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APPROACHING JUBILEE FESTIVAL OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

We are now within what it is the fashion to speak of as "measurable distance" of the Jubilee Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The principal arrangements, we are glad to say, are all made, and, though there is still a mass of detail to be attended to so that everything may be in perfect order by the day appointed, there is very little doubt that the Executive Committee will be able to accomplish their task, and that, in accordance with our invariable experience of great Masonic celebrations, the event will pass off most satisfactorily and in a manner which will redound to the credit of those in charge. As regards the principal details, it was finally determined on Monday that the Festival shall take place in the Theatre Royal, Covent Garden, on Wednesday, the 24th instant, under the presidency of the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Deputy Grand Master of England, and Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall, the use of the Theatre having been granted on very favourable conditions by the lessee and manager—Bro. Sir Augustus Harris, Past Grand Treasurer—for the day of celebration and for the days immediately preceding and following it. The space available for dining will, it is reckoned, comfortably accommodate some 1150 guests, and though by the appointed day the Board of Stewards will, in all probability, reach, if it does not exceed, some 1300, we do not anticipate there will be any difficulty in finding room for all of them who may desire to be present, as well as for those distinguished brethren and others to whom it may please the Board to issue invitations. The ladies who, in all likelihood, will muster in more than their usual force, will banquet separately, but in what part or parts of the theatre has not yet been settled, while the boxes will be available for them during the after-dinner proceedings. Whether in addition to the Stewards and their fair friends it will be possible to issue the usual dinner tickets for brethren who are not Stewards, and if so in what part of the building dinner will be served to them, it is impossible to say at present. We are inclined to think the Executive Committee will have their resources taxed to the utmost in order to provide dinner for the Stewards and ladies, whom we may reasonably set down together as some 1500 persons. Covent Garden Theatre, as our readers are aware, is by no means a small building as regards its capacity for seating a multitude of spectators. It has been crowded from floor to ceiling on many occasions, but it has never before been converted into a dining hall, and it strikes us, therefore, that the Executive Committee, however anxious they may be to accommodate all Masons who may wish to be present as guests, will find themselves under the necessity of declining to issue tickets except to those who, as Stewards, are entitled to them, their lady friends, and the few distinguished and other brethren who are usually invited. What the musical arrangements will be has still to be settled by the Musical Sub-Committee which was appointed on Monday, but doubtless, in this as in all other matters, whatever is calculated to promote the comfort and convenience of those who will have the privilege of assisting at this important function will be done; nor, as we have said already, have we any misgivings whatever as to the success which those in charge of the very onerous duty of preparing for the celebration are striving so hard to achieve.

As regards the more material point for consideration—that is to say, whether the preparations which are being made will be productive of a result in any way approaching that of the Centenary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls—we must content ourselves for the present with hazarding just a few remarks. The Board of Stewards, after making the necessary deduction for deaths and withdrawals, may be set down as numbering rather more than 1200 brethren. London is particularly strong, quite two-thirds of its lodges and several of its chapters being represented—not a few amongst them furnishing several Stewards—while the total number of brethren acting in this capacity is in excess of 500. We have, therefore, good grounds for anticipating that as regards this section of the Board, the Returns will yield an exceptionally large total, especially as fully three-fourths of the London 500 are lodge and chapter representatives. The Provinces, likewise, are in strong force, and what must be very gratifying to Bro. Terry, there are only two or three of them which have not as yet furnished supporters. The Stewards from the represented Provinces are nearly 700 in number, and several of them have evidently made very strenuous efforts to strengthen our "Old People" at this particular Festival. West Yorkshire and East Lancashire, and, in spite of its munificent support of Lord Lathom at the Boys' School Festival in June last, West Lancashire, have each of them sent up a numerous contingent of brethren; so, too, have Warwickshire, Cheshire, Suffolk, and Derbyshire, while

the Home Counties have in each case a very large proportion of their lodges represented by one or more brethren. From what we have further gleaned in the way of conversation, there is also every likelihood of the three-figure lists being both numerous and well furnished with donations and subscriptions, so that we may hope to find the average of the lists less seriously affected by the large number of Stewards Unattached than is usually the case. In short, whether we look to the arrangements which the Executive is so zealously pushing forward, or to the strength and constitution of the Board of brethren who have taken upon themselves the responsibility of raising a sum which shall place this particular Festival in the very forefront of Masonic festival successes, we find the prospect in all respects encouraging. However, we must not venture too far in the direction of prophecy. We shall content ourselves, therefore, with expressing the hope that three weeks hence it may be our privilege to announce a result which will surprise many even among the most sanguine supporters of the Institution and at the same time gratify them all.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Comp. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Supt. of Essex, acted as G.Z.; Comp. the Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, G. Supt. of Cheshire, as G.H.; and Comp. Lieut.-Gen. C. Wilson Randolph, G. Supt. of Sussex, as G.J. The other companions present were—

Comps. A. A. Pendlebury, A.G.S.E.; Sir Bruce M. Seton, G.S.N.; Baron de Ferrieres, as G.P.S.; J. Aird, M.P., 1st A.G.S.; Sir G. D. Harris, 2nd A.G.S.; Robt. Grey, President Committee of General Purposes; Geo. Everett, G. Treas.; E. K. Bayley, G.S.B.; R. Clowes, 3rd G. Std. Br.; G. J. McKay, 4th G. Std. Br.; F. Richardson, G. Director of Ceremonies; W. Hopekirk, 1st Assistant G. Director of Ceremonies; F. Sumner Knyvett; E. Letchworth; C. Belton; Eugene Monteuuis, P.D.G.D.C.; J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G.S.B.; Chas. H. Driver, P.G.S.B.; R. Loveland Loveland, P.A.G.S.; J. A. Farnfield, P.G. Std. Br.; Henry Garrod, P.A.G.D.C.; Thomas Fenn, P.P.C.G.P.; James S. Eastes, P.G.S.B.; C. Hammerton, P.G.D.C.; W. M. Bywater, P.G. Std. Br.; Chas. Fredk. Hogard, P.D.G.D.C.; T. W. Whitmarsh, 2nd A.G.D.C.; Ralph Gooding, M.D., P.A.G.S.; Henry Platt, P.G.S.B.; Henry J. P. Dumas, P.G.S.B.; J. Bodenham, P.G.S.B.; Frederick West, P.A.G.S.; Peter de Lande Long, P.G.P.S.; F. Hilton, P.Z., &c., 1275; W. H. Rylands, H. 2; G. H. Finch, P.Z. 1297, 2005, P.P.G.T. Essex; J. S. Cumberland, P.Z. 236, P.P.G.S. N. and E. Yorks; Neville Green, P.Z. 1524; G. S. Recknell, P.Z. 73; Lennox Browne, P.Z. 2108; E. St. Clair, H. 2060; R. F. Potter, H. 1326; Arthur Betts, J. 1624; H. Massey, Z. 1928; J. W. Harvey, P.Z. 25; J. Cater, Z. 2317; and Henry Sadler, Grand Janitor.

Grand Chapter having been formally opened, the minutes were read and confirmed.

Comp. PENDLEBURY announced that letters had been received from Comps. the Rev. O. J. Grace, G. Soj., and Hamon Le Strange, apologising for their absence on account of illness.

Comp. PHILBRICK rose and said: Companions,—Before we proceed with the business of this evening, I am sure that I shall have the sympathy of every one present when I call your attention to the great losses we, as Freemasons, have sustained, and in particular to the great loss which has befallen our Grand Chapter. The whole land has been overshadowed, and is still overshadowed, in mourning for the Duke of Clarence and Avondale. His early career of hope and promise has been most suddenly cut short under circumstances which have peculiarly evoked the feeling and sympathy of the country, and I may say of all countries in the world. With regard to him an Especial Grand Lodge within these walls passed resolutions of sympathy and of condolence with her Majesty and with his father, the Most Worshipful Grand Master. A distinguished Mason who had attained an eminent and high position among us, the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, was not a Royal Arch Mason, and, therefore, it would scarcely be proper for us to pass any formal resolution with respect to his untimely death, although I am quite sure that you as Grand Chapter would desire that your participation in the sentiments of all Masons at the same time shall be recorded on our minutes. With regard to our beloved and esteemed Col. Shadwell Clerke, indeed the loss which Freemasonry has sustained by his decease becomes more evident day by day. He fulfilled the duties of a high and difficult position with singular ability, with great power, and with a clearness and directness of purpose to which in a great measure must be attributed the exceeding prosperity which the Order and the Craft have attained of late years, and the absence of all causes of friction which must in a large community almost inevitably arise. It has pleased the Great Disposer of all events to remove him at a comparatively early age from the midst of us, when he had the right in all human probability to look forward to a long career of usefulness—a career which should be respected and esteemed by all with whom he came in contact; and we cannot but deplore the great loss which has thus fallen

upon us. It may be—I trust it will be—on the next occasion when Grand Lodge meets—that some recognition of him, and of his work, and of his services may be placed before it for its adoption. I am quite sure that Grand Chapter feels equally with Grand Lodge that it has lost an officer who was second to none in his ability, and that it will be difficult, if not almost impossible, to replace him whose memory is highly respected.

The following report of the Committee of General Purposes was, on motion duly made, taken as read, accepted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes:

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

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 21st October, 1891, to the 19th January, 1892, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

To Balance Grand Chapter...	£488	1	10	1	By Disbursements during the					
" Unappropriated					Quarter	...	...	£289	0	10
Account	...	187	13	10	" Balance	...	...	614	17	3
Subsequent Receipts	...	426	18	9	" Unappropriated					
					Account	...	...	198	16	4
								£1102	14	5
								£1102	14	5

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

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

1st. From Comps. Ernest Edmund Newnham, as Z.; Osborn Hambrook Bate, as H.; George Charles Stapylton Adkins, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Rocky Park Lodge, No. 2252, Barkly East, South Africa, to be called the Apex Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Rooms, Barkly East, South Africa (E.D.).

2nd. From Comps. William Shurmur, as Z.; Charles Rawle, as H.; Christopher George Cutchey, as J.; and 12 others for a chapter to be attached to the Guelph Lodge, No. 1685, Leyton, to be called the Guelph Chapter, and to meet at the Red Lion Hotel, Leytonstone, in the London district.

3rd. From Comps. Augustus Frederick Clarke Alport, as Z.; William Brooks Coburn, as H.; Thomas Patrick James May, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Charles Warren Lodge, No. 1832, Kimberley, South Africa, to be called the Charles Warren Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Temple, Dutoitspan-road, Kimberley, Griqualand West, South Africa.

4th. From Comps. Frederick Hilton, as Z.; Henry George Martin, as H.; Frank Williams, as J.; and eight others for a chapter to be attached to the Rose Lodge, No. 1622, Camberwell, to be called the Rose Chapter, and to meet at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, London.

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

The Committee have also to report that they have received a memorial from the Principals and members of the Holy Mount Chapter, No. 121, Penzance, Cornwall, praying for a charter of confirmation, the original being lost.

The Committee recommend that a charter of confirmation be granted to the above-named chapter.

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

The Phoenix Chapter, No. 904, from the Ship Hotel, to the Masonic Hall, Domene-lane, Rotherham, Yorkshire (W.D.).

The Chapter Good Intent, No. 307, from the White Horse Hotel, to the Masonic Rooms, Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire (W.D.).

The Tyne Chapter, No. 991, from the Masonic Hall, Willington Quay, to the Masonic Hall, Wallsend, Northumberland.

The Macdonald Chapter, No. 1216, from the Head Quarters 1st Surrey Volunteer Rifles, to the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, London.

The Cable Chapter, No. 1704, from the Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, to the Café Royal, Regent-street, London.

The Mozart Chapter, No. 1929, from the Griffin Hotel, Kingston, to the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, Surrey.

The Victoria Chapter, No. 1056, from the Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, to the Holborn Viaduct Hotel, Holborn, London.

The Derby Chapter, No. 1055, from the Masonic Rooms, Cheetham, to the Victoria Hotel, Manchester, Lancashire.

On the motion of Comp. ROBERT GREY, seconded by Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON, the several recommendations in this report were adopted.

Comp. ROBERT GREY said he had now a resolution to propose which he felt would require very few words, as every Royal Arch Mason would agree with it. It was "That the sum of 100 guineas be granted from the funds of this Grand Chapter as a donation to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons." He had little doubt that Grand Chapter would grant this most freely when it had funds to spare for the relief of others, and no better opportunity could be given than now. A more deserving Institution it was impossible to find than that which he had mentioned on this its Jubilee. He only hoped and trusted that when the Institution reached its Centenary, instead of 100 guineas Grand Chapter would give 1000 guineas.

Comp. Rev. C. W. SPENCER STANHOPE seconded the motion, which was put and carried.

Grand Chapter was then closed.

THE LATE DUKE OF CLARENCE AND AVONDALE.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST LANCASHIRE.

On Friday, the 29th ult., under the presidency of Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Pro G.M. England, P.G.M. of West Lancashire, a special meeting of the Provincial Grand Officers, W.M.'s, P.M.'s, and Wardens of the division was held at the Town Hall, Liverpool, under the auspices of the Prince's Lodge, No. 2316, the use of which was courteously granted for the occasion by his Worship the Mayor, Bro. J. de Bels Adam, P.S.G.W., 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., P.G.M. of Berkshire, P.G.W. Notwithstanding the short notice which had been given of the meeting, there was a gathering of nearly 300 chiefs of the Craft at the impressive meeting, which took place in the large ballroom of the Town Hall. The whole of the proceedings was characterised by deep-seated sympathy on the part of the brethren, all of whom appeared in Masonic mourning.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom was supported by Bros. T. B. Spencer, P.G.C. of England; R. Wylie, P.G.D., P.P.G.W.; W. Goodacre, P.G.S.B., P.G. Sec.; J. de Bels Adam, P.S.G.W.; and E. H. Cookson, P.P.G.W., as P.J.G.W.

After the usual formalities in connection with the opening of Prov. G. Lodge,

Bro. the Right Hon. Lord LATHOM said he had thought it his duty to call the Provincial Grand Lodge together, feeling certain that the brethren would not wish to be behind in showing the sympathy which was so universally expressed with the Royal Family in the bereavement they had sustained. That such sympathy was appreciated had been shown by the Queen's touching message to her subjects through the medium of the daily press. He was certain that every brother present must feel with every loyal subject in the kingdom that the calamity which had just befallen the Royal Family was perhaps one of the saddest in the annals of history. Though the late Duke of Clarence was not well known in the country, yet wherever he went he always made friends, and everyone who met him liked him and loved him. Those who knew him personally as he (the P.G.M.) did, knew him as a most amiable and charming young man, full of promise, though, perhaps, rather late in life awakening to the responsibilities of his station. Yet he was awakening to his responsibilities, and was fully prepared to carry them out thoroughly. Could the brethren think of anything more sad than the circumstances of his death. A man just about to enter on a new and happy phase of life to be cut off thus suddenly? He (his lordship) could assure the brethren that as he stood in St. George's Chapel at Windsor he witnessed a most touching sight—one he should never forget. The coffin containing the remains of the dead Duke, their late brother, was placed almost on the very spot where he was so soon to have stood as a bridegroom. The aspect of the father's face, on which the deepest anguish was portrayed, touched him more than he could say, as did also his words that he mourned him as a father mourned a well-beloved son. Continuing, his lordship said he was happy to think that the Queen had borne up so well under this great bereavement. It was known to him that the Duke was her Majesty's favourite grandson; she was proud of him and very fond of him. Her Majesty had suffered many griefs, but this had perhaps touched her as much as any previous grief had moved her. Then there was another sad side. The Princess who was just on the eve of being placed in the highest position in the land had all her hopes suddenly dashed to the ground. They would all sympathise deeply with her, and though it would not be becoming in them to pass a vote of condolence with her, he was sure the brethren would give her the sympathy she deserved. Before calling upon the Prov. Grand Secretary to read the addresses of condolence to her Majesty the Queen and to their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, his lordship gave expression to the fervent hope that the Great Architect of the Universe would comfort and sustain the bereaved parents in the loss they had suffered. His lordship concluded by calling upon Bro. Goodacre, Prov. Grand Secretary, to read the following proposed votes of condolence:—

To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please your Majesty,

We, the Provincial Grand Master, Provincial Grand Officers, and members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons of the Western Division of Lancashire, in Provincial Grand Lodge assembled, humbly and with most respectful loyalty desire to express to your Majesty our feeling of deepest sorrow at the early death of his Royal Highness the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, K.G., and to tender our heartfelt sympathy in this sad hour of gloom. We, in common with all your Majesty's loyal subjects, have noted with satisfaction the exemplary manner in which the Prince whose loss we mourn always performed the duties appertaining to his high rank. Especially do we appreciate the deep interest which his Royal Highness took in the welfare of Freemasonry from the moment he joined the fraternity. Our prayer in this sad hour is that the All-wise and All-merciful Father may pour into the hearts of all who mourn the healing balm of consolation, and that He may long preserve your Majesty in health, and to reign in the hearts of a loyal and devoted people with that affectionate sovereignty which has been so distinguished a characteristic of your Majesty's gracious reign.

To his Royal Highness Albert Edward Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., Most Worshipful Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of England.

We, the Provincial Grand Master, Provincial Grand Officers, and members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Western Division of Lancashire in Provincial Grand Lodge assembled, desire to express to your Royal Highness and to her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales our deep sorrow at the sad bereavement with which it has pleased the Great Architect of the Universe to visit you in the death of your Royal Highness's beloved son, his Royal Highness the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, K.G., Provincial Grand Master of Berkshire, Past Grand Warden, and to offer our heartfelt sympathy in your Royal Highness's great sorrow.

The initiation of his Royal Highness into Masonry was hailed with satisfaction by the entire Craft, and the deep interest which he took during the too brief period he was spared to us was considered an earnest of good work in store for the Craft.

The Provincial Grand Lodge, in common with the Fraternity throughout the world, mourns the loss of one at once so eminent and full of promise—one who, though so young, had found a place in the hearts of his brethren. We, representing the 105 lodges and 7000 Craftsmen of West Lancashire, offer to our Grand Master and to his beloved Princess our sincere condolence and sympathy. Our prayer is that the Most High, in His wisdom and goodness, will give his support and comfort in this dark hour, and that your Royal Highness may long continue to live in the loyal hearts and affections of the Fraternity.

Bro. J. DE BELS ADAM, Prov. S.G.W., in seconding the adoption of the votes of condolence which his lordship undertook to see conveyed to the Queen and the Prince of Wales, remarked that on behalf of the brethren

he could only say that they felt the loss caused by the death of the Duke of Clarence as if it had been one of themselves living in their midst. The brethren of that city and that province had always been supremely loyal to the Throne, and they now joined with deep sincerity in this expression of condolence.

The addresses were adopted in silence.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER said he took that opportunity of proposing that a vote of condolence be forwarded to the widow and family of the late Grand Secretary, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke. In his death he had lost a personal friend, one whom he esteemed most thoroughly. Deceased had had the welfare of Masonry at heart and died in harness, creating a loss which it would indeed be difficult to fill.

The motion was seconded by Bro. R. WYLIE, and adopted.

The Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

A special meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Saturday last, the 30th ult., by command of the Provincial Grand Master, to consider and resolve upon an address of condolence with his Royal Highness the Grand Master, on the much-regretted death of his eldest son, H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, K.G., Provincial Grand Master of Berkshire, Past Grand Warden. The meeting was very numerous attended, and in the absence of the Provincial Grand Master, was presided over by Bro. S. S. Partridge, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, who was supported by a large number of present and past Provincial Grand Officers.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened, and the summons convening the meeting read, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master in suitable terms proposed that the following address of condolence should be adopted and presented to his Royal Highness the Grand Master:

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND.

To his Royal Highness Albert Edward Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., &c., &c., Most Worshipful Grand Master of English Freemasons.

May it please your Royal Highness,

We, the Right Honourable the Earl Ferrers, &c., &c., Provincial Grand Master for Leicestershire and Rutland, the W. Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Wardens, and brethren in Provincial Grand Lodge assembled, humbly beg leave to assure your Royal Highness of our deep and fraternal sympathy with you in your distress.

As loyal subjects of her Majesty the Queen—Patron of our Order—we beg to say that all our hearts are touched with grief at this national bereavement occasioned by the decease of H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence and Avondale.

To her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales and to all the members of the Royal Family we offer our truest and deepest sympathy, and we pray that the Great Consoler of all sorrows may ever have them in His Holy keeping and show "His loving kindness even in the grave."

Your Royal Highness has been greatly tried of late by fire, sickness, untimely death, and the destruction of cherished hopes; but from the depth of our sorrow we thank you, Sir, for the noble example set to us all of patience and fortitude in affliction.

(Signed)

FERRERS, Provincial Grand Master.

Freemasons' Hall, Leicester,

30th January, 1892.

C. HENTON WOOD (Clerk, M.A.),

P.P.S.G.W., Prov. G. Sec.

The motion was seconded by Bro. WILLIAM VIAL, P.M. 1007, Prov. S.G.W., and carried unanimously, after which the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

A special meeting of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of West Yorkshire was held in the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds, on Saturday, the 30th ult., to consider and resolve upon addresses of condolence on the recent death of his Royal Highness Prince Albert Victor, Duke of Clarence and Avondale, K.G., Past Grand Warden, &c., for presentation to her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen and to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., &c.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened,

The Provincial Grand Master, Bro. C. LETCH MASON, addressed the brethren as follows: I feel sure, brethren, that it is not necessary for me to make any apology for calling you together to-day. The melancholy event which has occupied the minds and thoughts of not only England and Europe but the whole civilised world of late, has been in itself such a terrible tragedy that perhaps it is unparalleled in history. Certainly the death of one young man has never been known to create such universal sorrow and consternation as was felt when, on the 14th January, the announcement met us that the Duke of Clarence had passed away. In a moment differences of nations, politics, and creeds were sunk in one spontaneous outburst of loyal sympathy and affectionate regard to the Royal House of England. The periodicals of the last fortnight have been so full of interest relative to our late Royal brother that much comment is unnecessary, still a short epitome of his life is desirable. The news that the Prince and Princess of Wales had had a son and heir born on the 8th January, 1864, caused the greatest rejoicing, and expressions of congratulation poured in from all countries. He was never really robust, and after spending his early years at Sandringham he was sent to sea, and this appears to have had a strengthening effect on his constitution. At the age of 13 he entered as a naval cadet in the Britannia, and two years later he and his brother made their first voyage to various parts of the world in the Bacchante, thereby acquiring a varied education so essential for princes and kings. He went in 1883 to Trinity College, Cambridge, and the pleasing speech he made a year or two later in reference to his stay at College, shows what lively and pleasant recollections he entertained of Cambridge. From College he

passed to the study of military science at Aldershot, where it is thought he found the most enjoyable part of his education. Unaffected simplicity and affable gentleness were the chief traits in the Duke's character, and tended to make him so immensely popular wherever he went, for whether as midshipman, undergraduate, or soldier, he exhibited that charmingly modest and courteous bearing which typifies a true English gentleman. After his coming of age, which time was marked by gay festivities of every description, he made his first appearance in public when he opened the Whittington Home for Boys at Whitechapel, and the few hearty and encouraging words he addressed to the lads on that occasion showed what an affectionate feeling he entertained for the welfare of his fellow creatures. He was initiated into Masonry on the 17th March, 1885, in the Royal Alpha Lodge, No. 16, by his father, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and in the presence of a brilliant gathering of the Craft; "Passed" on the 7th May in the Lodge of Friendship, No. 100, and "Raised" on the 8th June in the Isaac Newton University Lodge, No. 859, Cambridge. He was made Grand Warden of England in 1887, being the Jubilee year of our Most Gracious Sovereign Queen Victoria, and installed Provincial Grand Master of Berkshire in May, 1890. He was advanced to the Degree of a Mark Master Mason on the 18th June, 1885, in the Isaac Newton University Lodge, No. 112, Cambridge. Had his life been spared we may fairly have hoped that one who took such an active interest in Masonry would have succeeded to the highest honours the Craft can bestow. The visit of his Royal Highness to India in 1889, and the right Royal way in which he was treated while there is still fresh in the minds of all of us. It seems to have been a most successful and enjoyable tour, particularly as the Duke was a capital shot and took the keenest interest in every kind of sport. Two short months ago the announcement of his betrothal to the fair young Princess Mary of Teck caused supreme satisfaction, for the people of the United Kingdom were only too delighted to hail as their future Queen an Englishwoman, endowed with an Englishwoman's sympathies. This was no political arrangement but a pure love match, and it was hoped by all that a long time of gladness and useful prosperity was before the youthful couple. Hardly had the cup of happiness touched their lips than it was snatched from them. The wedding bells were almost heard; the bridal robe was being made, and extensive preparations of all kinds were in progress. The sky was bright, and all were rejoicing, when suddenly—awful in its suddenness—a thunder-bolt fell in our midst, which shook our earth and veiled our sun. Well may Britannia mourn over the loss of one of her brightest hopes—of one of her most promising youths. It is not for us to decide the length of any man's allotted life, nor for us to say how long the creature should serve his Creator. It has been said that an early death is the reward of a good life. We must not grieve for him, our faith forbids it. We mourn with those dear ones who are left behind; but if this terrible trouble which has so unexpectedly fallen on the country helps to bind Englishmen and English-speaking people together more closely in one bond of sympathetic union and national loyalty, surely it must be some small compensation for his irreparable loss, and the seeming untimely death of our beloved brother cannot have been in vain. But he has left us something behind—the vision of a blameless youth, the luminous trail of a fair character stamped with the highest principles. As a united body let us add our tribute of heartfelt sympathy to those nearest and dearest to our departed brother. To our Queen, who tells the nation herself how keenly she feels the loss of her favourite grandson; to our dear Grand Master and his sweet, well-beloved Princess, who mourn the death of their darling first-born, whose greatest delight was in his home circle; and, lastly, for her, his betrothed, so near a bride, and now left to mourn the loss of a true lover. May the great universal wave of tender sympathy from far and wide in some small measure alleviate the crushing blow the G.O.O.T.U. has seen fit, in His wisdom, to inflict upon the Royal House of England, and may He, who alone can bind up the broken-hearted, comfort them in their deep distress. The Provincial Grand Master then moved the following addresses:—

To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.

May it please your Majesty.

We, the members of Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of West Yorkshire in Special Lodge assembled, humbly beg to approach your Majesty with expressions of deepest sympathy at the great loss your Majesty has sustained by the death of your dear grandson, H.R.H. Prince Albert Victor, Duke of Clarence and Avondale.

We humbly pray that the Great Overseer of the Universe may grant to your Majesty strength and comfort in this great trial, and vouchsafe to you continued good health, which is so dear to all your Most Gracious Majesty's loyal and dutiful subjects.

Given at Leeds, under the seal of our Provincial Grand Mark Lodge, this thirtieth day of January, One thousand eight hundred and ninety-two.

C. LETCH MASON, Provincial Grand Master,

THOS. C. SMYTH, D.D., Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

TUDOR TREVOR, Provincial Grand Secretary.

To his Royal Highness Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., &c., &c., Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown.

We, the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of West Yorkshire in Special Grand Lodge assembled, crave permission to tender to your Royal Highness and to her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales our heartfelt sympathy on the sad occasion of the death of your beloved son, H.R.H. Prince Albert Victor, Duke of Clarence and Avondale.

We are conscious of the great loss the nation has sustained and we humbly pray that the Great Overseer of the Universe may strengthen and comfort your Royal Highnesses and the members of your Royal House in this your great and severe bereavement.

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TUDOR TREVOR, Prov. G. Secretary.

The adoption of these addresses was eloquently seconded by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. the Rev. T. C. SMYTH, D.D., Past Grand Chaplain of England, supported by the Provincial Grand Treasurer, Bro. OXLEY, and carried in silence, the brethren all rising and remaining standing whilst the Prov. Grand Organist, Bro. G. F. Carrs, effectively played the Dead March in "Saul" on the organ.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed.

In continuation of our reports of last week relating to Masonic meetings and memorial services which have at different times and in different parts of the country been held for the purpose of doing honour to the memory of the late Duke of Clarence and Avondale, or passing resolutions of condolence with the Queen, the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the Royal Family generally, we beg to announce that, in addition to the special meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire, a similar meeting in the case of the Province of North and East Yorkshire was held, by command of Bro. the Earl of Zetland, Prov. G.M., at the Masonic Hall, York, on Monday, the 1st inst., when, in the unavoidable absence of his lordship and his respected Deputy, Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, Bro. the Very Rev. the Dean of York, P.G.C. of England, occupied the chair, Bro. J. Todd, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., acting as D.P.G.M. Of this meeting we shall give a full account next week, and it is only necessary, therefore, that we should state now that resolutions of condolence were passed unanimously by the meeting.

Special meetings of the Provincial Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of North Wales were held at Llandudno, on Saturday afternoon last, when resolutions of condolence with the Queen, the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the Princess Victoria of Teck were unanimously adopted. Bro. Col. Platt, D.P.G.M., presided at the Craft meeting, and was supported by Bros. Col. the Hon. W. E. Sackville West, P.G.W. of England; Col. Hunter, P.P.G.M. of Aberdeenshire, and a large muster of the Provincial Grand Officers and brethren. It should also be mentioned that votes of sympathy with Bro. Lord Harlech, P.G.M., on the death of Lady Harlech, and the family of the late Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke were agreed to with similar unanimity.

Our Dorset brethren met for a like purpose in Special Provincial Grand Lodge on Wednesday, the 27th ult., under the presidency of Bro. M. J. Guest, P.G.M.; Bro. W. E. Brymer, M.P., D.P.G.M.; and a large muster was present on the occasion, and votes of condolence with the Queen and the Prince and Princess of Wales adopted.

At St. James's Church, Preston (Lancashire), a memorial service was held on Sunday, the 24th ult., when an eloquent sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. T. Barton Spencer, Past Grand Chaplain, who, in the course of his remarks, referred to the important services rendered to Freemasonry by the late Duke.

The Mark brethren of the Province of Northumberland and Durham held a special meeting at Freemasons' Hall, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Monday, the 25th ult., when, in the absence through illness of Bro. the Rev. Canon Tristram, Prov. G.M.M.M., the chair was occupied by Bro. R. B. Reed, D.P.G.M.M.M., and a vote of sympathy with the Prince of Wales, M.W. G.M.M.M., was agreed to *nem. con.*

PRESENTATION TO THE EARL OF EUSTON, PROV. GRAND MASTER OF NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

A meeting of emergency of the united lodges in Northampton, the Pomfret, No. 360; the Eleanor Cross, No. 1764; and the De La Pré, No. 1911, was held at the Masonic Hall, Princess-street, and it was called for the purpose of unveiling a life-size portrait of the Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Euston, D.L., and to present his lordship with a replica of the same. The portrait is from the brush of Bro. H. Harris Brown, and it will be remembered by our readers that a description of it was given in a recent number of the *Freemason*. We have little to add to that description except that the favourable notice we gave of the work of the artist appears to be fully endorsed by the brethren of the province who had interested themselves in the presentation.

The portrait will be hung in the lodge room at the Masonic Hall. The replica is also very cleverly painted, and this and the life-size portrait are in massive gilt frames. There was a large attendance of local brethren, and many from the sister lodges at a distance were also present. The following brethren signed the lodge books:

Bros. the Earl of Euston, Prov. G.M.; Butler Wilkins, D.P.G.M.; Rev. S. J. W. Sanders, P.G. Chap. England; J. Clayson, W.M., C. E. Thorpe, J.W., A. Cockerill, P.G. Treas., G. Ellard, P.M., Sec., T. Merry, S.D., F. B. Wilkinson, P.G. Steward, J.D., G. F. E. Wilkins, I.G., J. J. Hart, P.M., D.C., S. Frisby and F. B. Whitford, Stwds., H. A. Robinson, P.P.J.G.W., E. B. Fletcher, P.G.R., I.P.M., and Brown, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., of 360; C. A. Markham, S.W., and J. Euston, P.M., of 1911; W. J. Stanton, W. F. Skinner, E. Howes, and J. O. Wallis, of 360; A. Jones, W.M., J. Currall, S.W., R. H. Boycott, Stwd., H. Hodges, Treas., M. Warwick, W. F. Tipler, A.D.C., and R. Croft, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., of 1764; F. G. Buckle, P.M., Prov. Grand Secretary, and G. E. Caster, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., of 442; J. M. McLeod, P.P.S.G.W. Derbyshire, Sec. R.M.I.B.; H. Bullock, W.M. 1911; H. W. K. Markham, Sec. 1911; W. Douglas, 2380; G. Butcher, P.M. P.P.S.G.W., and H. W. Horton, of 1764; O. Parker, J.W. 737, P.G.S.B.; T. Emery, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., J. S. Arthurs, C. Cooke, P.G.S., J.D., and C. Cooke, jun., of 1764; R. Wynter Robinson, 2152, Sydney; W. J. Hull, Walton Page, E. G. Frost, C. Rider-Noble, H. Mansfield, J.W., W. H. Hodges, Stwd., E. Randall, R. Wallace, H. H. Brown, G. H. Stevenson, G. W. Prickman, Brook Sampson, and F. W. Dorman, of 1764; T. Franks, S.W. 360; W. F. Fawcett, and F. Willoughby, S.D. 1911, S.W. 2380, P.P.J.G.D.

The lodge having been duly opened,

Bro. BUTLER WILKINS, D.P.G.M., addressed the brethren. He alluded in feeling terms to the heavy cloud which was now hanging over the Royal Family, to which they, as Masons, were especially loyal, not only as Englishmen, but also on account of that mystic tie which joined them in Brotherhood. Whether their thoughts turned to the bereaved parents of the Prince who had been so suddenly taken away from them, or to the Princess May of Teck, who only 12 months since was among them at one of their Masonic gatherings, he felt sure all their hearts were full of deep sympathy and earnest prayers that those who now mourned might have every consolation in their time of trial. Turning to the object of their meeting that evening, Bro. Wilkins said when he looked back over his 40 years of Masonic career he remembered the many pleasing duties he had had to perform. There had been the initiation of many candidates whose progress in their respective lodges he had watched with interest till they had raised them-

selves by the will of their brethren to the Master's chair. Then, again, there had been the grip given on the raising of a brother, a grip which had cemented many years of mutual friendship. He also remembered being called upon to present a portrait to a very worthy and distinguished brother, who not only was W.M. of the Pomfret Lodge, but also the first Master of the Eleanor Cross Lodge, Bro. Boème, as a mark of the esteem in which he was held by his brethren. All those were pleasing recollections, but they were in a great measure of a personal character. The object for which they were assembled that evening, however, was more representative, to his mind, of the happy and united progress which Masonry had made in the Province of Northants and Hunts during the four years the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Euston, had ruled over it. He thought, looking at the gathering of that evening, he could well say they were united. There were the members of the three local lodges meeting together at one time, the three Masters occupying the three chairs, the three Senior Wardens acting as assistant officers, and the three Secretaries taking note of the proceedings. The situation was unique in itself, and was an example of that fraternal union in the province of which their Provincial Grand Master might be proud. Then again, the building in which they were met was the result of the united action on the part of the brethren, and if they went through the whole province they would find that unity and progress was the prevailing motto in the lodges. He believed, and he thought he might say it without hesitation, that the influence which their Provincial Grand Master had brought to bear upon the province had contributed very largely to that result. Being a strict disciplinarian himself, a more strict observance of their laws and regulations in the work of the lodges had been enforced. A personal attendance on his part, not only to their provincial meetings, but also in their private lodges, had brought their Provincial Grand Master into close touch and contact with the brethren. His earnest desire to faithfully and justly dispense those rewards of merit which were at his disposal to those brethren who had done good work in their respective lodges had, he thought, met with general approval; and lastly, his courtesy to the brethren who approached him on Masonic matters had gained for him their universal regard. Bro. Wilkins said it was to his mind a happy suggestion that the portrait of the Earl of Euston should adorn the walls of that lodge room as a mark of his judicious rule over them; and a still more happy thought was that which suggested that a replica of the portrait should be presented to his lordship as a further mark of their esteem and regard for him. He did not think it was necessary for him to go into detail as to how the project was brought about, and said it was sufficient to say it was an accomplished fact. He then asked their respected brother, T. Phipps Dorman, who was Chairman of the Directors of the Masonic Hall Company, to take charge of the portrait on behalf of the different lodges, and as it would be in his custody, to unveil it.

Bro. T. Phipps Dorman then unveiled the portrait amid applause.

Bro. BUTLER WILKINS, continuing his remarks, said the expression of satisfaction with which the brethren had greeted the unveiling of the portrait was a sign of their appreciation of the skill and ability which the artist, Bro. Harris Brown, had shown in producing so faithful a likeness, and he thought he deserved the highest praise for his work. The picture, Bro. Wilkins said, would be a silent monitor to those brethren who sat there in lodge, and, he hoped, would cause them to do their work as efficiently as if their Provincial Grand Master were actually present. He hoped it would be a satisfaction to Lord Euston to know the brethren had expressed their appreciation of the interest which he had always taken in their Masonic affairs, and he felt sure that in asking him to accept at their hands a replica of the portrait as a further mark of esteem for him he would never forget, however high he might get in Masonry in the future, that the first round of his Masonic ladder was in the lodges of the province over which he so ably presided. In asking his lordship to accept that replica on behalf of the brethren, he felt sure he was only expressing their feelings when he said long might he reign over them, long might the kindly feeling of sympathy between the ruler and the ruled continue, and might the bond of union and fraternal love between lodge and lodge which had been so amply illustrated that evening never cease to exist.

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER was visibly affected on rising to reply to the presentation. Lord Euston said the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, in opening his speech that evening, referred to the sad calamity which had happened, not only to them as Masons, but to all Englishmen who were true and loyal subjects of the Queen, and he was almost sorry that they had assembled that evening on such an occasion. However, the brethren of the Province of Norths and Hunts had done him the honour of placing his portrait on the walls of that large room and had also given him such a handsome replica of the same, and he assured them it was very difficult to find words to thank them adequately. He certainly thanked them from the bottom of his heart for the presentation, and said it only conveyed to him what he had felt from the first hour that it pleased his Royal Highness to place him in the position he occupied in that Province, that they gave him their most loyal sympathy, support, and friendship, and he trusted their affection as well. He had done his best in his small way to promote good and kindly feeling between the Masons, not only of the different lodges, but in the province generally; and he hoped the great proof they had given him of their loyalty and affection might continue as long as he lived. In taking the replica to his home—and he might say his father, the Duke of Grafton, had called in to see it, and also the portrait, and was exceedingly pleased—he should be able to look back and say "Look what my brothers in Northampton have given me." He should look upon that replica as one of the greatest treasures he had. It would outlast him, and he only trusted those who might come after him in his family might say there was one Mason who did his best, and that they would endeavour to follow in his footsteps. His lordship said he trusted that some of his name might come after him in that province, and try to do as much good work for Masonry as they could, and, in conclusion, he thanked the brethren for the very high honour they had done him that evening, and asked them to accept his most grateful thanks for the most handsome present they had made him.

Bros. J. CLAYSON, W.M. 360; A. JONES, W.M. 1764; H. BULLOCK, W.M. 1911; and the Rev. Dr. SANDERS, P.G. Chap. Eng., next made some feeling allusions to the loss they as Masons had sustained by the death of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, Prov. G.M. Berks, and P.G.W. England, and it was agreed that letters of condolence should be forwarded by the respective local lodges to the M.W. Grand Master, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren subsequently dined together under the presidency of the Prov. Grand Master, Lord Euston.

An excellent dinner was placed on the tables by Bro. J. S. Norman and Mrs. Norman, the Steward and Stewardess of the Masonic Club.

SAVAGE CLUB LODGE, No. 2190.

The installation meeting of this celebrated lodge was held on Tuesday last at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Will. E. Chapman, W.M., presiding, supported by his officers.

There were present on the occasion—

Bros. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; P. de Lande Long, P.G.D.; George Cooper, P.G.D.; Edward Letchworth, P.G.D.; P. H. Waterlow, G.S.; J. H. Matthews, P.D.G.D.C.; Charles Belton, P.D.G.D.C.; Robert Grey, Pres. Bd. of Ben.; Thomas Fenn, Pres. Bd. Gen. Purps.; E. Terry, P.G. Treas.; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.C.; Rev. H. Lansdell, D.D., G. Chap.; Admiral Sir E. Ingfield, K.C.B., G.W.; H. D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal; C. Barry, G. S. of W.; Charles Martin, P.A.G.D.C.; W. F. Nettleship, P.G.S.B.; Eugene Monteunis, P.G.S.B.; Walter E. Sampson, G.S.; Gordon Smith, P.G.S.; F. Pinches, P.G.S.; J. D. Langton, P.P.G.W. Surrey; E. St. Clair, P.M.; F. J. Vials, P.M.; E. Richardson, H. Stiles, P.M.; H. Burke, Neville Aveling, W. M. Terrott, F. Cleaves, P.M.; W. Regester, P.G.S.; G. Haydon, P.G.S.; J. Marsden, P.M.; T. E. Munday, P.M.; Arthur Young, T. W. Colcutt, John Davis, E. Milner, P.M.; Mercer H. Simpson, C. Dorrton, J. Gibbs, P.M.; W. Senior, T. H. Chance, W. B. Fendick, P.M.; F. S. Jackson, Barrow Emanuel, W. Bohm, J. L. Wilkinson, Heather Bigg, W. Lake, E. J. Moffatt, Percy Jakins, H. Massey, W. T. Perkins, E. E. Peacock, W.M. 1928; J. J. Collins, Major G. E. Giles, Major G. D. Giles, A. C. Pearce, P.M.; J. Crawford Wilson, the Rev. H. H. Hebb, M.A.; J. Morrison McLeod, Sec. Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; R. E. Goffin, P.M.; G. Dawson, P.M.; C. Jones, N. Sherwood, P.M.; C. L. Carson, David Wilson, M. Delmar, J. Godwin, P.P.G.D. Essex; J. Salmon, P.M.; Edgar Lee, W. H. Denny, W. R. Ingram, E. J. Hooper, P.M.; H. Tipper, P.M.; R. Tucker, P.G.S.B. Berks; S. Osborne, O. A. Fry, M. Shearman, C. M. Mills, P.M.; A. Vogel, J. MacLean, E. Michael, W. H. Pike, P.M.; Dr. E. Goddard, John Terry, James Catling, F. Scudamore, Fred. Tucker, Harold Frederic, Franklin Clive, Andrew Levey, C. Arnold, W. Schubert, Templer Saxe, T. Haydn Parry, A. L. Oswald, W. Nicholl, C. Townley, E. Bending, C. Bernard, F. J. Odell, J. Radcliffe, F. H. Cheesewright, T. Drew, W. L. Barrett, C. Conyers, Bassett Roe, J. Meredith Ball, Col. Peyton Phelps, T. Bello, H. Hendriks, P. L. Simmonds, P.M.; J. N. Prichard, P.M.; A. H. Haig, R. Dunthorne, W. Hughes, C. B. Birch, C. J. Shedden Wilson, T. N. Wenman, C. N. Williamson, F. H. Macklin, P. S. Abraham, J. Y. W. MacAlister, P. Soman, H. Van der Weyde, J. Bowdler Sharpe, L.L.D.; Alfred Sharpe, E. J. Wade, Herbert Wright, P.M.; E. J. Ravenstein, H. Petherick, A. C. Corbould, Courtice Pounds, J. Fernandez, and G. Fairchild, P.M.

After the minutes had been read and confirmed, Bro. G. E. Fairchild, at the request of the W.M., took the S.W.'s chair, and Bro. E. E. Peacock, W.M. 1928, the J.W.'s chair. Bro. W. S. Penley was D.C. Bro. Chaplain installed Bro. Walter J. Ebbetts, P.M., P.G. Stwd., as W.M., and the following brethren were appointed the officers of the lodge, though unfortunately Sir Somers Vine, Treas., and Bro. J. Paige, Sec., were absent through severe illness: Bros. Will. E. Chapman, I.P.M.; W. J. Fisher, S.W.; John Northcott, J.W.; Sir Somers Vine, P.M., Treas.; John Paige, P.M., Sec.; Edmund Rosenthal, S.D.; Dr. Maitland Coffin, J.D.; Harry Nicholls, I.G.; W. S. Penley, D. of C.; Ernest Lake, Org.; E. N. Alpe, Herbert Johnson, Frank Thornton and E. Barnett, Stwds.; and G. F. Swan, Tyler. Bro. Chapman, at the commencement of the business of the lodge, read a letter received from Sir Dighton Probyn on behalf of the Prince of Wales in reply to a sympathetic communication sent from the lodge on the death of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale. After the installation had been concluded, the W.M., with the unanimous vote of the brethren, sent telegrams of sympathy to Bro. Sir Somers Vine and Bro. Paige. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Chapman on the completion of his second year of office.

Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern to banquet, and afterwards the toasts were proposed.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in proposing "The Queen and the Craft," said he was quite sure her Majesty had no more loyal subjects than the Freemasons, and among that body none more heartily sympathised with her in her hour of sorrow than the members of the Savage Club Lodge.

In proposing "The M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales," the WORSHIPFUL MASTER said all brethren were indebted to the Prince of Wales for the always active and kindly interest he took in Masonry; but he felt at this particular time their sympathies flew to him in his loss, and therefore he would show better respect to him by making his remarks short. The brethren expressed their hearty prayer to God to protect and comfort him in this time of his great trouble.

Bro. CARLING, P.M., proposed "The M.W. Pro G.M., the R.W. Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." He said there was no lodge in the Metropolis which owed a greater debt of gratitude to the present Grand Officers than the Savage Club Lodge. From the inception of the lodge they had received from those brethren the kindest assistance and the best advice, and had at all times found them ready not only to tell them the way they should go, but to come amongst them and to guide them on any occasion when their aid had been asked. They regretted that Bro. Philbrick, who was present at the first gathering of the lodge was absent that night in consequence of a domestic affliction, but they had with them Bros. Fenn, Sir J. Monckton, Frank Richardson, the Rev. Dr. Lansdell, and Chas. Barry, whose names were familiar throughout the Craft.

Bros. the Rev. Dr. LANSDELL, G. Chap., and C. BARRY, G.S. of W., responded.

Bro. CHAPMAN, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M." He said although he rose to propose the toast of the W.M., he did it with great heartiness, and with knowledge of the subject. He had had exceptional opportunities of experience in the matter, because for a double space of time he had been able to observe and to gain this experience. During the two years which he had presided over the lodge it had been his privilege to have as his S.W. the brother whom, by the favour of the brethren, he had placed that night in the chair of K.S. He could safely say from his heart that the regard and esteem he had had for Bro. Ebbetts would be strengthened every day he had acquaintance with him. The brethren of the lodge could not have made a better choice of a W.M. if they wished to improve the lodge, its influence, and position. Bro. Ebbetts was a skilful and expert Craftsman, with a knowledge of the

principles, the rites, and observances of Masonry, which must gain for him the respect and esteem of every man with whom he might come in contact. He was thorough, conscientious, and earnest in all he undertook, and the Savage Club Lodge could not fail to improve under his management. The members had done themselves honour in electing to the chair of the lodge one of the most zealous and earnest members of the lodge.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in replying, said the toast had been submitted by the I.P.M. in such flattering terms, so much beyond his deserts, that he found it difficult to make adequate response, but it was hardly necessary for him to say he heartily appreciated the kindness of heart which prompted Bro. Chapman to use such generous expressions. He equally valued the confidence the brethren had shown, and the honour they had done him by placing him in the chair of that lodge. He felt an especial pride in the position to which he had been appointed, because he was the first joining member of that lodge to arrive at that high place. During the time he had been a member of the Savage Club Lodge he had received so many tokens of kindness and friendship that he felt sure during his year of office in the chair he might count upon their continued assistance, and thus his duties would be considerably lightened.

Bro. the Rev. J. S. BROWNRIFF, P.G.C., proposed "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Will. E. Chapman," a brother who for the first time that evening had entered the ranks of the Past Masters. Bro. Chapman had proved himself to be a Past Master in the Craft. There were some Past Masters who had much to learn, but Bro. Chapman had shown that he was a most expert as well as eloquent Craftsman, by the way in which he performed possibly for the first time the work of installing his successor.

Bro. CHAPMAN, I.P.M., in acknowledging the toast, which was most enthusiastically received, said the manner in which the brethren had received this toast was very gratifying to him. That night, when he had handed the gavel, and with it the cares of office, to his successor, it was peculiarly gratifying, because he ventured to think that this expression of their feeling was meant to tell him that they were pleased, or at least in some degree satisfied with the way he had endeavoured to do the work for the past two years. During that time he thought he might venture to say he had striven to perform the duties incumbent upon him, and the kindness and indulgence of the members to the many shortcomings of which he had been guilty had smoothed away the bitterness of the failure to reach that high ideal which he hoped to attain two years ago. Two years were a long time in the life of their young lodge; and during that time much had happened. During those two years they had initiated 33 men into Masonry, while 24 Masters had joined with them in carrying on the Savage Club Lodge; but life was a scroll of compensations. While they had cause to rejoice at having added during the last two years 57 members to the roll of lodge, there were familiar faces that had gone from them for ever in that time. They had lost several men who had been prominent in the list, men who had been with the brethren in heart oftener than they were in body, but their places they would always consider vacant not only in this lodge but in their hearts. This year was a peculiarly interesting one to him in Masonry, because in June of this year he would be able to celebrate his 21st year in Freemasonry, and among all those years not the least pleasant, and certainly the most valued, had been the five years that he had been brought into close companionship with the members of this lodge. In that time ties and associations had been formed which he trusted would never be severed until time with him should be no more. As Bro. Brownrigg had said, this was the first opportunity he had ever had of going through the installation ceremony, and he assured the brethren he did so with great nervousness, and with a constant feeling of remembrance of him who had always performed that ceremony in the lodge since it had been a lodge, and he could not but contrast that nervous way with the style in which it was performed by him who had been a friend and brother to this lodge in every sense. He could not sit down without saying that the Savage Club Lodge owed a debt of gratitude to the late Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke—a name that would be fresh in all their minds as long as any members of the Savage Club Lodge to-day survived him. He looked upon the Savage Club Lodge as perfectly safe with Bros. Fisher, Northcott, Rosenthal, and Coffin, and the goodly array of Masters who would succeed him, all of whom would do their best for the future of the lodge. They started the lodge a short time ago with the object of making Masonry their religion—to do what they could to advance the interest of the lodge, to advance the principles of Freemasonry, and although they might fall short, they knew they would do something by placing their aim so high. For himself he could say that during all the years he might be associated with the lodge, he should not consider his Masonic duty complete unless he was with the brethren as often as possible, and he trusted that every member of the Savage Club Lodge would promise that they would carry on the work, and would endeavour this year and years to come to assist the W.M. in the performance of his work.

Bros. Major GILES and E. E. PEACOCK, W.M. 1928, responded to the toast of "The Visitors," the latter brother making a strong appeal to the members of the lodge and the visitors to support the candidature of Agnes Lucy Adair, daughter of the late Bro. James Adair, a sub-editor of *The Daily Telegraph*, at the approaching election to the Girls' School, as it was a first and last application.

Bros. CARLING, P.M., and FISHER, S.W., replied to the toast of "The Past Masters and Officers of the Lodge," and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

In the course of the evening the W.M. read telegrams he had received from Lady Somers Vine and Miss Paige in answer to the telegrams sent from the lodge sympathising with Sir Somers Vine and Bro. Paige in their illness.

A charming musical and variety entertainment was given during the evening, in which the following brethren took part: Bros. Bond Andrews, E. Bending, F. H. Cheesewright, Franklin Clive, Chas. Conyers, W. H. Denny, Theo. Drew, Reginald Groome, Dalgety Henderson, Andrew Levey, Harry Nicholls, Wm. Nicholl, E. J. Odell, Arthur Oswald, Templer Saxe, Herbert Thorndyke, and Chas. Townley. The band of the Grenadier Guards (by permission of Colonel Trotter), conducted by Bro. Lieut. Dan Godfrey, played during dinner.

Bro. George Mead was an excellent Toastmaster.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1892.

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We are pleased to note that Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre,
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32, has been appointed by the Supreme Council, 33,
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It will be seen from our report elsewhere that
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Grand Lodge in December last, voted, at its Quarterly
Convocation on Wednesday, a handsome donation,
amounting to 100 guineas, to the funds of the Royal
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It is with very deep regret that we announce the
death of Bro. Col. A. C. Foster Gough, LL.D., Prov.
Grand Master of Staffordshire. Only as recently as
Wednesday, the 27th ult., Bro. Gough attended the
Special Communication of Grand Lodge which was
held for the purpose of considering and adopting
certain resolutions of condolence with his Royal
Highness the M.W.G.M., &c., &c., on the death of
the Duke of Clarence and Avondale. Our late brother
was at the time in anything but his usual health
and spirits, but there was nothing in his appearance
or manner that in any way betokened that his end
was so near. He was indeed a man for whom it
might have been considered safe to predict the pro-
longation of his life for several years to come. But,
alas! any such prediction would have been falsi-
fied within a few days of its utterance, and he whom we
looked to meet on many future occasions has been sum-
moned to his last rest. Nothing therefore remains for us
but to express our sympathy with his sorrowing relatives
and the large number of Masonic and non-Masonic
friends whom, in the course of his career, he had
gathered around him.

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Bro. Col. Gough was indeed a most admirable speci-
men of the zealous and enthusiastic Mason. He was
the very personification of geniality and kindness,
while, at the same time, he had a lofty sense of duty,
and what he considered it incumbent on him to do in
this respect in his exalted office of Provincial Grand
Master, he expected should be done by those whom he
appointed to office in his Provincial Grand Lodge. He
was likewise as painstaking a chief as he was a capable
one. He was constantly traversing his province so
that he might see for himself what was passing in the
various lodges, and form his own judgment of the zeal
and ability of the brethren under his charge. He also
encouraged the members to establish lodges of instruc-
tion, so that they might perfect themselves as nearly as
possible in our ritual. In fact, he left nothing undone
which appeared to him calculated to promote the wel-
fare of the province committed to his charge, and
Staffordshire must feel that by his unlooked-for death
it has sustained a loss which, for a time at all events,
will seriously affect the even tenour of its progress.

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A correspondent has very kindly informed us, *apropos*
of one of our Notes of last week, that the Duke of
Clarence and Avondale was to have been installed
W.M. of the Studholme Lodge, No. 1591, on the 15th
ult.—the day following his death, and that later in the
afternoon of the same day he was to have been exalted
to the Royal Arch in the Studholme Chapter. We
knew of his late Royal Highness's proposed installation,
though we did not mention it in our memoir or in the
Notes we have since written, but we were not aware of
his proposed exaltation, and are, therefore, extremely
obliged to our informant for the trouble he has taken
in the matter. This will no doubt account for the
confusion of ideas which was so apparent in one of the
announcements of our Masonic contemporary.

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We learn from the minutes of the proceedings of
the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of All
Scottish Freemasonry in India, which was held at Free-
masons' Hall, Bombay, on the 30th November last,
that Bro. J. W. Smith, Grand Master Depute, has been
unanimously appointed by the Grand Lodge of Scot-
land to be Grand Master of All Scottish Freemasonry
in India in succession to the late lamented Bro. Sir
Henry Morland. We congratulate Bro. Smith and our
Scottish brethren in India on this appointment.

Correspondence.

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

RE THE GREAT NORTHERN LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In reply to Bro. T. W. Hudson's enquiry in
your last issue respecting the above lodge of instruc-
tion, permit me to state that sometime since it was
amalgamated with the Queen's Westminster, St.
Marylebone, and William Preston Lodges of Instruc-
tion, whose meetings are now held at the Criterion,
Piccadilly Circus, on Friday evenings, at 8 o'clock,
under the sanction of the Queen's Westminster Lodge,
whose name is used.—Yours fraternally,

W. CLEGHORN,
Late Preceptor of Great Northern
Lodge of Instruction.

February 3rd.

Reviews.

MASONIC CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY FOR THE PROVINCE OF MIDDLESEX, 1892.

This excellent annual is edited by Bros. H. H. Room and W. H. Lee, who, as Prov. Grand Secretary and Prov. G.S.E. respectively, are well able to do the thing thoroughly, and as a matter of fact have so done. This year's issue is the best of the series, having considerable more pages of matter, and is well arranged. The rolls of the Past Provincial Grand Officers of the Craft and Royal Arch, involving much labour in their preparation, will prove a most welcome and useful addition, and the statistics also, which are a feature of this handy guide, enable one to gauge the condition of the province with comparative ease. There are now 40 lodges and 1347 subscribing members in this most active Provincial Grand Lodge, being the largest number yet registered of brethren. There are about four times the number of lodges now in the province than when it was formed in 1870, so the increase has been enormous during the past 20 years, and throughout that period there has been but the one Prov. Grand Master, and if the wishes of the members could be granted, Colonel Sir Francis Burdett will continue to exercise the duties as their honoured and respected ruler for another score of years, with the same zealous Prov. Grand Secretary.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Lodge of Prudent Brethren (No. 145).—

The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 26th ult., at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, and was well attended, both by members and visitors, the latter numbering 30, and were as follows: Bros. E. H. Dove, I.P.M. 45; T. B. Goodfellow, I.P.M., and T. S. Smith, of 177; P. Blatchford, I.P.M. 704; E. Lovell, P.M., and Fred. Voller, J.W., of 754; R. C. Read, 917; S. G. Bredy, I.G. 1056; H. W. Curry, 1185; J. H. Hallett, 1278; H. Stubbs, J.W., and W. E. Miller, of 1339; J. T. Davies, 1348; R. Howland, 1366; W. Johnston, 1538; William Higgins, P.M. 1563; H. Hull, J. Faulkner, Geo. B. Wood, Stwd., and T. Yardley, of 1580; G. P. Pointer, W.M., and N. Hodgson, S.D., of 1613; R. Heslop, J.W. 1695; Walter F. Bull, P.M., and Arthur Bull, W.M., of 1707; J. Fielder, 1790; C. T. Bridgeman, 1815; G. Reed, S.W. 1910; George Lane, J.D. 2202; and S. Wright, D.C. 2331.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which the report of the Audit Committee, showing a substantial balance in hand, was received and adopted. The W.M. then proceeded to initiate Mr. Geo. Gange, who must have been deeply impressed with the manner in which the ceremony was performed. Bro. J. R. Duff, S.W., was then presented to the W.M. to receive the benefit of installation at his hands, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, he was installed in a highly praiseworthy manner by the I.P.M., Bro. E. Coleman. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. J. H. Wood, S.W.; H. J. Dowling, J.W.; T. Bull, P.M., Treas.; D. Haslitt, P.M., Sec.; H. R. Cheese, S.D.; J. G. Gerlach, J.D.; F. W. Drew, I.G.; E. R. Smith, A.D.C.; G. Years, Stewards; and J. Reinhardt, Tyler. The usual addresses were impressively rendered by the retiring W.M., who was afterwards presented with a Past Master's jewel by the W.M., it having been previously unanimously voted by the lodge in recognition of his services in the chair.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet.

The W.M. proposed "The Queen and the Craft," which was loyally responded to.

The W.M., in proposing "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," expressed the sympathy of the lodge with the Prince and Princess of Wales for the irreparable loss they had just sustained in the death of their eldest son. The toast was drunk in silence.

The customary toasts then followed.

Bro. E. Coleman, I.P.M., proposing "The Health of the W.M.," wishing him a happy and prosperous year of office, and trusted the Past Masters and brethren generally would extend to him the same kindnesses and good feeling they had accorded himself.

The W.M. responded, and thanked the brethren for the honour they had paid him in electing him to the chair, which had been his ambitious desire since his initiation, and hoped it would act as an encouragement to the younger brethren. The W.M. then proposed "The Health of the I.P.M.," and said he was sincerely sorry to announce that Bro. E. Coleman was very unwell, and had been obliged to depart. The W.M. had wished to thank him for the many acts of kindness he had received from his hands, and hoped his illness was only of a temporary nature, a wish he felt sure all the brethren shared.

Bro. W. Lloyd, P.M., replied for Bro. E. Coleman, I.P.M., in a suitable manner, thanking the W.M. for his kind expressions of sympathy.

"The Initiate" was duly honoured and responded to, being followed by "The Visitors."

Bro. T. Goodfellow, P.M., replied, thanking the brethren for their generous hospitality, and complimented the lodge upon its working, which he said "he might have seen equalled but never beaten," concluding by feeling sure the brethren would have no reason to regret their choice of the present W.M., who was to his knowledge a very hard working Mason.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was humorously replied to by Bro. Cox, P.M.; and Bro. A. Haslitt, P.M., responded for "The Secretary."

"The Officers" having been observed, the Tyler's toast brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

Bro. T. W. Drew was responsible for the musical arrangements, whilst Bros. Wm. Lloyd, James Murray, John Hampton, J. H. Wood, G. Vinton, and Mr. H. C. Searle enlivened the proceedings by their vocalisation. Bro. John Guest presided at the piano.

Israel Lodge (No. 205).—The installation meeting of this old-established lodge was held at Cannon-street Hotel, City, on Tuesday, the 26th January. Amongst the large number of members present were Bros. S. Dancyger, W.M.; Maurice Bash, S.W., W.M. elect; J. Levy, J.W.; A. M. Cohen, P.M., Treas.; C. F. Hogard, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; I. H. Gluckstein, S.D.; B. Marcus, J.D.; J. Dancyger, I.G.; H. M. Harris, P.M., D.C.; M. I. Emanuel, P.M.; S. M. Harris, P.M.; S. Jacobs, P.M.; L. Norden, P.M.; E. H. Norden, P.M.; W. Littaur, P.M.; A. J. Henochsberg, P.M.; and many others. Visitors: Bros. J. Terry, P.G.S.B.; F. Binckes, P.G.S.B.; A. Cohen, W.M. 188; M. J. de Leeuw, W.M. 2265; J. H. Lee, P.M. 1196; J. Stevens, P.M. 1216; A. E. Bishop, W.M. 1319; M. J. Jessop, P.M. 2265; E. Wolff; W. Wright, W.M. 1897, P.P.G. Org. Middx.; S. Moses, 511; C. Stichling, 511; S. J. Roco, Chap. 188; P. D. Lavers, 175; J. Cowling, 619; A. Duckett, 1347; J. Yonge, 81; B. Weigel, 188; J. Barnett, jun., 2192; L. L. Bloomfield, 185; and W. W. Lee, S.W. 2381.

Lodge having been formally opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. A resolution was then proposed by Bro. C. F. Hogard and unanimously agreed to expressing deep sympathy with H.M. the Queen and H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. on the much lamented death of H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence. Bro. Maurice Bash was presented as W.M. elect, and installed into the chair by Bro. S. Dancyger in an exceedingly able and impressive manner. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. S. Dancyger, I.P.M.; J. Levy, S.W.; I. H. Gluckstein, J.W.; A. M. Cohen, P.M., Treas.; C. F. Hogard, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; B. Marcus, S.D.; J. Dancyger, J.D.; H. M. Harris, P.M., D.C.; John Berlyn, I.G.; James Noble Smith, Asst. Dir. of Cers.; and I. Rosalky and George Lichtenfeld, Stewards. The I.P.M. was then presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel (manufactured by Bro. George Kenning), which was enriched by a diamond given by the brethren in recognition of the able manner in which he had carried out his duties during the past year. The sum of 10 guineas was unanimously voted from the lodge funds to be placed on Bro. Hogard's list for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Propositions having been received, and letters of regret for non-attendance announced, the lodge was closed.

After banquet the usual toasts were honoured. "The Queen and the Craft" having been heartily received, the W.M. gave "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," and said the feelings of grief that had been expressed all over the civilised world were exemplified by the emblems of mourning they wore, and which but feebly expressed their sorrow. They wished the members of the Royal Family health and strength to bear their sad bereavement.

Bro. J. Terry, P.G.S.B., replying for "The Grand Officers," said the first public duty which the Dep. G.M. had undertaken to perform since his appointment was the chairmanship of the Jubilee Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. At the present juncture of Grand Lodge, through the lamented death of the Grand Secretary, there were certain officers of Grand Lodge who were daily attending and discharging the duties in an exemplary manner. On behalf of the Grand Officers, he thanked the brethren for the compliment paid them and the honour conferred.

Bro. S. Dancyger, I.P.M., proposed "The Worshipful Master," and said that if he were to occupy many hours it would not be sufficient to speak of the merits of Bro. Bash, W.M. He had much pleasure in saying that the Worshipful Master and himself were initiated on the same night and had worked hand in hand together, and he was sure the lodge would be pleased and satisfied with the work their W.M. would do. Their newly-installed W.M. was a good man and a good Freemason, and would shed some lustre on the Israel Lodge.

Bro. Maurice Bash, W.M., thanked the I.P.M. and brethren heartily, and assured them he would do the utmost in his power to give them satisfaction, so that at the end of his year they would not regret having elected him as their Worshipful Master.

"The Masonic Charities and the Lodge Benevolent Fund" was the next toast given, coupled with the names of Bros. J. Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I., and A. M. Cohen, P.M., Treasurer.

Bro. J. Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I., replied for the first portion of the toast, and asked the brethren to remember what the Secretary, Bro. Hogard, had done for the lodge, and support him in his Stewardship for the Jubilee Festival of the Benevolent Institution. He thanked them for the sum of 10 guineas voted in the lodge, and wished the Institution be represented was in the same condition as the lodge Benevolent Fund as far as regards funds. There were now 140 seeking admission to the Benevolent Institution and but 27 vacancies, which was an enormous disproportion. He was in hopes that such an amount would be raised as to justify the Committee in returning all the candidates. At the next election there were two widows of former members of this lodge seeking admission, and he therefore hoped the brethren would enable Bro. Hogard to take up a substantial amount on his list.

Bro. A. M. Cohen, P.M., Treasurer, replied on behalf of the lodge Benevolent Fund, observing that he knew of several cases likely to come forward for relief. He appealed strongly to the brethren for funds, as no applicant was sent away unrelieved if worthy.

Bro. Bloomfield, W.M. 185, responded for "The Visitors," and returned thanks for the hospitable manner in which they had been received.

Bro. James Stevens, P.M., expressed his appreciation of the admirable manner in which the work had been conducted. As an old Mason and one with a great amount of experience he had never heard the addresses delivered in a more effective or more admirable manner than as given by the I.P.M.

Bro. M. J. Jessop, P.M., also replied, and said it was his fate to be elected Worshipful Master of a lodge three years ago when he told one of the officers that he could not advance him, and as he was in the same position in another lodge asked him if he would mind being put back one place in office. He had never had the opportunity of thanking the W.M., Bro. Bash, for that act of kindness, but he had much pleasure in doing so on the present occasion, for good as it was to know the ritual of Freemasonry, that which he had related was true Freemasonry and Freemasonry from the heart.

"The Past Masters, Treasurer, and Secretary" and "The Officers" were given, after which the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

In the musical programme the following assisted: Mrs. Littaur, Miss Frances Littaur, Miss Emanuel, Mr. H. Thorpe, Mr. H. Heap, and Bro. I. Cohen, with Bro. W. Wright, P.G.O. of Middx., at the piano.

Royal Savoy Lodge (No. 1744).—The installation meeting of this well-known lodge was held on the 26th ult. at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Bro. W. A. Scurrah, I.P.M., acting as W.M. for Bro. Holland, W.M. There were present Bros. C. H. Holland, W.M.; R. Ross, S.W.; C. J. Knightley, J.W.; H. Dickey, P.M., Sec.; G. Mordey, S.D.; O. Ruzicka, J.D.; A. H. Cole, D.C.; H. Longman, A.D.C.; W. A. Scurrah, I.P.M.; W. M. Stiles, P.M.; J. C. Smith, P.M.; A. B. Fox, T. Crane, J. M. Ellison, G. Thompson, R. T. West, W. W. Langley, E. P. Weymouth, C. Wilsden, W. Baker, W. A. Wykes, J. Pratt, R. Dipple, A. Berg, J. Morris, C. P. Coles, G. Comley, A. George, P. J. Jagels, F. J. Walker, J. Bryan, W. Bowen, and H. Ward. Visitors: Bros. T. Lansdown, 813; R. Alaway, 1507; W. F. Bates, P.M. 1507; H. Herbert, 1745; F. Marshall, 1580; J. Garrod, 754; F. Silvester, P.M. 193; A. H. Scurrah, W.M. 2048; G. Norrington, 1669; A. Calvert, 212; A. H. P. Snow, 2191; J. F. Saunders, 1507; R. T. Roseberg, 862; F. D. Norman, 172; and A. H. Smith, P.M. 901. There were many absentees owing to the prevailing epidemic.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. elect, Bro. Richard Ross, was presented, and installed into the chair by Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.M. The following brethren were appointed and invested officers for the year: Bros. Capt. C. J. Knightley, S.W.; G. Mordey, J.W.; W. M. Stiles, P.M., Treas.; H. Dickey, P.M., Sec.; O. Ruzicka, S.D.; A. H. Cole, J.D.; H. Longman, I.G.; T. Jefferies, D.C.; E. M. Weston, A.D.C.; J. Pratt and G. Comley, Stwds.; J. C. Smith, P.M., Organist; and R. Whiting, P.M., Tyler. The usual addresses were very ably rendered by Bro. W. A. Scurrah, P.M. The W.M. initiated Messrs. E. F. Wymer and J. H. Adcock, and Bro. Charles Wilsden, 700, was admitted as a joining member. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M., Bro. Holland, and acknowledged by him in suitable terms. The lodge was then closed, and an excellent banquet followed.

The W.M. proposed "The Health of the Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and in eloquent terms referred to the great loss the Craft and the nation had sustained through the pathetic death of the Duke of Clarence.

Bro. Ross, in replying to the toast of "The W.M.," stated that it was the proudest moment of his life, and he thanked the brethren sincerely for the honour they had paid him in placing him in that exalted position. He hoped that during his term of office he should be able to give every satisfaction, and would do his utmost to further the interests of the lodge.

In proposing "The Installing Master and Past Masters," the W.M. thanked Bro. Scurrah for the able and impressive manner in which he had installed him as W.M., to which Bro. Scurrah replied that what he had done was to him a pleasure and honour.

The next toast was "The Initiates," to which both the new members replied.

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. Arthur Scurrah, W.M. 2048; F. Silvester, P.M. 193; J. Garrod, H. Herbert, A. H. Smith, W. F. Bates, and G. Norrington, all expressing approval of the admirable working of the W.M. and the excellent installing by Bro. Scurrah, P.M.

The Worshipful Master proposed in eloquent terms "The Masonic Charities," coupled with the name of Bro. Stiles, P.M., Steward for the Old People, who in reply regretted that Bro. Terry was not present to do greater justice to the toast than he could do. He had received a good sum at present, but would do his very utmost to get more, and if the other Stewards did as well as he hoped to do the funds for the Old People would amount to a substantial sum.

The next important toast was "The Treasurer, Secretary, and other Officers," proposed by the W.M., and responded to by the S.W., Bro. Captain Knightley, in a very humorous speech.

The Tyler's toast ended the proceedings after an agreeable evening had been spent, but there was no vocal entertainment out of respect of the sad occurrence for which all Masons are in mourning.

Viator Lodge (No. 2308).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Saturday, the 16th ult. Bro. W. Buxton, W.M., having met with a slight accident, was unable to be present, but with great thoughtfulness had ordered the lodge to be placed in mourning, and knowing the sincere feelings of sorrow with which the brethren had received the news of the death of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, P.G.W., P.G.M. Berks, despatched the following message from the lodge to H.R.H. the M.W.G.M.: "The W.M., Wardens, and brethren of the Viator Lodge, assembled to-day, most respectfully offer their deep and heartfelt sympathy with their Most Worshipful Grand Master and H.R.H. the Princess of Wales in their great sorrow." To which the following gracious reply was received by telegram: "The Grand Master and the Princess of Wales thank the W.M. and brethren of the Viator Lodge for kind sympathy."

Bro. H. Price, P.M., opened the lodge, assisted by Bros. Hobbs, S.W.; J. Stephens, J.W.; E. Smith, I.P.M.; W. Ferguson, P.M., Treas.; T. Morris, Sec.; J. Higgs, S.D.; Chapel, acting J.D.; A. Banks, I.G.; and others. Visitors: Bros. H. B. Southwell, J.W. 68; J. S. Knight, 228; F. Williams, 2346; and E. A. Osbaldestone, 1475.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Bro. H. Hewett, 15, as a joining member, also for Messrs. J. R. Lewes and G. Nundy, candidates for initiation, which proved unanimous in their favour. Bro. Bloxham was then raised to the Degree of M.M., after which Bro. E. Smith, I.P.M., occupied the chair, and passed Bros. H. S. Wood and C. Tilson to the Second Degree. The chair being taken by Bro. W. Ferguson, P.M., and Mr. Geo. Nundy, being in attendance, was initiated in a most impressive manner. Bro. W. Ferguson, P.M., proposed, and Bro. E. Smith, P.M., seconded, that the sum of 25 guineas be placed on the list of Bro. Buxton, W.M., who was acting as Steward on behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which was carried unanimously. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

CHATHAM.

Royal Kent Lodge of Antiquity (No. 20).—The annual festival of the above lodge was held on Wednesday, the 27th ult., at the Sun Hotel, the date of the festival having been altered from the previous Wednesday, by dispensation from the Provincial Grand Master, in consequence of the funeral of the Duke of Clarence. The Royal Kent Lodge of Antiquity stands No. 20 on the register of the Grand Lodge of England, and is the oldest provincial lodge in England, and, with but few exceptions, the very oldest lodge of Freemasons, its charter having been granted in 1723.

The handsome lodge room at the Sun Hotel presented a crowded appearance on Wednesday afternoon, it having become known that Earl Amherst, the Provincial Grand Master for Kent, had signified his intention to be present. Among those present besides his lordship were Bro. A. Spencer (Mayor of Maidstone), Bro. W. Russell, Prov. Grand Treas.; Bro. C. T. Smith (Mayor of Chatham), P.M.; and other distinguished brethren from the Metropolis and various lodges in the province.

Bros. the Dean of Rochester, Sir J. E. Gorst, M.P., Sir A. Clarke, and J. S. Eastes, D.P.G.M., were unavoidably prevented being present, each of these distinguished brethren sending letters of regret and expressions of fraternal regards.

The ceremony of installing the newly-elected W.M., Bro. F. H. Collins, was very ably performed by Bro. W. T. Wiggins, the retiring Master. The lodge room at this period presented a brilliant and crowded appearance, from the large number of brethren in attendance, including visitors from nearly every lodge in Kent.

The following brethren were appointed officers of the lodge, and each duly invested by the new Master with the collar and jewel of office, viz., Bros. C. E. Skinner, S.W.; G. W. Church, J.W.; T. Williams, S.D.; C. D. Levy, J.D.; A. B. Hearn, I.G.; C. T. Smith, P.M., D.C.; A. Cooper, Org.; G. E. Bond and W. P. Payne, Stwds.

A pleasing portion of the proceedings was the presentation of a very handsome Past Master's jewel to Bro. W. T. Wiggins, from the lodge, as a token of the able and efficient manner in which he had presided over its affairs during the past year.

At the close of the business the annual banquet was held, presided over by Bro. Collins, the newly-installed Master, who was supported by Earl Amherst and other influential brethren.

The after-dinner proceedings were enlivened by some excellent singing given by a party of professional singers, including Miss Finnes, Miss Newlyn, and Bros. Oldroyd, Holiday, and Mr. Voysey. A portion of the performers of the Royal Marine Band occupied the gallery and gave a choice selection of music during the dinner.

On the departure of Earl Amherst coloured lights and fires were burnt in the front of the Sun Hotel. The banquet was a great success, the host, Bro. Spurrier, as usual catering in his best manner.

DEVIZES.

Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity (No. 663).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on Tuesday, the 19th ultimo. In the absence of the outgoing W.M. (Bro. the Rev. Walter Humphrys), owing to the death of a relative, the S.W. Bro. Benjamin White Cress was installed as W.M. by Bros. W. H. Bush, P.M., and H. Howse, P.M.. The newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested the officers of the lodge for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. Rev. W. Humphrys, I.P.M. and Chaplain; J. P. Martin, S.W.; F. G. Billingham, J.W.; F. S. Hancock, P.M., Treas.; T. C. Hopkins, P.M., Sec.; F. Reynolds, S.D.; F. Wyatt, J.D.; H. Howse, P.M., D.C.; H. H. Baker, acting Org., and I.G.; J. Hunt, Steward; C. R. Barnes, Tyler. The addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren, were delivered by Bro. T. C. Hopkins, P.M. A vote of condolence with the M.W. G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, on the death of the Duke of Clarence, was passed amidst expressions of fraternal and heartfelt sympathy. This sad event cast a gloom over the whole proceedings, and in consequence thereof the usual installation banquet was postponed.

HAMPTON COURT.

Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—This lodge met at the Greyhound Hotel on the 21st ult. Among those present were Bros. A. F. Scholding, W.M.; W. Fisher, P.M. 834, &c., S.W., W.M. elect; J. Smith, J.W.; J. C. Jessett, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., Sec.; J. W. Clarke, S.D.; H. Robinson, J.D.; E. H. Trotter, I.G.; G. J. Tagg, H. Wheatley, P.M., P.A.G.D.C., P. Cronin, and C. Wheatley, Stwds.; G. Ransford, P.M., D.C.; T. W. Ockenden, P.M., P.P.G.D.; W. Spearing, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; and R. Eales, P.M. Among the visitors were Bros. Geo. Everett, P.M. 177, G. Treas.; Glass, P.M.; Harvey, P.M.; Oliver, P.M.; and Major Wallington, P.M.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Dove was raised to the Third Degree and Bro. Ruff passed to the Second Degree, both ceremonies being well performed. Bro. W. Fisher, S.W., having been presented, was duly installed as W.M. The following appointments and investitures were made: Bros. J. Smith, S.W.; J. W. Clarke, J.W.; Jessett, Treas.; Captain Walls, Sec.; H. Robinson, S.D.; E. H. Trotter, J.D.; W. Hopkins, I.G.; G. Ransford, D.C.; G. J. Tagg, A.D.C.; H. Wheatley, P. Cronin, R. Kent, C. Wheatley, and F. Scott, Stwds.; and J. Gilbert, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. A. F. Scholding, I.P.M., and a vote of thanks passed to him for his services as Installing Officer. A sum of money was voted from the lodge funds to the Thrupp Testimonial Fund. Bro. W. Fisher, W.M., having been elected to represent the lodge as Steward for the Jubilee Festival of the R.M.B.I., the Treasurer gave a notice of motion that the sum of 10 guineas be voted from the lodge funds to head his list. The report of the Audit Committee having been received and adopted, apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. R. H. Thrupp, D.P.G.M.; H. H. Room, P.G. Sec.; N. Prower, W.M. 1745; J. Barnett, jun., P.M.; W. Hopkins, R. Kent, and many others. The lodge was then closed.

An excellent banquet followed, and upon the removal of the cloth the customary loyal toasts were drunk in silence.

Bro. G. Everett, P.M., G. Treas., responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers." He feelingly touched upon the great loss the Craft had sustained by the premature deaths of H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence, P.G.W., and Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, P.G.D., Grand Secretary. By the death of the former a great blow had fallen upon the Royal Family and the nation at large, and by the demise of the latter a gap had been created in Masonic circles not easily to be filled.

A few other toasts followed, and the proceedings terminated at an early hour. There was no musical programme. The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME.

Sutherland Lodge of Unity (No. 460).—The time honoured Festival of St. John the Baptist was celebrated at the Castle Hotel, on Friday, the 15th ult., under the presidency of Bro. W. H. Newby, W.M., who was supported by Bros. F. Skerrett, as I.P.M.; T. W. Eardley, S.W.; T. Edwards, J.W.; S. Hyslop, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; J. Green Ainsworth, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Sec.; W. E. Pattison, J.D.; J. M. Adlington, I.G.; A. Pepper and R. C. Downs, Stwds.; B. Hancock, Tyler; and several other brethren, together with the following visitors: Bros. J. Bromley, P.P.S.G.W.; T. Taylor, P.P.S.G.W.; Alfred L. Broad, P.P.J.G.W.; W. H. Howson, W.M. 2064; Geo. Wilks, S.W. 2064; James Wearing, J.W. 2064; John Mason, W.M. 98; George Bradford, W.M. 2149; W. Edwards, Org. 418; R. D. Viggers, Thomas Wright, Walter Horne, J. P. Howson, F. J. Hawley, E. Harrison, Haydon Mercer, J. G. Howson, H. Newland, P.G.D., and W. H. Robinson.

The lodge was opened and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. T. W. Eardley, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. W. H. Newby, and he was duly installed into the chair of K.S. by the acting I.P.M., Bro. F. Skerrett, P.G. Stwd., who displayed equal ability to the other occasions when he has performed the same ceremony. Bro. T. W. Eardley being duly installed into the chair, the officers for the year were invested and addressed by Bro. A. L. Broad, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., as follows: Bros. T. Edwards, S.W.; F. Skerrett, P.M., J.W.; L. C. A. Edgeworth, Chap.; S. Hyslop, Treas.; J. G. Ainsworth, Sec.; W. E. Pattison, S.D.; J. M. Adlington, J.D.; A. Pepper, I.G.; J. Ingamells, P.M., D.C.; F. Mountford, P.M., Org.; and R. C. Downs, Rushforth, and J. G. Howson, Stwds. The working tools were presented by Bro. W. H. Newby, I.P.M., who also gave the addresses to the W.M. and the Wardens; Bro. A. T. Broad, P.M., gave the concluding address to the brethren. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the many visiting brethren present, and the lodge was closed.

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

Bro. J. Green Ainsworth, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and remarked that he was the last of those he had the honour of first showing the light of Freemasonry, and had great pleasure in seeing his friend in the high position which the lodge had placed him, for he was quite certain (from the ability he had shown in the previous offices) he would fill the post with credit to himself and the lodge.

The toast was received with enthusiasm, and the W.M. in a short pithy speech pledged himself to make every exertion to carry out his duties to the best of his ability, and carry out the work as he had seen it done by his predecessors in the office.

The W.M. proposed "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. W. H. Newby." He said he had filled the position of Master of that lodge in a very creditable manner. He had had a very prosperous year, and he left the chair with as much popularity as he entered it.

Bro. W. H. Newby responded, and said: I cannot express the pride and pleasure I at this moment feel at receiving such an eulogium at your hands. I shall ever remember this mark of your esteem and approbation. Proud indeed was I when this time last year you placed me in the chair of K.S., but prouder far am I to-night in knowing that my efforts to maintain the prestige, honour, and prosperity of No. 460 has met with such hearty approval and approbation. I would especially thank every officer for his regular and punctual attendance during the year, and for their devotion in helping to make the year a red-letter year in our history. As I intimated this afternoon, this has been no sinecure year, it has been constant work, otherwise the 21 ceremonies we have performed could not have been accomplished, and at the commencement of the year for the first time we undertook a ball, with what success Masons and non-Masons alike bore favourable testimony, and from the proceeds of which we were able to send 40 guineas to the Masonic Charities. All this is work we have every reason to be proud of, and, on my own behalf and on behalf of every member of this lodge, I tender them our sincerest thanks. Now, W. Sir, I cordially wish you an equally prosperous and successful year, and in return for the help and assistance rendered to myself, I shall be pleased to do all I can for you or them. I love Masonry, I love my mother lodge. May the G.A.O.T.U. prosper it and us.

Other toasts followed, which were all drunk in silence, owing to the death of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, P.G.W.

SWINTON.

Egerton Lodge (No. 2216).—The annual festival of this lodge was held at the Bull's Head Hotel, on Wednesday, the 27th ult. It was a most successful one, and the installation ceremony was well conducted. The following brethren were present: Bros. J. Lee Wood, P.M., W.M.; R. Wardle, I.P.M.; J. Chadderton, P.M., P.P.A.G.S.; H. Bennett, S.W.; F. R. Bowley, S.D.; A. B. Worthington, J.D.; A. Swindley, I.G.; P. Jones, Org.; Frank Hewitt, Dr. O'Grady, John Knight, J. Connor, S. J. Hampson, J. T. Seddon, W. J. Widdowson, E. Hadfield, and T. Winkley. The following visiting brethren were also present: Bros. T. Shorricks, P.M. 350; Thos. Banks, 1354; Sam Heyes, I.P.M. 1814; Thomas Stewart, 1814; J. Hodgkiss, S.W. 350; I. Ramsbottom, W.M. 325; and W. Smith, W.M. 1814.

THORNE.

St. Nicholas Lodge (No. 2259).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 20th ult., in the Peace Hall. Present: Bros. S. H. C. Ashlin, W.M.; J. H. Bletcher, I.P.M.; J. Constable,

S.W.; G. Kenyon, J.W.; A. L. Peace, Treas.; W. P. Robotham, Sec.; Rev. J. J. Littlewood, Chap.; W. Martin, S.D.; A. Goodhivie, J.D.; T. Barber, I.G.; F. T. Turner, Stwd.; W. G. Winter, P.M.; B. Maskill, and F. Webb. Visitors: Bros. W. Langbridge, P.G.S. of Works; C. Pretwell, P.M. 242; F. Hanson, C. Buckland, H. W. Turner, C. D. Goodair, W. Blake, and R. Pigott.

After the lodge was opened, Bro. Langbridge gave one of his interesting Masonic lectures. Bro. A. L. Peace proposed, and the W.M. seconded, that a vote of heartfelt condolence be sent to the M.W.G.M. and the Princess of Wales on their sad bereavement, which was unanimously carried, and the Secretary requested to forward the same to proper quarters.

After lodge the brethren partook of a light supper, and spent the remainder of the evening in an unusually quiet manner in silent respect for the memory of the Duke of Clarence.

Royal Arch.

DONCASTER.

St. Magdalen Chapter (No. 242).—The monthly meeting of this chapter was held at Nether Hall, on the 20th ult., when there were present Comps. F. D. Walker, acting Z.; G. E. Wilkie, H.; T. B. Ogle, J.; J. Constable, acting S.E.; J. Rand, acting S.N.; G. Brooke, Treas.; F. Webb, T. Foster, C. Woodhouse, F. D. Fenton, and J. Hirst, Janitor.

The chapter having been opened, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed, ballots were taken for the various officers with the following results: Comps. T. B. Ogle, M.E.Z.; G. E. Wilkie, H.; S. Pegler, J.; G. Brooke, P.Z., Treas.; T. Foster, S.E.; J. Constable, S.N.; F. Webb, P.S.; and J. Hirst, Janitor.

WOOLWICH.

Union Waterloo Chapter (No. 13).—The installation meeting of the above ancient and honourable chapter took place on Wednesday, the 27th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Mount Pleasant, when Comps. C. H. Canning, Z. 1462, was installed as Z.; W. Taily, H.; and W. Akers, J. Comp. A. Penfold, P.Z. 13 and 1472, P.Z. and Treas. 913, and P.P.G. 1st A.S., officiated as Installing Officer, and his faultless and impressive working was much admired and appreciated. The officers invested were as follows: Comps. G. Kennedy, P.Z., S.E.; Capt. G. Spinks, P.Z., Treas.; F. Barry, S.N.; W. Keeble, P.S.; H. Syer, 1st A.S.; and Widgey, 2nd A.S. Comp. Penfold then delivered the addresses, and so concluded a perfect ceremony, for the excellence of which he was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, the same to be recorded on the minutes of the chapter. Comp. Penfold having returned thanks, a handsome P.Z.'s jewel was presented to Comp. R. Warren, I.P.Z., for his services to the chapter during the past year, for which he returned thanks. Five guineas were voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and several sums to local Charities. Comp. Henry de Grey, the oldest member of the chapter, tendered his resignation, which was accepted with the deepest regret, and he was unanimously elected an honorary member. The chapter was then closed.

The banquet was partaken of at Bro. Capern's house, the Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, and was much enjoyed, the menu and service being of the best.

The usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts were honoured, but the lamented death of our late distinguished brother, the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, for whom the chapter was in deep mourning, prevented the possibility of music and singing, nevertheless a most enjoyable evening was spent by the companions, and with them we heartily wish success to the Union Waterloo Chapter.

Among the other companions present were Comps. W. G. Lock and W. G. Crowdy, Auditors; J. Hancock, J. Johnson, G. W. King, D. Jenkins, and A. Fenn. Visitors: Comps. J. Aillu, M.E.Z. 529; and C. Jolly, P.Z. and M.E.Z. elect 1472.

Mark Masonry.

DARLINGTON.

Darlington Lodge (No. 250).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 14th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Bro. Dr. Hill Drury, W.M., presiding. The minutes of the last regular lodge were read and confirmed. Bro. Rev. R. A. Waters was balloted for as a joining member and unanimously elected. Bro. Hill Drury then rose and in sorrowful terms alluded to the great loss which the nation, and especially Freemasons, had sustained in the lamented death, that morning, of H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, and concluded by proposing the following motion: "That this lodge records its deep sorrow at the death of H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence and Avondale which took place this morning and its heartfelt sympathy with H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., the Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family in their great bereavement, and prays that T.G.O.O.T.U. may in His mercy sustain and support them in their hour of grief and mourning." This was seconded by Bro. Bailey, P.M., and carried amid solemn silence. The lodge was then closed.

The resolution was at once telegraphed to Sandringham and the following reply received in due course.

"To the Worshipful Master, Darlington Mark Lodge, Darlington.

"His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales desires me to convey to you and to the members of your lodge his heartfelt and fraternal thanks for your kind telegram of sympathy with him in his deep affliction.

"(Signed) DIGHTON PROBYNS, General: Comptroller.

"Sandringham, January 10th, 1892."

EGREMONT.

Sewell Lodge (No. 421).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Oddfellows' Hall on Thursday, the 28th ultimo, when Bro. J. Lowery, Worshipful Master elect, was installed by Bro. G. Dalrymple, P.M., P.A.G.D.C. England, assisted by Bro. Craig, P.M., P.P.G.M.O., and the following were

invested as officers: Bros. J. Stout, P.J.G.D., I.P.M.; J. Nelson, S.W.; W. Irving, J.W.; J. A. Parker, M.O.; T. Miller, S.O.; J. C. Hetton, J.O.; Rev. G. B. Armes, P.P.G.C., Chap.; J. Muncaster, Treas.; Dr. S. Braithwaite, R. of M.; W. Bosward, Sec.; G. Wilson, S.D.; E. K. Bouch, J.D.; W. Armstrong, D.C.; S. Braithwaite, I.G.; and S. McLeod, Tyler.

The following members and visitors were also present: Bros. J. Kitchin, H. Hartley, P.M. 216, P.P.J.G.O.; J. Wakefield, W.M. 216; R. Leach, 151, P.P.A.G.D.C.; T. Brakenridge, P.M. 213, P.P.S.G.O.; E. Jackson, 216; G. W. Roll, 36; H. Burns, P.M. 213, P.G.R. of M.; and W. Heathcote, J.W. 216.

It is only just one year since this lodge was consecrated by the D.P.G.M., Bro. Col. Sewell, whose name it bears, and it has had a very successful run, for many good candidates have been advanced, and the work has been done in a most creditable manner, and we feel sure it will continue to prosper under such an able Master as Bro. Lowery.

SUTTON BRIDGE.

Nene Lodge (No. 427).—The annual meeting of this new lodge, which was consecrated by Bro. C. F. Matier, Grand Secretary, and Bro. R. Berridge, Grand Director of Ceremonies, in January, 1891, was held on Wednesday, the 27th ult., at the Bridge Hotel, the following brethren being present: Bros. G. S. Woodwark, W.M.; Chas. E. Ward, S.W.; J. E. Townsend, J.O.; J. R. Clarke, Sec.; W. Patrick, R. of M.; R. H. Aldham, S.D.; J. S. B. Glasier, J.D.; J. G. Dunlop, I.G.; John Leach, C. F. Liversedge, P.M.; Gainsboro, P.P.G.W.; W. Mortimer, P.M.; P.J.G.W.; and J. Hardy, Prov. G. Org. Letters of apology for absence on account of illness and other causes were sent by Bros. C. F. Matier, Grand Sec.; J. M. McLeod, P.P.S.G.W. Derby, Sec. R.M.I.B.; R. Carline, O. Papworth, H. E. Cousins, W. W. Copeland, and others.

Ballot was taken for Bros. H. Healey, J.W. 985, and W. Fletcher, S.W. 489, which being unanimous, those brethren were advanced by Bro. Liversedge, Bro. Mortimer acting as S.D. Bro. Chas. E. Ward, S.W., Prov. S.G.D., W.M. elect, was then presented by Bro. Mortimer and ably installed by Bro. Liversedge, assisted by Bro. Mortimer. The W.M. appointed and invested the following officers: Bros. G. S. Woodwark, I.P.M.; J. R. Clarke, Prov. G. Stwd., S.W.; J. E. Townsend, J.W.; Geo. Carrick, P.P.G.R., M.O.; W. Patrick, S.O.; R. H. Aldham, J.O.; J. S. B. Glasier, Sec.; Mark Cox, Treas.; J. G. Dunlop, S.D.; H. Healey, J.D.; W. Fletcher, I.G.; and D. Oliver, Tyler.

"Hearty good wishes" having been given, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet put on by the host, Bro. J. R. Clarke, S.W., in his usual style.

The Nene Lodge is making fair progress, nine brethren having been advanced during the past year, the present number being 15 subscribing and four honorary members.

WHITEHAVEN.

Fletcher Lodge (No. 213).—The regular meeting for installing the Worshipful Master of the above lodge was held on Friday, the 29th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, when Bro. George Dalrymple, P.M., P.A.G.D.C. of England, and W.M. elect, was duly installed by Bro. T. Brakenridge, P.M., P.P.S.G.O., assisted by Bro. Rev. Jas. Anderson, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., and the following brethren were invested as officers: Bros. H. Burns, P.G.R. of M., I.P.M.; Capt. Broadbent, P.G.S.B., S.W.; Dr. Muir, P.G. Std. Br., J.W.; G. Starkey, P.A.G.D.C., M.O.; J. M. Clarke, S.O.; W. H. Bewlay, P.P.G.I.G., J.O.; Rev. Jas. Anderson, Chaplain and Treas.; J. Casson, R. of M.; H. Burns, Sec.; J. A. Fowler, S.D.; A. W. Johnston, J.D.; J. P. Bennett, D.C.; D. H. Cook, P.P.G. Org.; W. H. Brockbank, I.G.; Jas. Lachlison, Stwd.; and T. Richardson, P.P.G. Tyler. The lodge was draped in mourning, and the Prov. Grand Chaplain moved "That a letter of sympathy and condolence be forwarded from this lodge to H.R.H. the M.W. Grand Master and Princess of Wales in their late sad affliction," which was seconded by the W.M. in the chair. A vote of thanks was passed to Bros. Brakenridge and Anderson for their services as Installing Masters, and the lodge was closed.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

CLARENCE LODGE (No. 263).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Thursday, the 28th ult., at 1A, Fitzroy-square, when the following brethren were present: Bros. W. Noakes, W.M.; Jas. Corp, S.W.; G. Hart, J.W.; W. H. Kirby, Preceptor; J. W. Corp, acting Sec.; D. G. Imlay, S.D.; J. W. Drysdale, J.D.; Dr. Bourke, I.G.; H. Sadler, P.M.; D. D. West, P.M.; H. Neville, P.M.; and J. Tidmarsh, P.M. Visitor: Bro. W. P. Reynolds, P.M. 7.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. D. D. West having volunteered to act as candidate, he was examined, entrusted, and retired from the lodge, which was then opened in the Second Degree. The candidate returned, and the W.M. very ably rehearsed the ceremony of passing. The explanation of the tracing board was rendered by Bro. Jas. Corp, S.W. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. J. Corp worked the 1st Section and Bro. Hy. Sadler the 3rd Section of the Third Lecture. On the W.M. rising for the first time, Bro. Kirby proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be given to Bro. Noakes for the efficient way in which he had presided over that meeting, it being the first occasion on which he had occupied the chair in the Clarence Lodge. This was carried unanimously, and Bro. Noakes replied. Bro. Drysdale returned thanks for the sum of five guineas which had fallen to him by ballot as a life subscription to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution from the funds of the lodge. Bro. W. P. Reynolds was proposed and seconded as a joining member. The lodge was then closed.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 29th ult., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. R. Reid, W.M.; C. C. Barber, S.W.; H. Foreman, J.W.; John Davies, P.M., Preceptor (*pro tem.*); A. Williams,

P.M., Treas.; F. Craggs, W.M. 834, Sec. (*pro tem.*); R. Phillips, S.D.; D. Cronin, J.D.; W. Hide, I.G.; Uniacke, Pearson, E. Fox, J. Ellis, and Flexman.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. It was then opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Pearson having offered himself as a candidate for raising, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed in an excellent manner. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. J. Davies, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the 2nd Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Williams, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Barber was elected W.M. for February 12th, the next meeting being officers' night. The lodge was then closed.

WEST MIDDLESEX LODGE (No. 1612).—The usual weekly meeting of this recently revived lodge of instruction was held at the Feathers Hotel, Ealing, W., on Monday, the 25th ult., when there were present Bros. W. A. Cocks, W.M.; Timpson, S.W.; Squire, J.W.; Walder, S.D.; Harper, J.D.; Jordan, I.G.; Botley, Danby, Pooley, and Tidmarsh.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Pooley acting as candidate. The charge was delivered by Bro. Squire and the tracing board was explained by Bro. Tidmarsh. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and closed down with the usual formalities. Bro. Timpson will occupy the chair at the next meeting, the work being the second ceremony with explanation of tracing board.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on Thursday, the 21st ult., when there were present Bros. G. H. Foan, Asst. Preceptor, W.M.; F. S. Jarvis, S.W.; A. Cogliati, J.W.; J. Greenway, Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; T. C. Seary, Org. and S.D.; R. W. Jones, J.D.; E. Harris, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; James Rowe, A. L. Bullen, F. W. Buxton, H. A. Campbell, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. James Rowe having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Bro. A. H. Campbell offering himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, was examined, entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of F.C. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The Preceptor worked the 1st Section, and Bro. A. Bullen the 2nd Section of the First Lecture. On rising for the first time, Bro. H. J. Campbell, 1987, was unanimously elected a joining member. On rising for the second time, Bro. F. S. Jarvis was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, the following brethren were unanimously re-elected to their respective offices, viz.: Bros. J. Greenway, Preceptor; G. H. Foan, Asst. Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; and T. E. Weeks, Tyler and Serving Brother. The brethren made suitable replies. The following brethren were appointed Auditors to audit the accounts for the year 1891, viz.: Bros. F. W. Buxton, F. S. Jarvis, and T. C. Seary. Bro. G. H. Foan was congratulated on his obtaining the high position of W.M. of the mother lodge, for which he returned his sincere thanks, and promised to do all he possibly could both for the lodge and the lodge of instruction. The Secretary read the following reply, with which he had been honoured from H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., acknowledging the vote of condolence which had been passed at the previous meeting on the sad loss which the Princess of Wales, herself, and family had sustained by the death of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, P.G.M. of Berkshire:

"The Worshipful Master,
"Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction,
"Criterion, Piccadilly.

"His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales desires me to convey to you and to the members of your lodge his heartfelt and fraternal thanks for your kind telegram of sympathy with him in his deep affliction.

"(Signed) DIGHTON PROBYN, Gen.,
"Comptroller.

"Sandringham,
"Jany. 16th, 1892."

The reply was ordered to be entered on the minutes. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 30th ult., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, W., when there were present Bros. W. A. Pocock, W.M.; R. J. Williams, S.W.; R. Kerr, J.W.; A. Williams, P.M., acting Preceptor; J. Sims, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; G. Gardner, P.M., Treas.; F. Craggs, W.M. 834, acting Sec.; W. C. Dickey, S.D.; W. S. Whiteley, J.D.; F. A. Barth, I.G.; J. Davies, P.M.; W. Hide, R. Reid, J. R. Cumming, P.M.; W. R. Hatton, H. Gane, H. Bone, E. Fox, R. Wimpey, W.M. 2012; and G. H. List.

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Hatton offering himself as a candidate for passing, was examined and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and closed in the Third and Second Degrees. The 2nd Section of the First Lecture was worked by Bro. Davies, assisted by the brethren. Bro. R. J. Williams was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. List was elected a joining member. Bro. Bright having resigned the office of Secretary, it was resolved that his resignation be accepted with regret, and a vote of thanks to him for his past services be recorded. The election of a new Secretary was postponed. The lodge was then closed.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell, on Friday, the 29th ult., when there were present Comps. Corpe, M.E.Z.; Braik, H.; Scott Young, J.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; Stone, S.E.; Hill, S.N.; Pullen, P.S.; Murché, Lazenby, Benedetti, H. G. Martin, Sanderson, and Oldfield.

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

rehearsed, Comp. H. G. Martin personating the candidate. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Comp. Braik for so excellently rehearsing the ceremony of H. for the first time. A letter was read from Comp. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor, thanking the chapter for their kind sympathy shown him in his illness. Comp. Braik was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting, when an installation will be worked. The chapter was then closed.

Knights Templar.

LEEDS.

Fidelity Preceptory (No. 114).—The annual meeting was held on the 26th ult. at the Masonic Hall, Carlton Hill, and was presided over by the Eminent Preceptor, Sir Knight H. C. Pickersgill, supported by Sir Knights W. J. Beck, P.G. Std. Br., and C. L. Mason, P. Sub-Prior. After the confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting, Sir Knight John Dyson was impressively installed as E.P. for the ensuing year by Sir Knight Pickersgill. The new officers were then appointed and invested as follows: Sir Knights Wm. Greaves, Constable; W. B. Atkinson, Marshal; Rev. Dr. Smyth, P.E.P., P.G. Prelate, &c., Prelate; D. R. Glover, Treas. and Sub-Marshal; Tudor Trevor, P.E.P., P.P. Chancellor, &c., Reg.; W. Armistead, Capt. of Guards; Rev. J. H. Evans, 1st Std. Br.; W. Flockton, 2nd Std. Br.; J. Millington, 1st Herald; and T. Tomlinson, 2nd Herald. The sum of £2 2s. was voted towards the "Thomas William Tew Perpetual Presentation Fund," with many expressions of satisfaction at the improving health of the much respected Provincial Prior, Sir Knight T. W. Tew, who is also Prov. G.M. for West Yorkshire. The preceptory having been closed, and "Hearty good wishes" expressed by the visitors—Sir Knights Brown, Halliwell, and Hollander—on behalf of the preceptory at York, a Priory of Malta was opened, and Sir Knight Dyson was duly installed E.P.

EAST LANCASHIRE SYSTEMATIC MASONIC BENEVOLENT AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

The annual meeting of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Benevolent and Educational Institution was held in Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Tuesday, the 26th ult., Bro. Col. Le Gendre Nicholas Starkie, Prov. G.M., President, in the chair. There was a large number of donors and subscribers present.

The circular calling the meeting was read by the Secretary, Bro. JOHN CHADWICK, Prov. G. Sec.

The first business was to receive a report from the Sub-Committee appointed by the General Committee to take into consideration the notice of resignation which had been given by the Secretary, who, to the regret of many, was resigning his position in consequence of the increased duties connected with the Institution, along with his other important duties pressing unduly and heavily upon him. The Institution has had a most successful year—all record being beaten—by a total receipt from all sources of £2760, while the income received when the Secretary was first appointed in 1879 was £628. The costs of education and relief during the year was £553. The investments have now reached £10,998, and the balance lying in the bank £528.

Notice of motion had been given by the PRESIDENT that the sum of 100 guineas be given from the funds of the Institution to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. In consequence, however, of the favourable balance-sheet presented that day, he would alter his proposal to 200 guineas which would make the President for the time being a Patron of the Institution, and said the benefits arising from the same were so patent to everybody and so well known to the brethren that no words of his, he was sure, were required to recommend the grant to them.

The motion was carried unanimously, and with enthusiasm.

Bro. HALIS, Hon. Secretary, announced, amid loud applause, that a brother had authorised him to say he would give 100 guineas to the same Institution in the name of the President.

A further business was then proceeded with, and a very hearty vote of thanks to the President, Bro. Col. Starkie, concluded the proceedings.

MASONIC BALL AT LIVERPOOL.

The 43rd annual Masonic ball, in aid of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, was held on the 12th ultimo in the Liverpool Town Hall. The gathering was a great success, and the ball rooms presented a brilliant spectacle, most of the guests appearing in full Masonic clothing, with the jewels and insignia of their rank and office in the Craft. As in previous years, the annual festival was patronised by the Mayor and Mayoress of Liverpool, and other distinguished ladies and gentlemen. Shortly before nine o'clock the guests began to arrive, and they were received by the Mayor (Bro. James de Bels Adam, Prov. S.G.W.), the Mayoress, and Bros. A. J. J. Bamford, C.C. (Chairman of Committee); G. A. Harradon, P.P.G.T. (Vice-Chairman); E. R. Latham, P.M. (Treasurer); and the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past. Unfortunately, owing to domestic affliction, the Earl of Lathom, Pro G.M., was unable to be present.

The Committee naturally look to this gathering to provide a substantial sum towards the funds of the Educational Institution, and consequently they spared no pains to make the ball one of the most attractive of

the season, and their decision, existing for a long time, to admit the public has proved to be a step in the right direction.

This year's gathering from every point of view proved to be one of the most brilliant and successful of a long series. The rooms of the Town Hall were tastefully decorated and upholstered, the light refreshment rooms being laid out in Japanese style, and the crypt arranged as an old baronial hall. The guests numbered about 800, being a larger number than was present last year, when a sum of £420 was handed over to the funds of the Charity which the ball is to benefit.

About 300 Stewards, under the leadership of Bro. W. B. Sweetman, P.M., and Bro. Andrew Kirkpatrick, P.G.S.B., saw to the comfort and enjoyment of the dancers, and Bro. E. Collister-Jones, P.M., and Bro. Wm. Kohn, P.M., made capital Hon. Secs. Bro. H. M. Molyneux, P.P.G.D.C., gave satisfaction as Master of the Ceremonies. Music was played by Bro. George Eyton's band.

After supper, which was served under the supervision of Bro. T. Wood, a very pleasing duty fell to the lot of Bro. Bamford, who, as Chairman of the Committee, presented to the Mayoress and to the wives of the Vice-Chairman (Bro. Harradon), of the Treasurer (Bro. Latham), and of the Hon. Secretaries (Bros. Collister-Jones and W. Kohn) beautiful Masonic jewels in the shape of brooches.

The Educational Institution is doing a laudable work, and commands the sympathy of the brethren. The last report of the progress of the Institution gives an excellent account of the benefits that have been derived from it, and clearly indicates its financial position. The gross income from all sources was about £2000. Analysing that total, it seems that the receipts from donations and subscriptions amounted to £1000; the interest on the invested capital yielded close upon £1000; whilst the ball for 1890 produced the very handsome profit of £355, and that for 1891 about £420. The spirit of emulation in this good cause prevailing in the province is well exemplified by the unusually large donations sent in by several lodges and individual brethren. During the year 209 children have been upon the books of the Institution, viz., 195 on the Educational Fund, at a cost of over £1000, 14 on the combined fund (which clothes, educates, and maintains them), at a cost, allowing a proportion of presentations already purchased, of about £500, whilst a sum of money was expended towards the advancement in life of children who had gone off the other funds.

THE NORTH LONDON MASONIC BENEVOLENT BALL.

The Seventh Annual North London Masonic Benevolent Ball was held on the 28th ult., at Freemasons' Tavern, and in spite of the many untoward circumstances, was a pronounced success. Last year this ball was attended by over 400 persons, and a sum of nearly £80 provided for the Charities. This year the Committee wisely limited the number to 300, with the result that only just above 250 attended the ball, so that dancing was thoroughly enjoyable. The toilets of the ladies were in many cases elegant, although made sombre by the prevalent half-mourning adopted by the majority. A dispensation to wear Masonic clothing had been obtained.

At the supper which was served in the Crown and Glee Rooms, Bro. Herbert Sprake presided in the first, and Bro. R. Pye in the second.

The toasts were "The Queen and Craft;" "The Charities," responded to by Bro. G. S. Elliott, L.C.C.; "The President," proposed by Bro. T. Glass; "The Ladies," proposed by Bro. Capt. Lurcott, and responded to by Bro. A. Humphreys and "The Hon. Secretary," who was warmly eulogised by the President.

The Stewards were Bros. Herbert Sprake, J.D., President; T. Glass, S.D., Treas.; R. Pye, P.M.; G. Cook, P.M.; C. Dearing, jun., P.M.; G. R. Dix, D.C.; W. Elliott, S.W.; Fred. Forge, Alf. Holder, Alf. Humphreys, Dr. Hunter, P.M.; W. Lee, D.C.; Alf. Oliver, S.W.; J. Potter, S.D.; J. Sams, W. Burgoyne Watts, and Capt. Lurcott, the Hon. Sec.

The arrangements made for the comfort of all were perfect, and much praise is due to Mr. Mantell for the personal interest he took in them to ensure the success of his share in the refreshment department, the supper being pronounced excellent.

DORSET MASONIC CLARITY.

The 23rd half-yearly meeting of the General Committee was held at the Masonic Hall, Dorchester, on Wednesday, the 27th ult., the Chairman, Bro. W. D. Dugdale, presiding, supported by the D.P.G.M., Bro. W. E. Brymer, M.P., Bro. R. Case, P.G. Sec., Treasurer of the Charity, and brethren representing all the lodges in the province but three. The P.G.M., Bro. Montague J. Guest, was detained by the lateness of his train, and Bro. Zillwood Milledge, the Vice-Chairman, and many other brethren apologised for absence from sickness and other causes.

Two petitions from widows were considered and £20 granted in each case. The Hon. Sec., Bro. S. R. Baskett, presented the balance-sheet, and it appearing that there was a good balance to the credit of the relief account, £96 17s. 8d. was agreed to be transferred to capital, raising the capital account to £2798 7s. 6d. The W.M. of the Dorchester Lodge kindly provided the Committee with light refreshments, for which a hearty vote of thanks was accorded.

Ireland.

THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF TYRONE AND FERMANAGH.

The above Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Omagh, on Wednesday, the 20th ult. The following Provincial Grand Officers for the present year were installed by the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Sir J. M. Stewart, Bart., D.L.:

Bro. Major Henry Irvine, J.P. ...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Wm. Purdon, C.E. ...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Wm. F. Black, D.L. ...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Obadiah Ternan, M.D. ...	Prov. G. Sec.
" Rev. J. M. Moutray, LL.D. ...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. Lewis Richards, M.A. ...	
" Rev. H. B. Carter, B.A. ...	Prov. S.G.D.
" John C. Sugars, M.D. ...	
" Archibald Anderson, J.P. ...	Prov. J.G.D.
" J.W.E. Macartney, D.L., M.P. ...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" Wm. Teele, J.P. ...	Prov. D. of C.
" T. H. Aitken, J.P. ...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" Col. Y. H. Burgess, D.L. ...	
" John G. Donaldson ...	Prov. G.S.B.
" Charles L. Magill ...	
" Graham Brown ...	Prov. G. Org.
" John Smith ...	Prov. G.I.G.
" H. G. S. Alexander ...	Dep. Prov. G.M.,

Bro. Col. John G. Irvine, D.L., Dep. Prov. G.M., was unavoidably absent through illness.

The following resolutions were adopted and ordered to be telegraphed:

To the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty.
We, the Provincial Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Tyrone and Fermanagh, in Provincial Grand Lodge assembled, desire to approach your Majesty with our profound sympathy in your hour of mourning for the loss of his Royal Highness the Duke of Clarence and Avondale. We earnestly pray Almighty God to sustain and comfort your Majesty under this trying visitation and sudden bereavement.

JOHN MARCUS STEWART, Bart.,

Provincial Grand Master.

O. TERNAN, Provincial Grand Secretary, Enniskillen.

To his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.
We, the Provincial Grand Master, Wardens, and brethren of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, in Provincial Grand Lodge assembled, desire to tender our fraternal and respectful sympathy to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England; to her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, and Princess May of Teck in the sad loss and bereavement they have sustained in the untimely death of our late Royal brother his Royal Highness the Duke of Clarence and Avondale. We fervently supplicate the Grand Architect of the Universe to pour out the balm of His sustaining Grace on the illustrious mourners.

JOHN MARCUS STEWART, Bart.,

Provincial Grand Master.

O. TERNAN, Provincial Grand Secretary, Enniskillen.

The general quarterly business having been transacted, the brethren separated without festivity. The hall was suitably and beautifully draped in mourning. Brethren present represented Lodges 9, 58, 122, 185, 205, 332, 334, 350, 547, 819, 891, and 994.

The Craft Abroad.

KIMBERLEY—SOUTH AFRICA.

Charles Warren Lodge (No. 1832).—The regular meeting was held in the Masonic Temple on Thursday, December 10th, when there were present Bros. T. J. May, W.M.; Alport, I.P.M.; Hine, S.W.; Dear, J.W.; Coburn, P.M., Sec.; McCulloch, as S.D.; Sharpe, J.D.; Williams, D.C.; McLoughlin, I.G.; Cogle, Crandon, and Masters, Stwds.; R. H. Blackbeard, P.M.; A. K. Collins, P.M.; and others.

Lodge was opened, correspondence read, and usual routine business transacted. Amongst the correspondence was a very interesting letter from a number of brethren at Fort Salisbury, in Mashonaland, requesting the lodge to recommend to the M.W.G.M. that a charter be granted to them to form a lodge at Fort Salisbury to be named the Rhodesia. This request was unanimously acceded to. Several of the petitioners are members of this lodge. The ballot was then taken for Mr. Richards, which proved unanimous. Messrs. Cock and Richards were then initiated by the W.M., assisted by Bro. Alport, I.P.M. "Hearty good wishes" were afterwards expressed by several visiting brethren, and the W.M. reported that Bros. Alport, Coburn, and himself had interviewed Bro. Major Giles re the intended Rhodesia Lodge. Bro. Giles, as one of the petitioners, gave a very satisfactory account of the prospects of the proposed lodge. The Chartered Company had given them four good stands on which to build a Temple, and should the charter of constitution be granted the erection of the Temple would be proceeded with at once. There being nothing further to advance, the lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to the festive board.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed by the W.M. and heartily met by the brethren.

The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Initiates," commenting in a few well-chosen remarks upon the very excellent Institution of which they had become members, and trusted they would persevere and become ornaments to the Fraternity.

Bros. Cook and Richards suitably responded.

The gavel was placed in the hands of Bro. Coburn, P.M., Sec., who in his usual happy style proposed "The Health of the W.M.," remarking that the brethren must feel a hearty satisfaction that, after half the Worshipful Master's year of office had expired, he had proved himself worthy of the confidence they had reposed in him in June last, and he felt sure their W.M. would hand over to his successor the high office he held as pure and unsullied as he received it.

The toast was heartily received, and drunk with Masonic honours.

The W.M., in reply, thanked the brethren for the very hearty manner in which they had received the toast of his health, and also for the confidence they had hitherto reposed in him. Half his year of office had now expired, and as his past conduct in that high office seemed to have given entire satisfaction to the brethren who had honoured him by placing him in that position, so as he had done in the past he would continue in the future—to maintain the high position to which the Charles Warren Lodge had attained; and alluded to the fact that brethren from all parts of the colony and even the mother country had testified to the very efficient working in the lodge, and pointing out that it was only by constant attendance to the lodge of instruction, so ably presided over by Bros. Alport, P.M., and Coburn, P.M., that the brethren could hope to attain high position in the lodge. The W.M. also mentioned that a petition had already been sent to the Supreme Grand Chapter for a warrant of constitution to form a Royal Arch chapter in connection with the lodge.

The toast of "The Visitors," proposed by the W.M., was responded to by a brother from Cape Town.

The proceedings were enlivened by songs, and a very enjoyable meeting was brought to a close by the time-honoured Tyler's toast.

THE LATE BRO. J. M. P. MONTAGU, 33°.

The following has been issued by the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite in connection with the death of Bro. Montagu:

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,

The Supreme Council, 33°, have now, with great sorrow, to announce the death of Ill. Bro. J. M. P. Montagu, 33°, Past Grand Chancellor, who departed this life on the 18th inst.

Bro. Montagu, who first saw the light of Masonry in the St. Paul's Lodge at Montreal, in the year 1845, was admitted into the Ancient and Accepted Rite in 1856, being perfected in the Coryton and Rougemont Chapter at Exeter, on the 4th February of that year. In 1869 he became a member of the Supreme Council, in which he worked energetically and zealously for 21 years in various offices, resigning his seat at the close of 1890, owing to failing health.

Bro. Montagu was a prominent Mason in all branches of the Order. In the Craft he was a Past Grand Deacon in the Grand Lodge of England, and a Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master in the Province of Dorset. In Royal Arch Masonry he was Past Grand Superintendent for Dorset, and Past Grand Sojourner in the Supreme Grand Chapter, while in the Temple he for some time held the office of Provincial Prior of Dorset.

The members of the Supreme Council mourn the loss of Bro. Montagu as that of a tried and dear friend, and will long retain his memory with affectionate regard. 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 sixty days from the date of his death.

I am, dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

HUGH D. SANDEMAN, 33°.

Grand Secretary-General.

33, Golden-square, London, W.,
27th January, 1892.

Obituary.

BRO. WILLIAM HY. BUTT, 855.

Many commercial men and brethren, and especially those in any way connected with Bristol breweries, will remember Bro. William Henry Butt, who died on Monday morning, the 1st inst., at his residence, 66, Pembroke-road, Clifton. He was a member of the firm of Bishop and Butt, of Cathay, Bristol, the brewery connected with which was absorbed into one of the large limited liability companies three or four years ago. Bro. Butt remained a director for one year and then retired, and since that time he had not taken part in any business. He completely broke down in health two years ago, and becoming gradually weaker he died on Monday. He was only 54 years of age, but he looked older. He was unmarried. Bro. Butt was P.M. of the Lodge of Sympathy, No. 855, Wotton-under-Edge, and had been a member of the Beaufort Lodge in Bristol for the past 25 years. He was also a member of the Jerusalem Lodge, and P.Z. of the Beaufort Chapter R.A., but of late he had not taken a prominent part in Freemasonry.

Death.

HARTLEY.—On the 28th ult., at 7, Devonshire-place, Turnham Green, W., Ann, widow of William Hartley, Esq., aged 95 years.

PILES "PILANTRA," Pile Cure. Immediate relief and a permanent cure guaranteed. Sample Free. Postage 3d.—Address, THE GEDDES MANUFACTURING COMPANY, 249, High Holborn, London.



The Council of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys will hold its regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall to-morrow (Saturday), at 3 p.m.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will hold its regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday next, the 10th inst., at 4 p.m.

We are pleased to learn that Bro. G. Ward Verry is gaining strength after his recent serious illness, but the progress is somewhat slow, and he will not be able to take part in any Masonic duties before the end of the month.

The Rev. C. H. Spurgeon died at Mentone on Sunday last, his wife, his Secretary, and two or three friends being present at the bedside when the sad event occurred. The deceased was in his 58th year, having been born in 1834.

Her Majesty will hold a Council at Osborne to-day (Friday), when the draft of the speech from the Throne at the opening of Parliament, on Tuesday next, the 9th inst., will be considered and settled.

The Secretary of the Admiralty reports that the measures being taken for floating H.M.S. Victoria, flagship of the Mediterranean Squadron, which went ashore off the island of Platea, in the Greek Archipelago, are progressing satisfactorily.

The Common Council of London, at a recent Special Court, resolved that the salary of the new City Chamberlain should be £2000 per annum, and that he should be called upon to give security for £60,000, one half personally and the other half by sureties.

Bro. Henry Irving has very kindly consented to open the third annual Holborn Industrial Exhibition on Thursday, the 25th inst., in place of Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Fife, who will be unable to be present in consequence of the death of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale.

The first meeting since the Christmas recess of the Royal Commission on Vaccination was held on Wednesday, when all the members were present, the chair being occupied by Bro. Lord Herschell. The witness under examination was unfavourable to the compulsory vaccination of children.

A Common Hall was held at the Guildhall on Tuesday, when Mr. Alderman Cotton, Citizen and Haberdasher, Bro. W. H. Pannell, Citizen and Loriner, and Mr. William Payne were severally proposed as candidates for the office of City Chamberlain, vacant by the death of Mr. Benjamin Scott. The show of hands was declared to be in favour of Mr. Alderman Cotton, but a poll was demanded, and will take place to-day (Friday) between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

We are pleased to learn that at the recent Intermediate Musical Examination at Trinity College, London, Higginson and Coupland, pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, have obtained certificates, the former gaining 91 per cent. and the latter 75 per cent of the marks given. Both boys passed the Junior Examination only six months ago, thus achieving the unusual success of passing, at a very early age, both the Junior and Intermediate stages at successive examinations.

We regret to announce the death on Wednesday evening of Bro. Sir Morell Mackenzie, at the comparatively early age of 55 years. The deceased had been ill for some short time, but the reports, as recent as those of Tuesday, were in all respects favourable, and the news of his death came at the very moment when everybody was looking forward to his speedy restoration to health. Our readers will remember that our late distinguished brother was the special adviser of the late Emperor Frederick of Germany, who to the very last reposed the greatest confidence in his ability.

EMULATION LODGE OF IMPROVEMENT.—It will be seen by an advertisement in another page that the Annual Festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement will be held at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 26th inst., on which occasion the Right Hon. Viscount Dungarvan, Prov. G.M. Somersetshire, will occupy the chair. The past year has seen no diminution of interest or zeal amongst the supporters of this excellent training college for Masons; on the contrary, the good work done is an ever increasing quantity. We have little doubt that the Festival of 1892 will be as great a success as its predecessors. Coming as it does so closely after the annual Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, when doubtless many provincial brethren will still be in London, we feel confident that a visit to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement on this occasion would afford them much gratification.

In view of the probable great advancement of the practice of cremation in England the General Cemetery Company have decided to erect a Columbarium for the reception of cinerary urns at their cemetery at Kensal Green. The structure which will be placed in the monumental chambers will form a prominent object in the centre of a hall of some magnitude and contain accommodation for 42 urns. There will be three tiers of compartments on each of the four sides, and each one will be enclosed by a metal frame lever-locked door filled with plate glass. The fronts will be in finest caen stone with panelled pilasters at each angle and moulded base and cornice. The shafts between the compartments to be of polished sienna marble and the panels in the pilasters filled with polished rouge Royale marble. The Columbarium, which will probably be unique in London, is being built by Mr. E. M. Lander, of Kensal Green, from the designs of the architect, Mr. Robert Willey, F.R.I.B.A., of 66, Ludgate Hill, E.C.

The demand for cocoa as a beverage must be enormous, judging from the number of important firms now engaged in its manufacture, and it is satisfactory to notice that "absolute purity" is relied on by most of them as the best recommendation to consumers. Amongst the great manufacturers who give this guarantee are Lobeck and Co., whose manufactory in Dresden is on a colossal scale, and who have recently introduced their special article in England.

Bro. Sir H. Drummond Wolff, who has recently been appointed British Ambassador at Madrid, arrived at Vienna from Bucharest on Tuesday.

We are glad to hear that Bro. Sir Somers Vine continues to make slow but steady progress, and that unless further complications should arise his progress towards complete recovery is assured.

Bro. the Earl of Dunraven, who has been confined to his house by an attack of influenza, is reported to be going on most satisfactorily, while Bro. Lord Alcester is said to be improving daily, and is pronounced out of danger.

The members of the Henniker Mark Lodge, on Tuesday last, at the suggestion of the W.M., Bro. John Barnett, jun., voted 10 guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. We should like to hear of the example being followed by other successful Mark lodges.

We announce with great regret the death of Bro. Thomas Massa, P.P.G.S. of W. Middlesex, and a member of the Royal Naval Lodge, No. 59. Bro. Massa, some years ago, held the honorary office of Architect to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and had shown himself a staunch friend of our several Charitable Institutions.

The London Scottish Volunteer Corps mustered in full strength at their head-quarters, James-street, Buckingham Gate, on Saturday last for the purpose of being inspected by Bro. Lieut.-General Sir Reginald Gipps, Dep. Adjutant-General for the auxiliary forces at Head-quarters. After the inspection, which went off satisfactorily, the prizes for shooting during the past year were distributed, and in the evening there was a concert, which was very numerously attended.

The mortality in London last week was, according to the Registrar-General's returns, abnormally high, but it is satisfactory to note that the deaths from influenza have fallen from 506 to 436, and from influenza as a secondary cause from 81 to 71. Deaths due to affections of the respiratory organs also fell from 1465 to 1192. The death-rate generally fell from 46 to 41. In Brighton the change for the better is still more marked, the fall in the death-rate having been from 60.9 to 24.6. As regards other large cities and towns, it stands at 47.2 in Croydon, at 39.1 in Norwich, and at 37.5 in Blackburn.

H.M.S. Grafton, one of the high speed first-class cruisers which are being built under the Naval Defence Act, was launched from the yard of the Thames Iron and Shipbuilding Company on Saturday last. The ship is of 7350 tons, and will be propelled by engines of 12,000 horse-power, while her armament will consist of two 9.2 in. and 10.6 in. quick-firing guns and 16 smaller weapons of the same style, with four 14 in. Whitehead torpedo tubes. Lady George Hamilton performed the ceremony of christening the ship, and Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., First Lord of the Admiralty, was among those present.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, accompanied by Prince George and the Princesses Victoria and Maud, and attended by Bro. Sir Francis Knollys, Miss Knollys, and Colonel Stanley Clarke left London on Tuesday by the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway for the Isle of Wight on a visit to the Queen at Osborne. The Royal party were received on their arrival at Portsmouth by the Duke of Connaught and Admiral-Superintendent Fane and crossed to the Wight on board the Royal yacht Alberta. This is the first visit their Royal Highnesses have paid to her Majesty since the death of the Duke of Clarence and it is expected they will remain about a week.

The meeting of the Royal Agricultural Society was held at its offices in Hanover-square on Wednesday, when a large number of members was present. The chair was occupied by Bro. the Earl of Feversham, who proposed a vote of condolence with the Queen on the death of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale. A similar vote was proposed and carried at the instance of the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, while sympathetic reference was made to the death of the Duke of Devonshire, a Vice-President of the Society. Manchester and Chester were the competitors for the honour of being visited by the Society in 1893, and on a division it was agreed by 21 votes to 20 votes that the meeting should be held at the latter city.

Bro. Dr. S. Rideal, of St. George's Hospital, sometime member of the Ravensbourne Lodge, No. 1601, who is a candidate for the vacant post of Gas Examiner to the Corporation, is well known to many of the brethren in South London, and although a young man has already distinguished himself at the University of London and in his profession. He is at present engaged on an elaborate investigation on the conditions of formation of London fog, and has recently drawn attention to the advantages of using gaseous fuel in London. He believes that London can only be cured of fog by the use of the electric light, and utilising the existing gas plant and mains for supplying a cheap non-illuminating gas for heating purposes. He is Professor of Chemistry at St. George's Hospital and an official Gas Examiner to the Beckenham and Bromley Local Boards.

The Plymouth Freemasons' Hall and Club Company held its annual meeting on Saturday last. Bro. F. B. Westlake presided, supported by Bros. J. R. Lord, deputy-chairman, W. Allsford, D. Cross, J. W. Cornish, C. H. Cooper, E. H. Littleton, J. Wallis, J. Leonard, and A. Roberts, directors. The directors reported that there had been a steady increase in the business of the club, although the number of the members had slightly decreased. They deplored the apathy shown in taking up the remaining shares. To pay off the overdraft a mortgage had been secured on the buildings on favourable terms. The 3 per cent. preference shares they trusted would be taken up by lodges and members. Bro. C. H. Cooper has been elected to succeed Bro. Goodyear as director, and Bro. P. S. C. Pearce to succeed Bro. Goodall as directors' auditor. Bros. Allsford, D. Cross, J. R. Gover, and J. Leonard were re-elected directors, and Bro. T. Gibbons was re-elected auditor. Votes of thanks to the directors, secretary, steward, and auditors, were unanimously adopted, and a special vote given to the chairman for his very important services in financial matters.

TONIC AFTER INFLUENZA.—Grant's Morella Cherry Brandy has again asserted its marvellous restorative powers. Taken in small quantities persistently, nothing else is so effective. Its great success after cholera in 1866 was proved in the London Hospitals. See testimonials. Sold everywhere.

Bro. Lord Dungarvan is recovering from a severe attack of the prevailing malady.

The Duke of Cambridge, Commander-in-Chief, has approved of the Thirteenth Annual Royal Military Tournament being held at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington.

The Marquis of Salisbury has sent a third donation of £100 towards the building of the proposed new church at Barking, Essex. The amount received and promised has now reached upwards of £3300.

Lord Suffield, Provincial Grand Master of Norfolk, has summoned a Special Provincial Grand Lodge for Wednesday next, the 10th inst., at Norwich, to resolve upon addresses of condolence on the death of the Duke of Clarence.

The Kensington Vestry have decided that the Pottery-lane Recreation Ground, at Notting Hill, which was opened to the public on December 26th last, shall be hereafter known as "Avondale Park," in remembrance of Prince Albert Victor.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, according to present arrangements, are expected to remain the guests of the Queen till about the beginning of next week, when their Royal Highnesses will probably leave Osborne and return to the Metropolis.

A Cabinet Council was held at the Foreign Office on Thursday to prepare the draft of her Majesty's Speech from the Throne. Lord Salisbury presided, and all the members of the Cabinet were present, with the exception of Lord Ashbourne, who is laid up with gout in Dublin.

The annual Election Court of the Horners' Company was held on Wednesday, when Mr. Samuel Parnwell, of Queen-street, was elected Master for the year ensuing; Mr. W. S. Chapman, of Aldersgate-street, and Mr. Ellis Hall, Enfield, being respectively appointed Upper and Renter Warden.

Prince Henry of Battenberg left the Isle of Wight on Thursday for the Mediterranean, going to Portsmouth in the Royal yacht Alberta, and thence to London, whence he will make passage in one of the liners to join his yacht Sheila at Algiers. The Princess Beatrice went as far as Portsmouth with his Royal Highness.

The Empress Frederick and her daughters, the Hereditary Princess of Saxe-Meiningen, and Princess Margaret, attended a concert given by Madame Valleria on Wednesday, at the Philharmonic Hall, Berlin. Madame Valleria and Mr. Hutchinson had the honour of being introduced to her Majesty, who complimented them on the performance.

The funeral of Mr. Sanford Hodgson, of Hawkshill-place, Esher, took place on Wednesday afternoon in the village churchyard in the presence of about 1000 spectators. General Baird, Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, M.P., Sir Robert Collins, and Mr. J. F. Eastwood, High Sheriff of Surrey, were amongst the mourners, and upwards of 50 members of the Kingston Working Men's Conservative Association, of which Mr. Hodgson was formerly Chairman, also attended.

The first battle of flowers of the season at Cannes was held on Wednesday afternoon, in beautiful weather. The fête had been postponed from January 28th on account of the general mourning amongst members of the English colony for the late Duke of Clarence. Very few of the British visitors took part in the fête, which consequently did not assume the proportions of previous years. The decorated carriages, too, were not so numerous. The Russians were also absent on account of the mourning for the late Grand Duke Constantine. Less than half the banners of honour provided were distributed.

A meeting was held at Lichfield on Wednesday, presided over by the Earl of Dartmouth, Lord Lieutenant of Staffordshire, to take steps to raise a fund of £20,000 for the restoration and repair of Lichfield Cathedral. A statement by the Dean and Chapter showed that although £80,000 had been spent on the edifice within living memory, serious repairs required to be taken in hand at once if the fabric were to be maintained in safety and integrity. In the absence of the Dean, Dr. E. Bickersteth, who was prevented by illness from attending, the details of the work required to be done were explained by the Rev. Canon Lonsdale, the senior member of the Chapter. Colonel T. J. Levett, late M.P. for the city, proposed a resolution approving the scheme, and expressing a hope that the appeal of the Dean and Chapter would be liberally met throughout the diocese and elsewhere. Sir Reginald Hardy, Bart., seconded the resolution, and it was supported by the Bishop of Lichfield and Bishop Abraham, and was carried unanimously. Upwards of £1000 was subscribed in the room.

Mr. Philip Gray, sole maker of the celebrated "Anglesey" artificial limbs (as supplied to the late Field Marshal, the Marquis of Anglesey), has recently removed from No. 7, Cork-street, W., to No. 29, Maddox-street, Regent-street, W.—a most convenient and central position. His business has been established now fully 50 years, during which time, it is needless to say, great improvements have been made in this particular branch of automatic mechanism, and it can safely be said that his limbs are at the present time unequalled for utility, comfort, durability, and lightness. The majority of his patients are recommended by surgeons (amongst whom are some of the most eminent of the present day), which is sufficient guarantee of the satisfactory results produced, and the testimonials he possesses from all grades of society speak much for the care and success with which he treats a case. In addition to the manufacture of the foregoing "specialité," he has a well-assorted stock of trusses, belts, elastic stockings, &c., of an excellent quality and finish.

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