knew him. His feelings would not allow him to say more than, but he proposed that they should send a letter of condolence to Mrs. Miller and family, expressing deep sympathy with them in their great bereavement. Comp. N. Dumville, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C., also alluded in most feeling terms to the late Comp. Miller. The sad intelligence threw a gloom over the rest of the proceedings, and soon after the chapter was closed, and the companions separated.

**Humphrey Chetham Chapter (No. 645).**—An emergency meeting of this chapter was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Monday, the 23rd inst. We had great pleasure in witnessing Bros. F. J. Reddaway and A. Kenyon being exalted to the Supreme Degree by Comp. A. H. Jefferis, Prov. Grand J., whose style is so well known to all of our provincial companions (and we believe in London as well), it is beyond criticism. But certainly it was a great treat to all who had the pleasure of witnessing it.

#### WITHINGTON.

**Architect Chapter (No. 1375).**—The regular convocation of this chapter was held at the Town Hall on Monday, the 16th inst. The following companions were present: Comps. W. W. Wilson, M.E.Z.; J. G. Bromley, H.; W. T. Hesketh, J.; H. G. Small, S.E.; D. Murray, P.S.; G. D. Pochin, Treas.; J. B. Kirk, Janitor; John R. R. Jeffery, W. T. Cariss, S. Dawson, J. A. Gee, M. Aspdon, Wm. Bridge, Wm. Jones, A. T. McGregor, and Hy. Vollmer. Visitors: Comps. John Motteshead, P.Z.; J. Morrison, 1476; and J. W. Berra, 2109.

The chapter having been opened, Comp. W. W. Wilson, P.Z., P.P.G.R., was installed as M.E.Z.; Comp. W. T. Hesketh as H.; and Comp. Dunbar Murray as J. The Auditors' report was received and adopted, after which the chapter was closed.

### Mark Masonry.

**Prince Leopold Lodge (No. 238).**—A meeting of this lodge was convened on Tuesday, the 17th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, where there were present, among others, Bros. C. Chaufourier, W.M.; H. H. Shirley, P.M., P.P.G. Org., acting S.W.; T. O. Harding, P.M., acting J.W.; Harvey, M.O.; Holroyd, S.O.; Capt. Walls, P.M., P.G.S.B., Sec.; and Nelson Prower, M.A., I.P.M.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Smith, 9, was duly advanced as a member of the Degree by the W.M. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bro. W. Drew, S.W., and from several of the candidates for advancement.

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

Upon the removal of the cloth the usual toasts followed. Bro. N. Prower, I.P.M., in the absence of the W.M., who had to leave in consequence of severe indisposition, spoke as usual, that is to say fluently and pertinently.

The Secretary responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers," and Bro. H. H. Shirley acknowledged the toast

of "The Provincial Grand Officers," and he also replied to the toast of "The Visitors."

The proceedings were necessarily shorn of their customary conviviality consequent upon the enforced absence of the W.M., who has done so much for the good of the lodge.

#### DARLINGTON.

**Darlington Lodge (No. 250).**—The installation meeting was held at the Masonic Hall on the 12th inst., Bro. C. H. Backhouse, P.S.G.W., W.M., in the chair. The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master and the Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge were announced, received, and saluted. The Treasurer's accounts were received and adopted. Bro. Backhouse then presented the W.M. elect, Bro. Dr. Hill Drury, to the D.P.G.M., who in a most impressive manner installed Bro. Hill Drury into the chair. The W.M. then appointed his officers as follows: Bros. S. F. Bousfield, S.W.; T. K. Wilkes, J.W.; C. H. Sharp, M.O.; E. Harrison, S.O.; W. Swales, J.O.; Rev. R. Coulton, Chap.; H. A. Massingberd, Treas.; R. S. Benson, Reg.; J. Robinson, Sec.; T. M. Thompson, S.D.; W. Barron, J.D.; J. Lawrence, M.D., I.G.; T. Wood, Stwd.; and T. Prince, Tyler. Letters and telegrams of congratulation were received from several brethren, among others from Bros. Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., P.G.M.; W. J. Hughan, T. B. Whytehead, Dr. Müller, R. Singleton, W.M. Union Mark Lodge; and others.

"Hearty good wishes" were then tendered by the many visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room to celebrate the anniversary festival.

The toast of "The Queen" having been given and loyally responded to,

The W.M. proposed "The Health of the M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales; the Pro G.M., the Marquess of Hertford; the D.G.M., the Earl of Euston; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." He said that as in Craft Masonry even so in the Mark Degree, ever since his Royal Highness had become Grand Master the Degree had flourished. Whether it was the Prince's popularity or his well-known business qualifications, which was the cause he could not say, probably it was both; but it was a well known fact that his name was all that was required to ensure success to any undertaking. As for the other Grand Officers, all of them were Masons of note, and he specially spoke of Lord Euston, who had made Mark Masonry his peculiar study, and reminded the brethren that his lordship would visit the province on December 15th, as the guest of the Tristram Lodge.

Bros. C. S. Lane, P.G.D., and W. H. Cooper, G.I.G., responded.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Health of the Prov. G.M., Bro. Canon Tristram; the Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. R. B. Reed; and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," and referred in grateful terms to the obligation he was under to the Deputy Prov. Grand Master for coming all the way from Newcastle to install him.

Bro. R. B. Reed, in responding, said that if any one in the province was specially entitled to the services of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master that brother was Dr. Hill Drury, a most energetic and distinguished Mason, and one who has been indefatigable in the cause of Charity. Bro. Reed concluded by proposing "The Health of the W.M."

Bro. Dr. Hill Drury replied, thanking the Deputy Prov. Grand Master for the great honour he had done him in installing him, and the brethren of the lodge for electing him to rule over them, and for the hearty way they had drunk his health, and concluded by proposing "The Health of the I.P.M.," and amid loud cheering pinned upon Bro. Backhouse's breast a handsome Past Master's jewel, which had been subscribed for by the brethren of the lodge as a token of their esteem and an acknowledgment of the services he had rendered to the lodge during the time he occupied the chair.

Bro. Backhouse, Prov. S.G.W., I.P.M., thanked the brethren, and said that whenever he attended the lodge it would be his pride to wear that token of their favour.

Several other toasts followed, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

### Ancient and Accepted Rite.

**Mount Calvary (No. 3).**—This old and distinguished chapter met at the Masonic Hall, 33, Golden-square, on the 13th inst., when there were present, among others, Ill. Bros. H. J. Lardner, 30°, P.M.W.S., M.W.S.; Major F. J. Stohwasser, 30°, Prelate; W. Paas, 30°, P.M.W.S., Treas.; Ex. Bro. Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M.W.S., Recorder; Ill. Bro. N. Prower, M.A., 30°, Raphael; Ex. Bro. W. Maple, C. of G.; Ill. Bro. Dr. E. M. Lott, 30°, Org.; G. Graveley, 30°, P.M.W.S.; Ex. Bros. F. W. Driver, M.A., P.M.W.S.; Corrie Jackson, F.R.C.S.; F. Egbert Roberts, Asst. Org.; Francis Smith, and others. Ill. Bros. McLeod and H. H. Shirley, M.A., P.M.W.S., were visitors.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. It was proposed by Ex. Bro. F. W. Driver, seconded by the Recorder, and carried unanimously: "That the sum of two guineas be voted to the Gould Testimonial Fund." Ill. Bro. W. Paas, 30°, gave a notice of motion that the sum of five guineas be voted to the Recorder as a Steward to the Jubilee Festival of the R.M.B.I. Apologies for non-attendance, principally through indisposition, were read from Ill. Bros. W. Roebuck, 31°, P.M.W.S.; Ald. W. B. Williamson, 30°; and Ex. Bros. G. H. Grimwood, J.P., L. Steele, C.E., Chief Supt.; W. Fisher, W. J. Mason, M.D., H. Hills, W. Shurmur, J. Holland, and others.

The Chapter was then closed and the brethren adjourned to the Café Royal, Regent-street, where an excellent banquet was provided.

Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts received full justice. The M.W.S. presided most ably, his speeches being pertinent but commendably brief. During the evening Ill. Bro. Dr. Lott and Ex. Bro. F. Egbert Roberts greatly distinguished themselves and gratified their hearers by numerous brilliant instrumental and vocal selections. The proceedings terminated at an early hour.

The Lord Mayor will preside at the distribution of prizes of the 3rd Volunteer Battalion Royal Fusiliers, at Guildhall, to-morrow (Saturday), when the presentations will be made by the Lady Mayoress.

### Order of the Secret Monitor.

**Anglo-American Conclave (No. 6).**—The installation meeting of this conclave was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly Circus, on Tuesday, the 10th inst., when Bro. W. Hancock, S.W. 2191, was installed as S.R. Bro. J. B. Cumming had been re-elected Treas., and the S.R. appointed Bro. G. Reynolds, P.G.C., Sec. After some formal business the conclave was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

#### ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE WALTHAMSTOW LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 2192.

The annual supper of this prosperous and distinguished lodge—meeting under the warrant of the Highbury Lodge, No. 2192—was held at the Victoria Hall, Hoe-street, Walthamstow, on Monday, the 16th inst. A large number of the Craft assembled on the occasion to honour the popular Preceptor, Bro. Wm. Shurmur, I.P.M. 2374, who presided, supported by Bros. D. P. Holness, W.M., H. F. Bromhead, S.W., N. Fortescue, J.W., Archdeacon Dunbar, Chap., Jas. Speller, Treas., J. Pinder, P.M., Sec., G. J. Westfield, P.P.G.S.B., Asst. Sec., H. F. Inman-Hallows, P.M., J. Wilson, P.M., S. Smithers, P.M., F. Matthews, P.M., R. Kershaw, S.D., H. P. Allen, J.D., C. H. Bestow, I.G., J. Collett, J. Holland, M. Blicke, T. E. Pike, R. Perry, A. W. Orchard, G. W. Knight, P.M., J. Crossley, C. F. Barham, P.M., Percy Trickett, C. MacColla, J. Hall-Brown, P.M., J. King, J. W. Stacey, A. H. Wilson, and T. Maynard, of 2374; C. J. Cutchey, P.M. 1685; Harris, W.M. 1662; Geo. Graveley, P.M. 1662; S. Herbert, 2256; W. Bellingham, 2256; G. Rees, P.M. 781; E. Gray, C. Spurgeon, R. Jeremy, G. W. Fry, W. Cole, H. Groat, W. Goulding, J. Bird, J. Ives, P.M.; W. Smith, P.P.G.S.; W. W. Cook, F. Islip, B. Nicholson, and many others.

The hall was tastefully decorated with flags of all nations, artistically arranged by Bros. W. P. Allen, J. King, and J. Collett. Handsome palms, ferns, and flowers were kindly lent by Bro. W. J. Short.

After the supper, which was partaken of by over 100 brethren, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. Archdeacon DUNBAR proposed, in the most fluent and effective terms, the toast of "Success to the Walthamstow Lodge of Instruction and Masonic Benevolent Association."

Bro. WILLIAM SHURMUR, Preceptor, who was warmly received on rising to respond, said they were all deeply grateful to their respected Chaplain, Bro. Dr. Dunbar, for the eloquent and graceful terms in which he had proposed the toast, and to the brethren for their cordial reception of the same. The Walthamstow Lodge of Instruction comprised members from nearly 40 regular lodges, and there were several of them experienced Past Masters, such as Bros. James Pinder, C. J. Cutchey, and others, who were regarded in the Masonic world as expert instructors and expounders of the ancient landmarks, principles, and tenets of the Order. Preceptorially speaking, he was bound to say that he was more than pleased, he was proud, of the zeal, the skill, and ability evinced by so many of the junior members, who, by their assiduity, had gained the esteem and regard of their seniors, and were to be congratulated upon having entered upon that path which would undoubtedly lead them to Masonic honour and preferment. With regard to the Benevolent Association, that was the third that had been formed in connection with the Lodge of Instruction No. 2192, and their united donations to the central Masonic Charities would amount to nearly fifteen hundred guineas.

The toasts of "The Chairman," "The Vice-Chairman," "The Visitors," and "The Officers and Stewards" were proposed in most felicitous terms and were heartily responded to.

An excellent musical programme was exceedingly well carried out by Bros. T. H. Lloyd, H. M. Hind, H. Prenton, W. H. Finch, and C. Spurgeon, who also presided at the piano.

#### ANNIVERSARY BANQUET OF THE STOCKWELL LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1339.

The annual banquet of this lodge of instruction was held on Monday evening, the 16th inst., at the White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, City. A large number of the members and the following visitors were present: Bros. G. D. Stevenson, 2148; F. Alpe, 1445; H. Hulatt, 596; E. H. Rolfe, 1259 and 2147; A. T. Crofts, 1986; and G. C. Searle, 1572.

The banquet was presided over by Bro. F. Sydney Smyth, W.M. 1982. After a most sumptuous repast, provided by the host, Bro. G. Anderson, the WORSHIPFUL MASTER submitted "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," "The Pro. Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

These toasts having been duly honoured, Bro. SCOTT, rose to propose the toast of "The Worshipful Master." He said he had a most pleasant and easy task to perform. He (Bro. Scott) had had the pleasure of a long personal acquaintance and friendship of the W.M., Bro. Smyth, therefore he would sum up that toast in a very few words and say he was a "Jolly good fellow." He was known to nearly all the brethren present; his abilities as a W.M.,



were well known, for he had set them an example which they would all endeavour to emulate. He asked the brethren to be upstanding and drink with enthusiasm the good health, long life, and happiness, and every blessing to the W.M. of the Greenwood Lodge.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in acknowledging the toast, said that Bro. Scott had said it was an easy task for him to propose his health, but it was not such an easy task to reply to it. He was sure Bro. Scott had said more of his abilities as W.M. than he deserved. Most of the brethren present had occupied the chair of W.M. in that lodge of instruction, and had carried out the duties of that office in a highly satisfactory manner. He considered he knew the work of W.M., but at the same time was fully aware of the difficulties in carrying out those duties. If it were not for his professional duties he would attend a lodge of instruction every night in the week. He had learned almost all he knew of the ritual from the instruction afforded him by Bro. Moss, P.M., the groundwork having been obtained from Bro. Francis, P.M. He sincerely appreciated the honour the brethren had conferred upon him by placing him in the important position of W.M. that night, and he thanked the brethren exceedingly for their kindness to him.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER next gave "The Visitors," and said every lodge was always glad to receive visiting brethren, and the Stockwell Lodge of Instruction was not behind others in that respect. Doubtless some of the visitors had not had an opportunity of visiting the lodge and witnessing the way in which the ceremonies were carried out, but he could assure them that if ever they had an opportunity of attending they would be more than satisfied with the way in which the work was done.

The Visitors having replied, the WORSHIPFUL MASTER gave the toast of "The Preceptor, Bro. H. Moss, P.M.," and said it was a most pleasing duty for him to be able to propose that toast, for the high estimation he had for Bro. Moss, P.M., and he knew every brother would respond to it with acclamation. The lodge was founded some years ago, but Bro. Moss had not always been its Preceptor. In Bro. Moss they had a Preceptor of no mean Masonic knowledge. He had stood by the lodge through all its difficulties. The improvement in its number of members is very apparent; he had every reason to believe that the instruction given was of a very high character. Bro. Moss had his eye on the brethren in the various offices, and he took care that the working was not done in a perfunctory manner. He could not speak too highly of him, he was a most indefatigable Mason, always ready to help a brother in the lodge or out of it. The toast was received with enthusiasm.

Bro. Moss, P.M., in reply, thanked the brethren for their hearty approbation, and said he scarcely knew how to reply to the toast and for the very kind words which the W.M. had submitted to the brethren, but he did sincerely thank the brethren for the support they had given him. As the festive board was chiefly for enjoyment, he (Bro. Moss) would not trouble them with a lengthy speech. He said the lodge had passed through difficulties, but he was happy to say it was now in a very prosperous condition. He trusted the brethren would rally around him, and continue that support they had already extended to him.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER then submitted the toast of "The Treasurer, Secretary, and Assistant Secretary," and said they were singularly fortunate in possessing officers like those they had in their Treasurer, Secretary, and Assistant Secretary. In their Treasurer, Bro. Scott, P.M., they had a thorough man of business, and one who well looked after the duties of a Treasurer. In their Secretary, Bro. E. H. Minns, P.M., they had one who was also well up in his work, and one who had done a great deal for that lodge of instruction. The Assistant Secretary, Bro. T. H. Ellis, was to be especially thanked for the manner in which he carried out the duties during the absence, through illness, of the Secretary.

The Secretary, Bro. E. H. MINNS, I.P.M. 1982, in acknowledging the toast, congratulated the lodge on its numerical and financial position, and trusted the lodge would have an uninterrupted prosperity.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER next proposed the toast of "The Senior and Junior Wardens," which was duly responded to by Bros. BOSWELL, P.M., and STUBBS.

The Tyler's toast brought a most enjoyable evening to a close, the enjoyment of which was greatly enhanced by the singing of Bros. Croft, Searle, E. H. Minns, W. D. T. Turnpenny, Richardson, Alexander, and others.

#### PRESENTATION TO BRO. T. KNOWLES, P.M. 721.

Monday, the 9th inst., was a prominent day among our Chester brethren, not merely because the Jubilee birthday of H.R.H. the M.W.G.M., who is Earl of Chester, but also because on the day in question especial honour was done to one of its brightest and most useful members. Bro. Thomas Knowles is a Past Master of long standing in the Lodge of Independence, No. 721, to which he has rendered, and still renders, most important services. He is also a Past Prov. Asst. Grand Director of Ceremonies of Cheshire, and has given very material support to the Clarence Lodge—a lodge which also meets in the city of Chester, but is of later creation than No. 721. Thus it came about that on the 9th inst. Bro. Edward Rush, W.M.

of No. 721, at the regular meeting held on that day, and in the presence of about 60 members and visitors, presented, in the name and on behalf of the lodge, to Bro. Knowles a handsome marble and bronze time-piece, with bronze side ornaments to match, the time-piece bearing the following inscription: "Lodge of Independence, No. 721, Chester. Presented by the officers and members of the above lodge to Bro. Thos. Knowles, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., as a token of their esteem, and in recognition of the efficient and able discharge of the duties of Secretary of the lodge for upwards of six years. Edward Rush, W.M.; William Peers, S.W.; George F. Adams, J.W. Nov. 9, 1891." When the simple ceremony was ended, Bro. W. Finchett, I.P.M. and W.M. of the Clarence Lodge, presented him with a handsome Past Master's jewel, with the inscription: "To Brother Thomas Knowles, from W. H. Finchett, Thos. Litherland, and F. E. Cooper, as a mark of esteem, 1891," in recognition of the support they had received in the formation of the Clarence Lodge.

Bro. KNOWLES feelingly acknowledged the two presentations, and one of the most pleasant meetings terminated later in the evening amid more than the usual manifestations of pleasure.

#### EAST LANCASHIRE CHARITY COMMITTEE.

A special general meeting of the Charity Committee was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester, on Tuesday, the 17th instant. The business was to nominate a boy, Albert Edward Ashworth, aged 10½ years, to the Blair Perpetual Presentation, now vacant in the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Wood Green, London. The business commenced punctually at three o'clock, and was promptly brought forward by the Chairman, Bro. E. G. Harwood.

The nomination being accepted, Bro. LAMB expressed his thanks for the unanimous vote, and said he was sure the boy would reflect great credit upon the Province of East Lancashire, as he could speak by personal experience and knowledge of the boy. He was choir boy of the church he (Bro. Wm. Lamb) was organist of, and he assured all present he was the best boy in the choir.

There were present Bros. E. G. Harwood, Chairman; J. H. Sillitoe, Vice-Chairman; John Chadwick, Sec.; James Newton, Asst. Sec.; and the representatives of the following lodges: 37, 152, 163, 215, 219, 221, 226, 268, 269, 274, 277, 286, 288, 298, 300, 325, 344, 345, 346, 369, 467, 581, 815, 816, 852, 854, 934, 935, 993, 1011, 1012, 1030, 1055, 1077, 1134, 1170, 1147, 1392, 1458, 1519, 1633, 1634, 1723, 1868, 2320, and 2363.

#### Obituary.

##### BRO. G. H. HAYDON, P.A.G.D.C.

General regret will be felt at the death of Bro. G. H. Haydon, who obtained his first insight into our mysteries under the banner of the Union Lodge, No. 444, Starcross, Devonshire, as far back as the year 1851. Nine years later he joined the Old Union Lodge, No. 46, a Red Apron lodge, which he subsequently had the honour of representing as Grand Steward. In 1875 he assisted in founding the Lodge of Loyalty and Charity, No. 1584, and had acted as its Treasurer since 1882. He was exalted in the St. George's and Corner Stone Chapter, No. 5, in 1864, and twice filled the chair of M.E.Z., namely, in 1881 and 1884, and had served as Steward for and was a Life-Governor of the Girls' School. In 1889 his Royal Highness the M.W.G.M. was pleased to recognise his long and useful services to the Craft by appointing him A.G.D.C. of Grand Lodge, and 4th Grand Standard of Supreme Grand Chapter.

##### BRO. JOHN JAMES BERRY.

In the presence of about 200 brethren and much manifestations of grief, the remains of Bro. John James Berry, of Limehouse, were laid to rest in the City of London and Tower Hamlet Cemetery, at Bow, on Saturday last. The Rev. E. Bray, Rector of Shadwell, officiated, our late brother having been one of the best known and most deservedly respected men at this part of the east of London, having served the office of churchwarden of the parish of St. Paul, Shadwell, and being a member for some years of the local boards of the district. He was indeed characterised by a modesty and manliness which won for him a wide-spread respect and admiration. His record as a Freemason is not an unworthy one. He was initiated in the Yarborough Lodge, No. 554, in July, 1867, and installed W.M. in 1876. He was exalted in the Yarborough Chapter, No. 554, in November, 1869, and was First Principal in 1879. He joined the Burdett-Coutts Lodge, No. 1278, in September, 1875, and installed W.M. in 1884. He joined the Doric Chapter, Chapter, No. 933, in 1872, and was installed Z. in 1885, and was at the time of his death Treasurer of Yarborough Lodge and Chapter and the Doric Chapter. He was also a Life-Governor of the Girls' School, and had served two Stewardships; a Life-Governor of the Boys' School, and served three Stewardships, and a Vice-President of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, for which he had served six Stewardships. He had also acted for several years as one of the Auditors of the last named Institution.

He was a regular attendant at the different Boards of Management of the three Institutions, and his last

appearance was at the monthly meeting of the Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution on the 11th inst., upon which occasion he supported the claim of a widow who had petitioned the Committee to be placed on the list of candidates for next election, so that perhaps the last Masonic act of his life was one of mercy and Charity, and it may be said of him that he lived respected and died regretted. At his funeral the Yarborough Lodge was represented by Bros. J. G. Stevens, T. J. Barnes, Verry, Cotter, Hood, Anderson, Etheridge, T. S. Taylor, J. Taylor, Hawes, Murren, Peacock, Reed, A. Wood, and C. Warman. Amongst the other brethren we noticed Bros. Aytton, Boulton, Brittain, Birch, Breden, Cundick, Calver, H. W. Clarke, Claridge, Crutch, Graveley, Harvey, Hubbert, Hallett, G. Jones, Lacey, McNish, Musto, Myers, Myerscough, Miller, Martin, Moore, Mountford, J. Newton, Norton, Perkins, Page, Robinson, Reeves, J. S. Starnes, T. Starnes, Stewart, Stichling, T. G. Scott, Swetman, Trew, Taplay, Twinn, Wainwright, West, C. J. Webb, and Wakefield, who deposited a sprig of acacia on the coffin. There were many beautiful wreaths and immortelles sent by the Yarborough Lodge and Chapter, the Burdett-Coutts Lodge, the directors of the Positive Building Society, and by brethren and friends.

##### BRO. H. MILLER.

We deeply regret to announce the decease of Bro. H. Miller, which took place on the 4th inst. after only a short illness. For many years and up to the time of his death he has been with Messrs. Robins and Co., Egyptian shippers, of Princess-street, Manchester. He was well known in musical circles in and around Manchester. He was a member and P.M. of the Cope Lodge, No. 1357, held at Brooklands, where he resided. He was P.P.G. Organist Cheshire, also a member of the Caledonian Chapter, No. 204, where he was held in the highest esteem by all the companions. He was also P.P.G. Organist in the Province of East Lancashire. For many years he had sung alto in the choir of St. John's Church, Brooklands. Some years ago he was offered a post in the Chapel Royal, Windsor. He sang in most of the Shakespearean revivals during Charles Calvert's reign at the Prince's Theatre, Manchester. He was a thorough musician and played several instruments. His loss will be keenly felt in the various societies with which he was connected. He leaves a widow and two sons and two daughters. He was interred at Brookland cemetery on Saturday, the 21st inst. A musical ceremony was held in St. John's Church at 3.15, at which a large number of brethren and companions were present.

#### The Craft Abroad.

##### MALTA.

**Leinster Lodge (I.C.)**—A meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 10th inst., when the election of officers took place. Bro. Walter Penning, Senior Warden, was elected W.M. for the ensuing year; Bros. Tinnock, S.W.; Duckett, J.W.; Shrapnell, S.D.; MacDonald, J.W.; Smith, I.G.; and Lucas, Tyler. Bro. W. E. Cook, P.M., was unanimously re-elected Secretary. The installation will be performed by Bro. Hamilton Sharpe, W.M., on St. John's Day.

**HYGIENIC CLOTHING.**—A few years ago it appeared to be proved to a demonstration that the only truly Hygienic Clothing must be manufactured of woollen fabrics, and that cotton was unsuitable either for hot or cold weather, but it now seems that it is not so much a question of material as of the mode of manufacture, and a series of experiments which have been carried out by the Cellular Clothing Company clearly proves that there is practically no difference in the two fabrics as far as warmth is concerned, but that for many reasons cotton is preferable. The advantages of the Cellular Clothing may be briefly summarised. It retains the warmth of the body and admits of the free evaporation of the perspiration, being like the skin, porous. It is warm in winter and cold in summer. Its peculiar construction admits of the little cells of which it is formed being warmed by the warmth of the body, so that the whole of the surface of the body is clothed with warm air. It is not always that a scientific theory of this kind works out perfectly in practice, but we have before writing put it to a practical test, and can vouch as well for the practice as the theory. For evening dress, which is often subjected to sudden variations of temperature, nothing could be more suitable, and we have no hesitation in recommending our readers at least to procure the pamphlet published by the Cellular Clothing Company descriptive of their manufactures.

**BAKER BROTHERS (LIMITED).**—At the recent second annual general meeting of the Company of Baker Brothers (Limited), at which Bro. Major W. H. Baker presided, the report of the directors recommended a dividend of 10 per cent. This discloses a very prosperous condition of affairs, notwithstanding that the company has had to meet an increased expenditure caused by the higher duty on spirits, the greater cost of gas, and the higher rating at which their various premises have been assessed. Moreover, when the Horse Shoe Tavern, Tottenham Court-road, was taken over by the company in December it was found necessary to incur a large outlay for alterations and repairs, the tavern having been allowed to get very much out of repair. The report was adopted unanimously, and a vote of thanks passed to the Chairman and directors for their services and the able manner in which they had administered the affairs of the company.

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# MASONIC MEETINGS (Metropolitan)

For the week ending Saturday, December 5, 1891.

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

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28.

### CRAFT LODGES.

1884, Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge.  
1679, Henry Muggerside, Anderton's Hotel.  
1706, Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant.

### LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.  
Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King-st., Hammersmith, at 7.30.  
Duke of Connaught, Navarino Tavern, Navarino-road, Dalston, at 8.

Reclenton, Bro. Dickie's, 13, Cambridge-street, Pimlico, at 7.  
Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, at 8.  
King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.  
Manchester, Old King's Arms, Poland-st., W., at 8.  
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.  
Star, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, S.E., at 7.  
Vitruvian, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto-road, St. Katherine's-park, Hatcham, S.E., at 7.30.  
Urban, Freemasons' Hall.

Mount Sinai Chapter, Red Lion Ho., 14, King-st., Regent-st., W., 8.

### ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

176, Caveac, Albion Tavern.  
1185, Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green.

### ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS.

2, Constantine, Mark Masons' Hall.

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30.

House Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at Croydon, at 3 p.m.

### CRAFT LODGES.

79, Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich.  
1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-square.  
1745, Farrington Without, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.

### LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Blackheath, Milkwood Tavern, Milkwood-road, Herne Hill, at 8.  
Coborn, Eagle Hotel, Snaresbrook, at 8.  
Cripplegate, Goldsmiths' Arms, Gutter-lane, at 6.30.  
Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Atlantic-road, Brixton, at 8.  
Eleanor, Rose and Crown, High Cross, Tottenham, at 8.  
Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terr., Bishop's-rd., Paddington, at 8.  
Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.  
Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30.  
Marquess of Ripon, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8.  
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.  
Perseverance, Ye Old Cheshire Cheese, 23, Adde-street, Wood-street, E.C., at 7.  
Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 302, Whitechapel-road, at 7.  
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30.  
Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, 8 till 10.  
St. Ambrose, Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwards-square, Kensington, at 8.  
St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance), at 8.  
St. Luke's, Somerset Arms, 214, Fulham-road, at 8.  
St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.  
Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, at 8.  
Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 6.  
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, 7.30.  
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Church-rd., Upper Norwood, 8.  
Upton, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E., at 8.  
Waltham ow, Bridge Chambers, Hoe-street Railway Station, Walthamstow, at 8.  
Wellington, White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, 8 to 10.  
West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30.  
Zetland, York and Albany, Park-street, Regent's Park, at 8.  
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 6.  
Hope Chapter, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 8.  
Israel Chapter, Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road, W.C.  
North London Chapter, Grosvenor Hotel, Canonbury, at 7.30.

### ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

188, Joppa, Guildhall Tavern.  
1201, Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall.

### MARK LODGE.

Grand Stewards', Mark Masons' Hall.

### KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

127, Bard of Avon and Drury Lane, 33, Golden-square.

### ORDER OF THE SECRET MONITOR.

8, Cleve Fast, Holborn Restaurant.  
20, Penrose Dunbar, Black Horse Hotel, Tower Hill.

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1.

### GRAND MARK LODGE.

Colonial Board, at 4.

### CRAFT LODGES.

9, Albion, Freemasons' Hall.  
16, Old Dundee, Cannon-street Hotel.  
101, Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
172, Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall.  
217, Stability, Anderton's Hotel.  
765, St. James's, Bridge House Hotel.  
1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, 33, Golden-square.  
1257, Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall.  
1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope, Commercial-rd., E.  
1261, Golden Rule, Cafe Royal.  
1381, Kennington, Horns Tavern.  
1397, Anerley, Clarence Hall, Anerley-road, Anerley.  
1472, Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich.  
1693, Kingsland, Cock Tavern.  
2032, Richmond, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.  
2123, United Northern Counties, Inns of Court Hotel.  
2150, Tivoli, Tivoli Restaurant.  
2190, Savage Club, Freemasons' Hall.  
2395, Holborn, Holborn Restaurant.

### LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., at 8.  
Capper, Railway Tavern, Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.  
Clarendon, Guildhall Tavern.  
Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, at 7.  
Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-street, Borough, at 8.  
Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.  
Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Corner of Queen's-road and Middleton-road, Dalston, E., at 8.  
Derby Allcroft, Midland Grand Hotel.  
Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.  
Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, at 7.  
East Surrey Lodge of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 8.  
Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.  
Emblematic, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.  
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-road, Rotherhithe.  
Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, at 8.  
Fidelity, The Goose and Gridiron, London House Yard, St. Paul's Churchyard, E.C., at 7.  
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, at 7.30.  
Friars, The White Horse, 94, White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., E., at 7.30.

Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.  
Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30.  
Kensington, Scarsdale Arms, Edwards-square, Kensington, 8.  
Mount Edgumbe, Crown Tavern, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8.  
Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8.  
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8.  
Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues.  
Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, at 8.

Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.  
Robert Burns, The Old King's Arms, 23, Poland-street, W.  
South Middlesex, Beaumont House, Waltham Green, S.W., at 7.30.  
Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New-road, at 8.  
St. George's, Public Hall, New Cross, at 8.  
Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma-road, S.W., at 8.  
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.  
Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.  
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, at 6.30.

### ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

169, Temperance, White Swan, Deptford.

### MARK LODGE.

355, Royal Savoy, Criterion.

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2.

GRAND LODGE, at 6 for 7.

### CRAFT LODGES.

511, Zetland, Anderton's Hotel.  
1585, Royal Commemoration, White Lion Hotel, Putney.  
1766, St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch.

### LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.  
Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, at 8.  
Burgoyne, Essex Head, Essex-street, Strand, 6 to 8.  
Confidence, Deacon's Tavern, 3, Walbrook, at 7.  
Crays Valley, National Schoolroom, St. Mary Cray, 8.  
Doric, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, at 8.  
Duke of Albany, Masons' Arms, 169, Battersea-park-road, at 8.  
Earl of Lathom, Joiner's Arms, Denmark Hill, S.E., at 8.  
Gburry, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham Common, at 8.  
Fidelity, The Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury, N., at 8.  
Guelph, Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone-road, E., at 8.  
Hendon, Lower Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8.15.  
Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford, at 8.  
La Tolerance, Portland Arms, Great Portland-street, W., at 8.  
Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8.  
London Scottish Rifles, Albert Hotel, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.30.  
Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse, 7.30.  
Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High-street, Boro', at 7.30.  
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.  
Panmure, Baham Hotel, Baham, at 7.  
Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516, Old Kent-road, at 8.1.  
Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley, at 7.45.  
Prosperity, City Arms Tavern, 2, St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7.  
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8.  
Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rushey Green, Cufford, at 8.  
Royal Jubilee, The Crown, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8.  
Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8.  
St. Leonard, Pr. of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-road, Victoria Park, 8.  
Stanhope, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Putney, at 8.  
Temperance in the East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30.  
United Mariners, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto-road, Nunhead.  
United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Regent's-pk., at 8.  
Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W.  
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8.  
Andrew Chapter, Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street West, Hammersmith.  
Domestic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8.

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3.

### CRAFT LODGES.

10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.  
27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel.  
45, Strong Man, Guildhall Tavern.  
192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel.  
247, Ionic, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
251, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall.  
538, La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall.  
554, Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
822, Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall.  
1178, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel.  
1351, St. Clement Dances, The Courts Restaurant, Strand.  
1361, United Service, Cafe Royal.  
1435, Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington.  
1672, M. rnington, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.  
1707, Eleanor, Great Eastern Hotel.  
1772, Pimlico, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Westminster.  
1790, Old England, Masonic Hall, Thornton Heath.  
2271, St. Pancras, Midland Grand Hotel.  
2291, West Ham Abbey, Town Hall, Stratford.  
2411, Clarence and Avondale, Red Lion Hotel, Leytonstone.

### LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Burdett-Cotts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.  
Clarence, 14, Fitzroy-square, at 7.30.  
Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.  
Creation, Wheatheaf Hot., Goldhawk-rd., Shepherd's Bush, W., 8.  
Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, 9.  
Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern (opposite Limehouse Church, E.), at 7.  
Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham.  
High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8.  
Higgate, Falkland Arms, Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.  
Hornsey, Lewisham Masonic Rooms, adjoining White Hart Hotel, 116, High-street, Lewisham, S.E., at 6.  
Ivy, Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.  
Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, 8 to 10.  
Langton, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 5.30.  
Leopold, City Arms Restaurant, St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7.  
Montmore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.  
Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House, London Bridge, at 7.  
Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte-st., Fitzroy-square, W., at 8.  
Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch Lane, at 7.30.  
Rose, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.  
Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.  
Sir Hugh Myddelton, Star and Garter, Upper-st., Islington, at 8.  
Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-street, Kennington.  
Strong Man, Tiptree Restaurant, Whittington-avenue, Leadenhall-street, at 6.30.  
The Great City, M.H., Masons'-avenue, E.C., at 6.30.  
Tredgar, Wellington Arms, Wellington-road, Bow-road, at 7.30.  
Union Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich.  
Victoria Park, George Tavern, Broadway, Stratford, at 7.30.  
Chaucer Chapter, George Hotel, High-street, Borough, S.E., at 8.  
Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8.  
Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida-vale, at 7.30.

### ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

2, St. James's, Freemasons' Hall.  
174, Sincerity, London Tavern.  
1381, Kennington, Horns Tavern.

### MARK LODGE.

197, Studholme, 33, Golden-square.

### ORDER OF THE SECRET MONITOR.

11, George Andrews, White Swan, Deptford.

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4.

Board of Management R.M.I.B., at the Institution, Wood Green, at 3.30.

### CRAFT LODGES.

706, Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, Woolwich.  
890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel.  
1275, Star, Ship Tavern, Greenwich.  
1489, Marquess of Ripon, Cock Tavern.  
1627, Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall.  
1815, Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley.

### LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Albion, The Mitre, 125, Chancery-lane, at 7.  
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.  
Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, at 8.  
Clapton, Navarino Tavern, Navarino-road, Dalston, at 8.  
Earl of Carnarvon, Kensington Park Hotel, Lancaster-road, Notting-hill, W., at 8.  
Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.  
Euphrates, Green Man, Mansell-street, Whitechapel, E., at 8.  
Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8.  
Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, High-street, Wood Green, at 7.30.  
Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8.  
Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7.  
Queen's Westminster, The Criterion, Piccadilly, W., at 8.  
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8.  
Royal Standard, Builders' Arms, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, N.  
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.  
Selwyn, Montpelier Tavern, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8.  
Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, at 6.  
St. George's, Globe Tavern, Greenwich, at 8.  
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8.  
St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8.  
Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8.  
The Abbey, The Town Hall, Westminster, 7 till 9.  
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.  
Westbourne, Swiss Cottage Tavern, St. John's Wood, N.W., 8.  
Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, E., at 8.  
Hornsey Chapter, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terr., Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., at 8.  
Lily of Richmond Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, at 8.  
Pythagorean Chapter, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8.  
Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, at 7.  
Strawberry Hill Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, S.W.

### ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

8, British, Freemasons' Hall.

259, Prince of Wales's, Hotel Metropole.

### MARK LODGE.

8, Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern.

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5.

Council Boys' School at Freemasons' Hall, at 3.

### CRAFT LODGES.

142, St. Thomas's, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tavern.  
1622, Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
1949, Brixton, Horns Tavern.

### ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

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

# MASONIC MEETINGS (Provincial)

For the week ending Saturday, December 5, 1891.

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

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30.

CRAFT LODGES.	Tenby ... .. 1177	Penarth ... .. 1754
Manchester ... 62	Micklehurst ... 1218	MARK LODGES.
Warrington ... 143	Pontypool ... 1258	Oxford ... .. 55
Kidderminster ... 377	Buxton ... 1688	Preston ... .. 143
Callington ... 557	R.A. CHAPTERS.	Lancaster ... 140
Eastbourne ... 1110	Todmorden ... 219	Reading ... .. 235
	Carlisle ... .. 310	

### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Birmingham ... 74	Ventnor ... .. 551	Alford ... .. 1600
Chatham ... .. 184	Workington ... 902	Bromley ... .. 1992
Norwich ... .. 213	Saltash ... .. 1071	Landport ... .. 1770
Liverpool ... .. 292	Ramsgate ... .. 1209	Walton-on-the-Naze ... 1799
Bradford ... .. 302	Mossley ... .. 1218	East Retford ... 1802
Brighton ... .. 315	Carlton Hill ... 1221	Snaresbrook ... 1804
Penbroke Dock ... 378	Sutton ... .. 1347	Hull ... .. 2134
Huddersfield ... 521	Canterbury ... 1449	

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1.

CRAFT LODGES.		Stroud ... .. 702	South Shields.. 1970
Nottingham ... 47	Bridlington ... 734	Manchester ... 1993	
Norwich ... .. 52	Sutton Coldfield ... 794	Stratford-on-	
Hereford ... .. 120	Havat ... .. 843	Avon ... .. 2133	
Durham ... .. 124	Honiton ... .. 847	Southport... .. 2295	
Margate ... .. 127	Cambridge ... .. 859	R.A. CHAPTERS,	
Sheerness ... .. 158	Linslade ... .. 948	Liverpool ... .. 203	
Littlecore' ... 226	Cardiff ... .. 900	Lincoln ... .. 297	
Dudley ... .. 252	Penryn ... .. 907	Hayle ... .. 450	
Keighley ... .. 205	Bradford ... .. 974	Birkenhead ... 477	
Beverley ... .. 294	Ulverston ... .. 995	Chersterfield ... 081	
Brighton ... .. 315	Cockermouth... 1002	Gosp rt ... .. 903	
Oxford ... .. 340	Aberystwith ... 1072	Birmingham ... 1031	
Neath ... .. 394	Salford ... .. 1134	York ... .. 1611	
Berwick ... .. 393	Manchester ... 1101	MARK LODGES.	
Soutn Molton... 421	Ilminster... .. 1197	Hanley ... .. 45	
Monmouth ... .. 457	Weston-super-	Carlisle ... .. 00	
Glou.ester ... 493	Mare.. ... 1222	Old Brompton . 69	
Liskeard ... .. 510	Brigg... .. 1282	Truro... .. 78	
Folkestone ... 558	Wrexham... .. 1336	Leeds ... .. 111	
Liverpool ... .. 073	Amhwch ... .. 1458	Liverpool ... .. 161	
Newcastle-on-	Southampton ... 1730	Anlwich ... .. 360	
Tyne... .. 685	Padstow ... .. 1785	Ringwood ... .. 381	
	Bullh ... .. 1807		

### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Darlington ... 111	St. Austell ... .. 496	Jarrow ... .. 1119
Whitehaven ... 119	Aylesbury ... .. 591	Edmonton ... 1237
Weymouth ... 170	Cleckheaton ... 603	Workington ... 1400
Jersey ... .. 244	Lee ... .. 704	Newquay ... .. 1538
Batley ... .. 204	Crewkerne ... .. 814	Huddersfield ... 1787
Lewes ... .. 311	Wotton-under-Edge ... 855	Buckingham ... 1787
Maryport ... .. 371	Stockton ... .. 949	Beckenham ... 2100
Broadstairs ... 429	Willington Quay ... 991	
Halifax ... .. 448		

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2.

CRAFT LODGES.	Lr. Broughton ... 992	West Hartlepool ... 1862
Birmingham ... 74	Jersey ... .. 1003	Liverpool ... .. 2041
Sidmouth ... .. 104	Douglas ... .. 1004	Neison ... .. 2193
Leicester ... .. 279	Hull ... .. 1010	Longbridge Wells ... 2200
Tavistock ... .. 224	Liverpool ... .. 1013	Lough Eaton ... 2224
Gt. Underbank ... 287	West Malling ... 1003	Bicester ... .. 2334
Rochdale ... .. 298	Derby ... .. 1085	Alverley Edge ... 2308
Bristol ... .. 340	Sanawich ... .. 1200	R.A. CHAPTERS.
Wigton ... .. 327	Chester-le-Street ... 1274	Barnstaple ... .. 251
Newcastle ... 400	Swansea ... .. 1343	Preston ... .. 333
Ramsgate ... .. 429	Atherstone ... 1333	Cuthbert ... .. 309
Newport, Mon. ... 471	Wigan ... .. 1335	Liverpool ... .. 1350
London ... .. 011	Leigh ... .. 1354	MARK LODGES.
Fife ... .. 043	Woolston ... .. 1401	Todmorden ... .. 36
Manchester ... 045	Worminster ... 1478	Ivybridge ... .. 100
Keasley ... .. 078	Fortmadoc ... .. 1509	Workington ... 282
Boston ... .. 038	Carlisle ... .. 1532	Great Driffield ... 291
Bungay ... .. 049	Frizington ... .. 1600	Seaton ... .. 374
East Loos ... .. 070		

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We have much pleasure in announcing that the rank of Intendant-General Unattached in the Order of Rome and the Red Cross of Constantine has been conferred upon Bro. W. F. Lamony, in recognition of his services to the Order, "especially in the District of Victoria, Australia."

A convocation of the Grand Council of the Order of the Secret Monitor will be held at Mark Masons' Hall on Friday, Dec. 18th.

A performance of Robertson's play of "Caste" and "Locked Out" will be given in St. George's Hall on Thursday next, the 3rd prox., in aid of the Jewish Penny Dinners Fund.

The Earl and Countess of Iddesleigh and the Ladies Northcote have gone to St. Andrews for a few weeks for change of air, on account of Lord Iddesleigh, who has not been well lately.

Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P. (First Lord of the Admiralty), returned to his official residence in Whitehall, on Monday, from a visit to the Duchess Dowager of Abercorn, at Coates, Sussex.

On Tuesday last Bro. Aubrey M. Ohren (younger son of Bro. Magnus Ohren, P.A.G.D.C.) was installed as W.M. of the Frederick Lodge of Unity, No. 452, Province of Surrey, in succession to Bro. David W. Sugg.

A concert was given at the Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington, on Sunday afternoon. A very excellent programme was provided, and the audience, which was very numerous, were much gratified by the manner in which it was carried out.

Lord Rothschild formally re-opened the spacious premises in Great Alie-street, Aldgate, as the Jewish Working Men's Club and Lads' Institute, on Tuesday evening. There was a large attendance, including the Chief Rabbi, and much enthusiasm.

On Saturday last the Lady Mayoress, who was accompanied by Bro. Lord Mayor Evans, Bros. Sheriffs Tyler and Foster, and attended by the Sword and Mace Bearers and the City Marshal, distributed the prizes to the successful members of the London Rifle Brigade at the Crystal Palace.

King Humbert, accompanied by the Ministers of Marine, War, and Agriculture, reviewed the Italian squadron, consisting of 14 ships of war, lying in the roads at Palermo, on Saturday last, his Majesty being heartily greeted by the people both on starting for and returning from the review.

Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein and her daughter, Princess Victoria, took part in a concert given by the Windsor and Eton Madrigal Society on the 19th inst. Her Royal Highness and her daughter sang in the madrigals and the former played a "Reverie" and a minuet on the piano. Bro. Walter Parratt, Past Grand Organist, of St. George's Chapel, conducted.

The Princess Louise (Marchioness of Lorne) attended the Sydenham High School on Saturday last for the purpose of presenting the prizes to the successful pupils and opening the new hall. Lord Aberdare presided, and among those present were the Marquis of Lorne, Lady Frederick Cavendish, and Bro. Alderman Sir James Whitehead, Bart., and Lady Whitehead.

Bro. Lord Mayor David Evans has been invited by the Executive Committee of the Musical and Dramatic Exhibition, which will be held next year in Vienna, to act as President of the Industrial Section of the British Department. His lordship has gathered together a good working committee of men learned in the musical and dramatic arts, and the first meeting at the Mansion House on Monday passed off very satisfactorily.

The latest reports as to the condition of Prince George of Wales are undoubtedly favourable. On Tuesday there was an increase of the febrile disturbance, but in the afternoon the abatement of the unfavourable symptoms was so decided that the Prince of Wales left Marlborough House for Luton Hoo, to pay a long promised visit to M. and Madame de Falbe. The Princess of Wales continues, however, to take an active part in nursing her son.

Mr. M. A. Holbein, the amateur cyclist, last week accomplished the feat of breaking the record of 336 miles in 24 hours. He commenced his task on Wednesday at midnight, and riding almost continuously with only a few short intervals, succeeded in covering the distance of 361 miles 146 yards. What greatly enhances the feat is that the weather for the first 12 hours was very unfavourable, while Mr. Holbein himself still felt the effects of the injuries he had received a short time previously through being ran into.

An attempt at burglary was made the other day at Bro. Lord Henniker's town residence in Grafton-street. When the housemaid came down in the morning she found that the back door had been broken open and a man's coat was lying on the ground. A policeman was at once called, and on searching the premises a man named John Coyle was found concealed in the pantry with a number of articles gathered about him ready for removal. He was taken to the Marlborough-street Police Court, and in due course committed for trial.

The deepest regret is felt in Paris and here at the sudden death on Tuesday afternoon of the Earl of Lytton, her Majesty's Ambassador to the French Republic. The sad event occurred at the Embassy, and was caused by a spasm of the heart. His Excellency had been out of health for some time, but he had made such progress towards convalescence as to be able, though confined to his bed, to occupy himself with the affairs of the embassy. The deceased peer had just completed his 60th year, having been born on the 8th November, 1831, and was as distinguished in literature as in diplomacy. He had held his present post, in which he succeeded the late Lord Lyons, only four years, and had previously served as Governor-General of India for a like period. He is succeeded in the title and estates by his eldest son, Viscount Knebworth, who was born at Simla in 1876.

We are asked to announce that the annual supper of the Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65, will take place on Wednesday, the 2nd prox., at 7 p.m.

On Friday, the 20th inst., Bro. John L. Smith was installed into the chair of the Albert Victor Lodge, No. 1773, Pendleton, in the presence of a large gathering of brethren.

We are very pleased to learn that the members of the Gavel Club have arranged to give a concert at the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Wood Green, on Dec. 8th.

Bro. Sir H. Drummond Wolff, lately H.M.'s Minister to the Shah of Persia, returned to town from Balmoral last week, and has since left England to take up his post at Bucharest as Minister to King Charles of Roumania.

Lord and Lady Willoughby de Eresby arrived on Wednesday at their seat, Normanton Hall, Rutland, where they will entertain a large number of distinguished guests, including the Duke and Duchess of Teck.

At the quarterly meeting of the Manchester Conservative Association held on the 23rd inst. at the Conservative Club, Cross-street, Bro. Alderman Steven Chesters Thompson was unanimously elected Chairman of the Association, in succession to the late Sir Thomas Sowler.

Bro. John Taylor, the proprietor of the *Essex Weekly News* and several other papers, has been unanimously elected Mayor—the fourth Mayor—of the Borough of Chelmsford. Bro. Taylor was the pioneer of penny papers in Essex, and is a member of the Committee of the Newspaper Society.

The Committee of the National Society have voted £150 as a grant to the building fund of the new schools at Heaton Chapel, on the application of Bro. the Rev. John Henn, supported by the P.G.M. of Cheshire, Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton, on condition of their customary clauses being inserted in the trust deed of the school.

Lord Coleridge and the Benchers of the Middle Temple entertained a number of distinguished guests at dinner in their hall on the 19th instant, the occasion being "Grand Night" of Michaelmas Term. Among those present were Prince Christian, the Duke of Teck, the Marquis of Salisbury, Viscount Barrington, Lord Aberdare, and others.

Bro. J. de Bels Adam, the Prov. S.G.W. of West Lancashire, has just been inducted into office as Mayor of Liverpool. Bro. Adam is a prominent member of our Order and an active supporter of our Institutions. He has also taken a leading part in the municipal affairs. We congratulate him on his election to so important an office.

The Duke of Connaught presided at a meeting of the Aldershot Military Society on Tuesday evening, when Admiral Colomb read an important paper on "Combined Naval and Military Operations." The Duke expressed his belief that it would be an excellent thing both for the Army and Navy if opportunities were afforded the two services for disembarking troops at points like Portsmouth, Plymouth, Chatham, and other places.

Bro. Lord Mayor Evans, in the unavoidable absence of the Duke of Westminster, occupied the chair at the meeting of clergy and laity, held at Sion College, on the Victoria Embankment, on the 20th inst., when the Bishop of London was presented with a beautiful pastoral staff, designed by Sir A. Blomfield, A.R.A. Among those present were Bros. Sheriffs Alderman Tyler and Foster, Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., M.P., and Mrs. Temple, wife of the Bishop.

The marriage of Lady Sarah Spencer-Churchill, youngest daughter of the late Bro. the Duke of Marlborough and sister of Bro. Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., with Mr. Gordon C. Wilson, of the Royal Horse Guards, eldest son of Samuel and Lady Wilson, of Hughenden Manor, Bucks, and Grosvenor-square, was solemnised in St. George's, Hanover-square, on Saturday last. Among those present were the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Cambridge. The ceremony was performed by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Lady Ebury died at her husband's town residence, 35, Park-street, Grosvenor-square, on Saturday last, in her 84th year, having been born in 1808. She married Lord Robert Grosvenor, born in 1801, who in 1857 was created Baron Ebury, and is the present father of the House of Lords, being rather more than a year older than Earl Grey, born in 1803. He is the sole surviving uncle of the Duke of Westminster, and the death of her ladyship will place a number of distinguished families in mourning.

There will be great doings in Denver, Colorado, in the months of July and August of next year, when the Mary Commandery of Knights Templar, No. 36 on the roll of the Grand Conclave of Pennsylvania, will make a pilgrimage to the Denver Conclave in connection with the meeting of the Grand Encampment of the United States. The arrangements are of a most excellent character and moderate, and we doubt not the Mary Commandery will thoroughly enjoy its 33 days' pilgrimage.

At the last meeting of the Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017, Bro. S. V. Abraham, P.M., Treas., Assist. G. Purst. England, was presented by the members with a full suit of Grand Lodge clothing and the jewel of his office as a mark of the esteem in which he is held, and in recognition of the honour conferred upon him and the lodge by his appointment to Grand Office. Bro. Abraham acknowledged the gift in suitable terms, and in his turn presented the lodge with a new and beautifully embroidered banner.

Sir R. H. Collins, K.C.B., has officially notified Messrs. John Brinsmead and Sons, 18, Wigmore-street, that the Duchess of Albany never grants formal warrants, but they are welcome to state that they are under the patronage of her Royal Highness. Messrs. Brinsmead have, in addition, special appointments to several European Courts, and also that of pianoforte makers to her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, under warrant dated February 20th, 1889, and the Brinsmead pianofortes have been supplied to her Majesty the Queen at Balmoral.

The grand benefit at the Royal Aquarium in aid of the Gordon Boys' Home, which was originally intended to be held on Thursday only, will be extended, in consequence of the number of artists who have proffered their services, and will be held to-day (Friday) and to-morrow (Saturday) as well. The benefit is under the patronage of the Duke of Connaught. The entertainments will be continuous each day from 10 a.m. to 11.30 p.m., and the bands of the Royal Engineers, the Grenadier Guards, and the Duke of York's School will take part in the proceedings.

Miss Annie E. E. Smith, daughter of the Rev. S. J. Smith, of Enfield, has been awarded the honorary testimonial on vellum of the Royal Humane Society for saving the life of Mr. Alexander Pope from drowning off Dymchurch, near Folkestone, on September 21st last.

Her Majesty has forwarded a portrait of herself to the Morley House Seaside Convalescent Home for Working Men, at St. Margaret's Bay, Dover, which is to be hung in the day-room of the new wing. To the Extension Fund a friend has promised £1000.

The movement to raise a memorial to the late Right Hon. W. H. Smith, M.P., First Lord of the Treasury, is being very warmly taken up, not only by his colleagues, including the Marquis of Salisbury and Mr. Balfour, but also by people of every shade of political opinion.

The remains of Prince Louis Lucien Buonaparte, son of Lucien Buonaparte, Prince of Cassino, brother of the first Napoleon, were interred in the Roman Catholic Cemetery, Kensal Green, on the 20th instant. Among those present at the mournful ceremony were Prince Louis Lucien Buonaparte and the Earl of Romney, representing the Queen.

The Worshipful Company of Loriners gave a grand banquet at Stationers' Hall, on Friday, the 20th instant, the guests being invited expressly to meet the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs. His lordship was prevented by domestic bereavement from attending, but Bros. Sheriffs Foster and Alderman Tyler were present.

The remains of the late Bishop of Carlisle will be interred at Crosthwaite, Keswick, to-morrow (Saturday) in the burial ground where lies the remains of his second son. Simultaneously with the funeral service there will be held a memorial service at Carlisle Cathedral.

Lady Knutsford, as President of the Hampstead branch of the Children's Happy Evening's Association, presided at a gathering of children at the Haverstock Hill Board Schools on the 19th inst., and assisted in promoting for them a very pleasant evening.

Bro. Sir Augustus Harris has it in contemplation to give a Children's Ball at the Theatre Royal, Covent Garden, some time during Christmastide, one of the chief attractions of which will be a grand Christmas-tree laden with presents for the little guests.

An evening concert in aid of the London Throat Hospital will be given, by the kind permission of Mrs. Woakes, at 78, Harley-street, W., on Monday next, the 30th instant. The musical arrangements are in charge of Bro. W. Ganz, and several well-known artistes have promised to give their services.

The Queen, accompanied by the Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg and their children, left Balmoral for Windsor Castle on the afternoon of Friday, the 20th inst., and reached their destination safely the following morning. The Court will remain at Windsor till shortly before Christmas, when it will move to Osborne.

The 15th annual show of Christmas fat cattle was opened at the Agricultural Hall, Norwich, and is pronounced to have been one of the best held in the county. The Queen won the championship prize for the best beast in the yard with a Devon bred at Windsor, while the Prince of Wales took a first, second, and reserve with stock bred at Sandringham, and also exhibited the best pen of sheep.

The Princess of Wales and her daughters, the Princesses Victoria and Maud, arrived at Charing Cross Station from Livadia on Sunday morning, and were met on their arrival by the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Clarence and Avondale. They drove to Marlborough House, and her Royal Highness at once saw Prince George, who, it is satisfactory to hear, bore the interview well.

Bro. James Stevens will deliver his lecture on the Ritual and Ceremonial of the Symbolic Degrees in Freemasonry this (Friday) evening in the Annesley Lodge, No. 1435, Bro. H. Kiduier, W.M., at the Masonic Hall, Nottingham. A strong contingent of brethren from the sister lodges in that town is expected to attend. Bro. Stevens is engaged to visit the Peace and Harmony Lodge, No. 199, at Dover, for a second time, and for a like purpose, on the 7th prox.

At a ball held at Adelaide in honour of the Australasian Squadron by the Earl and Countess of Kintore, at the Government House, each lady was dressed to represent a flower. Lady Kintore appeared as a thistle, her two daughters as white heather and harebell, and Lady Charles Scott as taburnum. The gentlemen were only allowed to carry buttonholes of flowers. The ball room was decorated by Lady Kintore with almost every kind of flower.

The collection of postage-stamps bequeathed to the trustees of the British Museum by the late Mr. Tapping, M.P., has been received at the Museum from Mr. Tapping's executors. It contains about 200,000 stamps, exclusive of a very large number of cards, envelopes, &c., and its value is estimated at between £50,000 and £60,000. Its late owner was occupied for over 20 years in its formation. Mr. Tapping left the trustees a sum of £1000 for the purpose of arranging the collection for exhibition and for its maintenance.

The Rev. Dr. Forrest, the new Dean of Worcester, was on Wednesday afternoon, at the Town Hall, Kensington, presented by his late congregation at St. Jude's, South Kensington, with an address, a gold watch, and a cheque for £2200, as a token of affection and esteem. The presentation was made by the President of the Local Government Board, as vicar's churchwarden. Mr. Ritchie also presented to Mrs. Forrest a silver tea service, a diamond brooch, and clock, the gift of the ladies of the congregation, and the Bishop of Marlborough, the Archdeacon of London, and the Hon. and Rev. E. Carr Glyn (rural dean) attended to bear testimony to the good service rendered by Dr. Forrest in the diocese and the rural deanery.

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