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THE LATE DUKE OF CLARENCE AND AVONDALE.

No one who traversed London on Wednesday can have doubted for a single moment the universality, as well as the depth, of the national mourning for the death of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale. From north to south, from east to west, in the private as well as in the public thoroughfares, there were patent in all directions the outward and visible signs of woe. In private houses the blinds were half drawn, while the shops were either wholly or partially closed. On all sides were exhibited announcements that this "establishment," this theatre, that place of entertainment would be closed from a certain hour, or for a certain time, in consequence of the death of the lamented Duke. Those whose avocations compelled them to be abroad were as dejected in mind as they were sombre in their dress. Englishmen, as a rule, are not demonstrative, but the grief which is felt by all classes of her Majesty's subjects at the loss of her beloved grandson was not to be denied its full expression. Moreover, the circumstances attending the death of the young Duke were so appalling. But the other day, the betrothed of a fair young English Princess, and looking forward to his marriage with her in the stately Chapel of St. George's, Windsor, where his illustrious parents before him had been married some 29 years ago. Then the scene changes, almost without a warning, to the death chamber; the young Prince passing peacefully to his last rest, amid the hardly controllable grief of his parents, his brother and sisters, and her who was to have been his bride. A catastrophe so terrible as this may well have stirred the English people from their ordinary stolidity. Never before has such a fate befallen so promising a scion of our Royal House. And then as the day wore on and the hour approaching when the mortal remains of his Royal Highness were to be consigned to the tomb, the streets in the neighbourhood of St. Paul's and Westminster Abbey, and other principal churches and chapels in the huge city were thronged with people eager to take part in the funeral service to be held in his memory. But it was not London alone which was thus cast down with grief. In every city and town throughout the United Kingdom, everywhere throughout the British Empire, and wherever else any number of English folk could congregate together, there true sympathy was shown with the Queen, the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Princess Victoria of Teck, and the other branches of the Royal Family, and due honour paid to the memory of their deceased relative.

In the Craft of Masonry the sympathy of the brethren, if possible, is still more intense. The late illustrious Duke had been one of us for nearly seven years, and throughout his Masonic career had evinced a great interest in whatever concerned our Society, and more especially in what was calculated to promote its interests. In his own especial Province of Berkshire, which had been looking forward to a long and happy continuance of his rule, and which was preparing to present him and the Princess May with an appropriate wedding gift, the loss is acutely felt; while in London, Norfolk, Cambridgeshire, and wherever else his Royal Highness had been brought into contact with the lodges and brethren, the sorrow is almost equally conspicuous. The notices issued from the Grand Secretary's office and from that of the Mark Grand Secretary for three months mourning and for especial meetings to be held at an early date at which resolutions of condolence with her Majesty, the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the Royal Family generally are published elsewhere. Nor is this feeling confined to England only. The long list of lodges in the colonies and under foreign jurisdictions which have telegraphed to our Grand Lodge their sympathy with our illustrious Grand Master is appended and bears eloquent testimony to this feeling. There is, indeed, no section or branch of Masonry which is not actuated by the feelings, which during the last week have been exhibited both at home and abroad, nor have we the smallest shadow of a doubt that this universal sorrow will prove the surest palliative to the grief which for the moment bears down the members of the Royal House of England.

As regards the funeral arrangements, they were carried out strictly in accordance with the programme as laid down by the officers of the Lord Chamberlain's department, and approved by her Majesty and the Prince of Wales. At Sandringham a short service was held in the secluded little church of St. Mary Magdalene, which lies within the Home Park, and whither the remains of the Duke had been previously carried. At this there were present the Prince and Princess of Wales, Prince George, and his sisters, the Princess Mary (Duchess of Teck) and the Princess Victoria of Teck, and the members of the Royal Household. The officiating clergy were the Rev. F. A. J. Hervey and the Hon. and Rev. L. F. Tyrwhitt, and when this short

service was over the gun-carriage of the F Battery, Royal Horse Artillery, was brought to the lich gate, and the oaken coffin draped with the Union Jack was reverently borne from the church and made fast over the 12-pounder by selected employes on the estate, the church bell tolling the while. The procession then moved slowly forward on its march to the Wolferton railway station, a file of Norfolk constabulary taking the lead, followed by the detachment of Royal Horse Artillery, and then the gun-carriage with the coffin, on which lay the Duke's busby, sword, and sabretache, together with two fresh floral crosses and a large wreath of violets, which had been placed there by the Princess of Wales. Behind the body walked the Prince of Wales, in morning dress, as chief mourner, supported on the right by Bro. the Duke of Fife, and on his left by the Comptroller of his household, Sir Dighton Probyn. A little further on were five Royal carriages, in the first of which were the Princess of Wales, the Duchess of Fife, and Prince George; the Princess Victoria of Wales, the Princess Mary Duchess of Teck, and the Princess May being in the second; and the Princess Maud of Wales and Miss Knollys in the third. At Wolferton Station were drawn up the Mayor and Corporation of King's Lynn, the officers and members of the Philanthropic Lodge, No. 107, and a detachment of the 3rd Volunteer Battalion of the Norfolk Regiment, under the command of Captain Lloyd Payne; and on the arrival of the procession, the body was removed to a mortuary car appropriately fitted, and the members of the Royal Family and the household having taken their seats the train moved off amid the respectful salutations of the crowd which had gathered together. At Gunnersbury a halt was called in order that the necessary change might be made to the London and South-Western system, Messrs. Charles Scottes and Verrinder taking over the charge hitherto devolving on the officials of the Great Eastern. At Datchet the train arrived almost to the minute, and the Prince of Wales, in his uniform as Colonel of the 10th Hussars, and Prince George of Wales in naval uniform, were silently greeted by the Dukes of Edinburgh and Connaught, Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, and Prince Henry of Battenberg. Here the body was removed from the car to the carriage, and the wreath sent by the Queen placed on the coffin. The procession then moved from the station, the late Duke's charger, caparisoned in black, and with the boots reversed, being immediately behind the gun-carriage and then the Prince of Wales as chief mourner, supported right and left by Prince George and the Duke of Fife, followed by the Dukes of Edinburgh and Connaught, the Duke of Teck, Prince Henry of Battenberg, the Marquis of Lorne, the Duke of Oporto (representing the King of Portugal), the Grand Duke Alexis of Russia (representing the Czar), the Crown Prince of Denmark (representing the King of Denmark), Prince Frederick Leopold of Prussia (representing the German Emperor), Prince Albert of Schleswig-Holstein, Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, Prince Leiningen, the Princes Adolphus, Alexander, and Francis of Teck, Duke Albert of Wurtemberg (representing the King of Wurtemberg), Prince Philip of Saxe-Coburg (representing the King of the Belgians), the representatives of the Empress Frederick of Germany and other members of the Royal Family, the rear being brought up by Life Guards. The Princess of Wales and the other ladies who had come from Sandringham made their way to St. George's Chapel in two of the Royal carriages.

The scene in the chapel was gorgeous, yet most impressive, every part being occupied by those invited to the mournful ceremony. The Bishop of Rochester, as Clerk of the Closet, officiated, assisted by the Dean of Windsor, there being also present within the communion rails a numerous body of the clergy. Here the coffin, which was borne by stalwart troopers of the 10th Hussars, was preceded by the high Court officials, conspicuous among whom were Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Lord High Steward, and Bro. the Earl of Lathom bearing his wand of office as Lord Chamberlain. Accompanying the coffin was Bro. Sir Albert Woods (Garter), and then the chief mourner, supported as before, and followed by the other members of the Royal Family and representatives of the different Sovereigns of Europe, &c. The service having been concluded, Garter, in sonorous tones, proclaimed the style of the deceased—"The High and Mighty Prince his Royal Highness Albert Victor Christian Edward, Duke of Clarence and Avondale, and Earl of Athlone, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, K.P., J.L.D.," &c. An anthem having been sung, and the benediction pronounced, the assemblage dispersed, the principal mourners remaining the night at Windsor Castle as the guests of the Queen.

The Queen attended a special service in the Chapel at Osborne, the Rev. Canon Duckworth officiating, the Princess Louise and the members of the Household being also present. Similar services were also held, not only, as we have already mentioned, in St. Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, &c., but in the cathedrals and churches in the provinces, and in the chapels attached to the British Embassies and Ministries at foreign Courts, these

last being attended by the representatives of her Majesty, and in all cases where possible, either by the Sovereigns in person to whom they were accredited, or by high officers to whom was delegated the duty of representing those Sovereigns. The whole civilised world, indeed, appears to have participated in the obsequies of the late illustrious Duke of Clarence and Avondale.

The following notices have been issued by United and Mark Grand Lodges respectively relative to the decease of our illustrious brother:

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT FREE AND
ACCEPTED MASONS OF ENGLAND.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS ALBERT EDWARD, PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., &c., &c.,
M.W. GRAND MASTER.

In consequence of the much lamented death of His Royal Highness THE DUKE OF CLARENCE AND AVONDALE, K.G., Provincial Grand Master of Berkshire, Past Grand Warden, it is ordered that the Grand Lodge and all subordinate Lodges be placed in Masonic mourning for the space of Three Months from this date.

The mourning to be worn by brethren individually to be as follows:
Grand Officers, Present and Past—Three rosettes of black crape on the badge, and one at the point of the chain or collar just above the jewel.
Masters, Past Masters, and Master Masons—Three black crape rosettes on badge and one on collar where the latter is worn.
Fellow Crafts and Entered Apprentices—Two black crape rosettes at the lower part of the badge. White gloves.

By command of the M.W. Grand Master.

ALFRED A. PENDLEBURY, Asst. G. Sec.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
18th January, 1892.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED
MASONS OF ENGLAND.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS ALBERT EDWARD, PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., &c., &c., &c.,
M.W. GRAND MASTER.

Sir and Brother,

The favour of your attendance is particularly desired at a Special Grand Lodge, to be holden at this place on Wednesday, the 27th day of January instant, at Twelve for One o'clock punctually, to consider and resolve upon Addresses of Condolence on the much regretted death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, K.G., Provincial Grand Master of Berkshire, Past Grand Warden, and to arrange for their presentation.

By command of the M.W. Grand Master.

ALFRED A. PENDLEBURY, Asst. G. Sec.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
19th January, 1892.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED
MASONS OF ENGLAND.

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS ALBERT EDWARD, PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., &c., &c., &c.,
M.W. GRAND MASTER.

W. Master,

Your attendance, together with your Wardens and Past Masters, is particularly desired at a Special Grand Lodge to be holden at this place on Wednesday, the 27th day of January instant, at Twelve for One o'clock punctually, to consider and resolve upon addresses of condolence on the much regretted death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, K.G., Provincial Grand Master of Berkshire, Past Grand Warden, and to arrange for their presentation.

By command of the M.W. Grand Master.

ALFRED A. PENDLEBURY, Asst. G. Sec.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
19th January, 1892.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF ENGLAND AND
WALES AND THE COLONIES AND DEPENDENCIES OF THE
BRITISH CROWN.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER.
THE MOST HON. THE MARQUESS OF HERTFORD, M.W. PRO GRAND MASTER.
THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF EUSTON, R.W. DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

In consequence of the much lamented death of his Royal Highness the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, K.G., Past Grand Warden, it is ordered—

That the Grand Lodge and all subordinate lodges be placed in Masonic mourning for the space of three months from this date.

By command of the M.W. Grand Master.

A. B. COOK (Lt.-Colonel),
President of the General Board (Acting Grand Secretary).

The mourning to be worn is as follows: Grand Officers, Present and Past—Three rosettes of black crape on the badge, and one at the point of the chain or collar, just above the jewel.

Masters, Past Masters, and brethren—Three black crape rosettes on badge as above, and one on the point of the collar in cases where the latter is worn.
White gloves.

Mark Masons' Hall, London, W.C.,
18th January, 1892.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF ENGLAND
AND WALES AND THE COLONIES AND DEPENDENCIES OF
THE BRITISH CROWN.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER.
THE MOST HON. THE MARQUESS OF HERTFORD, M.W. PRO GRAND MASTER.
THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF EUSTON, R.W. DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

Grand Secretary's Office,
Mark Masons' Hall, London, W.C.,
January, 1892.

W. Sir and Brother,

Your attendance is requested at a Special Grand Lodge, to be holden in Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, on Wednesday, the 27th January, at Two for Three o'clock in the afternoon, to consider and resolve

upon Addresses of Condolence on the much regretted death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, K.G., Past Grand Warden, and to arrange for their presentation.

By command of the M.W. Grand Master.

A. B. COOK (Lt.-Colonel),
President of the General Board,
For C. F. MATIER, Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF ENGLAND
AND WALES AND THE COLONIES AND DEPENDENCIES OF
THE BRITISH CROWN.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER.
THE MOST HON. THE MARQUESS OF HERTFORD, M.W. PRO GRAND MASTER.
THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF EUSTON, R.W. DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

Grand Secretary's Office, Mark Masons' Hall, London, W.C.,
January, 1892.

Worshipful Master,

Your attendance is requested together with that of your Past Masters, Wardens, and Overseers at a Special Grand Lodge to be holden in Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, on Wednesday, the 27th of January, at Two for Three o'clock in the afternoon, to consider and resolve upon Addresses of Condolence on the much regretted death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, K.G., Past Grand Warden, and to arrange for their presentation.

By command of the M.W. Grand Master.

A. B. COOK (Lt.-Colonel),
President of the General Board,
For C. F. MATIER, Grand Secretary.

Telegrams of sympathy and condolence have been received from the colonies and abroad, through the Grand Secretary, with H.R.H. the M.W. Grand Master, on the sad and melancholy event of the death of H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, from:

The District of Natal.
Combermere Lodge, No. 752, Melbourne.
The District Grand Master Punjab.
Victoria, per Bro. George Baker, acting Grand Master.
The District of Jamaica, per District G.M., Bro. Major Macglashan.
Cairo, per Bro. Raphael Borg, Representative of Grand Lodge of England.
District Grand Master of Madras.
Charles Warren Lodge, No. 1832, Kimberley.
Freemasons of Kimberley.
Freemasons of Capetown.
Acacia Lodge, No. 876, Montevideo.
District Grand Master of Gibraltar.
Bro. H. Thomson, Grand Master New Zealand.
Johannesburg Lodge, No. 2313, Johannesburg.
Egyptian Grand Lodge, per Bro. Idris Ragib Bey.
District Grand Lodge South Africa (E.D.), Bro. Jas. Egan.
District Grand Master Burma, Bro. Rev. J. Fairclough, from Masons in Burma.

Among the innumerable postponements due to the lamented death of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, must be mentioned that of the installation banquet of the Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, which in the ordinary course, would have been held on Monday, the 18th instant, but which will now take place on Monday, the 15th February. That of the Studholme Lodge, No. 1591, at which the late Duke had promised to be present, and which would have been held on Friday, the 15th instant, in honour of Bro. the Earl of Euston's installation, has also been postponed, and so likewise have the following, namely:

Installation banquet of the Lodge of Sincerity, No. 174.
Installation meeting of the Royal Kent Lodge of Antiquity, No. 20, at Chatham, till the 27th instant.
Installation banquet of the Lodge of Emulation, No. 21.
Installation banquet of the St. George's Lodge, No. 140, till the 27th instant.
Annual ball given by the Barnato Lodge, No. 2265.
&c., &c., &c.

Resolutions of condolence with the Queen, his Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master, and the rest of the Royal Family have been passed by the brethren of

York Lodge, No. 236, York.
Panmure Lodge, No. 715.
The Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, No. 574, Newbury.
Corinthian Lodge, No. 1208.
Crescent Lodge of Instruction, No. 788, Twickenham.
Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, No. 1614.

Memorial services, at which the local Freemasons were strongly represented, were held at Holy Trinity Church, Hull; at the Church of St. Lawrence, Reading, at which the service was conducted by Bro. the Rev. J. M. Guilding, Prov. G. Chap. Berks, &c., while among the wreaths made by Bro. Dick Radclyffe and Co., of 128 and 129, High Holborn, and dispatched to Windsor, was one made for the Provincial Grand Lodge of Berkshire. This measured six feet across, and was composed of arum lilies, lilies of the valley, white hyacinths, tulips, gardenias, primulas, &c. It was in the form of a shield, the ground work being formed of white primulas, while the word Berks and the square and compasses were inserted in blue violets. To this was attached by means of violet bows a sprig of acacia, and on the bows, in letters of gold, were printed "Provincial Grand Lodge, J. T. Morland, M.A., D.P.G.M., J. W. Martin, P.G. Sec." A second wreath manufactured by the same firm was sent by the Etonian Lodge of St. John, No. 209, Windsor, the senior lodge in the Province of Berkshire. This was composed of choice white flowers with the square and compasses in yellow and violet, and a sprig of acacia was attached by regal purple ribbons and gold fringe, the inscription in gold letters on the ribbons being "Etonian Lodge St. John, No. 209, Berks, E. Prince, W.M., C. D. Hume, Sec." Other wreaths were sent by the Lennox Browne Lodge, No. 2318, and the Walthamstow Lodge of Instruction, No. 2192, Bro. Bromhead, Prov. S.G.W. Essex, who had the honour of being present at the ceremony in St. George's Chapel, Windsor, being the bearer of both.

In Memoriam.

R.W. BRO. H.R.H. THE DUKE OF CLARENCE,
P.G.W.

DIED 14TH JANUARY, 1892.

Manibus date lilia plenis.

Scatter white lilies on the peaceful bed,
Emblems of innocence so fitly worn,
Affection's tribute—be their perfume shed
O'er our young princely Brother from us torn!

Too early quenched, alas! the flame of life,
When Death, impartial, did his dread shaft wield;
Th' unwedded widow and sad virgin wife
Vainly her pure young love opposed as shield.

Fair was the promise that thy vernal prime
Would justify the Nation's hopeful trust;
Denied to us the ripening harvest time,
Thy opening blossoms wither in the dust.

Thy short past life, so free from all pretence,
The gentle courtesy to others shown;
Thy guileless conduct, careful of offence,
Approved thee worthy of a future throne.

Fostered 'neath sunshine of thy parents' love,
Alternate theme of their fond hopes and fears,
Though deep its sorrow, solaced from Above,
The Nation offers sympathetic tears.

And we sad Brethren of the Mystic Tie,
Though brief career Masonic thou hast run,
Submissive, trust the will of the Most High
May now complete thy work on earth begun.

So, princely Brother, though thy fate we mourn,
Faith, linked with Hope, points upwards to the skies,
Teaching that this our chequered earthly bourne,
Is but the entrance-gate of Paradise.

F. W. DRIVER, M.A.

THE LATE COL. SHADWELL H. CLERKE.

The following communication has been issued by the Supreme Council, 33°, of the Ancient and Accepted Rite:

From the East of the Supreme Council of the Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the 33rd Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Rite of Freemasonry for England and Wales and the Dependencies of Great Britain under the C.C. of the Zenith near the B.B. answering to 51° 30' N. Lat. and 6° W. Meridian of Greenwich.

Dear Sir and Brother,

It is with profound sorrow that the Supreme Council have to announce the death of V. Ill. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, 33°, an active member of their Body, who went to his rest on the 25th December last.

Bro. Clerke held the office of Grand Chancellor in the Supreme Council, was a Past Grand Warden in the Mark Degree, and in the Order of the Temple filled the high position of Great Sub-Prior; but he was even more widely known as Grand Secretary in the United Grand Lodge of England, a post in which, for 11 years, he worked with constant zeal and attention, and in which, it is not too much to say, he enjoyed the full confidence of the entire Masonic craft. It is unnecessary to dwell on the merits of one who thus held such a very prominent position in the several branches of Freemasonry, and who was so widely known among all classes of English Freemasons, or to attempt in any way to enumerate the many bright and sterling qualities which he possessed in so eminent a degree, and which endeared him to all with whom he came in contact, whether as intimate friends or as casual acquaintances.

The members of the Supreme Council, with whom the deceased was associated for many years, feel that they have lost in Bro. Clerke, not only a genial friend, but a wise and prudent counsellor, and they are confident that this feeling will be shared by the whole body of Freemasons under their jurisdiction.

Bro. Clerke was initiated into Freemasonry at Malta as far back as the year 1855, from which time up to that of his decease he always proved himself to be an active, zealous, and efficient member of the Craft. He joined the Ancient and Accepted Rite under the Irish jurisdiction, from which he was affiliated to the Supreme Council for England, and was, in 1873, appointed its Grand Secretary-General. In the following year, 1874, he was, on the nomination of the Sovereign Grand Commander, unanimously elected to a seat on the Council, still retaining his Secretariat Office, which he held until the year 1880, when he was selected by the M.W. the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, to fill the high and important position of Grand Secretary to the United Grand Lodge of England.

Notwithstanding the many very arduous duties imposed upon him by this office, no one was more regular in his attendance at the weekly Committee meetings of the Council or more ready to render that assistance which his large experience in every branch

of Freemasonry rendered him so eminently capable of giving.

As a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the Supreme Council direct that all chapters under their jurisdiction shall appear in mourning for 60 days from the date of his decease.

I am, dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

HUGH D. SANDEMAN, 33°,

Grand Secretary-General.

33, Golden-square, London, W.,
7th January, 1892.

Obituary.

BRO. J. M. P. MONTAGU, P.G.D.

Among the more recent victims to the epidemic of influenza now raging in almost every part of the country is Bro. J. M. P. Montagu, J.P., D.L., Past Grand Deacon of England, and Past Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masonry for Dorsetshire, who died at his residence, Downe Hall, Bridport, on the 18th instant. Bro. Montagu had been a member of our Society for upwards of 46 years, and had rendered very distinguished services in various capacities. He was initiated as a Lewis, while on service with his regiment in Canada, in St. Paul's Lodge, Montreal, on the 23rd December, 1845, but though during the earlier part of his career he filled sundry offices very meritoriously, it was not till the year 1856 that he exhibited that conspicuous interest in the Craft which characterised him till almost the very day of his death. Then it was that he came into prominence as the principal founder and first Worshipful Master of the Montagu Lodge, No. 665, Lyme Regis, while in the following year we find him one of the founders of St. Mary's Lodge, No. 707, Bridport. Some 14 years later we find him assisting in the establishment of the Friends in Council Lodge, No. 1383, with which for many years he remained associated. In 1863—having previously served the office of Prov. S.G. Warden of Dorsetshire—he was appointed by the late Bro. Joseph Gundry, P.G.M., to be his Deputy P.G.M. He held that office till 1877, when his lamented chief died, but in 1878, in recognition of his many services, the Prince of Wales was pleased to appoint him a Junior Grand Deacon of England, his brother Deacons being the late Bros. Sir Erasmus Wilson and Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, and Bro. Raphael Costa. He was exalted to the R.A. Degree in the Virtue Chapter, No. 494, Axminster, in 1856, and in due course served the various minor and Principal offices. He was also a founder of several chapters, among them being that of St. Mary's, No. 707, Bridport, and Friends in Council, No. 1383, and, in 1877, on the death of Comp. Gundry, was appointed his successor as Grand Superintendent for Dorsetshire. In Mark Masonry he was a founder of St. Mary's Mark Lodge, No. 121, Bridport, and the Royal Ark Mariner Lodge attached to it; and in Templar Masonry, in which he was installed a Knight in the Holy Cross Encampment, Coryton, in 1856, he was Prov. Prior of Dorsetshire from 1877 to 1891, when he resigned in consequence of illhealth, and was succeeded by Sir Knight Sir R. N. Howard. He was also a Past Grand Officer of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, and P.G. Chancellor of the Supreme Council, 33°, A. and A. Rite, having been perfected Rose Croix in 1856, and been appointed a Sov. G. Inspector-General in 1869. Lastly, he was one of the most generous supporters of our many Charitable Institutions, for which he had served many Stewardships, and had not only constituted himself a Vice-Patron of each of them, but had likewise made Mrs. Montagu, his daughters, and his sons either Life-Governors, Vice-Presidents, or Vice-Patrons. He was indeed a most distinguished member of our Order, and his death will be severely felt in the Province of Dorsetshire, with which he had been so intimately connected during three-fourths of his career in Masonry. We understand that all the members of our late brother's family have been attacked by influenza, but we trust they will have strength to rally from the attack, and also that in the midst of their grief and suffering they will derive consolation from the knowledge that their late head was recognised by the brethren everywhere as one of the most zealous and capable Masons of our day, and was as highly esteemed and respected as he was zealous and capable.

BRO. J. S. KERSTEMAN, P.P.S.G.W. DEVON.

There died at Teignmouth, Devon, on Monday, the 18th inst., Bro. John Stewart Kersteman after a few days' illness only, at the early age of 44. He had for many years been an active member of Benevolent Lodge, No. 303, of which lodge he was W.M. in 1877, and again in 1881. He had been appointed Prov. Grand Registrar by the late revered Prov. Grand Master of Devonshire, Bro. the Rev. John Huyshe, and he held that office when the present Prov. Grand Master, the Right Hon. Lord Ebrington, was installed, on which occasion he read the new Prov. Grand Master's patent of appointment. On September 11, 1890, he was appointed Prov. Senior Grand Warden. He was a P.Z. of Benevolent Chapter attached to Lodge 303, and P.P.G.J. Devon. As a Mark Mason he was P.M. of Benevolent Mark Lodge, No. 316, being also a member of Devon Mark Lodge, No. 215. In this Degree provincial rank

had been repeatedly offered him, but he had ever declined to take office. He had been captain of Militia. Bro. J. S. Kersteman's name does not appear as a subscriber to any of our great Masonic Charities, but he was, nevertheless, of an extremely benevolent nature, and his charities in and about Teignmouth, where he had resided for many years, were unstinted and numerous. In his benevolence, as a true Freemason, he made no distinction of creed or party, and the poor of the neighbourhood have by his death lost a generous friend. Very fond of yachting and out-door sports, he was a Commodore of the Teign Corinthian Sailing Club for several years, and, indeed, held that office at the time of his death. He was buried at Teignmouth on Thursday, 21st instant, with Masonic honours, a large number of the members of No. 303 and other lodges attending the funeral.

BRO. JOHN WHILE, P.M., P.Z. 228.

We deeply regret to announce that Bro. John While, P.M. and P.Z. 228, a short notice of whose illness appeared in our impression of last week, breathed his last on Wednesday morning at 10.15. His illness, as we then stated, had been a long one, but he bore it with exemplary fortitude, and even down to almost the last hoped for recovery. He had fortunately the genial nursing of one of the kindest and gentlest of daughters, who, notwithstanding she saw the inevitable, bore in his presence the most cheerful of dispositions, and endeavoured to soothe and soften by assumed lightheartedness a couch which gave no ease and a chamber which afforded no repose. With other assistance which had been in the house for years, and which had been most sincerely and ungrudgingly rendered, the deceased brother, who frequently expressed his thankfulness for it and his knowledge that it was entirely devoted to his service, passed away in the sure and certain hope which is so impressively referred to in the burial service.

BRO. THOMAS WAITE, P.M.

We regret to have to record the death of the highly esteemed Bro. Thomas Waite, P.M., which took place at his residence, Potterne, Wilts, on the 6th instant, aged 78. In 1836 he was initiated in the St. Luke's Lodge, No. 144, at Chelsea, in which he filled all the offices, and after passing the chair was unanimously elected Treasurer, which office he held for many years. In 1886 he left London for Wiltshire, where he joined the Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity, No. 663, and was a member till the time of his death. Being a most ardent Mason, he took a very active part in conjunction with many other distinguished brethren in purchasing a Masonic Hall in Devizes, which, together with the handsome furniture, is worthy of the brethren. During the last two or three years our brother had become nearly blind, but still, although so afflicted, he bore it with a most cheerful resignation. On this account he would have resigned the lodge, but the brethren out of esteem elected him an honorary member. He was devotedly attached to his only daughter, Mrs. Thomas Grummant (wife of our worthy Bro. Thomas Grummant, P.M. and Secretary of the New Cross Lodge, No. 1559), who was with him when he died. His burial took place at the parish church of Potterne, on the 11th instant. Among the mourners were noticed Bros. Randall (Mayor of Devizes), Hancock, Hopkins, Grummant, and others, "paying their last respect to departed merit," together with a large number of villagers, by whom he was highly respected.

BRO. JOHN MORRIS BROAD.

We have to record the death of Bro. John Morris Broad, late of Hornsey Rise, who was a much respected Mason in the North of London, which took place at his residence in the Hornsey-road on the 10th inst., at the comparatively early age of 38. His family have been considered the oldest in the neighbourhood, where they have carried on the business of chemists and druggists. He was initiated in the Perseverance Lodge, No. 1743, and became one of the founders of the Philbrick Lodge, No. 2255, of which he was J.W. at the time of his decease; he was also one of the founders of the Galen Lodge, No. 2394. The funeral took place on the 14th inst., and was attended by a number of Masonic brethren, amongst whom we noticed Bros. Gamsey, P.M. 660 (deceased's brother-in-law); C. T. Lewis, 1558 (the widow's brother-in-law); Bridgman, 1743, D.C. 2255; Meaby, P.M. 2255; Chamberlain, S.W. 2255; Daunton, D.C. 2255; W. J. R. Littlewood, 1602; A. W. Fenner, P.M. 1227 and 1693; and a number of friends of the deceased. Several beautiful wreaths were placed on the coffin, one in particular being from the members of the Philbrick Lodge, which was formed of rare exotics, having the square and compasses formed of violets in the centre, and was admired very much for the tasteful manner in which it was made. The cortege left Hornsey Rise for the family grave at Finchley Cemetery about 11.30 a.m., where the service was very impressively rendered by the officiating clergyman, who in the course of his address of condolence to the bereaved family, made a feeling allusion to the lamented death of the Duke of Clarence. The body was placed in an inner shell lined with white satin, covered with violet, and placed in an outer coffin of polished oak with brass fittings. The whole arrangements were carried out under the superintendence of Mr. W. Beckett, of No. 1, Highgate Hill, N., to whom great credit is due for the courteous manner in which it was completed.

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The presentation plate which was issued in connec-
tion with the Christmas Number of the *Freemason* con-
tains an admirable portrait of the late Duke in Masonic
dress. A few copies are still on sale at the office,
16, Great Queen-street, W.C.

The following communications unavoidably stand over:
CRAFT.—Kent Lodge of Antiquity, No. 20; Royal Gloucester
Lodge, No. 130; York Lodge, No. 236; Lodge of Fortitude,
No. 281; Noah's Ark Lodge, No. 347; Lodge of the Marches,
No. 611; Panmure Lodge, No. 715; Oakwood Lodge, No. 1126;
Lodge of St. John, No. 1306; Beaminster Manor Lodge, No.
1367; Kennington Lodge, No. 1381; Rising Sun Lodge, No.
1401; Lodge of Prudence, No. 1555; London Rifle Brigade
Lodge, No. 1962; Abbey Lodge, No. 2120; Talbot Lodge, No.
2231; and Acacia Lodge, No. 2321.

INSTRUCTION.—Crescent Lodge, No. 788, and Covent Garden
Lodge, No. 1614.

ROYAL ARCH.—Loyalty Chapter, No. 243.
ROSE CROSS.—'eodiensis Chapter, No. 77.
Masonic Ball at Liverpool.



SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 1892.

Masonic Notes.

Very considerable progress was made last week with
the preparations for the Jubilee of the Royal Masonic
Benevolent Institution. The celebration has been fixed
for Wednesday, the 24th February—the day on which
the annual Festival is ordinarily held—and it is quite
on the cards that before these lines are seen by our
readers, the locality will also have been determined
upon. As regards the Board of Stewards, the number
of brethren who have volunteered their services is not
far short of 1100; the precise number at the time of
going to press being 1080. When Bro. Terry spoke at
the entertainment to the Old Folks at Croydon on the 6th
inst., the number, as given by him, was 919, so that the
increase in the fortnight which has since elapsed is even
greater than might have been expected.

As regards the distribution of the Stewards between
town and country, the fluctuations as between the two
are so frequent that it would be impossible to state the
precise number enrolled under each category. We
know, however, that the representation of London is
exceptionally strong, and that nearly everyone of the
Provinces has sent up Stewards. We trust that all will
do so before the list is closed, and the lodges generally
will contribute to, if they are not represented at the
Festival. Many, indeed, will send up a whole string
of representatives, our friend the Athol Lodge, No. 74,
Birmingham, which, thanks to the zeal of Bro. James
Moffat, one of its members, has acted similarly on
previous occasions, being one of the number.

At the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, on the 13th inst., the Secretary announced the deaths of two annuitants—one male and one widow. The application of the widow of a recently deceased annuitant for half her husband's annuity was granted, while 15 petitions—9 male and 6 widows—were considered, with the result that 14 of them were approved, and the names ordered to be placed on the lists for the May election. The petition of one of the male candidates was deferred for further information.

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Bro. J. Ross Robertson, M.W.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Canada (Province of Ontario), has again been demonstrating his kindly feelings towards the poor people of Toronto by entertaining their children at a substantial tea in the Richmond Hall every Sunday evening during the current winter. The first of these Sunday tea entertainments was held on the 6th of December, and they have continued regularly, and will be so continued till the winter is over. This is indeed a good work, which reflects honour on our respected brother.

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Bro. William Watson is again to the fore, and has just published, on behalf of the West Yorkshire Masonic Library, a second edition of the "Thomas W. Tew MS.," with an Introduction by Bro. William James Hughan, P.S.G.D. England, &c. The frontispiece is a welcome addition to this brochure, as it is an excellent reduced facsimile of a portion of that valuable roll photographed by Woods, of Leeds. The part selected is the first seven of "The Charges," and, considering the dullness of the original, the reproduction is as near perfection as possible. As with the first issue, Bro. Hughan fraternally dedicates the little gem to the Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, after whom it is named, and having again compared his transcript with the scroll, and re-written a portion of the Introduction, we presume the pamphlet has now received its final polish. The following encomium is, indeed, well deserved.

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"The R.W. Brother T. W. Tew, J.P., is a veteran Craftsman, having first seen the 'Light' so long ago as 1856, in No. 681, and was Founder (1862), and three times W.M. of No. 910, Pontefract. . . . His precious time, sound advice, and abundant means have for many years been placed at the service of the Fraternity in general, and his own Province in particular, the Library and Museum being practically one of the many instances of his generosity and devotion to the Craft. . . . That the R.W. Brother may long be spared as the beloved Ruler of the Province is the prayers of thousands upon thousands of his friends and brethren." We most sincerely unite with Bro. Hughan in wishing a speedy return to health of this able and "veteran Craftsman."

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Bro. D. G. Macleod was installed District Grand Mark Master of Burnah at a special communication of the District Grand Mark Lodge held at Freemasons' Hall, Maulmain, on Friday, the 23rd October last. The ceremony was performed by Bro. the Rev. J. Fairclough, Past District Grand Mark Master, and on its completion Bro. Macleod received the warm congratulations of the brethren and an address from the Mark Lodge of Philanthropy, of which he is a Past Master. New District Grand Officers were not appointed, those in office being continued until the usual date for holding the annual communication.

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We have received, and read with a great deal of pleasure, the sixth annual report of the proceedings of the Masonic Veterans' Association of Illinois. The annual meeting took place at "Smith's Inn," as the residence of the chief, Bro. Gen. J. C. Smith, P.G.M., is called—65, Sibley-road, Chicago, on the 28th October last. There were present some 275 brethren, dames, and other guests present, the visitors all receiving a most hearty welcome from Bro. and Dame Smith, the former of whom delivered his customary address, referring more especially to those who had received honours, and those who had passed away during the preceding 12 months. A long array of letters of apology for non-attendance from brethren and dames who had been invited was read, among them being letters from Bro. W. J. Hughan and Bro. G. W. Speth. Refreshment followed, and the gathering of venerables broke up at a seasonable hour, after having enjoyed the generous hospitality of their host and hostess. The "Proceedings" are very fully reported, and are further embellished by sundry photographs, which greatly enhance their value.

Correspondence.

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

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

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am glad to see the goodly number of Stewards up to date for the Benevolent Institution. I make a point of visiting every lodge in my province at least once a year. I have not got quite round yet, but I have got 37 Stewards now, and at a special meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge on Thursday, I was enabled to announce my list was 1030 guineas. I hope to get 45 Stewards and about £1100, and this, after working up 52 Stewards and 1000 guineas for the Boys' last year, is a great improvement on our little province.—Yours faithfully,

RICHARD NEWHOUSE,
P.G. Sec. Cheshire.

Bowdon, January 9th.

A LODGE LIBRARY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

A Masonic library has just been established at my suggestion in connection with the Pattison Lodge, No. 913, of which I have the honour to be Chaplain. May I ask any brethren who have duplicate or spare copies of any of the 6000 books said to have been published in English concerning Masonry to send them to me?—I am, yours fraternally,

J. W. HORSLEY.

Holy Trinity Vicarage,
Woolwich.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

969] PICART'S "CEREMONIES," &c.

Bro. T. W. Embleton, "The Cedars," Methley, Leeds, has had an excellent reproduction made of the valuable plate of "Les Free-Massons," exhibiting the signs of the houses at which the lodges met in 1735 belonging to the Grand Lodge of England, being in reality an artistic arrangement of the pages of the engraved list by Bro. John Pine, of that year. The facsimile is the size of the original folio published in 1736 (Volume IV.) at Amsterdam. In the premier edition the numbers run from left to right (1 to 129), just as this beautiful reproduction does, but in several later issues they are reversed, as also the figures, &c., and when placed side by side with the original, the younger plate has a very strange appearance. In several of the later editions the orthography is frequently altered or modernised; e.g., 46, "Hannover Square"; 50, "Marid"; 88, "Woolverhampton"; 92, "Threedneedle"; 95, "Dorsett Street," &c., are all changed, as noted. Bro. J. S. Cumberland (Grand Treasurer nominated) had a very good photograph taken of one of these modernised plates, and they are certainly more familiar to Masonic readers than those of the regular kind. Possibly he has some spare copies. Bro. Embleton presented the grand work by Picart (or Picard) to the West York Masonic Library, and has had sufficient copies struck of the valuable plate of the lodges, A.D. 1735, to supply to Masonic students at five shillings each, any profits to be devoted to Masonic Charity.

W. J. HUGHAN.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Albion Lodge (No. 9).—The installation meeting of this old lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Tuesday, the 5th inst., when Bro. A. G. Pritchard—better known to the outer world as Mr. George Pritchard, the entertainer—was installed W.M. for the ensuing 12 months. As there was a considerable amount of business on the agenda paper, the lodge was opened at an early hour by the W.M., Bro. E. A. Hamlyn, assisted by his officers: Bros. A. G. Pritchard, S.W.; C. Sucker, J.W.; H. S. Friend, P.M., Treas.; L. W. Harvey, P.M., Sec.; H. Kettle, S.D.; W. Drew, J.D.; and A. Izard, Org.; and supported by Bros. W. H. Holroyd, P.M.; W. Poupart, P.M.; E. H. Bradley, P.M.; S. Vallentine, P.M.; G. Purst.; H. A. Kelly, E. S. Gerrish, W. Dennis, S. H. Meyers, W. Kettle, G. Cronin, George Tennant, and other members of the lodge.

After the confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, several items of business relating to the working of the lodge were discussed and disposed of, the chief matter having an outside interest being a proposal by Bro. Harvey, P.M., P.Z., Sec.—"That the lodge should contribute a sum of 50 guineas to the funds of the R.M.B.I. on the occasion of the Jubilee Festival of that Institution," the same being placed on the list of Bro. Vallentine, the father of the lodge, who it is proposed shall represent the Albion on that occasion. The proposal having been duly seconded, was carried unanimously. Bro. F. B. Smith, 1743, was, on ballot, elected a joining member. According

to a time-honoured custom in the lodge, the installation ceremony is always performed by Bro. Vallentine, the father of the lodge, who is looked upon by the members as their Installing Master and their grand old man. It is touching to observe the love and honour with which this patriarch is regarded by all the members of the lodge, especially by the elders who, of course, know him best; but these feelings are not to be wondered at when we learn that Bro. Vallentine was initiated in the Albion as long ago as the year 1848, and that during the 44 years he has been a member of it he has not been absent from more than 12 ordinary meetings, and not from a single installation meeting; that he is moreover an exemplary Mason, and has at length attained to Grand Office. According to custom, therefore, when Bro. Hamlyn had disposed of the first section of the lodge work, the chair was taken by Bro. Vallentine, and Bro. Pritchard was presented to him for the benefits of installation, and was obligated as W.M. elect. A Board of Installed Masters was then formed, in presence of which Bro. Vallentine installed Bro. Pritchard into the chair of K.S. in the fashion in which the ceremony used to be performed some 50 years ago, when it was not always easy to find a Past Master able to work it. The new W.M. then invested Bro. Hamlyn with the collar of I.P.M., and the rest of his officers as follows: Bros. Sucker, S.W.; Herbert Kettle, J.W.; Friend, P.M., Treasurer; Harvey, P.M., P.Z., Secretary; Drew, S.D.; Beardmore, J.D.; Holroyd, P.M., D.C.; Izard, Organist; Cronin, I.G.; Willey, P.M., Steward; and Jas. Rawles, Tyler. The ceremony was then brought to a conclusion by Bro. Vallentine reciting the addresses to the Worshipful Master, the Wardens, and the general body of members, which he did in a way to call forth general marks of approbation. The quality of the new Master and his officers was then tested, Bro. Tennant being a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree. Throughout the ceremony of installation, Bro. Pritchard, whose ordinary business it is to make his audience laugh, had appeared particularly impressed with the gravity of the proceedings, and on being placed in the chair had at once become clothed with an unassuming dignity of authority which was very becoming, and as soon as he opened his mouth it was evident that he was quite alive to the solemn responsibilities he had undertaken. It is not too much to say that the ceremony of raising was never worked better, there was not a shadow of affectation about it; it was unassuming, clear, impressed with proper solemnity, and absolutely perfect and fluent as to the words. Our words of praise must not be restricted to the Master, because all engaged in the ceremony were perfect in their parts, and worked in the same spirit as Bro. Pritchard. Bro. Vallentine, P.M., G. Purst., then rose, and referring to the lamented death of the late Grand Secretary, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, said that he thought they ought not to close the lodge without placing on record their feelings of sorrow for the loss which the Craft had sustained in the death of that intrepid soldier and gallant Freemason, who, as a soldier had succeeded in carrying his flag up the heights of Alma, and who had spread the banner of Freemasonry in the four quarters of the globe. Bro. Vallentine proposed that a letter of condolence should be sent in the name of the lodge to the relatives of the late Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke. The proposal being seconded by the S.W., was put by the W.M., and carried unanimously.

The business having been thus satisfactorily concluded, the lodge was closed, and the brethren with their numerous guests afterwards dined together in the adjoining building. When this sumptuous repast had been disposed of, the customary toast list occupied attention.

The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and "The Health of the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom; the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Mount Edgumbe; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," were briefly disposed of, but the name of Bro. Vallentine, G.P., was associated with the last, and Bro. Vallentine returned thanks on their behalf. The Shakespearean motto placed against this toast by Bro. Harvey was "That what we have we prize not to the worth, whiles we enjoy it," from "Much Ado about Nothing," and Bro. Vallentine remarking that it was singularly appropriate, again referred to the death of the Grand Secretary, who he said had left a bright and good example behind him, and that the Grand Officers as a body must be the better for that example.

Bro. Hamlyn, I.P.M., said it was his privilege to rise to propose for the first time the most important toast of the evening, namely, "The Health of the Worshipful Master." Twelve months ago he was himself very proud to occupy the position of W.M., but after seeing the way in which their present Master had that evening worked the Third Degree, he left the chair to augment the noble army of Past Masters without the least misgiving, rejoicing in fact in relinquishing his duties in favour of so worthy a successor. It was a great advantage to Bro. Tennant, and it must have been a peculiar satisfaction to the father of the candidate to see his son raised by so able a Master. Bro. Pritchard had worked hard both in the lodge and in the banquet room; he occupied the post of Organist for two years before the other offices which led him up to the chair, and all his work had been good. He was also a founder of their chapter, and was looking forward to occupy next year one of the Three Principals' chairs in it, and as they all knew in the banquet room he who was now their W.M. had given them a great deal of amusement with his recitals. He asked the brethren to join in drinking his health, and wishing a happy and prosperous year of office.

The W.M. briefly returned thanks, remarking that he had not thought that he was so popular as he appeared to be—a statement which was received with shouts of derision; but, on the Master again assuring them of the fact, as he resumed his seat, the brethren did their best to re-assure him by singing "For he's a jolly good fellow" till the very candlesticks on the tables vibrated.

The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the I.P.M.," who had done all in his power to make the brethren happy during his year of office. The brethren, in appreciation of Bro. Hamlyn's conduct in the chair, had voted him a handsome Past Master's jewel, with which he (the W.M.) had now much pleasure to invest him, trusting that he would be spared to wear it for many years amongst the ornaments with which he was already adorned.

Bro. Hamlyn having returned thanks, Bro. Harvey, P.M., Sec., rose and said that the next toast had been entrusted to him; it was "The Health of their dear old father, the Installing Master." If asked

what was Freemasonry, instead of pointing to the three great principles on which the Order was founded, he should be disposed to point to Bro. Vallentine and say—That is Freemasonry. If asked to point to a man devoted to Freemasonry, he should point out Bro. Vallentine, and say that he was initiated in the Albion Lodge in 1848, and was therefore now entering on his 44th year as a member of the lodge, during which time he had not missed 12 ordinary meetings and had not missed a single installation meeting. Of late years his great worth as a Mason had been acknowledged by the powers that be, and he had at length received the purple. After mentioning instances of Bro. Vallentine's ready mastery of the Masonic ritual, Bro. Harvey concluded by asking all the brethren to join him in drinking his health in bumpers.

In returning thanks, Bro. Vallentine said that though it gave him great pleasure to perform the office of Installing Master, he did not think that in a continuance of that practice justice was being done to the younger members, as he might be checking the ambition which ought to possess young Masters—that a Master should install his successor.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Health of the Visitors." Bro. Pritchard asked the brethren to join him in giving their visitors a hearty greeting, and to drink bumpers to their health. He coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Gardner, P.G. Std. Br. Bucks, Johnson, and Lee, who returned thanks.

The W.M. proposed as one toast "The Health of the Past Masters and the Treasurer and Secretary," and after Bro. Friend, Treas., had said a few words in reply, Bro. Harvey added his thanks also, in doing which he said he thought too little notice had been taken of Bro. Vallentine's remark about wishing to see the Masters install their successors. They must do all in their power to keep things as they were. It was a special feature of their lodge to have the father of the lodge the Installing Master, and he believed a special attraction to these annual festivals that their dear old brother performed the ceremony. It was the fact that he performed it as it was performed 150 years ago that gave its importance to the annual ceremony of the Albion Lodge. They ought never for one moment entertain the thought of seeing Bro. Vallentine sink into insignificance after all that long roll of Past Masters, who would have been glad to install their successors, but had denied themselves in order that the function might always be performed by Bro. Vallentine.

"The Health of the Officers of the Lodge" was the next toast, and responded to by the J.W. and other officers, and then the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

In the intervals between the speeches a very nice selection of vocal and instrumental music was performed by Mr. A. G. Pritchard, Miss Lizzie Holmes, Miss Kate Gould, Mr. John Cross, and Bro. A. E. Izard, to which was added a recital by Bro. George Cronin.

The following is a list of the visitors present: Bros. Gardner, P.M. 2309, Prov. G. Std. Br. Bucks; Johnson, W.M. 1805; Lee, W.M. 1599; E. C. Massey, P.M. 1297; Cox, W.M. 1305; Williams, P.M. 2087; Hodkinson, S.W. 2205; Trick, P.M. 1366; Cain, S.W. 170; Major Woolmer Williams, P.M. 1275; Martell, I.G. 1563; Wilks, 18; Lockett, 2128; Rumsey; Culverhouse, 534; Pullan, 1216; Tennant, 217; Walden, 1228; Hurdle, 15; Annan, J.D. 1804; and Evans, 1227.

La Tolerance Lodge (No. 538).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall on the 7th inst., Bro. William Webb, W.M., presiding. There were present Bros. Kench, P.M., P.G. Purst.; J. B. Sly, P.M., Sec.; T. Cooper, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. Middx.; E. Humphrey, P.M.; J. W. Elvin, P.M.; T. Smale, P.M.; C. Burt, P.M.; W. G. Fenn, P.M.; T. Bicknell, P.M.; and the following visitors: Bros. G. J. Taylor, 1 (U.V.C.), Australia, and 180; William Gunner, P.M. 720; R. P. Scott, 228; R. W. Wilson, W.M. 2054; S. G. C. Reid, P.M. 1174; Henry J. Plinf, 1706; R. M. Hammond, 493; H. Massey, 160, P.M. 619 and 1928; and F. Cambridge, 1706.

The W.M. initiated Mr. Andrew John Sutherland, and then requested Bro. Kench, Treasurer, to perform the ceremony of installation; whereupon Bro. Kench, P.M. and Treasurer, assumed the chair, and, on presentation duly made, installed Bro. Godfrey Lewis Lyons, S.W. and W.M. elect, in the chair of the lodge. Bro. Webb was invested by the new W.M. as I.P.M., and the following brethren were then invested as officers of the lodge for the year: Bros. W. E. Wilby, S.W.; S. G. Edridge, J.W.; James Kench, P.M., Treas.; J. B. Sly, P.M., Sec.; Walter Hooker, S.D.; J. Pittman, J.D.; Theo. Ward, I.G.; J. W. Elvin, P.M., D.C.; W. G. Fenn, P.M., and J. S. L. Prior, Stwds.; and Walkley, Tyler.

After some other business had been performed the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an elegant banquet at Freemasons' Tavern, where some 40 brethren partook of the hospitality of the lodge. The usual toasts followed, which were interspersed with some beautiful singing, under the direction of Bro. Theo. Ward, R.A.M., Organist, by Miss Teresa Blamy, Madame Goodman Russell, and Bros. J. J. Pittman, Bertram Williams, and Mr. L. N. Jekyll.

The Worshipful Master, in giving the toast of "The Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers," said he could not refrain from referring to the unlooked for and sudden death of Bro. Colonel Shadwell Clerke, the late Grand Secretary. All Freemasons knew the late brother by name, but only those who were more intimately acquainted with him in lodge knew the zeal which he imparted to everything he did in connection with the Craft. Happily in this lodge there was left one of the Grand Officers as a member, and in giving this toast he would couple the name of Bro. James Kench, P.G.P., with it.

Bro. James Kench, P.G.P., in replying, said: Were it not for the great loss the Craft has recently sustained in the death of our late Grand Secretary—a loss that will be felt and deplored by every Mason in every land where the English language is spoken—I would add that I respond for the Grand Officers on the present occasion with especial gratification, for it is just a quarter of a century this very evening that I received the light of Freemasonry in this lodge. In gathering up the memories of the days that are past, I can recall many happy and pleasant evenings I have spent in La Tolerance—evenings whereon it has been my good fortune to work in love and harmony with many talented brethren whose faces I often sadly miss at our festive

board—evenings whereon I have partaken of the feast of reason and the flow of soul whilst listening to the sweet concord of melodious sounds. But I can recall none more memorable, not even the night of my installation in the chair of this lodge, nor that of my appointment as a Grand Officer of the Grand Lodge of England, than the one whereon in great fear and trepidation I made my *début*, poor and penniless, on the chequered floor of the Lodge La Tolerance. Since that memorable occurrence many remarkable events have transpired in the history of the world, many changes taken place in our lodge; but my reverence for the teachings of Freemasonry, and my zeal for the welfare of this lodge, remain unchanged, and I would that every candidate who is privileged to be admitted amongst us would endeavour to cherish those feelings, that he would consider that in being permitted to participate with us in the light of our mysteries a great honour has been conferred upon him, that a grand opportunity has been opened to him for acquiring a knowledge of that which will enable him the better to fight the battle of life, and to develop all that is good in him. But in order to do that he must persevere and overcome all difficulties and obstacles that would impede and hinder his progress, ever remembering that difficulties in the way of duty are to be faced and mastered, and that to yield weakly before them is to be unfaithful to God. And in the doing of this he will find not only the increased pleasure that ever attends the due exercise and development of the intellectual faculties, but that he has been helping to form and mould his own individual character, for which increased knowledge our very character undergoes mutation; it is not our surroundings or our circumstances that make us, they are only the material of life, and whatever they are we have to make the best of them: it is we who take up our circumstances, and out of them make habits, and habits decide and form character—that which gives to each one of us his own individuality—that personality which spreads itself over our being—that stamp, as a minister of the gospel said the other day, whereby men can label us and catalogue us, and yet feel at the end that we elude classification. All this our newly-initiated brother will find out for himself after he has attended a few of our meetings. If after he has taken his Degrees he likes to keep to the dead level of the ordinary Master Mason he can do so; but if he is, as he has declared himself to be, actuated by the pure spirit of knowledge, he will not rest content until by patience and perseverance he has lifted the veil that is spread over our mysteries and discovered for himself not only the true meaning of all our signs, symbols, and ceremonies, but the source and origin from whence they all spring, and the grand object they all have in view. Then, and not till then, will he discover that all our ritual and ceremonies are but a means to an end—the improvement of the human heart; that Masonry sends out an invitation to man wherever he finds him, bidding him put forth a new activity in the exercise of individual benevolence and Charity; the bridges over the abysses which national religions have opened up between the nations of the earth, and unites them together in spirit in the bonds of peace and goodwill. It is this that Masonry adopts as her mission—the unity and brotherhood of all human kind without distinction of nation or of race; it is this that constitutes the grand aim and object of Freemasonry, but which can only be understood and appreciated by those who are actuated by that "desire which tends to know the works of God, thereby to glorify the Great Work-Master."

The Worshipful Master, in reply to the toast of "The W.M.," which was proposed by Bro. Webb, said it had always been his ambition since he joined the lodge to hold the position he now occupied, and he would do all that lay in his power to forward the interests of Freemasonry in general, and of Lodge La Tolerance in particular. He then proposed "The Initiate," and congratulated Bro. Sutherland on becoming a Free and Accepted Mason and a member of this lodge, trusting that what had passed would make a lasting impression on his mind. He hoped he would carry out the principles and tenets of Freemasonry as they had been so carefully and beautifully illustrated by Bro. Kench.

Bro. Sutherland replied, and said the impression made on his mind that evening would remain all his life.

Bro. Webb responded to the toast of "The I.P.M.," which was accompanied by the gift of a handsome Past Master's jewel, and said he regretted there had not been more work for the W.M. during his year of office.

Bros. Dr. Nicholls, Cambridge, John Paul, Massey, Scott, and others responded to the toast of "The Visitors," and Bros. Humphrey, Burt, Smale, and Fenn to that of "The Past Masters."

Bro. Kench replied to the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," and Bro. Wilby, S.W., to that of "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast closed a most agreeable evening's proceedings.

Capper Lodge (No. 1076).—The usual monthly meeting of the above popular lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City, on Thursday, the 14th inst., and was of more than ordinary interest on account of the unfortunate decease of his Royal Highness the Duke of Clarence and Avondale occurring that day. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. W. L. Crow, assisted by the following officers and brethren: Bros. J. Tytheridge, I.P.M.; J. H. White, S.W.; F. C. Ward, J.W.; J. Dorton, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Ware, Sec.; J. F. Oates, J.D.; C. K. Higgins, I.G.; M. Sherwin, Org.; A. Tuberfield, Tyler; H. B. Holliday, P.M.; T. G. Day, P.M.; W. Watkins, P.M.; W. H. Harris, P.M.; A. T. Dale, P.M.; C. J. D'Oyley-Mears, P.M.; S. Vicars, 147; J. Mills, 1765; and C. Jolly, P.M. and Sec. 1472 and 2184.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, Bro. J. J. Roberts was passed, and then the Organist of the lodge played the "Dead March in Saul," the effect being a most impressive and solemn spectacle. It was afterwards unanimously resolved that a letter of condolence should be sent to the Grand Master, expressing the sympathy of the lodge in his great bereavement and that of his family. The formation of a Royal Arch chapter in connection with the lodge was then broached, and the discussion adjourned to the next meeting of the lodge.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, after which the usual loyal, Grand Lodge, and personal toasts were honoured, including that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M."

There was no singing or harmony of any kind, and on the completion of the toast list the brethren separated.

Leopold Lodge (No. 1571).—The brethren of this lodge assembled at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, on Monday, the 11th inst., to witness the installation of Bro. Edmund J. Morgan, S.W., W.M. elect. There were present Bros. J. T. Dormer, W.M.; Edmund J. Morgan, S.W.; Henry Colley, J.W.; Joseph Penney, Sec.; Walter T. Johns, S.D.; F. P. Langford, J.D.; H. T. Meadows, I.G.; W. F. Packer, P.M., Org.; T. Duffield, P.M., D.C.; Young, Tyler; Youngman, P.M.; Carey, P.M.; Kemble, P.M.; J. W. Barnes, W. Longdon, J. Low, E. P. Plummell, A. Presland, H. Wells, J. M. Maud, W. Goad, A. Watts, G. Horwill, C. E. Martin, W. T. Marshall, W. St. John Dray, C. M. Morris, E. C. Davis, H. G. Ball and others. Among the visitors were Bros. Jas. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; F. Carr, P.M., R. S. Cushing, P.M., C. H. Harford, P.M., and W. L. Barker, I.G., of 1607; Walter Martin, P.M. 879; L. Potts, P.M. 916; J. Garner, P.M., Treas. 975; J. K. Pitt, P.M. 463; H. S. Allsworth, W.M. 1441; G. Bird, W.M. 879; E. S. Taylor, W.M. 147; H. J. Tibbatts, J.W. 2396; J. Mansfield, J.D. 871; S. Carlton, 2184; A. D. J. B. Payne, 879; R. Carey, 1441; A. Stribling, 1347; D. T. Bars, 169; G. H. Williams, 228; G. A. Miles, 1351; and D. Reckie, 511. Owing to the inclement weather letters and telegrams were received from several Past Masters and brethren regretting inability to attend, and sending "Hearty good wishes."

The lodge was opened, and after confirmation of the minutes and other business Bro. Edmund J. Morgan was presented by Bro. T. Duffield, P.M., D.C., and he was duly installed into the chair of K.S. After the usual salutations from the brethren, the installing Master, Bro. J. T. Dormer, gave the addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren in an able and impressive manner. The newly-installed W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. T. Dormer, I.P.M.; H. Colley, S.W.; W. T. Johns, J.W.; H. Bartlett, P.M., Treas.; W. Carey, P.M., Sec.; F. E. Davy, S.D.; A. Watts, J.D.; J. Hampson, I.G.; W. F. Packer, P.M., Org.; T. Duffield, P.M., D.C.; F. P. Langford, A.D.C.; H. T. Meadows and G. Horwill, Stwds.; and Young, Tyler. Two candidates were duly initiated into Freemasonry, and after the despatch of other business the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to an excellent banquet. The usual toasts were then duly honoured, and interspersed with some beautiful music, which was much appreciated, the artistes being Bro. Packer, P.M., Organist of the lodge; Mr. Dyved Lewys, Bro. Sackville Evans, and Mr. E. Owen, and a warm reception was accorded to the Welsh National Anthem, "Hen wlad y Nhadau" (The land of my Fathers), which was heard by many for the first time. Bro. Packer, P.M., acted as accompanist.

The toast of "The Queen and the Craft" having been duly honoured, that of "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," was proposed, the W.M. saying, as a Welshman and the first to occupy the chair of the Leopold Lodge, he was proud that the present head of the Craft carried also the title of Prince of Wales. Reference having been made to the return to convalescence of H.R.H. Prince George of Wales and to the approaching marriage of the Duke of Clarence, whose illness it was hoped would prove of a temporary nature, and to the services rendered to the Craft by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the hope was expressed that when the time came for the M.W.G.M. to assume the gavel of kingship, and to exchange the trowel for the sceptre, he might long be spared to reign over a united people in peace, prosperity, and happiness.

In submitting the toast of "The Grand Officers," the W.M. referred in feeling terms to the loss the Craft had sustained by the death of the esteemed late Grand Secretary, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, and to the services the Grand Officers had rendered to the Craft and the Masonic Institutions.

Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., in reply, thanked the brethren on behalf of the Grand Officers, and bore testimony to the services rendered to Freemasonry by the lamented Grand Secretary, with whom he had come much into contact, and also to the large amount of time devoted to the Craft and the Masonic Institutions by the Grand Officers. He concluded by congratulating the members of the Leopold Lodge in the choice of their W.M., of whom he spoke in terms of great praise, and wished them a prosperous year.

The gavel was then assumed by the I.P.M., Bro. Dormer, who asked the brethren to drink to "The Health of the Newly-installed W.M., Bro. Edmund J. Morgan." He had known the W.M. for many years, and having been initiated into Freemasonry together they had worked closely together, and now found themselves side by side as W.M. and I.P.M. of the lodge. He concluded by wishing the newly-installed Master all happiness and prosperity.

The Worshipful Master, who was most heartily received, in reply, thanked the brethren for the kind manner in which the toast of his health had been honoured, and for his unanimous election to the chair of the lodge. Having filled nearly the whole of the offices in the lodge, he trusted that he had qualified himself for the high position he occupied, and assured the brethren nothing should be wanting on his part to merit the continued confidence of the members of the Leopold Lodge. While fully conscious of the arduous task before him, and of the responsibility of the office to which he had been elected, he was none the less conscious that in steering the Leopold craft through the Masonic waters during the coming year, he could rely upon its Past Masters, who had piloted the good ship in the past, and upon the individual members, without which success would be impossible, and he trusted that at the end of the voyage the good ship might be brought into port none the worse for having been under his command. In conclusion, the W.M. appealed for the united support of the members, in return for which his best endeavours would be put forth, and he trusted that at the end of his year of office he might have done nothing to have forfeited the good opinion and esteem of the brethren.

"The Installing Master and I.P.M." was then proposed from the chair, the W.M. informing the brethren that Bro. Dormer was happy in being blessed with a truly Masonic name, and as good wine needed no bush, no words of his (the W.M.) were necessary to commend the toast to the hearty acceptance of the brethren. They all knew how ably the duties of the chair had been carried out during the past year, Bro. Dormer having initiated, passed, and raised nine brethren who would prove a credit to the Craft. The thanks of the brethren were also due to Bro. Dormer for the excellent manner in which he had carried out the duties

of installing Master that evening. The W.M. then presented to Bro. Dormer, on behalf of the lodge, a Past Master's jewel, which had been unanimously voted, to mark the appreciation of his services, and in asking Bro. Dormer's acceptance of the jewel, Bro. Morgan expressed a hope that the I.P.M. might be long spared to wear it and to continue his connection with the Leopold Lodge, and that when he wore it it might bring to mind the esteem and regard in which he was held by the brethren of the lodge.

Bro. Dormer, P.M., in reply, sincerely thanked the W.M. and brethren, and referred to the kind assistance he had received from the Past Masters and brethren, which had rendered his year of office a very pleasant one. He tendered to the brethren of the Leopold Lodge his warmest thanks for the handsome jewel which had just been presented to him, which he would highly prize as a token of their esteem. In vacating the chair he left the lodge in a prosperous condition, and trusted that his successor would have as happy and prosperous a year as he had experienced.

The toast of "The Initiates, Bros. Percy Leach and Geo. Hall," to whom the W.M. tendered good advice, urging them to study well the Constitutions and by-laws, and to attend the lodge of instruction in connection with the Leopold Lodge, having been duly honoured, the Initiates suitably replied.

"The Visitors" followed, the W.M. remarking that nothing proved the universality of Freemasonry more than the presence of the visiting brethren, to whom the same cordial welcome was extended that was always at their command from the members of the Leopold Lodge.

Bros. F. Carr, P.M., and R. S. Cushing, P.M., of 1607; W. Martin, P.M. 879; Allsworth, and Garner suitably replied, and congratulated the lodge on the excellent working and programme of the evening.

Then followed "The Masonic Institutions," whose claims the W.M. pressed upon the brethren of the lodge, stating that it was not enough to become well wishers of the R.M.B.I. and the Boys' and Girls' Schools, but that every Freemason ought to be a Life Governor or Subscriber to at least one of the Benevolent Institutions, and this could easily be done by means of the Charitable Associations. Intimating his intention to go up as Steward to the forthcoming Jubilee Festival of the R.M.B.I., he appealed to the brethren of the Leopold Lodge to support him, so that a substantial sum might be the result of their united efforts.

Bro. James Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I., in a vigorous speech, which was well received, spoke at length upon the claims of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and forcibly appealed to the lodge to unitedly support their W.M. as Steward on this occasion, at which the Deputy Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcombe, would preside, and he (Bro. Terry) sincerely hoped that the Craft at large would respond to the claims of the Institution which he had the honour to represent in a generous and hearty manner.

"The Past Masters," some of whom the W.M. regretted were unable to be present through indisposition, was responded to by Bros. Carey, P.M., and Packer, P.M.

"The Officers," with which toast the names of Bros. Colley, S.W.; Johns, J.W.; and Carey, the newly-appointed Secretary, were coupled, and the Tyler's toast having been duly honoured, the highly successful anniversary was brought to a close by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

Covent Garden Lodge (No. 1614).—The members of this lodge and many visitors attended the installation meeting at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on Tuesday, the 12th inst., when Bro. G. H. Foan was installed as W.M. Lodge was opened by Bro. G. H. Reynolds, W.M., supported by Bros. G. H. Foan, S.W.; E. Jacobs, P.M., Treas.; G. Reynolds, P.M., Sec.; A. L. Bullen, S.D.; W. Belsham, Org.; H. Willis, I.G.; J. Mayo, Stwd.; W. Dowling, P.M.; J. Jacobs, P.M.; S. Hewett, P.M.; G. Coleman, P.M.; S. Jacobs, P.M.; and many lay members. Visitors: Bros. Gen. Laurie, P.G.M. Nova Scotia; G. Everett, G. Treas.; E. Rogers, P.G. Stwd.; W. Burton, I.P.M. 733; S. Zacker, 1056; W. Herbert, 1987; A. Cogliati, 1589; S. Keene, Prov. G.P. Middx.; H. White, P.M. 1257; J. Jockey, I.G. 2222; B. Da Costa, P.M. 1349; A. Wilson, P.P.A.G. D. of C. Middx.; W. H. Gulliford, P.M. 1017; L. H. Bloomfield, I.G. 185; J. J. Woolley, W.M. 2191; J. T. Bolding, W.M. 91; J. T. Hoare, 1964; A. Eley, 1475; J. F. Percival, 2164; J. Harrison, 704; F. Kedge, P.M. 2191; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.P.G.W. Middx.; H. Robinson; C. Newman, 901; F. Hurdle, 15; P. Blatchford, 704; W. Hancock, S.W. 2191; C. J. Bjorn, P.M. 733; S. H. Walker, P.M. 733; W. Hoggins, J.W. 1891; J. Rowe, 2191; Astewell, 834; A. Sly, 1478; and W. W. Lee, S.W. 2381.

Lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed, after which Bro. George H. Reynolds installed Bro. G. H. Foan as W.M. in a very creditable manner. The following appointments were made: Bros. Sheriff Harry S. Foster, S.W.; Arthur L. Bullen, J.W.; Rev. P. M. Holden, P.M., Chap.; Edward Jacobs, P.M., Treas.; Geo. Reynolds, P.M., Sec.; George C. Bond, S.D.; William Belsham, J.D.; Henry Willis, I.G.; George Stacey, P.M., Org.; John Mayo, D.C.; William Dowling, P.M., Robert M. Potter, and Jacob C. Citron, Stwds.; and Robert F. Potter, P.M., Tyler. The W.M. presented Bro. G. H. Reynolds, I.P.M., with a handsome Past Master's jewel, which was suitably acknowledged. On the motion of the Secretary, a vote of condolence was passed sympathising with the family of the late Grand Secretary, Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke. Bro. G. Reynolds, P.M., Secretary, undertook to represent the lodge at the forthcoming Jubilee Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Letters of regret for non-attendance were received from Bros. Sheriff Foster, C. Corby, C. H. Brookfield, J. Lightfoot, G. W. Verry, and others.

Lodge was closed, and a *recherche* repast was served in the Victoria Hall, under the personal superintendence of Bro. G. P. Bertini and L. Aubanel.

Bro. Gen. Laurie, P.G.M. Nova Scotia, responding for "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," congratulated the lodge on possessing a Master who was an adept in the ritual, and who could perform it in as perfect a manner as it could be rendered. With reference to the Grand Officers, there was a brother present who wore the purple in view of the election of the brethren specially selected for the high honour, and happily most heartily welcomed and received by the M.W.G.M., which was a most happy and fortuitous combination. He (Bro. Laurie) was a looker on in the

Grand Lodge of England, and had presided over an independent jurisdiction for more than 12 years, and performed some important duties as representing the Grand Lodge, and harmonising what might otherwise be conflicting ideas. They could hardly realize the loss they had sustained in the death of the late Grand Secretary who was a man with a marvellous combination of qualities. The late Bro. Col. Clerke was a diplomatist of the first rank, whom it would be very difficult to replace.

Bro. G. H. Reynolds, I.P.M., then said the toast of the "W.M." was placed in his hands because of his position as I.P.M. If it had been otherwise it would have been proposed in a far more able manner by any brother present. He only wished to recall the name of the W.M. to feel sincerely the brethren would receive it heartily. The toast required no words and he should not therefore endeavour to give it elaboration or ornamentation. He would simply ask the members who knew the way Bro. Foan had worked up from an initiate to the post he now occupied, and ask those who attended the lodge of instruction who knew him as one of the most active members, and they would say he had always given instruction to those in search of it. He had thought over in his mind what he should say to draw their attention to the qualities of the W.M., and he had thought that to simply give his name in connection with the chair of this lodge would be the simplest and most complimentary way he could give the toast. He would therefore ask the brethren to show by their heartiness what they thought of their W.M. as a man and a Mason, and as a worthy occupant of the Worshipful Master's chair of the Covent Garden Lodge.

Bro. G. H. Foan, W.M., returned thanks, and said he was not in a fit position, as it had come upon him so suddenly, to answer as fully as he should like, but if his remarks were few they were sincere. He was initiated in this lodge seven years ago by Bro. Coleman, and would take the liberty of saying it must be a great pleasure to that brother to see him installed. His humble services were at the disposal of the lodge, and he would do everything that lay in his power to maintain the position of the lodge.

Bro. Captain T. C. Walls, P.P.G.W. Middx., replying for "The Visitors," said that for the first time he had visited this lodge, and he had met many friends. It showed the cosmopolitan character of Freemasonry, and it was one of the great charms of the Craft to visit lodges and reciprocate the hospitable feeling by inviting brethren in return. Allowing for the youth of the I.P.M., and the nervousness consequent upon addressing a large gathering, the installation was performed in an admirable manner. He was gratified with the manner in which the W.M. invested his officers, and was confident that at the end of the year Bro. Foan would carry with him one of the most hearty marks of recognition that had been accorded to any previous Master.

Bro. G. H. Reynolds, I.P.M., responding for "The I.P.M. and Past Masters," thanked the brethren not only for the way in which they had received the toast, but also for the way in which they had received his endeavours during the past year. He thanked the brethren for the manner in which he had been supported, and assured them he would support the W.M. as the previous I.P.M. supported him.

Bro. E. Jacobs, P.M., Treas., in responding to the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," thanked the brethren for having unanimously elected him, and it would always be his great endeavour to carry out the duties of the office to the satisfaction of the lodge.

Bro. G. Reynolds, P.M., Sec., thanked the W.M. for the very flattering terms in which he had spoken of him, both in the lodge and at the banquet table, and the brethren for the very hearty manner in which his health had been drunk. The evening had been one of great pleasure to him in seeing his son install his successor, an old friend, Bro. G. H. Foan into the chair of K.S., and it would always be his endeavour to serve him as he had previous Masters, and he hoped to serve future Masters, also in the same satisfactory manner. In his anxious duties he had always been well supported by all the brethren of the lodge. He thanked Bro. S. Hewett, P.M., for the great kindness he had always shown to the I.P.M., and the greatest pleasure of all was to know and feel that the Covent Garden Lodge had a bright future in store, as the I.P.M. (his son) handed over the affairs of the lodge to his successor in a healthy state. The ship was in smooth water, and no doubt at the end of the year of office of the W.M. he would be able to render a good account. It should always be his endeavour to serve the lodge faithfully, and he wished the good old Covent Garden Lodge prosperity, and the W.M. health and strength to carry out his responsible and onerous duties. He had been well supported that evening, and had had a most successful installation.

"The Officers" was given before the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

A programme of music was well rendered, under the direction of Bro. Hedley Carus, assisted by Miss Selina Quick, Miss Alice Gough, Messrs. H. Hoare and H. Foan, Bro. Hoggins, and W. J. Morrell, which gave great satisfaction.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BARNET.

Gladsmuir Lodge (No. 1385).—An emergency meeting was held at the Red Lion Hotel on Friday, the 15th inst. Bro. J. E. Cussans, P.M. 403, P.P.S.G.W., W.M., notwithstanding he was very much out of health, presided, and there were present Bros. S. Tryon, S.W.; G. Blizard Abbott, J.W.; Charles Gray, P.M., Sec.; F. Thompson, S.D.; R. Fisher Young, P.M., D.C.; Ball, A.D.C.; Oldfield, I.G.; Chifferiel and Anneveld, Stwds.; Goddard, Tyler; J. Brittain, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; J. P. Euerby, P.M., P.P.G.P.; W. Lewis, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; Mason, Tibbatts, Marshall, G. Phillips, F. H. Phillips, H. F. P. Inglis, Curnow, and Rainford, with one visitor.

The summons convening the meeting having been read, Bros. F. H. Phillips and H. F. P. Inglis were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren dined together.

The toasts were duly honoured, but in silence, and without set speeches in proposing or acknowledging them, nor was there any music, in consequence of the lamentable death of H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence and Avondale.

The installation meeting will take place on Friday next, the 29th instant.

BERKHAMPSTEAD.

Berkhampstead Lodge (No. 504).—The installation meeting was held at the King's Arms Hotel on Wednesday, the 13th instant. Owing to the prevalence of influenza and other illnesses peculiar to the season, many members and visitors were unable to be present, but there was a fairly good attendance notwithstanding, and a very pleasant gathering was the result. General regret was felt at the absence of Bro. Prudames, W.M., who was confined to the house by illness, but his place was ably filled by Bro. S. R. Timson, P.P.G.D., I.P.M., while among those present were Bros. A. W. Vaisey, S.W., W.M. elect; Wm. Lowndes, J.W.; the Rev. A. Johnson, P.M., Chap.; F. Q. Lane, P.M., Treas.; C. Bullock, P.M., P.G. Sec., Sec.; G. Austin, J.D.; Rev. C. J. Langley, P.G.C., I.G.; J. T. Rowe, P.M., D.C.; T. Graham Robinson, P.M., P.P. S.G.W.; A. Pavett, Tyler; W. Lovell, the Rev. W. Quennell, P.P.G.C.; J. Bunker, E. J. Layton, F. Dwight, F. J. Lane, and G. A. Sims. Visitors: Bros. George E. Lake, P.M. 404, D.P.G.M.; J. J. Skellom, W.M. 1185; J. G. Cobb, W.M. 2278, P.G. Stwd.; G. Blizard Abbott, J.W. 1385; H. Hobson, J.D. 948; W. Smith, I.P.M. 948; F. J. Brown, W.M. 591; and H. E. Fraser, W.M. 2331, P.G. Stwd.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. W. J. Orchard, and proving unanimous in his favour that gentleman was introduced and very impressively initiated into the earliest mysteries of the Craft by the Acting W.M. The chair was then taken by Bro. J. T. Rowe, P.M., and Bro. Vaisey, S.W. and W.M. elect, having been presented by Bro. Austin, acting D.C., was installed as W.M. for the ensuing 12 months, and appointed the following brethren as his officers: Bros. W. Lowndes, S.W.; G. Austin, J.W.; Rev. A. Johnson, P.M., Chap.; F. Q. Lane, P.M., Treas.; Charles Bullock, P.M., Sec.; Rev. C. J. Langley, S.D.; J. Bunker, J.D.; G. A. Sims, I.G.; J. T. Rowe, P.M., D.C.; W. H. Rowe, P.M., and F. Dwight, Stwds.; C. J. Gilbert, Org.; and A. Pavett, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel of the usual value was voted to the retiring W.M., Bro. A. Prudames, and Bro. Bullock was elected representative of the lodge on the Hertfordshire Charity Association. The audit report having been read, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes, and the by-laws having been read, the W.M. received the hearty congratulations of those present, and the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where dinner was served by Bro. H. Kemp.

On the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, Bro. Geo. E. Lake, D.P.G.M., replying for "The Provincial Grand Officers," and afterwards proposing in very complimentary terms "The Health of the W.M.," who acknowledged the honour done him in brief but suitable terms.

The toast of "The Visitors" was acknowledged by Bros. Buckingham, W.M. 591, and J. G. Cobb, W.M. 2278, after which

Bro. Bullock rose, and proposed the toast of "The Masonic Charities." In the course of his remarks Bro. Bullock referred to the important celebration which was so near at hand, to wit, that of the Jubilee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and expressed the hope that the brethren would loyally support Bro. T. G. Robinson, P.M., who had undertaken to represent the lodge on that occasion, and also that the Festival itself would turn out a brilliant success, more especially as Bro. Terry, the Secretary to the Institution, was a Hertfordshire Mason, and had been for upwards of 20 years a Grand Officer of the province. Bro. Bullock further enlarged on the necessity for supporting the Masonic Charities, which were doing such an amount of good, and mentioned, in illustration of his remarks, the case of the widow of a brother whose case it had devolved upon him to support at the last meeting of the Board of Benevolence, and whose claims had, in his opinion, been the more favourably considered from the fact of her husband having in the days of his affluence constituted himself a Life Governor of the three Charities.

The toast was cordially received, and Bro. Robinson, in his reply, reiterated the hope expressed by Bro. Bullock that the members would support him in his Stewardship—a hope which before the close of the evening was in some measure realised, a very fair amount of support being accorded to Bro. Robinson.

The toasts of "The Past Masters" and "The Officers" having been replied to by Bros. S. R. Timson, I.P.M., and W. Lowndes, S.W., respectively, the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings, which had been very enjoyable, to a close.

BOLTON.

Anchor and Hope Lodge (No. 37).—The installation meeting of this lodge (the oldest in Lancashire) was held on Monday, the 11th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall. The W.M., Bro. W. Forrest, P.M., P.S.G.D., presided, supported by Bros. J. Naylor, as I.P.M.; W. Golding, S.W.; T. Murphy, J.W.; John Booth, P.M., Treas.; H. L. Hinnell, Sec.; J. W. Thompson, S.D.; T. Barnes, J.D.; F. W. Broadbent, A.D.C.; F. W. Brice, Org.; F. W. Brockbank, I.G.; F. W. Isherwood, Stwd.; S. Rawsthorne and G. E. Greenhalgh, Tyllers; E. G. Harwood, P.M. 1723, P.P.J.G.W.; C. F. Murphy, J. Johnston, G. Fell, H. E. Mason, J. Newton, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., P.A.G. Sec.; John Hardcastle, P.M.; J. E. H. Spencer, Stanley Cooper, John Dean, and T. B. Tong, P.M. 1723. Visitors: Bros. T. Higson, P.M. 348, Prov. G. Tyler; James Manbell, W.M. 348; W. Boyce, 221; W. Renshaw, W.M. 298; W. Tonge, 298; E. Rothwell, I.G. 298; W. Sharples, 2159; R. Johnson, Sec. 146; J. Buns, 1733; J. B. Gouldburn, W.M. 1723; F. M. Milner, W.M. 146; Rev. T. Evan, 62; L. Noobb, 887; W. F. Farrington, W.M. 1033; G. P. Beswick, 1723; and W. Campbell, P.M. 1357.

The lodge was opened and the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed. The Secretary announced with great sorrow the death of Bro. Samuel Isherwood, P.M., P.P.G.T., the senior Past Master of the lodge, and a vote of condolence was unanimously passed, to be sent to his widow and family. The ballot was taken for Messrs. John Dean and Stanley Cooper, and both being duly elected, were initiated by the W.M. with his usual ability. The Acting Deacons were Bros. Thompson and Barnes. The working tools were presented by Bro. Murphy, J.W., the charge being delivered by Bro. F. Brockbank, P.G.S. Bro. Golding, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. J. Booth, P.M., and he was duly installed into the chair of K.S. by the retiring Worshipful Master, and invested the officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Bros. Thos. Murphy, S.W.; John Thompson, J.W.; Rev. R. Clayton, P.P.G.C., Chap.; John Booth, P.M., Treas.; H. L. Hinnell, Sec.; Thos. Barnes, S.D.; F. W. Brockbank, J.D.; Jno. Hardcastle, P.M., D.C.; F. W. Briscoe, Org.; F. W. Broadbent, I.G.; F. W. Isherwood and Cooper, Stwds.; and E. Greenhalgh and S. Rawthorne, Tylers, and they were addressed by Bro. Major John Booth, P.M., the senior Past Master, in an able and impressive manner. The Master, Wardens, and brethren were addressed by the Installing Master. A Past Master's jewel, which was greatly admired, was presented to Bro. W. Forrest, P.S.G.D., I.P.M., for the great services he had rendered to the lodge, more especially during the last year. The gift was graciously acknowledged by Bro. Forrest. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed from provincial and Craft lodges, and the lodge was closed.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

BOURNEMOUTH.

Hengist Lodge (No. 195).—There was a large gathering of members and visitors on Thursday, the 7th inst., at the installation of Bro. W. Townsend as W.M. for the ensuing year. The following members were present: Bros. W. Dunn, W.M.; C. W. Keep, I.P.M.; W. Townsend, S.W.; A. Redfearn, J.W.; J. Harvey, P.M., 624, P.P.S.G.D., Chap.; W. Scott Evans, Treas.; W. Woodhouse, Sec.; W. H. Vye, S.D.; W. H. Humphry, J.D.; W. B. Rogers, D.C.; H. J. Atkins, P.M., 1764, P.P.S.G.W. Norths and Hunts; E. W. Rebbeck, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; H. E. Gooch, P.M., P.G. Std. Br.; J. H. Moore, P.M.; R. Hodges, P.M., P.P.G. Std.; G. Fudge, R. S. Hiscock, J. A. Spark, J. A. Cocker, J. A. Crawshaw, N. Crossley, C. A. Reinpach, O. J. Pettitt, J. W. Collins, W. Mattocks, W. E. Jones, and W. J. Holloway.

The installation ceremony was conducted by Bro. H. J. Atkins, P.M., 1764, P.P.S.G.W. Norths and Hunts. Bro. Townsend afterwards appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. A. Redfearn, S.W.; W. H. Vye, J.W.; J. Harvey, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Chap.; W. Scott Evans, Treas.; W. Woodhouse, P.M., P.J.G.D., Sec.; W. Humphry, S.D.; F. Mapp, J.D.; W. B. Rogers, P.M., P.P.G.R., D.C.; C. J. Whitting, I.G.; F. T. Cutler, Org.; W. Mattocks and R. S. Hiscock, Stwds.; and W. J. Holloway, Tyler. A very handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. W. Dunn, the retiring W.M., by Bro. Townsend, the new W.M., on behalf of the members.

The installation banquet took place at the Hotel Mont Dore. It was served in the spacious assembly room, and as the elaborate decorations for the carnival on the previous night were still retained, the aspect of that portion of the hall which was set apart for the banquet was cheerful and very pretty. The repast, admirably served under Bro. Kneese's personal supervision, was an excellent one. The company numbered about 60.

The W.M. proposed as the first toast "The Queen and the Craft," which was loyally drunk, and was followed by those of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," and "The Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Pro G.M.," the Earl of Mount Edgcombe, D.G.M.; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. Painter, in proposing "The Health of the P.G.M., Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.; the D.P.G.M., Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre; and the rest of the P.G. Officers, Present and Past," coupled with the toast the names of Bros. E. W. Rebbeck and W. Woodhouse.

Bro. Rebbeck, in responding, made reference to the interesting presentation which was made the other day to the P.G.M. by the Duke of Connaught, on behalf of the brethren of the province.

Bro. Woodhouse, who likewise replied, said it afforded him very great pleasure to respond for the first time in his life as a member of the Provincial Grand Lodge. Referring to the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting which was held in that hall during last summer, he expressed a hope that not many years would elapse before a similar Masonic gathering would be held in Bournemouth.

Bro. J. Druiitt submitted as the next toast "The Health of the W.M. of Hengist Lodge," and incidentally observed that the Hengist Lodge was not only one of the oldest, but also one of the best worked lodges in the kingdom.

In acknowledging the toast, Bro. Townsend said it afforded him a great amount of pleasure to see on that occasion so large a gathering of the members of the lodge and visiting brethren. It would be his aim, as it was his most earnest desire, to worthily occupy the honourable position to which they had elected him as W.M. of the grand old mother lodge of Bournemouth.

Bro. W. Scott Evans proposed "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Dunn, and the Past Masters of the Lodge." They all knew, he said, how thoroughly and efficiently Bro. Dunn had presided over the lodge during his year of office, and how assiduous and punctual, and thoroughly devoted he had been in the discharge of his duties.

Bro. Dunn, in acknowledging the toast, said the year during which he had presided over the lodge would ever be remembered by him as one of the happiest of his life.

Bro. W. B. Rogers responded on behalf of himself and brother Past Masters.

Bro. E. W. Cross gave the toast of "The Installing Officer, Bro. H. J. Atkins," which was very heartily drunk, and Bro. Atkins replied.

Bro. C. T. Miles proposed "The Health of the Visiting Brethren," which was responded to by Bros. J. Webber and Morse, as representing the Ringwood Lodge; Banks, 521; and Hogarth.

The toast of "The Masonic Charities" was proposed by Bro. R. Hodges, and acknowledged by Bro. H. J. Atkins.

"The Sister Lodges," proposed by Bro. Miles, was responded to by Bro. J. J. Brazier, on behalf of the Boscombe and Horsa Lodges.

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of the Wardens and Officers of the Lodge," said he felt sure that during the coming year he should receive their loyal and cordial support.

Bros. Vye, J.W., and C. J. Whitting, I.G., responded. The Tyler's toast concluded the toast list.

Vocal and instrumental music was contributed by various brethren in the course of the evening, the cornet solos by Bro. Hogarth (and more especially that of "The Better Land") being most enjoyable.

CHACEWATER.

Boscawen Lodge (No. 699).—This lodge celebrated the Festival of St. John on Monday, the 11th inst., at the Masonic Hall. Bro. S. Rogers was installed W.M. by Bro. Estlick, assisted by Bros. Rev. R. F. Frazer-Frizzell, Hall, and Retallack, the Board of Installed Masters including Bros. J. R. Mills, T. Mitchell, W. A. Bennett, C. Rapson, S. Kinsman, and Hugo. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. Gover, S.W.; F. Frizzell, J.W.; W. A. Bennett, Treas.; Rapson, Sec.; M. Ball, S.D.; Mitchell, J.D.; Richards and Hambly, Stwds.; and J. Paull, Tyler. £2 was voted to the Cornwall Annuity and Benevolent Fund, £2 2s. to the Cornwall Charity Association, and £2 to the Boscawen Charity Association. The first drawing of the Boscawen Charity Association took place in open lodge, and Bro. Estlick drew a Life-Governorship in the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

The banquet was served by Mr. Saundry, of the Britannia Hotel.

CHESTER.

Clarence Lodge (No. 2386).—The festival of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 7th instant, at the Masonic Hall, the W.M. Bro. W. H. Finchett, in the chair, supported by Bros. T. Litherland, S.W.; Capt. Cooper, J.W.; T. Hart Davies, Treas.; Major Randle Ford, Sec.; and R. Carris, J.D. There was a good attendance of brethren, and among the visitors were Bros. Annett, P.G. Treas.; J. C. Robinson, P.P.A.G.D.C. West Lancs.; I. M. Jones, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; J. Dennis, P.P.G.S.B.; T. E. Young, P.M., P.S.G.W. of Wales; G. Rush, P.M., 721; W. Peers, J.W., 731; G. F. Adams, J.W., 721; F. Tait, P.M., 425; S. Roberts, P.M.; T. S. Adams, P.M.; Jas. Salmon, P.P.S.G.W.; and T. Knowles, P.M., 721. Letters of apology were read from Bros. Lord Egerton, Sir Horatio Lloyd, C. W. Spencer Stanhope, the Hon. Holbrook, E. Brassey, and others.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. Litherland was introduced by Bros. I. M. Jones, P.M., and Felix Thomas, P.M., and was duly installed W.M. by the retiring Master, Bro. W. H. Finchett. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. Capt. Cooper, S.W.; Major Randle Ford, J.W.; T. Hart Davies, Treas.; R. Mackay, Sec.; R. Carris, S.D.; J. P. Cameron, J.D.; J. Thomas, I.G.; Evason and A. C. H. Davies, Stwds.; F. Fox, Org.; Col. Spence, D.C.; and S. Smith, Tyler.

After the ceremony the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet.

The usual loyal toasts were given from the chair. The Worshipful Master, in appropriate terms, also gave the toast of "Bro. Lord Egerton, Prov. G.M.; Bro. Sir Horatio Lloyd, D.P.G.M.; and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," which was responded to by Bros. J. Salmon and Annett.

The toast of "The Worshipful Master" was proposed by Bro. Finchett, and enthusiastically received.

The Worshipful Master, after responding to the toast, submitted "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Finchett," which was received with loud applause. In the course of his speech, the W.M. said it was thought by the members of the lodge that some recognition of Bro. Finchett's services should be made by making him a small presentation. The members had responded heartily to the call made upon them, and every member had subscribed. The presentation consisted of the portraits of Bro. Finchett and his wife, capably executed.

Bro. Cooper also, on behalf of the military members of the lodge, presented Bro. Finchett with a Past Master's jewel.

Bro. Finchett, in thanking the members for their kind presentation, said: It is hard for me to express my feelings at a moment when I am so overwhelmed with your kindness. When Bro. Litherland asked me to sit for the portraits I had no idea you would make me such a magnificent present. It was far from my wish that you should have gone to such an expense, and I shall owe a debt of gratitude to you all my life. I must also thank the military members of the lodge for the handsome jewel they have presented to me.

It was the last idea I had in my mind that any little work that I had done bears any comparison to the value of the presents you have made to me. It has been a labour of love, and for my part I shall always think of the soldiers of the Clarence Lodge with the utmost gratitude. The honour of founding the lodge was due to the military head-quarter staff and certain members of the other lodges in the city. I will always look upon these portraits as a memento of intrinsic value, and shall hand them down as heirlooms to my family. I can assure you that I will endeavour to do my duty to you in the future as I have done in the past. I am also proud to acknowledge the assistance tendered to me by the officers of the lodge; £103 18s. 9d. has been expended in Charity. Such a sum as that expended in Charity is a noble one. We have also a balance to be carried forward to this year's account of between £40 and £50. That augurs well for the future of the Clarence Lodge, and I intend to ask at the next lodge night that the sum of £21 be given to the Benevolent Fund, and £5 5s. to the Educational Fund. I again thank you on my behalf and that of my wife sincerely, and especially for the kind presents you have made me to-night.

Bro. Ford afterwards proposed, "The Visitors," which was suitably responded to.

The other toasts included "The Officers," "The Masonic Charities," "The Ladies," and the Tyler's toast.

The following brethren contributed to the harmony of the evening: Bros. Webster, Williams, Curnow, Bamford, and Holmes, Bro. J. R. Curnow presiding at the piano.

COCKERMOUTH.

Skiddaw Lodge (No. 1002).—The members of this lodge celebrated the Festival of St. John the Evangelist on Tuesday evening, the 5th inst., in the Masonic Hall. There was only a moderate attendance, both of members and visitors, "La Grippe" being responsible therefore. Bro. T. Atkinson, P.G. Stwd., W.M., presided, supported by the following members and visitors: Bros. W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M., P.P.G. Org.; W. F. Lamony, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., P.S.G.W. Victoria; H. Peacock, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; T. C. Burn, P.M.; F. A. Cooper, P.M.; J. Fidler, P.M., Treas.; Jos. Hewson, S.W., W.M. elect, P.P.G.T.; J. C. Thompson, W.M., 2285, P.P.G.R.; J. Thompson, P.M., 2285, P.P.A.G.D.C.; E. Loach, W.M., 962, P.G. Std. Br.; J. Gardiner, P.M., 371, P.P.G.R.; C. Gowan, P.M., 1939, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Reed, W.M., 371; and others.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, the W.M. installed his successor in the most perfect manner, this being the first instance of the kind for a period of 10 years or more. The Board of Installed Masters being closed, the remainder of the ceremony was performed by Bro. Lamony, P.M. The following officers were invested: Bros. T. Atkinson, I.P.M.; Dr. Forsyth, S.W.; A. Entwistle, J.W.; J. Fidler, P.M., Treas. (re-elected); H. Bowman, Sec. (re-appointed); J. P. Bennett, S.D.; and J. Burns, J.D. A telegram was read from Bro. Geo. Dalrymple, P.M. 872 and 1660, P.P.S.G.W., P.A.G. Sec., regretting his inability to be present, and subsequently that brother was unanimously elected an honorary member of the lodge in recognition of his services as Installing Master during a period of eight years. Bro. Lamony, P.M., rose and said that the hand of death had fallen heavily on their grand old Craft. A noble pillar of the Order had been cleft in twain. A chivalrous soldier, a courteous gentleman, and a true and devoted Mason had been called to his long rest. He (the speaker) need scarcely say that he referred to the death of Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary of England. For himself, he could hardly realise the sad and sudden call. It was barely a month since he sat with their departed brother at the festive board in London, when he did him the honour to propose his health on his return from Australia. For many years Bro. Clerke had served his Queen and country, leading a storming party up the heights of the Redan, fearless of Russian shot and shell, and for many years he had laboured well and faithfully in the peaceful field of Masonry, the last 12 years by the favour of their Royal Grand Master as his chief executive adviser. During that period the roll of Grand Lodge was increased by more than 500 lodges, and nearly the whole of those in the London district were inaugurated by the departed Grand Secretary; indeed, at his death he was the Master of a lodge bearing his own honoured name. Those of the brethren who had had occasion to correspond with the late Grand Secretary, could not but have been struck with his prompt and businesslike responses to their queries, while he was always accessible, kind, and cordial to a degree to all who called on him at Freemasons' Hall. In short, Bro. Clerke was a man and a Mason of a thousand, and, to use Tennyson's words, "He bore, without abuse, the grand old name of gentleman." He (Bro. Lamony) was not aware that any other lodge in the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland had moved in this matter; but he was confident that every member of Skiddaw Lodge would cordially, sympathetically, and fraternally approve of the resolution which he then had the honour to move as follows: "That the brethren of Skiddaw Lodge, No. 1002, in annual festival assembled, hereby desire to express their deep sense of the great and irreparable loss that has befallen English Freemasonry through the lamented death of Very Worshipful Bro. Colonel Shadwell Henry Clerke, Grand Secretary of the Order." The resolution was seconded by Bro. Atkinson, I.P.M., supported by Bro. Burn, P.M., and carried unanimously. The lodge was then closed.

Subsequently the brethren adjourned to the Globe Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was awaiting them. Bro. Hewson, W.M., presided, and the customary toast list was duly honoured.

DERBY.

Arboretum Lodge (No. 731).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Gower-street, on the 13th inst., when there were present Bros. Geo. Sutherland, W.M.; J. Walker, P.P.S.G.D., I.P.M.; W. H. Wright, S.W.; John Jones, J.W.; Rev. T. Orrell, Chap.; W. Whittaker, P.M., P.P.G.R., Treas.; G. H. Ward, Sec.; A. Smith, S.D.; W. W. Haywood, J.D.; Geo. Copestick, D. of C.; T. Tinkler, I.G.; A. Butterworth and B. Toft, Stwds.; T. Day, Tyler; T. R. Gee, P.M., P.G. Treas.; J. Bland, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; C. Webster, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; A. Woodiwiss, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; J. W. Brigg, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; Thos. Yeomans, P.M., P.P.G.P.; W. H. Roberts, P.M.; D. Ottwell, J. W. Cowlishan, H. Burdett, W. Forman, T. J. Beck, A. Smith, W. Wright, A. Frazer, T. Jordan, and others. Visitors: Bros. Luther Russell, S.W., W.M. elect 1085; and H. Slater, Sec. 802.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Bro. Frazer was raised in a most impressive manner by the W.M., who also presented the working tools, and explained the tracing board. Bro. W. Whittaker, P.M., was elected to represent the lodge on the Provincial Charity Committee. Bro. A. Woodiwiss, P.M., in a very able speech, drew the attention of the brethren to the urgent claims of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, explaining the advantages offered this Jubilee year in the shape of increased voting papers. On his proposition, seconded by Bro. C. Webster, P.M., 25 guineas was voted from the lodge funds, to be placed on the list of Bro. W. H. Wright, S.W., who will represent the lodge at the Festival in February. Two candidates for initiation were proposed.

"Hearty good wishes" having been given by the visitors, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the W.M., who feelingly alluded to the serious illness of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, Prov. Grand Master of Berkshire, and hoped he might be speedily restored—a wish heartily echoed by the brethren.

The toast of "The P.G.M., the D.P.G.M., and the rest of the P.G. Officers, Present and Past," was then proposed by the W.M., allusion being made to the oldest Past Master present, Bro. T. R. Gee, Prov. G. Treas., who that day completed his 25 years' membership of the Arboretum Lodge, and who was in December last elected Prov. Grand Treasurer.

Bro. Gee, who was heartily greeted on rising to respond, spoke feelingly of the many happy years he had spent amongst the brethren, and said that of the large number on the roll only two were older members than himself, and one of them—Bro. G. T. Wright, P.P.S.G.W.—they would not expect to again see amongst them, owing to his severe illness. He trusted he himself might long be spared to come to his lodge, and support whoever should be W.M.

The toast of "The W.M." was given by the S.W., which was heartily received, and humorously responded to. Bro. A. Smith, S.D., proposed "The Visitors," and it was remarked as somewhat singular that only one was present—Bro. L. Russell, S.W., W.M. elect 1085—who regretted more were not present, but had no doubt many had gone to the Scarsdale installation at Chesterfield. He, however, trusted that all who could attend would be present at his installation on February 3rd.

Bro. L. J. Greensmith proposed the toast of "The Past Masters."

Bros. J. W. Brigg, J. Bland, and W. Whitaker ably responded, congratulating Bro. Gee, P.M., on what might be called his silver wedding with the lodge, and wishing him continued health and prosperity.

After "The Health of the Officers" had been proposed by Bro. A. Smith in a real maiden speech, and duly responded to, the Tyler's toast brought another pleasant meeting to a conclusion.

It was mentioned just before the brethren separated that Bro. Wright's list as Steward to the Benevolent Festival already exceeded £70.

HASTINGS.

Derwent Lodge (No. 40).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Castle Hotel on Monday, the 11th inst. There were present Bros. F. C. Edwards, W.M.; G. Randell, S.W.; R. Walmsley, J.W.; F. Rossiter, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; J. Pearce, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; G. H. Gaze, S.D.; C. J. Ticehurst, J.D.; L. J. Jukes, I.G.; E. J. McCormick, Stwd.; W. S. Allen, I.P.M.; W. Lamborn, P.M., P.P.G.P.; C. M. Norris, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; F. H. Hallett, P.M., P.P.G.O.; C. W. Duke, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; C. E. Botley, P.M.; W. H. Russell, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; Grey, Horton, Heaphy, Bourn, H. J. Russell, Southcombe, Glenister, Rauhaut, and Booty. Visitors: Bros. J. Creighton, W.M. 1110; W. J. Palmer, W.M. 341; L. W. Paignton, W.M. 831; H. N. Cruttenden, 1184; F. Duke, 1842; and J. Dorman, P.M.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Letters were received from the D.P.G.M., Bro. Sir W. Marriott, O.C., M.P.; the P.G. Sec., Bro. V. P. Freeman; many Worshipful Masters of the province, and other brethren regretting inability to attend. Bro. G. Randell, S.W., was presented to the W.M. for the benefit of installation, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, Bro. Randell was installed in the chair of K.S., the ceremony being performed by the retiring W.M. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. R. Walmsley, S.W.; G. H. Gaze, J.W.; Rev. J. Puttick, P.M., P.G. Chap., Chap.; F. Rossiter, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treasurer; F. C. Edwards, P.M., Secretary; C. J. Ticehurst, S.D.; L. J. Jukes, J.D.; C. W. Duke, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., D.C.; C. E. Botley, P.M., A.D.C.; J. B. Guy, Org.; E. J. McCormick, I.G.; G. Heaphy, Stwd.; and Leslie, Tyler. Bro. C. W. Duke was re-elected on the Provincial Charity Committee. The addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren were given by Bro. F. C. Edwards, the retiring Master. The W.M., in a highly congratulatory speech, presented Bro. Edwards with a Past Master's jewel as a mark of the esteem of the brethren of the lodge, and a recognition of his services in the chair during the past year. Bro. C. W. Duke presented the lodge with the portrait of an old Past Master of the lodge, which was accepted with thanks by the W.M. on behalf of the lodge. Bro. Rossiter alluded to the valuable services, as Secretary, rendered to the lodge during the past five years by Bro. Pearce, and concluded by proposing that a Secretary's jewel be presented to him, which was seconded by Bro. C. M. Norris, P.M. Bro. Pearce stated his intention of going up as a Steward for the Benevolent Institution, and Bro. Foster added that he was acting in a similar capacity for the Girls' Institution. Both brethren solicited the hearty co-operation of the brethren.

"Hearty good wishes" having been expressed from Lodges Nos. 341, 831, 1110, 1184, and 1842, the lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to a banquet in every respect worthy of the caterer, Bro. H. Boyce. The W.M. presided, and gave the toasts in a very able manner.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Russell, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., and were ably carried out by Bros. Guy, Botley, Rauhaut, Holloway, Duke, and others.

The Tyler's toast brought an enjoyable evening to a close.

HAZEL GROVE.

Grove Lodge (No. 1057).—The installation of Bro. J. Herbert Foster, S.W., W.M. elect—for which purpose an emergency meeting was held—took place on Thursday, the 7th inst., at the Cock Inn. The members present included the following brethren: Bros. H. Lomas, W.M.; R. Clayton, P.M.; J. H. Foster, S.W.; C. Higginbotham, J.W.; J. P. Bardsley, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; A. F. Grundy, S.D.; A. Lomas, J.D.; H. Powell Jones, I.G.; John Clarke, Tyler; T. Moore, F. Salter, James Jackson, H. Walker, T. Mills, W. H. Jenkinson, James Cookson, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; J. Higginbotham, P.M.; G. Cookson, and C. W. Bickerton, P.M. Visitors: Bros. Wm. Booth, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; J. F. Lomas, S.D. 104; H. Gordon Small, W.M. 2368; G. Gaskill, P.M.; C. D. Cheetham, P.P.G.D.; Wm. Ramsden, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. O. Wyld, I.P.M. 323; Mark Stafford, P.M. 361 and 2156; W. Dumville, P.M. 2156; and G. S. Smith, P.M.

Lodge having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, Bro. H. Lomas, W.M., appointed his Installing Officers—Bros. W. Booth, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., as S.W., and James Cookson, P.M., P.P.G.T. The W.M. elect was presented by Bro. J. P. Bardsley, and he was duly installed into the chair in an admirable manner, and proceeded to invest his officers in the following order: Bros. H. Lomas, I.P.M.; C. Higginbotham, S.W.; A. F. Grundy, J.W.; J. D. Penny, Treas.; R. Clayton, P.M., Sec.; A. Lomas, S.D.; H. P. Jones, J.D.; J. P. Bardsley, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., D. of C.; G. W. Cookson, Org.; W. H. Jenkinson, I.G.; C. Bickerton and F. Salter, Stwds.; and John Clark, Tyler. Bro. H. Lomas, P.M., was appointed Charity representative. The officers were addressed by Bro. Bardsley. The addresses to the W.M. and Wardens were delivered by Bro. Clayton, P.M., and that to the brethren by Bro. Bardsley. Bro. James Cookson, P.P.G., Treas., presented the working tools in each Degree. The W.M. said he had now a very pleasing duty to perform, namely, to present Bro. H. Lomas, I.P.M., with a very handsome present which the brethren of the lodge had decided to give to mark the great feeling of esteem in which he (Bro. Lomas) was held by every one of them, and he could assure him they had all appreciated his valuable services which he had undertaken for one year and nine months. Everything that he had undertaken he had done well, and he took that opportunity of thanking him personally for the very able manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation, and

he (the W.M.) had the great pleasure of placing that valuable Past Master's jewel upon his breast. He sincerely hoped, and he spoke for every member as well as himself, that he would live long to wear it, with happy recollections of his connection with that lodge. Bro. Lomas, I.P.M., acknowledged the handsome present, and said he was very pleased to hear such kind remarks made by Bro. Herbert Foster towards him. He should for ever treasure it, and always continue to do his duty as a member of the lodge, and perform any duty he might at any future time be called upon to do. After receiving hearty greetings from a very large number of visitors present, the lodge was closed by the newly-installed W.M. in such a manner as to point out at once that he is such a brother as ought to be the Master of a lodge, and under the direction of such an one it must lead to great prosperity.

Subsequently a banquet was held, and the W.M. presided, where his great ability displayed itself again as a thorough president, and made all perfectly happy around him.

A capital musical programme had been provided, under the direction of Bro. W. Booth, P.P.G.D.C. Bros. Wm. Dumville, P.M.; Mark Stafford, P.M.; and G. W. Bickerton took part. Bro. G. S. Smith, P.M., accompanied, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. W. Maxfield, P.P.G.O.

During the evening Bro. H. Lomas presented the lodge with three officers' collars and solid silver jewels, the gift of Bro. Foster.

KEIGHLEY.

Royal Yorkshire Lodge (No. 265).—The Festival of St. John and the installation of the W.M. of this ancient lodge was held on Tuesday, the 5th instant, at the Masonic Club, Hanover-street. The retiring Master, Bro. G. W. Carter, acted as Installing Officer, and was supported by Bros. Darling, P.M.; Heaton, P.M.; Roper, P.M.; E. H. A. Sharpe, P.M.; Harrison, P.M.; Naylor, P.M.; Ecroyd, P.M.; McIntyre North, 1559; McGregor, 439; Bott, 306; Weighmann, 1108; T. P. Carter, 1648; Read, 1034; Spencer, 408; E. Browne, W.M. 408; R. Knight, W.M. 387; Hartley, J.W. 810; Lindley, 810; Horsfall, S.D. 408; Pearson, J.D. 408; Wright, I.G. 408; Davis, 302; Miller, 306; Lee, 2330; H. B. Summerscales, J. E. Smith, J. Harrison, J. Craven, Beadman, Southwell, Green, Dry, Atkinson, Nuttall, Moore, Woodrow, V. Sellars, Hoyle, Tillotson, J. Weatherhead, Mann, Gileard, and the Rev. T. McNulty, Chap.

The lodge was opened, and Bro. John Hudson having been presented, was duly installed into the chair, Bros. Darling and Roper occupying the Wardens' chairs, and Bro. Harrison acting as I.G. Bros. Roper, P.M., Heaton, P.M., and Sharpe, P.M., having presented the working tools, the W.M. appointed and invested the following as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. H. Summerscales, S.W.; J. E. Smith, J.W.; Rev. T. J. McNulty, Chap.; J. M. Roper, P.M., Treas.; F. Gileard, Sec.; J. Harrison, S.D.; A. Dry, J.D.; J. H. Hoyle, I.G.; and W. S. Varley, Tyler. Bro. McIntyre North delivered the addresses to the officers, and the concluding addresses were given by the Installing Officer. Congratulations having been given and received, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

The banquet hall presented an unusually animated appearance. Thanks to kindly well wishers, the walls were covered with water-colour drawings and other decorations. Palms and the bounties of Flora, arranged by the hands of the fair partners of the W.M. and junior brother, graced the festive board, and nothing was wanting to give éclat to the proceedings save the viands which were speedily placed before the expectant guests by the hostess, who that evening added another to a long list of culinary triumphs.

The chair was taken by Bro. Hudson, W.M., who, after the usual matter of fact interval between the two graces, gave the usual Masonic toasts with the honours observed on these occasions.

Bro. the Rev. T. N. McNulty, Chaplain, in proposing "The Memory of St. John the Evangelist," reminded the brethren of the exalted qualities of their patron saint. Every Mason knew who St. John was, and if the Evangelist was not a member of a lodge, he was thoroughly imbued with the grand Masonic spirit, was one who delighted in seeing people enjoy themselves. The three grand principles on which the Order was founded were, if he might so term it, the trinity of principles which permeated the teachings of St. John, and whom, as representing the ideal of Masonic life and teaching, they could justly claim as the patron saint of the Order. The Order might fairly claim to date its existence from the dawn of civilisation, and if it had not appeared a craving of human nature, would never have existed for so long a time. Every age witnessed a period when certain truths, or so-called truths, were apparently crushed out of existence, but after a time the genuine truths reappeared, and bloomed more vigorously than before. The W.M. was the 103rd who had presided over the fortunes of the lodge. This represented a tremendous expanse of time, and yet when generation after generation of men had taught and carried out the same great principles, the lodge remained as strong and flourishing as ever. The fact that the lodge had existed for 103 years proved that Freemasonry did appease that great craving of human nature, the desire for fellowship and enjoyment in sunshine, and of sympathy and protection in sadder times; the teaching of Freemasonry placed this natural feeling in the higher plane of the intellectual world, and so long as they endeavoured to carry out the beautiful teachings of its ritual they could hope for the special protection of the G.A.O.T.U.

The toast was drank in silence.

The I.P.M., Bro. G. W. Carter, then proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master," in doing which he eulogised the zeal and ability with which he had discharged the duties of the various offices he had already filled, alluded to the high estimation in which he was held by the brethren of the lodge and his fellow townsmen in general, and prophesied that he would discharge the duties of his high office in a manner which would fully maintain the reputation for good working which the Royal Yorkshire Lodge had enjoyed for many years.

The toast was received with more than the usual honours, and the W.M. in a short pithy and effective speech pledged himself to make every exertion to carry out his duties to the satisfaction of the brethren.

Bro. C. N. McIntyre North, in proposing "The Health of the I.P.M. and Installing Officer," expressed his regret that Bro. Lee was unable to attend, as he had missed that

feeling of gratification and pride he must have felt had he witnessed the able manner in which the ceremonies had been carried out, and of satisfaction that the seed he had so assiduously sown in the past had borne such excellent fruit on the present occasion. He (Bro. North) was as an Installing Master gratified to find that the ritual performed in that ancient lodge and in many others of the district of nearly equal antiquity was identical with that used by himself, excepting in a few minor points which were decided improvements on the one he used, and after expressing approval of the manner in which the Past Masters of the lodge had supported the Installing Officer, said he felt sure from the approbation of the brethren that the judgment he had formed of the I.P.M. was correct, and he proposed his health as one who was a credit to the Craft in general and did honour to the lodge.

Bro. Carter returned thanks in an eloquent speech, thanking the Past Masters for the great services they had always rendered him, and Bro. McIntyre North for the eulogistic manner in which he had proposed his health. He was gratified to say Bro. North's opinion as to the ritual was a confirmation of that expressed by others, and although he had vacated the chair, it would always be his aim to further the interests and maintain the reputation of their ancient lodge.

Bro. H. Summerscales, S.W., responded for "The Officers of the Lodge."

Bros. Bott, Davis, Read, Greenwood, and other brethren replied for "The Visitors."

Bro. Roper gave much gratifying information as to the progress of the Masonic Charities.

Bro. Mann responded for "The Absent Brethren," and the Tyler's toast closed the meeting.

During the evening a number of songs and recitations were given by Bros. Sharp, H. Summerscales, Hoyle, Gileard, and Miller, and thanks to the indefatigable Stewards, Bros. Harrison and Dry, and to the energetic and indefatigable Secretary, Bro. Gileard, the whole affair was carried out in a manner worthy of the ancient reputation of the Royal Yorkshire Lodge.

LIVERPOOL.

Princes' Lodge (No. 2316).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Deaf and Dumb Institute, Princes'-road, on Monday, the 11th inst., for arrears of business. There were present Bros. James De Bels Adam, P.S.G.W., W.M.; T. H. W. Walker, P.P.G. Treas., I.P.M.; Geo. A. Harradon, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; A. Cross, P.M., P.P.G.D.; R. Armitage, P.M., P.P.A. G. Sec.; W. H. Bucknell, P.M.; T. A. Withey, P.M.; J. Tarbuck, S.W.; and upwards of 30 brethren. Among the visitors were Bros. A. Kirkpatrick, P.M. 1502, P.G.S.B.; G. E. Marsden, Sec. 680; Geo. Smith, 1182; A. J. J. Bamford, W.M. 1570; and John C. Robinson, P.M. 2294, P.P.A.G.D.C.

After the lodge had been opened, and the business disposed of, the W.M. presented the lodge with a most handsome banner, embroidered in silk. The banner was used at the annual Masonic ball, at the Town Hall. Bro. Geo. A. Harradon, P.P.G.T., afterwards presented to the W.M. an illuminated address signed by all the brethren of the lodge, congratulating him on his appointment to the office of S.G.W. of the province, and also upon his election as Mayor of the city. The following is a copy of the address: "To James De Bels Adam, W.M. of the Princes' Lodge, No. 2316, of A.F. and A. Masons. We, the members of the above lodge, desire to convey to you our hearty congratulations upon your appointment as Senior Grand Warden of the Province of the Western Division of Lancashire, and also upon your election to the position of Mayor of this important city. May the Great Architect of the Universe grant you health and strength to discharge the duties of your high offices to the satisfaction of your brethren and with honour to yourself." The address, which was beautifully and artistically illuminated with the different arms and insignias, and put together in the form of an album, appropriately bound in morocco enlivened with gold ornament and monogram, gave general satisfaction to the members of the lodge. The W.M. accepted the present in an admirable speech, which was heartily received. After the lodge was closed the S.W. invited all present to dinner, when a most enjoyable evening was spent.

The banner was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

SALFORD.

Zetland Lodge (No. 852).—The annual installation meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, The Crescent, on Wednesday, the 13th instant. There was a numerous gathering of members and visitors. Bro. J. W. Booth, W.M., presided. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and Bro. J. Blackwell, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented to the Installing Master, Bro. T. Pike, P.M., who displayed equal ability to the other occasions when he has performed the same ceremony, of which we have often spoken. Bro. Blackwell being duly installed into the chair, the officers for the ensuing year were invested and addressed by Bro. C. H. Wheeler, P.M., as follows: Bros. J. Beardmore, S.W.; J. T. Willis, J.W.; T. Bradbury, Chap.; T. Edge, Treas.; W. Ison, Sec.; R. B. Robinson, S.D.; W. F. Sidebottom, J.D.; J. Corney, P.M., D.C.; T. Watson, Org.; T. Hulme, I.G.; Leach, Ousey, Griffiths, Ind, and Denton, Stwds.; and W. Riddell, P.M., Tyler. The working tools were presented by Bro. Woolley, P.M., who also gave the address to the brethren. Bro. T. Pike addressed the W.M., and Bro. C. H. Wheeler the Wardens. Previous to the installation there was a passing and raising, the ceremonies being performed respectively by the W.M. and Bro. C. H. Wheeler. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by a great many visiting brethren present, and the lodge was closed.

At the banquet which subsequently followed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed.

Bro. Booth proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and remarked he had great pleasure in seeing his friend in the high position which the lodge had placed him, and he was quite certain he would fill the post with credit to himself and the lodge.

The Worshipful Master proposed the toast of "The I.P.M., Bro. Booth." He said he had filled the position of Master of that lodge in a very creditable manner, and had had a very prosperous year, and he left the chair with as much popularity as he entered it. To mark the manner of the esteem in which he was held by the brethren, they had deputed him to present to him a very handsome Past

Master's jewel, which had been subscribed to by nearly every brother. He hoped he would have the same success all through life as he had the last 12 months he had been Master of the lodge, and trusted he would live long to enjoy the pleasure of wearing it.

Bro. J. W. Booth responded, and said he had always done his level best to make the lodge a success and the brethren happy. If he had given satisfaction, that was all he desired, and thanked them very much for the very handsome jewel they had presented him with.

Other toasts followed, and a very pleasant evening was spent by contributions of songs and recitations from members of the lodge.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

Newall Lodge (No. 1134).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at Adelphi House on Tuesday, the 5th inst., the following brethren being present: Bros. G. S. Smith, P.M.; W.M.; A. H. Duffin, I.P.M.; E. Webb, S.W.; Ben. Eckerley, J.W.; J. Holroyd, P.M.; P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; J. Barker, P.M.; P.P.G. Treas.; Sec.; C. Driver, S.D.; J. Waring, P.M., D.C.; J. Ogden, I.G.; H. F. Atkinson, Stwd.; J. B. Kirk, Tyler; A. K. Boothroyd, J. Cadwell, James Ward, W. H. Browne, and J. Simpson. Visitor: Bro. E. Edmondson, 323.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and other business having been transacted, the lodge was closed.

ST. AUSTELL.

Peace and Harmony Lodge (No. 496).—This lodge met on Tuesday afternoon, the 12th inst., at the Masonic Rooms, when Bro. Wm. Richards, S.W., was installed W.M. by Bros. J. W. Higman, P.P.J.G.D., and W. I. Watts, P.J.G.D., in the presence of the following Board of Installed Masters: Bros. W. Guy, P.J.G.W.; P. Giles, P.P.G.D.C.; C. Truscott, P.P.J.G.W.; W. Mason, P.P.S.G.D.; T. J. Smith, P.G.S. of W.; J. Bassett, S56, P.P.G.S. of W.; E. R. Brown, W.M. S56; W. W. Beckerleg, I.P.M. S56; J. Grigg, J. O. Job, J. G. Blight, J. McTurk, W. H. Lake, and S. Truscott. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. S. Truscott, I.P.M.; H. J. Hugh, S.W.; C. H. Whetter, J.W.; W. Guy, P.M., Treas.; F. B. Paul, P.M., Chap.; W. I. Watts, P.M., Sec.; S. Williams, S.D.; P. B. Williams, J.D.; D. McIntyre, I.G.; W. A. W. Howlett, Org.; D. Bailey, D.C.; A. Reed and W. J. Doney, Stwds.; and Wm. Real, Tyler.

The brethren adjourned to the White Hart Hotel, where an excellent banquet was provided by Bro. T. H. Lukes, P.P.A.G.D.C. Several songs and recitations were given by Bros. Major J. Rendle, P.P.G.S.B. Devon; S. Truscott, H. J. Hugh, J. O. Job, T. G. Sweet, S. Williams, M. Congdon, E. Kissell, and others.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE.

St. Kew Lodge (No. 1222).—On Tuesday afternoon, the 5th inst., at the Masonic Hall, there was a large gathering of the brethren, the occasion being the installation of Bro. Sebastian Sellick to the chair of K.S., in succession to Bro. W. H. Glass, whose term of office had expired. Upwards of 60 brethren were present, and apologies were received from 30 others on account of illness. The installation ceremony was impressively performed by Bro. R. C. Else, the D.G.M. of the province. The W.M. elect having been duly enthroned with Masonic honours, he (the W.M.) then proceeded to invest the following brethren with collars of office for the ensuing year: Bros. Glass, I.P.M.; J. P. Capell, S.W.; H. Butt, J.W.; T. W. S. Wickstead, Chap.; H. B. Harrington, Treas.; W. E. Perrett, jun., Sec.; F. Blackmore, S.D.; Cooper, J.D.; J. E. Alford, D.C.; Webb, I.G.; E. Lalonde, Org.; Cogle, Almoner; Dart and Lovell, Stwds.; and C. Cornelius, Tyler. At the conclusion of business an adjournment was made to St. George's Hall, where a splendid banquet was served by the Belle Vue Restaurant Company.

Visiting brethren were present from lodges in Somerset, where Bro. Sellick is very popular. The usual Masonic toast list was duly honoured.

Royal Arch.

LEEDS.

Alfred Chapter (No. 306).—The regular convocation of this chapter, held at the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, on the 8th inst., was attended by a large number of the members and their friends, amongst the visitors being Comps. Henry Smith, Prov. G. Scrib. E.; Rev. Dr. Smyth, P.P.G.H.; and D. R. Glover, Z. 289; J. Rickard, Z. 304; and W. Bingham, Z. 1042, the first Principals of the other Leeds chapters.

The chapter having been opened, and the minutes of the last convocation confirmed, the scrolling for the Principals and officers for the ensuing year was duly completed. Some other formal business having been disposed of, the M.E.Z., Comp. Tudor Trevor, presented a beautifully illuminated and handsomely-framed address to Comp. Charles Letch Mason, P.Z., P.P.G.H., Treas., in recognition of his valuable services to the chapter, and the esteem in which he is held by its members. The Prov. G. Scribe E., Comp. H. Smith, Comp. the Rev. Dr. Smyth, and the first Principals of the other Leeds chapters also spoke in high terms of Comp. Mason's usefulness as a zealous and expert member of the Craft, and also of the regard entertained towards him throughout the province. Comp. Mason having gratefully acknowledged the presentation, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to the supper room, where a very pleasant evening was spent.

The address was very much admired in every respect, and ran as follows: "To M.E. Comp. Charles Letch Mason, P.Z., P.P.G.H., &c.—Dear Sir and Companion,—We, the undersigned companions of the Alfred Chapter, 306, have long had a desire to place on record our high appreciation of the invaluable services you have rendered us for so many years. The older members do not forget that there have been times in the history of the chapter when its existence would have been seriously imperilled had it not been for your personal influence and constant readiness to assist, and we have now the pleasure to ask you to accept this small token of our grateful recognition of all your kind help. May our sincere and earnest prayers for your constant health and prosperity be answered by the Most High,

and may His blessing, which maketh rich and addeth no sorrow, be your lasting heritage.

"We beg to subscribe ourselves, dear Sir and Companion, yours respectfully and fraternally,

"Tudor Trevor, P.P.G.D.C., Z.; T. B. Wilson, H.; Alfred Wilson, J.; W. H. Jarvis, S.E.; C. A. Phillips, S.N.; A. Butterworth, P.S.; S. B. Bailey, A.S.; J. B. Jowett, A.S.; S. Freeman, P.Z. (Hon. Member); G. H. Stallard, P.Z.; A. Austin, P.Z.; W. C. Ellidson, P.Z.; D. Thompson, P.Z.; J. Dyson, P.Z.; J. Thripington, P.Z.; G. Earles, P.Z.; F. Dunnill, P.Z.; C. E. Brean, P.Z.; J. Booth, P.Z. 258 (Hon. Member); J. H. Hyde, W. McQuat, H. Parkin, G. F. Prince, B. Pounder, W. H. Bradford, J. F. Towers, W. Towers, G. Wright, G. E. Musgrave, A. Hartley, A. Redmayne, C. H. Waterhouse, and G. N. Chadwick."

SHIPLEY.

Moravian Chapter (No. 387).—The installation convocation of this chapter was held at the Salthair Institute, on Wednesday, December 23rd, when Comp. Wm. Oddy, M.E.Z., was supported by Comps. Jeremiah L. Atherton, P.Z. 600, Prov. G.H., H.; J. Tillotson, J.; Thos. Denby, P.Z., Treas.; Thos. M. Holmes, P.Z., as S.N.; John T. Last, as S.E.; R. J. MacGregor, M.D., J. Thornton, and John A. Godwin. Visitors: Comps. C. Crabtree, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S., G. Althorp, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S., Thos. Norfolk, H., Thos. H. Pattison, J., J. Paget Priestley, P.Z., P.P.G.O., and W. Hinchcliffe, P.Z., of 600; F. C. Robinson, Z., Joseph Wilson, P.Z., A. P. Rendell, A. W. Ramsden, and C. W. O. Smith, P.S.E., of 302; and W. Wright and R. M. Kerr, of 61.

The minutes of the last regular convocation and of an emergency convocation were read and duly confirmed. The Treasurer submitted his balance-sheet for the past year, which, having been audited, was adopted. Comp. Crabtree, P.P.G.P.S., as Installing Officer, then in an able manner installed Comp. Atherton, Prov. G.H., as M.E.Z., who in turn installed Comp. J. Tillotson as H., the installation of Comp. C. W. Curran as J., having to remain over owing to his absence through indisposition. The remaining officers for the ensuing year were invested as follows: Comps. Thos. Denby, P.Z., Treas.; R. J. MacGregor, P.S.; Jno. Tillotson, 1st A.S.; Jno. Thornton, 2nd A.S.; Wm. Oddy, P.Z., S.E.; Jno. Niven, S.N.; J. T. Last, D.C.; and W. Slicer, Janitor. Comp. Crabtree gave the usual addresses to the Principals, officers, and companions in his accustomed able manner. Two propositions of candidates for exaltation were received, after which the chapter was closed.

The companions adjourned to refreshment, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Comps. Atherton, Priestley, Smith, and Rendell contributing songs, duets, and recitations to the harmony of the meeting.

TEDDINGTON.

Sir Charles Bright Chapter (No. 1793).—The regular convocation of this chapter was held at the Clarence Hotel, on Wednesday, the 13th inst., when there were present Comps. Collick, P.P.G.D.C., M.E.Z.; R. W. Forge, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S., acting H.; A. J. Simmonds, J.; E. Hopwood, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br., Treas.; F. C. Austin, P.Z., P.P.A.G.D.C., S.E.; Mitchell, Janitor; D. Davis, Randall, and Porter.

The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. Comp. F. C. Austin, S.E., announced the unavoidable absence through illness of Comp. Sapsworth, H., which was received with many expressions of regret and wishes for his speedy recovery. He further stated that Comp. Sapsworth now held the position of M.E.Z. in the Strawberry Hill Chapter, and therefore could not hold that position here without a dispensation, which he did not wish to be procured. Comp. R. W. Forge, acting H., stated that would give the companions an opportunity for doing honour to one of their number who was a founder and had occupied the position of Treasurer since the formation of the chapter. The election of officers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with, resulting in the unanimous election of Comps. E. Hopwood as Z.; H. Sapsworth, H.; Simmonds, J.; R. W. Forge, Treas.; Austin, S.E.; J. M. Margason, S.N.; T. Covell, P.S.; E. W. Warners, 1st A.S.; J. P. Hoddinott, 2nd A.S.; and W. R. Plaford, Organist. Communications were read from the P.G.S.E. announcing the death of Comp. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.E., and stating it was the desire of the Grand Superintendent that Masonic mourning should be worn for the next three months. On the motion of Comp. Simmonds, J., a sum was voted to the Thrupp Testimonial Fund, after which the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to refreshment.

Dark Masonry.

DERBY.

Derby Lodge (No. 302).—A regular meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on Monday, the 11th inst., when there were present Bros. Jno. Walker, P.J.G.D., W.M.; Percy Wallis, P.P.S.G.W., P.G.D. England, as I.P.M.; Cawthorn Webster, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., as S.W.; W. B. Woodforde, J.W.; Rev. T. Orrel, P.P.G.C., Chap.; C. D. Hart, M.O.; Wm. Whittaker, P.M., P.P.G.D., as S.O.; T. E. Yeomans, J.O.; J. O. Manton, P.M., P.P.G.O., Treas.; Wm. Cooper, Sec.; T. Oldham, S.D.; W. H. Wheelodon, J.D.; Abraham Woodiwiiss, P.P.S.G.W., P.G.M.O. England, as D.C.; Edgar Horne, P.P.J.G.W., as Org.; T. H. Harrison (Mayor of Derby), I.G.; W. Stone, Tyler; Thomas Cox, D.P.G.M.; Dr. W. H. Wright, S. Tinkler, and others.

The lodge having been opened, and the preliminary business disposed of, the ballot was taken for six brethren, who were duly elected, and Bros. Raymond Slater, G. Sutherland, H. Slater, and W. Eaton being present, were introduced, and duly advanced to the Degree of M.M. by the W.M., assisted by Bro. Cox, D.P.G.M.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the lower hall for refreshment, where a very enjoyable evening was spent, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts being duly honoured.

FIRST ANNUAL BALL OF THE DORIC LODGE, No. 2359.

On Wednesday, the 13th inst., the first annual ball connected with the Doric Lodge, No. 2359, was held at the Town Hall, Withington. There was a large gathering of members and friends. The room had been beautifully decorated for the occasion, and the cheerful room was very much enhanced by the beautiful and varied costumes of the ladies, and as dispensations had been granted for the regalia of the various Degrees to be worn by the brethren, the effect was very charming. Dancing commenced at 8 o'clock, the first W.M. and his wife leading off. There was not a flag during the evening, and the whole proceeding was a great success, mainly due to the indefatigable exertions of Bro. George A. Myers, assisted by Bro. Fredk. Thomas as Master of Ceremonies. At midnight the Knights Templars appeared and danced a quadrille. The arrangements for the supper were admirably carried out by Bro. and Mrs. Stretch, everyone present expressing themselves highly pleased with the arrangement for their comfort.

The Craft Abroad.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF MALTA.

The half-yearly convocation of this District Grand Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Valletta, on Tuesday, the 24th November, Bro. Colonel M. Ramsay, District G.M., on the throne. There was a very numerous and representative attendance. The D.G.M. delivered a lengthy and appropriate address, in which he announced marked progress in the district, both numerically and financially. A communication was read from the Grand Secretary acknowledging the congratulations of the district upon the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the birthday of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master.

The Melita Lodge of Instruction, attached to the St. John and St. Paul Lodge, No. 349 (E.C.), is doing good service amongst the Malta brethren. Bro. Col. Moore, D.G.S.W., is the active and very efficient Preceptor. During the year the Degrees have been thoroughly rehearsed, and the Lectures are now being gone on with. Bro. Col. Ramsay, D.G.M., has done much by his patronage and assistance to secure the success attained.

MALTA.

St. John and St. Paul Lodge (No. 349, E.C.).—There was a large and influential gathering of the Craft at the Masonic Hall, Valletta, on Monday, the 21st December, upon the occasion of the installation meeting, when Bro. Major Collings, P.S.W., was duly installed by Bro. Col. M. Ramsay, D.G.M., the ceremony being performed in a most efficient and impressive manner. There was a large Board of Installed Masters, evidencing the popularity of the W.M. elect, who during the evening was the recipient of many congratulations. The usual Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Lieut. G. S. Q. Carr, upon his leaving the chair after a brilliantly successful year of office.

After the business the brethren sat down to dinner in the hall, and a most delightful evening was spent. Bro. Worthington, United States Consul, was amongst the members present.

Leinster Lodge (No. 387, I.C.).—This lodge continues to progress. During the past year a great deal of useful Masonic work has been done under the Hiram of Bro. Sharpe, who vacated the chair on St. John's Day in favour of Bro. W. Penning, S.W. The Malta Masonic Charities Association was very favourably reported on, and the help of the brethren in England in securing the return of the girl Maud England to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was warmly recognised. District Grand Lodge was received by the United Brethren Lodge, No. 1923 (E.C.), Bro. Phillips in the chair. Absent brethren will be glad to hear that a Committee was recently appointed to carry out the complete renovation of the Masonic graves in Malta. The work has been satisfactorily carried out to the credit of the district and the Masonic body at large. We commend this work which recommends itself to home provincial lodges, many of our Masonic graves being in need of restoration.

ROYAL ARCH.

ST. HELENA.

St. John's Chapter (No. 488).—The annual festival and installation of the Principals and officers of this chapter took place at the St. Helena Lodge Room on Tuesday, the 10th November. The following companions were present: Comps. W. H. Congdon, Z.; T. L. M. Adams, H.; R. A. Clarke, J.; W. Ackley, P.Z.; R. Dowling, P.Z.; A. S. Brady, P.Z., Treas.; T. J. A. Percy, Scribe E.; J. Higgs, as Scribe N.; B. Wood, P.S.; T. Clayton, 1st A.S.; E. Thomas, 2nd A.S.; and T. Carr, Janitor. Visitor: Comp. B. N. C. Knipe, P.Z.

The chapter was opened, and the ordinary business of the evening being disposed of, the newly-elected officers were duly invested as follows, Comp. Congdon very creditably performing the duties of Installing Officer: Comps. T. L. M. Adams, Z.; R. A. Clarke, H.; W. Ackley, P.Z., J.; W. H. Congdon, I.P.Z.; T. J. A. Percy, S.E.; J. Higgs, S.N.; A. S. Brady, P.Z., Treas.; B. Wood, P.S.; T. Clayton, 1st A.S.; E. Thomas, 2nd A.S.; and T. Carr, Janitor.

The chapter being closed, the companions adjourned to the banqueting room, where an excellent collation had been provided by the Steward, Comp. R. A. Clarke. A very pleasant evening was spent, Comps. Wood and Higgs materially contributing to the harmony of the evening with several songs.



The installation banquet of the Old Globe Lodge, which was fixed for Monday last, was postponed because of the death of the Duke of Clarence.

We are pleased to see that the second son of the late Bro. Rev. Thos. Cochrane, P.G.C., has passed with considerable distinction into Sandhurst.

Bro. Lord and Lady Brassey, after visiting Spezzia, Barcelona, and Valencia, arrived at Gibraltar last week, and have since sailed for Tenerife and the West Indies.

The brethren of the Denison Lodge, at their meeting at the Masonic Hall, Scarborough, on Wednesday, the 13th inst., presented an address to Bro. D. Leidi, who is leaving Scarborough.

The Rev. Charles Bullock's annual "Robin" dinner was held on Wednesday night at Camberwell, the participants being about 300 of the poorest children associated with the Ragged School Union's Mission, Toulon-street, Avenue-road.

The Kingsland Lodge, No. 1693, will hold a ladies' night (ball) on Tuesday, the 9th February, at the Holborn Restaurant after a banquet. The proceedings will commence at 6.30, closing at 12 p.m. It will, no doubt, be as successful as its predecessors.

The remains of the late Lady Harlech were interred in the churchyard at Selattyn, near Oswestry, on Thursday, the 14th inst., the mourners being Bro. Lord Harlech, the Hon. George Ormsby-Gore, Bros. the Marquis of Hertford and Viscount Ebrington, M.P., and Lord Kenyon.

The members of the Musical Instrument Trades Association held their fourth annual dinner at the Midland Grand Hotel on Tuesday evening, when about 140 members and friends dined together under the presidency of Mr. James Wallis. The meeting passed off successfully.

Bro. Col. H. Cooper, late of the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, has been appointed D.A.A.G. in Jamaica. He entered the army in 1865, saw service in Ashanti, the Transvaal, and Burma, and has held several staff appointments, including Vice-Consulships in Bosnia and Asia Minor.

The Princess Margaret of Connaught, eldest daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, completed her 10th year on Friday, the 15th instant, and on the same day Bro. Lord Stanley of Preston, Governor-General of Canada, and brother and heir presumptive to the Earl of Derby, completed his 51st year.

Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone went for a long drive on Wednesday at St. Raphael, and visited the old viaducts constructed by the Romans. They were accompanied by Messrs. Stuart Rendel, M.P., Armitstead, Crawford, M.P., Bryce, M.P., Gell, M.P., Hall, Bantall, and many other members of the British Colony at Valescure.

An emergency meeting of the Pomfret (360), Eleanor Cross (1764), and De la Pré (1911) Lodges will be held at Northampton on Tuesday next, at 6 o'clock, for the purpose of unveiling the portrait of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Euston, D.L., and of presenting his lordship with a replica of the same. We hope to give a report of the proceedings in our next.

The death is announced of General Sir George V. Maxwell, K.C.B., Colonel of the East Lancashire Regiment, who took part in the Crimean war, being present at the battles of Alma and Inkerman and the siege of Sebastopol. He was wounded in the attack on the Redan, and for his services received the Crimean medal with three clasps, and the Sardinian and Turkish medals. He also served in the Indian mutiny at the operations at Cawnpore and the sieges of Calpee and Lucknow.

Out of respect to the memory of H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence, who honoured them last winter by lunching with his Royal father under their roof on the occasion of his installation as Provincial Grand Master of Berkshire, Messrs. Sutton and Sons entirely closed all their premises from 1 till 5 p.m. on the day of the funeral, and on the same day a magnificent wreath of lilies of the valley and violets, which had been prepared by Messrs. Sutton, by Royal permission, was personally presented at Windsor, with an expression of their respectful esteem and loyal regard for the late Duke of Clarence and Avondale by the members of the firm—Martin J. Sutton, Herbert Sutton, Arthur W. Sutton, and L. G. Sutton.

Bro. Col. T. Davies Sewell, P.M. Alliance Lodge, &c., is a candidate for the office of Chamberlain of the City of London, vacant by the death of Mr. Benjamin Scott, who had held the office since 1858. Bro. Davies Sewell, who has for a period of 47 years been connected with the Chamberlain's office, and who for many years, in the absence of the late Chamberlain, has undertaken his duties, is so fully qualified for the appointment, that we apprehend there will be little opposition to his election. Should he be chosen, judging from his previous record, he will, we feel sure, fully justify the statement made in his letter to the Liverymen—"That if elected he felt fully capable of performing efficiently all the various duties of that high and important office." He has our best wishes for his success.

Bro. George Monk, an old member of the Metropolitan Lodge, Life Governor of the three Masonic Charities, who was recently wedded to the only daughter of Bro. J. J. Calder, caught cold and within a week of an attack of chronic gout succumbed on the 29th December, congestion of the brain being the immediate cause. He will be deeply regretted, and the announcement of his death gave a severe shock to all who knew him. The funeral took place at Norwood Cemetery, on the 3rd instant, in the presence of a large number of the residents of Dulwich and Brixton, among whom were numerous brethren who had been associated with the deceased brother in lodge work. The brethren of a lodge of instruction with which he was connected attended at the graveside and laid on the coffin a large wreath of choice flowers, upon which was inscribed "A last sad tribute of respect to departed merit, from the Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1949."

Our readers will be glad to hear that Bro. C. F. Matier, Grand Secretary of the Grand Mark Lodge, is making satisfactory progress towards recovery. It is hoped that he will be able to return to his duties at an early date.

Bro. Admiral Lord Alcester has had a very serious attack of influenza, and though, according to later advices, he is much better, yet his condition is causing a good deal of anxiety to his friends.

Lady George Hamilton, wife of Bro. Lord George Hamilton, First Lord of the Admiralty, has been suffering from an attack of influenza, but we are glad to say is making good progress towards recovery.

The Duchess of Albany, who was seized with a severe cold after attending Lady Brett's funeral on the 9th inst., and was for some days confined to her room, was, we are pleased to say, declared to be in much better health towards the close of last week.

The Marquis of Salisbury was unable to attend the funeral of the late Duke of Clarence at Windsor on Wednesday as he is suffering at Hatfield from a somewhat severe cold, which, in the opinion of his medical adviser, rendered it undesirable for him to leave home.

We regret to announce the death from bronchitis on Saturday last of Mr. Benjamin Scott, who had been the Chamberlain of the City of London since 1858, and in the service of the Corporation for about 60 years. Mr. Scott was sincerely esteemed and respected, and his loss will be severely felt by those with whom he had laboured for so many years.

A very serious accident occurred at Tiflis on Monday by the collapse of a temporary bridge over which a procession of worshippers from the Armenian Church was passing. Over 73 dead bodies have been recovered from the water, and the number of those who are seriously injured is very considerable. Among the victims are several clergymen. Some 40 persons were rescued from the water alive.

The Zetland Lodge, No. 1311, had arranged to give the annual social evening and dance this (Friday) evening, which promised to be of a very enthusiastic and enjoyable character, about 120 acceptances having been received, but on receipt of the news of the sad bereavement sustained by our Grand Master and the Craft in general by the untimely death of H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, Provincial Grand Master of Berkshire, it was at once unanimously decided to postpone all festivities.

A terrible accident occurred on Friday, the 15th instant, to a train on the Northern Pacific Railway, near Braencia, Minnesota, owing to the breakage of one of the metals. All the carriages passed safely over the line with the exception of the sleeping car, which ultimately toppled over the embankment, and the stove being upset, very soon became a mass of flames. Two ladies were burned severely, and it is feared must succumb to their injuries. The sufferers belonged to the Andrew's Opera Company, which has lost everything.

The Hauley Lodge, No. 797, held its annual meeting at Dartmouth, when Bro. Herbert, W.M. of Empire Lodge, 2108, performed the ceremony of installing the new W.M., Bro. Caleb Evans. The other officers appointed were Bros. J. C. Oldrieve, S.W.; T. Wilton, J.W.; Knox, S.D.; Sanders, J.D.; F. Coursens, I.G.; W. Putt, Org.; and F. Brown and E. H. Back, Stwds. Bro. M. Whittle was elected representative on the Committee of Petitions. The banquet was subsequently held at Bro. Whittle's Commercial Hotel, the W.M. presiding.

Last week the deaths registered in London were 1193 above the average of the corresponding weeks in the last 10 years. The number of deaths directly attributable to influenza was 271, while in 63 other cases it was noted as the secondary cause. The former is about three times more than the number registered the preceding week. Deaths from diseases of the respiratory organs rose from 1084 to 1248, while the death-rate—taking all causes into account was 40. In Brighton the death-rate reached 51.5, in Portsmouth 57, in Wolverhampton over 48, and in Liverpool 42. This is a terrible mortality.

The annual Masonic ball given in aid of the Masonic Charities took place at the Mansion House, Doncaster (placed at the disposal of the Committee by the Mayor), on Thursday, the 14th inst. On the news reaching Doncaster of the death of the Duke of Clarence, the Committee met to consider the advisability of postponing the ball, but as everything had been prepared it was thought best to carry out the arrangements. The ball was under the patronage of the P.G.M. and the D.P.G.M. of West Yorkshire, and the Committee for carrying out the arrangements consisted of Bros. J. Fitzgerald, H. J. Bellerby, W. Langbridge, A. W. Fretwell, E. J. Forth, F. Webb, J. H. Pawson, Thos. Anelay, and Thos. Foster (who acted as Steward), with Bros. F. Rand and F. H. Buckland as Hon. Secs. Bros. F. Buckland and J. H. Pawson also acted as M.C.'s. Between 150 and 170 tickets were sold, and there were nearly this number present. Dancing commenced at nine o'clock, and was continued till an early hour on Friday morning. Supper was served about midnight.

The fourth annual Masonic ball connected with Walker Lodge, No. 1342, took place on the 12th inst., in the Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastle. Permission was given by the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Sir Matthew White Ridley, Bart., M.P., for the brethren to wear Masonic clothing and jewels. There were present 135 couples. The following brethren officiated as M.C.'s: Bros. W. Cooper, W.M., P.P.G.D.; W. Charlton, W.M.; T. Purvis, W.M.; J. W. Robinson, I.P.M.; T. Lewens, I.P.M.; T. Dinning, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. Spittle, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; R. H. Holme, S.W.; J. G. Cole, Sec.; and F. Turnbull, S.D. Stewards: T. E. Smith, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; C. B. Ford, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. Hammond, I.P.M.; J. W. Matthews, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. T. Schollar, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; W. Guthrie, J.D.; T. Pickering, I.G.; and H. A. Elven, Stwd. Bro. F. W. Sykes, P.P.G. Std., S.W., also officiated in superintending the general arrangements. The band was under the leadership of Bro. J. H. Amers.

From Mr. George Kenning, Great Queen-street, we receive the "Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket-book" and the "Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar" for 1892. The former abounds with matter of interest to all Masons, and being published for the benefit of the Charity Fund deserves special recommendation.—*Lloyd's News*.

We are sorry to learn that Bro. Raphael Costa, P.G.D., only surviving brother of the late Sir Michael Costa, lies dangerously ill with influenza at his residence, 134, Warwick-street. We trust the disease will take a favourable turn and that we may again meet him at the usual Masonic gatherings.

We have to record the death of Bro. William Coke, which occurred at his residence in Kentish Town early on Tuesday morning, after a few days' illness. Bro. Coke was initiated in the Derby Allcroft Lodge a few years ago. The members of the lodge, by whom the late Bro. Coke was respected and esteemed, will deeply deplore his loss.

The 55th annual general meeting of the London Coffee and Eating House Keepers' Benevolent Association was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Tuesday evening. The report for the past year was satisfactory, showing a balance at the bankers of £173 and an invested capital of £7000. The last annual festival produced £224.

Mr. Herbert Jones delivered a lecture before the Indian Section of the Society of Arts on Thursday on a "Journey from Tian Shan to the Pamirs: Experiences on the Russo-Chinese Frontier," but did not deal with that part of the Asian highlands connected with our Indian frontier, or the States immediately adjacent thereto.

The Queen has been pleased to confer the Albert Medal of the second class on George Hoar, boatman of the Tynemouth Coastguard Station. Hoar volunteered and succeeded in rescuing a disabled sailor who could not help himself, and was lying on the Peggy, which had been thrown on the rocks, and this he did in the face of a heavy sea and terrible gale.

The present epidemic of influenza has been causing sad havoc in all directions. On the very day the Duke of Clarence and Avondale succumbed to the insidious disease, Cardinal Simeoni, Cardinal Prefect of the Propaganda, died at Rome, aged 76; while on Saturday last Lord Abinger, who had served in the Crimea, died after a week's illness from the same cause. Other distinguished personages who have died recently are Cardinal Manning, Archbishop of Westminster, aged 84, and Rear-Admiral Kelly, Superintendent of Chatham Dockyard.

The installation of the new Dean of Christ Church (Dr. Francis Paget), which was postponed on account of the funeral of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, took place on Thursday at Oxford Cathedral in the presence of a large congregation, including the canons and honorary canons. Dr. Heurtley, the sub-dean, was unable to attend through illness. The new dean after making the usual declarations was taken by the hand and placed in his stall by Dr. Bright as senior canon. After the service in the cathedral the new dean was placed in the chief seat in the Chapter House by Dr. Bright, who afterwards admitted him to the dean's lodgings with the usual ceremonies.

Bro. Sir H. Drummond Wolff, lately H.M.'s Minister to the Shah of Persia, has been appointed Ambassador to the Court of Madrid, in succession to Sir C. G. Ford, who has been made Ambassador at Constantinople in place of the late Sir William White. Bro. Sir H. D. Wolff, who was born in 1830, entered the diplomatic service as clerk in the Foreign Office in 1846, and has held many important positions in the 45 years which have since elapsed. He was M.P. for Christchurch from 1874 to 1880, and for Portsmouth from the latter year to 1885, when he was defeated in his attempt to be re-elected, and retired from Parliament.

On the 18th inst. the first of a series of free breakfasts to the poor children of Hexham was given in the boys' department of the Board Schools in that town. These breakfasts are given by the members of the Albert Edward Lodge. Each child was given a large currant bun, together with milk, which had been heated and sweetened with sugar. A hundred of the poorest children had been invited, and they seemed to enjoy the excellent repast which had been provided for them. The wants of the little folks were attended to by Bro. Dr. D. Stewart, Bro. and Mrs. W. J. Stephenson, Miss Turner, Miss Robinson (Seal House), Miss Oliver (Tynedale-terrace), Bro. John Purvis, Bro. Tom C. Wedgwood, Bro. Edward Shield, and others.

Jersey Masonry has sustained a serious loss by the death of Bro. H. M. Godfray, one of the most promising brethren of the Craft in the province. Bro. Godfray entered Exeter College, Oxford, in October, 1882, was president of the Oxford Union Society, 1886-87, won Second Class Honours Final Law Examination 1886, being awarded honours in Jurisprudence in obtaining his B.A. He was admitted to the Jersey Bar in July, 1887, and was appointed Greffier of the States and of the Royal Court of Jersey in 1889. He showed such tact and talent in all matters, either general or pertaining to his office, that he was looked upon by all classes in Jersey as the man of the future. He was J.W. of La Casarée Lodge, No. 590, and was to be installed in the chair in May next. His death, on the 17th inst., at the early age of 28, has cast a gloom on the entire community.

Mr. Brander Matthews has brought together in a little volume all the available dramatic criticisms of Charles Lamb, to which he has prefixed a pleasant little essay. He is not, however, first in the field. It is not so very long since Bro. Percy Fitzgerald reprinted the Lamb essays, giving to them the title of "The Art of the Stage," and writing a commentary on them. How is it that there is so great a run upon Lamb's theatrical essays, and so little upon Hazlitt's, which are quite as fine in their way? Somebody should make haste to put Hazlitt's criticisms together: they would make a valuable volume, if adequately edited. Bro. Fitzgerald, meanwhile, shows his inextinguishable interest in the stage by printing the lecture on "The Art of Acting" which he delivered at the Royal Institution and before the Society of Arts. It makes a neat little volume, of which a portrait of Frederick Lemaître is the frontispiece.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Few persons are so favoured by circumstances, or so fortified by nature, as to enable them to pass unscathed the sore trials of an inclement season. With catarrhs, coughs, and influenzas everywhere abounding, it should be universally known that Holloway's Ointment, diligently rubbed upon the chest, checks the worst assaults of these maladies, and securely wards off more dangerous diseases of the chest and lungs. The truth of this assertion must remain unquestioned in the face of thousands of unimpeachable living witnesses, who have personally derived the utmost possible benefits from this treatment when their present sufferings were appalling, and their future prospects most disheartening. Both remedies act admirably together.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

NEPTUNE LODGE (No. 22).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 18th inst., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham, when there were present Bros. Livett, W.M.; King, S.W.; Sandberg, J.W.; Andrews, Sec.; Reeves, S.D.; Russell, J.D.; Lyle, I.G.; Weeks, Tyler; Cochrane, Lipscomb, Rashleigh, Scott Palmer, Templeman, Poole, Chesterton, Ellison, Harvey, and Lyell. Visitor: Bro. Henry, 212.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The first two Sections of the Lecture were worked by Bro. Andrews. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and afterwards in the Third Degree. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree. The ceremony of raising being announced, and Bro. Lipscomb having offered himself as a candidate, and having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and Bro. Lipscomb duly raised to the Degree of M.M., the W.M. giving the traditional history. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and dues were collected. Bro. Henry was elected a joining member. Bro. King was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and having returned thanks, appointed his officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 15th inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. W. Hide, W.M.; E. Fox, S.W.; Uniacke, J.W.; A. Williams, P.M.; Treas.; F. Craggs, W.M. 834, Sec. (pro tem.); H. G. A. Pearson, S.D.; Banks, J.D.; Cronin, I.G.; J. Davies, P.M.; H. Blackman, R. Reid, and Flexman.

The lodge was opened in due form in the Three Degrees, and resumed to the First Degree. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Blackman acting as candidate. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Davies, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Fox was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and 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 18th inst., when there were present Bros. Rice, W.M.; T. H. Salmon, S.W.; Barr, J.W.; F. Hilton, P.M.; Preceptor; C. H. Stone, Sec.; Turner, S.D.; Hooper, J.D.; G. Thompson, I.G.; C. Wright, A. Durie, Lord, Hill, J. N. Bate, and Morgan.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the First and Second Degrees. Bro. Hill offering himself as a candidate, answered the usual questions, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed in a very impressive manner. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sections of the Lecture were worked by Bro. Hilton, P.M., Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. Bros. J. N. Bate, P.M. 72, and A. Durie, 1351, were elected joining members. Bro. Salmon, S.W., was elected W.M. for the first Monday in February. A vote of sympathy was passed, and a letter ordered to be sent by the Secretary to their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales in their great bereavement. The lodge was then closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 18th inst., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. John Kruse, W.M.; J. W. Belsham, W.M. elect 733, S.W.; M. J. R. Dundas, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; J. C. Conway, S.D.; R. W. Board, J.D.; T. M. Lamble, I.G.; J. V. Woodman, Stwd.; D. Cellion, P.M. 1425; J. H. Cuff, P.M. 511; W. Curtis, W.M. 733; A. Crossingham, J. Mason, and J. Smith. Visitor: Bro. Arthur Edy, 1425.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Mason being candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and, after the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Edy being candidate. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Edy was elected a member, and Bro. Bartlett W.M. for next meeting. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Kruse for the admirable manner in which he had discharged the duties of W.M. for the first time, which compliment was duly acknowledged. The following was ordered to be entered on the minutes:—"That the members of this lodge of instruction, having heard with great sorrow of the death of H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, desire respectfully to record on the minutes of this evening the assurance of their sincerest sympathy in such a sad and sudden bereavement with their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, and every member of the Royal Family, and they earnestly pray that the G.A.O.T.U. will give strength and consolation to their Royal Highnesses in this their hour of great trial." After "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on Thursday, the 7th inst., when there were present Bros. W. Hoggins, W.M.; C. O. Burgess, S.W.; H. J. Keen, J.W.; J. Greenway, Preceptor; G. H. Foan, Asst. Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Sec.; T. C. Seary, Org.; F. T. Jarvis, S.D.; A. Cogliati, J.D.; H. Willis, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; J. H. H. Warwick, W. Wood, J. W. Harbert, N. Dukas, W. Brett, C. Cogliati, R. Kirk, G. H. Reynolds, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. G. H. Reynolds having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. G. H. Reynolds, who rehearsed the ceremony of installation, installing Bro. Geo. H. Foan, W.M. elect of the mother lodge. The ceremonies, both of installing and appointing and investing of officers were admirably rendered by Bros. Geo. H. Reynolds and George H. Foan. On rising for the first time, Bro. H.

Willis, 1614, was unanimously elected a joining member. On rising for the second time, Bro. C. O. Burgess, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time a New Year's gift of £1 1s. was voted to Bro. T. E. Weeks, Tyler. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell, on Friday, the 15th inst., when there were present Comps. Schadler, M.E.Z.; Wilson, H.; Corpe, J.; F. Hilton, P.Z.; Preceptor; Stone, S.E.; Braik, S.N.; Pullen, P.S.; Addington, Grumant, Lazenby, Hill, G. Thompson, Towers, Phillips, and R. Davis.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Geo. Thompson personating the candidate. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Comp. Schadler for so ably performing the duties of M.E.Z. for the first time in this chapter. Also hearty thanks were given to Comp. Pullen for re-decorating the furniture. Comp. Hill was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting, when the three installation ceremonies will be rehearsed, commencing at 7 p.m. The chapter was then closed.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.D., President of the Board, in the chair. Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Senior Vice-President, and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, occupied their respective chairs. Bro. A. A. Pendlebury, Asst. G. Sec., Bro. W. Dodd, and Bro. W. H. Lee represented Grand Secretary's office. There were also present Bros. Wm. P. Brown, D. D. Mercer, S. Valentine, C. Dairy, G. B. Chapman, J. Bunker, S. V. Abraham, W. T. Vincent, S. H. Goldschmidt, W. Hopekirk, Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, George R. Langley, T. W. Whitmarsh, Charles J. R. Tijou, E. C. Mulvey, George Coop, W. Medwin, C. L. Brown, H. J. Smith, J. Vine, J. G. Albert, W. S. Earnshaw, H. Massey, H. C. Fuhe, E. M. Money, R. R. Harper, T. Catling, Alex. John Taylor, George Yaxley, R. H. Osman, Robert Betty, G. P. Pointer, J. Westerby, J. M. Klenck, C. Beaumont, C. H. Bryson, Robert A. Gowan, G. M. E. Hamilton, E. H. Dove, W. H. Lucker, and Henry Sadler, G. Tyler.

After the Board had been formally opened, as this was the meeting for reading the by-laws of the Board, they were, on motion duly made and seconded, taken as read.

Bro. ROBERT GREY, President, said that before entering on their business, he felt that as President of this Board he would be carrying out the wish of its members if he moved a resolution. That day was one of the saddest days they had ever seen, and was perhaps not an unfitting day for people to pay a tribute of affectionate respect to the memory of one who was gone—Col. Shadwell Henry Clerke, Grand Secretary. This time last month when the Board met, Col. Shadwell Clerke was at his home, then a dying man. He had shown sufficient proofs of the same energy and pluck with which he had stuck to his duty when he was but a young officer in the army doing his duty to his country and his Queen. He was at his office to the last possible moment doing his duty also with the same untiring devotion to the Craft, and there was no body of Masons who would mourn with more sincere regret for his death than the members of the Board of Benevolence, and therefore with the consent of the members present he would propose the following resolution: "That the members of this Board desire to record on the minutes an expression of their deep regret at the severe loss they have sustained by the death of Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, the Grand Secretary. His devotion to his duties, his benevolent disposition, and his untiring efforts to assist his brethren, will be gratefully remembered by every member of the Board of Benevolence." If it was also the wish of the brethren that a copy of this resolution should be sent to Col. Clerke's sorrowing widow and family, the sympathy of the brethren might be some small compensation to them.

Bro. JAMES BRETT, P.G.P., Senior Vice-President, seconded the motion.

The motion was carried unanimously.

The brethren then confirmed recommendations to the Grand Master, made at last meeting, to the amount of £510. The new lists contained 32 names of petitioners, who were qualified through lodges in the London district, Newtown (Mon.), Liverpool, Uitenhage (S. Africa), Dover, Folkestone, Jersey, Hyde (Cheshire), Halifax (N.S.), Aldershot, Shrewsbury, Bath, Uttoxeter, Manchester, Roorkee, Brighton, Burton-on-Trent, and Devonport. Five of these were deferred, and the remainder were relieved with a total sum of £645. There was one recommendation to Grand Lodge for £100, and two for £50 each. There were two recommendations to the Grand Master for £40 each, and four for £30 each. Seven grants were made of £20 each, two of £15 each, six of £10 each, and three of £5 each.

We regret to have to announce that Bro. Sir Charles Dilke, Bart., while on his way to Cinderford to address the electors, was thrown out of his carriage and sustained injury to his face and right arm. He was able, however, after a brief delay, to proceed to the meeting and deliver his address.

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1, Park Lane, Oxford Street, March 28th, 1866.
Sir,—I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to the valuable properties of your Pasiatreusis, particularly in rheumatism, of which it has completely cured me.—Yours truly,
HENRY CARD.

Manchester, May 31st, 1865.
Sir,—In answer to yours of the 25th, I beg to inform you that my child was afflicted with a disease of the hip joint: was under medical treatment for five years, and your Pasiatreusis was the only thing which at all healed any of the sores.—Yours truly,
J. FINLEY.

139, Piccadilly, March 2nd, 1866.
Sir,—I was recommended to try your Pasiatreusis for pains in the back, for which I was under the hands of two doctors for five months receiving no benefit: but, by the application of your Pasiatreusis, I was greatly relieved, and, after using the same again, I was completely cured. One of my children was troubled with an eruption of the head, which continued for years. I am happy to say that, owing entirely to the use of your Pasiatreusis, the child's head is quite healed and clear. Please send me some more, as I would not be without it under any circumstances.—Yours obediently,
J. BESHAM.

125, Blenheim Crescent, Kensington Park, October 8th, 1869.
Mr. CLARK.—Sir,—I thank you sincerely for your Pasiatreusis and Embrocation, which I am thankful to say have restored me the use of my left leg. I am now able to walk about again after two years of complete helplessness.—Yours faithfully,
E. RIGBY.

27, Baker Street, Brighton, August 21st, 1865.
Sir,—During the last winter I suffered much from a very severe attack of rheumatism in my right arm, from the shoulder to the elbow—lifting even the smallest weight, or even extending the arm, caused excruciating pain. Whilst thus suffering, I was advised to try the effect of your Pasiatreusis, and I did so, not, however, with much expectation of benefit; but I was most agreeably surprised at finding, after a few applications, that I was entirely relieved from every symptom of rheumatism, from which I have continued free to the present time.—I am, Sir, yours gratefully,
JAMES FULLER.

6, St. Helen's Square, York, January 2nd, 1866.
Sir,—I have to thank you for your Pasiatreusis, by the use of which I am entirely free from corns, which, as you well know, rendered me at times quite lame, and were always more or less troublesome and tormenting.—I remain, yours truly,
E. REEVES.

Crawford Street, February 7th, 1866.
Sir,—I think it right to let you know that your Pasiatreusis has, under God's providence, been the means of saving my wife's life. For six weeks she was under the hands of the doctors for an abscess on the breast, having caught a violent cold soon after her confinement. Punctures and every other remedy having failed, after only two applications of your Pasiatreusis she was relieved, and the abscess was healed in a few days.—Yours obediently,
W. RICHARDSON.

Crown Inn, Manor Place, Bognor, October 12th, 1889.
Mr. CLARK.—DEAR SIR,—I have great pleasure in bearing testimony to the excellent effects of your Pasiatreusis and Embrocation. I feel great benefit from its use, giving strength to my feet and ankles. I have suffered from Gout for a considerable time.—I am, thank you,
IF. NORRIS.

P.S.—You can make use of this if it would be of any service to you.

Churchfield Road, Acton, W., July 11th, 1889.
Wm. CLARK, Esq.—DEAR SIR,—Suffering from Rheumatism and Chalk Gout, I was induced to try your Pasiatreusis, recommended by a friend who had benefited by it. Am pleased to testify as to its efficacy; the effect was marvellous, relief being obtained after three applications, and in a few days the pain disappeared. Shall be glad of some more Pasiatreusis, in case of return of symptoms.
Feel so grateful that it will be my study to circulate its virtues to all that are similarly afflicted.—Yours truly,
THOMAS SNOW.

3, New Quebec Street, Portman Square, September 1st, 1890.
Mr. W. CLARK.—DEAR SIR,—Having suffered from gout in the foot for the last three years, and which nothing would move, I was advised to use your Pasiatreusis and Embrocation, which I did with great results, for, after only three applications, the pain and swelling had gone, and I was able to walk with ease, and I have had no return. I may mention that I have given part away to a fellow sufferer in the country, and it has been likewise beneficial to him.—Yours truly,
R. CHESTERFIELD.

Devon Villa, Bognor, November 21st, 1891.
DEAR SIR,—I have much pleasure in testifying to the valuable properties of your Pasiatreusis and Embrocation. I have used them for Rheumatism, Lumbago, and Rheumatic Gout. For Colds, for Bruises, and Sprains they gave almost instantaneous relief, and in a few days made a complete cure. I hope never to be without them in the house.—I am, yours faithfully,
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