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NEW ZEALAND AND ARTICLE 219.

We lost no time last week in expressing our satisfaction at the decision at which Grand Lodge, on the advice of the Grand Registrar, arrived in regard to the petitions submitted to it by brethren in New Zealand on the subject of the interpretation to be placed on Article 219, Book of Constitutions. We now heartily congratulate our New Zealand brethren on the result of the steps they have taken in order to obtain this decision. They have now been told authoritatively that the Article in question, as interpreted by the legal adviser of Grand Lodge, is not intended to apply to their case, because our Grand Lodge has declined to recognise the so-called Grand Lodge of New Zealand. Hence, though a majority of the members of any lodge under the English Constitution may elect to join the ranks of the pseudo-Grand Lodge of New Zealand, the status of such lodge will not be affected, provided always that three or more of its members remain to carry on its duties. This, we repeat, is in all respects satisfactory as regards our brethren in New Zealand, but here our feeling of satisfaction comes to a dead stop. We have no fault to find with the *result* in their particular case, but the process of argument by which it has been arrived at cannot be too strongly condemned. Moreover, there is this very important qualification to our sense of pleasure, namely, that the difficulty in which our Colonial brethren generally, or rather those of them who owe allegiance to our Grand Lodge, have been placed by the advice which Grand Registrar tendered to the Colonial Board some while since, has not been summarily disposed of, but only evaded in this one instance. Grand Registrar, indeed, plainly gave Grand Lodge to understand that he still held by his original interpretation of Article 219; that is to say, that he still considers the Article was not intended to apply to those cases in which a majority of the members retire from the lodge for the purpose of transferring their allegiance to a local Grand Lodge which has been successfully established, and to which accordingly our Grand Lodge deems itself bound to accord recognition. Therefore it is evident that if, at any future time, in any other Colony or Dependency of the British Crown which does not possess a Grand Lodge of its own, a movement is started for the purpose of establishing a local Grand Lodge, and that movement is successful—by which we mean that it succeeds in obtaining the support of a preponderant majority of the lodges—as expressed by the members of such lodges either unanimously or by a majority of votes—the minority of any seceding lodge, though it may be composed of three or more members, may appeal to Grand Lodge to protect the rights reserved to it under the aforesaid Article 219, but its appeal will be in vain.

But, at the risk of repeating what we have said in former articles on this subject, let us, first of all, see what this Article 219 says, and what it does not say. It says in language the clearness and precision of which cannot be questioned: "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." It says nothing about the motives by which the majority is actuated in retiring. The majority may be a mere fortuitous concourse of members who are agreed on one point only, namely, to retire from the lodge. Or the majority may be one and all influenced in their determination to retire by disgust at finding themselves overborne by the intrigues of a numerous minority; or, because they no longer desire to remain under the Constitution which war-

ranted the lodge; or, because they have made up their minds to take part in establishing a local Grand Lodge, because in their judgment the interests of the Craft locally will be better promoted by such a Grand Lodge. But though the motive, or motives, which influence the majority in retiring is ignored altogether in the Article—"Should the majority of any lodge determine to retire from it" are the words used—Grand Registrar tells us, in effect, if not in words, that it is the motive that prompts the majority to retire which actuates him in his interpretation of the law, and determines him to advise Grand Lodge when and in what cases the minority may be allowed to exercise the rights secured to them under Article 219, and when they may not be allowed to exercise them. If the majority retires for private reasons—because they are going to leave the Colony; to settle in some other part of the Colony than where the lodge meets; or from sheer disgust and with a determination to petition for a warrant for a new Lodge—in that case the rights secured to the minority under Article 219 will be respected, and it will be at liberty to exercise those rights. If the majority retires on public grounds in order to set up a local Grand Lodge and the movement proves a failure, because it is unable to secure such a preponderance of support in its behalf as will justify our Grand Lodge in recognising it—in that case also, the minority will be permitted to exercise the rights secured to it under Article 219. But if the majority retires on public grounds in order to assist in forming a local Grand Lodge, and the movement is so successful that our Grand Lodge determines on according it recognition, then Article 219 is inoperative, and the minority with the rights secured to it by law is swept away entirely, the one thing which remains to them, and of which no power on earth can deprive them, being the privilege of retiring from the ranks of Freemasonry altogether, if they do not desire to become members of the local Grand Lodge and its private lodges. This is certainly a very convenient way of overcoming and evading this particular difficulty, but hitherto we have assumed (1) that the meaning and intent of a law must be decided by what it says, not by what it does not say; and (2) that a law is framed with a view to its being applied generally, and not to particular cases or a particular class of cases; there being nothing, however, to prevent such cases from being specially excepted from its operation, if the framers of the law see fit to except them; provided, of course, the exceptions are set forth in the law itself. Again, no one knows better than the Grand Registrar that the question whether a law is applicable to a particular case or class of cases must be determined by what it says, not by what its framers *intended* it to say. We do not for a moment doubt that the Sub-Committee which framed this law *intended* it should not be applicable to certain cases, but the law as it stands is general—absolutely and without reservation general. On these grounds, and, taking our cue from the Grand Registrar's exposition of this law, we invite our readers to understand that the satisfaction we expressed last week at the decision arrived at by Grand Lodge in respect of Article 219, though stated in absolutely general terms and without any sort or kind of reservation, is applicable only in so far as such decision affects our New Zealand brethren, who, for the present at all events, retain the privilege of acting in accordance with the laws of the Grand Lodge to which they owe allegiance.

Here we close our remarks for the present, but there are other points to which it may be our duty to refer on some future occasion.

THE "WAISTELL MS."

There is still another copy of the "Old Charges" to announce and describe. The latest to mention is the property of Bro. Charles Waistell, P.M. 1337, Northallerton, hence its title. It was found by our brother amongst some family papers, the Kiplings having been ancestors, and so the custody of the document, for many years at least, is thus fairly determined.

I am indebted to the medium of my Bro. T. B. Whytehead, for the sight of the original, he having obtained the loan of it for that purpose from Bro. Waistell, who kindly acceded to his request for me to make it known.

The scroll consists of six slips of paper, stitched together, so as to form a roll, and measures six inches in width, and seven feet in length. Most unfortunately, about four inches of the first portion has been torn off, but as the text resembles the "Hope MS.,"* owned by the Lodge of Hope, No. 302, Bradford, Yorkshire, any omissions or defects are easily supplied. There are also other MSS. that have a somewhat similar text, such as the "York MS. No. 4," of A.D. 1693, the "Watson MS.†" (Sunderland), the "Colne MS. No. 1,‡" (Lodge No. 116, Colne, Lanc.), and others, to which reference will be made hereafter.

The first portion, which is either torn away or is imperfect, should have contained the Invocation—"The might of the Father of Heaven and the wisdom of his gracious Son, through the goodness of the Holy Ghost, viz., three persons and one God be with us at the beginning and give us grace soe to govern our lives; that we may come to Eternal Joy. Amen"—and the Introduction, usual in the MSS., winding up with the particulars of the Seven Sciences. If the MS. were mounted (as it should be for safety, the paper being very tender), the part deficient could be written on the additional portion, and thus complete the text from the "Hope MS."

Under present circumstances, it does not appear needful to reproduce the document in full in the columns of the *Freemason*, as substantially its text has been reproduced in the paper several times. It is, however, of great importance to know the character of every MS. discovered, and though the last to be announced is not so different to the ordinary series as to require to be given *in extenso*, yet its value is, to my mind, considerable, because this, the "Charles Waistell MS.," contains the "Apprentice's Charges."

Out of some 60 scrolls or MSS. and typographical reproductions (originals not traced) only 10 in all have this distinctive feature; the "Melrose MS., No. 2," of A.D. 1674 (and its copy of 1762), though generally included, in reality being quite different, and should be in a class to itself. They are as follows: Harleian MS. (1942), 17th century, Library, British Museum; the Hope MS., 17th century, Lodge of Hope, No. 302, Bradford; Colne MS., No. 1, 17th century, Royal Lancashire Lodge, No. 116, Colne; Dumfries Kilwinning, No. 4, 17th century, Dumfries Kilwinning Lodge, No. 53; the Watson MS., 17th century, Bro. T. M. Watson Sunderland; York MS., No. 4, A.D. 1693, the York, No. 236, York; the Waistell MS., A.D. 1693, Bro. C. Waistell, Northallerton; the Clapham M.S., 17th century, West Yorkshire Masonic Library; the Gateshead MS., A.D. 1730, Lodge of Industry, No. 48, Gateshead; and the Wren MS., 19th century, the late Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford.

The "Apprentice Charge" [styled also "Apprentices' Orders" (Gateshead M.S.) and "Future Charges" (Wren MS.), or not specifically named] consists usually of eight clauses, though not always so numbered or uniformly arranged, and when complete are almost verbatim in the ordinary copies. The Harleian MS., No. 1942, however, is different in some respects, and should be consulted.§ In the "Charles Waistell M.S." the third includes fourth and fifth of some others, and its fourth is the third of the majority. Hence the number of its clauses is but seven instead of the ordinary eight.

It is remarkable that the "York MS., No. 4," of the year 1693, is signed by *Mark Kypling*, and that the "Charles Waistell MS." concludes with the words "Scriptum pr. me, *Henric^m. Kipling*, De vicissimo tertio die Junij Ano. Don. 1693. These For my Cosen *John Kipling*, with my kind love to him. P'sented." The same family name and the same year in each MS.

W. J. HUGHAN.

* Hugan's "Old Charges of British Freemasons," 1872; pp. 58-63.

† Christmas *Freemason*, 1889; Transcript by W. J. H.

‡ Christmas *Freemason*, 1887; Transcript by W. J. H.

§ "Old Charges" 1872, pp. 52-7, and the handsome Masonic Reprints, vol. 2, of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, London.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

The half-yearly meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire was held in the Assembly Rooms of the Free Trade Hall, Manchester, on the 27th ult. The total number of lodges in the province is 103, and only five were unrepresented. Bro. Colonel Le Gendre Starkie, Prov. G.M., presided, supported by Bro. George Mellor, D.P.G.M. Bro. W. O. Walker, P.G.D. England, filled the Prov. S.G.W.'s chair; the Prov. J.G.W.'s chair being occupied by Bro. Captain Lingard, P.P.J.G.W. Among the other Provincial Grand Officers present were the following: Bros. Rev. W. G. Procter and the Rev. R. W. Perry-Circuit, Chaplains; J. H. Greenhalgh, Treasurer; W. S. Weekes, Registrar; John Chadwick, P.G.S.B. England, Secretary; W. Forrest, Martin Thomas, and T. Black, Deacons; J. Sutcliffe, S. of W.; John Studd, D.C.; A. Hebden and J. Bowden, D. and Asst. D. of C.'s; and R. Harrison, S.B. There were also present Bros. J. Terry, P.G.S.B. England, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; J. W. Maclure, M.P., P.P.J.G.W.; E. G. Harwood, P.P.J.G.W.; R. H. Hardman, P.P.S.G.W.; J. O. S. Thursby, P.P.S.G.W.; N. A. Erle, P.P.J.G.W.; A. Clegg, P.P.S.G.W.; Colonel Rocca, P.P.G.D.; J. H. Sillitoe, P.G. Std. Br. England; and John Roberts, P.P.G.D.C.

The minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge, held on the 6th May, having been read and approved,

Bro. E. G. HARWOOD, Chairman of the Charity Committee, proposed that the sum of 100 guineas be given from the funds of Provincial Grand Lodge to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons. The brethren, he remarked, would see there was ample reason why they should adopt the resolution and do something further for the good of the Institution. He hoped also that there would be a large increase in the number of Life Governors of the Institution from that province.

Bro. SILLITOE, Vice-Chairman of the Charity Committee, referred to the noble work the Institution was doing, and in echoing Bro. Harwood's appeal for more life members, he desired to remind the brethren that its Jubilee Festival would be held next year.

Bro. Col. STARKIE, in putting the resolution to the meeting, said he should again become a subscriber to the Institution next year, and he trusted that the Jubilee Festival would tend to further increase the usefulness of those noble foundations.

The resolution was carried unanimously.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER afterwards asked Bro. Col. Starkie's acceptance of a testimonial subscribed for on behalf of the brethren of the province, to commemorate the completion of his 21 years' rule as P.G.M. The testimonial consists of a massive silver bowl or centre-piece for fruit or flowers, flanked by two claret jugs. They are fine specimens of the silver smiths' art and are designed on classic lines, and although massive are yet chaste and beautiful, the principal decoration being a bas-relief composed of Greek figures, chased scroll work and other ornamentation being also used. The centre-piece bears the following inscription: "Presented to Colonel Le Gendre Nicholas Starkie by the Freemasons of East Lancashire in commemoration of his 21 years as Provincial Grand Master. November 27, 1891." The testimonial was accompanied by an illuminated address in album form, beautifully elaborated, and in keeping with the artistic character of the plate. On an introductory page of the book in which it is contained, appear the arms of the Starkie family, displayed in their proper heraldic colourings. The following page has a very choice example of illuminating in the style of Louis XIV. with the name and other details richly engraved in panels surmounted by Masonic emblems. The text begins on the third page with a displayed introduction surrounded by a handsome border in missal form, with conventional flourished ornament. The volume is bound in scarlet morocco richly inlaid, having a crest on vellum in front, and a monogram on the back, each of them exquisitely finished. Bro. Mellor said he need not dwell upon the honourable, praiseworthy, and benevolent qualities of Col. Starkie. They were all well known, and had long been highly appreciated by the brethren.

Bro. CHADWICK, P.G.S., then read the address as follows:—

"To Colonel Le Gendre Nicholas Starkie, Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master for the Eastern Division of the Province of Lancashire. Manchester, November 27th, 1891. Dear Sir and Brother,—The brethren of the province desire to approach you with most fraternal congratulations on the completion of your 21 years as head of this large and important division of the Province of Lancashire. They specially wish to record their sincere pleasure at seeing you in your place at this half-yearly meeting. They heard with great sorrow of your long and severe illness in the early part of the year, and express their earnest prayer that you may be blessed by the great Architect of the Universe with health and strength for many years to come. They review, with considerable pride and satisfaction, the progress made in the province during the past 21 years. In the year 1870, when you, Right Worshipful Sir, were installed into the office of Prov. Grand Master by the late lamented Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, there were 74 lodges in the province, with a roll of 3419 subscribing members. Now there are 103 lodges, with an aggregate of 4600 subscribing members. Since your installation, the province has subscribed to the Masonic Charities in London no less than £23,532, viz., to the Royal Institution for Girls, £4941; to the Royal Institution for Boys, £9216; and to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, £9375. Coming more immediately home to the East Lancashire Systematic Educational and Benevolent Institution, fostered as it has always been by your fatherly care, a sum approaching £17,000 has been subscribed in the province. Of this large sum £3062 has been spent in educating and clothing 98 children of Freemasons. And a further sum of £2922 has been distributed in relieving the necessities of indigent Freemasons or their families, and the Institution has now £10,000 invested for these several purposes. Such a record the greatest and noblest in the land might be proud of, and the brethren of this province feel they are in the main indebted to you for such a result. In conclusion,

Right Worshipful Sir, the brethren respectfully beg your acceptance of this address, together with the accompanying silver plate, as a memento of your government of the province, and the balance of the subscriptions received, amounting to £400, will be handed over to the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution as the nucleus of a fund hereafter to be known as the "Starkie Annuity Fund," which will be a permanent monument of the esteem of the brethren for you as Provincial Grand Master.—Signed, on behalf of the province, GEORGE MELLOR, Worshipful Dep. Prov. Grand Master.—JOHN CHADWICK, Provincial Grand Sec.

Bro. J. W. MACLURE, M.P., speaking in support of the presentation, said he should never forget the installation of the P.G.M., 21 years ago, which had produced a lasting impression on his mind. Bro. Starkie had conducted the affairs of the province in a way which could not have been equalled. His rule had been one of good for Masonic Institutions, and nothing in the history of the Starkie family would be more appreciated than the Masonic testimonial presented to him that day. Col. Starkie and the Starkie family had rendered giant services to the cause of Freemasonry and to the welfare of the county of Lancashire generally. There was not a blot upon the escutcheon of their house. Bro. MacLure then announced that he would give 50 guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Freemasons' Widows, and £10 to the new Starkie Annuity Fund.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, who was received with prolonged applause, said that occasion would mark an epoch in his life. The testimonial was an unexpected tribute of affection on the part of a body of men for whom he had the highest esteem, and he should hand it down as an heirloom to the members of his family for generations. He could not adequately express his feelings, nor give a suitable reply to the kind words which had been addressed to him. Some years ago they had presented him with a testimonial, which was as highly prized as the one now before him would be. Such expressions of their kind feelings towards him filled him with the deepest emotion. He could only thank them again and again for what they had done. During the 21 years that he had ruled over them they had had a prosperous time, and Freemasonry had flourished, which was not due to himself but to their exertions. While other Institutions in this and other countries had changed, and some had passed away, Freemasonry had flourished, and side by side with it had grown beneficent institutions such as hospitals of various kinds and numerous charitable organisations. His father had had the privilege of reigning over the brethren of West Lancs. for nearly 30 years, and during that time established a Charitable Institution in connection with the Order, and though he (Bro. Starkie) did not establish the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Benevolent and Educational Institution, he did claim to take some merit for establishing a local Institution which had been and would be of great benefit to them and to those who should come after them. After paying a meed of praise to the grand principles upon which Freemasonry is founded, Bro. Starkie strongly urged the brethren not to admit any man to their lodges whom they would not admit to their own houses. He desired to express his deep regret at the death of a great and earnest Freemason, Bro. Peter Royle, a man of good sterling qualities and a true brother.

Three Auditors of the Prov. Grand Lodge accounts were then elected, and the report of the Charity Committee was read and adopted.

Bro. CRAIG-ROYLE, on behalf of the Committee, presented a cheque to the Prov. Grand Master for £100, the proceeds of the Masonic garden party at Old Trafford in July last, to be handed over to the funds of the East Lancashire Charitable Institution.

Bro. Col. STARKIE, in thanking Bro. Jaffrey and the Committee for the handsome result of their exertions, said he deeply regretted that he had been unable to attend, though he was very efficiently represented by the D.P.G.M., Bro. Mellor.

Bro. J. TERRY, Sec. R.M.B.I., thanked the Provincial Grand Lodge for the gift of 100 guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and urged its claims upon individual members of the Craft as well as upon lodges generally. The Jubilee of the Institution would be celebrated next year, when they hoped to raise a special offering.

Bro. MARTIN THOMAS announced that the entertainment given by the Minnehaha Minstrels last year resulted in £271 being raised for the East Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, and they hoped to exceed that sum at an entertainment to be given on February 12th, which it was proposed to be divided between the East Lancashire and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institutions.

Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, and a Court of Governors was held.

CONSECRATION OF THE TRISTRAM LODGE, No. 2415, AT SHILDON.

A new lodge named the Tristram Lodge, No. 2415, has been consecrated at the Masonic Hall, Shildon, under most auspicious circumstances. The ceremony was performed by the R.W. the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart. There were present Bros. the Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., D.P.G.M.; C. S. Lane, P.S.G.W.; E. Nixey, P.J.G.W.; the Rev. W. Bowker, P.G. Chaplain; the Rev. W. Coulton, P.G. Chaplain; J. R. Cutter, Treasurer; T. D. Marshall, Reg.; J. Robson Patison, acting Secretary; G. W. Patterson, P.S.G.D.; A. Peters, P.J.G.D.; H. Lamb, P.J.G.D.; W. A. Priestley, P.G.S. of W.; W. Logan, P.G.D.C.; T. Dunn, P.D.G.D.C.; J. Smith, P.G.S.B.; J. J. Wilson, P.G. Std. Br.; G. Wanless, P.G. Std. Br.; W. Swales, Org.; M. A. Lax, Purst.; and F. Grieves, P.G. Tyler. The P.G. Stewards present were Bros. C. T. Seaman, 2104; W. H. McLean, 1274; Tulley, 1121; and Harrison, 1379. Amongst the Past Provincial Grand Officers were Bros. T. G. Mabane, P.P.S.G.D.; R. W. Halfnight, P.P.G. Treas.; R. Singleton, P.P.J.G.D.; E. Milburn, P.P.S.G.D.; B. Boulton, P.P.G. Treas.; and E. Cowper, P.P.G. Stwd.

Bros. Whitehead, Nutton, and Leatham, of the Durham Cathedral choir, rendered the beautiful anthems and chants used during the ceremony.

The Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. R. Hudson, was unavoidably absent on the occasion, and his duties were ably discharged by Bro. J. Robson Pattison, P.A.G. Sec.

The warrant for the new lodge was read by Bro. T. D. MARSHALL, P.G. Reg., and Bro. the Rev. W. BOWKER, P.G. Chap., delivered an oration.

The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, and Bro. John Reed, P.M., P.P.G.P., was afterwards appointed to the position of W.M. of the new lodge, and invested the following as his officers: Bros. John Barnet, S.W.; E. H. Mutimer, J.W.; Thomas Thompson, Treas.; Samuel Fielden, S.D.; G. R. Brown, J.D.; T. W. Richardson, Sec.; Jeremiah Addison, I.G.; and Thomas Dunn, I.P.M., D.D. of C. The ceremony was very ably performed, and the occasion was one of exceptional interest.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF WARWICKSHIRE.

A meeting of the above Prov. Grand Chapter was held at the Chapter of Rectitude, No. 502, Rugby, on the 4th inst., when Comp. J. T. Collins, Acting Grand Superintendent, presided, supported by Comps. A. Fridlander, as Prov. G.H., and C. F. Rowe, as Prov. G.J. Great regret was expressed at the absence of Lord Leigh, Grand J., who was unable to be present on account of ill-health.

After the appointment of officers, Comp. Worrall, Prov. G.J., was presented by the Prov. Grand Chapter with a beautiful jewel of his office after having acted as Prov. G.S.E. for 25 years. The following inscription was on the jewel: "To Ex. Comp. Worrall, a slight acknowledgment by the Prov. Grand Chapter of Warwickshire of the many and valuable services he has rendered to the chapter, and of the ability with which he has discharged the varied duties of Prov. Grand Scribe E. during the long period of 25 years. Dec. 4, 1891."

The new Grand Scribe E. for the province is Comp. F. G. Swinden, 27, Temple-street, Birmingham, who is a P.Z. of the Howe Chapter, No. 587, and a P.M. of the Leigh Lodge, No. 887, and P.P.S.G.D. of the province.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

A convocation of the above Prov. Grand Chapter was held in the Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax, on Friday, the 13th ult., under the banner of Sincerity Chapter, No. 61.

Among those present were—

Comps. Rev. T. C. Smyth, D.D., Past G.S., acting Grand Superintendent; J. L. Atherton, Prov. G.H.; Thos. R. Vaux, Prov. G.J.; C. L. Mason, P.P.G.H.; Wm. Harrop, P.P.G.J.; William Gaukroger, P.P.G.J.; Frederick Laxton, P.P.G.J.; T. Bateman Fox, J.P., P.P.G.J.; Henry Smith, P.G.P.S. of England, Prov. G.S.E.; G. H. Radcliffe, Prov. G.S.N.; Mark Newsome, J.P., P. Prov. G.S.N.; James Bedford, P. Prov. G.S.N.; Thos. Harrison, P.P.G. Treas., as Prov. G. Treas.; George Marshall, P. Prov. G. Treas.; Henry Oxley, P. Prov. G. Treas.; Aulay Macaulay, Prov. G. Reg.; Frederick Cleaves, P. Prov. G. Reg.; Wm. Henry Milnes, as Prov. G. Prin. Soj.; Alfred Robertshaw, as Prov. G. 1st Asst. Soj.; John Thrippleton, Prov. G. 2nd Asst. Soj.; Hugh S. Holdsworth, P. Prov. G. Soj.; C. T. Rodes, P. Prov. G. Soj.; Thos. Riley, P. Prov. G. Soj.; James Jenkin, Prov. G.S.B.; Paul Bellitzay, as P.G. Std. Br.; Richard Jessop, P.P.G. Std. Br.; F. W. Turner, P.P.G. Std. Br.; Robert H. Armitage, P.G.D.C.; W. F. Smithson, P.G. Std. Br. England, P.P.G.D.C.; A. Scarth, P.G. Org.; Herbert G. E. Green, P.A.G.S.E.; Cornelius Wheaill, P.G. Stwd.; Harold Thomas, as P.G. Stwd.; Wm. Bingham, P.G. Stwd.; Wm. Haigh, P.G. Stwd.; Joseph Sagar, as P.G. Janitor; also representatives from the various chapters in the province.

Comp. Rev. Dr. T. C. Smyth, acting Grand Superintendent, and Prov. Grand Officers having entered, the Provincial Grand Chapter was opened.

The minutes of the meeting held at Keighley, on Wednesday, 6th May, 1891, were presented for confirmation, when it was moved, seconded, and resolved "That they be taken as read and confirmed."

The following letter was read from Comp. Thos. William Tew, J.P., Grand Superintendent, and on the motion of the ACTING GRAND SUPERINTENDENT, seconded by the Prov. GRAND J., it was resolved that it be entered on the minutes:

The Grange, Carlton, Pontefract, 7th November, 1891.

My Dear Companions,

You will be sorry, I am sure, to hear that I am unable, in consequence of illness, to preside as usual in your Provincial Grand Chapter. I have suffered much and am still suffering, but I have not abandoned all hope under Providence of some day being again permitted to be once more amongst my R.A. companions.

I beg to express my thanks to Principal H. for his consideration and courtesy in arranging that E.C. Dr. Smyth should take my place on this occasion.

To the Principals and companions of Sincerity, No. 61, I tender my hearty acknowledgments for their kind reception of Prov. Grand Chapter, and for the excellent arrangements which have been made for its comfort and convenience.

We have visited Halifax already five times, viz., in 1860, 1865, 1871, 1874, and 1880, and I don't doubt on this the sixth occasion the good old town will again give us a hearty Yorkshire welcome.

To you all I offer my fraternal regards and the expression of my earnest desire for peace and good will, not in the present only, but also in the future.

I am extremely gratified to see from the agenda paper that you intend to support the Jubilee Festival of the Benevolent Institution by purchasing the permanent right to present an old man for its benefits, and I take it as a very high compliment to myself that you wish to associate my name with so excellent and charitable an object.

Companions, receive the assurance of warmest esteem, and believe me,

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

THOMAS WILLIAM TEW.

Comp. Henry Smith, Prov. G. Scribe.

The ACTING GRAND SUPERINTENDENT then delivered the following address:

Excellent Companions,—I feel assured that one subject is prominent in the minds of us all on the present occasion, the protracted and serious indisposition of our beloved Grand Superintendent, one sentiment of true and heartfelt sorrow, that the familiar form so seldom absent from Masonic assemblies such as this, should be with us to-day only in memory and not in reality. Few of those who hold, or have held, his exalted position in our venerable Order, have devoted themselves so unsparringly to the faithful discharge of the onerous duties which such a position involves; and few,

who have heard his heart-stirring addresses in Provincial Grand Chapter, can have failed to observe how deeply he realised the noble principles of Royal Arch Masonry. When we remember his benevolent spirit, his proverbial liberality, his princely support of our magnificent Charities, may we not justly apply to him the beautiful words of the Psalmist of Israel, "Blessed is he that considereth the poor and needy; the Lord shall deliver him in the time of trouble. The Lord preserve him, and keep him alive that he may be blessed upon earth. The Lord comfort him when he lieth sick upon his bed; make Thou all his bed in his sickness." I cannot do better than repeat his own words contained in a letter to Comp. H. Green, which was read to the Provincial Grand Lodge at Sowerby Bridge on Wednesday, the 14th of October last, as expressing his interest in all affecting the welfare of our Order in the Province of West Yorkshire, words which are equally applicable to Craft and to Royal Arch Masonry: "It is a matter of the deepest regret and sorrow to me that I am unable, through serious indisposition, to undertake the honourable duties pertaining to the chair in Provincial Grand Lodge on Wednesday. With perfect confidence, however, I leave the conduct of affairs to my faithful friend and Deputy, Bro. Henry Smith, feeling assured that he will extend to all the same measure of esteem and friendship which he and I have invariably received from the brethren of this province. Please express to the Provincial Grand Lodge how greatly I appreciate the compliment, which it is proposed to offer me, to celebrate the Jubilee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution by perpetuating my name through the purchase of a presentation to be styled the 'Thomas William Tew Presentation.'" In conclusion, perhaps, I might ask the brethren of the province, if they have not already done so, to give their attention to some admirable letters which have appeared in the *Freemason* newspaper, touching upon the present prospects and future position of our beloved Craft. They are well worthy of the consideration of us all, and have resulted from a communication in the first instance from Bro. T. B. Whytehead, of York. Added to these words, I would venture also to quote the following portions from the address of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Henry Smith, our esteemed Provincial Grand Scribe E., on the same occasion, as embodying his own and our Grand Superintendent's sentiments; and to commend them earnestly to your serious attention:—"The great strides which Masonry has made of late years, its constantly increasing numbers, with the greater publicity consequent thereupon, have led many thoughtful and conscientious brethren to ask whether we are acting judiciously in thus so rapidly enlarging our borders, whether we are exercising that strict caution in the selection and admission of new members which our Society demands from us—brethren, this is a vital question. The Marquess of Ripon, when Provincial Grand Master, used to say 'the strength of lodge does not consist in the number of its members, but in the quality of the brethren of which it is composed.'" And what is true for a lodge is true for the whole Craft, which is simply an aggregate of the lodges. Lower the tone of your lodge by the introduction of men who are unfit or unworthy; admit amongst us those who cannot appreciate the beauties of Freemasonry, and you not only damage that particular lodge, but you inflict a serious injury upon our entire Society. Brethren, let me enjoin you to take to heart this caution; let us not bring discredit upon our noble Institution; let us advance certainly, but let it be warily, judiciously, and gradually. Again, very frequently I notice men going outside their own towns for admission into Freemasonry. Now, whilst there is no objection to this, provided that *bona fide* enquiry has been duly made and replied to, yet the position of a brother so initiated is one of disadvantage, inasmuch as he is necessarily precluded from attending to his Masonic duties as regularly as is desirable, and being non-resident he cannot fully share that *esprit de corps* which prevails in every properly conducted lodge. I should, therefore, deprecate this practice, unless very strong grounds can be adduced in its favour. After referring to the duties of the Treasurers and Secretaries, and giving a few words of wise advice, the Acting Grand Superintendent made some remarks in reference to the chapter under whose banner they had met, and in conclusion said: And now, companions, re-erring once more to the mention of him, of whom we think so much to-day, and who I am convinced is thinking of us, let us pray that the true and everliving God most high, who has graciously promised strength to His people and the blessing of peace, may work for him a reward of good, far beyond all that we have the power to ask or think. May the beautiful words of that Holy Book, which we all revere, be verified for him: "When the Lord turned again the captivity of Sion, then were we like unto them that dream. They that sow in tears, shall reap in joy. He that now goeth on his way weeping, and beareth forth good seed, shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring his sheaves with him."

Moved by Comp. T. BATEMAN FOX, J.P., P.Z. 208, P.P.G.J., seconded by Comp. W. F. SMITHSON, P.Z. 289, P.P.G.D.C., and resolved, "That this Provincial Grand Chapter of West Yorkshire, wishing to celebrate the Jubilee Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and to perpetuate the name of its illustrious Grand Superintendent, pledges itself to assist in raising a sum sufficient to purchase a presentation for men, to be called the 'Thomas William Tew Presentation.'"

It was moved by Comp. SMITHSON (in the absence of Comp. W. C. Lupton), seconded by Comp. FOX, and resolved, "That a sum of twenty-five guineas (£26 5s.) be granted from the funds of this Provincial Grand Chapter to the 'Thomas William Tew Presentation Fund,' R.M.I. for Men."

Comp. W. M. GAUKROGER gave notice that if the sum required to complete the presentation be not raised by the annual convocation of Prov. Grand Chapter, he will move that a further grant of £26 5s. be made.

Comp. J. P. HEWITT, Z., P.Z. 139, invited the Grand Superintendent to hold the annual convocation under the banner of Paradise Chapter, No. 139, Sheffield.

It was moved by the ACTING GRAND SUPERINTENDENT, seconded by the PROV. G.H., and resolved, "That a very hearty vote of thanks be accorded to the Z. and companions of Sincerity Chapter, No. 61, for their excellent arrangements."

Provincial Grand Chapter was then closed.

Tea was provided afterwards, Comp. Dr. T. C. Smyth, acting Grand Superintendent, presiding.

CONSECRATION OF THE DORIC CHAPTER, No. 362, GRANTHAM.

A seventh Royal Arch chapter was added to the roll of Lincolnshire on Thursday, the 26th ult., when the Doric Chapter, attached to the Doric Lodge, was formally consecrated by Comp. Major Smyth, Grand Superintendent of the province, assisted by Comps. Mark Smith, 712, P.G.H.; F. G. Buckle, 442, P.G.S.E. Norths and Hunts; and W. H. Roberts, P.Z., P.G.D.C.

The ceremony took place at the Doric Chambers, when at the appointed hour of one p.m. there assembled together under the presidency of their respected chief, Comp. Major Smyth, G.S.:—Comps. Mark Smith, P.G.H.; F. G. Buckle, P.G.S.E. Norths and Hunts; the founders of the new chapter, viz.: Comps. B. H. Russell, P.Z. 442; A. G. Gamble, Z. 442; E. T. Wigelsworth, P.S. 442; G. W. G. Beaumont, H. 442; S. G. Gamble, 297; R. W. Anderson, 442; Rev. C. Elsmere, 422; the two remaining founders, Comps. F. F. Lyne and H. J. Bliss, of 442, being unavoidably absent; and Comps. Fowler, P.H., and C. Smith, P.J., of 712; Caster, J., Kerby, P.J., Wheeler, P.Z., Harrison, Clarabut, Hardy, Dixey, and Elsey, of 442; Wilkinson, P.J., Close, Z., and W. W. Smith, of 297; A. Chambers and W. S. Wilson, of 47; S. R. Wildy, 289; and Hutchinson, 1661.

The Grand Superintendent and Comps. Smith and Buckle in the chairs of H. and J. respectively, having taken their seats and the chapter having been opened, the companions were admitted and the petition and charter having been read, the founders expressed their approval of the companions designated as Principals. The ceremony of consecration was then carried out most impressively, the oration customary on such occasions being delivered by the Grand Superintendent, Comp. Major SMYTH.

Comps. B. H. Russell and A. G. Gamble being already installed First Principals were severally obligated and inducted into the chairs of M.E.Z. and H. respectively by the Grand Superintendent, after which Comp. E. T. Wigelsworth was installed as J. by Comp. F. G. Buckle.

The following companions were then appointed and invested as officers for the year, viz.: Comps. S. G. Gamble, as Scribe E.; G. W. G. Beaumont, as Scribe N.; Rev. C. Elsmere, as Principal Sojourner; and Wigelsworth, as Treasurer.

Upon the motion of Comp. B. H. RUSSELL, Z., Comps. Major Smyth, G.S., Mark Smith, P.G.H., and Buckle, P.G.S.E. Norths and Hunts, were unanimously elected honorary members of the Doric Chapter, and a vote of thanks accorded them for their valuable services. Several propositions having been handed in, the chapter was closed, and the companions dined together under the genial presidency of Comp. B. H. Russell, M.E.Z.

Thus closed appropriately and enjoyably a day long to be remembered in the annals of Doric Masonry.

GRAND COUNCIL OF THE ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES.

The annual meeting of the Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees was held at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Wednesday, the 9th inst. Among those present were Bros. the Earl of Euston, Grand Master; C. H. Driver, Past Deputy G.M.; C. F. Matier, Past Deputy G. Master, G. Sec.; Viscount Dungarvan, G.S.W.; C. Belton, P.G.W.; James Moon, G. Treas.; Rev. T. W. Lemon, D.D. Oxon, Past G. Chap.; Jabez Church, G.D.C.; Gordon Miller, G.A.D.C.; Col. A. B. Cook, G.S.B.; H. E. Cousans, G. Std. Br.; William Vincent, G. Stwd.; and H. P. Hay, P.G. Stwd.; with many representatives of subordinate councils.

The Grand Council having been opened in ample form, the Grand Master was saluted according to ancient custom.

The GRAND SECRETARY read the minutes of the last annual meeting, 25th November, 1890, which were put to Grand Council and confirmed.

The Earl of Euston was unanimously re-elected Grand Master for a further period of three years, whereupon the GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES proclaimed the Rt. Hon. Henry James, Earl of Euston, Prov. Grand Master and Grand Superintendent of Northants and Hunts, Deputy Lieutenant for the County of Suffolk, Colonel of the 1st Volunteer Battalion the Northamptonshire Regiment, Justice of the Peace for the Counties of Suffolk and Northampton, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, Grand Master of the Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees of England and Wales, &c., and his lordship was saluted accordingly.

The GRAND MASTER appointed as his Deputy the Viscount Dungarvan, whereupon the G.D. of C. proclaimed the Right Hon. Charles Spencer Canning, Viscount Dungarvan, Prov. Grand Master of Somerset, and Past Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, is herewith installed Deputy Grand Master.

The following brethren were then invested as Grand Officers for the year:

Bro. The Earl of Euston	...	G. Master.
" Viscount Dungarvan	...	D.G. Master.
" Col. A. B. Cook	...	G.S.W.
" W. G. Lemon	...	G.J.W.
" C. F. Matier, P.D.G.M.	...	G. Sec.
" James Moon	...	G. Treas.
" Rev. J. Nelson Palmer	...	} G. Chaplains.
" Rev. J. M. Guilding	...	
" Gordon Miller	...	G.S.D.
" Thomas Atkinson	...	G.J.D.
" Jabez Church	...	G.D.C.
" Wm. Vincent	...	G.A.D.C.
" J. Paterson	...	G.S.B.
" Benjamin Gregson	...	G. Std. Br.
" E. M. Lott, Mus. Doc.	...	G. Org.
" F. Levick	...	G.I.G.
" H. Buxton Browne	...	} G. Stwds.
" Mark U. Weyland	...	
" Nathaniel Goodchild, M.D.	...	} G. Outer Guard.
" E. J. Mills	...	

The GRAND SECRETARY then read the following report, which was received, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes:—

The Grand Secretary has the honour to report to the Grand Council that during the year 32 certificates have been issued, making a total of 702 registered members.

The M.W. Grand Master has been pleased to grant a warrant to certain brethren in East London, South Africa, under the style and title of the Earl of Euston Council, No. 21, and a large amount of success is confidently expected from the well-known zeal and efficiency of the first Worshipful Master, Bro. David Rees, Mayor of East London, whom the Grand Master has been pleased to appoint to the rank of Past Grand Junior Warden.

The Veran Council at Reading held a meeting on 28th September, which was numerously attended, and the Grand Secretary had the pleasure of receiving many brethren into the Degrees of Red Cross of Babylon and Grand High Priest. With the exception of the Veran and the Sewell Councils none of the councils in the country show any signs of vitality, and the Executive would desire to strongly impress on brethren the importance and beauty of the several Degrees, while any suggestions as to official visits, &c., will be most gladly received.

The Grand Treasurer's account show a balance in hand of £23 8s. 10d.

Grand Council was then closed, and the brethren dined at Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of the Earl of Euston, M.W.G.M.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of Management held their usual monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday. Bro. George Everett, Grand Treasurer, occupied the chair, and there were present Bros. W. H. Hubbert, C. W. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; Joseph Freeman, S. Vallentine, G.P.; James Brett, P.G.P.; Hugh Cotter, W. J. Murlis, Charles Kempton, A. Durrant, C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; Alex. Mallord, C. H. Webb, A. H. Tattershall, R. Pittam Stevens, J. B. Purchas, P.A.G.D.C.; J. Newton, John Barnett, jun., F. Mead, P.G.S.B.; W. Webber, L. G. G. Robbins, Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; John C. Matthew, W. Belchamber, and T. B. Daniell.

The minutes of the November Committee having been read and verified, the SECRETARY reported the deaths of two male and one widow annuitants, as well as of two accepted male candidates. A letter removing the name of a third male candidate from the list was read, and also another informing the Committee that a widow annuitant was an inmate of the Grove Hall Lunatic Asylum, to which a reply had been sent that the annuity ceased. The report of the Warden for the past month was read. Two applications from the widows of deceased annuitants were granted.

The SECRETARY reported that Bro. Sir John B. Monckton's motion, "That Grand Lodge should vote £525 as a contribution to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution," on the occasion of its Jubilee celebration, had been carried unanimously, and a letter of thanks was ordered to be written to Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, and Bro. Jabez Hogg, who had seconded the motion.

The Committee took into consideration the petitions of six male and two widow applicants, the result being that all were accepted, and the names ordered to be entered upon the lists of candidates for the election in May, 1892.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS COMMITTEE DINNER CLUB.

The monthly meeting of this club (established 1862) was held at the Holborn Restaurant, on Saturday, the 5th instant, under the presidency of Bro. Richard Eve, P.G.T., the rota Chairman. The following visitors dined by invitation of the members: Bros. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G. Chap.; Sir Geo. D. Harris, P.S.G.D.; R. L. Loveland, P.S.G.D.; Jabez Hogg, P.J.G.D.; Alfred Buck, P.P.G.W. Essex; Raynham, Slyman, William Glass, Heath, Henry Times, and E. Smith. The members of the club present were Bros. Geo. Everett, G. Treas.; Richard Eve, P.G.T.; S. J. Attenborough, W. A. Scurrah, William Maple, J. M. McLeod, Secretary of the Institution; George Corble, E. Hobbs, Jas. D. Murray, J. W. Burgess, George Gardner, Rev. H. Hebb, R. W. Bourne, Richard Ellis, Henry Pocock, Fred. Orchard, Geo. Motion, Robert Martin, James Stephens, W. H. Saunders, and John Glass, Sec. and Treas.

Bro. G. E. Fairchild was elected a member of the club.

The Secretary reported that at the Festival in July last 17 members of the club were Stewards, and that the aggregate amount of their lists was £1507.

An appeal for Stewards for 1892 was made on behalf of the Institution.

In response to the toast of "The Chairman and many happy returns of the day to him," proposed in a very happy speech by Bro. RICHARD ELLIS, who alluded in pleasant poetry and prose to the Chairman's birthday, Bro. EVE, who is Chairman of the Board of Management, in a very able and eloquent address, reviewed the reforms and changes that have been carried out at the School at Wood Green, and the improved educational and other results that have been obtained, concluding his speech with an impassioned oration upon the cause and necessity of the Charities of our Order, of the useful work and enjoyable happiness provided for Freemasons in their support, maintenance, and management, and upon the duty, nay, obligation, cast upon every brother to help them by all means within his power while he is afforded the opportunity. To preach and promulgate this gospel, the Chairman stated, was the principal mission of the club, to which were admitted as members Life-Governors of the Royal Masonic Institutions being Masons.

Other toasts followed.

Some capital songs were sung by the Chairman, Bros. Geo. Everett, Geo. Corble, W. H. Saunders, and others.

Bro. John Glass was re-elected Secretary and Treasurer.

LEEDS MASONIC LOCAL RELIEF FUND.

The annual meeting of this admirable Society was held at the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds, on the 4th instant. The state of the Society and the remarkable work it is doing is worthy of all praise. Prior to its formation, members of the local lodges were continually pestered by the visits of persons who represented that they were Freemasons in distress, and to whom too frequently relief was administered in order to get rid of their importunity. In this way

impostors made a good harvest, and the evil in consequence grew to very large proportions. It was with the view of remedying this undesirable state of things that a few years ago this Relief Fund was established. All the Leeds lodges support it, and the funds are raised by a levy of 1s. per member of each lodge, the resulting sum being found sufficient to continue the work of the Society for about two years. All applications for relief by travelling Masons are now referred to the Almoner, who at his discretion gives small temporary relief until he has been able fully to investigate each case, which is subsequently dealt with as its merits demand. The work of the Society has been most beneficial, and whilst deserving cases are generously dealt with, imposture is exposed, and Leeds is thus freed from those whose sole idea of Masonry is to prey upon its funds.

The annual meeting was presided over by Bro. José Rickard, the President. The Auditors, Bros. J. J. Fretwell, P.M. 2069, and T. B. Tomlinson, P.M. 1221, presented their annual report, which was to the following effect:—During the year there had been 40 acts of relief to 37 distressed brethren, who had been relieved with sums varying from 2s. 6d. to 30s. Of the applicants 20 were English Masons, 10 Scotch, 3 Irish, and 4 Foreign. Sympathetic allusion was made in the report to the death of the late Almoner, Bro. S. Barrand, and the late Treasurer, Bro. R. Craig, P.M., P.P.G.D., both of which offices had been most efficiently discharged by Bro. Trevor, P.M. At the end of the year there was a most satisfactory balance in hand.

The report having been adopted, the following officers were appointed: Bros. Tudor Trevor, P.M., President; R. Lucas, P.M., Vice-President; José Rickard, P.M., Past President, Treasurer; Tudor Trevor, Almoner; T. B. Tomlinson, P.M., Secretary; and J. J. Fretwell, P.M., and W. W. Clayton, P.M., Auditors.

ANNUAL BANQUET OF THE EAST SURREY LODGE OF CONCORD LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 463.

On Tuesday, the 1st inst., the members of the above ancient and popular lodge had their annual banquet at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, when there was a large and representative gathering of members of other lodges present. The lodge was opened, Bro. B. A. Williams, W.M., presiding, supported by Bros. Day and Kilvington, Wardens, and Bro. Cole, I.G.

The minutes were read and the customary business transacted, after which the lodge was closed, and 45 brethren then adjourned to the banquet, which was admirably served, reflecting great credit on Bro. J. A. Williams, the manager of the hotel.

Bro. Col. Noel Money, C.B., P.G.M., presided, and amongst those present were Bros. Hugh M. Hobbs, P.P.J.G.W.; W. F. Hawes, P.G.R.; W. J. Day, Sec. 1790; Bertram A. Williams, S.W. 463; John Lloyd, S.D. 1986; C. H. Woodward, P.M. 463; John S. Streeter, P.M. 463; F. J. Ridpath, P.P.G.D.; W. H. Ranson, P.M. 1790; R. W. Price, 463, P.G.W.; W. H. Russell, A. J. Phillips, H. M. Lemon, A. H. Cole, Henry J. Thrift, R. M. Hammond, J. Hayward, G. H. Martin, J. B. Shakespeare, Alfred Bullock, G. Pearson, Harry James, and Fred. Callam. Amongst the visitors were Bros. James S. Fraser, P.P.S.G.D.; H. A. Howe, W.M.; F. A. Norton, W.M. 1892; James Grew, 1790; J. Bolton, S.D.; J. H. Price, W.M. 2096; E. M. Money, W.M. 23, G. Stwd.; and J. D. Langton, P.M. 2096, P.P.J.G.W.

After "The Queen and the Craft" had been given and honoured, the next toast given by the P.G.M. was "The M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the other Grand Officers." At the present time he said peculiar interest was attached to the toast, owing to the trouble that had fallen on the Royal Family through the illness of Prince George. Fortunately the grief and anxiety caused by the Prince's condition was now passing away, and they were all glad to hear that he was now on the high road to health again. With the toast he associated the name of Bro. E. M. Money, who was also Grand Steward.

Bro. MONEY replied, and said as a very humble member of Grand Lodge he desired to return thanks for the kind manner in which they had received the toast. All Freemasons, he was sure, sincerely sympathised with their Grand Master in his trouble, and would be delighted to hear that his son was out of danger. He also desired to bear testimony to the admirable manner in which the Grand Officers performed their work, and, as they were aware, the Pro Grand Master, Lord Lathom, had played a very important part in Masonry, as the archives of Grand Lodge would testify. All the Prov. Grand Masters ranked high in Grand Lodge, and took grade with the Grand Master. No doubt the Prov. Grand Master, Colonel Money, would thank them better than he could. In conclusion he expressed the hope that the East Surrey Lodge would have a successful year.

Bro. WOODWARD, in giving "The Health of the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Colonel Gerard Noel Money," said he had a toast of considerable importance to give, and which he was sure would be received with enthusiasm. A great honour had been conferred upon the East Surrey Lodge of Concord, a distinction and honour which had not been conferred upon any previous lodge of instruction, so far as he could remember, and his recollection of the lodge dated back when he formed it in 1859. Col. Money was the fourth Prov. Grand Master they had had. The first was Lord Monson, whose death took place in

1841. Then Bro. Alexander Dobie was appointed, and in 1872 General Brownrigg, who remained with the province until his decease. In the year in which he received his purple there were only eight lodges in Surrey, and the Prov. Grand Master had a difficulty in finding officers to give collars to. Their Prov. Grand Master came in under very different circumstances, and his difficulty had been to know how to distribute them. Bro. Woodward concluded a long eulogistic speech by asking the brethren to receive the toast with Masonic fire.

Bro. Col. MONEY, C.B., P.G.M., replied, acknowledging the compliment paid him, and observed that he could not set his foot in any lodge in Croydon without a recurrence of the very grateful feeling which was expressed towards him on the occasion of his installation. It was an event in Masonry in England, as Bro. Woodward had said, and Lord Lathom had expressed the greatest gratification and surprise at the way the work was done, and remarked that he had never seen anything like it during the whole of his career. He should always remember that, and he would do his best to satisfy them, although the task would not be an easy one, as he did not know them all personally, and sometimes brethren most deserving of honours were the most modest and retiring. He wished to thank the Committee who arranged for the installation, also Bro. Woodward, its moving spirit, and Bro. Langton and the members of the lodge of instruction, for inviting him to come amongst them, expressing the hope that it would not be the last occasion.

Bro. Col. MONEY, P.G.M., next gave "The Health of the W.D.P.G.M., Bro. West, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," adding that it was most pleasing to succeed such a worthy Deputy Prov. Grand Master. With the toast he coupled the name of Bro. Langton.

Bro. LANGTON responded on behalf of the Prov. Grand Officers. It was he was sure a matter of gratification to brethren wearing the purple to be presided over by Bro. Money, and it would be their object to do what they could to enhance the prosperity of the lodge. His duties had been comparatively light when compared with those of their able Preceptor, Bro. Hobbs. He was sure the instructions that the latter gave to members increased their love of Masonry, and if followed out members of the lodge of instruction might hope to attain the position which they all aspired to, that of Prov. Grand Officer.

The next toast was "Prosperity to the East Surrey Lodge of Concord Lodge of Instruction," associated with the names of Bro. Hobbs, Preceptor, and Bro. Ridpath, Deputy Preceptor. The toast was given from the chair, Bro. Money, C.B., P.G.M., paying a well-deserved compliment to the two brethren.

Bro. HOBBS replied, stating that it was the seventh time he had had the honour of having his name coupled with the toast. The lodge of instruction was in a flourishing condition, but he thought Bro. Ridpath was jointly responsible for a share of the praise.

Bro. RIDPATH also replied in an effective and telling speech.

It was carried by acclamation that Bro. Col. Money, P.G.M., &c., be elected an honorary member of the lodge.

Bro. MONEY, P.G.M., gave "The Visitors," which toast was suitably acknowledged by Bro. GEORGE PRICE.

The next toast was "The Honorary Members of the Lodge of Instruction," associated with Bro. WOODWARD's name, who replied.

Bro. STREETER, W.M., gave "The Secretary, Bro. Fox Hawes," a toast which was accorded a warm reception. He said that Bro. Fox Hawes did his work most thoroughly, in fact whatever he took in hand he carried out most efficiently. His nature was a most kindly one, and his heart was wrapt up in one thing, and that was Masonry. His services had, he was glad to know, been appreciated in high quarters, as he had received one of the highest honours in the province. Having referred to the testimonial which had been presented to their Secretary, he expressed a hope that he might long be spared to conduct the Secretaryship of the lodge.

Bro. FOX HAWES, in a concise speech, replied.

The other toast was "The Health of Bro. Streeter, W.M."

During the evening some capital songs were rendered by Bros. Thrift, Williams, Phillips, Russell, and Lloyd, the latter brother having arranged a good musical programme.

Obituary.

BRO. JOHN HUY.

Many brethren will hear with deep regret of the sad death of Bro. John Huy, of the St. James's Union Lodge, No. 180. He was well known to many brethren at the West-end of London, having been acting manager to Miss Lytton, of the Court Theatre, and afterwards to Mr. Hare, and then to Messrs. Hare and Kendal, at the St. James's Theatre. His end was sad, for on returning to his home on Sunday evening, the 29th ult., he fell on the stairs, and at the inquest Dr. Sheppard, of New Cavendish-street, gave evidence that the cause of death was a rupture of the liver caused by falling on the sharp edge of the stone stairs. The writer of this had known Bro. J. Huy for over 34 years, and by his kindness of disposition he had endeared himself to many friends, who will miss him much. The funeral took place on Thursday, the 2nd inst., at Brompton Cemetery.

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F. R. W. HEDGES,
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3rd December, 1891.
Secretary.

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G. FINDLAY, General Manager.

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On CHRISTMAS DAY the usual Sunday trains will run, but the 5.30 a.m. newspaper train will run as on week days to Oxford, Weston-super-Mare, and Swansea. The train will be five minutes earlier than usual between Didcot and Oxford, so as to connect at Oxford with the 7.25 and 7.40 a.m. trains, thence to Banbury, Leamington, Birmingham, Worcester, Malvern, Kidderminster, Wolverhampton, &c.

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To Correspondents.

The following communications unavoidably stand over:

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Peace and Harmony, No. 199.
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Tyrone and Fermagh Preceptory (I.C.).
Consecration of the Crays Valley Chapter, No. 2147.
Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham.
Provincial Grand Lodge of the Isle of Man.



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1891.

Masonic Notes.

We offer our most respectful congratulations to his Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master and the Princess of Wales on the betrothal of their elder son, the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, to the Princess Victoria of Teck. The project of marriage has received the assent of Her Majesty the Queen, who has also visited the Prince and Princess at Marlborough House for the purpose of offering them her felicitations. We sincerely hope that the union, when it does take place, may bring with it untold happiness, not only to the Duke and his fiancée, but likewise to the Queen and the Royal Family generally.

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We also congratulate our illustrious Grand Master and his gracious consort on the very satisfactory progress which their young son, Prince George, has been making. The latter appears to have had strength to combat the terrible disease which has prostrated him, and though with a wise caution the physicians in attendance on the Prince are content with describing the condition of their patient as it presents itself to them after each consultation, there seems to be every reasonable ground for hoping that the Prince is making slow but satisfactory progress towards recovery.

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Our readers will no doubt have realised both from our report last week of the proceedings at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge on the 2nd inst., and the comments we made in our "Masonic Notes" that the resolution on the subject of New Zealand and Article 219, was adopted unanimously by Grand Lodge, on the advice of the Grand Registrar, seconded by Bro. Thomas Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes.

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We must express our regret that by a *lapsus calami*, such as will occur from time to time even with the most careful of writers, we should have described the Past Masters who were elected by Grand Lodge on the same occasion as having been elected to serve on the Board of General Purposes instead of on the Board of Benevolence. The elective portion of the former Board is chosen at the Quarterly Communication in June, and consists of 14 Masters and Past Masters of lodges, though the number of Past Masters who may be elected is limited to seven—see Article 255, Book of Constitutions. As regards the Board of Benevolence, all actual Masters of lodges are *ex-officio* members, while the elective portion consists of 12 Masters, who must be chosen at the December Quarterly Communication—see Article 223, Book of Constitutions.

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There was no great amount of business to be transacted at the Quarterly Communication of Mark Grand Lodge the other day. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was again nominated for the office of M.W. Grand Master, while Bro. Sir Augustus Harris, who

has already served the office of Grand Treasurer in Craft Masonry, was the sole nominee for the same post in the Grand Lodge of the Mark Degree. Bro. Harris, indeed, is virtually the Grand Treasurer-elect of Mark Grand Lodge for the ensuing year, and we may reasonably tender him our congratulations on this further honour to which he has aspired having been accorded to him unanimously. As for the other proceedings, they were satisfactory as showing that Mark Masonry has made further progress of a sure and certain character but they do not need that we should offer any remarks about them.

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The Hiram Lodge, No. 2416, a lodge which is specially intended for brethren who are members of the Institute of British Architects, has been consecrated. Our wonder is, not that the architects of London should have followed in the wake of those who are members of the other learned professions, but that they should not long ago have taken a foremost place among the leaders of the movement in favour of class lodges. An abiding faith in the merits of the architecture of the past, coupled with the hope that some day or other the architects of our time may be able to rival their predecessors in the beauty and endurance of their works, is an article of our Masonic creed. All our symbolism is derived from the implements which are used in architecture, and, therefore, a lodge for architects is quite in the order of things, and should have been established long ago. However, they have their lodge now, and we heartily wish it prosperity. It has made an excellent start under the auspices of a very worthy and able Mason—Bro. H. Lovegrove—and that, at least, is a good augury for the future.

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It is to be regretted that Bro. Thomas W. Tew, P.G.M. of West Yorkshire, is not making more rapid strides towards recovery. That an improvement, however slight, is taking place we sincerely hope. The greatest sympathy is being expressed throughout the Province, and it is gratifying to know that he derives much comfort and consolation from the frequent visits paid to him by his Deputy P.G.M., Bro. Henry Smith, P.G.D.; Bro. W. H. Smithson, P.G.D., Secretary of the West Yorkshire Charitable Association; and other prominent members of the Craft in West Yorkshire. For ourselves, we are looking hopefully forward to the time when Bro. Tew will be well enough to resume his Masonic duties and take an active part in the work of his province.

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We have been requested by Bro. J. S. Cumberland, P.M., P.Z., &c., one of the two brethren who were nominated for the office of Grand Treasurer for next year, to state that the Bro. John Cumberland, P.M., 475, P.P.S.G.W. Beds, who was kind enough to propose him, is not a relative, it being a mere coincidence that the brother who nominated and the nominee have the same surnames.

Correspondence.

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

CENTENARY WARRANTS AND JEWELS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother

Without the slightest desire to stop discussion, I must ask to be excused from following Bros. "33" and "Lex Scripta" into a lengthy consideration of topics so far removed from the scope and object of my book. I am ready and willing to reply to any point therein dealt with, but am not desirous of entering upon suppositious and hypothetical questions which really do not affect the subject, as presented by me. "Lex Scripta" appears to disagree altogether with what I consider to be the only proper and legitimate interpretation of the term "suspension," and for which I have quoted ample authority. We must, therefore, agree to differ on that point.

I must, however, ask whether "Lex Scripta" is quite correct when he says that "apparently no permission was required in early days" to wear centenary jewels, "but that the jewel was assumed as a matter of course, if a lodge thought proper." Such a statement, if correct, surely ought to be supported by some evidence, but in my opinion "Lex Scripta" will have great difficulty in supplying it. My investigations certainly do not support that idea; for of the four lodges referred to in the appendix to "Centenary Warrants and Jewels" as having adopted centenary jewels or medals, three of them subsequently applied for and obtained centenary warrants, and the members of the fourth do not wear any centenary jewel, implying in each instance that the medals so adopted were irregular and unauthorised, and consequently were incapable of being legally recognised or worn.

If the interpretation which "Lex Scripta" considers to be the "plain common-sense reading" of the Instructions—viz., "that the M.W.G.M. is willing to allow a centenary jewel to be worn when a lodge can satisfy him that it has been in a *working existence* for a hundred years, and if it is shown that there has been a *practical continuity* of working"—be correct, then surely the meaning of the words "uninterrupted existence" must have undergone a radical change, which, however, I do not admit. It would be more in accordance with the idea "Lex Scripta" favours—i.e., if *his* view is taken as the correct one—that the word "uninterrupted" should be altogether omitted. But while it *does* remain a part of the M.W.G.M.'s "Instructions," it ought to receive at the hands of all parties a common-sense interpretation.

"Lex Scripta" asks whether I do not think the term "erasure" in old days was not in many cases practically equivalent only to the present "suspension"? My reply is that the phrases are not, in my judgment, at all identical. The "erasures" in the last century were very definite things, and from a very early period (1735) if an "erased" lodge desired to be again placed upon the roll, the members had to petition to be re-instated, and not infrequently to pay the fee for a new warrant or constitution. (*Vide* Book of Constitutions, 1767, pp. 276 and 296, for examples.) No question as to the "confirmation" of minutes or of "appeal" appears to have affected the "erasure" in those days. It took effect immediately. In considering this subject, however, it should be borne in mind that the methods of procedure in vogue in Grand Lodge and adopted by its officials in the 18th century were vastly different to those of the present day. It clearly was the rule for *Grand Lodge* to order the "erasure" of lodges, but that is not the case as a rule to-day.

The erasure of Lodge No. —, on the 5th September, 1838, certainly operated as an "interruption" to the continuous existence of the lodge, for the reasons already given.

In the case of Lodge La Casarée there was no *erasure*, but only a suspension, and that of a conditional nature, by Grand Lodge on 2nd September last, following up the suspension by the Provincial Grand Master of Jersey made some months before. The lodge having complied with the conditions, the suspension was removed, and the lodge re-instated by the Provincial Grand Master "in all its rights and privileges" as from November 15, and practically the resolution of Grand Lodge was not confirmed. But in this case, and viewed in the light of the painfully humiliating circumstances that the members of the lodge who attended to support their appeal were only allowed to enter Grand Lodge "without Masonic clothing," will "Lex Scripta" argue that there is no break in its continuity? The suspension by the Provincial Grand Master involved a distinct interruption to Masonic life and work, operated as a "punishment" to every member of the lodge, even while the appeal was pending, and created a *hiatus* in the "continuity" of the lodge which can never be bridged over.

No. 4, a Time Immemorial lodge was "erased" on 3rd April, 1747, but upon petition and after a long debate "restored" by Grand Lodge on 4th September, 1751, to "its former rank and place in the list of lodges." It was consequently in a position to apply for a centenary warrant in 1851, but as a matter of fact the lodge did not obtain the distinction until 1883.

It is with no desire to "draw the line" too strictly that my reply may not prove altogether satisfactory to "Lex Scripta." We must all remember that "law is law," and that every infraction of a regulation that may be allowed makes its subsequent violation more difficult to punish. If our laws and regulations are not what they ought to be there is a legitimate and constitutional method by which they may be amended, but any laxity in their interpretation or administration—any irregularity permitted in regard to their due observance or enforcement—must sooner or later lead to unsatisfactory results similar to those chronicled in "Centenary Warrants and Jewels."

The very deep interest I feel, Bro. Editor, in preserving intact the laws and regulations of the Craft, must be my apology for this lengthy communication.—Yours fraternally,

JNO. LANE.

Torquay, December 5th.

THE LEICESTER MASONIC LIBRARY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

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The latter are principally works on discoveries in the Holy Land, a subject at all times of intense interest to the well-read Mason.

The collection will take first rank as to this century's literature, and will be found to contain a complete set of the *Freemason* 1869–1890, now scarce and valuable; a complete set of Bro. Hughan's works, all rare and most of them unattainable; a set of Dr. Oliver's works, with the original MS. of Masonic songs by the Rev. S. Oliver (father of the Rev. G. Oliver, D.D.).

There is a curious little book entitled "Songs of Free Masons," issued at Darlington, supposed to be unique and entirely unknown to Bro. Hughan, and certainly never heard of by me in the district which I have fairly hunted.

There are about 34 volumes of last century's works, an unusually small number for such a collection, and leaving much to be desired.

There is a virtue however in such a lack, as it will act as a stimulant to the brethren of the province to supply what is wanted and create an interest in the search for old treasures. Of last century's works there is the ever valuable First Book of the Constitutions, 1723, a work seldom to be had in good condition (a copy sold a short time ago in Yorkshire for 15 guineas); there is also "Pritchard's Masonry Dissected," 3rd edition, 1730, and "Jachin and Boaz," 1762. The former is rarer than the First Book of Constitutions, though nothing like as valuable, and the latter being the first edition of the celebrated series (of about 50 editions) is very eagerly sought after and very seldom found. The "Secrets of Masonry," 1737, and "Shibboleth," 1765, may also be bracketed in the scarce works on the "Exposure of Freemasonry" of last century, and are to be highly prized.

The "Constitutions" are fairly represented, but the "Ahiman Rezens" and "R.A. Regulations" are lamentably short, and I would urge the Librarians to use every effort to obtain what they are short of while they may be found. It must be remembered that there are numerous collectors in America and the colonies who leave a *carte blanche* order with their London agents to send out to them all old Masonic works, and by this means are "tapping" a market every day growing more scanty.

I do not understand from the preface and the catalogue whether brethren may take books away on loan or consult them in the library. Scarce reference books ought not to be loaned out on any condition, as their value consists largely in the condition in which they are kept.

The appeal made by the chief librarian for contribution of books on Freemasonry or kindred subjects is worthy the attention of brethren outside the province. Bros. Hughan, Meyer, Sadler, and Whympier, ever ready to help a good cause, have given generous support and assistance in the preparation of the library.—Yours fraternally,

GEO. W. BAIN.

Sunderland, December 7th.

PROVINCIAL HONOURS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In the course of your interesting article headed "Provincial Honours" you say "There is hardly a province in which the Provincial Grand Master or his Deputy or Secretary does not periodically visit each lodge."

I am sorry to say this is not the case in this province (Devonshire). I have been a member of a lodge for 13 years, during which time we have never been visited either by the Provincial Grand Master, his Deputy, or the Secretary, and I am informed by older members of the lodge that the same has been the case for many years previous.—I remain, Sir, yours fraternally,

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RULE 219.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have read with much interest the letter from Queensland, signed, "Past Master," in your issue of last week, relative to Rule 219 of the Constitutions. Like "Past Master" I cannot see how it is possible to come to any other conclusion than he has done, namely, that so long as there are three members to continue a lodge it cannot be dissolved or its allegiance transferred. The point is, however, of much greater importance than I had previously imagined. The question will, no doubt, come before Grand Lodge, and if it does the difficulty will be for the members to be so seized of the bearings of the case as to enable them to come to a just decision, for if the Colonial Board and the Grand Registrar maintain their former ruling, I fear there will be no chance for the members against the persuasive eloquence of Bro. Philbrick, and our brethren in Queensland will thus come off second best and ere long cease to exist as English Masons. Confessing myself interested in the question after reading "Past Master's" letter, I do hope, Bro. Editor, that you, who are so well posted up in Masonic affairs all over the world, will do all that lies in your power to inform the brethren how the question really stands, and the importance of the interests involved in the decision.

SUUM CUIQUE.

[We refer our correspondent to our report last week of the recent Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, and also to our article in this week's issue on the subject, as well as to an article which appeared on the 28th November, and a letter from "Lex Scripta" in the same issue.—ED. F.M.]



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Albion Lodge (No. 9).—This lodge held a meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Tuesday, the 1st inst., Bro. Ernest Hamlyn, W.M., presiding. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. Tennant was passed as a F.C. The election of officers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, Bro. Pritchard, the present S.W., being unanimously elected as W.M.; Bro. Friend, P.M., as Treasurer; and Bro. Vallentine, P.M., as Treasurer of the Benevolent Fund. Bro. J. Rawle was elected Tyler. Notice was given by Bro. Harvey, P.M., that he should ask the lodge at the next meeting to grant a sum of 50 guineas from the Benevolent Fund to be given to the Old People at the forthcoming Jubilee Festival. It was resolved that a Past Master's jewel be presented to Bro. Ernest Hamlyn on the occasion of his retiring from the office of Worshipful Master.

A banquet was held in the Freemasons' Tavern, the visiting brethren being Bros. Colonel Templar, 20; O. Berry, 569; Izard, 1017; Calkin Lewis, 231; Grover, 1135; Prower, 1745; and Harwood, 1524.

The usual toasts were given, including "The Masonic Charities," which was replied to at length by Bro. J. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I., who kindly looked in to see his old friends, and he strongly exhorted all members of the Albion Lodge to double their subscriptions for the Jubilee Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Other toasts were proposed and honoured, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

Temple Lodge (No. 101).—The election meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, on Tuesday, the 1st inst., when there were present Bros. F. Williams, W.M.; H. B. White, P.M., acting S.W.; J. Sparks, J.W.; E. L. Lardner, P.M., Sec.; H. Woods, S.D.; Frank Wint, J.D.; C. Plant, I.G.; Jas. Budd, Stwd.; Horace Petley, Org.; R. Potter, Tyler; J. Minter Flegg, I.P.M.; J. H. Wynne, P.M.; Thos. E. Taylor, P.M.; Payten, A. Morant, Thos. Mansell, Alf. Paine, Wm. Briant, John Wint, H. L. Piper, Benj. Dowsett, J. Shelvey, H. Squires, T. Ruff, G. Bridge, Dr. H. B. Shillingford, A. Weston, H. Eyre, C. Lankester, Dr. Keates, and G. Harrison. The visitors were Bros. C. H. Stone, J.W. 507; W. T. Warner, S.W. 1297; Nawab Eussoof, M.D., 1422, Punjab; J. W. Hallett, 1278; Hy. Squire, P.M. 1827; C. Mussared, W.M. 2264; H. E. Poole, Asst. Sec. 2030; and S. Wright, 1897.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Alf. Morant was raised to the Sublime Degree by Bro. J. Minter Flegg, I.P.M., in a most impressive manner. Bros. Paine and Piper were passed by Bro. Taylor, P.M., in an excellent style. Dr. Shillingford was also initiated by Bro. Taylor, P.M. The ballot having been taken for a candidate for initiation, Bro. Perry was elected a joining member. The election of W.M. then took place, which proved unanimous in favour of Bro. Sparks, J.W., as the S.W. was unable at the present to avail himself of that honour. Bro. Thomas was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Potter, Tyler. Bro. J. M. Flegg, I.P.M., then proposed that a Past Master's jewel, of the value of 10 guineas, be awarded the W.M., Bro. Frank Williams, for the very able manner he had carried out the duties of the lodge during the past year. This was duly seconded, and carried unanimously. The W.M. replied in very suitable terms.

The business of the lodge ended, the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, supervised by Bro. Ashby, the energetic manager.

The cloth having been removed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were ably given and received.

The toast of "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," having been duly honoured,

That of "The W.M." was given in high terms by Bro. Flegg, I.P.M., remarking that the W.M. was deserving of all praise for the manner he had worked; he had been the means of resuscitating the lodge. He was a true Mason and had greatly influenced the lodge for good, and he hoped the younger brethren would try and follow in his footsteps.

The Worshipful Master replied with heartfelt thanks for the kindness and courtesy he had always received, and hoped the brethren would remember the Charities as heretofore.

"The Initiate" was next given most suitably by the Worshipful Master, and cordially received.

Bro. Dr. Shillingford (initiate), replied most tersely, and trusted he might long be spared and become a worthy Mason.

The toast of "The Visitors," the Worshipful Master remarked, was one which the members of Temple Lodge prided themselves upon, and all who were present had had extended to them a most hearty welcome.

In reply, Bro. Nawab Eussoof in a highly intellectual speech thanked the brethren most heartily for the very cordial greeting, remarking that he was proud to be present and to witness such excellent working. He was most anxious to come to England and would state that he was grateful for such receptions that he had had. His father was 97 years of age, and he had several brothers, all enthusiastic Masons, who had taken many prominent positions in Masonry. There was one remark he would wish to make, and that was the allegiance that all showed to our beloved Empress. He trusted the W.M. elect would have such a year as the one now closing.

Bro. Mussared, W.M. 2264, also spoke in very eloquent terms of the W.M., and also for the splendid hospitality always extended by the lodge.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was given in high terms by the Worshipful Master, and most suitably replied to by Bros. Flegg, Taylor, and White.

That of "The Treasurer and Secretary" was ably given by the Worshipful Master, who remarked that Bro. Thomas,

P.M., Treas., was recovering very slowly from his serious illness. Of the Secretary, none could possibly fulfil the duties better. The toast having been suitably responded to, "The Officers" was next given, the Worshipful Master remarking he was proud of such, and he congratulated himself in having such a splendid array.

Bro. Sparks, J.W., replied in a few suitable terms, stating that all would do their very best for the lodge. For himself he most heartily thanked the brethren for the confidence shown, and he trusted to emulate their W.M. and all the worthy brethren who had preceded him in that chair.

The Tyler's toast closed a most enjoyable evening.

The musical arrangements were under the able superintendence of Bro. Horace Petley, Organist of the lodge, who was most efficiently assisted by Bros. J. Budd, C. Plant, J. Wint, C. Lankester, S. Wright, and G. Bridge.

Faith Lodge (No. 141).—This old lodge met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 24th ult. Among those present were Bros. Welsh, W.M.; Taylor, S.W.; Coop, P.M., acting J.W.; Carter, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Trott, S.D.; Godfrey, I.G.; W. Langdale, I.P.M.; E. Hopwood, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Capt. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W.; Frommholz, P.M.; Hakim, P.M.; and others. Bro. Weston, 1310, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. F. W. White was raised to the Third Degree. The resolution passed at the last meeting as to the voting of £10 ros. to the R.M.B.I. Jubilee Festival, 1892, per Bro. E. Hopwood, P.M., as a Steward, was unanimously confirmed. Apologies for non-attendance having been read, the lodge was duly closed. There was no banquet.

Duke of Edinburgh Lodge (No. 1259).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 1st inst., at the Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial-road, E., under the presidency of Bro. G. Parrett, W.M., who was supported by Bros. Trappitt, S.W.; Lusty, J.W.; Wakefield, P.M., Treas.; Buchan, P.M., Sec.; Powell, S.D.; Adams, J.D.; Westmorland, I.G.; Esmond, P.M., D.C.; Seddons, P.M., Org.; Brook and Snelling, Stewards; Very, Tyler; Atkins, P.M.; Omer, P.M.; Harding, Beales, Foulds, Gentry, and several others. Visitors: Bros. Newall, 781; Nightscales, 1382; Britain, 1278; Bleick, 2378; and others.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, the W.M. proceeded to initiate Messrs. J. W. Larcombe, D. McPhee, and Roberts. Bro. Wakefield having volunteered to represent the lodge as Steward at the Jubilee Festival of the R.M.B.I., a vote of 15 guineas was accorded towards his list. Other business having been transacted, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to, the Tyler's toast terminating the proceedings.

In the intervals Bros. Buchan, Atkins, Parrett, and others contributed to the harmony, and Bro. Seddons, the veteran Organist, did yeoman service both as accompanist and in several selections.

Kennington Lodge (No. 1381).—This prosperous lodge met at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, on the 1st inst. Among those present were Bros. J. J. La Feuillade, W.M.; Dennis, S.W.; Lundie, J.W.; W. Stuart, P.M., 141, Sec.; Heard, S.D.; Millsom, I.G.; Colwell, D.C.; Burn, Stwd.; H. Higgins, P.M.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M.; Cockburn, P.M.; R. La Feuillade, P.M.; Foale, P.M.; and W. W. Westley, I.P.M. Among the visitors were Bros. Lancaster, P.M. 1668; W. Lawley, J.D. 2348; Jerrard, 79; Newton, 186; Childs, 548; Hudson, 975; Farr, 1298; Brousson, 1839; Jacobs, 1839; S. Brown, 2024; Kimbell, 2348; Sheriff, 2353; Yager, 14 (U.S.A.); and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and Bros. A. S. Moore and R. C. Scutt were duly and impressively raised to the Third Degree. The ballot having been taken for Mr. Edward Eli Lige, he was duly initiated into Craft mysteries by the W.M. Among those who sent apologies for non-attendance was Bro. George Everett, P.M., Grand Treasurer. A distressed member of the lodge having been relieved with a handsome donation from the funds, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was well served by Bro. Buxton and assistants.

Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts followed.

Bro. Cockburn, P.M., proposed "The Health of the Grand Officers." In the course of his remarks he touched upon the absence that evening, through indisposition, of their respected Treasurer, Bro. George Everett, G. Treas., who, had he been present, would doubtless have acknowledged the toast in his usual happy way.

Bro. Westley proposed "The Health of the W.M." He remarked upon the highly creditable manner in which the W.M. had discharged his duties that evening. Thus far he had had a most busy year of office, and he (the speaker) hoped to see him install his successor in February next. Before sitting down he wished to call the attention of those brethren desirous of working up the ceremonies to the fact that the Kennington Lodge of Instruction met every Friday in that Tavern at eight o'clock.

Bro. J. La Feuillade having responded, the toasts of "The Initiate" and "The Visitors" followed.

Bros. Lancaster and W. Lawley responded at length upon behalf of the latter. It being late the remaining toasts were given quickly and the proceedings terminated.

During the evening numerous instrumental, vocal, and dramatic selections were given by several members of the lodge.

Loyalty and Charity Lodge (No. 1584).—The usual meeting was held at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, on Saturday, the 28th ult. Present: Bros. Dr. Walford, W.M.; T. Bourchier-Chilcott, S.W.; Alfred A. Pendlebury, A.G. Sec., as J.W.; Wm. Dodd, Sec.; E. P. Seaton, J.D.; A. R. Hodson, W.M. 409, I.G.; T. Drew Bear, P.M.; W. H. Seymour Cutler, P.M.; J. Peeke Richards, P.M.; and the following visitors: Bros. A. F. Bott, 1501, and Dr. Platt, S.W. 1635.

The lodge having been opened, Bros. H. F. Stephen, S. Raymond, Wm. Stennett, and Lewis Jones were passed, and Dr. Phillpotts and F. Watson Smyth were initiated, after which the S.W. was unanimously elected W.M., and Bro. Pendlebury re-elected Treasurer. A vote of condolence

and sympathy on the sudden death of Bro. G. H. Haydon, P.G.D.C., who was a P.M. and one of the founders of the lodge, was proposed by Bro. Drew Bear, and seconded by Bro. J. Peeke Richards, and directed to be sent to his widow. The Secretary announced that he had given in his name as a Steward for the Jubilee Festival of the R.M.B.I., and the sum of £10 ros. was voted from the lodge funds to be placed on his list, and £5 ss. was voted to the R.M.I.G.

A very enjoyable evening was spent at the dinner table, under the presidency of the W.M., and enlivened by the harmony of several of the brethren.

Farringdon Without Lodge (No. 1745).—This influential civic lodge met for the dispatch of business at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel, on Monday, the 30th ult. Among those in attendance were Bros. Nelson Prower, M.A., F.R.G.S., W.M.; J. Young, P.M., acting S.W.; F. Kent, J.W.; H. J. Lardner, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Jackson, P.M., Sec.; P. N. Lardner, S.D.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., D.C.; and James Strugnell, P.M.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. J. D. Webb and C. Shapcott were ably passed to the Second Degree by the W.M. Communications regretting inability to attend were received from Bros. G. Herbert, P.M.; T. Simpson, P.M.; Schultz, P.M.; Dr. E. M. Lott, P.G. Org., and many others. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet. The customary toasts followed.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed in fluent terms by Bro. Jackson, P.M.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, expressed his thanks to the proposer of the toast for the kind manner in which he had touched upon his (the W.M.'s) restoration to health from a serious illness. He was exceedingly pleased with the honourable position he held in the lodge as one of the rulers of the Craft, and it would be his endeavour to evince his gratitude to the lodge by enhancing its prosperity in every conceivable way.

The toast of "The Visitors" having been proposed by the Worshipful Master, and responded to by Bro. Dr. Hinton, the Worshipful Master gave "The Past Masters." In the course of his remarks he mentioned the circumstance that they had one of that distinguished body present that evening who had just returned from a visit to New Zealand. Bro. J. Strugnell, P.M., was that brother. He was one of the oldest initiates in the Farringdon Without, and in the early history of the lodge had done good suit and service, and was universally respected.

Bro. J. Strugnell, in his reply, gave some interesting facts in connection with his recent voyage and visit to New Zealand.

In giving "The Health of the Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. spoke in the highest terms of commendation of the great services rendered to No. 1745 by those prominent officials.

Bros. Lardner and Jackson having briefly acknowledged the compliment, "The Health of the Officers" terminated the proceedings.

Bros. Dr. Hinton and C. Shapcott's selections on the pianoforte and cornet were greatly appreciated.

Anglo-American Lodge (No. 2191).—An emergency meeting of this popular lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly-circus, S.W., on the 1st inst., when there were present Bros. James J. Woolley, W.M.; F. Kedge, I.P.M.; W. Hancock, S.W.; G. H. Reynolds, J.W.; J. B. Cumming, Treas.; G. Reynolds, Sec.; J. Skinner, S.D.; Stanley Spooner, acting as J.D.; F. Jackson, I.G.; J. B. Grieve, D.C.; G. A. Bergholz, Stwd.; W. Lane, Tyler; G. L. Harvey, C. J. Sherwood, F. Hanson, A. H. P. Snow, G. T. Atkinson, J. Woodward, H. Lowenfeld, and H. Vilain. Visitors: Bros. C. T. Hills, 15, and J. Wise, 1614.

The lodge was opened, and a ballot was taken for Mr. Henry Lowenfeld, a candidate for initiation, and, being unanimous, that gentleman was accordingly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Bro. W. G. L. Harvey, B.A., was raised to the Degree of a M.M.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Club Room, and having partaken of refreshment afterwards separated.

Scots Lodge (No. 2319).—St. Andrew's Festival was celebrated at this lodge's November meeting on Thursday, the 26th ult., at the Scottish Corporation Hall, Crane-court, Fleet-street. The chair was taken by Bro. John Page, W.M., who was supported by Bro. John Whitehead, I.P.M., and the following members of the lodge and visitors: Bros. D. F. Gellion, P.M., as S.W.; H. Massey, P.M. 1928 (visitor), as J.W.; J. Thomson, Sec.; James Gray, P.M., Trustee; Jos. Whitehead, S.D.; W. Craig, as J.D.; Dr. D. M. Forbes, D.C.; D. R. Duncan, I.G.; Ashley Gordon, Org.; Peter Greig, Stwd.; John Milton, Piper; Wm. Robertson, Tyler; James R. MacArthur, J.P., Capt. Hy. Fletcher Campbell, Jno. Plenderleith, J. Duncan Balfour, Wm. Angus Stewart, Roderick Mitchell, William Laurie, J. Balfour Allan, James Anderson, Dr. James Sinclair, Thomas Sandiland, Bailie Smith, and Daniel McKay. Visitors: Bros. Nicol Anderson, P.M. 747 (S.C.); G. P. Minett, P.M. 1672; Alex. Ritchie, C.C., 173; A. C. M. Ramsay, 1 (S.C.); Edwin Styles, S.W. 704; James Hill, 749; Paul Alliston, Sec. 1196; J. C. Grieve, 34; and John Milton, Piper 259 (S.C.).

The lodge had held an emergency meeting on the previous Monday, at which Dr. Irvine Kempton Reid was initiated. At the regular meeting on the 26th ult. Bro. J. Duncan Balfour was passed to the Second Degree, after which Bro. James Thomson, Sec., reported to the W.M. and the lodge that Bro. Dr. Reid had entrusted to him the duty of expressing the great pleasure he felt, and the honour he esteemed it, that he had been admitted as a member of the ancient Order. He had seen Dr. Reid off to Georgetown the day before, and he thoroughly appreciated the new relation in which he found himself. Bro. John Whitehead, I.P.M., wished to endorse all that had been said by Bro. Thomson. He also accompanied Dr. Reid on his departure for British Guiana, and he found that the newly-admitted brother was fully sensible of the great obligations which he had assumed. The W.M. then announced that he was going to be Steward for the lodge at the Jubilee Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and trusted that the brethren would assist him in making up a list of which the lodge would be proud.

The lodge was thereupon closed, and, preceded by the Piper, Bro. John Milton, the brethren passed to the dining hall, where a capital Scotch banquet was provided by Bro. Clemow, of Anderton's Hotel. The menu was a special one, as regarded the quotations by which each course was accompanied; they were all Scotch, and exhibited a spirit of great drollery in the selector.

The usual toasts followed, and some capital songs and reels were given between them. Bro. Whitehead was active in seeking supporters for the W.M.'s Benevolent Jubilee Festival list, and he secured a total of £42, which Bro. Page said he hoped would be increased to £100 by the date on which the Festival would be held.

Bro. Whitehead, I.P.M., in proposing "The W.M.," said they all knew Bro. Page was one of the founders of the lodge, and the heartiness with which he had co-operated with the brethren in the work of the lodge had commended itself to the consideration of all the members of the lodge. The W.M. had done everything he could to further the interests of the lodge and its members.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, said he could confirm what Bro. Whitehead had said. It had given him great pleasure, and it always would, to promote the interests of the lodge and the brethren as far as he possibly could. He then thanked Bro. Whitehead and the brethren for the hearty support they had given his list as Steward, and said he should do his best to make it up to £100.

Several brethren responded to the toast of "The Visitors."

Bro. Gellion, P.M., who had acted as S.W. during the work of the lodge that evening, in replying to the toast of "The Officers," said it was very pleasant to hear the W.M. speak, as he had spoken, so well of his officers. However, he thought they had all done their very best, and that ought to enhance the value and the character of the Scots Lodge. All the officers wished to do their very best to support the W.M., and he hoped their efforts would give satisfaction.

Bro. Dr. Forbes said he felt taken rather aback at being called upon to make one of the responses, because he was a junior officer. Still, there was no one who had the interests of the lodge closer at heart than he; no one more wished for the success of the lodge; and any humble efforts of his if they could be given would be given most heartily. He was sure that the Scots Lodge had a great future before it. If the brethren bided their time—as Scotsmen always did—they were sure to climb to the top of the tree. The lodge was getting together a number of Scotsmen of the proper sort. The visitors knew the lodge had talent in it, musical and otherwise, and would match any other lodge; and as to hospitality, they need not talk about that—the visitors had passed an eloquent eulogium on it—and the hospitality of Scotsmen wherever they were found was well known. All over the world wherever a Scotchman was to be found his heart was always open—open as the day. Once make a Scotchman your friend, he was a friend for ever; and as for Charity—there was not a more charitable being on the earth than a Scotchman, although he was often maligned. In the great City of London Scotsmen, joined by a bond of nationality, determined to make this lodge one of the finest lodges in the Metropolis, and they would do it—they were determined to do it—and they had one of the finest halls for any lodge to meet in. The officers, however low or however high on the list, were loyal to the Master who sat in the chair, and were desirous to do their duty. At the Battle of Trafalgar the ensign went up "England expects every man to do his duty," but a Scotchman who was present said "where is Scotland?" "Oh, Jock," was the answer, "it is well known Scotsmen always do their duty."

Bro. Thomson, Sec., Bro. Gray, and others also replied, and the proceedings closed with the Tyler's toast and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

Borough of Greenwich Lodge (No. 2332).—There was a great muster of brethren at the William the Fourth—Bro. George Burney's handsome hotel at East Greenwich—on Wednesday, the 25th ult., to witness and assist at the installation of Bro. G. P. Carter, S.W., W.M. elect, who on that date was placed in the chair of K.S. by his predecessor, Bro. H. Roberts, P.M., W.M., and who certainly must be congratulated upon the excellent manner in which he carried out the important duty entrusted to him.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, Bro. Carter was presented to the W.M. for installation, and was inducted into the chair and saluted accordingly. He appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. H. Roberts, I.P.M.; J. G. Thomas, P.M., S.W.; A. H. Oakley, J.W.; S. J. Gore, P.M., P.P.G.P. Kent, Treas.; W. J. Huntley, Sec.; T. P. Newton, S.D.; E. W. Carpenter, J.D.; A. H. Bateman, P.M., D.C.; J. O. Pearson, I.G.; J. Brown and J. Harper, Stwds.; and W. Spinks, Tyler. Bro. Roberts then gave the addresses and concluded the ceremony of installation, for which he was awarded the usual vote of thanks, and was also presented with a Past Master's jewel, for which he returned thanks. Other business was then attended to, and the audit showing a balance of over £200 in hand, the sum of 15 guineas was voted to the list of the W.M., who stands Steward at the forthcoming Benevolent Festival, and then the lodge was closed.

The following brethren, beside those above enumerated, were present at the banquet: Bros. T. W. Boord, M.P., P.M., P.G.D. England; G. Burney, sen., P.M.; W. Kipps, P.M., P.P.G. Org. Kent; Bear, P.M.; T. James, A. Eades, S. Phillips, E. W. Higgs, T. E. Tullent, E. Relf, H. M. Cann, C. Huskisson, R. Rumsey, P. Evans, E. G. Coak, W. J. Frooms, J. Brown, E. Dances, J. Billington, A. Bargent, W. Willsher, F. Burney, G. Burney, jun., C. Bone, T. Law, J. Leyton, E. Burrell, J. Harper, J. Nixon, J. T. Andrews, B. Britten, W. Watts, R. Simpson, W. H. Burney, J. Pain, J. Foster, J. Smith, H. Simpson, T. Richards, K. Oakes, and J. Pace, all of the lodge; Dr. Ralph Gooding, M.D., P.M. 1, P.G.D. England; E. Pass, P.M. 1540; A. Holmes, P.M. 548; G. Newell, P.M. 548; Vivian Orchard, P.M. 79; C. N. Cyder, P.M. 79; R. Banks, P.M. 147; B. Ingle, W.M. 79; T. Heaps, S.W. 1973; G. W. King, J.W. 1437; H. P. Boord, 589; E. Williams, 1539; A. Davidson, 147; R. E. Lane, 1441; and C. Jolly, I.P.M., Sec. 1471, 2184.

The toast of "The Queen and the Craft" having been honoured,

The W.M. next proposed that of "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and in so doing referred feelingly to the serious illness of Prince George of Wales,

and wished him a speedy recovery—a sentiment that was heartily re-echoed by the brethren present.

"The Pro Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom," was drunk heartily.

Bro. Boord, in responding to the toast of "The Deputy G.M., the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," said he felt, and always felt, a little ashamed of himself when he had to respond to that toast, because, although during his year of office as a Grand Officer he did his duty, since that period he had not attended to Masonry so much as he perhaps might have done. His connection with the Borough of Greenwich Lodge was like an oasis in the desert of his Masonic life, but when he heard the W.M. speak of his services to Grand Lodge he noticed a smile creeping over the face of his colleague (Bro. Gooding), the meaning of which he should leave Bro. Gooding to explain to them. He could only say that the Grand Officers did their duty in such a manner as met with the approbation, not only of their beloved Grand Master, but the whole, or at least if not everyone, a large majority of the brethren under the rule of the Grand Lodge of England. He could not sit down without expressing his pleasure in seeing that the Borough of Greenwich Lodge was prospering so. As the first Master of it, it afforded him great gratification, and anything he could do at any time to maintain and even increase its prosperity, he should only be too happy to do it.

Bro. Gooding said they had heard from the genial lips of Bro. Boord something about a smile that he saw creeping over his (Bro. Gooding's) face. Well, if he did smile it was at the modesty with which Bro. Boord referred to his services, or neglect of services to Grand Lodge. As for himself, he rose in obedience to the W.M. to respond to the toast, and in reverting to the words of Bro. Boord as to the manner in which the Grand Officers of Grand Lodge did their duty, he had no hesitation in saying that not only in Grand Lodge, but wherever their services were required throughout the kingdom they did their duty well, and in accordance with the most cherished traditions of Grand Lodge and its Institutions. As a Past Grand Officer of Grand Lodge he could tell them that Masonry had at the present time more life and go in it than it had during the last 20 years. On the preceding Monday their esteemed G. Secretary, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, was installed W.M. of the Shadwell Clerke Lodge, a fact unique in itself, as Bro. Clerke is the first Grand Secretary, at least during the present century, that has ever during his Secretaryship been installed in the chair of a lodge, and as a proof of his assertion as to the vitality of Masonry, there were present on the occasion no less than 130 Grand Officers, besides a number of Provincial Grand Officers from various provinces in the kingdom. After referring to the rule of Bros. Boord and Roberts over the Borough of Greenwich Lodge, and to the help afforded by Bro. Bateman, both at its formation and since, he concluded by assuring them that all this pointed out the life and vitality there was in the Craft, and the desire, not only of the Grand Officers, but of the whole body of Masonry to live up to and carry out its fundamental principles, "Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth."

The I.P.M. then proposed the toast of "The W.M.," saying he was not going to extol their W.M. more than he deserved or what was his due, but he had done his work well in the lodge, and to their satisfaction. He felt sure that every brother in the lodge would assist Bro. Carter during his year of office, and on their behalf he wished him long life and prosperity and a good year of office.

Bro. Carter said, as the W.M. of that young and prosperous lodge, he was exceedingly gratified, and felt sure they were to hear from the lips of the Grand Officers present that theirs was in a sound and prosperous condition, and now that he had arrived at the dignified position of its Master, nothing should be wanting on his part to keep up its present proud position among the lodges of the Metropolis.

The toast of "The Installing Officer" having been drank in bumpers, and Bro. Roberts having briefly returned thanks,

Bro. Orchard, in responding for "The Visitors," regretted that he had been the first named to respond, because otherwise it might have fallen into the hands of a brother who could have put the necessary poetic fire into his speech so as to make it worthy of the occasion. He regretted not being present at the ceremony of installation, because he and the W.M. were old school friends, and had known and worked together in Masonry for some time past, and he felt sure from what he knew of Bro. Carter that he would go through his year of office with credit to himself and satisfaction to the brethren.

Bro. Whomes having briefly responded, Bros. Williams and Boord also offered their congratulations to the W.M., the latter brother averring that he never felt the loss of eloquence so much as he did at that moment. He could only thank the W.M. and brethren of the Borough of Greenwich Lodge for their cordial welcome to himself and every visitor honoured with an invitation.

The Worshipful Master then gave the toast of "The Past Masters." He said they were numerically small, but he thought they would agree with him that they were strong in ability. Their first Past Master, Bro. Boord, had, as they all knew, conducted the first year of the lodge's existence in such an admirable manner that from its first meeting its success was assured, and long would his name be cherished amongst them for his genial manner and unvarying courtesy to all with whom he came in touch. Then there was Bro. Bateman, who was, and had been always, ready to do the work when the parliamentary duties of Bro. Boord prevented his attendance. Bro. Roberts was one of the oldest Masons in the district, and as such was respected for his great Masonic knowledge. He asked them to drink the toast with all heartiness, and give the Past Masters a good fire.

Bro. Roberts, in response, said it usually devolved upon the I.P.M. to respond to the toast of the Past Masters, and he heartily thanked them for their cordial reception of it. The Past Masters would never leave the W.M., but would support him, and do all they could to make his year of office a pleasant and prosperous one.

Bro. Boord said he had had many proofs of the kindness of the brethren to the Past Masters. He was pleased to hear of the progress the lodge was making, and he had no doubt that the prestige of the lodge would be amply maintained by the present W.M.

Bro. Bateman also responded, and, in the course of a lengthy and eloquent speech, gave the W.M. and brethren excellent advice.

The toast of "The Officers" followed, and then the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

The singing was excellent, and the contributors to the harmony were Bros. Thomas, G. W. Sly, E. J. Daws, Mr. H. Mason, and Bro. Jolly, who recited. The whole affair was a great and unequivocal success.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BRIGHTON.

Atlingworth Lodge (No. 1821).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Royal Pavilion, on Thursday, the 19th ult. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. W. C. Newsome, who was supported by the following officers: Bros. M. Lelew, I.P.M.; O. Embling, S.W.; A. Loader, J.W.; W. A. Firth, Chap.; S. Peters, Treas.; H. Stair, Sec.; J. Parsons, J.D.; T. Bullock, D.C.; A. P. Dollman, I.G.; H. S. Gates, P.P.G.O., Org.; J. M. Mennich, Stwd.; H. H. Hughes, Tyler; and A. Coe, Asst. Tyler. The members of the lodge who were present also included Bros. H. Anscombe, P.M.; B. Burfield, P.M.; Prov. A.G. Sec.; J. Billingham, P.M.; G. S. Godfree, P.M.; T. B. Berry, P.M.; H. Greeve, M. Nias, R. Strong, W. H. Brown, H. W. Ingledew, T. S. Carter, W. Burnes, T. H. Burrell, H. W. Reed, F. Hart, B. Button, J. Palmer, H. Hart, M. W. Wormald, J. Chapman, T. C. Grevatt, E. J. Miles, J. L. Davis, J. J. Abell, and J. Sayers. The visitors included Bros. J. Creighton, W.M. 1110; W. Gill, P.M. 1829, P.P.G.D.C.; S. Dunn, 1765; H. Packham, W.M. 1829; J. Cater, P.M. 2317, P.G. Chaplain Surrey; W. Eager, 2317; T. H. Huckell, 1636; W. A. Laker, P.M. 1362; W. Raston, 1829; H. R. Spooner, 834; F. King, 429; W. Artis, 1829; Alfred Upton, 1636; B. W. Pitt, 1829; E. A. Buchanan, 1829; H. G. Collins, Sec. 1636; H. W. G. Abell, S.W. 1797; E. A. Smithers, Stwd. 271; G. Wilson, W.M. 1619; F. J. Bevis, 732; E. Mitchell, D.C. 1636; G. Pallant, 2108; T. P. Harker, P.M. 732; S. J. Green, 733; C. Nye, W.M. 2187, P.P.G.S. of W.; M. Grinberg, Douglas M. Ross, J.W. 271; Freeman Gell, 271; J. Bradford, W.M. 732; G. W. Willett, 271; W. Botting, P.M. 732, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Terry, P.M. 315; J. Stride, jun., 1636; C. Sharp, 1636; and G. Cole, P.M. 1636, P.P.G.C.

In addition to the ordinary business of the lodge, it was proposed by Bro. Rev. W. A. Tooth, P.P.G. Chaplain, and seconded by Bro. M. Lelew, I.P.M., "That the Atlingworth Lodge, No. 1821, assembled for its regular meeting, having heard with deep sorrow of the serious illness through which the illustrious Prince George of Wales is passing, desires to express its heartfelt sympathy with the M.W. Grand Master, and prays that the Great Architect of the Universe may overrule this affliction to His greater glory and the increased joy of the Royal Family."

The lodge having been closed, the brethren sat down to their annual banquet, which had been postponed owing to the recent death of the father of the W.M.

The W.M., Bro. W. C. Newsome, presided, and opened the toast list by proposing "The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales."

Bro. Billingham, P.M., gave "The Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past," to which the Prov. Grand Secretary responded.

The Worshipful Master then gave "The R.W. Provincial Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught."

Bro. A. Loader, J.W., submitted "The Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, Present and Past," which was acknowledged by Bros. C. Nye, W. Gill, and J. Terry.

The I.P.M., Bro. Lelew, then said he had an important toast to propose, that of "The Worshipful Master." Bro. Newsome, he remarked, possessed distinctions which had not characterised other W.M.'s of the lodge, he was the youngest W.M. who had occupied the chair, and he was also a "Lewis." He had served most of the offices in the lodge, and had, at length, been unanimously elected W.M. He was sure all the brethren congratulated him upon his proud position, and upon the large gathering that had assembled to do him honour. Alluding to the lamentable circumstances which had necessitated the postponement of the banquet, he wished the W.M. as happy a year of office as that through which he himself had passed.

The Worshipful Master, on rising to respond, was enthusiastically applauded. He said the brethren would be pleased to hear that he had received the following telegram from H.R.H. the Prince of Wales: "To the W.M. Atlingworth Lodge, Royal Pavilion, Brighton; the Prince of Wales desires to express his warm thanks to the brethren for their kind and fraternal sympathy." Responding to the toast he said he hardly knew how to thank the brethren for the hearty reception they had given him. He felt deeply grateful to them and assured them he would carry out his duties to the best of his ability. He had good Past Masters to fall back upon, and knew he would have their hearty support. Referring to the postponement of the banquet, he said he felt very grateful to all the brethren for their kind expressions of sympathy. Whatever his shortcomings, he would do his best to keep the lodge together, and felt much encouraged by their kindness to him.

Bro. G. S. Godfree proposed "The Worshipful Masters of the Lodges in the Province," to which Bro. Bradford responded.

Bro. B. Burfield gave "The Visitors," which Bros. Cater and Spooner acknowledged.

Bros. Godfree and Lelew replied to the toast of "The Past Masters of the Lodge."

Bros. Embling, Loader, and Mennich responded for "The Officers of the Lodge."

The Tyler's toast completed the list.

During the evening a pleasing selection of music was rendered by Miss Maud Bond, Miss Susetta Fenn, Bro. Sinclair Dunn, and Bro. J. Chapman, Bro. H. S. Gates, P.P.G.O., carrying out the duties of accompanist.

Letters of apology for non-attendance were received from H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, Prov. G.M., and Right Hon. Sir W. T. Marriott, D.P.G.M.

BROUGHTON.

St. Thomas's Lodge (No. 992).—The installation meeting of this popular lodge was held on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., at the Griffin Hotel. The attendance of brethren was very numerous, including many Provincial Grand Officers. Bro. James Hugh Lamb, W.M., installed his successor in a manner which called forth great praise from all present.

The following brethren were present at the installation ceremony: Bros. J. H. Lamb, W.M.; W. H. Southern, S.W.; W. Hawkins, J.W.; J. Hancock, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; J. W. Millward, P.M., Sec.; W. C. Royle, S.D.; T. H. McGill, J.D.; P. B. Welch, P.M.; H. Fisher, P.M.; J. Johnson, P.M.; J. J. Meakin, P.P.J.G.W.; H. Y. Rutter, P.M.; T. Southern, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Riddell, P.M., Tyler; John Faulker, W. J. Marsden, and W. Rothwell. Visitors: Bros. W. Booth, P.P.G.D.C.; J. L. Smith, W.M. 1773; W. Dumville, P.M.; Mark Stafford, P.M.; J. Williamson, 1077; R. Eastwood, J. West, W.M. 935; G. S. Smith, P.M.; H. F. Newman, 1055; F. W. Lean, P.M.; J. Hill, John Williams, W.M. 1011; A. Griffiths, P.P.G. Org.; S. Steatham, P.P.G. Treas.; A. H. Battye, W.M. 1219; and J. Roberts, P.P.G.D.C.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Installing Master appointed as Installing Officers Bros. James Johnson, P.M., as S.W.; J. W. Millward, P.M., as J.W.; and H. Fisher, P.M., as I.G. Bro. W. H. Southern, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. H. Fisher, P.M., and was duly installed into the chair of K.S. in the presence of 17 Installed Masters, Bro. Hy. Rutter presenting the working tools. The officers for the ensuing year were invested by the W.M., and were addressed by Bro. J. Hancock, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., as follows: Bros. J. H. Lamb, I.P.M.; W. Hawkins, S.W.; William C. Royle, J.W.; J. Hancock, P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; J. W. Millward, P.M., Sec.; T. Southern, P.P.G.D.C.; T. W. McGill, S.D.; W. J. Marsden, J.D.; W. Rothwell, I.G.; A. W. Kearsley, Stwd.; and W. Riddell, P.M., Tyler. The Master and Wardens were addressed by Bro. J. W. Millward, P.M., in a very effective manner, and the brethren by Bro. J. J. Meakin, P.P.J.G.W. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed from the numerous visitors present, and the lodge was closed by the W.M.

A banquet was subsequently held, served in an admirable manner by Bro. W. Ollier.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to.

Bro. G. S. Leresche, P.P.G. Reg., in proposing "The Health of the Worshipful Master," said as they seemed to have such a large amount of musical talent present he would not detain the brethren long in saying what he had to say of Bro. W. H. Southern. It gave him great pleasure to see him in that position, and he was sure he was well deserving of the high honour the brethren had conferred upon him. He was quite sure the lodge would be benefited by his presidency, as he had always been a most ardent worker. He wished him a most successful and happy year.

In reply, Bro. W. H. Southern said he thanked Bro. Leresche for the kind expressions he had made, and also the brethren for the generous manner in which they had received the toast. He sincerely appreciated that expression of the brethren's feelings, though he had some conscientious doubts whether he deserved the good wishes of Bro. Leresche. However, backed up by such a strong array of Past Masters, he would promise them that by every means in his power he would uphold the dignity of the lodge, while under his direction it would be his endeavour to maintain the high reputation of the St. Thomas's Lodge.

Bro. J. J. Meakin next proposed "The Health of the I.P.M. and Installing Master," and said the Past Masters knew the numerous difficulties that surrounded a brother when he took the chair of a lodge for the first time. But Bro. Lamb had come through the ordeal with honour and reputation; indeed, he was pleased to see and hear Bro. Lamb install his successor. For many years it had fallen to his (the speaker's) lot to install, but he was happy to think there was now some one to take that place, for he had performed that ceremony in a way which was most creditable to himself and the lodge, and to recognise the efforts he had made for the interests of the lodge, the brethren had deputed him to present Bro. Lamb with a handsome Past Master's jewel as a mark of their esteem and good feeling, and he now pinned it on his breast with the expression of the hope that he would wear it in health and strength for many years, and that it would remind him of many pleasant evenings he had had with the brethren.

Bro. Lamb thanked the brethren for receiving the toast in such a very hearty manner, and also for the very handsome Past Master's jewel, which he should greatly prize. But at the same time he prized the good feelings of the brethren far more than the intrinsic value of the beautiful jewel. He should always wear it with pleasure, and feel at the same time he had the goodfellowship of every member of St. Thomas's Lodge.

Bro. J. W. Millward proposed "The Health of the Visitors," in a most fluent manner.

Bro. Battye, W.M. 1219, responded.

The musical ceremony was charmingly rendered by Bros. Mark Stafford, P.M.; Wm. Dumville, P.M.; and Wm. Booth, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., who also added to the enjoyment of the evening by rendering trios and songs. Bro. Smith, P.M., sang "Here's to his health," the accompanist being Miss Ada Dumville, who displays great ability, and is a charming and brilliant instrumentalist.

GLASTONBURY.

Pilgrims' Lodge (No. 772).—The installation meeting of the above lodge took place on Thursday, the 26th ult. The officers appointed were Bros. C. M. Williams, W.M.; S. J. Hulbert, I.P.M.; H. Davies, S.W.; M. H. Stead, J.W.; Rev. H. Lowry Barnwell, Chap.; J. A. Bright, P.M., Treas.; H. J. Tayler, P.M., Sec.; T. G. Coggan, S.D.; W. G. Cozens, J.D.; W. C. Leakes, D.C.; J. Bishop, Org.; J. Welch, I.G.; and J. Isgrove, Tyler.

A banquet followed, supplied by Bro. Poole, of the George Hotel. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and responded to.

HUDDERSFIELD.

Truth Lodge (No. 521).—There was a large attendance of brethren—about 120—at the installation meeting of this lodge at the Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, on Friday, the 4th inst. Amongst those present were Bros. S. Crossley, W.M.; G. Jackson, I.P.M.; A. Jackson, P.M., P.P.G.D.; G. Marshall, P.M., P.P.G.D.; R. Williamson, P.M., P.P.G.D.; W. H. Jessop, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. W. Turner, P.M., P.P.G.D.; H. Shaw, P.M., Treas.; J. Sandford, W.M. 652; T. Buckland, W.M. 1231; G. Hirst, W.M. 1514; G. Woodhead, W.M. 1645; C. C. L. Bernin, W.M. 1783;

Walker Dyson, W.M. 2261; G. N. Nalder, P.M. 275, 1021, 1225, P.P.G. Reg. West Lancs.; T. Ruddock, P.M. 275, P.P.G. Treas.; W. Harrop, P.M. 290, P.P.S.G.W.; B. Hutchinson, P.M. 290, P.P.G.D.; H. N. Crowther, P.M. 275, P.P.G.D.C.; G. Sykes, P.M. 290, P.P.G.D.C.; R. H. Armitage, P.M. 275, P.P.G.P.; W. Fitton, P.M. 2035, P.P.G.D.C.; C. Rayner, P.M. 149, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Shoemith, P.M. 1783, P.P.G. Purst.; and J. Martin, P.M. 301.

The regular business of the lodge being transacted, Bro. John Henry Sterry, S.W., was then regularly installed as W.M., the ceremony being impressively performed by Bro. W. H. Jessop, P.M., P.P.G.D., assisted by Bros. A. Jackson, P.M., P.P.G.D., and R. Williamson, P.M., P.P.G.D. The newly-installed W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. Firth, S.W.; J. G. Thompson, J.W.; Rev. J. Dunbar, Chap.; H. Shaw, P.M., Treas.; J. L. Sykes, Sec.; E. A. Beaumont, Reg.; W. Wood, S.D.; F. Renshaw, J.D.; A. Jackson, P.M., P.P.G.D., D.C.; R. Williamson, P.M., P.P.G.D., A.D.C.; C. F. Arnold, I.G.; J. H. Batley, Org.; A. Armitage, P.M., J. Dawson, P.M., and S. Crossley, I.P.M., Purveyors; J. Pyrah, A. E. Hardy, A. Graham, P.M., G. Marshall, P.M., P.P.G.D., and W. E. Jowett, P.M., Stwds.; and J. Cowgill, Tyler.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, presided over by the W.M. in his usual genial manner.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and honoured, the Tyler's toast bringing a very pleasant evening to a close.

The proceedings were enlivened by the admirable singing of Bros. Riley, Blackburn, and Garner, accompanied by Bro. J. E. Sykes on the pianoforte—altogether a musical treat.

LICHFIELD.

St. John's Lodge (No. 1039).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 25th ult., at the George Hotel, when there were present Bros. G. Haynes, W.M.; J. Fowler, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., acting S.W.; A. Smyrk, J.W.; G. Ashmall, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., Treas.; J. Gladman, P.M., Sec.; C. F. Lloyd, S.D.; H. Mounsdon, J.D.; J. Perkins, P.M., P.P.A.G.P., D.C.; C. Moore and J. Garmstone, Stwds.; G. Bullock, Tyler; W. W. Weston, P.M.; A. W. Wood, I.P.M.; J. A. Johnstone, J. Asker, A. Kingsnorth, F. C. Buckley, A. E. Entwistle, W. H. Barnes, A. Eyles, and C. Haynes.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Entwistle was passed to the Second Degree, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Wood. Mr. C. Haynes was then initiated, the ceremony being performed by his brother, the W.M. On the proposition of Bro. Smyrk, the sum of two guineas were voted to the Gould Annuity Fund. Two guineas were voted from the Charity Fund to the widow of Bro. Maddocks. On the motion of Bro. Ashmall, a vote of congratulation to Bro. Fowler on his appointment as Mayor of the city for the second time was carried by acclamation. The lodge was then closed.

LUDLOW.

Lodge of the Marches (No. 611).—This lodge held its concluding meeting for the year at the Masonic Hall on the 2nd inst. Bro. C. W. Wicksted, P.S.G.W., W.M., presided, and was supported by the full complement of his officers and a larger number than usual of the brethren. After the routine business had been disposed of, Bro. S. H. Valentine, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. F. Cox, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., was elected Treasurer; Bro. Prince was also re-elected Tyler. On the motion of Bro. Venables, P.A.G.D.C., D.P.G.M., it was decided to present a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Wicksted, the retiring Master. In accordance with a resolution passed at the preceding meeting, the Charity jewel with the ribbon of the three Institutions and an additional clasp was presented to Bro. T. J. Salwey, J.W., who briefly but pointedly thanked the brethren for their kindness. After a couple of joining members had been proposed, the lodge was closed, and the brethren were entertained at supper by the Worshipful Master.

NORTH WOOLWICH.

Henley Lodge (No. 1472).—The usual monthly meeting of the above lodge took place on Tuesday, the 1st inst., at the Three Crowns Hotel. Bro. A. Knight occupied the chair, supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. C. T. Lewis, P.M. 2184, P.P.G.S.B. Essex; A. T. Ives, P.M.; C. Jolly, P.M., Sec.; J. Savage, P.M.; C. H. Canning, P.M. 2184, Past Prov. J.G.D. Essex; C. Wood, P.M.; B. Curtis, J. Glading, acting S.W.; J. Delo; T. Reeve, I.G.; C. Barwick, Stwd.; R. Stephenson, J. Dowsett, J. H. Cocks, W. Harris, A. McNair, and J. Stead. The visitors included Bros. A. J. Wakelin, 700; A. Underwood, 72; and J. Tinsley, 97 (I.C.).

The lodge having been opened and the minutes confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Alfred E. Wren, which proving unanimous, he, with Mr. Walter Ball, already approved of, were duly initiated into Masonry. Bro. Archer was then raised, and the lodge was closed.

A handsomely served dinner and a few hours spent in social converse and harmony filled up the time till the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

STOCKPORT.

Lodge of Unanimity (No. 287).—The annual installation meeting of this very successful lodge was held at the White Lion Hotel on the 2nd inst., when there were present Bros. W. Lancaster, W.M.; H. Smith, S.W., W.M. elect; C. Booth, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Treas.; J. W. Howard, Sec.; G. Roberts, S.D.; J. T. Hudson, I.G.; J. Clarke, Tyler; and about 40 other members and visitors, the latter including several brethren of high rank, and the Worshipful Masters and other representatives of most of the neighbouring lodges. The ceremony of installation was carried out by the retiring Worshipful Master in a most impressive manner, and fully deserved the high compliments which he received on its conclusion. Bro. J. Leigh, P.M., P.P.G.S., who acted as D. of C., likewise deserves praise for the smart and pleasant way in which he discharged his important duties. The Board of Installed Masters numbered 25, including Bros. A. Taylor, P.M., as S.W.; G. McClelland, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., as J.W.; and T. E. Rigby, P.M., as I.G. The W.M. having been duly inducted into the chair of K.S., the investiture of officers was undertaken by Bro. C. Booth, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., who, although evidently suffering from severe indisposition, acquitted himself well in

the duty. The officers for the ensuing year are as follows: Bros. W. Lancaster, I.P.M.; G. Roberts, S.W.; Rev. A. Symonds, P.P.G. Chap., J.W.; Chas. Booth, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Treas.; James Cookson, P.M., P.P.G. Treas., Sec.; John Leigh, P.M., P.P.G. Stwd., D.C.; J. W. Howard, S.D.; J. T. Hudson, J.D.; F. G. Brooke, I.G.; T. E. Rigby, P.M., Org.; J. A. Cookson, R. A. Hardie, R. J. Hewett, and L. Jagger, Stwds.; and J. Clarke, Tyler. Considerable applause followed the announcement that the office of Secretary was to be filled by Bro. J. Cookson, P.M., P.P.G. Treas., his zeal for the Craft, and the thoroughness with which he carries out whatever he undertakes in Masonry, being well known both in his lodge and the province. Of the concluding addresses the first was given by the retiring W.M., Bro. Lancaster, the second by Bro. McClelland, P.M., P.P.G.D., and the third by Bro. Cookson. The working tools in the Three Degrees were presented by Bro. R. C. Blakehurst, P.M.

The banquet which followed was a great success, indeed the whole of the proceedings from first to last were of a highly pleasurable character, and will dwell in the memories of those who were present. Next year will be the centenary of the lodge, and it is intended to celebrate this event in a befitting manner. One project is to mark the occasion by a handsome contribution to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and with this object in view the Charity representative, Bro. T. E. Rigby, P.M., after some remarks by the Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. Newhouse, and Bro. H. Finch, P.G. Reg., advocating the claims of this Institution, gave notice of motion for a grant of 50 guineas from the lodge funds in its behalf.

At the banquet Bro. John Chadwick, P.G.S.B. England, P.G. Sec. East Lancs., responded for "The Grand Officers," and Bros. Finch, Cookson, Lawley, and McClelland for "The Prov. Grand Officers."

"The Health of the W.M." was drunk with enthusiasm, as was also that of "The I.P.M., Bro. Lancaster," who was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel.

In addition to the members of the lodge above-named, there were present Bros. C. Dawson, P.M.; H. T. Carrington, P.M.; L. Jagger, J. A. Cookson, Joshua Preston, A. J. Hewett, and Rev. A. Symonds, P.P.G.C. Visitors: Bros. R. Newhouse, P.G. Sec.; J. Chadwick, P.G.S.B. England, P.G. Sec. East Lancs.; A. Lawley, P.P.A.G. Sec.; J. Beresford, P.P.S.G.D.; H. Finch, P.G. Reg.; W. Ramsden, P.P.J.G.D.; J. Slack, P.P.S.G.D.; J. D. Kain, W.M., 104; G. Gaskill, P.M., 104; P. D. Hayes, 104; W. Hargreaves, W.M. 322; J. O. Wylde, W.M. 323; A. H. Kenyon, 323; E. Edmondson, 323; J. E. Radford, P.M. 336; H. Woodall, P.M. 1126; T. Walker, W.M. 1126; H. Lomas, W.M. 1957; G. W. Cookson, 1957; H. G. Small, W.M. 2368; W. Barnes, I.G. 941; J. W. Arnott, S.W. 2155; C. R. Creswell, 1458; G. L. Mills, 1140; and Jno. Newton, 1140.

Letters of apology were announced as having been received from Bros. J. Salmon, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Clayton, P.P.J.G.W.; and C. D. Cheetham, P.P.G.D. East Lancs.

STONEHOUSE.

Ebrington Lodge (No. 1847).—At a meeting of this lodge on the 8th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hobart-street, Bro. Harold Roberts, the W.M. elect, was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. Bros. J. Harvey, the retiring W.M., C. A. Nicholson, Jas. Lose, Samuel Jew, P.P.G.T., W. H. Williams, W. H. W. Macey, and R. Lose, jun., P.P.G.P., all of the lodge, were the Installing Officers. The Board of Installed Masters present also included Bros. John Griffin, J. T. Rook, Rev. Dr. Lemon, P.P.J.G.W., P.P.G. Chap.; D. Cross, P.P.G.T.; W. Powell, P.P.G.T.; C. H. Cooper, P.P.J.G.D.; A. W. Spinney, 105; J. Bassett, P.P.S.G.D.; E. Aitken-Davies, P.P.G.S. of Wks.; J. H. Blackell, 1099; F. Hooper, P.P.G.D.C.; B. S. Johns, P.P.G.S.B.; Jas. Bartlett, H. Mortimore, 159; J. Gidley, P.G. Std. Br.; R. Pipe, P.P.G.O.; L. C. Livermore, 244, P.P.G.T. Jersey; E. Tout, 70; W. E. Chapell, 156; A. S. Hendry, and F. R. Thomas, 189; W. Allsford and J. Leonard, 202; G. Payne, 223; J. Bray, 1212; T. S. Eyre and T. R. E. Olver, 1247; S. J. Hearle, 1255; and W. R. Rawling, 1071.

The officers invested were: Bros. J. Harvey, I.P.M.; G. Milford, S.W.; C. J. F. Williams, J.W.; S. Jew, Chap.; C. A. Nicholson, Treas.; J. Lose, Sec.; J. G. Gibson, S.D.; J. Keast, J.D.; W. O. Hosking, D.C.; G. J. Easterbrook, A.D.C.; L. James, Org.; J. Mitchell, I.G.; E. Howard, A. Dyer, A. Matthews, and R. Purdie, Stwds.; and James Bartlett, Tyler. Bro. C. A. Nicholson was re-elected the representative of the lodge on the Committee of Petitions, and Bro. W. H. Williams was re-elected the Charity Steward.

SUNDERLAND.

Phoenix Lodge (No. 94).—Bro. Wm. Vincent, S.W. and W.M. elect, was duly installed W.M. on the 2nd inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Queen-street. The W.M., Bro. W. Mason, presided, and was supported by Bros. W. Vincent, S.W.; W. D. Thompson, J.W.; R. Punshon, Treas.; J. D. Todd, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; J. Hetherington, S.D.; E. J. Weatherby, J.D.; G. Wanless, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; J. R. Smart, P.M.; E. Sutherst, P.M.; T. G. Garrick, P.M.; J. Scarborough, P.M.; W. Dawson, P.M., P.P.G.P.; John Dixon, P.M.; T. Henderson, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; J. H. Swan, P.M.; J. H. Johnson, Stwd.; T. J. Baglee, Tyler, and numerous members. The visitors present were Bros. H. W. Emerson, P.P.A.G.D. of C.; John Smith, P.G.S.B.; F. Toogood, So; W. Todd, So; L. R. Davies, W.M. 949; Thos. Gibbons, So; J. Robson Cutter, P.G.T.; H. C. Jepps, P.P.G.D. Surrey; F. S. Cowper, P.M. 2039, P.P.G. Stwd.; John C. Moor, P.P.G.D.; Thomas Millican Watson, P.P.G.D.; and others.

The W.M. elect was presented by Bro. E. Sutherst, P.M., to the Installing Master, Bro. George Wanless, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., by whom Bro. Wm. Vincent was duly installed in the chair of K.S., and he afterwards appointed and invested the following officers: Bros. W. Mason, I.P.M.; W. D. Thompson, S.W.; W. G. Hetherington, J.W.; Ralph Punshon, Treas.; J. D. Todd, P.M., Sec.; E. G. Weatherly, S.D.; Jas. Craig, J.D.; G. Wanless, P.M., D. of C.; T. J. Allison, Org.; J. R. Moore, I.G.; T. Scarborough, F. Walkington, Wm. Brown, and R. Smith, Stwds.; and G. S. Baglee, Tyler.

The festival of the lodge took place in the evening at the Grand Hotel, Bridge-street, when Bro. W. Vincent, W.M., presided, and over 70 brethren sat down. In the course of the evening's harmony Bro. Campion took part.

TEDDINGTON.

Sir Charles Bright Lodge (No. 1793).—This lodge met for the dispatch of business at the Clarence Hotel on the 25th ult., when there were present, among others, Bros. J. Barns, W.M.; Middleweek, S.W.; Windeatt, J.W.; J. Piller, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., Treas.; Warner, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., Sec.; Müller, S.D.; R. W. Forge, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., Stwd.; W. J. Porter, P.M.; and Finch, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, a resolution was passed as to the exclusion of several members. A vote of condolence to Bro. A. J. R. Simmonds, I.P.M., on the loss recently sustained by him through the death of his mother was passed, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes and a copy sent to him. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. Ruffell, J.D.; F. Chandler, P.M. 1656, P.P.G.P., I.G.; A. J. R. Simmonds, P.M.; and others. Bro. Capt. Walls gave a notice of motion that a sum of money be voted from the lodge funds towards the Raymond Thripp Testimonial Fund. Previously to the lodge being closed, the W.M. called the attention of the brethren to the fact that he represented the lodge as Steward at the Jubilee Festival of the R.M.B.I.

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

A few toasts were given, and the brethren separated at an early hour.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.

Pantiles Lodge (No. 2200).—There was a large gathering of brethren at the monthly meeting of the above lodge on Wednesday evening, the 2nd inst., at the Pump Room, Bro. A. G. Boscawen being amongst the visitors. Bro. Nicholas Grunwell, W.M., occupied the chair. Bro. Edward Owen Howis having been passed, Messrs. Albert H. Millican, F. L. Williams, and Frank Tupper were initiated, and two candidates for initiation were balloted for and approved. During the proceedings Bro. Rufus Stevenson, P.M., Sec., produced a very handsomely-illuminated scroll, which he handed to the W.M. to present to Bro. Ryder, I.P.M. In doing so, he said that up to the time of the visit of the Provincial Grand Lodge the Pantiles Lodge had not been able to boast of a banner. Bro. Ryder, to whom the lodge owed so much, however, with his usual liberality, stepped to the rescue, and presented them with the really handsome banner which now adorned the lodge room. He might say that Bro. Ryder had raised the lodge in a remarkable degree, and its present flourishing condition, both in members and funds was to a very great extent attributable to his zeal, ability, and exertions. The officers of the lodge had, therefore, felt they should not allow the opportunity to pass without presenting Bro. Ryder with something to mark their appreciation of his kindness. He then read the scroll, which was handsomely framed in oak and deep gold. In the centre was the banner of the lodge, around were Masonic emblems, beautifully illuminated. The address: "To Bro. Tom Ryder, Immediate Past Master,—On behalf of the Officers and Brethren, we desire to thank you for the very handsome banner so kindly presented to the lodge. The occasion of its first use will ever be remembered by the members of the lodge, and as a permanent ornament will be thoroughly appreciated. It will remind the brethren not only of the Provincial Lodge Festival, but also of your year of Mastership, wherein under your benign influence the sacred duties of the mystic arts and sciences were cultivated, and the bond of fraternal regard and brotherly love reciprocated. Nicolas Grunwell, W.M.; Josiah Willmot, S.W.; Benjamin J. C. Colls, J.W.; Thos. Potter, Treasurer; and Rufus Stephenson, Secretary. Tunbridge Wells, November, 1891." The W.M. in handing the scroll to Bro. Ryder hoped he would appreciate it, and hang it in his front room, so that he may have many pleasant recollections of the Pantiles Lodge. He also bore testimony to the zeal and ability shown by Bro. Ryder during the time he had been connected with the lodge. Bro. Ryder, in accepting the scroll, said he had been taken altogether by surprise. He could assure them the address should be hung in that front room with which most of the members were familiar, for at the starting of the lodge numbers of informal meetings were held there. He hoped they had still pleasant recollections of that front room. He was pleased to know that the lodge had made great progress, and he hoped to see it the leading lodge not only of the town but the county. He was pleased to know that the working of the lodge had always gained the encomiums of visiting brethren, and he considered it a great honour that one of their Past Masters had been selected for the important office of Grand Senior Warden of the Province of Kent.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE.

St. Kew Lodge (No. 1222).—At a monthly meeting of the officers and members of this lodge, held at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 1st instant, Bro. S. Sellick, S.W., was unanimously chosen to fill the chair of K.S. during the ensuing year. Bro. H. B. Farrington was unanimously elected Treasurer. A portrait of Bro. Dr. Julius Willmott, of Australia, formerly a P.M. of the lodge, was presented to the lodge by Bro. Wickstead at Bro. Willmott's request, and it was decided to place an enlarged photograph of the late Bro. G. H. Perrett, P.M., over his jewel case, which had been presented to the lodge by his widow. A vote of condolence was passed with the family of the late Almoner, Bro. Sidney Jones, P.M., in their bereavement, and also with Bro. Sidney Lewis, P.M., on the loss of his wife. A Committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements for giving a treat to the old folks as usual on New Year's Eve.

WOOLSTON.

Clausentum Lodge (No. 1461).—The brethren of this lodge celebrated the Festival of St. John at the Masonic Hall, on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., when Bro. E. A. Edwards was installed into the chair by Bro. Fowler, the ceremony being performed with exceptional ability. The Board of Installed Masters comprised Bros. Fowler, W.M., Rev. G. Hughes, W. Bowyer, P.P.G.D.C., A. J. Brown, P.P.G. Std. Br., J. Methven, Dr. Brown, W. Chapman, M. F. Curtis, W. J. Miller, and W. H. Mitchell, all of the lodge; Searle, W.M., and W. H. Jacob, P.M., of 76; T. P. Payne, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., and J. H. Martin, W.M., of 130; L. Steele, W.M., and J. Patstone, P.P.A.G.P., P.M., of 359; H. Lashmore, P.P.

S.G.D., and B. Harfield, W.M., of 1112; and H. Hussey, W.M. 1780. The newly-installed W.M. invested the following as officers: Bros. W. Fowler, I.P.M.; James Martin, S.W.; A. H. W. Ritchie, J.W.; G. Hughes, P.M., Chap.; J. Methven, P.M., Treas.; W. Bowyer, P.M., Sec.; J. Morten, S.D.; S. B. Crook, J.D.; H. B. Röhss, I.G.; W. Chapman, P.M., D.C.; W. H. Smith, Org.; J. Butler and W. G. Redstone, Stwds.; and C. Henley, Tyler. The cordial thanks of the lodge were accorded to the I.P.M. for his services during the past year and also as Installing Master, and Bro. Fowler, in response, expressed his appreciation of the manner in which he had been assisted by the officers during his term of office. On the proposition of the Secretary, a vote of condolence and sympathy was passed with the widow and family of the late Bro. A. J. Miller, who, Bro. Bowyer said, was one of the founders of the Clausentum Lodge and a P.M., and who, on his resignation when the lodge became strong, was made an honorary member. It was added that certain properties of the lodge were presented by Bro. Miller and bore his name. The proposition was carried in silence.

The usual Masonic banquet, well supplied by Bro. Henley, followed the installation, at which several toasts were honoured and good wishes expressed to the W.M., who presided, for a successful year of office.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

St. Peter's Lodge (No. 419).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Star and Garter Hotel, on Thursday, the 3rd inst. The W.M., Bro. J. Bradney, presided, supported by his officers. There was a large muster of brethren and visitors, amongst the latter being Bros. J. Seddon, 526, P.P.G.C.; E. Lay, P.M. 500; J. Woods, P.M. 1838; J. Evans, 526; and J. Darby, 526.

The lodge having been opened, Messrs. W. Howell and A. De La Haye were initiated by the W.M., and Bro. S. Dean was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by Bro. J. Beattie, I.P.M. Bro. T. Strett, S.W., was elected W.M. for next year, and Bro. R. A. Willcock, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer. Bros. Newnam and Gibson were elected as Stewards. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to supper.

Royal Arch.

ARDWICK.

Chapter of Rectitude (No. 581).—The installation meeting of this very successful chapter was held at the Midland Hotel on Thursday, the 3rd inst., when the following companions were present: Comps. J. M. Frost, P.Z.; W. J. Mellings, Z.; G. E. Wand, H.; W. Kay, J.; C. Swainson, S.E.; J. Hayes, P.S.; Baildon, Hawken, T. H. Hall, P.Z.; Loebell, R. Rudman, T. C. Lilly, R. Booth, J. C. Brown, Wilkins, J. T. Richards, P.Z., P.P.A.G.S.; A. H. Williams, Z. 641; and Jas. Dawson, P.Z., P.P. 1st A.G.S.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. Comps. G. E. Wand, H., Z. elect; W. Kay, J., H. elect; and W. Fitzgerald, J. elect, were duly installed into their respective chairs by Comp. James Dawson, P.Z., P.P.G. 1st Asst. Soj., in a most charming and cultivated manner, which afforded great pleasure to all who had the privilege of hearing the ceremonies. The following officers were invested for the ensuing year: Comps. G. E. Wand, M.E.Z.; W. Kay, H.; W. Fitzgerald, J.; R. Rudson, S.E.; R. Booth, S.N.; T. C. Lilly, Treas.; James Hayes, P.S.; T. Baildon, 1st A.S.; Charles Hawkins, 2nd A.S.; and Henry Dawson, Janitor. Before the chapter was closed, Comp. Lilly, Treasurer, proposed that the chapter mark their appreciation of the services of Comp. W. J. Mellings, I.P.Z., by presenting him with a P.Z.'s jewel, for during his year of office he had worked assiduously for the welfare of that chapter. This was seconded by Comp. G. E. Wand, Z., and carried unanimously.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions subsequently dined together.

HIGHBRIDGE.

Vale of Jehoshaphat Chapter (No. 291).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on Friday, the 27th ult., when the following officers were appointed: Comps. B. C. Board, M.E.Z.; C. L. Thomas, H.; H. B. Crouch, J.; A. W. C. Peskett, Scribe E.; T. H. Raiton, Scribe N.; J. Burnett, Treas.; W. K. Thomas, P.S.; Hitchings Davies, 1st A.S.; T. G. Coggan, 2nd A.S.; H. M. Marsh, Org.; and W. Woodward, Janitor.

A banquet was afterwards held at the Railway Hotel, provided by Mr. Muirhead. The chair and vice-chair were taken by Comps. B. C. Board and Hitchings Davies respectively, and the usual toasts were given and responded to.

Mark Masonry.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.

Industry Lodge (No. 293).—The last meeting of the year was held on Monday, the 7th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Jackson-street, when in spite of the inclemency of the weather there was a good attendance and plenty of work to do. The W.M., Bro. Robert Wilson, presided, and was supported and assisted by the following brethren: Bros. Wm. Brown, I.P.M.; Robt. Whitfield, P.M.; W. F. Carmon, P.M.; W. M. Lyon, P.M. Northumberland and Berwick-on-Tweed T.I. Lodge; W. J. Jobson, as S.W.; Wm. Richardson, J.W.; A. Simpson, M.O.; J. A. Wilson, S.O.; T. R. Short, J.O.; A. Dodds, R.M.; T. R. Jobson, Sec.; Wm. Stafford, J.D.; H. Jackson, I.G.; R. Ferry, Org.; T. Chegwidgen, Stwd.; Joshua Curry, Tyler; J. H. Elliott, W. Holzappel, W. Bushy, G. Hall, J. Smith, and others.

The ballot was taken for the following candidates: Bros. H. S. Bird, P.M. 1604; Geo. Blair, W.M. 991; W. Cawthorn, 991; J. G. Wood, 48; and all being in attendance, were duly advanced to the Honourable Degree by the W.M. Bro. Wm. Richardson, J.W., was unanimously elected as W.M. for next year, and Bro. W. F.

Carmon as Treasurer, owing to the resignation of Bro. John Wood, P.M. On the proposition of Bro. Robt. Whitfield, P.M., seconded by Bro. W. F. Carmon, P.M., it was unanimously resolved that the cordial and hearty thanks of the lodge be accorded to Bro. John Wood, P.M., Treas., for his eminent services and arduous duties since the inception of the lodge, and that the same be conveyed to him in writing. The Finance Committee having been elected, the lodge was closed.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

NEPTUNE LODGE (No. 22).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 7th inst., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham, when there were present Bros. J. Mitchell, W.M.; Evans, S.W.; Scott, J.W.; Westley, Preceptor and Treas.; Poole, acting as Sec.; Steele, S.D.; Nettleship, J.D.; Rashleigh, I.G.; Weeks, Tyler; Folkard, Cochran, Balcombe, Chesterton, Reeves, Lavington, Quinn, Ellson, Windsor, King, and Livett.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The 2nd and 3rd Sections of the Lecture were worked by Bro. Westley. The ceremony of initiation being announced, and Bro. King having offered himself as a candidate, was initiated, the W.M. giving the charge. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Evans elected W.M. for the next meeting, when the ceremony of installation will be rehearsed. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 4th inst., at the Six Belts Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. F. Craggs, W.M. 834, W.M.; H. J. Williams, S.W. 834, S.W.; A. Williams, J.W. 834, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M. 834, Preceptor; H. J. Dyer, S.D.; Phillips, S.D.; J. D.; Scharian, S.D.; I.G.; Uniacke, Pearson, Blackman, J. Davies, P.M. 169; and W. W. Williams.

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Pearson offering himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed that ceremony. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Pearson offering himself as a candidate for raising, was examined. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Uniacke acting as candidate. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the brethren, under the direction of Bro. J. Davies. On the usual rising, the lodge was closed.

BLACKHEATH LODGE (No. 1320).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Milkwood Tavern, Milkwood-road, Loughborough Junction, on Monday, the 7th inst., when there were present Bros. T. Cass, W.M.; Beecroft, S.W.; Rice, J.W.; F. Hilton, P.M., Preceptor; C. H. Stone, Sec.; Turner, J.D.; Harbord, I.G.; Hooper, Plant, H. G. Martin, T. H. Salmon, W. Hill, Cooke, and Hobley.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. T. H. Salmon candidate. Bro. Cass vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Hooper, who repeated the ceremony. Bro. Cass resumed the chair. The 2nd Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Hilton, P.M., Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Beecroft, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Cass, W.M., for the splendid manner he had rehearsed the ceremony, being the first time in this lodge of instruction. Bro. Cass very ably responded. A most hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Turner for presenting the jewels attached to the pedestals was also passed. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 7th inst., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. L. J. Powell, W.M.; J. W. Belsham, W.M. elect 733, S.W.; E. Thomas Ginder, J.W.; J. W. Curtis, W.M. 733, acting Preceptor; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; T. M. Lamble, S.D.; A. Clark, J.D.; M. Rosenberg, I.G.; J. T. Shapcott, Stwd.; J. W. Cuff, P.M.; G. Weaver, R. W. Board, and M. J. R. Dundas. Bro. B. R. Thomas, 511, was a visitor.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Weaver being the candidate. Bro. Thomas answered the questions leading from the First to the Second Degree, and retired. Bro. Cuff was entrusted, and the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Roberts was elected a member, and votes of thanks to Bro. Powell for the able manner he had rehearsed the duties of the chair for the first time, and to Bro. Curtis for acting a Preceptor were passed, both of which compliments were duly acknowledged. Communications were read from Bros. Read, Hillier, and Craggs. Bro. Belsham was elected W.M. for next lodge meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. After "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 8th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. J. W. Clarke, W.M.; H. B. Harding, S.W.; Milton Smith, J.W.; W. Hancock, Preceptor; J. Petch, P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; J. Duncan, S.D.; C. G. Gray, J.D.; H. J. Kimbell, jun., I.G.; A. Oliver, C. T. Barlow, E. J. Harrison, R. P. Upton, and R. Loomes.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Barlow being the candidate. Bro. Harris n answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Harrison being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and closed in the Third and Second Degrees. Bro. Harding was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

A meeting of the Third Islington Masonic Charities Association was held, and ballots taken for two Life-Governorships of the Charities.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on Thursday, the 3rd inst., when there were present Bros. C. O. Burgess, W.M.; W. Hancock, S.W.; W. Lincoln, J.W.; G. H. Foan, Asst. Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; W. Hoggins, S.D.; J. Rowe, J.D.; T. C. Seary, Org.; H. J. Keen, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; T. W. Hambly, R. Kirk, C. J. Sherwood, N. Dukas, A. Cogliati, H. Vilain, J. Grist, F. Kedge, J. Wise, W. Harbert, J. Woodward, G. H. Reynolds, W. Matthews, F. E. Bennett, W. Warwick, and F. W. Buxton.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. worked the 1st Section of the First Lecture. Bro. G. H. Reynolds having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Bro. Cogliati offered himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, and was examined, entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of F.C., giving the lecture on the tracing board. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the 2nd Section of the First Lecture. On rising for the first time, Bro. J. Grist, 1624, was unanimously elected a joining member of this lodge of instruction. On rising for the second time, Bro. W. Hancock was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 3rd inst., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W., when there were present Bros. H. R. Elkin, W.M.; W. Hillier, S.W.; W. G. Jennings, J.W.; J. Davies, P.M., Preceptor; E. Austin, P.M., Treas.; F. Craggs, W.M. 834, Sec. (*pro tem.*); J. Brown, W.M. 2012, S.D.; H. Gane, J.D.; G. E. Higginson, D.P.; W. Carpenter, I.G.; A. Williams, P.M.; M. Spiegel, P.M.; J. R. Allman, P.M.; James Sims, P.M.; T. Dutton, P.M.; J. Arnott, T. Stonnill, Kirkham, T. J. Head, and H. Cotton.

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The W.M. vacated his chair in favour of Bro. Brown, who rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Arnott acting as candidate. The second ceremony was also rehearsed. The lodge having been resumed to the First Degree, Bro. Hillier was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. Dutton was elected a joining member, and the lodge was closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 5th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith, W., when there were present Bros. J. R. Williams, W.M.; R. H. Wimpey, W.M. elect 2012, S.W.; H. Pocock, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Dep. Preceptor; G. Gardner, P.M., Treas.; H. Bright, Sec.; A. Williams, P.M., S.D.; W. Hillier, J.D.; F. Walden, I.G.; J. Davies, P.M.; J. Brown, W.M. 2012; F. Craggs, W.M. 834; W. Tucker, W.M. 144; L. J. Powell, W. Hyde, R. Reid, and G. W. Kirkham.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Powell acting as candidate. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Craggs, W.M. 834. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Powell being a candidate for the Third Degree, answered the necessary questions, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony duly rehearsed. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. Bro. Wimpey was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, after which the lodge was closed.

QUEEN'S WESTMINSTER (No. 2021).—The usual meeting was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, W., on Friday, the 4th inst., when the collars were allotted to the officers of the Great Northern Lodge—Bros. Flint, W.M.; Osborne, S.W.; Ridout, J.W.; J. Paul, P.M., Preceptor; Walter Wood, P.M., Sec.; Cane, S.D.; Davis, J.D.; Doughty, I.G.; Cleghorn, P.M.; and Bell, P.M.

A numerous attendance of brethren assisted at the rehearsal of the first ceremony, Bro. Lundberg representing the initiate, and the Second and Third Degrees were also ably rendered by the W.M. The working of the Fifteen Sections by the brethren, under the presidency of Bro. James Hemming, P.M. 1827, Preceptor 1732, on Friday, the 18th inst., was announced, and the lodge was closed.

WALTHAMSTOW LODGE (No. 2192).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 7th inst., at Bridge Chambers, Hoe-street Station, when there were present Bros. P. Trickett, W.M.; U. Smith, S.W.; W. J. Short, J.W.; Wm. Shurmur, P.P.G. Treas., Preceptor; N. Fortescue, Treas.; J. Clark, S.D.; A. H. Wilson, J.D.; W. Goulding, I.G.; C. H. Bestow, Sec.; J. Collett, Stwd.; T. W. Stacey, Org.; B. Mann, J. Ives, P.M.; E. T. Fuller, J. Schummer, A. Wildash, S. Wildash, W. W. Cook, G. J. Westfield, P.P.G.S.B.; L. Griffith, W. P. Allen, J. King, S. B. Thorogood, C. B. Kilby, T. How, jun.; W. G. Hales, C. Horst, G. R. Lambert, G. W. Holmes, J. G. Reed, J. H. Day, C. Spurgeon, J. C. Francis, W. Morison, J. Lewis, J. Bird, and J. J. Briginshaw.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed in a most able manner, Bro. J. Schummer as candidate. Bro. C. H. Bestow delivered the ancient charge. Bros. Morison and Reed answered questions leading to the Second Degree. Bros. A. Wildash, S. Wildash, J. G. Reed, and W. Morison, of the Shurmur Lodge, No. 2374, also Bros. G. W. Holmes, 1803, and W. Austin, 1306, were unanimously elected joining members. Bro. Urban Smith was elected to occupy the chair at the ensuing meeting, and appointed officers in rotation. Preliminary arrangements were made for a ball to be held early next year. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

The Third Walthamstow Charities Association in connection with this lodge then held a meeting, when several ballots for Life-Subscriptions were taken.

LEICESTER.—UNION LODGE (No. 523).—At a regular meeting of the above held in the Masonic Hall, Halford-street, on Friday evening, the 13th ult., there were present Bros. W. H. Swingle, S.W. 2081, acting W.M.;

the acting officers besides the W.M. being Bros. H. Howe, S.W. 1391, I.P.M.; W. A. Spencer, Stwd. 523, S.W.; W. H. Noble, I.G. 279, J.W.; A. Chambers, J.D. 1391, S.D.; Rev. H. S. Biggs, B.A., Chap. 523, J.D.; F. Birch, J.W. 1007, I.G.; and W. Maurice Williams, P.M. 279, P.P.J.G.D., and Jno. P. Thorp, P.M. 523, P.P.S.G.W., Preceptors. The other brethren present were Bros. E. Holmes, S.W., John Clifton, D.C., J. Cleaver, jun., Geo. Crawford, S. J. Lilley, and W. Finn, of 279; J. B. Waring, P.M., George Neighbour, S.D., Rev. F. Tibbits, M.A., Org., W. Withers, W. A. Lea, F. Redfern, W. J. Colman, J. H. Hancock, and F. Garner, of 523; Walter Tyler, 1007; T. Forknall, S.D. 1161; W. Bramley, J.W., and H. Beckenbach, of 1265; S. Knight, P.M., &c., J. G. Bower, P.M., &c., J. W. Beazeley, Sec., F. W. Billson, L.L.B., C. W. Carter, J. Cunningham, E. Lester, E. W. Haydon, M.B., G. Gibbons, J. Hings, and G. E. Barton, all of 1391; John Taylor, Joseph Spriggs, and Rev. H. J. Mason, M.A. (P.M. 1146), of 2028; Thomas Edmonds, J.D., W. H. Staynes, Sec., F. G. Watermann, Stwd., C. F. Spencer, A. Pacey, and E. C. Kilby, of 2081; and many others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes confirmed. After the usual routine preliminaries, then followed the event of the evening, namely, the presentation of a complimentary jewel to Bro. J. J. W. Knowles, Secretary 1007, in accordance with the following resolution of September 11, proposed by Bro. E. Holmes, S.W. 279, and seconded by Bro. W. H. Swingle, S.W. 2081, and carried unanimously—"That, in consideration of the satisfactory condition of the lodge, of the recent changes in its official arrangements, and of the valuable services rendered to it by Bro. J. J. W. Knowles, Secretary, ex-Treasurer, and ex-Steward, during his past term of office, the usual jewel customarily voted at the end of three years' official services be now (at the end of two years) voted to Bro. J. J. W. Knowles, with the best thanks of the lodge." This pleasing duty was, by kind permission of the acting W.M., and by his own particular desire, performed by Bro. H. Howe, acting I.P.M., who accompanied the act with a few graceful, well-chosen, and appropriate words, which received the plaudits of the assembled brethren. The recipient expressed his high sense of the special honour thus conferred upon him, his steadfast loyalty to the Order and its principles, and his continued devotion to the best interests of the Union Lodge of Instruction in particular. The jewel itself, a replica of one presented on a former occasion to Bro. J. B. Waring, P.M. 523, P.P.G.D.C., was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning. It consists of an oval enseture of beaten silver, embossed on its face with the words "Union Lodge of Instruction," and enclosing within its inner margin the wrought emblems of M.M., Treas., Sec., and Stwd. respectively. To the face of the ribbon is affixed a shield with suitable inscription, and the "bar" bears a scroll on which appear the numbers of the five Leicester lodges under who auspices the Union Lodge is held. The presentation being over, the Acting W.M. proceeded to work the Second Degree, which he did in a most impressive manner. The discussion of questions relating to Masonic usages, customs, and symbolism followed, in the course of which Bro. F. W. Billson, L.L.B., favoured the lodge with an exposition on the regular steps, which by its sublimity invited the attention and evoked loud applause from all present, though many could not agree with the learned brother's view of the matter. The lodge was then closed.

At the banquet "Bro. Knowles's Health" was proposed by the Acting W.M. in very laudatory terms.

It was received with enthusiasm and drunk with musical and full Masonic honours.

Bro. Knowles suitably acknowledged the toast, and in return proposed "The Continued Prosperity of the Union Lodge of Instruction."

It only remains to add that the Union Lodge of Instruction at the present time has 178 names on its list of members, that its meetings are always largely attended, that its influence is felt and acknowledged, not only locally, but throughout the province, and that financially, as well as in other regard, it is sound and in thorough going working order.

HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).—A meeting was held on the 4th inst. at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. Geo. March, M.E.Z. 733, M.E.Z.; W. H. Chalfont, H. 975, H.; J. C. Tilt, P.S. 862, J.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; G. Gregory, 1st A.S. 862, P.S.; and A. J. Turner, 1st A.S. 1196.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Turner being candidate. Comp. Dehane was re-elected S.E., and Comp. J. Davies, Treas., and Comps. Dehane, Dean, and Chalfont the Committee of Management for the ensuing 12 months. The M.E.Z. rose the usual number of times, and after "Hearty good wishes," the chapter was closed.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell, on Friday, the 4th inst., when there were present Comps. Phillips, M.E.Z.; Plant, H.; Grummant, J.; Stone, S.E.; Hill, S.N.; Corpe, P.S.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; H. G. Martin, North, R. Davis, F. H. Smith, G. Powell, Jackson, and Addington.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Addington personating the candidate. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Comp. H. G. Martin for presenting the chapter with a very nice inkstand. Comp. Plant was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting, when an installation will be worked. The chapter was then closed.

Cryptic Masonry.

Grand Masters' Council (No. 1).—This important and distinguished council met at Mark Masons' Hall on the 27th ult. Among those in attendance were Bros. Baron de Ferrieres, P.D.G.M., T.I.M.; H. J. Lardner, P.D.M.; B. R. Bryant, D.M.; Edwin Storr, P.C.W.; George Graveley, P.T.I.M., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.D.G.M., P.T.I.M., Recorder; Geo. Powell, Capt. of Guards; H. H. Shirley, M.A., C. of C.; A. McDowall, 2nd Marshal; J. J. Pakes, J.S.; D. P. Cama, P.T.I.M., Warder; H. Carman, S. H. Parkhouse, F. E. Pocock, M.D., Sturlevant, N. Prower, M.A., P.G. Mar-

shal; J. Hay, P.G. Stwd.; J. G. Thomas, J. Holland, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. J. T. Rowe, A. G. Duck, J. M. Smith, and H. Higgins were duly admitted, received, and greeted as M.E.M., R.M., S.M., and S.E.M., the four arduous ceremonies and lectures being ably performed and rendered by Bro. Lardner, with the valuable assistance of Bro. B. R. Bryant, G. Lecturer, and others. Communications regretting inability to attend were received from Bros. Lieut. Col. G. Lambert, P.D.G.M.; Major P. Dunbar, the Rev. Dr. T. W. Lemon, P.G. Chap.; R. L. Loveland, J.P., P.T.I.M.; W. B. Williamson, J.P.; T. Cubitt, P.T.I.M.; G. Gregory, G. Briggs, George Everett, Sir A. Harris, H. E. Vickers, T. Poore, P.T.I.M.; W. F. Crook, R. Goffin, J. J. Thomas, F. Graves, and many others. The council was then closed in the Degree of Select Master, and the brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern, where an excellent banquet was served, under the careful and courteous superintendence of Bro. Mantell.

In addition to those members of the Degrees mentioned above, we noticed at the table Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, R. H. Thrupp, P.D.G.M.; C. H. Driver, P.G. C. of W.; C. F. Matier, G. Recorder; Charles Belton, and others.

There were no formal toasts.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. AUSTIN ROBERTS.

For some time past the brethren of the Lodges of Probity, No. 61, and St. James, No. 448, have been desirous of presenting to Bro. Austin Roberts, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C. West Yorkshire, some token to express their appreciation of his valuable services and of the esteem in which he is held by the brethren of the two lodges, who own and occupy the commodious premises in St. John's-place known as the Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Roberts has been intimately associated with the Hall Management Committee since its formation nearly 25 years ago, he having joined the Lodge of St. James in 1866.

On Thursday, the 3rd inst., Bro. Roberts was entertained at a banquet held in the large dining room of the Hall, over 50 brethren being present. The chair was occupied by Bro. Walter Wright, W.M. 61, supported by Bro. Walter Hanson, W.M. 448, and several others.

After the toast of "The Queen," Bro. C. T. RHODES, P.M., P.P.G.D., gave "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., M.W. Grand Master."

Bro. J. T. Simpson, P.M., gave "The Right Worshipful P.G.M. of West Yorks, and the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. F. WALKER, P.M., Prov. G.R., responded, and mentioned that he had intimately known Bro. Roberts for 35 years, and spoke of his irreproachable character.

Bro. W. Wright then presented to Bro. Roberts his portrait, which is a full-size oil painting, in Provincial clothing, and also a "replica." (The portrait is the work of Miss Wood, of Manchester, who has painted several local celebrities, and is a remarkably true and pleasing likeness of Bro. Roberts.)

Bro. WALTER HANSON immediately afterwards presented to Bro. Roberts a valuable gold watch, and also a pretty substantial silver tea and coffee service and tray for Mrs. Roberts.

Bro. ROBERTS most feelingly responded, and expressed his desire that the portrait should be hung in the lodge room.

Bro. SCRATCHERD, P.M., P.P.G.D., then proposed "The Health of the Guest of the evening, Bro. Roberts," and said no words could fully express the brotherly and fraternal feeling that all the brethren had towards Bro. Roberts, and all wished him many years to enjoy the gifts presented, and to continue his connection with the lodge.

Bro. THOS. WHITAKER, J.P., P.M., P.P.G.D.C., proposed "The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Hall Committee, Bros. Wright and Walter Hanson," who suitably responded.

Bros. CHAS. GREENWOOD, P.M., in proposing "The Treasurers to the fund, Bro. R. Jessop, P.M. 448, and Bro. M. G. Dobson, 61," said such a presentation had seldom been made before to a private gentleman, and subscribed for with such heartiness, the Treasurer he knew having had no difficulty in obtaining subscriptions from the respective lodges.

Bro. GAUKROGER, J.P., P.M., P.P.G.D., gave "All Poor and Distressed Masons."

The arrangements were carried out by Bro. R. M. Keir, 61, Secretary to the Hall Management Committee, assisted by a small Committee.

During the evening songs and recitations were given by Bros. E. Hanson, F. Buckley, W. S. Milligan, W. Gaukroger, Broadhead, Scott, J. H. Murgatroyd, and L. P. B. Murgatroyd.

The banquet was provided by Bro. W. J. Webb, Old Cock Hotel, in a most creditable manner.

ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE DUKE OF ALBANY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1963.

The annual supper of the above was held on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., at the Masons' Arms Hotel, Battersea Park Road, S.W. A large number of the Craft assembled on the occasion to honour the popular Preceptor, Bro. C. Donaldson, 1963, who presided, supported by the Deputy Preceptor, Bro. Featherstonhaugh, in the vice-chair. There were also present Bros. Merry, J. Bird, Harvey, Windsor, Lucas, Phillips, Burroughs, Hinton, Van-Gelder, Shoesmith, Gonn, Toley, Winter, Smith, Vickery, Bate, Ingram, Randall, Woodford, Humphries, Newman, Lyell, Steel, Street, Kirby, Squires, and Wilks, Secretary.

After a most sumptuous repast provided by the host, Bro. Duffield, 1963, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

The CHAIRMAN proposed, in effective terms, "Success to the Duke of Albany Lodge of Instruction," paying a high compliment to Bro. Featherstonhaugh for his efficient assistance as Deputy Preceptor, and to Bro. Wilks for his devotion to the Secretarial duties and regular attendance at lodge.

The CHAIRMAN next gave "The Visitors," whom they were always glad to receive at their meetings.

Bros. INGRAM, GONN, LYELL, and VAN-GELDER responded to the toast.

The VICE-CHAIRMAN then proposed "The Health of the Chairman, Bro. C. Donaldson, the Preceptor," and said it was a most pleasing duty for him to be able to propose that toast, for the high estimation they had of Bro. C. Donaldson, and he knew every brother would respond to it with acclamation. In Bro. Donaldson they had a Preceptor of no mean Masonic knowledge. 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. DONALDSON, in acknowledging the toast, thanked the brethren for drinking his health.

The CHAIRMAN then submitted the toast of "The Officers of the Duke of Albany Lodge of Instruction, the Deputy Preceptor (Bro. Featherstonhaugh), and Secretary (Bro. Wilks)," and said they were singularly fortunate in possessing officers like they had in their Deputy Preceptor, for he felt sure that before long he would have to take a back seat on account of the able manner in which he performed the duties of his office.

Bro. FEATHERSTONHAUGH, 1963, replied, heartily thanking the brethren for having drank his health.

The Secretary, Bro. WILKS, 202, in reply, thanked the brethren for their hearty approbation, and said he scarcely knew how to reply to the toast, and for the kind words which the Chairman had submitted to the brethren, but he did thank the brethren for the support they had given him. As the festive board was chiefly for enjoyment, he would not trouble them with a lengthy speech.

During the toasts the brethren enjoyed several songs and recitations by Bros. Windsor, Lyell, Gonn, Squires, Wilks, Van-Gelder, Newman, and the Chairman. Bro. Kirby officiated at the piano.

The entertainment was brought to a close about midnight with a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Duffield, 1963, for his excellent catering.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.

Pollok Lodge (No. 772).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place in the Burgh Hall, Pollok-shields West, on Tuesday, the 10th ult. A large company of distinguished brethren attended the ceremonial, in which the chief position was occupied by Bro. M. H. Shaw Stewart, M.P., P.G.M. of Stirlingshire. Bros. the Rev. W. W. Tulloch, D.D., P.G. Chap.; Bailies Ure Primrose and T. C. Guthrie, and Major Stewart, and W. Scott, Depute Master of Mother Kilwinning, No. 6, were amongst those who assisted in giving *décor* to a brilliant function.

The lodge was opened in a charming apartment that reminded one of a baronial hall. The three magnificent candlesticks at the chairs of the W.M. and the Wardens showed how highly the donor, Bro. Craig, esteemed his lodge. The following officers were duly invested and installed: Bros. D. R. Clark, M.A., R.W.M.; Morris Carswell, I.P.M.; Major Stewart, Dep. Master; J. Cameron, Sub. Master; J. W. Ruddock, S.W.; J. McQueen Barr, J.W.; Rev. T. B. W. Niven, Chap.; J. P. Laidlaw, Treas.; J. N. Paton, Sec.; W. S. Hunter, S.D.; J. Craig, J.D.; S. Harte, Bible Bearer; W. J. McGibbon, Architect; R. Donaldson, Org.; R. T. Nelson, Jeweller; J. R. Donald, Steward; P. Pringle, Marshal; D. Murray, I.G.; and Neil McKinlay, Tyler. The R.W.M. then addressed the lodge as follows: Brethren, it is usual for a Master immediately after his installation to address a few words to his lodge, and I wish to say that in electing me as the Master of Pollock Lodge, you have conferred on me the highest honour you had in your power to bestow, and for that honour I tender you my sincere thanks. Attached to this honour there is a considerable amount of responsibility and work, which, with your kind co-operation, I hope successfully to perform. In a Masonic lodge we are constantly reminded of the necessity of work, and labour in whatever form, it rightly understood, is no curse, but the greatest blessing we possess. Freemasons are supposed to be workers, and should endeavour to dignify labour, for we are reminded here of our duty in this respect by properly employing our time first for our own use then for the benefit of those directly depending on us for support, and, lastly, when demanded for the assistance of those brethren who have been less fortunate than ourselves. Freemasonry, however, is not merely a charitable institution, it has to do with the higher life of man, and how he should perform his work here. A lodge at work is said to be at labour, and we explain the working tools of the various Degrees as if the Freemason was an Operative Mason; but at the same time we apply their use in a moral sense. The specific duties of the office-bearers have already been eloquently and beautifully set forth by our R.W. Brother, the Provincial Grand Master of Stirlingshire, when he invested us with the badges which we now wear, but there are other and wider responsibilities devolving upon us all as brethren. The "Ancient Charges" required that no Master or Fellow should absent himself from his lodge, and this sentence heads many of the summonses issued by our brethren in the south. But not only is good attendance necessary: we should remember besides that we have promised to further the interests of the lodge by every means in our power, and we should not be satisfied by a merely passive and occasional attendance, but take an

active interest in its proceedings. At the same time, let us remember we are brethren above all things, and no petty or personal differences of opinion or desire for position should be allowed to interfere with the superior claims of the lodge and its interests. I am not a proficient ritualist as some brethren are, for my tastes and studies in Masonry have lain more in a desire to know the meaning behind the symbolism we employ. The veiled allegory that is used in a lodge is to many a sealed book, and illustrated with symbols whose meaning they know not, and in many cases feel no sufficient interest to ask the reason of their existence. In this direction there is much for us to do and much to learn, and I trust that we may have some well-informed brethren both from our own and other lodges to give us the benefit of their knowledge during the ensuing winter. We can all do something towards removing the stigma of not knowing or caring about the origin and meaning of the phrases and figures we employ so largely. But beyond this, as Freemasons, by our obligations we are reminded that "duty, honour, and gratitude bind us to be faithful to every trust, to support with becoming dignity our characters, to enforce by example and precept the tenets of our system. Let no motive make us swerve from our duty, violate our vows, or betray our trust." Too frequently in the past has Masonry in Scotland been looked down upon and despised on account of the unfortunate associations that have accompanied her, but a brighter day we can already see dawning, when with the name of a Freemason will be associated all that is noble in thought and action, one who regulates his life by acting on the square, and who makes his conduct harmonise with the principles of morality and virtue which he has vowed to practice. As a new lodge we have already achieved a remarkable success, far greater than any of us who founded it ever dared to expect. We naturally and hopefully anticipate that the hearty unanimity which has secured such results will continue to operate to our future advancement. As your Master, I hope that nothing I do will in any way dim the lustre of this chair, which has been so worthily filled by my predecessor, but that as each Master succeeds to this office it may be handed on from one to the other with undiminished reputation and increasing renown.

After business the members adjourned to the large hall, which had been specially decorated for the banquet, which was most *recherché*, and reflected great credit on the purveyor, viands and wines being alike excellent.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed.

Bro. W. W. Tullock, D.D., replied for "The Three Grand Lodges" in a highly humorous manner that evoked continuous applause.

Bro. Macgregor Mulloch, G.I.G., proposed "The Newly-installed R.W.M., Bro. Clark," in felicitous terms, alluding to his reputation as antiquarian, linguist, and Mason, the worthy son of a truly Masonic sire, widely respected as one of the most energetic and public-spirited citizens of St. Mungo.

After thanking the brethren for their enthusiastic reception of his health, the R.W.M. proceeded to address the I.P.M., Bro. Morris Carswell, in eulogistic language referring to his valued services as a founder and first occupant of the K.S. chair in No. 772, and finally asked his acceptance of a Past Master's jewel.

The I.P.M. responded by a brief acknowledgment of the hearty co-operation he had ever secured from his officers and members, and pointed with pride to the remarkable success already attained, and said they had all been deeply indebted to the untiring energy of Bro. D. R. Clark, whom they had just placed in the seat he had had the gratification to occupy, and who had designed the jewels, clothing, &c., and how well Bro. George Kenning had carried out his instructions was patent to everyone, for a finer appointed lodge was not to be found in Scotland.

Other toasts followed, enlivened by song and sentiment, and a thoroughly enjoyable meeting was added to the triumphs already scored by Bro. Ruddock, who superintended the proceedings.

The jewel was an exceedingly fine specimen of artistic skill, being enriched with diamonds and other precious stones, and was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

The Craft Abroad.

CONSECRATION OF ST. GEORGE'S LODGE, No. 2402, AT CYPRUS.

The consecration of the above lodge, warranted under the Grand Lodge of England, took place on Saturday, the 14th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Larnaca, Cyprus. This is the second lodge that has been opened in Cyprus since the British occupation, the first being the St. Paul's, No. 2277, established at Limassol in 1888. The great distance and inconvenience of travelling from Nicosia and Larnaca to Limassol is one of the reasons of the petition for the formation of the Larnaca lodge.

The consecration ceremony was most ably performed by Bro. G. R. Harriott, P.P.G.M. Wigton, &c. (S.C.), assisted by Bros. Kiddle, W.M. elect 2277, as S.W.; Meyer, J.W. 2277, as J.W.; Capt. Duberly, P.M. 555 (I.C.), as G. Reg.; J. P. White, I.P.M. 2277, as D.C.; and others.

After the lodge had been duly consecrated and dedicated, the Consecrating Officer installed Bro. F. O. Harvey, 9, into the chair of K.S. The W.M. then invested the following as his officers: Bros. J. E. Sauby, S.W.; E. H. Hore, J.W.; T. Sturgess, S.D.; E. A. Carletti, J.D.; P. Blattner, D.C.; and T. H. Brayshaw and C. Cannons, Stewards.

The following brethren were unanimously elected honorary members of the lodge in consideration of the assistance they had rendered in its establishment: Bros. S. Vallentine, G.P. England; W. Willey, P.M.; W. H. Holroyd, P.M.; L. W. Harvey, P.M. and Sec., and W. Drew, all of No. 9; and Nelson Prower, W.M. 1745. Four proposals for joining members and eight for initiation were submitted, and the lodge was closed.

An excellent banquet had been prepared under the supervision of the Stewards, and their arrangements were well carried out, and justice having been done to

the fare provided, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

The CONSECRATING OFFICER, in response to the toast of his health, gave some sound words of advice to the new lodge; he pointed out the present popularity of Masonry, and the rush of anxious aspirants for admission to the Fraternity. He could not do better than re-echo the words that had been used on several occasions lately by the Grand Secretary of England when consecrating new lodges, that what was to be looked for in admitting new members to the Craft was quality rather than quantity. Another point he urged upon the members of the lodge was the establishment of a good Masonic library, as nothing tended more to the better comprehension of the beauty of Masonry than a study of the ancient records and traditions of the Craft.

The CONSECRATING OFFICER then proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master" and wished him a successful year of office, which was drunk with musical honours.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in reply, thanked the brethren for the hearty manner in which they had given the toast, and trusted that after his year of office expired he should receive their approbation for what he had then done. For the present he was untried, but with the co-operation and support of his officers, he hoped that when the time came for him to vacate the chair he should have fulfilled to his best ability what they now expected of him.

The lodges supporting the petition were Albion, No. 9, and St. Paul's, No. 2277.

"The Visitors" and "The Officers" were given and suitably replied to, and the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

Bros. Meyer, Montague, Kemp, Hore, Cannons, and Carletti enlivened the *post prandial* proceedings with their vocal and instrumental music.

The lodge was furnished by Bro. George Kenning.

CHRISTMAS RAILWAY FACILITIES.

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.

The Great Western Railway Company issue tickets of all classes at the following City and West-end offices: 193 and 407, Oxford-street; 23, New Oxford-street; Holborn Circus; 29, Charing Cross; 5, Arthur-street East, London Bridge; 82, Queen Victoria-street; 269, Strand; 43 and 44, Crutched Friars; 26, Regent-street; 67, Gresham-street; 4, Cheapside; and the L.B. and S.C. Company's Booking Office (under Grand Hotel), Trafalgar-square. This arrangement cannot fail to be a boon to those travellers who desire to avoid the trouble of obtaining a ticket at a crowded railway station. The booking-office at the Paddington Station will also be open for the issue of tickets each day during the week preceding Christmas Day. Ordinary tickets obtained in London between December 18th and 24th will be available for use on any day between and including those days. Cheap third class tickets at reduced fares will be issued from London to the Yeovil and Weymouth districts to stations in the West of England, and to Guernsey and Jersey; similar tickets will also be issued from those districts to London, except the Channel Islands. In order to meet the extraordinary demand upon the company's resources occasioned by the enormous parcels traffic despatched both from and to London at Christmas time, special fast trains carrying parcels only, and calling at the principal intermediate stations will run between London and Plymouth, Birkenhead, Worcester, and New Milford. On Thursday, December 24th, the 1.0 and 5.0 p.m. trains from Paddington to Plymouth will be extended to Falmouth and Penzance; and the 6.20 p.m. train from Paddington to Bristol will run to Exeter; a special train will leave Paddington at 10.0 p.m. for New Milford, and will call at the same stations as the 9.15 p.m. ordinary train, and a special express to the West of England will depart at 11.50 p.m. (midnight). On Christmas Day the usual Sunday service of trains will be run, but for the convenience of persons who are unable to leave town before the morning of Christmas Day, the 5.30 a.m. train will run as on week days to Oxford, Bristol, Weston-super-Mare, Worcester, Banbury, Leamington, Birmingham, Dudley, and Wolverhampton, in which towns the London morning papers will consequently be distributed at the usual hour. On the afternoon of Sunday, December 27th, special trains will run to London from Plymouth, Swansea, and Wolverhampton, calling at the principal intermediate stations.

LONDON AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY.

The London and North-Western Company announce that the ticket offices at Euston, Broad-street, Kensington, and Willesden Junction will be open throughout the day from Monday, December 14th, to Wednesday, December 23rd (Sunday excepted), so that passengers wishing to obtain tickets for any destination on the London and North-Western Railway can do so at any time of the day prior to the starting of the trains. The tickets will be dated to suit the convenience of passengers. Tickets for all the principal stations on the London and North-Western system and its connections can be obtained at any time (Sundays and Bank Holidays excepted) at the following town receiving offices of the company: 15, Queen-street, E.C.; Spread Eagle, 3, Whittington-avenue, Leadenhall Market, E.C.; Swan-with-Two-Necks, 65, Gresham-street, E.C.; 13, Eastcheap; Cross Keys, 1, Wood-street, Cheapside, E.C.; 22, Aldersgate-street, E.C.; 65, Aldgate, E.C.; 30, West Smithfield, E.C.; 8 and 9, Clerkenwell Green, E.C.; Bolt-in-Tun, 64, Fleet-street, E.C.; 116, Holborn, E.C.; George and Blue Boar, 285, High Holborn, W.C.; 43, New Oxford-street, W.C.; Universal Office, Spread Eagle, Piccadilly Circus, W.; 34, Parliament-street, Westminster; Golden Circus, Charing Cross, W.C.; Hotel Windsor, Victoria-street, S.W.; 231, Edgware-road, W.; Atlas Office, 167, Tottenham Court-road, W.C.; 70, St. Martin's-lane, W.C.; 3, James-street, Covent Garden, W.C.; Lion, 108, New Bond-street, W.; 496, Oxford-street, W.; Griffin's Green Man and Still, 241, Oxford-street, W.; 33, Hereford-road, Bayswater, W.; Knightsbridge, 34, Albert

Gate, S.W.; Kensington, 33, High-street, W.; 117 High-street, Borough, S.E.; 233 and 234, Blackfriars-road, S.E.; Surrey Railway Office, 138, Newington Causeway, S.E.; 194, Westminster Bridge-road, S.E.; Islington, "Angel," 5, Pentonville-road, N.; London, Brighton, and South Coast Company's Office, 8, Grand Hotel-buildings, Charing Cross; and at Messrs. Gaze and Son's Offices, 142, Strand, W.C. The ordinary service of express and mail trains will be supplemented by additional express trains as named below:—On Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24th, a special train will leave Willesden Junction at 2.45 p.m. for Bletchley, Wolverton, Northampton, Rugby, principal stations on the Trent Valley Line, and Stafford, in advance of the 2.45 p.m. ordinary train from London (Euston). The 4.30 p.m. Euston to Birmingham will be divided—the first portion, which will run express to Coventry and Birmingham, will leave Euston at 4.25 p.m.; the second portion of the train will leave Euston at 4.30 p.m., as usual, and convey passengers for Northampton, Rugby, Coventry, Birmingham, Walsall, Dudley, and Wolverhampton. The 7.0 p.m. Euston to Birmingham will be divided—the first portion, which will run express to Coventry and Birmingham, will leave Euston at 6.55 p.m.; the second portion of the train will leave Euston at 7.0 p.m. and convey passengers for Bletchley, Northampton, Rugby, Coventry, Birmingham, Dudley, Wolverhampton, and Walsall. The night Irish mail, due to leave Euston 8.20 p.m. will not leave until 9.5 p.m. Passengers from Birmingham, Liverpool, and Manchester, for Holyhead and Ireland, will leave at the usual hours, and will be taken forward to Holyhead in advance of the London train. The mail packet for Kingstown will not leave Holyhead until the passengers from London are on board. The 12.0 night train from London (Euston), due at Warrington at 5.15 a.m. on Christmas Day, will be extended from Warrington to Carlisle, Edinburgh and Glasgow as on ordinary week days, and will, by special arrangement, take passengers for Kendal and Windermere. On Christmas Day the usual Sunday service of trains will be run with the following additions: The 5.15 a.m. newspaper express from London (Euston) will run to Northampton, Rugby, Birmingham, Nuneaton, Tamworth, Lichfield, Rugeley, Stafford, Crewe, Shrewsbury, Liverpool, Manchester, Warrington, Wigan, Preston, Lancaster, Carnforth, Oxenholme, Kendal, Windermere, Tebay, Penrith, Carlisle, Edinburgh, and Glasgow. The 7.15 a.m. down day Irish mail from Euston to Holyhead will be run on Christmas Day the same as on week days; and the 11.40 a.m. Holyhead to Chester will leave at 11.30 a.m., and be extended to London. The down mail will call, if required, at Rhyll, Conway, and Bangor, and the up mail, if required, at Bangor, Conway, Colwyn Bay, Rhyll, and Holywell. The 11.17 a.m., Chester to Birkenhead, will wait at Chester the arrival of the 7.15 a.m. from London. On Saturday (Bank Holiday), December 26th, numerous residential trains in the neighbourhood of important cities and towns will not be run. The dining saloons between London, Liverpool, and Manchester, and certain of the through carriages between London and provincial stations will also be discontinued on this date, but the dining saloons on the 2.0 p.m. from London to Glasgow, and the 2.0 p.m. from Glasgow to London, will be run the same as usual.

GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY.

The Great Northern Railway Company announce that on Thursday, December 24th, the 8.0 p.m., 8.30 p.m., and 10.40 p.m. expresses from King's Cross will be run through to Edinburgh, Glasgow, and other places in Scotland at times advertised in November time-tables. An additional express train will leave King's Cross Station at 12.0 midnight for Welwyn, Stevenage, Hitchin, Biggleswade, Sandy, St. Neots, Huntingdon, Peterboro', Spalding, Boston, Grimsby, Grantham, Lincoln, Nottingham, Newark, Retford, Doncaster, Wakefield, Leeds, Bradford, Halifax, Selby, York, Darlington, and Newcastle. Cheap excursions will leave London (Victoria, L.C. and D.), Moorgate, King's Cross (G.N.), &c., on December 24th and 30th, for Newcastle, Berwick, Edinburgh, and Glasgow. Passengers by the excursion on the 24th return on Saturday, 26th, or Thursday, 31st December, and those by the excursion on 30th December, return on Monday, 4th, or Wednesday, 6th January. By these excursions, tickets at a single fare for the double journey will also be issued to places named, available for return on any day within eight days, including days of issue and return. On Christmas Day, December 25th, trains will run as on Sundays, except that the 5.15 a.m. express from King's Cross will be run to Stamford, Bourn, Lincoln, Nottingham, York, Wakefield, Leeds, Bradford, and Halifax, stopping at the intermediate stations at which it ordinarily calls. A special express conveying parcels only will leave London (King's Cross) at 9.35 p.m. on December 21, 22, and 23, for Lynn, Norwich, Yarmouth, Nottingham, Melton Mowbray, Leicester, Derby, Burton, Lincoln, Sheffield, Manchester, Liverpool, Wakefield, Leeds, Bradford, Keighley, Halifax, York, Hull, Newcastle, and all places in the north of England and Scotland. To prevent inconvenience from crowding at the Company's principal terminal station, King's Cross, arrangements have been made for the issue of passenger tickets dated in advance, at King's Cross, at other London stations, and at the following offices: "Star" Office, 138, Victoria-street, S.W.; 139 and 141, Brompton-road, S.W.; Albert Gate Office, 1, William-street, Lowndes-square; 163, Edgware-road; 285, Oxford-street; 90, Tottenham Court-road; 264, High Holborn; 328, Strand; Cambridge-circus, Shaftesbury-avenue; Royal Oak Office, 6, Portchester-road, Westbourne-grove; 3, King Edward-street, Newgate-street; 22, Wood-street, E.C.; 217, Old-street, E.C.; 44, Bread-street; 1, Whittington-avenue, Leadenhall-street; 16, Fish-street Hill; Bee Hive, Whitecross-street; 43 and 44, Crutched Friars; 80, Bishopsgate-street Without; Charles-street, Farringdon-street; 230, Essex-road, Islington; 95, High-street, Borough; George Inn, Borough; 190A, Westminster Bridge-road; Great Northern Company's Poplar Docks Station, Preston-road; Victoria Docks and Albert Docks (Great Northern Offices); 7, Beresford-square, South Woolwich; and at the offices of Swan and Leach, Limited, 3, Charing Cross, and 32, Piccadilly-circus.

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MASONIC MEETINGS (Metropolitan)

For the week ending Saturday, December 19, 1891.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12.

CRAFT LODGES.

108, London, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.
176, Caveac, Albion Tavern.
1426, The Great City, Cannon-street Hotel.
1612, West Middlesex, Municipal Buildings, Ealing.
1671, Mizpah, Albion Tavern.
1928, Gallery, Anderson's Hotel.
1964, Clerkenwell, Holborn Restaurant.
2369, Cornish, Mark Masons' Hall.
2384, Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Lower Mitcham.

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.
Celestion, 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 CHAPTER.
1297, West Kent, Crystal Palace.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14.

CRAFT LODGES.

5, St. George's and Corner-stone, Freemasons' Hall.
29, St. Alban's, Albion Tavern.
59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.
90, St. John's, Albion Tavern.
136, Good Report, Inns of Court Hotel.
193, Confidence, Anderson's Hotel.
957, Leigh, Freemasons' Hall.
1305, St. Marylebone, Criterion.
1571, Leopold, Bridge House Hotel.
1670, Adelphi, Freemasons' Hall.
1922, Earl of Lathom, Surrey Masonic Hall.
2030, The Abbey, Town Hall, Westminster.
2394, Galen, Freemasons' Hall.

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, 202, 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, Edwardes-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.
Walthamstow, 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.
Lewis Chapter, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.
North London Chapter, Grosvenor Hotel, Canonbury, at 7.30.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

22, Mount Zion, Guildhall Tavern.
58, Felicity, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
1118, University, Freemasons' Hall.
1789, Ubique, Criterion.

ROSE CROIX CHAPTER.

53, Holy Sanctuary, 33, Golden-square.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15.

Board of General Purposes, at 4.

CRAFT LODGES.

30, United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern.
73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel.
95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
162, Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall.
255, Harmony, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.
1339, Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1695, New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern.
2021, Queen's Westminster, Holborn Restaurant.
2022, Haven, Lyric Hall, Ealing.
2233, Old Westminster's, Cafe Royal.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., at 8.
Capper, Railway Tavern, Angel-lane, Stratford, at 8.
Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, at 7.
Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-street, Borough, at 8.
Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.
Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, Corner of Queen's-road and 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.
Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-road, Rotherhithe.
Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, at 8.
Finsbury, The Goose and Gridiron, London House Yard, St. Paul's Churchyard, E.C., at 7.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., White Horse-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.
Ioppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30.
Kensington, Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes-square, Kensington, 8.
Mount Edgcombe, 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, Beaufort 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 CHAPTERS.

11, Enoch, Freemasons' Hall.
19, Mount Sinai, Anderson's Hotel.

MARK LODGE.

284, High Cross, Liverpool-street Hotel.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16.

CRAFT LODGES.

7, Royal York of Perseverance, Albion Tavern.
174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern.
969, Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel.
1349, Friars, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
1382, Corinthian, George Hotel, East Ferry-road, Cubitt Town.
1507, Metropolitan, Anderson's Hotel.
1673, Welcome, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
2361, Cricklewood, Crown Hotel, Cricklewood.

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.
Ebury, 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, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.
Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516, Old Kent-road, at 8.
Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley, at 7.45.
Prosperity, City Arms Tavern, 2, St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7.
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8.
Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rushey Green, Catford, 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.

MARK LODGE.

144, Grosvenor, Cafe Royal.

ROSE CROIX CHAPTER.

105, Cœur de Lion, Mark Masons' Hall.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17.

CRAFT LODGES.

6, Friendship, Criterion.
49, Gibon, Guildhall Tavern.
169, Temperance, White Swan, Deptford.
179, Manchester, Anderson's Hotel.
813, New Concord, Guildhall Tavern.
1139, South Norwood, The Pavilion, South Norwood Park.
1287, Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall.
1320, Blackheath, Bridge House Hotel.
1613, Cripplegate, Albion Tavern.
1681, Londesborough, Cafe Royal.
1901, Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Burdett-Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
Clarence, 14, Fitzroy-square, at 7.30.
Covent Garden, The Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
Creaton, Wheatsheaf Hotel, 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.
Highgate, Falkland Arms, Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.
Hornsey, Lewisham Masonic Rooms, adjoining White Hart Hotel, 116, High-street, Lewisham, S.E., at 8.
Ivy, Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.
Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, 8 to 10.
Langton, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 5.30.
Leopold, City Arms Restaurant, St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7.
Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House, London Bridge, at 7.
Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte-st., Fitzroy-square, W., at 8.
Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch Lane, at 7.30.
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.
Fregedar, 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.

34, Moriah, Freemasons' Hall.
79, Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.

MARK LODGE.

Bon Accord, Mark Masons' Hall.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18.

Convocation of the Grand Council Secret Monitor, Mark Masons' Hall, at 6 p.m.

CRAFT LODGE.

2346, Warrant Officers, Freemasons' Hall.

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 7.
Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 8.
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 CHAPTER.

1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern.

MARK LODGES.

226, Excelsior, New Masonic Temple, Woolwich.
251, Tenterden, Mark Masons' Hall.

ROSE CROIX CHAPTER.

10, Invicta, 33, Golden-square.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

6, St. George's, Albion Tavern.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19.

CRAFT LODGES.

1641, Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1732, King's Cross, Anderson's Hotel.

MASONIC MEETINGS (Provincial)

For the week ending Saturday, December 19, 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, DECEMBER 14.

CRAFT LODGES.					
Hastings ...	40	Thrapston ...	607	Alford ...	1600
Bristol ...	68	Southport ...	613	York ...	1611
Falmouth ...	75	Trowbridge ...	612	Saltburn-by-	
Harlestone ...	85	Lyme Regis ...	665	Sea ...	1618
Cambridge ...	88	Llanelli ...	671	Urmston ...	1730
Dukinfield ...	89	Chester ...	711	Harborne ...	1792
North Walsham	102	Wellington ...	737	East Retford ...	1802
Stockport ...	104	Dartmouth ...	707	Manfield ...	1852
Plymouth ...	105	Wirksworth ...	884	Gt. Torrington	1855
Exmouth ...	106	Millbrook ...	893	Henley ...	1895
Faversham ...	133	Knutsford ...	911	Kidsgrove ...	1914
Newport, Mon.	151	Sutton Bridge ...	985	Chapel-en-le-	
E. Stonehouse	189	Barrow-in-Fur-		Frith ..	1952
Swansea ...	237	ness ...	1021	Wellington ...	1966
South Shields	240	Portsmouth ...	1069	Maldon ...	1977
Shrewsbury ...	262	Shirley ...	1112	Moseley ...	2034
Batley ...	264	Dorking ...	1149	Bowdon ...	2144
Berkley ...	270	Sherborne ...	1163	Ardwick ...	2185
Liverpool ...	292	Chatham ...	1174	Douglas ...	2197
Sheffield ...	296	Leeds ...	1221	Wells, Norfolk	2237
Lincoln ...	297	Enfield ...	1237	R.A. CHAPTERS.	
Bradford ...	302	Manchester ...	1253	Dukinfield ...	89
Teignmouth ...	303	St. Ives, Corn-		Warrington ...	148
Hebden Bridge	307	wall ...	1273	Jersey ...	244
Gt. Yarmouth.	313	Saffron Walden	1280	Kidderminster	377
Bodmin ...	330	Market Rasen.	1286	Aldershot ...	1331
Penrith ...	339	Liverpool ...	1350	Barton-upon-	
Bath ...	379	Seaford ...	1380	Humber ...	1447
Halesworth ...	382	Stalbridge ...	1408	MARK LODGES.	
Haworth ...	408	Sandgate ...	1436	South Molton ...	9
Brightingsea.	433	Canterbury ...	1449	Oldham ...	171
Oldham ...	467	Birmingham ...	1474	St. Columb ...	206
Birmingham	587	Kingsbridge ...	1486	Beverley ...	281
Sleaford ...	588	Moss Side ...	1496	KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.	
Redruth ...	589	Castleford ...	1542	Blackburn ...	56
Banbury ...	599	Bury St.		Stockton-on-	
		Edmunds..	1511	Tees ...	118

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Birmingham	74	Ventnor	551	Alford	1600
Southampton	130	Chester	721	Hebburn-on-Tyne	1643
Chatham	184	Liverpool	724	Bromley	1692
Norwich	213	Workington	962	Landport	1776
Taunton	261	Saltash	1071	Walton-on-the-Naze	1799
Bradford	302	Ramsgate	1209	East Retford	1802
Brighton	315	Mossley	1218	Snarebrook	1801
Pembroke Dock	378	Carlton Hill	1221	Hull	2134
Handsworth	482	Sutton	1347		
Huddersfield	521	Canterbury	1449		

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15.

CRAFT LODGES.		Wotton-under-Edge...		Colleshill 1782	
Nottingham ...	47	Jersey	855	Walton-on-naze ...	1799
Burnley	126	Crewe	979	Clare	1823
Margate	127	St. Day	1016	Wilmington ...	1837
Rochford	160	Maldon	1024	Stonhouse	1847
Plymouth	223	Alfreton	1028	Bedlington	1902
Warwick	284	Huntingdon ...	1036	Rugeley	1941
Huntingdon ...	373	Chip-ping Norton ...	1036	Bakewell	2120
Pembroke Dock	378	Newnham-on-Severn ...	1067	Surbiton	2146
Bangor	385	Ramsey	1075	Newton-le-Willows ...	2155
Nottingham ...	402	Sheerness	1090	R.A. CHAPTERS.	
Hanley	418	Batley	1214	Bath	41
Nuneaton	432	Poulton-le-Fylde ...	1256	Sunderland ...	80
Halifax	448	Blandford	1266	Dudley	252
Birmingham ...	468	Seacombe	1276	Brighton	315
Carmarthen ...	476	Woking Station ...	1397	Wolverhampton	419
Ashton-in-Makerfield ...	484	Old Brompton ...	1424	Grimsby	702
Shipley Gate ...	506	Newcastle-on-Tyne ...	1427	Douglas	1004
Liskeard	510	Crowley	1482	Tywardreath ...	1151
Ventnor	551	Ilkley	1522	Sudbury	1224
Stourport	560	Newquay	1528	Marlborough ...	1533
Burton-upon-Trent ...	624	Marlborough ...	1533	Hull	2134
Malton	660	Baildon	1545	MARK LODGES.	
Liverpool	667	Leicester	1560	Liverpool—Lebanon	87
Ashted-e-a-Zouch ...	779	Cheadle	1587	Hayle	161
Launceston ...	789	Walton-on-the-Hill ...	1713	Anfield	161
Dunkinfield ...	830			Newport Pagnel	163
				Buxton	246
				Folkestone ...	380

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Cardiff	36	Broadstairs	429	Wotton-under-Edge	855
Wintennaven	119	North Shields	431	Stockton	940
Weymouth	170	Halifax	448	Jarrow	1119
Jersey	244	Aylesbury	591	Edmonton	1237
Batley	264	W. Bromwich	661	Workington	1400
Lewes	311	Lee	704	Huddersfield	1783
Maryport	371	Stafford	716	Dartford	1837
Newcastle	401	Crewkerne	814	Beckenham	2266

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16.

CRAFT LODGES.		Shepton Mallett	285	Birkenhead	537
Chatham...	20	Huddersfield	290	Framlingham...	555
Liverpool	32	Alcester	301	Openshaw	581
Penzance...	121	Lewes	311	Cirencester	592
Poole	137	B u d e l e i g h		Canarvon	606
Wigan	178	Salterton	372	Bristol	610
Scarboro'	200	Ipswich	376	Manchester	610
Norwich	213	Saltaire	387	W. Bromwich..	632
Bolton	221	Ashton-under-		Chesterfield	681
Guernsey	243	Lyne...	430	Newport, Mon.	683
Cheltenham	246	Burslem	451	Stafford	726
Taunton	261	Congleton	533	Liverpool	823



The Duchess of Albany has promised to distribute the prizes to the successful scholars of Tiffin's School for Girls at the Surbiton Assembly Rooms this (Friday) afternoon.

Bro. Justice Straight has resigned his Judgeship in India, and is succeeded by Mr. Harrison F. Blair, whose appointment has been approved by the Queen.

The Queen, accompanied by the Princess Beatrice, visited the Empress Eugenie at Farnborough on Saturday last and stayed to luncheon, returning to Windsor Castle in the evening.

The freedom and livery of the Company of Coach and Harness Makers was to be presented to Bro. Capt. Sir E. M. Shaw in the Company's Hall in Noble-street, on Thursday, the 10th inst.

The Earl of Pembroke has contributed £6000 to build an addition to the City of Dublin Hospital, and has offered a further sum of £4000 to form the nucleus of a fund to establish a fishing school at Rings-end on the Liffey.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, and the Princesses Victoria and Maud of Wales, occupied the Queen's box at Signor Lago's Royal Italian Opera, Shaftesbury Theatre, on Saturday evening last.

We regret to hear that the Duke of Devonshire has been overtaken by serious illness, but his Grace, considering his advanced age, is able to bear up fairly well. His son, Bro. the Marquis of Hartington, is staying with him at Holker Hall.

St. Martin's Lodge, No. 379, of Mark Master Masons, Liskeard, on the 3rd inst. unanimously elected Bro. W. H. Stantan, S.W., as W.M. for the ensuing year; and unanimously re-elected Bro. W. Nettle, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., as Treasurer, and Bro. R. Penwarden as Tyler.

The work of Freemasonry should be performed with dignity of manner, clear, crisp, and distinct in speech, so that the candidate and those who are present may apprehend, comprehend, and become imbued with the principles of Freemasonry.—*Keystone*.

Lord Sheffield's team of cricketers have defeated the New South Wales eleven by four wickets. The scores were—New South Wales, 1st innings, 74; 2nd innings, 172; English team, 1st innings, 94; 2nd innings, 155 for the loss of six wickets, the not-out being Lohmann, 34, and R. Peel, 26.

One of the wreaths on Dom Pedro's coffin was furnished by the head gardener of the city of Paris, to whom the deceased Emperor often sent rare tropical plants. This wreath was made entirely of twigs of the coffee bush and tobacco leaves. The seeds in both cases had been supplied by Dom Pedro.

Congratulations from all quarters are pouring in on the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Clarence in reference to the betrothal of the latter to the Princess Victoria of Teck. To that received from Bro. Lord Mayor Evans on behalf of the City of London most gracious replies were sent by those concerned.

The funeral of Bro. Viscount Combermere, son of Bro. Viscount Combermere, a distinguished military officer, and for several years Prov. Grand Master of Cheshire, took place on Saturday afternoon last in Wombury Church, Cheshire, the remains being interred in the family vault under the chancel. Among those present on the occasion were Bros. the Earl of Enniskillen, the Earl of Kilmorey, Lord Arthur Hill, M.P., and Sir W. Williams-Wynn, Bart.

On Wednesday Messrs. Horne, Son, and Eversfield, auctioneers, commenced a two days' sale of what is left of the Royal Naval Exhibition at Chelsea. The wood, glass, and iron used in the various structures realised £1500, much of it being bought for the Isle of Man Exhibition, which will be opened at Douglas in July next. The Eddystone Lighthouse was bought in by the auctioneers for £480, and the North Sea trawler, Heroine, for £13.

Bro. Lord Mayor Evans will entertain the Common Council of his Ward and some of the principal inhabitants at dinner at the Mansion House on the 21st instant, after the Ward elections are over, and the Lady Mayoress will give a juvenile fancy dress ball on the 7th January. The other fixtures for next month are Plough Monday dinner on the 11th, dinner to the Court of Aldermen on the 19th, and to the members of the Court of Common Council on the 21st. On the 3rd instant the Court of Aldermen met for the last time before Christmas, when the annual distribution of "Livery Cloth" took place.

It has been arranged (so the London correspondent of the *Manchester Courier* understands) that the young King Alexander of Serbia shall visit England during the early part of next summer. The visit will be of a purely private character, and will form part of a projected tour which the Regents of Serbia have thought it advisable his Majesty should take in completing his education. The King will stay in England about a fortnight, the greater part of which will be spent in London. There is a possibility, too, of the ex-Queen Nathalie also coming to England at the same time, probably in the hope of being able to be with her son. The Regents are, it is said, contemplating appointing an English tutor for the completion of the education of the King.

A concert and dance in aid of the funds of the West Lancashire Masonic Charities was held on the 3rd instant, under the auspices of the Everton Lodge, No. 823, in the Assembly Rooms, Hardman-street, Liverpool. This was the fourth concert held by the lodge for this purpose. The following contributed to the programme: Mrs. Robinson, Miss Lilian Mercer, Miss Hettie Alexander, Bro. W. Sweetman, Mr. Theo. Daniels, Mr. Jenkinson, Mr. J. M'Cann, Bros. E. Roberts, W. Spencer, J. M. King, Mr. Davey, and Bros. L. G. Davey, Holland, and G. Redhead. The accompanists were Bros. A. B. L'wart and C. Porter. Bro. Eyton's band played the music at the dance. Bro. H. M. Molyneux, P.M., acted as Master of Ceremonies, and Bro. Edwin Kite was an efficient Secretary.

There are 27 lady students now taking the medical curriculum in Queen Margaret College, Glasgow. Two of them hail from Ceylon, and one from India.

An evening concert will be given at the International Hall, Piccadilly-circus, to-day (Friday) by members of the International Society of Literature, Science, and Art.

The Princess Christian has consented to open the sale of Christmas presents, which will be held in the Indian Museum, 24, Park-lane, on the 15th and 16th inst., by the kind permission of Bro. Lord Brassey.

Her Majesty's troopship Himalaya arrived at Gibraltar on Monday afternoon, having on board the 2nd battalion King's Royal Rifle Corps to relieve the 3rd battalion of the same regiment, which has been stationed there since 1886.

The Cambridge local examinations and the examination for commercial certificates will begin on Monday next at 185 centres for boys, and 161 for girls. The number of candidates slightly exceeds 10,000.

A supplement to the *London Gazette* contains orders for the Court to go into mourning for his late Majesty Pedro II., Emperor of Brazil. To-morrow (Saturday) the Court will change mourning, and on Saturday next, the 19th inst., the Court will go out of mourning.

Bro. S. B. Bancroft presided at a meeting of the Playgoers' Club, held in the banqueting room of St. James's Restaurant on Sunday evening last, when Bro. Beerbohm Tree delivered a lecture on "Some interesting Fallacies concerning the Modern Stage."

The Prince of Wales presided at the anniversary banquet of the Civil Service, which was held at the Hôtel Métropole on Wednesday evening. The guests numbered in all about 250, and among them were Bros. Sir P. Cunliffe-Owen, Sir Bruce Seton, and W. H. Preece.

The profits assessed to Income Tax under Schedule D in the City of London amounted for the year 1889-90 to upwards of £70,000,000, the rest of the county of Middlesex reaching £41,000,000, while the county of Lancaster stood third with £33,000,000. These three exceed the rest of England and Wales put together.

Galvani's Messenger says that the French Masonic lodges are doing more damage to Freemasonry than the deadliest enemies of the Craft, and that the Freemasons of other countries ought once more to protest against the degradation of their world-wide Brotherhood by the transformation of the lodges into centres of political fanaticism.

Bro. Burdett-Coutts, M.P., the London *Freemason* announces, recently sailed on the steamship Teutonic from Liverpool to New York, and will return home by Christmas. We trust he will find time to visit some bodies of the Craft while in this country, since we are sure he will receive a most hearty and fraternal welcome. Bro. Burdett-Coutts is a nephew of Bro. John M. Ashmead, of this city.—*Philadelphia Keystone*.

The Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg arrived at Belvoir on Monday evening on a visit to the Duke and Duchess of Rutland. The duchess met the Royal visitors at Grantham and drove with them to the Castle, where they were met by the duke. A party of guests had been invited to meet their Royal Highnesses, and a series of entertainments, including a ball and a meet of the Croxton and Belvoir hounds, has taken place during the week.

On the recommendation of Lord Egerton of Tatton, the Prov. Grand Master, the Cheshire Freemasons intend in the coming year to make a special effort for the support of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The Lodge of Unanimity, which celebrated the Festival of St. John on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., purposes raising 50 guineas for the Institution. This year is the centenary of the Unanimity Lodge, No. 287, Stockport.

Grand Secretary Parvin, Iowa, would exclude all non-affiliated Masons from visiting lodges. The lodges, he says, are supported wholly by the annual dues of its members. What right, then, has a Mason to dimit from his lodge, carry that dimit for a number of years, and thereby escape all tax for the support of Masonry, and yet enjoy all its privileges save that alone of voting in the lodge?

Signor Carlo Ducci announces a grande matinée musicale to take place at Princes' Hall, Piccadilly, on Friday next, the 18th inst. The vocalists include Miss Medora Henson, Mr. Eugene Oudin, Signor Luigi Parisotti, and Madame Belle Cole. Mons. Tivadar Nachez is the violinist, and the conductor and Mrs. Chas. Eley will preside at the piano. Recitations by the Countess De Castelvechio and Miss Harriet Kendal, and a musical sketch by Mr. Eric Lewis will give a pleasant variety to the main features of the entertainment.

Among those present at the breakfast given by Sir John Millais, Bart., R.A., on the occasion of the marriage at St. Mary Abbott's Church, Kensington, on Wednesday, of his daughter, Miss Sophie Millais, with Mr. Douglas L. MacEwan, of the Cameron Highlanders, were Bro. Viscount and Viscountess Molesworth, Bro. Lord and Lady Brassey, Lady Macpherson Grant and Miss Grant, Bro. Sir Algernon Borthwick, M.P., and Miss Borthwick, Bro. C. Stuart Wortley, M.P., and Mrs. and Miss Stuart Wortley, Bro. and Mrs. Bancroft, and others.

Bro. J. R. King, the well-known seed grower to the Queen, of Coggeshall, Essex, has a splendid exhibit at the Cattle Show this week. His firm, which dates from 1793, has long been celebrated for the quality of its productions, and has now come to be one of the largest growers in the United Kingdom. In addition to the varied display of farm produce, Bro. King shows a grand collection of natural grasses as included in his famous mixtures for permanent pastures. Altogether the exhibit is worthy of the celebrated seed farms of Coggeshall.

The Hon. Colonel and ex-Sheriff Clarke entertained the officers, non-commissioned officers, and men of the 4th V.B. Essex Regiment at his residence, The Gables, Upper Hamilton-terrace, on Saturday evening, upwards of 400 of the rank and file being present. The regiment mustered at the barracks, Hackney, whence they marched to Dalston, then taking train to West End, where they were met by the hon. colonel, who accompanied them on their march to The Gables. After a brief inspection, each man filed past the hon. colonel and Mrs. Clarke, receiving at the hands of the latter a pair of regimental gloves. Supper was afterwards served. Colonel Maguire and other distinguished officers were present at the pleasing festivity.

Liskeard brethren, encouraged by the success which attended their public dance last year, have made arrangements for holding a similar dance in aid of the Masonic Charities at the Public Hall, Liskeard, on Thursday, 14th January next.

The Duke of Cambridge has concluded his visit to Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Fife at their Norfolk seat—Castle Risings—and on Wednesday journeyed to Windsor Castle, where he dined with the Queen, and afterwards returned to Gloucester House.

The illness of the ex-Emperor of Brazil, Dom Pedro de Alcantara, who had been for some time previously laid up at the Hotel Bedford, Paris, suddenly took a more serious turn on Friday evening last, and in a few hours his Majesty, who was surrounded by the members of his family, succumbed to the attack.

In reference to the sudden death last Sunday week of Bro. the Rev. Prebendary J. J. Knox Fletcher, at Scarborough, it may be recalled that a short time ago Bro. Fletcher's two sons were drowned at Stratford-on-Avon, where they were being educated—the elder in endeavouring to rescue the younger. Our late esteemed Bro. Fletcher was appointed Prov. G. Chaplain of Somerset in 1878.

Bro. Thomas J. Shryock, of Baltimore, Md., has just been re-elected M.W. Grand Master of Masons in Maryland for the seventh time; and his brother, Bro. Wm. H. Shryock, has been re-elected Grand Treasurer for the sixth time. Shryock is an excellent name to charm with among the Masons of Maryland. Both of these brothers are model Grand Officers.—*Keystone*.

Bro. Lord Mayor Evans was entertained at dinner at the Old Swan Hotel, Leatherhead, by the members of his late Hunt on Wednesday evening, when occasion was taken to present his lordship with his portrait "in pink," which had been painted for the Hunt by Mr. Sydney Hodges. His lordship was accompanied from town by Bros. Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., M.P., Alderman and Sheriff Tyler, Sir Augustus Harris, and Sir John B. Monckton.

The presentation of prizes to the successful pupils of the Princess Helena College, Ealing, was recently held, among those present being Bro. Lord and Lady George Hamilton, Bro. Sir Joseph and Lady Savory, and a number of the friends of the institution. A letter was read from the Princess Helena (Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein), expressing her entire satisfaction with the report, which was in the highest degree favourable of the progress made by the pupils during the past year.

Defensive Band Lodge, No. 151 (S.C.), recently acquired a mission hall at High School Yards, Edinburgh, and the building having been converted into suitable premises for carrying on the work of the lodge, was formally consecrated on the 1st inst. Bro. Dobson, R.W.M., having opened the lodge, the chief part of the ceremonial was conducted by Bro. Councillor James Crichton, Chairman of the Committee on the Visitation of Metropolitan Lodges, while the oration was delivered by the Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. John M'Nicol Ramsay. Among others present were Bros. Woodson, R.W.M. 48; Thompson, R.W.M. 4; Walker, R.W.M. 223; M'Donald, R.W.M. 8; Crawford, R.W.M. 2; Craig, R.W.M. 160; and Plimmer, R.W.M. 58. A number of other lodges were represented.

The Smithfield Club Cattle Show at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, was opened on Monday, when his Royal Highness paid his customary visit about mid-day, and carefully inspected the stock. The Queen is a large and successful exhibitor, having been awarded first prize for the best Devon heifer, third for Devon steers about two and under three years old, and first prize for shorthorn heifers, as well as the silver cup for the best heifer or cow in the Show, these two prizes being awarded to her heifer Rosalind, which had not been exhibited at any of the previous fat stock shows. The Prince of Wales took a second prize in one of the sheep classes. The Show closes to-day (Friday).

The Venice of Olympia gets more and more difficult to describe in words as the work progresses, which may account for the doubts that have been expressed by a few who have only read about the thing respecting the intense realism of the undertaking. But "seeing is believing," and those who have been favoured with an inspection of the arrangements cannot help being impressed by the solid appearance of the model city of canals and palaces. Considerable advance has been made during the past few days in the section devoted to Modern Venice, and in another fortnight this interesting portion will no doubt be in a fair way towards completion. The Rialto Bridge, which is being represented natural size, promises to be a noble-looking structure, and the greatest pains are being taken in the architectural details of this and other buildings. Even the gondoliers, who have lately arrived from Venice, look with amazement upon what has already been accomplished, and many of them are reminded very vividly of their native place.

I heard a Master boasting the other day that he was going to "beat the record." He was going to fire at one shot from his Masonic mortar more full-fledged Master Masons than had ever been fired before at one time in the history of the metropolitan district. He was going to astonish the oldest inhabitant. I asked him how many good men he would get out of the 20 whom he expected to raise. He thought about five—or 25 per cent. At the same ratio, how long would it take to turn his lodge into an undesirable body? I don't know whether he meant that only about 25 per cent. would care anything for Masonry after they were raised, or that 75 per cent. were objectionable, but in either case the lodge would certainly be better off by not "beating the record." I am sorry to see such a spirit as is prevalent among some lodges, and I cannot help looking with suspicion upon every attempt to "beat the record." I don't see that there is anything Masonic in this effort to over-reach others in the making of Masons. An ounce of pure gold is worth many pounds of dross.—*New York Dispatch*.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Rheumatism and Neuralgia.—Though the former disease remorselessly attacks persons of all ages, and the latter ruthlessly selects its victims from the weak and delicate, the persevering use of these remedies will infallibly cure both complaints. After the affected parts have been diligently fomented with hot brine, and the skin thoroughly dried, Holloway's Ointment must be rubbed in firmly and evenly for ten minutes twice a day, and his Pills taken according to the printed directions wrapped round each box of his medicine. Both Ointment and Pills are accompanied by instructions designed for the public at large, and no invalid, who attentively reads them, can now be at any loss how to doctor himself successfully.—*Advr.*