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## THREE NOTEWORTHY MASONIC FESTIVALS.

The record of our Masonic Festivals since the memorable year of 1875, when his Royal Highness the Prince of WALES was installed M.W. Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, is a splendid one, nor can it be doubted for a single moment that it will be found to surpass any similar record for a period of equal duration in the case of any other charitable institution. There are only one or two out of the 17 years in question in which the aggregates of the amounts raised at our three annual Masonic celebrations has been less than £30,000, while in several instances it has exceeded £40,000; in a few it has been upwards of £50,000, and in one memorable year, in which the Girls' School celebrated the Centenary of its foundation, it was a few hundred pounds more than the magnificent sum of £75,000. But of the 50 and odd Festivals which have been held during this period, two stand out conspicuously above the rest for the exertions which were made in their behalf, and the success which resulted from those exertions, namely, the Centenary Festival of the Girls' School and last year's Festival of its sister Institution—the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys—and before another fortnight has elapsed we anticipate it will be our privilege to announce that a third Anniversary has taken place, which in its results will surpass that of the Boys' School of last year, and very closely approach, if it does not exceed, that of the Girls' School Centenary in 1888. Be it our present task to briefly set forth the circumstances of the two Festivals which have been held, and the prospects which apparently await us in connection with the Festival which is yet to come.

The Centenary of the Girls' School—the senior in point of age of our three Masonic Charitable Institutions—of necessity attracted a large share of attention, and as the time for its celebration drew near and it became known that his Royal Highness the Grand Master had graciously undertaken to preside, the enthusiasm which was aroused surpasses all attempts at description. Stewards poured in from every part of the country. Lists of donations and subscriptions were compiled such as had never been dreamt of in the staid philosophy of our ancient Society, and a gathering was talked about which in point of splendour and the number of brethren and ladies present, and still more in the vast aggregate of contributions from everywhere, would throw every other Masonic and non-Masonic celebration of a similar character completely into the shade. The forecasts of the prophets were realised. The Royal Albert Hall was the scene of the gathering, and when the appointed day came round the Grand Master had the honour of presiding at a dinner party of some 1200 guests with twice that number of ladies and brethren present in the boxes and galleries as spectators of the scene. His Majesty the King of Sweden and Norway occupied the place of honour beside the Royal Chairman, and there were present the Duke of CONNAUGHT, his Royal Highness Prince ALBERT VICTOR, the Senior Grand Warden of the year; the Earls of CARNARVON and LATHOM, Pro Grand and Deputy Grand Masters respectively; Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL, Bart., Grand Master Mason of Scotland; the Marquis of HEADFORTH, Senior Grand Warden of Ireland; and a host of Provincial Grand Masters, and Grand Officers, Present and Past, such as had never been seen except at the installation of the Grand Master and the Masonic commemoration of the Queen's Jubilee the year previous. In the course of the evening it was announced that the total of the contributions exceeded £50,000, and when the final total was settled it was found that it amounted to within a shilling of £51,517. The number of Stewards to whom the Institution was indebted for this result was 1475, of whom some 570 did duty for London, and the remaining 905 for the Provinces and abroad, there being about 50 lists in the former section of the Board which exceeded £100, while the total recorded in its behalf was £22,843. The Provinces, of which all in England, together with the Isle of Man, were represented—the Channel Islands and Jersey being the only absentees—raised £28,674, Kent contributing £3059—inclusive of the price of a Perpetual Presentation—West Yorkshire, over £2700; West Lancashire, £2440; Warwickshire, £1440; East Lancashire, £1350; Hants and the Isle of Wight, 1150; Surrey, £1148; and Middlesex, 1108. Other Provinces such as Berks and Bucks—then united under the late Sir D. Gooch, Bart.—Derbyshire, Essex, Hertfordshire, Leicestershire and Rutland, North Wales, Shropshire, Somersetshire, Sussex, Worcestershire, and North and East Yorkshire raised large sums ranging from about £650 in the case of Hertfordshire and Leicestershire and Rutland to £946 in the case of Somersetshire, while the rest were more or less successful in accumulating funds. In short, it was a grand success, and we feel that we stated the truth, and no more than the truth, when we remarked towards the close of

our analytical review of the Returns—"We have seen no such list before, we have no knowledge of any such list having been compiled before, and those who have borne a part, no matter how subordinate in the success which it represents, must be very, very proud indeed of the result they have helped to achieve." It should be added that on this occasion special privileges in the shape of extra votes were granted to the Stewards, but not to donors and subscribers.

The Boys' School Festival of last year, when a Board of 767 Stewards raised a total of £29,680, is also a memorable event in the history of our Masonic Festivals, but from quite a different concatenation of circumstances. It presents to us the result of certain special efforts which it was found necessary to make in order to place the Institution on a sound pecuniary basis. Public confidence in the administration of this Charity had been rudely shaken some two or three years previously. Inquiry had been made into the causes which had produced this lack of confidence, and in consequence of such inquiry a new system had just been inaugurated, the laws of the Institution had been recast, and a new Committee elected to carry out the new system of government. Under these circumstances an appeal to the Craft to show whether or not it accepted the changes in the spirit in which they had been made was inevitable; but no special inducements were held out either to the Stewards to exert themselves more than usual, or to lodges and brethren to make their contributions larger. It was, in fact, nothing more than an ordinary Festival held under conditions of more than the usual importance, and the result was, as we have stated, that the Board of 767 Stewards had the satisfaction of raising £29,680. London with 199 Stewards raised £8864, there being some 20 lists ranging from £100 up to as high as £435; while the Provinces, of which only four were unrepresented, raised £20,816 by the hands of its 568 Stewards; West Lancashire, the Province of the noble Chairman (the Earl of LATHOM, Pro Grand Master); heading the array with the unprecedented total of £6126. West Yorkshire contributed £1685, Essex £1265, and Cheshire £1050, while among others which distinguished themselves in this important respect, were Bristol, with £595; Derbyshire, with £843; East Lancashire, with £968; and Sussex, with £731.

As regards the third and last of our noteworthy Festivals, that of the Jubilee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which will be held in the Theatre Royal, Covent Garden, on Wednesday, the 24th instant, under the auspices of the Earl of MOUNT EDGECUMBE, Deputy Grand Master, and Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall, we are unable to do more than hazard a few speculations as to the result that awaits us. The prospects are undoubtedly encouraging. Special privileges have been granted for this once only to Stewards and donors and subscribers, and already the Board of Stewards is nearly 1300 strong—if, indeed, by the time these lines are published it does not exceed that number. The London section of the Board is upwards of 500 strong, of whom quite 400 are lodge and chapter representatives and the remainder Unattached. In this respect the Board will undoubtedly compare favourably with the London Board at the Girls' Centenary there being a larger proportion of its lodges represented, and by a larger number of brethren at this than at the Girls' Centenary, while the Unattached Stewards are fewer. Of the Provinces, only two are unrepresented at present, though there is still time for a Steward or two from one or both to enter themselves as members of the Board. Of the 44 which have sent up representatives Cheshire, Derbyshire, Essex, Hants and the Isle of Wight, Hertfordshire, Kent, the two Lancashires, Suffolk, Surrey, Sussex, Warwickshire, and West Yorkshire are very strong, and though we must not expect much from West Lancashire after its magnificent performance in June last in behalf of the Boys, or that West Yorkshire, which has just purchased, or is on the event of purchasing, the "Tew Perpetual Presentation" to the Male Fund for 1200 guineas, will quite equal its contribution of £2700 at the Girls' School Centenary, yet all the elements of a great success are present, and it will be the Craft's own fault if the total on the 24th instant does not either very nearly approach or, it may even be, exceed that of the Girls' Centenary in 1888. For ourselves, though the surroundings in this instance will lack much of the splendour which encircled the famous Girls' School Festival, we are very hopeful. Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter will head the list of contributions, the former with 500 guineas and the latter with 100 guineas, and with the enthusiasm which has been evoked by Bro. TERRY and his coadjutors, and which is increasing in power day by day, it is on the cards that the result which is so near at hand will, in sporting phraseology, "cut the record." Be it understood, however, that we commit ourselves to no opinion. We are very sanguine because the outlook is very encouraging, but in any circumstances, the Jubilee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will always hold a foremost place in the annals of our Masonic Festival successes.

## MASONIC BIBLIOGRAPHY.

Since the days of Dr. Kloss there has not been a more able and trustworthy volume on Masonic Bibliography published than the catalogue just compiled by Bro. T. H. Emmons, as the ever-courteous librarian of "The Masonic Library, Masonic Medals, Washingtonia, &c., &c., belonging to Samuel C. Lawrence, Medford, Mass. Boston: Printed by Carl H. Heintzmann. 1891."

General Lawrence, P.G.M. of Massachusetts, has a very large and valuable collection of books, medals, and curios relating to the Fraternity, and is always increasing his vast library, seeking to complete sets, still needing portions, and adding all new works as published, so that the library is as important in relation to modern literature as it is to last century works, respecting Freemasonry, Rosicrucianism, and Occult subjects.

Taking the last division of the handsome volume first, about which only the titles can here be mentioned, pages 293 to 318 (when the index concludes), are devoted to the history of the "Late Civil War," such as Regimental Histories and "Miscellaneous Publications" of a most extraordinary character, many of which, doubtless, at the present time, are unobtainable at any price, and all are of vast consequence as a complete record of that great event.

Another wonderful series, believed to be complete, is of sermons delivered before the "Ancient and Honorable Artillery Co., Boston," from 1672 to the year 1891, and with the "Washingtoniana," occupying some 10 pages, must to an American patriot be above "the price of rubies."

Not much over a page is utilised for "Masonic Medals," as only Marvin's numbers are given. These, however, are in eleven columns, and are 543 in number. There are also 75 pieces not enumerated in the "Medals of the Masonic Fraternity" (1880), making the grand total to be 618! Many of these are very rare, if not unique, and possibly there is no other private collection—or public, for that matter—which exceeds this magnificent cabinet, either as respects number, value, interest, or importance.

The remaining pages (about 280) are entirely devoted to Masonic works, in which Bro. Emmons, as the librarian and compiler, has most faithfully and zealously laboured, as also successfully, to do justice to one of the largest and most valuable Masonic libraries in the world, of which the M.W. Bro. S. C. Lawrence might justly be proud as the owner. This catalogue has been printed and circulated at the General's sole expense. It is to be regretted, however, that a larger edition was not issued, so as to be open to subscribers. As it is, I gratefully acknowledge the receipt of a copy, and much appreciate the gift.

The librarian has not followed Kloss in his arrangement, but has preferred a plan of his own, which evidently has many advantages, and would be well nigh perfect, if there had been an alphabetical index of the names of authors, and the whole consecutively numbered. In a work of such magnitude it almost seems ungracious to make this remark, but there is danger under so many titles and sub-titles—and each foreign language being kept to itself—of books that are really of the same class and on the same particular subjects being lost sight of, especially when consulting the catalogue in a hurry.

To begin with, the proceedings of *Grand Bodies* occupy some 40 pages, and form a most valuable lot. They are carefully classified under States and Countries, and the data as to their origin is taken from Bro. J. H. Drummond's "Masonic, Historical, and Bibliographical Memoranda," who tells me that Bro. Emmons has brought all the particulars down to date, Bro. Drummond's excellent work having been published in the year 1882.

In periodicals, the catalogue is strong, and so in (2) "Ahiman Rezens, Constitutions, and By-laws." England is well represented, but would look still better if "Ahiman Rezens" for 1756, 1787, 1800, and 1813 were added. The second of this quartette is very scarce, and much more so than the older issues. I see the Royal Arch regulations for 1786 noted, but not its senior for 1782, neither any between 1786 and 1843, but as a complete and perfect set is almost unknown, one need not wonder at that. Ireland is well circumstanced, having first edition of 1730, and the rare Dublin Pocket Companion of 1735, as well as Spratt of 1751, and others, of which the volume of 1804, with the rare composite List of Lodges for England, Ireland, and Scotland, calls for mention. Of course, those for the United States Grand Lodges are numerous and almost exhaustive.

The (3) "Cyclopædias, Digests, Manuals, Monitors, and Text Books" are a conspicuous series, and include no less than 22 editions of Webb's 'Monitor'; 18 of Cross' 'Charts'; 18 editions of Preston's 'Illustrations'; and a great variety else, American and British.

"Anniversaries and Histories of Lodges &c." (4), covering nine pages, make up a total that is probably not surpassed, even if equalled, England being credited with over 30, but those for America may be counted by hundreds. (5) "Addresses, Discourses, Sermons, &c.," being mostly pamphlets are most difficult to procure, particularly those of last century, but here we have over 30 pages of titles under this heading.

"Masonic Works," (6) in English, a very comprehensive title, would require much space to particularise, and must be passed over now with but a few words. Ashmole, Life of, 1717; "Multa Paucis"; "Ebrietatis," 1723; "Long Livers, 1722"; "Plain Dealer," 1730; Pine's Engraved List (original) of 1737, and Cole's of 1764; numerous pocket companions (including Newcastle, 1777); Millikin, "Fame and Confession," 1652, and most of the standard works of this and last century; Original Records, Certificates, &c.

"Anti-Masonic Works" (7) take over a dozen pages to enumerate, and all in short titles, some being of exceptional rarity, known as "Exposures." "The Miscellaneous Works" (9) are very valuable, and not a few exceedingly curious. Then follow the French, German, Italian, Spanish, and Latin publications (100 pages), including some extraordinary finds, but little known, and of great interest and value.

The remainder concerns various Degrees and Rites from the "Eastern Star" to the "Mystic Shrine," and other monstrosities, concluding with a choice list of works on architecture of a Masonic tinge, in which Le Clerc's two volumes, with Sturt's plates, are in the two editions of 1724 and 1732. A modest little compilation, entitled "Catalogues," is sandwiched between the Artillery Company and the Civil War, though of most peaceful intentions, and to my mind most interesting and suggestive.

I should like to record my opinion that General Lawrence could not have selected a more capable, zealous, or enthusiastic brother to have compiled a catalogue of his truly magnificent Masonic library.

W. J. HUGHAN.

## GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

A Quarterly Communication of the above Grand Lodge was held in Edinburgh on the 4th inst. The hall was crowded, there being present about 400 brethren. The throne was occupied by the Grand Master, Bro. the Earl of Haddington, and Bros. J. Dalrymple Duncan, S.G.W., and Col. Campbell, J.G.W., were in their respective places. Amongst others present were Bros. Sir Charles Dalrymple, M.P., G.M. Depute; R. F. Shaw Stewart, Past Sub. G.M.; D. Murray Lyon, G. Sec.; David Reid, G. Treas.; Rev. John Murray, G. Chap.; Rev. Robert Henderson, P.G. Chap.; and others.

The minutes of Grand Committee contained an excerpt from the accounts of the grand Masonic bazaar held in December, 1890. The following is a statement of the amount remaining at credit of each of the stalls, after deducting payments made on their account by the honorary Treasurer:—Grand Lodge, including the lodges in the Metropolitan district, £2268 5s. 1d.; East and West Renfrewshires and Ayrshire and the Isles, £2063 10s. 7d.; Fife and Kinross-shires, £392 4s. 3d.; Ayrshire, £1178 13s.; Glasgow City, £1119 17s. 7d.; Haddington and Berwickshires and Roxburgh and Selkirkshires, £395 13s. 9d.; Lanarkshire (Middle Ward), £1029 2s. 3d.; Lanarkshire (Upper Ward), £144 0s. 2d.; Stirling and Dumbartonshires, £1405 0s. 7d.; Perthshire East, £579 16s. 3d.; Perthshire West, £391 18s. 9d.; Dumfries and Wigtownshires, £344 13s. 6d.; Forfar and Kincardineshires, £549 7s. 4d.; Linlithgowshire, £534 9s. 5d.; Indian and Colonial, £270 12s. 11d.; game, £86 4s. 9d.; refreshment, £53 12s.; tea and coffee, £158 17s.; parcels, 10s. 2d. The sum contributed to the funds through entertainments amounted to £431 2s. 3d. Total amount, £13,397 11s. 7d.

The minutes of Grand Committee also contained the report of the Auditor, Bro. Francis A. Bringloe, C.A., on the accounts of Grand Lodge for the year ending 26th November last. Bro. Bringloe reported that the funds and estate belonging to and under the control of Grand Lodge amounted at 26th November, 1891, to £31,609 18s. 6d. The Fund of Scottish Masonic Benevolence at 26th November, 1891, amounted to £6891 0s. 3d. There was also appended an abstract account of the Annuity Branch of the Fund of Scottish Masonic Benevolence, showing that, after meeting the annuities sanctioned by Grand Committee, and, in terms of the constitution, crediting the fund with one-half of the free income of Grand Lodge to 27th November, 1890, the fund at 26th November, 1891, amounted to £19,820 13s. 4d., whereof the sum of £19,383 4s. is capital and £437 9s. 4d. income. The capital of this fund was augmented during the year by the nett proceeds of the grand Masonic bazaar held in December, 1890, amounting to £14,449 10s. 10d. The accounts of Grand Lodge for the year ending 26th November, 1891, exhibit a further sum of £1500 12s. 10d. as due to this fund at that date, and which amount will appear in next account.

The GRAND MASTER spoke of the late Duke of Clarence, who had in the inscrutable ways of Providence been cut off, to the great grief of the Royal Family and every true and loyal heart in the kingdom. He was a Freemason, and took a lively and intelligent interest in Freemasonry. A telegram had been sent to the Prince and Princess of Wales, and that had been most graciously received. He thought every one would agree with him that it was their duty and privilege to show how deeply they sympathised with her Majesty and their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, and that addresses of condolence should be prepared and forwarded. On the motion of the Grand Master Depute, Bro. Sir Charles Dalrymple, M.P., Grand Lodge remitted to the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary to prepare these addresses.

A charter was granted to the new lodge of Ben Cleuch, Tillicoultry. Bro. the Hon. Hew Dalrymple was appointed Provincial Grand Master of Wigtown and Kirkcudbrightshires.

Grand Lodge then proceeded to the election of brethren to fill the vacancies in Grand Committee. There were 13 nominations (one having withdrawn) for 12 vacancies, and the following were elected with the votes stated: Bros. John Graham of Broadstone, 333; Lieut.-Col. J. Campbell, Perth, 317; Dr. James Middleton, Stow, 313; George C. H. McNaught, Glasgow, 292; David Hume, Dysart, 284; Sir James Buchanan of Dumburgh, Bart., Milngavie, 281; Robert Kennedy, Glasgow, 249; Major W. Ivison Macdonald, Portobello, 249; James Caldwell, Paisley, 244; Robert Ferguson, Hamilton, 237; John MacLachlan of MacLachlan, 229; William Officer, S.S.C., Edinburgh, 221. Bros. Sir Jas. Buchanan, R. Ferguson, Major Macadam, and J. MacLachlan are new members.

On the motion of Bro. GEORGE CHRISTIE, Stirling, seconded by Bro. JAMES CRICHTON, Grand Lodge remitted to Grand Committee to consider and report as to the desirableness of establishing a Provincial Grand Lodge for the counties of Mid-Lothian and Peebles. Bro. Macadam withdrew a resolution of which he had given notice, to the effect that the time had now come when Grand Lodge should appoint a Prov. Grand Master for the Metropolitan district.

On the motion of Bro. Dr. MIDDLETON, seconded by Bro. Col. STIRLING (who withdrew a motion of which he had given notice), it was resolved that the resolution adopted by Grand Lodge on 7th May, 1885, be rescinded, and that Rule 132 of the Constitution and Laws of Grand Lodge shall apply to the commissions held by all Provincial Grand Masters.

The next business was the consideration of a resolution of which Bro. CALDWELL had given notice, seconded by Bro. W. R. MANN, to recall the ruling of February, 1851, prohibiting any unauthorised Masonic body or individual issuing circulars regarding Masonic affairs to any of the lodges in Scotland or elsewhere, under pain of suspension from Masonic privileges or expulsion from the Order.

So as to give more time for consideration, the GRAND MASTER DEPUTE moved, and Bro. STIRLING seconded, the previous question, but the original motion was carried by 158 against 44.

It was explained from the throne that Bro. Middleton's resolution would not affect the commissions of Provincial Grand Masters until they have been five years in office from this date.

Grand Lodge was then closed.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

A special meeting was held at the Lion Hotel, Cambridge, on Monday, the 8th inst., to pass a vote of condolence to their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, upon the much lamented death of H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence and Avondale. The Prov. G.M., Bro. Col. R. T. Caldwell, M.A., presided, and the attendance included Bros. E. H. Jennings, acting D.P.G.M.; Oliver Papworth, P.S.G.W.; G. F. Rogers, P.J.G.W.; J. Stacey Youngman, acting P.G.C.; J. Bonnett, P.G. Sec.; F. Dewberry, P.G.D.C.; Frank Piggott, P.S.G.D.; W. B. Sheppard, acting P.J.G.D.; P. H. Young, P.G.S.B.; W. Elworthy, P.G.P.; also of Past G. Officers—Bros. W. P. Spalding, J. Royston, W. H. Francis, W. C. Dewberry, J. Vail, C. A. Vinter, T. Watts, J. Sheldrick, W. Purchas, J. V. Pryor, T. Hunnybun, G. Whitmore, and others.

The lodge having been opened, the PROV. GRAND MASTER said the brethren were aware that this was a special meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge, and from the summons they knew the business for which it had been called. He thought they would all be glad of the opportunity to express their feelings of sympathy—those feelings which were shared not only by the whole of the Masonic body, but by the whole English-speaking race throughout the world, and indeed by other than English-speaking nations, who appreciated our Royal Family. Their object was to propose an address of condolence to the Prince and Princess of Wales in the unexpected and premature death of their eldest son, the Duke of Clarence. The sad fact was so recently before them that it was unnecessary to say much upon it. They remembered that only on the 11th of January they first heard that his Royal Highness was ill, and that on Thursday morning the 14th they heard that he had passed away to the Grand Lodge above. Whilst they as Englishmen and as Masons could mourn his loss, they in Cambridge had special reasons to regret it, from having seen him so often in and out amongst them, and from having seen him raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. in one of their lodges. It necessarily followed, therefore, that they regretted his loss the more. There could not be anyone more kindly disposed and considerate for others, and by these qualities he had endeared himself to those with whom he came into contact. There could be but one feeling, that of the deepest possible sympathy, with the Prince and Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family. He himself should never forget the scene and the ceremony in St. George's Chapel, where it had been hoped in a few weeks the Prince's wedding was to have taken place. The whole ceremony must have made a lasting impression on all those who saw it. He was sure the subject had the deepest and earnest sympathy of the brethren, and anything they could do to alleviate the distress of the Royal Family they would gladly do. But he was afraid that was little, and they could only hope and trust that they would receive consolation from Above. He then proposed that the following address be adopted and forwarded:

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

We, the Provincial Grand Master, Provincial Grand Officers, and members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Freemasons of Cambridgeshire, in Provincial Grand Lodge assembled, desire to express our very deep sorrow at the untimely death of our much-lamented brother, his Royal Highness the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, K.G., Provincial Grand Master of Berkshire, and Past Grand Warden, and request permission to offer our most sincere and loyal sympathy to your Royal Highness, and to her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, in the sad bereavement with which it has pleased the Great Architect of the Universe to visit your Royal Highnesses.

Our prayer is that the Most High, in His wisdom and mercy, may grant to your Royal Highnesses in this time of sorrow that comfort and consolation which He only can bestow.

Cambridge, 8th February, 1892.

ROBERT TOWNLEY CALDWELL, Provincial Grand Master.

JOHN BONNETT, Provincial Grand Secretary.

The address having been read by the P.G. SECRETARY,

Bro. OLIVER PAPWORTH, P.S.G.W., seconded the motion from the chair, and the same was agreed to.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER then alluded to the death of the Grand Secretary of England, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, and thought that would be a suitable occasion to pass a resolution of condolence with the widow and family of the late esteemed brother. He proposed that such a resolution be sent.

Bro. G. F. ROGERS, P.J.G.W., seconded the motion, and said Masonry had sustained a terrible loss by Bro. Col. Shadwell Clerke's death.

The resolution was agreed to, and Provincial Grand Lodge was closed.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DERBYSHIRE.

A special Grand Lodge of Derbyshire was held on Saturday afternoon last, to "consider and resolve upon an address of condolence with his Royal Highness the Grand Master on the much regretted death of H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, Provincial Grand Master of Berkshire, and Past Grand Warden of England." There was a very large attendance not merely from Derby, but from every district of the province. The Dep. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. H. C. Okeover, presided, in the absence of his Grace the Duke of Devonshire, the position of Deputy being filled by Bro. Thomas Cox, P.P.S.G.W. Amongst the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past, who were in their places, were—

Bros. G. M. Bond, P.S.G.W.; Sir John Smith, P.P.S.G.W.; W. H. Marsden, P.P.S.G.W.; Percy Wallis, P.P.S.G.W.; Wm. Naylor, P.P.S.G.W., P.G. Sec. and P.G.S.B. England; Abraham Woodiwiss, P.P.S.G.W.; the Rev. T. B. Mundy, P.G. Chap.; T. S. Bowden, P.J.G.W.; J. H. Day, P.P.J.G.W.; Thomas Hall, P.P.J.G.W.; C. G. Busby, P.P.J.G.W.; T. R. Gee, P.G. Treas.; Edgar Horne, P.P.G. Reg.; W. Beadon Woodforde, P.P.G. Reg.; Wilks, P.S.G.D.; Cawthorne Webster, P.P.S.G.D.; J. W. Brigg, P.P.S.G.D.; John Walker, P.P.S.G.D.;

Nathan Ashurst, P.P.J.G.D.; W. J. Piper, P.P.G.D. of C.; F. J. Robinson, P.P. A.G.D. of C.; J. O. Manton, P.P.A.G.D. of C.; J. Cutting, P.P.A.G. Sec.; J. Copestick, P.P.G.P.; T. E. Veomans, P.P.G.P.; J. Fisher, P.A.G.P.; E. H. Clarke, P.P.G.S. of W.; Hon. C. W. Trollope, P.M. 2129; Wm. Swire, P.M. 625; G. Sutherland, W.M. 731; J. T. Lee, W.M. 787; A. Schofield, P.P.G.P.; R. Knowles, P.M. 1028; J. E. Whitehead, P.M. 1179; Jos. Cook, P.M. 1324; J. Gladwin, P.M. 1235; W. L. Dodd, P.P.G. Org.; and others.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER, after referring to the object of the meeting, described the calamity which had overtaken the Royal Family, and particularly their Grand Master, as one of terrible severity. Their late Bro. the Duke of Clarence appeared to have a long life of usefulness and honour before him. He was beloved by all the members of his family, especially by her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, whilst he was about to marry the winsome object of his love. His untimely removal occurring at a time when all sections of the people were being scourged by sickness had made a profound impression upon the country, and had deeply stirred the sympathies and affections of all Freemasons, calling upon them to exercise those great principles of brotherly love and fraternal regard upon which their Order was founded. Moreover, it must have led them to reflect upon the uncertainty of life, and have taught them the wisdom of drawing closer to the Great Architect of the Universe. He was sure he was echoing the sentiment of every brother in the province when he said that they deeply sympathised with their Grand Master in his bitter loss, and prayed that the Almighty Architect, to whom alone they must look for grace and strength, might assuage the grief into which he and his Royal Consort had been plunged. Bro. Okeover concluded by moving the following resolution:

We, the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Derbyshire, in Special Lodge assembled, beg leave to approach your Royal Highness with an expression of our deep sorrow at the untimely death of H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, K.G., and with our earnest sympathy with your Royal Highness's affliction. The high personal qualities possessed by his Royal Highness, his distinguished rank in Freemasonry, and the exalted position of happiness which appeared to be before him, have all combined to intensify our sense of the loss which your Royal Highness and the country have suffered, and have served to knit the whole nation in a common sorrow, in which we desire respectfully to assure your Royal Highness we deeply share. We earnestly pray that it may please the Great Architect of the Universe to sustain and comfort your Royal Highness and your family in your sad bereavement.

Bro. THOMAS COX briefly seconded the resolution, which the brethren, in solemn silence, endorsed.

The proceedings shortly afterwards terminated.

## THE LATE GRAND SECRETARY.

The appended circular, which has been issued by the Committee of "The Shadwell Clerke Trust," needs little or no recommendation from us. The whole English Craft knows well "how conscientiously, efficiently, and courteously Col. Clerke discharged all the duties of his important office, and the eminent services he has rendered to Masonry." We are satisfied that the brethren are actuated by a deep sense of gratitude towards the late Grand Secretary both for what he did in behalf of English Freemasonry and for the conscientious, efficient, and courteous manner in which he did it. They realise, as we do, that by his untimely death Grand Lodge has lost one of the ablest of the many able brethren who have had conferred upon them the purple of Grand Office, and we feel certain that when they hear the lady who was so near and dear to him "has been left very inadequately provided for," they will avail themselves of the opportunity, grievous though it must be to them to feel that it should have arisen, of exhibiting their respect for the memory of Col. Clerke, and their sympathy with his widow in the manner proposed by the Committee of "The Shadwell Clerke Trust." Col. Clerke was a true Mason, loyal to the principles of our ancient Society in his every thought and act and deed, and the duty now devolves upon us who survive him and see daily around us the evidences of his successful labours of making adequate provision for his widow. We are reaping, and for many a year to come shall continue to reap, the benefit of his eminent services to Masonry; let the response to this appeal be the evidence that the greatness of those services is fully and generously recognised.

A list of the distinguished brethren who for the present constitute the Committee of the "Shadwell Clerke Trust" will be found in our advertisement columns.

Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C.,

8th February, 1892.

Dear Sir and Brother,

We regret to inform you that the widow of our late much lamented Grand Secretary, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, has been left very inadequately provided for.

A Committee of Grand Officers and others, who have had many opportunities of knowing how conscientiously, efficiently and courteously Col. Clerke discharged all the duties of his important office, and the eminent services he has rendered to Masonry, has been formed for the purpose of inviting Lodges and Brethren to show their appreciation of his high character and services by joining with them in raising a fund for the purchase of a Government Life Annuity for Mrs. Clerke.

We send herewith a list of the Committee who have already given their names, to which additions are solicited.

The Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Mount-Edgcumbe, and Sir Albert W. Woods, Garter, P.G.W., G.D.C., have kindly consented to act as Trustees, and an account will be opened immediately in their names at the Bloomsbury Branch of the London and Westminster Bank.

Personal subscriptions are limited to a maximum of £5 5s. In the case of lodges, chapters, and other Masonic bodies, there is no limit. Cheques are requested to be sent, addressed to the Treasurer, Bro. Robert Grey, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., made payable to him, and crossed "London and Westminster Bank, Bloomsbury Branch or a Shadwell Clerke Trust."

Inasmuch as Bro. George Kenning has kindly undertaken to insert advertisements in *The Freemason*, free of expense, and as the cost of printing, stationery, postage and receipt stamps, &c., will be paid by members of the Committee, the whole amount of subscriptions without any deduction will be available for the proposed object.

We remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

THOMAS FENN, Pres. B. of G.P., Chairman.

ROBERT GREY, Pres. B. of B., Treasurer.

FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.D., Secretary.



## THE LATE BRO. COL. A. C. FOSTER GOUGH, P.G.M. STAFFORDSHIRE.

Bro. Col. Foster Gough, to whose unexpected death we briefly referred in our last week's issue, and from whom, as we then said, there might reasonably have been expected many years of valuable service, had about him all the attributes of a sterling English gentleman. In his profession of a solicitor, as commandant for many years of a Volunteer battalion, as a sportsman, as a country gentleman, and as member of many learned societies, in all the multifarious labours which devolved upon him in these various capacities, there was one feeling which actuated him above all others, that of fulfilling his duty to the utmost of his ability. He was the very pink of geniality and courtesy, but at the same time he was a strict disciplinarian. He spared himself in nothing that he undertook and he expected that all who were associated with him should do likewise. He was a thorough soldier, as is shown by the present highly efficient state of the 3rd Volunteer Battalion of the Staffordshire Regiment, with which he was connected from its establishment in 1859 till his retirement from the service in 1888, while his residence at Graiseley, near Wolverhampton, was filled with the trophies of his skill as a sportsman. In Freemasonry he took a deep and abiding interest, and his death will be regarded everywhere as a serious loss to the Craft, but more especially in the Province of Staffordshire, of which at the time of his death he was the chief.

Our deceased brother was initiated in the Lodge of Honour, No. 526, Wolverhampton, in 1856, and 1857 and the year following presided over it as W.M. He was subsequently appointed Prov. S.G.W. of Staffordshire, and in 1865 received the patent as D.P.G.M. from the hands of Bro. Harvey, the then Provincial Grand Master. It was in this capacity that he took a leading part on the occasion of the visit to Hartshill, on the 25th June, 1866, of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who was not then a member of our Fraternity, for the purpose of laying the foundation-stone of the New North Staffordshire Infirmary. In 1881, when Bro. Col. S. Tudor was appointed to succeed the late Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot as chief of the same Province, our deceased brother was again offered and again accepted the office of Deputy, and on Colonel Tudor's vacation of his post, the Prince of Wales, as M.W.G.M., was pleased to appoint Col. Gough his successor. His installation took place in the Shire Hall, Stafford, on the 30th April, 1889, the ceremony being performed by the retiring dignitary in the presence of a large gathering of the members of the province. He was also a Royal Arch Mason, a Past Grand Std. Br. of Supreme Grand Chapter, Past Prov. G.H., and, at the time of his death Grand Superintendent of Staffordshire, while in the Mark Degree he was Past Prov. G.M. of Staffordshire. He was most energetic in the performance of his duties, and enjoyed the love and respect of the whole body of brethren in Staffordshire.

At the annual festival of the St. John's Lodge, held at Lichfield, on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., the following resolution was unanimously passed: "The W.M., officers, and brethren of St. John's Lodge, No. 1039, most deeply regret the great loss the Province of Staffordshire has sustained by the death of the Right Worthy Provincial Grand Master, Colonel Foster Gough, I.L.D. They beg to record their high appreciation of his earnestness and zeal in the cause and progress of true Freemasonry, his devotion to duty, and his pleadings in the cause of Charity, and offer their condolence to his relatives in their great and sudden bereavement."

The brethren of St. Peter's Lodge, the oldest in the town of Wolverhampton, held their usual monthly meeting on Thursday, the 4th inst., at the Star and Garter, under somewhat dismal surroundings. The lodge itself was draped in black, in consequence of the recent death of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. C. A. NEWHAM, P.G.T., after enumerating the names of many brethren who had lately died in the Province of Staffordshire, adverted to the sudden and unexpected death of the Prov. Grand Master, who, only at their last meeting had been amongst them as a visitor, full of life and health. He then proposed a resolution to the following effect, which was passed unanimously: "The W.M., officers, and brethren of St. Peter's Lodge, No. 419, most deeply regret the great loss the Province of Staffordshire has sustained by the death of the Right Worthy Provincial Grand Master, Col. Foster Gough, I.L.D. They beg to record their high appreciation of his earnestness and zeal in the cause and progress of Freemasonry, and offer their condolence to his relatives in their great and sudden bereavement."

The lodge was then closed.

### THE FUNERAL.

The remains of Colonel Gough were interred in the General Cemetery on Saturday, the 6th inst. Manifestations of grief and respect were apparent in different parts of the town. It having become known that the funeral would be honoured with Masonic and military rights, large crowds of people assembled at the various leading thoroughfares in the expectation of witnessing a pageant of an imposing character, being largely attended by gentlemen who knew his worth, and who deeply deplored his severance.

The remains were conveyed from London to Wolverhampton on Wednesday night, and taken to the residence, Graiseley Hill, and the procession started from the house at 2.30.

The mourners were the Rev. Dr. Rosedale, Mr. W. Gough Allen, Rev. C. H. Gough, Rev. W. E. Rosedale, Messrs. A. S. Shaw, Walter W. Shaw, H. F. Gough, J. Tunnicliffe, W. H. Colebourn, J. Perkins, J. Darby, T. C. King, J. Bodenham, C. Matthews, J. F. Pepper, and E. C. Russell.

Amongst those who sent wreaths were the Rev. Prebendary Allen; the Principal, officers and companions of St. Peter's Lodge, No. 419—a five-pointed star, with square and compass in violets; Mr. W. H. Colebourn, Mr. and Mrs. W. Gough Allen, Mr. and Mrs. J. Darby, Col. S. Tudor, the W.M. and brethren of the Marmion Lodge, No. 1060; the W.M., officers, and brethren of the Lodge of Honour, No. 526; the W.M. and

brethren of the Dartmouth Lodge, No. 662; Miss C. Eyre, Miss Annie Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. T. Jervis Addenbrooke; the Wolverhampton Troop of the Queen's Own Royal Yeomanry, in the shape of a Staffordshire knot in violets and other beautiful flowers, &c.

Among the brethren present were Bros. J. Bodenham, P.P.G.W., P.A.G.D.C.; R. Clay Sudlow, P.G. Std. Br.; W. F. Bradley, P.G. Chap.; G. H. Stanger, P.G. Reg.; Major E. H. Thorne, P.G. Secretary; J. Davenport, P.J.G.D.; W. E. Challinor, P.A.G.D. of C.; A. Newton Lee, P.G.S.B.; Major G. W. Walker, P.A.G. Secretary; G. Platt, P.G. Purst.; Capt. A. McBean, P.G. Steward; F. Taylor, P.G. Steward; T. J. Barnett, P.P.G.W.; Charles Twigg, P.P.G.W.; I. F. Pepper, P.P.G.W.; Thomas Taylor, P.P.G.W.; W. J. Gothard, P.P.G.W.; G. Ashmall, P.P.J.G.D.; E. Roberts, P.P.J.G.D.; J. Powell, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. Brown, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks.; W. Tunnicliffe, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks.; E. W. Taylor, W.M. 726, P.P.G.O.; T. Jones, P.P.G.P.; J. Williams, P.P.G.P.; W. H. Smith, W.M. 347; T. Skett, W.M. 419; J. Dunbar Steen, W.M. 526; J. M. Wood, W.M. 546; E. M. Scott, W.M. 696; F. Nokes, W.M. 1838; G. W. Bradford, W.M. 2149; W. H. Newby, I.P.M. 460; G. F. Oldershaw, P.M. 662; G. Haynes, I.P.M. 1039; I. Clark, P.M. 526; G. Baker, P.M. 526; E. Hallam, P.M. 1942; T. M. Hamer, I.P.M. 1060; H. Windle, P.M. 418; J. Bradney, I.P.M. 419; T. Ironmonger, P.M. 526; J. Stone, S.W. 1060; F. T. Beck, S.W. 419; E. F. Coleman, J.W. 419; Edwin Berry, Sec. 419; J. J. Smith, J.W. 526; C. F. Lloyd, J.W. 1039; H. P. Smith, S.W. 1838; W. Lister, S.W. 482; H. Hall, S.W. 526; J. D. Wassell, Sec. 1838; J. A. Lloyd, J.D. 526; W. Baker, Org. 526; T. W. Bennett, S.D. 1838; W. Skett, I.G. 419; J. Hackett, S.W. 1941; T. C. Bigwood, J.D. 419; A. Smyrk, S.W. 1039; C. Moore, I.G. 1039; G. Taylor, S.D. 1942; J. T. Fenton, 418; R. M. Lord, 419; J. Annan, 419; J. Bigwood, 419; Herbert M. Lord, J. W. Rodgers, 418; T. Knight, 419; J. Evans, 526; J. E. Morris, 526; W. Hamblett, 347; C. Mantion; J. Simpson, 696; J. N. Lester, 526; F. Jones, 451; H. S. Martin, 1060; A. Eyles, 1039; G. Bullock, 1039; E. Lay, P.P.G.S.B. Worcester; G. B. Mitchell, 1044; A. Jefferson, 1121; W. Twist, P.G. Tyler; and many other brethren.

A large number of letters of apology for non-attendance were received by the P.G. Secretary from brethren unable to attend.

A deputation was present from the Wolverhampton Troop of the Queen's Own Royal Yeomanry, of which the deceased was formerly a member.

The officers and men of the 3rd Battalion South Staffordshire Regiment assembled at their head-quarters, Stafford-street, shortly before two o'clock, and soon afterwards marched to the residence of the deceased. Colonel Naylor was in command (in the unavoidable absence of Colonel Tudor), and amongst the officers present were Major Pritchard, Major Thorne, Major Morgan, Capt. Chapman, Capt. Underhill, Capt. Guy, Lieut. Pratt, Lieut. Waterhouse, and others.

The coffin was followed by the mourners, and immediately afterwards by the officers of the Grand Lodge, Present and Past, Present and Past Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, the officers and members of the Provincial and Grand Chapter, the brethren of the Province of Staffordshire, and the brethren from other provinces.

The service was conducted by the Rev. E. F. Wanstall, Vicar of St. Paul's, Wolverhampton. At the graveside the service was read by Bro. the Rev. W. F. Bradley, of St. Peter's, West Bromwich, Prov. Grand Chaplain of Staffordshire.

In accordance with Masonic custom, the reverend brother delivered an oration, and said they had just laid to rest one whose heart was ever warm. His Masonic gifts were great. There lay their dear Master, who had been taken so suddenly from them, in the midst of all that activity of which they were all aware. Only recently—a week ago—he had stated to a brother that he had paid no less than 50 visits to lodges in the province since a very short time back. He had expressed his intention of giving up his whole time to the advancement of the Craft in the Province of Staffordshire. Might the Great Architect of the Universe be gracious to him. They knew that for many years he had not only spent a large fortune in the advancement of this particular Craft, but even before that he had devoted large sums from his own private purse to the Volunteer forces of the town. They could only hope and pray that another might be raised up equal unto him, who should lead Masonry. Whether there was one who could succeed him he could not say. It was a most onerous and difficult post to fill. He only hoped that he might in God's good providence be gathered together at that great day when they should all stand up to give an account to the Great Architect who took a record of all actions through life. Might the Almighty Architect grant eternal rest to the soul of their dear brother.

The service concluded with the Benediction. Many brethren now advanced to the grave to take a last look, and throwing into the grave the sprigs of acacia which they had worn during the procession, quietly dispersed.

THE CHICAGO CONGRESS.—The idea of a General Grand Lodge does not meet with favour, and the holding of a Fraternal Congress in Chicago next year is looked upon with suspicion. There is a fear—and justly, too—that some over-zealous brethren, with official distinction buzzing about their ears, may attempt to organise a body to meet semi-occasionally for "purely social and fraternal intercourse." It would only be the beginning of something else. The fact of the matter is, Masonry is doing very well as it is. The Grand Lodges are competent to conduct their affairs without "foreign intervention." We do need a Masonic show at Chicago, or a formal gathering of Masons at any set time. Those who are fortunate enough to be able to visit the Columbian Exhibition will go as citizens of the most wonderful nation on earth in many respects. We will meet with many Masonic brethren, and ample accommodation will be provided for friendly intercourse. We cannot all go at the same time, and it would not be desirable that we should, for we would be deprived of much of the pleasure of sight-seeing by seeing each other. When we go to Chicago next year it will not be to attend a Masonic meeting, but to "see the sights" of the wonderful city of the West. We see Masonry all the year round, and why not have a little play-time when we go to a picnic? We really do not see the particular need for the proposed Congress, but we do see danger of some "root of bitterness" springing up.—*New York Dispatch.*

According to the laws of the Dutch Constitution, if a candidate is blackballed after having been recommended by the Enquiry Committee, he is put back for 14 days, and balloted for again, when if the result is the same, a further adjournment of the ballot takes place, but after the third unfavourable ballot the W.M. in open lodge requests the brother who has an objection to the candidate to step into the room devoted to silence, and there state to him the nature of his objections. Should no brother respond to this invitation, the W.M. requests that the brother will meet him at his private residence between this and the next meeting and give his reasons. At the next meeting the W.M. announces that a brother or brothers (no names are mentioned) have stated the reason for the adverse vote, but he does not consider the reason a Masonic one, and declares the person elected, or the other way. But should no brother call on the W.M. within the 14 days allowed, then the W.M. declares the person elected, as it is considered the bounden duty of all brethren who know the applicant to give the Enquiry Committee all information either for or against it. Some such law as this would prevent a great deal of unpleasantness in some lodges.

### ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday. Bro. John Newton occupied the chair, and there were present Bros. S. Vallentine, G.P.; James Brett, P.G.P.; W. J. Murlis; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; J. P. Fitzgerald; C. H. Webb; J. S. Cumberland; H. J. Strong; A. Mullord; G. Boulton; H. Cotter; G. E. Fairchild; C. J. Perceval; C. Lacey; John Barnett, jun.; C. Carrell; W. F. Smithson, P.G.D.; D. D. Mercer, P.G.P.; F. Mead, P.G.S.B.; T. B. Purchas, P.A.G.D.C.; T. G. Bullen, P.G. Std. Br.; A. Durrant; R. P. Stevens; J. Dorton; W. H. Making; J. Bunker; Hugh M. Hobbs; W. H. Hubbert; W. Webber; R. Turtle Pigott, D.C.L., P.A.G.D.C.; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; R. Griggs; J. Dixon; and James Terry, P.G.S.B. (Secretary).

The minutes of the January meeting having been read and verified, the SECRETARY reported the deaths of six annuitants (three men and three widows), and of two male and one widow candidates, the latter being also a half annuitant. The Warden's report for the past month was read, and an application from the widow of a deceased annuitant for half her late husband's annuity was granted. The number of candidates was declared to be 139, of whom 69 were men and 70 widows, and the number of vacancies 18 and 8 respectively, but it was resolved to elect 28 men and 18 widows, together with the three deferred annuitants on each fund, or together 31 men and 21 widows.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings.

### LADIES' NIGHT OF THE ECCLESTON LODGE, No. 1624.

A banquet and ball was held in connection with the Eccleston Lodge, No. 1624, at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on Wednesday, the 3rd inst., when members and friends attended to the number of 200. The success of the evening was somewhat marred by the unavoidable absence, through illness, of Bro. A. J. Bignold, W.M., for whose speedy recovery hearty wishes were expressed, and his place was filled by Bro. W. Weston, I.P.M., who presided at the banquet. The officers of the lodge present were Bros. J. Grist, F. Arnold, J.W.; I. Isaacs, P.M., Treasurer; A. W. Beckham, P.M., Secretary; G. Messenger, J.D.; H. Giddings, I.G.; C. Taylor, P.M., D.C.; and R. T. Roberts, P.M., Stwd.; and there was also a strong muster of Past Masters and lay members.

Ample justice having been done to the good fare provided, "The Queen and the Craft" was the first toast heartily honoured, and was followed by "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," and "The Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. FLATTERLY, P.M., then said it was a time-honoured custom to propose "The Health of the W.M.," who occupied an onerous position in the lodge. They regretted Bro. Bignold's absence through illness, but their hearts were with him in his trouble, for they missed his genial face and happy smile. Their W.M. was ably represented in the chair that evening by a brother who had passed the chair—the I.P.M.—whom they looked forward to with some amount of hope that he would be of great assistance, as the Past Masters were expected to be.

Bro. W. WESTON, I.P.M., returned thanks for the cordial manner in which the toast had been drunk. He was unfortunately acting as Master that night; he was sorry to say it was not by his own desire. It was their misfortune that their W.M. (Bro. Bignold) was laid up through illness, but the telegram they heard read said he was progressing. He was sure that if the W.M. had been present he would have enjoyed himself very much, for he had been known to them for many years and was much respected. He (the I.P.M.) regarded the hearty manner in which the toast had been received as intended for Bro. Bignold, and he hoped they would soon see him in his place with his usual smile and genial manner.

Bro. FLATTERLY, P.M., responded for "The Past Masters and Officers," after which "The Treasurer and Secretary" were cordially given.

Bro. ISAACS, Treas., having replied, Bro. BECKHAM, Sec., returned thanks, and said he regarded the toast as a great compliment. He had the interest of the lodge very much at heart, and anything he could do for its benefit he was only too glad to do. As they were aware he was going up as Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and the Committee wished to collect a large sum for that Institution. He hoped all the brethren would make their wives Life-Governors of the Institution before the next Festival.

Bro. HOOPER, P.M., replied for "The Ladies and Visitors" in an able speech. One often heard it said in these days that the age of chivalry was past, but he was sure they would all agree that only those could hold that opinion who were unacquainted with Masonry and Masons. They prided themselves upon their fraternal bond, their hospitality, their care for the sick and poor, their loyalty to the Queen and their devotion to the lodge. They also prided themselves on their regard for the ladies, and on their behalf he returned sincere thanks for the manner in which the toast had been given.

The toasts were interspersed with an excellent selection of music, in which Bro. Sackville Evans and others assisted. Bro. S. Wright sang several humorous songs in his inimitable manner, which were enjoyed by all, and several encores were demanded.

Dancing was then indulged in to the music of an excellent band, and the early hours of the morning had arrived ere the company departed, one and all congratulating the executive on the great success of the evening.

### WEST LANCASHIRE MASONIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION.

On the 5th instant, under the presidency of Bro. R. Foote, P.P.G. Treas., a numerously-attended meeting of the General Committee of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street. There were about 30 applicants for the benefits of the Charity, and the cases were approved and recommended for adoption by the next Court of Governors, involving an additional outlay of nearly £400, the largest sum ever voted at any similar meeting. Twenty-two candidates were placed on the foundation of the Institution, two children were placed on the combined Fund, three had grants for advancement in life, and the Committee agreed to grants for an extra year's education to boys who are at present being taught, clothed, and maintained.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding concluded the proceedings.

The balance-sheet of the Charity for the past year, which had just been prepared by Bro. J. T. Callow, Hon. Treasurer, shows that there was a balance of £868 at the beginning of 1891; a deposit note realised £1200; the proceeds of the ball in 1891 amounted to £420; 100 guineas had been received from the Prov. Grand Lodge; 50 guineas from the Masonic Club; £1039 from donations and subscriptions of the brethren of the various lodges in the province; £530 from interest on dock bonds, £78 from Swansea Harbour trusts, and £25 from Corporation stock; the total income being £4500. The payments included £1588 for the education, clothing, maintenance, and advancement of children on the foundation of the Charity; £262 10s. for the purchase of one right of presentation to the Orphan Working School; £1114 for Liverpool Corporation stock; £800 for a bond of the Mersey Docks and Harbour Board; and the balance in the bank was £638. The proportionate cost of nine presentations of children to certain institutions for full maintenance and education was £211 5s. The total incidental expenditure was £96 for printing, stationery, and postages, and 6s. for insurance. The whole of the work is entirely voluntary, Bros. Broadbridge, Walker, and Coxon being the Hon. Secretaries, and Bro. J. T. Callow the Hon. Treasurer. There are now nearly 300 children receiving the benefits of the Institution, and the invested capital amounts to about £21,000.

### CYCLING AND ATHLETIC LODGE "AT HOME."

The officers of the Cycling and Athletic Lodge, No. 2335, gave their second annual "At Home," in St. George's Hall, Wavertree, on Thursday, the 4th inst. The principal amusement was dancing, but there were also a lantern exhibition and lecture by Bro. W. R. Brewster, T.C., P.P.G.D.C., entitled, "Glimpses of the Continent," and a musical entertainment in which Messrs. W. Berry and Godfrey Marks, Bro. W. Sweetman, and others took part. The Secretaries were Bros. T. G. Parkes, W. O. Callow, and F. W. Herbert. The officers of the lodge concerned in the ball were Bros. R. R. Ellis, W.M.; J. Shield, P.M., D.C.; R. Foote, P.P.G.T., I.P.M.; J. Winsor, P.M.; R. Lloyd, S.W.; T. G. Parkes, J.W.; J. Lane, Sec.; A. H. Morecroft, C.C., Treas.; W. O. Callow, S.D.; J. L. Langforth, J.D.; J. F. Walker, I.G.; W. Rimmer, Org.; P. Chambers, W. Pringle, J. C. Robinson, and J. Costam, Stwds.; and J. Doran, Tyler.

Mr. Frederick Wright's band was in attendance, and the caterers were Messrs. Shacklady and Walter Holmes. Messrs. Archer and Son illuminated the hall with limelight, and Mr. W. Berry took several flashlight photographs during the evening. The surplus proceeds are to be given to the local Masonic Benevolent Institutions, and, as there were about 1200 ladies and gentlemen present, it is expected that a substantial sum will be available on their behalf.

### LAYING FOUNDATION-STONE OF A NEW MASONIC LODGE ROOM.

Between four and five o'clock on Tuesday, the 6th ult., the very imposing ceremony of laying the corner-stone of a new Masonic lodge room, in the Pine Long-road, Bridge Town, Barbados, by the members of the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 2253 (E.C.), took place in presence of a large audience. Besides his Excellency Sir James Shaw Hay, K.C.M.G., Acting Governor, and his Lordship the Bishop, there were present Bros. Col. Elliott, C.B., C.M.G., District Grand Master; Hon. C. C. Knollys, Colonial Secretary; John Locke, Robert Haynes, F. W. Gittens, and R. J. Clinckett, and members of the Albion (196) and Victoria Lodges, and visiting members of the Order. An amateur band and a choir, under the direction of Mr. M. E. Doorly, Bachelor of Music of the Durham University, assisted in the ceremony.

### ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL RESTORATION.

A Correspondent of the *Limerick Chronicle* sends the following suggestion to the Editor:

"The restoration of the Cathedral is slowly nearing completion, and I understand the contract for the present portion of the work expires on the 1st April, on which day the contractors are bound to finish the work.

"The porch is not, however, in the contract, and anyone who goes in and out on Sunday cannot fail to observe how greatly it requires restoration and repair. It occurs to me that my brother Freemasons might fairly take this burden on their shoulders and restore the Western entrance in memory of their late beloved Prov. Grand Master, Sir James Spaight.

"The Freemasons of Cornwall gave £600 towards the building of Truro Cathedral. The Gloucester Freemasons gave £1400 for the reredos of that noble Cathedral. The Bristol Freemasons restored the Lady Chapel in St. Mary Redcliffe Church in that city, and laid the foundation-stone (if I am not mistaken) of the nave of the Cathedral in that city. The Somersetshire Freemasons restored the West front of Bath Abbey. Peterborough Cathedral, St. Albans, Tewkesbury Abbey, Worcester, and Durham Cathedrals, and numbers of parish churches in England have been assisted in their restoration by the Freemasons.

"May I hope that the Irish Freemasons will not be behind the age, and that they will remember the antiquity and historical interest which attaches to the venerable Cathedral of Limerick, and do their part towards its restoration, and keeping green the memory of one of their most distinguished members."



Just as it is the lot of a monarch to have to lay foundation-stones of public buildings, and of certain Grand Officers to have to dine out very often, so it must needs be that when an actor has become recognised as one of the leading members of the profession he must appear as Hamlet and an actress as Juliet. Unfortunately many who strut on the stage wish to play these parts when no one else wants them to. But Mr. Beerbohm Tree has well won his right to play Hamlet, and now at the Haymarket devotees of William Shakespeare (for we implicitly believe he did write this play) may, and will flock to see the new Hamlet. Mr. Tree gives a rendering of the part quite his own. But then all great actors before him have done the same. We have seen this celebrated play many times but we candidly say it has always been to us a weird, gloomy piece, and we betook ourselves to the Haymarket not with the anticipation of pleasure, but with a sense of duty. We sat and looked on with admiration at Mr. Tree's portrayal and in the end came away, not wearied, but delighted. Mr. Tree makes the Dane an eccentric-looking young man, but then he was. His melancholy has a fascination about it which one cannot get over. We have seen several renowned actors of late years in this part, yet we like Mr. Tree the best of them all. Mrs. Tree's Ophelia is splendid. Her rendering of the mad scene and her singing in it bear good comparison with previous Ophelias. If we were asked to mention what particularly struck us in the reproduction, we would say the play scene, the mad scene, and (Bro. Fernandez) the ghost scene. Mr. Fred Terry's Laertes is a clever performance. His natural appearance fits him peculiarly well for the part. Mr. Kemble's Polonius is also much to be commended. All playgoers know "Hamlet" well, but just as they all rush to see a new Lady Teazle or a new Joseph Surface in "The School for Scandal," so will they go and see Mr. and Mrs. Tree as Hamlet and Ophelia, and they will be agreeably impressed. The acts are not too long.

Mr. Henry A. Jones's "Judah" created quite a sensation in 1890 when it was produced by Messrs. Last and Willard at the Shaftesbury Theatre with the last named in the title-role. Before it had been played out it had to be taken off, so now the author-manager has put his play on again at the Avenue, where it ought to be good for another run of luck if the public will content themselves without Mr. Willard. Mr. Vanderfeldt is a good actor and understands well the art of elocution, but he makes "Judah" look more like a namby-pamby curate, the ideal of the young ladies of the parish, than a Primitive-Methodist minister brought up as a shepherd on the hills. Miss Olga Brandon is again the Vashti Dethic, which is the finest part she has ever created. The other characters are all carefully acted. This remarkable and unconventional play deserves serious study.

Bro. Edward Terry, P.G. Treas., having recovered from the effects of the prevailing complaint, is now back in "The Times," which has reached its tooth performance, and, judging from its reception, is likely to keep at Terry's Theatre for some months yet. Mr. Pinero has written the part of Mr. Egerton-Bompas, M.P., exactly to suit Bro. Terry's inimitable style. Miss Fanny Brough, Mr. Esmonde, and Mr. Elliot ably support their principal in this comic-pathetic play. "The Times" easily bears seeing more than once. A play of Mr. Frith's will follow "The Times" in due course.

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## To Correspondents.

The following communications unavoidably stand over:

CRAFT.—St. Peter's Lodge, No. 419; Panmure Lodge, No. 715;  
Pattison Lodge, No. 913; Brixton Lodge, No. 1949; Drury  
Lane Lodge, No. 2127; and The Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's  
Chapel), No. 1 (S.C.).

ROYAL ARCH.—Bisley Chapter, No. 2317.



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1892.

## Masonic Notes.

In connection with the forthcoming Jubilee Festival  
of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, it has  
been finally arranged that no tickets are to be issued  
to brethren who are not Stewards. The space

available, as we pointed out last week, will not suffice  
to accommodate more than about 1150, and as there  
are already more than 1300 brethren who have given  
in their names to act on the Board, it is clear that if  
fresh names are added to the list during the remaining  
ten days at the same rate as during the past ten, Bro.  
Terry will find himself almost in the same position as  
a man who undertakes to put a quart of liquid into a  
pint measure. However, the brethren who act as  
Ladies' Stewards will dine early in the day at Free-  
masons' Tavern, and there are many who will be unable  
to attend, so that the Sub-Committee in charge of this  
portion of the arrangements will not be in too serious  
a quandary. But as regards brethren who are not  
Stewards dining, that is manifestly out of the question,  
though no one regrets this more than Bro. Terry.

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As regards lady guests, they will dine in the crush  
room and in the boxes, and, under the protection of our  
gallant Bro. Lieut.-Col. Lambert, P.G.S.B., and his  
band of Ladies' Stewards, we are satisfied they will be  
well cared for. After dinner they will witness the pro-  
ceedings from the boxes, and enjoy the rare privilege  
of witnessing a scene such as neither Covent Garden  
Theatre nor Old Drury has ever witnessed before. We  
trust the result of all these labours will be as marvellous  
as the spectacle which will meet the gaze of our fair  
friends on the evening of the 24th instant.

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There is one point to which reference must be made.  
The Committee of Management, finding the prospects  
of the approaching Jubilee so encouraging, have deter-  
mined upon increasing the number of annuitants on  
each Fund by 10, so that, as regards the Male Fund,  
the vacancies announced on Wednesday were 18, but  
28 are to be elected in May next, irrespective of the  
three deferred annuitants. In the case of the Widows'  
Fund, eight vacancies were announced, but 18, exclu-  
sive of the three deferred, will be elected. This will  
have the effect of extending still further the enthusiasm  
which is manifest everywhere over the Jubilee. People  
will say if the mere promise of a grand result is suffi-  
cient to increase the annuitants by 20, what will be the  
effect of the grand result itself?

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Great interest is being taken in the forthcoming  
Festival, to be held on the 19th instant, in connec-  
tion with the 21st anniversary of the establishment of  
the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Middlesex and  
Surrey, of which Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., has  
been Prov. Grand Master from the first. Under his  
genial rule Mark Masonry has made excellent progress  
in the province, and his presence and that of Lady  
Burdett at the anniversary will be warmly welcomed.  
For particulars we beg to refer our readers to our  
advertising columns, and any further information will  
be gladly afforded by the Hon. Sec. to the Festival,  
Bro. W. A. Scurrah, 12, Rutland-street, Regent's Park,  
N.W.

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The installation meeting of the Drury Lane Lodge,  
on Tuesday, was shorn of a portion of its attractions  
by the postponement of the annual banquet through  
the absence of so many members owing to the pre-  
vailing epidemic, and the re-opening on the same  
evening of "the other house" at St. Stephens.

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Those who were present, however, enjoyed a rare  
treat in listening to the W.M., Bro. Fernandez, instal-  
ling Bro. Bancroft in the chair. Never was the grand  
ritual of the Craft more sublimely rendered. In the  
hands of so practised an elocutionist, new beauties  
appeared to develop themselves, and numbers of those  
present who had heard again and again the familiar  
lines, listened with wrapt and earnest attention to the  
rounded periods and sympathetic voice of the Instal-  
ling Master.

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It is almost impossible to present a complete record  
of the special meetings of Provinces and private lodges  
called for the purpose of voting resolutions of con-  
dolence to her Majesty and the Prince and Princess of  
Wales on the death of the Duke of Clarence. These  
expressions of sympathy on the part of the Craft have  
been universal, and prove not only the love and esteem  
in which the Grand Master is held, but also the feeling  
of loyalty to the Throne which in England is an  
integral portion of Freemasonry. We are almost  
daily receiving notices of such resolutions, but in view  
of their being so generally adopted and so similar in  
character, we must ask our correspondents to consider  
those already published as fairly representing the feel-  
ings of the body at large.

## Masonic Notes and Queries.

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## AN OLD CERTIFICATE (972).

Bro. Crowe has very fully and accurately described the old, curious, and valuable French certificate of the year 1775. Brethren interested in the matter should read Bro. Gould's "History of Freemasonry" respecting the Craft in France and the origin of a Grand Lodge, and also a Grand Orient during the eighth decade of the last century. The Duke of Luxemburg was one of the chief officers at the period in question, under the Duke de Chirtres, G.M. Bros. Leroy (an electrician), Mangean, and others, were connected with the "Paris Masters" of lodges, and Guillotin (whose invention I need not refer to here) was a Grand Officer of France, and so Lalande, the French historian of Freemasonry, as also a famous astronomer and Director of the Observatory at Paris. Lamarque l'Americain of St. Domingo, was a Commissioner of the Craft. Simon Andrew was an eminent physician (who died 1797); Le Blanc was a chemist; Lamarque a botanist; and Targe an historian. Some of the names I cannot decipher. Bro. J. Morrison McLeod, Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, kindly sent it to me for perusal or examination, on loan from Bro. S. W. Allen, of Hastings.

W. J. HUGHAN.

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## FREEMASONRY IN CAMBRIDGE IN 1614.

At the monthly meeting of the Scientific Lodge, No. 88, Cambridge, on Monday, the 8th inst., I drew attention to the fact that (according to "Cooper's Annals of Cambridge," Vol. 3, p. 62), in 1614 the king gave his sanction to a scheme for conveying water by pipes from the new river running from the Nine Wells at Shelford, to the Market-place at Cambridge, and that on August 9th, of the same year, "John Simes and Jeremy Lestebidge, Free Masons, did lay the first stone for the foundation of the conduit in the Market-place. The extract served to show in what high estimation Freemasonry was held over 270 years ago.

FRANK PIGGOTT.

## Reviews.

## "IN MEMORIAM."

Bro. F. W. Driver, M.A., St. John's, Cambridge, whose facile pen for some years past has furnished contributions to the Christmas Number of the *Freemason*, has recently published a poem, which has been set to music by Mr. Frederic W. Goodrich, with the above title. It deals in a most sympathetic manner with the loss that the nation in general, and the Craft in particular, have suffered by the premature death of H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, K.G., P.G.W., &c. The author has written some charming and interesting verses upon the Craft, Mark, Templar, and Rose Croix Degrees, but we are of opinion that in the present instance he has increased his reputation as a Masonic poet. The following lines are beautiful in their simplicity, and may be taken as a fair type of the whole effusion:

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

The music also does credit to the composer, and the poem, which is dedicated to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., M.W.G.M., is published by J. R. Laffeur and Son, London.



## Craft Masonry.

## METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

**Temple Lodge (No. 101)**—The installation meeting of this highly flourishing lodge was held at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, on Tuesday, the 2nd inst. There were present Bros. F. Williams, W.M.; J. Sparks, J.W.; H. Wood, S.D.; F. Wint, J.D.; C. Plant, I.G.; E. Lardner, P.M., Sec.; J. H. Budd, Stwd.; H. Petley, Org.; Minter Flegg, I.P.M.; J. H. Wynne, P.M.; J. Brandon White, P.M.; T. E. Taylor, P.M.; F. Page, W. Briant, G. Bridge, H. W. Wright, A. Paine, W. Page, T. C. Mansell, John Shelvey, J. Wint, H. Eyre, A. V. Payten, J. B. Hardwicke, H. L. Piper, B. Dowsett, Harry Seymour Foster (Sheriff of London); C. Lankester, W. Cooper Keates, H. Squire, P. White, G. R. Peerless, T. Ruff, A. Weston, G. Harrison, R. J. Wilson, W. Y. Mathers, and Potter, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. W. Davies, P.M. 1901; R. J. Voisey, P.M. 1327; J. D. Webb, 1745; A. W. Wald, S.W. 2048; G. Cunningham, 1607; C. H. Stone, J.W. 507; T. W. Platt, J.W. 742; N. M. Eusoff, 1422, Punjab; A. Munson, 244; F. M. Isaacson, 1623; T. Rutgers, 1965; E. Holt, 754; E. Isaacson; S. Garcia, P.M. 1402, D.C. 2168; P. Sharpe, 869; H. G. T. Warner, 2272; Wm. Jeffery, P.M. 1622; G. Casson, 507; W. J. Warner, S.W. 1297; Wm. Smith, 72; F. Churchill, 901; and S. Wright.

The minutes of the previous meeting and the lodge of emergency were read and confirmed. Bro. John Sparks, J.W. and W.M. elect, was then presented to the W.M. to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, which ceremony was performed in a highly commendable manner by Bro. Lardner, P.M., who had had the pleasure of initiating Bro. Sparks into the Temple lodge. The W.M. in a very perfect style then invested his officers as follows: Bros. Harry Seymour Foster (Sheriff), S.W.; H. Wood,

J.W.; E. Lardner, P.M., Sec. and acting Treas.; F. Wint, S.D.; C. Plant, J.D.; W. Briant, I.G.; Horace Petley, Org.; J. Budd and J. Shelvey, Stwds.; and Potter, Tyler. The addresses were most ably rendered by the Installing Master. The sum of 20 guineas was voted to a distressed brother, and 10 guineas placed upon Bro. Flegg's list, who represents the lodge at the Jubilee Festival of the Benevolent Institution. On the motion of Bro. H. Wood, J.W., it was unanimously agreed that it was most desirable to found a Benevolent Fund in the lodge, and steps be taken to carry the same into effect. Two gentlemen were proposed as initiates for the next meeting. A splendid photographic album was presented to the lodge by Bros. F. Williams, I.P.M., and J. Minter Flegg, P.M., and Bro. Arthur Weston very kindly offered to take photographs of the brethren of the Temple lodge for the same.

The business of the lodge ended, the brethren adjourned to a splendid banquet, superintended by Bro. Ashby, the energetic manager, which gave the utmost satisfaction.

The cloth removed, the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were most ably given by the W.M. in a few very appropriate and sympathetic terms referring to the great loss sustained by our M.W.G.M.

In giving the toast of "The Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," the Worshipful Master remarked some excellent officers had been called away very recently, but they still rejoiced to have others who were following in their steps.

That of "The W.M." was next given by Bro. F. Williams, I.P.M., in an excellent manner. He said for years they had worked together and had become so endeared to each other that it was unnecessary to dilate upon his many qualities and splendid working, but he would close his remarks by the following extract from one of our Grand Officers: "As long as a man felt that he was not sent into the world for himself alone, but that he had a heart which in times of sorrow wanted the consolation and condolence of his friends, in times of joy was anxious to share it with those who were willing to participate in it with him, so long would the principles of Freemasonry permeate the civilised world." Such a man was their W.M. The toast having been drunk most enthusiastically,

The Worshipful Master, in reply, thanked all for the honour done him, and said that for many years he had been accustomed to have good officers when in command of his vessels, so now he was confident that having sailed this vessel and being in command once more, his officers and crew would most ably stand by and thoroughly do their duty. He would aspire to the previous Masters and he trusted that if it were possible the lodge would even excel itself during the coming year.

"The I.P.M., Bro. F. Williams," was given by the W.M., who remarked that it was undoubtedly the toast of the evening. He had been a Master of masters, and he was sorry that his year of office had closed since he had proved himself so strong. The splendid success of the lodge was mainly attributable to Bro. Williams, and he (the W.M.) trusted that at the end of his year of office he might leave as good a name behind. He had the greatest possible pleasure in presenting the handsome jewel, in the name of the lodge, for their appreciation of his services.

In reply, Bro. F. Williams most heartily thanked the brethren for their splendid testimony and their high appreciation. He would say it should be handed down as an heirloom. He thanked the Past Masters for their great kindness during the past year, and also to the whole of the officers who had so loyally supported him. He might say among all the brethren he had introduced into the Temple Lodge there was none more worthy and highly respected than Bro. E. Lardner, P.M.

The next toast was that of "The Visitors," which was given in a very hearty style by the W.M., who stated the pleasure it gave the lodge in seeing such a good array, and the pride it felt in receiving such worthy brethren.

Bros. Sharpe, P.G.S.B. Herts; R. J. Voisey, P.M. 1329; and Rutgers responded, and all agreed that the lodge could boast of a splendid commanding officer and first-class crew, also that the working that evening had been excellently carried out by the Installing Master, Bro. Lardner, P.M., and reflected the highest credit upon him. The hospitality of the lodge was almost unbending, and it was deeply gratifying to see such a truly Masonic spirit permeating the whole of the lodge.

The toast of "The Past Masters," was given in a very appropriate manner, the W.M. remarking that the officers and crew might be good indeed, but if the timbers of the ship were not sound, of what value was it? He would say the timbers of the Temple lodge were thoroughly sound, and such were the Past Masters.

This was responded to very suitably by Bro. Wynne, senior P.M., who remarked that for upwards of 40 years he had held the esteem of the brethren, and he was glad to see that the true spirit of Masonry had been carried out. He had never heard the installation ceremony worked better, and he trusted that the lodge would go on and prosper. On behalf of the Past Masters he heartily thanked all.

The toast of "The Secretary and Acting Treasurer" was given by the W.M. in terms of high praise, who remarked that the success of the lodge was mainly due to his exertions. He had performed the three duties that evening—Secretary, Treasurer, and Installing Master—and the brethren held him in very high esteem.

In reply, Bro. Lardner said he had had a very great deal of work, but it was a labour of love, which enabled him to do almost beyond his strength, but he would be most willing to do all he possibly could. He was proud to say he had the pleasure of initiating the W.M., and to see the high opinion he was now held in. He would take that opportunity of stating the immense amount of good the lodge had done in so liberally subscribing to the Charities, and would predict so long as the brethren so acted the lodge was sure to prosper.

The toast of "The Officers" was next given in a few well chosen remarks by the W.M., stating that he was confident to receive the hearty support of all, as his predecessor had done. Their aim he was sure would be the prosperity of the lodge.

Bro. Harry Seymour Foster (Sheriff of London), S.W., replied on behalf of his brother officers, remarking that he was deeply sensible of the honour the lodge through the W.M. had done in electing him as S.W. He would state that he had served as an officer some years ago with the W.M., and since then had become closely related to him. He would state that so far as possible he would most

loyally support the W.M. to the utmost of his ability. It was well known the honourable position he held in the City of London, and if his multifarious duties caused his absence sometimes from the lodge, he trusted the brethren would know the cause. For the officers he promised that nothing should be found wanting in making the year a most successful one.

The Tyler's toast closed a most eventful evening.

The musical arrangements were most ably carried out by Bro. Horace Petley, Organist of the lodge, effectively assisted by Madame A. Thayer, Miss E. Waldeck-Hall, Bros. Arthur Weston, J. Budd, J. B. Hardwicke, and Sam Wright.

**St. George's Lodge (No. 140)**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich, on the 20th ult. Owing no doubt to the prevailing sickness and to the fact that this was the day appointed for the obsequies of the late lamented H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, the attendance was not so large as usual, still the majority of the members were present, and also the following visitors: Bros. A. Briscoe, I.P.M. 1929; T. S. Griffiths, W.M. 648; W. Kipps, P.P.G.O. Kent; C. N. Syder, P.M. 79; R. J. Tyrrell, 749; H. Cole, 749; and H. Blott, 2192.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous regular meeting and also of an emergency meeting having been read and confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was presented, received, and adopted. The initiation of Messrs. W. Shepherd and H. S. Harris then took place, after which the ceremony of installation was proceeded with, Bro. John Shepherd, S.W. and W.M. elect, being presented and duly installed in the chair by his predecessor, Bro. Henry Richardson, in a very praiseworthy manner, Bro. H. Nuding, P.M., impressively giving the three addresses. The newly-installed W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. H. Richardson, I.P.M.; J. J. Pakes, P.M., S.W.; R. H. Perryman, J.W.; E. Johnson, P.M., Treas.; G. Brown, P.M., Sec.; Rev. H. Wells, P.M., Chap.; R. M. J. Hollis, S.D.; W. F. Card, J.D.; J. G. Loughborough, P.M., D.C.; H. K. Lewis, I.G.; E. Shalless, Org.; G. R. Grant, Stwd.; and E. Spinks, R.N., Tyler. The W.M. next presented the I.P.M. with a Past Master's jewel, remarking to the brethren that this was no idle compliment. Bro. Richardson had done some excellent work, and by his genial behaviour had made his year of office a very successful one. He therefore, with a great amount of pleasure, presented the I.P.M. with the jewel, and trusted the G.A.O.T.U. would spare him for many years to wear it. The I.P.M., in a few well-chosen words, expressed his gratitude for the jewel, and also for the kind remarks accompanying the presentation. The W.M. then, in a short but appropriate speech, referred to the recent most sad bereavement the M.W.G.M. had sustained, and moved the following resolution, the same to be entered on the minutes, and forwarded to the M.W.G.M.: "That the lodge desires to place upon record its sense of the great loss the Masonic fraternity has sustained in the lamented death of H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, P.G.W. of England, and P.G.M. of Berks, and to express its deep and respectful sympathy with the M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the members of his family in their recent sad bereavement." This having been carried unanimously, Bro. A. Briscoe, in respectful memory of the illustrious dead, played Chopin's "Funeral March."

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren dispersed, as in consequence of the obsequies of H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence taking place on this day the usual banquet had been postponed.

The installation banquet was held on Wednesday, the 27th ult., when, despite the numerous absentees suffering from the prevailing epidemic, a very fair number assembled, including the following visitors: Bros. B. Fricker, 147; W. Robin, 249; C. N. Syder, P.M. 79; H. Pynegar, 890; H. Cole, 749; R. J. Tyrrell, 749; W. Freeth, 258, Kentucky; G. H. Irish, 340; W. Kipps, P.P.G.O. Kent; G. J. Earney, 511; and C. Gross, 1118, P.G.D. Bedfordshire.

In proposing the toasts of "The Queen" and "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," the Worshipful Master alluded in feeling terms to the sad loss sustained by the Royal Family, and to the certainty of the respectful sympathy which every member of the lodge felt for them in their great sorrow. These toasts were drunk in silence.

The Worshipful Master next proposed the toast of "The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom; the Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and referred in passing to the lamented death of the late Grand Secretary, and also to the resolution carried in Grand Lodge respecting the portrait of the Pro Grand Master about to be placed in the Masonic Temple.

The toast of "The Initiates" followed, the Worshipful Master remarking that this had a peculiar interest for him, as on the very night he was placed in his present exalted position, he saw his brother in the flesh and now his brother in Masonry introduced to the light of Freemasonry, in company with a very old friend of his (the W.M.'s). He felt sure that they would never regret the step they had taken.

The Initiates responded in happy terms.

"The Visitors" was next proposed, the Worshipful Master giving the visitors, in the name of the lodge, "At first and last a hearty welcome," and spoke of the special pleasure it gave them to receive amongst the number two brethren hailing from foreign lodges.

Bros. Gross, Kipps, Syder, and Irish responded.

The I.P.M., Bro. H. Richardson, then proposed the toast of "The Worshipful Master" in very eulogistic terms, and stated that from the excellent work displayed by the W.M. in preceding offices, he could foreshadow a most happy and successful year of office, and although the W.M. was an autocrat, no tyranny need be feared, but all would work smoothly he felt sure.

The Worshipful Master rose amidst enthusiasm, and having expressed his grateful acknowledgments made a humorous allusion to the fact of his having been called upon in error while yet a fledgling in Masonry, to reply as W.M. of St. George's Lodge when visiting another lodge some nine years back. He felt confident of receiving the hearty support of all the members, and in return would use his utmost endeavours to promote the general welfare of the lodge.

The toast of "The Installing Master" then followed, the Worshipful Master remarking that the work of installation had been performed in a highly creditable manner, and he felt sure that a hearty reception would be accorded to the toast,



that the genial good humour and kindly courtesy at all times evinced by Bro. Richardson, had, if it were possible, strengthened the respect and esteem in which the I.P.M. had been held for many years past, and that he could only hope that at the expiration of his own Mastership he would retire carrying the same feelings and kindly regards.

The Installing Master, in response, while expressing his heartfelt thanks, said he felt that he had not deserved half the praises bestowed upon him. He thanked the Past Masters and officers for the assistance rendered to him, and could not help regretting leaving the chair just as he felt competent to discharge the duties of the important office.

The toasts of "The Past Masters" and "The Officers of the Lodge" were then given and replied to, and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

**Faith Lodge (No. 141).**—This old lodge held a meeting at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 26th ult. Among those attending were Bros. C. Welch, W.M.; Taylor, S.W.; Ryan, J.W.; W. Carter, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Hakim, P.M., acting S.D.; White, J.D.; Godfrey, I.G.; Sharpley, Org.; Langdale, I.P.M.; Charles Dairy, P.M.; Capt. Walls, P.M.; R. Jordan, P.M.; Frommholz, P.M.; and C. Wetzlar, P.M. Among the visitors were Bros. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P. S.G.D.; Grover, P.M. 1613; Rawlins, S.W. 1894; Hurst, 1977; and Isaacs, late 141.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. W. White was passed to the Second Degree. The ballot having been taken for Mr. S. N. Isaacs, he was duly initiated into Craft mysteries, the ceremony being well performed. Bro. E. Hopwood, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., having through indisposition resigned the position of Steward to the Jubilee Festival of the R.M.B.I., Bro. Frommholz, P.M., was elected in his place, and the sum of ten guineas voted by the lodge was ordered to be placed on the latter's list. Bros. E. Hopwood, P.M.; Rumball, P.M.; Trott, S.D.; and others sent apologies for non-attendance. The lodge was then closed.

A banquet followed, and the Worshipful Master in the exercise of his discretion requested several of the Past Masters to assist him with the toast list, which they did. Some of the speeches made by those brethren being of more than ordinary merit.

Bro. Dehane, P.P.G.D. Essex, made a most excellent and amusing speech in response to the toast of "The Visitors." He gave some very interesting details in connection with Craft lodges of instruction in the West of London, and concluded by urging upon those officers of No. 141 and others who were anxious to fill working positions in their old and highly respected lodge, to persevere in acquiring Masonic knowledge by regularly attending lodges of instruction.

In consequence of the recent deaths in Masonic circles, the proceedings were necessarily curtailed, and no regular programme of music presented.

**Confidence Lodge (No. 193).**—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 8th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., when there were present Bros. Joseph Hart, W.M.; Belchamber, S.W.; Audain, J.W.; Kershaw, P.M., Treas.; W. Wood, P.M., Sec.; Aylett, S.D.; Haines, J.D.; Plowright, I.G.; Reinhardt, Tyler; S. Webb, P.M.; E. J. Davey, P.M.; T. E. Fells, P.M.; Nightingale, P.M.; Smithers, P.M.; Smith, P.M.; Elvin, Fry, and W. Thorogood.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Messrs F. C. Richardson, Edmund Magness, Alex. D. Rae, and John Cooper Turner, and being unanimous in favour of each candidate, they were regularly initiated by the W.M. in an able and impressive manner. The sum of 10 guineas was voted from the Benevolent Fund towards the assistance of a brother in need.

All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed, and over 50 of the brethren partook in the Pillar Room of an excellent dinner. The customary toasts were duly honoured, and a most pleasant evening was spent, enlivened by the harmonious efforts of several of the brethren, and the terse and telling speeches of the W.M., Bro. J. Hart.

Bro. Morrow's admirable rendering upon the cornet of the "Lost Chord" and the "Better Land" was thoroughly appreciated, and the first meeting after the installation passed off with so much *éclat* as to warrant the hope of a successful year to the esteemed W.M.

The visitors included Bros. W. Morrow, P.M. 742; J. Bishop, 1056; J. C. Searle, 1572, acting as Org.; E. Stratford, 179; R. B. Hopkins, 1381, who contributed largely to the pleasure of the evening by his splendid manipulation of the hand bells; Sidney W. Fells, 1243; and W. H. Ellis, 1524.

**United Pilgrims Lodge (No. 507).**—The regular meeting of this popular lodge was held at the Bridge House Hotel, on Thursday, the 28th ult. There were present Bros. Ellison, W.M.; Thomas, S.W.; C. H. Stone, J.W.; Peters, P.M., Sec.; Gilson, S.D.; J. A. Laing, J.D.; Beste, I.G.; and Atkinson, Org.; Cockell, P.M.; Joyce, P.M.; Terry, P.M.; Watts, P.M.; Sharman, P.M.; Gould, Terry, Comfort, Castle, Caton, Bowles, Lipscomb, and Harrison, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. Moorman, P.M. 1981; Sanders, 1833; White, 700; Schofield, 1601; Nutting, W.M. 231; Horsman, P.M. 51, P.A.G.D.C. Essex; J. A. Laing, 231; Chambers, S.W. 822; Bing, P.M. 1962; Harrison, 510; and Robin, 249.

Bro. Gould was raised to the Sublime Degree, Bro. Terry and Comfort passed, and Bro. Castle initiated in a most perfect manner. The W.M. gave the charge, which was much appreciated. The lodge voted the sum of twenty guineas to be placed upon the list of Bro. Joyce, P.M., for the Benevolent Institution at the Jubilee Festival. There was likewise two ballots for the sum of five guineas each from the Benevolent Fund, which speaks well for the lodge, these sums being annually drawn for. Bro. J. H. Laing, J.D., announced that he hoped to represent the lodge at the next Festival of the Girls. The business of the lodge ended, it was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a capital banquet.

The cloth removed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M. in most pathetic terms, and received by the brethren in a sympathetic manner.

That of "The Pro G.M., Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was well given and received.

The toast of "The W.M." was given in most eloquent terms by the I.P.M., Bro. Cockell, stating that his work that evening had been rendered in such an excellent manner that it could not have been excelled. He only regretted the time for occupying the chair would so soon have expired, as his year of office so far had been one of marked success.

In reply, the W.M. said he was deeply grateful for such expressions, and he only wished to deserve them, but with all he had only done his duty. He trusted he might long be spared to represent the United Pilgrims Lodge, and to see such an excellent number of brethren coming forward to keep up the prestige.

The W.M., in giving the toast of "The Initiate," remarked in very high terms of him having been so excellently connected, and stated that the earnest manner he had shown already augured well for his future.

In reply, the Initiate stated he had indeed been very much struck with the beautiful ceremony, and trusted that he might be able to realise to its fullest as time went on all he had heard. For his part he would endeavour to carry out those solemn pledges to the very best of his ability.

The toast of "The Visitors" was ably given by the W.M., who remarked that it was the distinguishing feature of the lodge to welcome them most heartily.

Bros. Horsman, Moorman, Bing, and Nutting responded, one and all congratulating the lodge upon such an excellent Master, and having such an array of officers, who had shown their ability that evening, and also for such hospitality which had been extended to them.

The Worshipful Master next gave the toast of "The Past Masters," whom he stated were really the support of the lodge, and who had always given their very best endeavours for the benefit of it.

This was replied to by Bros. Terry, Peters, and Joyce, who thanked the W.M. and brethren for such expressions, and promised their most cordial support to the whole of the brethren.

In excellent terms the W.M. next gave the toast of "The Officers," stating that no W.M. could possibly have better. In reply, Bro. Stone, J.W., stated that it would be the ambition of them all to emulate the W.M. and the Past Masters, and although it would be very difficult to surpass the working of the W.M., they all trusted to reach as nearly as possible to it.

Bros. Peters, P.M., Sec., and Laing, J.D., also replied. The Tyler's toast closed a most successful meeting.

Bros. Cockell, Beste, Joyce, and Atkinson afforded great pleasure with their harmony.

**Macdonald Lodge (No. 1216).**—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, on Thursday, the 4th inst., when there were present Bros. A. G. White, W.M.; F. P. Baxter, S.W.; R. Marshall, J.W.; W. J. Messenger, P.M., Sec.; Major Easterbrook, S.D.; C. J. Pitcher, J.D.; Major G. H. N. Bridges, P.M., D.C.; S. F. Cornish, I.G.; S. Hill, Org.; H. F. Mawbey and J. F. C. Sims, Stwds.; W. S. Harvey, I.P.M.; J. Stevens, P.M.; A. E. Bradley, P.M.; T. V. Turner, P.M.; Capt. A. J. Syle, P.M.; A. Cranch, P.M.; Col. Ernest Villiers (Commanding Officer 1st S.R.V.); W. J. Ellis, H. W. Poole, C. Player, A. England, F. J. Pullan, F. B. Williams, and others. Visitors: Bros. G. B. Davis, 2128; O. L. Finch, 1641; and B. Dowsett, 101.

The previous minutes having been confirmed, Bro. W. J. Ellis was raised to the Third Degree. Messrs. J. Howard and C. W. Smith were respectively balloted for, accepted, and initiated, the whole of the ceremonies being very ably performed by the W.M. A motion relating to the necessity for recommendations to the Shooting Committee of the corps in connection with the lodge presentation cup and its accompanying annual money grant was introduced by Bro. Marshall, and, consequent on pressure for time, was adjourned for consideration at ensuing meeting. On the proposition of Bro. Major Bridges, votes of condolence and sympathy were passed in reference to the recent deaths of H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence and Avondale and of the late Grand Secretary, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, and these were ordered to be entered on the minutes.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to supper, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and a pleasant hour or two passed in harmony and good fellowship.

**St. John's Lodge (No. 1306).**—The regular meeting of the above lodge was held at the Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, on Wednesday, the 13th ult., under the presidency of Bro. J. Magrath, W.M., who was supported by the following officers and brethren of the lodge, Bros. A. W. Plack, S.W.; A. F. C. Dickson, J.W.; J. G. Twinn, P.M., Sec.; A. G. Clements, P.M., D.C.; W. O. Swetman, I.P.M.; C. J. Holmes, S.D. *pro tem.*; C. Dawe, J.D.; F. Styles, I.G. *pro tem.*; W. H. Sherwin, Org.; C. Schultz and J. L. Green, Stwds.; T. J. Tyer, P.M.; J. Oxley, P.M.; Beard, White, Craighead, Cox, Halcrow, Capon, Stahl, Stanton, Harper, Hirst, Olley, Smith, Gibbs, and others. Visitors: Bros. J. G. Stevens, P.M. 554; F. S. Plowright, I.G. 193; and J. Pattenden, 865.

The brethren wore Masonic mourning as a mark of respect to the memory of Bro. G. H. Jacobs, a late member of the lodge, and also that of the late Grand Secretary.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the W.M. raised Bros. Taylor and Schaumloeffel, and then proceeded to re-appoint and invest his officers below the office of J.W., the S.D. having resigned, as follows: Bros. C. Dawe, S.D.; C. V. Jenkins, J.D.; C. Schultz, I.G.; J. L. Green, C. J. Holmes, and F. Styles, Stwds. The following telegram was dispatched to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales: "The members of the Lodge of St. John, 1306, assembled at the Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, desire to express their deep sympathy with their Grand Master in the very serious illness of his son, the Duke of Clarence."

After the dinner which followed, the Worshipful Master gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, alluding to the great trouble the Royal Family had become launched into in the sad and serious illness of the Duke of Clarence and the loss the Craft had sustained in the death of their Grand Secretary, Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke.

Bro. Swetman, I.P.M., then rose to propose the next toast, which under the circumstances might be considered the toast of the evening—"The Health of the W.M.," it being the jubilee of his birthday. He said that most of the brethren knew that Bro. Magrath had been W.M. of the lodge 10 years ago. By the zeal and kindly feeling he had

so often shown they knew he had the welfare of the lodge at heart, and he asked them to join with him in wishing him long life and prosperity.

The toast was received with enthusiasm.

The W.M., in responding, said he was aware of the friendship and goodwill of many of the members towards him, but the way it had been expressed that evening had taken him by surprise. He thanked them all very much indeed, and said it would always be his study to look after the interests of the lodge.

The W.M. next gave the toast of "The Masonic Charities," coupling with it the name of Bro. J. G. Stevens.

Bro. Stevens, in responding, said, as they were aware, the W.M. was acting in conjunction with his "Twinn Brother" as Steward at the Jubilee Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and he trusted that the brethren would rally round them, and send them up with a good list, and, referring to the sturdy support given on previous occasions and the handsome sum, viz., 50 guineas, the lodge had already given for this special occasion, thanked them in the name of the Institution which he represented.

"The Visitors" was then given.

Bros. Stevens, Plowright, and Pattenden replied.

Two or three more toasts were given, and a few songs, which brought to a close the proceedings of a very successful and enjoyable evening.

**Kennington Lodge (No. 1381).**—A large number of brethren attended the installation meeting of this lodge at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, on the 2nd instant. The members included Bros. J. J. La Feuillade, W.M.; J. Dennis, S.W.; A. Lundie, J.W.; Geo. Everett, P.M.; G. Treas., Treasurer; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; J. N. Hearn, S.D.; C. W. G. Burrows, Stwd.; G. Millson, I.G.; W. W. Westley, P.M.; R. Lingley, P.M.; H. F. Foale, P.M.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M.; P.P.G.W. Middx.; H. Higgins, P.M.; R. La Feuillade, P.M.; C. H. Köhler, P.M.; and others. Visitors: Bros. C. Cooke, 1288; W. C. Brown, 2024; T. Clarkson, 1604; C. Crowther, 2308; H. Jenkins, P.M. 860; T. A. Gaze, P.M. St.; E. Ayling, P.M. 975; H. Salter, P.M. 861; A. J. Sherriff, 2353; P. Murray, 679; J. Ward; J. Pope, P.M. 1305; E. Chamberlain, P.M. 87; E. Dare, P.M. 1656; E. Clare, J.W. 865; A. W. Lane, W.M. 167; F. Blake, 2182; W. Becket, P.M. 780; J. Hattersley, P.M. 2262; J. Hearnsum, I.P.M. 167; J. Hudson, 975; W. F. Grimmett, 15; A. Walker, P.M. 2348; A. Berry, P.M. 1695; C. Sims, W.M. 1208; J. H. Wade, W.M. 1260; W. Smith, I.G. 72; H. Keep, P.M. 1464; J. Balcombe, 2345; J. Bailey, S.W. 1139; J. Merry, 1420; W. Norcross, 1726; W. G. Forington, 1700; McCall Chambers, 1638; J. G. Waite, 1614; H. B. Smith, 72; H. Gregory Hast, 1706; W. Sexton, 132; and W. W. Lee, S.W. 2381.

The lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed, and Bro. E. E. Life was raised to the Degree of M.M. Bro. Westley, P.M., then assumed the chair and installed Bro. Dennis as W.M. in a most impressive manner. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. A. Lundie, S.W.; J. N. Hearn, J.W.; Geo. Everett, P.M.; G. Treas., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; W. Meham, S.D.; Geo. Millson, J.D.; C. Colwell, I.G.; R. B. Hopkins, Org.; C. W. G. Burrows, D.C.; A. C. Thornley and J. Potter, Stwds.; and R. G. Reinhardt, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M. by the W.M. and duly acknowledged. On the proposition of Bro. Everett, G. Treas., the sum of 20 guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution to be placed on the Worshipful Master's list. A vote of thanks to Bro. Westley, P.M., for the excellent manner in which he had carried out the duties of Installing Master concluded the lodge business, and the brethren then adjourned to a banquet, which reflected great credit on the host, Bro. Buxton.

The usual toasts were afterwards duly honoured.

Bro. Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., proposed "The Grand Officers," and said they were all pleased to know that in their Pro Grand Master, Lord Lathom, they had a brother of great social position and vast Masonic knowledge, who had done a great deal in the past to benefit Masonry in every way. Then they had the Earl of Mount Edgcombe, Deputy Grand Master, whose utterances on the last meeting of Grand Lodge must have been appreciated by all. In the late Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, they had lost a gallant soldier, a courteous gentleman, and one of the most able Masonic workers not only in the Craft, but in every Degree in Masonry.

Bro. George Everett, G. Treas., in reply, said it was a great honour and privilege for him to respond for so important a toast, for time-honoured and well-worn though it was, it was always received with great heartiness. The pleasure of responding was enhanced when he replied in one of his own lodges, because he knew the members all rejoiced that one amongst them had been deemed worthy of the honour of holding so distinguished an office as that of Grand Treasurer. It was an office one ought to feel very proud to hold, for he held it by the suffrages of his brother Masons. It would ill become any brother to hold the position for more than the one year for which he was elected, for there were far more brethren who deserved the office than would ever attain it. There were 24 Past Masters present at the installation that evening, and every one as a member of Grand Lodge was a constituent of his. He was glad to meet them to say how thankful he was for the honour paid him in his unanimous election as Grand Treasurer. He would say on behalf of the Grand Officers that they highly appreciated the manner in which they were always received, and it was a great pleasure to them to come amongst the brethren in order to testify by their presence the deep interest they took in all that appertained to Freemasonry.

Bro. J. J. La Feuillade, I.P.M., said he had the privilege of proposing the next toast—that of "The Health of the W.M."—and he was sure they had placed a brother in that position of whom they would be proud. They had seen Bro. Dennis, W.M., going through his duties in the lodge for some years, and they felt sure he would be successful during his year of office, and prove himself a worthy brother.

Bro. James Dennis, W.M., thanked the brethren for having placed him in the position of Worshipful Master. He did not think that since he had been a member—certainly since he had been an officer—that he had ever been absent until the last meeting, when in his absence, through illness, they elected him unanimously to the chair. He hoped

they would never regret having placed him in that position, and he would do everything he could to conduce to the welfare and happiness of the lodge, and asked them to bear with him in his shortcomings. He thanked the I.P.M. for the way in which he proposed the toast, and the brethren for so heartily receiving it. In order to save time and give the brethren the opportunity of hearing more music he would propose the toast of "The Masonic Charities" at once. Bro. McLeod, who was present, was a fellow townsman of his, and the very last thing he thought was that they would be side by side on the present occasion. The Treasurer had proposed a handsome sum to support his (the W.M.'s) list for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and he hoped it would be largely increased by the members.

Bro. J. M. McLeod, Sec. Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, congratulated the W.M. on occupying the chair, and hoped he would go through his year in a manner satisfactory to the members. The toast of the Masonic Charities appealed to the heart of every Mason, and was one of which they, as Masons, were all proud, because they knew that in connection with the Order their Charities were the foundation. He had to thank the brethren of this lodge for their support of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys at a most critical time, and he trusted that that work would always commend itself to them, and always receive the same measure of support. On this particular occasion the W.M. had alluded to the fact that he intended serving as Steward at the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and if his good friend and colleague—Bro. Terry—had been able to be present he would have asked the brethren to help him to the utmost of their power to enable this lodge to stand high in the returns for the country. He trusted that would be the result, and that they would nobly support their W.M. in his Stewardship.

The Worshipful Master next gave "The Installing Master, the I.P.M., and the Past Masters."

Bro. J. J. La Feuillade, I.P.M., returned thanks for himself and colleagues, and especially for Bro. Westley, P.M., the Installing Master, who had been obliged to leave. He thanked the brethren for the kind assistance given him during the past year, and the officers for their ready assistance. He had rendered the ceremonies to the best of his ability, although not so well as he should have liked. He thanked them for the Past Master's jewel which was given him as a mark of their respect and esteem.

"The Visitors" was proposed by Bro. R. La Feuillade, P.M., and responded to by Bros. Lane, Sims, Ayling, P.M., and others.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" and "The Officers" were duly honoured before the proceedings terminated.

A first-class programme of music was performed by the Meister Glee Singers, and was greatly appreciated by the brethren, who re-demanded several pieces.

#### Duke of Connaught Lodge (No. 1524).

—The installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., on Thursday, the 25th ult., when members and visitors attended in large numbers to witness the installation of Bro. William Simpson, who has been for some years a respected and highly-esteemed member of the lodge. Lodge was opened by Bro. J. H. Rich, W.M., supported by Bros. W. Simpson, S.W., W.M. elect; J. Robinson, J.W.; W. H. Brand, P.M., Treas.; C. Lorkin, P.M., Sec.; P. W. Rogers, S.D.; E. J. Turnbull, J.D.; W. T. Oakley, I.G.; E. Frisby, Org.; W. H. Lee, P.M., P.P.G.D. Middx.; E. Dignam, P.M.; A. Ferrar, P.M.; G. Ferrar, P.M.; J. L. Payne, P.M.; A. R. Olley, P.M.; H. Pearce, A. M. Archer, W. Tomson, and others. Visitors: Bros. J. H. Pasmore, I.G. 2205; C. G. Holdgate, P.M. 1929; J. D. Stevenson, P.M. 2148; C. Blyton, 1749; J. W. P. Brickwood, 1185; G. R. Langley, P.M. 183; W.M. 2351; J. Arnold, 813; W. A. Hillman, 599; W. Harris, W.M. 1662; H. Neville, S.D. 1320; J. Leslie Williams, 1278; J. McLaren, P.M. 1805; H. Briggs, 749; G. H. W. Grace, P.M. 73; C. Everett, 1507; T. Sewell, 45; E. Prior, 156; W. Speller, 1366; J. Harper, 1693; G. H. Gilbert, 1050; J. H. Hoit, P.P. G.S.B. Cornwall; W. H. Jeffery, 1622; Crowther, 21; Deun, 1206; Fryer, S.W. 212; J. Barker, P.M.; and W. W. Lee, S.W. 2381.

The minutes were confirmed, and a satisfactory balance-sheet unanimously adopted. Bro. W. Simpson was presented as W.M. elect, and was duly installed into the chair by Bro. J. H. Rich. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. J. Robinson, S.W.; P. W. Rogers, J.W.; W. H. Brand, P.M., Treas.; C. Lorkin, P.M., Sec.; E. J. Turnbull, S.D.; W. T. Oakley, J.D.; H. Pearce, I.G.; W. Tomson, D.C.; A. M. Archer and E. Frisby, Stwds.; and J. J. Marsh, Tyler. After an able delivery of the addresses by the I.P.M., the W.M. proved the wisdom of the choice of the brethren in electing him to the chair by initiating two gentlemen into Freemasonry in an exemplary manner, and concluded the ceremony by impressively rendering the ancient charge. The W.M. presented Bro. Rich, I.P.M., with a handsome Past Master's jewel, which was suitably acknowledged. Lodge was closed, and an excellent banquet was well served under the direction of Bro. Clemow.

After the preliminary toasts, Bro. J. H. Rich, I.P.M., rose and said it was his great pleasure and privilege to possess the gavel in order to propose "The Health of the W.M." The brethren had all heard the very distinguished way in which the W.M. acquitted himself in the lodge, and he (the I.P.M.) had heard the most flattering remarks from all present regarding the able manner in which Bro. Simpson had carried out his duties that evening. He had the idea that such would be the case for he had worked with the W.M. in a lodge of instruction, of which Bro. Lorkin, P.M., Sec., was the genial Preceptor. He was sure he should not have to appeal to the brethren to ensure a most hearty welcome to the toast, or good wishes for a successful year of office.

Bro. William Simpson, W.M., in reply, thanked the I.P.M. and brethren for the kind proposition and reception of the toast. He was very proud the toast had been received so well, for he had reached the height of his ambition in becoming W.M. of this lodge. He had worked very hard in the various offices, and had always done his best to carry the duties out in a satisfactory manner. It was indeed a proud position to be W.M. of the Duke of Connaught Lodge, and he felt it keenly when he looked round and saw the brethren, many of whom he had worked with since 1880, when he was initiated by Bro. Brand, P.M., the present Treasurer. As time went on after his initiation, he thought he should never accomplish anything approaching the chair of K.S., but he worked and plodded on, and now

wished the brethren following him in office would follow his example in attending the lodge of instruction. The whole of his Masonry had been learned from brethren kind enough to attend and expound their knowledge for the benefit of others. The Secretary of the lodge, Bro. Lorkin, P.M., had been very kind in conjunction with other Past Masters. He was very pleased indeed to think the brethren had thought fit to place him in his present position, and only hoped he should emulate the excellent example set by his predecessors. If he succeeded in doing this he had no doubt but that he should carry out his duties to their satisfaction and with some degree of credit to himself.

"The Initiates" was heartily given, after which the W.M. proposed "The Installing Master and Past Masters," and said the members knew what Bro. Rich, I.P.M., the Installing Master, had done during his year, and they had seen him perform the installation ceremony in a very creditable manner. The Past Masters of the lodge set a grand example to the brethren. Bro. Lee, P.M., was the father of the lodge, and they were all proud to own it, for his services to the lodge spoke for themselves. He (the W.M.) had a particular regard for Bro. Brand, P.M., Treas., as he initiated him, and that Past Master no doubt felt as pleased that he (the W.M.) had reached the chair as he did himself. Bro. Lorkin, P.M., Sec., had rendered services to the lodge, and gave up his time to instruct them in the lodge of instruction.

Bro. J. H. Rich, P.M., expressed the pride he felt at being called upon to respond as the Installing Master, for he had tried to the best of his ability to perform the installation ceremony creditably, and if he had done it to their satisfaction he was gratified.

Bro. W. H. Lee, P.M., P.P.G.D. Middx., also responded, and said he had always done so in some form from time to time during the past seventeen years in this lodge. It was his very pleasing duty to congratulate the lodge on its continued prosperity. The prosperity of a lodge was not to be gauged by the condition of its funds or its numerical strength, but by the unity prevailing amongst its members, and judging the prosperity of the Duke of Connaught Lodge by that standard, it was indeed flourishing.

Bro. Geo. R. Langley, P.M. 183, W.M. 2351, responded for "The Visitors," and having returned thanks, said that personally it had been a very great pleasure to attend this lodge from time to time as a visitor. It was his privilege when an Entered Apprentice to meet Bros. Lorkin, Dignam, and others of this lodge, and as he moved further on he met Bro. Lee, P.M., and the amount of knowledge, brotherly love, and kindly feeling he had received had induced him to accept with pleasure the invitation to be present that evening. He trusted that this lodge would go on in the lines of prosperity into which it had been guided, and he wished the W.M. a prosperous year of office.

Bros. Stevenson, Harris, Holdgate, P.M., and Bunker, P.M., also replied.

"The Officers" was given and duly responded to before the Tyler's toast closed a most successful and pleasant gathering.

The Worshipful Master generously provided a very excellent programme of music, which was admirably carried out by the various artists. The vocalists included Miss Marie Fitzgerald, Miss Flora Edwards, Miss Simpson, Mr. J. D. Fitzgerald, and Bro. W. Devey, whilst Miss Jessie McLaren, G.S.M., gave a violin solo with excellent taste. The various items were heartily appreciated and applauded, several being redemanded. Bro. J. F. Haskins presided at the pianoforte.

#### Tredegar Lodge (No. 1625).—The installation

meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 1st inst., at the London Tavern, Fenchurch-street, under the Mastership of Bro. Charles Henry Cary. There were present Bros. Charles Kendall, J. R. Moloney, Hy. W. Clarke, Charles Lacey, C. Allan, W. H. Hubbard, Hon. Sec., and the following visitors: Bros. Henry Times, I.G. 165; John Oldis, P.M. 1288; A. R. Trew, W.M. 2409; J. Hughes, P.M. 1897; H. Massey, P.M. 619 and 1928; John Kempton, I.G. 1571; A. Calver, P.M. 933; T. Warren, C. H. Clark, 1706; H. S. Burrell, 902; T. G. McEldon, 1597; Chas. Hopson, 1421; Geo. Tress, 1805; W. Devey, 99; Henry Thom, 1839; and H. Hill, P.M. 1305.

The Worshipful Master passed Bro. Warren and raised Bros. Wells and S. Moore, after which he installed Bro. George Pugh, S.W. and W.M. elect, as W.M. of the lodge. The work was admirably done. The following brethren were invested as officers: Bros. Charles H. Cary, I.P.M.; Wm. Henry Moore, S.W.; Wm. Henry Elliott, J.W.; E. J. Anning, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Hubbard, P.M., Hon. Sec.; J. S. Hinderwell, S.D.; L. F. H. Lowry, J.D.; F. E. Osborne, I.G.; Samuel Moore, Org.; Chas. Allan, P.M., D.C.; A. S. Wire, A.D.C.; Thompson Bonnett, Steward; and C. Sheppard, Tyler. The W.M. immediately commenced performing the work of his year by initiating Messrs. Edward Hurford and Arthur William Watson. A handsome Past Master's jewel and a Past Master's collar and jewel were presented to Bro. Cary, I.P.M., the presentation being accompanied by some flattering remarks by the W.M. on Bro. Cary's performance of his duties during the past year. Votes of condolence on the deaths of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, Bros. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, and Maude, P.M., were passed and ordered to be recorded on the minutes, and after the transaction of some other business the brethren closed down, and adjourned to banquet.

The usual toasts were proposed, and were interspersed with songs and recitations by Bro. J. S. Hinderwell, Chas. Allan, P.M., Henry Thom, W. Devey, J. Mohoney, P.M., F. H. Cowry, and J. H. Wakeham.

Bro. Cary, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said he did not think 9, 10, or 12 years ago that the duty of proposing that toast would have fallen on him so early, but it was with very great pleasure that he did it, as it showed that he had gone through all the hard work of the lodge, as others had done before him. It was a sincere pleasure to him to propose the health of the brother whom he had installed that evening with all the ancient rite, because he felt that Bro. Pugh would be a good Master and would reflect credit on the Tredegar Lodge.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, said that he had hoped to be let off this duty, small though it was. He had to thank the brethren for their kindness, and begged to assure them that he would try as long as he was W.M. in as efficient a manner as it was possible that it could be done.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Past Masters," said there was credit attached to the brethren

who had passed the chair for what they had done. What was wanted in a lodge was the presence of the Past Masters, as it was their presence which gave the W.M. and other working officers that amount of confidence which young Masons require.

Bro. Kendall, P.M., in response, said the Past Masters were pleased at all times to assist the W.M. and the other officers, especially the young Masons. They were delighted to see the work well done. The I.P.M. had done the lodge credit, and the W.M. would do the same, evidence of which he had given that night.

Bro. Clarke, P.M., also replied, and said he had been a member of the lodge from the commencement, and it had given him much pleasure to see how well the different Masters had performed their duty.

Bro. Hurford, in reply to the toast of "The Initiates," said he could scarcely find words to thank the brethren for the kind way in which they had drunk the toast of himself and his brother initiate. The brethren might believe him that he felt that night that he had entered on a new sphere of life altogether, and he scarcely knew what to say, as he had only been an apprentice in the Craft for a few hours. He had taken a step that evening which he had contemplated for some considerable time and after a vast amount of thought. He moved about within the circle of this little kingdom of ours and in the Sister Isle, and he often thought away from home when staying at an hotel, how delightful it would be for him to be able to meet a brother and take him by the hand, and feel they were brethren together instead of feeling they were strangers. After mature thought he decided that the best course he could take would be to join the honourable Craft of which all the brethren present were members. They might depend upon it he would keep the sacred and solemn oath he had taken that night, and he trusted that whatever was to be learned within the magic circle he would be found an apt pupil to learn it, and as far as his ability and integrity were concerned, he would not bring disgrace on the honourable Craft. Being quite a novice he could not say much, but he hoped on future occasions they would hear more of his voice when he was better acquainted with the mysteries.

Bro. Watson also replied.

The W.M. proposed "The Charities," and afterwards "The Installing Master, Bro. Cary."

Bro. Cary returned thanks. He had received a present that night which was exceptional. They had been good enough to present him with a Past Master's jewel as a memento of their appreciation of the way in which he had discharged his duties and done his work. But it was principally due to the instruction of Bro. Hubbard and Bro. Stewart, unfortunately not present, that he learned his work so well. He hoped that the W.M. would go through his year well, install his successor, and receive the congratulations of all the brethren, and then join the ranks of the Past Masters.

The W.M. proposed "The Visitors," and said that when he and Bro. Hubbard visited Australia they were received as brethren. That was the way Masons were received all over the Colonies. Visitors were always welcome in lodges, and that was the universal opinion expressed over the whole world, whether here, in Australia, in Canada, or America. There they were as pleased to see visitors as Masons were in England.

The toast was responded to, the remaining toasts were honoured, and the brethren separated.

#### Farringdon Without Lodge (No. 1745).

—This civic lodge met for the despatch of business at the Viaduct Hotel, Holborn, on the 25th ult., when there were present Bros. Nelson Prower, M.A., F.R.G.S., W.M.; J. Young, P.M., acting S.W.; Schultz, P.M., acting J.W.; H. J. Lardner, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treasurer; P. N. Lardner, S.D.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., D.C.; Bachonoffer, I.G.; Dr. E. M. Lott, P.G. Org.; and T. Simpson, P.M. Among the visitors were Bros. F. W. Driver, M.A., P.M. 45; H. H. Shirley, M.A., P.M.; J. T. Shapcott, 733; T. O. Harding, M.A., 559; Brickwood, 1185; A. Purvis, 1799; Bowles, 2191; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. J. D. Webb and C. Shapcott were raised to the Third Degree by the W.M., assisted by Bro. H. J. Lardner, who gave the traditional history. Bro. W. P. Treloar, C.C., W.M. 63, was balloted for as a joining member. The ballot having been taken, Mr. Charles Richard Chapman was impressively initiated by the W.M. It was proposed by Bro. Walls, seconded, and carried unanimously, that the sum of 10 guineas be voted to the Jubilee Festival of the R.M.B.I., and placed on the list of Bro. P. N. Lardner, S.D., as Steward to that Institution. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. W. H. Jackson, P.M., Sec.; J. Strugnell, P.M.; G. Herbert, P.M.; H. Herbert, J.D.; H. Bennett, and many others confined to their houses by illness.

A banquet followed, at which the W.M. presided most genially, and, as heretofore, made some exceedingly good speeches. Among the other notable speakers were Bros. T. Simpson, P.M.; H. H. Shirley, T. O. Harding, and Brickwood.

During the proceedings Bros. Dr. Lott, Shapcott, J. Young, and others, instrumentally and vocally entertained the brethren, Bros. Dr. Lott and Shapcott's piano and cornet selections being greatly admired. The proceedings terminated at an early hour.

#### Priory Lodge of Acton (No. 1996).—The

meeting of the above lodge was held on Monday, the 1st inst., at the lodge rooms, the Berrymead Priory, Acton. The members and visitors attended in goodly numbers. Bros. Skett and W. A. Board were raised in a very able manner by the W.M., who gave the traditional history. The ballot was then taken for Mr. W. Eydmann, jun., which proving unanimous in his favour, he was initiated by the I.P.M., Bro. C. Wyatt Francis, in a very impressive manner. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year was then taken, which proved in favour of Bro. Gissing Skelton, S.W.; Bro. E. Monson, jun., was re-elected Treas.; and Bro. Harrison as Tyler. The brethren then unanimously elected Bro. W. Roeluck, P.M., P.Z., P.G.S.B., and 1st W.M. of the Priory Lodge, as a honorary member. A very sincere vote of condolence was proposed by Bro. E. Monson, jun., P.M., seconded by the W.M., duly passed, and ordered to be sent to the M.W.G.M. on the occasion of the death of H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence and Avondale.

All further Masonic business being ended, the brethren then adjourned to the banqueting hall, where the good things provided were very much appreciated. The musical

arrangements, which gave perfect satisfaction, were under the guidance of Bro. W. A. Board, who was assisted by the following: Bros. E. Monson, jun., P.M., Treas.; F. Body, P.M.; T. Scott Henson, W. Hirst, and Skett.

#### West Ham Abbey Lodge (No. 2291).

The installation meeting of this very successful lodge was held at the Town Hall, Stratford, on Thursday, the 4th inst., there being present Bros. W. G. Norman, W.M.; E. Triggs, S.W.; A. Reed, J.W.; A. Govier, I.P.M.; F. C. D. Fenn, Sec.; G. W. Kidd, S.D.; R. Fielder, J.D.; G. Gwinn, I.G.; W. Jones, Stwd.; Graves, Org.; J. Boulton, P.M.; C. W. Carrell, P.M.; Purdue, Moloney, Chalmers, Mansfield, Horseman, Watford, Byford, Threlford, Handley, Courtney, Single, Goodchild, Bush, Richardson, Mitchell, Smith, Turner, G. W. Reed, Druiit, Worland, Ayton, Trew, Riche, Barrow, and Vallance-Volckman. Visitors: Bros. E. Smith, Black, Stewart, Stevens, Allen, Perrin, Bennett, Day, Reeves, Money, Woods, Ross, W. Triggs, J. Dorton, Mumford, Wagstaff, Cooper, Land, Hobbs, Dorsa, Corble, Child, J. W. Hobbs, King, Keable, Saunders, and Calver.

The lodge was opened, and Bros. Horseman and Courtney were raised to the Degree of M.M.'s, and Bro. G. W. Reed passed to the Degree of F.C. Bro. E. Triggs was then installed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. W. G. Norman, P.M., and the following brethren invested as officers: Bros. A. Reed, S.W.; G. W. Kidd, J.W.; G. Hay, Treas.; F. C. D. Fenn, Sec.; R. Fielder, S.D.; G. Gwinn, J.D.; J. T. Pavitt, I.G.; W. Jones, D.C.; H. Young and C. Mansfield, Stwds.; W. Greaves, Org.; and M. Gross, Tyler. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted, a vote of thanks being passed to the Auditors, Bros. Mayes, Worland, and Laver. The balance-sheet shows the lodge to be in a most flourishing condition; £52 10s. was expended in Charities during the past year, the balance in hand being £288 14s. 2d. A very handsome Past Master's jewel and collar was presented to Bro. W. G. Norman, P.M., for his services during the past year. A vote of condolence to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., to the following effect was passed: "The members of the West Ham Abbey Lodge convey to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., their most sincere, heartfelt, loyal, and fraternal sympathy in the great loss he has sustained, and join in the universal prayer that T.G.A.O.T.U. may comfort his Royal Consort, and himself in this time of affliction and sorrow." Sums of 50 guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; £25 to the West Ham Hospital; and £10 10s. to the widow of a late brother of the Victoria Park Lodge, were voted and passed.

The banquet was afterwards held in the Mayor's Parlour, where the proceedings were enlivened by some excellent songs by Bros. Gwinn, Bush, Riche, Graves, Barrow, and Mitchell, and a recitation by Bro. Kidd.

**Scots Lodge (No. 2319).**—The January meeting of this lodge was held at the Scottish Corporation Hall, Crane-court, E.C., on the 28th ult., but owing to the much lamented death of H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, the Burns Anniversary Festival was postponed. There were present Bros. John Page, P.M., W.M.; D. F. Gellion, P.M., J.W., as S.W.; H. Massey, P.M., as J.W.; Jno. Whitehead, P.M. and P.Z., I.P.M.; Jas. Thomson, Sec.; Joseph Whitehead, S.D.; Dr. D. M. Forbes, J.D.; D. R. Duncan, I.G.; Wm. Robertson, Tyler; Capt. Campbell, J. Gray, P.M., Trustee; Beaton, J. Duncan Balfour, D. Charteris, A. C. M. Ramsay, E. Johnston Gordon, Ashley Gordon, Wm. Craig, Peter Greig, John Bennett, and George W. Jones; also Bros. Dr. Woods, W.M. 969; and John Brown, 2411. There were over a dozen letters read from members, each and all excusing themselves from attendance owing to the prevailing epidemic of influenza, and the death of one member of the lodge owing to the same cause was intimated—Bro. Capt. Airey. The S.W., Bro. Lord Saltoun, Substitute Grand Master of Scotland, had come up to London from Aberdeen so as to be present at Grand Lodge and also at the Scots Lodge Burns Anniversary, but telegraphed his inability to be present, "being quite laid up" with influenza relapse, having been ill and got up a little better. Bros. T. J. MacArthur, J.P., Alexander Ritchie, C.C., Drummond Duff, McKay, Bailie Smith, Dr. Sinclair, and T. Sandilands all wrote stating they were laid up with the epidemic, and it did not require any lamentable death in high places to cast a mournful gloom over the lodge's proceedings. Bros. Hozier, M.P., P. McLagan, M.P., and F. Faithfull Begg also sent excuses of a similar nature.

After the lodge business was over, there was one ray of brightness in the lodge agenda, a letter from Bro. Dr. M. Forbes, requesting the lodge's acceptance of a copy of Mr. Hamish McCann's new book of "Auld Scots Sayings and Ballads" with pianoforte accompaniments, a bequest accepted with great enthusiasm. While Bro. Lord Saltoun's letter was mournful in its news, yet his subscription of five guineas to the R.M.B.I., as also subscriptions enclosed with nearly all the absentees' letters of apology, helped to lessen the gloom. Bro. Dr. Reid writing from British Guiana and Bro. Angus Stewart from Colombo enclosing orders for a guinea for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution Jubilee showed that the Scot abroad does not forget his poor brethren at home, and the W.M., who goes up for Steward, got a grand start with his list. Neither does the Scot in Scotland forget his E.C. lodge, Bro. Major Allan, of Glasgow, sending his guinea also with his usual cheerful and patriotic letter to the Secretary. Another letter was read from the St. Andrew Lodge—the old Scots lodge—Edinburgh, inviting the W.M. to the installation meeting, and conveying the fraternal greetings of the lodge brethren to their twin brothers in London. Bro. F. Faithfull Begg conveyed the message. Bro. Fenwick, Grand Secretary of Queensland, writing from Brisbane about the two F.C.'s of the Scots lodge, also conveyed his fraternal hearty good wishes to the lodge. These letters and communications at the Scots Lodge form an important item in the proceedings, and show how large a field such a lodge in the Metropolis has to work upon, but then what would all that be if the members were not Scotsmen and patriotic to the backbone always a Scotsman first and Masons afterwards, for are they not born "Scots" and created "Masons"?

The supper following was, of course, owing to the occasion quiet, and what the Scots term "dooce," all present feeling the mournfulness of their Masonic grief. But Bro. Clemow has got a good Scots cook, who understands the mysteries of "Caller Ou," "Sheep's head kail," "Cockie Leekie," "Brawn fleuks wi' firey tangs sales," "Sheep's

heid," well "singit," and the glorious "Haggis." The "great chieftain" was, however, served in silence, and even seemed to have a melancholy appearance (most evident to the Saxon eye), and the initiates were challenged by sign only, while the loyal toasts were drunk in silence, and all drinking was, indeed, done on the quiet, but human nature will out, and when the only toast was given—"The Initiates"—the brethren gave them a right good welcome and hearty fire.

The absence of the bagpipes and piano seemed to depress the usual heartiness of the Scots Lodge, and after the W.M. had closed the proceedings Dr. Forbes' presentation copy of Scots songs was sung without accompaniment, and forming the charmed circle, as is the custom in Brankstone Hall, "Auld lang syne" was sung with Masonic honours, then—as Burns said of his "Twa Dogs"—

"Each took aff his several way,  
Resolved to meet anither day."

The following is a copy of the telegram to the Prince of Wales when the death of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale was announced:

"The Worshipful Master Scots Lodge, No. 2319, sends his heartfelt sympathy in this your hour of trouble."

(Signed) "JOHN PAGE, W.M."

Copy of telegram sent to the W.M.:

"His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales desires me to convey his heartfelt and fraternal thanks for your kind sympathy in his hour of deep affliction."

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

#### PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

##### ASPATRIA.

**Solway Lodge (No. 1220).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 1st inst., at the Grapes Hotel. Formerly the lodge was domiciled at Silloth, but for some years past Masonry had been at a very low ebb in the watering place named, and so, to preserve the warrant, it was deemed politic to remove to the inland town of Aspatria, which was sanctioned by the M.W. Grand Master. The wisdom of the step taken last year has already been strongly evidenced, and, with a revival of trade, there is every reason to hope that the Solway Lodge will ultimately occupy a prominent position in the Province of Cumberland and Westmorland.

There was a very fair attendance at the festival, and the afternoon was a genuine working one, for, after the opening of the lodge, two brothers were passed and raised respectively, Bro. H. Bewes, P.M. 327, P.J.G.W., occupying the chair. Subsequently Bro. Frank Richardson, the W.M. elect, was installed, the ceremony being performed by Bro. W. S. Ponton, P.M., P.P.G.P., assisted by Bro. W. F. Lamony, P.M. 1002, P.P.G. Reg. The following officers were invested: Bros. J. Hutton, I.P.M.; Dr. H. J. Webb, S.W.; W. A. Johnston, J.W.; W. S. Ponton, P.M., Treas.; J. Forrester, S.D.; G. H. Asken, J.D.; J. C. Tait, I.G.; and W. Railton, Tyler.

The usual banquet followed.

##### BARNET.

**Gladsmuir Lodge (No. 1385).**—The installation meeting was held at the Red Lion Hotel on Friday, the 29th ult., when there was an exceptionally large attendance of members and visitors. The chair was occupied by Bro. R. Fisher Young, P.M., D.C., the W.M., Bro. J. E. Cussans, P.M. 403, P.P.S.G.W., being, however, present later in the evening. There were also in lodge Bros. S. Tryon, S.W. and W.M. elect; G. Blizard Abbott, J.W.; W. K. Hopkin, P.M., Treas.; Charles Gray, P.M., Sec.; F. Thompson, S.D.; F. C. Collingwood, J.D.; R. W. Oldfield, I.G.; W. H. G. Ball, P.M. 45, A.D.C.; W. F. Chifferiel and Anneveld, Stewards; R. W. Goddard, Tyler; J. H. Baxter, P.M., P.G. Reg.; J. P. Euerby, P.M., P.P.G.P.; G. Askew, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; John Brittain, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; W. Lewis, P.M., P.P.A. G.D.C.; Curnow, Tibbatts, Bridgland, Bullen, Spicer, F. G. Mason, G. T. Phillips, F. H. Phillips, H. F. P. Inglis, R. Cranston, Ellis, Rainsford, and Marshall. Visitors: Bros. James Terry, P.G.S.B., P.G.D.C., Sec. R.M.B.I.; T. S. Carter, P.M., Sec. 403, P.S.G.W.; Chas. Bullock, P.M., Sec. 504, P.P.G.R., Prov. G. Sec.; Dr. Haskins, Probert, and others.

The minutes of the regular lodge in November, and of the lodge of emergency on the 15th ult., having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Messrs. J. Arthur Heap, C. Walter Grimwade, H. J. Grimwade, and F. Edmund Withaus, and these gentlemen were unanimously elected, Messrs. H. J. Grimwade and F. E. Withaus were initiated by Bro. Young, and Mr. C. W. Grimwade by Bro. Gray, P.M., Mr. J. A. Heap sending a telegram of regret that he was prevented by unavoidable circumstances from attending. Bro. S. Tryon was then formally presented by Bro. Gray, P.M., acting as D.C., and installed in office for the ensuing 12 months, the ceremony being very impressively performed by Bro. Young as W.M., and having been saluted, appointed the following brethren as officers for the year, viz.: Bros. G. Blizard Abbott, S.W.; F. Thompson, J.W.; W. K. Hopkin, P.M., Treas. (elected); Charles Gray, P.M., Sec.; F. C. Collingwood, S.D.; R. W. Oldfield, J.D.; W. H. G. Ball, I.G.; R. Fisher Young, P.M., D.C.; W. F. Chifferiel, A.D.C.; Anneveld and Marshall, Stewards; and R. W. Goddard, Tyler. Bro. Hopkin, P.M., Treasurer, having been elected to represent the lodge on the Provincial Audit Committee, and Bro. Gray on the Hertfordshire Masonic Charity Association, and the Trustees—including Bro. J. H. Baxter, P.M., in place of Bro. T. H. Martin, P.M., who has resigned his membership of the lodge—and officers of the Gladsmuir Benevolent Fund having been elected, the sum of £5 5s. was voted from the lodge funds to be placed on Bro. Abbott's list as Steward at the approaching Jubilee Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The W.M. then presented Bro. J. E. Cussans, I.P.M., with the Past Master's jewel which had been voted to him in November in recognition of his services in the chair, and, in doing so, paid the latter sundry well-merited compliments on his zeal and ability, laying particular stress on the determination he had exhibited in carrying out his duties notwithstanding the ill health from which he had suffered during the greater part of his year of office, and Bro. Cussans having gracefully acknowledged the gift and the kindly expressions of the W.M., "Hearty good wishes" were offered, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren, to the number of nearly 50, then adjourned to the banquet room, where an excellent dinner was served, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, Bro. Bullock, Prov. G. Sec., replying in a humorous speech for that of "The Prov. Grand Officers," and Bro. James Terry, in his usually earnest and effective manner, for that of "The Masonic Charities." The toasts of "The W.M.," "The Initiates," "The Visitors," and "The Installing Master" were likewise drunk with great enthusiasm, while vocal interludes by Bros. Probert, Cranston, Tibbatts, Gray, and Mason, which were a treat to listen to, were much and deservedly applauded.

In the course of the evening Bro. Abbott's list was passed round, and before the meeting dispersed that brother had the satisfaction of announcing a total of donations and subscriptions amounting to not far short of £60, with every prospect of further additions being made before the Festival takes place.

The meeting, which had been a very protracted one, and terminated, therefore, at a somewhat later hour than usual, will rank as one of the most successful in the annals of the Gladsmuir Lodge.

##### BEAMINSTER.

#### Beaminster Manor Lodge (No. 1367).

A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the White Hart Hotel on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., when the following were present: Bros. R. R. Samson, W.M.; A. Hann, S.W.; O. M. Beament, J.W.; Jas. Andrews, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Treas.; W. Oxley, Sec.; F. P. Kitson, S.D.; W. R. Pile, J.D.; C. Toleman, P.M., D.C.; C. G. Purkis, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., Org.; Rev. E. H. G. de Castro, I.G.; J. Keech, Tyler; R. Toleman, P.M., P.P.G.P.; and S. R. Baskett, P.M., P.P.G.R. Visitor: Bro. R. H. Whitworth, 357.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, after which Bro. A. A. Mitchell was unanimously elected a joining member. On the proposition of the W.M. and Bros. J. Andrews, Purkis, and R. Toleman, votes of condolence with the Royal Family on the death of the Duke of Clarence and with the family of the late Bro. J. M. P. Montagu, P.M. 707, Past Deputy Provincial Grand Master, P.J.G.D. England, were adopted, and Bro. Purkis presented the lodge with the photograph of the three Royal brethren, which formed the companion plate to the Christmas Number of the *Freemason*. Bro. Beament and the W.M. both volunteered to have it framed. The plate was eventually entrusted to Bro. Beament for this purpose. Bro. Baskett also presented the lodge with some illuminated votes of thanks, presented to him on the various occasions on which he had acted as Charity Steward. Votes of thanks to Bros. Purkis and Baskett were adopted. Bro. C. G. Purkis then gave an excellent address on "Masonic Topics," which he divided under three heads—Firstly, "What is Freemasonry?" secondly, "Why do we call ourselves Free and Accepted Masons?" and, lastly, "What do we mean when we speak of our lodge?" The address was listened to with great interest by the brethren present, and at its close a vote of thanks to Bro. Purkis was proposed by the W.M., and seconded by Bro. Baskett, and briefly acknowledged by Bro. Purkis.

"Hearty good wishes" from the visiting brethren and the J.W. having been given, and the lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned for their customary refreshment and social intercourse, under the genial presidency of the W.M.

##### CAMBRIDGE.

**Scientific Lodge (No. 88).**—At the monthly meeting of this lodge, held at the Lion Hotel, Petty Cury, on Monday last, the W.M., Bro. W. P. Spalding, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks., proposed the following resolution: "That the W.M., Wardens, and brethren of the Scientific Lodge, No. 88, do most respectfully tender to their Most Worshipful Grand Master their profound sympathy with him in the heavy calamity which has befallen him and the nation in the death of his Royal Highness the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, K.G., at whose Masonic raising many of the brethren of this lodge assisted. The brethren earnestly pray that the Great Architect of the Universe may extend to their M.W. Grand Master that comfort and consolation which this world is powerless to supply." The motion was seconded by Bro. W. B. Redfarn, S.W., who gave a pleasing reminiscence of the late Prince on the occasion of a visit to Bro. Redfarn's house, which resulted in his Royal Highness's college tutor joining the Craft. The resolution was carried. Bro. Charles Percy Jones was afterwards passed to the Degree of F.C.

##### CHICHESTER.

**Lodge of Union (No. 38).**—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 4th inst., at the Council Chamber. The lodge was opened by Bro. W. Doman, who, in a feeling speech, referred to the Royal bereavement, and proposed a vote of condolence with the M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and Princess May. This was seconded by Bro. Charge, S.W., and carried unanimously. Subsequently Bro. St. Clair, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., took the chair as Installing Master, and regularly installed Bro. C. F. Charge as W.M. for the ensuing year, he having been unanimously elected to the position by the brethren. The Installing Master was assisted in the delivery of the charges by Bros. Doman, Hawes, and Wyatt. The new W.M. appointed and invested the following as his officers for the year: Bros. W. Doman, I.P.M.; J. St. Clair, S.W.; E. F. A. Gower, J.W.; Rev. H. M. Davey, P.M., P.P.G.C., Chap.; O. N. Wyatt, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., Treas.; J. H. Hawes, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; H. H. Moore, S.D.; G. Fielder, jun., J.D.; O. Lloyd, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., D.C.; A. W. Lambert, P.M. 583, P.P.G.O. Lincolnshire, Org.; C. Howard, I.G.; W. N. Malby and A. Raven, Stwds.; and W. A. Beatson, Tyler. Bros. G. Smith, P.M., P.P. S.G.W., and O. N. Wyatt were re-elected Charity Stewards, Bro. Wyatt to act on the Charities Committee of the Province. Grants of money were voted from the lodge funds to be placed on the lists of Bro. Wyatt, Steward for the R.M.B.I., and Bro. Barrett, Steward for the Girls' School Festival.

Subsequently the brethren sat down to a banquet in the Assembly Room, served by Bro. Hornsby, of the Dolphin Hotel. The W.M. presided, and the usual list of Masonic toasts was gone through, the musical arrangements, under the direction of Bro. Lambert, Org., being entrusted to the Alzando Glee Singers.

The lodge was honoured by the presence of several visitors, including Bros. Paynter, W.M. 851; E. D.



Sapey, W.M. 1141; and D. T. Bostel, W.M. 1636. Amongst the members of the lodge present, in addition to the officers, were Bros. T. Weller-Poley, P.G.D.; Sir Robert Raper, P.P.J.G.W.; H. E. Breach, P.G. Stwd.; W. H. Barrett, P.P.G.D.C.; G. C. Inkpen, P.M.; C. E. Ormerod, P.P.G.S. of W. Surrey; H. Heather, A. Goodger, W. Turner, Barwell, Cheeseman, D. Waddington, S. Baker, H. Koblich, Rev. M. F. Hilton, A. Purchase, A. Mannings, and others.

#### CHINGFORD.

**William Shurmur Lodge (No. 2374).**—A meeting of this vigorous lodge was held on Thursday, the 21st ult., at the Royal Forest Hotel, when, notwithstanding the prevailing epidemic, a large number of brethren were in attendance. In consequence of the much lamented death of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, K.G., P.G.W., the lodge was draped in deep Masonic mourning. There were four candidates for initiation, four passings, and two raisings, all of which ceremonies were performed in a most solemn and impressive manner. Ten gentlemen were proposed for initiation. It was unanimously decided that a petition should be presented praying for a charter to hold a Royal Arch chapter in connection with this lodge. A resolution of condolence and sympathy with their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales and all the Royal Family in their sad bereavement was unanimously passed. Bro. H. F. Bromhead, S.W., represented the lodge at the obsequies at the Royal Chapel at Windsor, and was the bearer of a splendid floral emblem. It was also resolved that a similar vote of sympathy and condolence should be passed to the widow and family of the late respected Grand Secretary, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke.

#### COCKERMOUTH.

**Skiddaw Lodge (No. 1002).**—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday evening, the 2nd inst. Bro. J. Hewson, W.M., presided, supported by Bros. Dr. D. Forsyth, S.W.; H. Peacock, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., as J.W. (in the absence, from influenza, of Bro. A. Entwistle); and other officers. The minutes of the installation meeting having been read, and there being no work, Bro. W. F. Lamony, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., took the chair, after which, on the motion of Bro. R. Robinson, senior P.M., P.P.S.G.D., seconded by Bro. H. Bowman, Secretary, a vote of thanks was passed. Bro. Lamony, in response, expressed the pleasure it had afforded him to be once more at work in his mother lodge, and he added that, although that might be the last time he should be with them, he should, as he had been for now approaching 27 years, continue a subscribing member. The W.M. read the copy of a telegram of congratulation sent to their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales only a month before; also the gracious reply thereto from the M.W. Grand Master. He moved that the copies be inserted in the lodge minutes, which was seconded by Bro. T. C. Burn, P.M., and carried. Bro. Lamony, P.M., moved that the following resolution be placed after the foregoing in the minutes: "That the brethren of Skiddaw Lodge take the earliest opportunity of expressing their deep sorrow at the untimely decease of H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, Prov. Grand Master of Berkshire, and Past Grand Warden of England, and they further desire to record their sincere and heartfelt sympathy with H.R.H. the M.W. Grand Master and her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales in their sad bereavement." The resolution was seconded by Bro. Peacock, P.M., supported by Bro. W. H. Lewthwaite, P.M., P.P.G. Org., and carried. The lodge was then closed.

Subsequently, on the invitation of Bro. R. C. Shawyer, the brethren were invited to partake of supper at the Globe Hotel, by way of farewell to Bro. Lamony, P.M., and a very pleasant evening was spent.

#### COLCHESTER.

**Angel Lodge (No. 51).**—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 28th ultimo, at the Three Cups Hotel. An interesting feature of the proceedings was that Bro. E. L. Ralling, the I.G. of the lodge, attended to bid farewell to the brethren on the eve of his departure for Cape Town. Bro. Ralling, in addressing the lodge, said one of the regrets which he felt on leaving the old country was the severance of many ties, not the least of which was that bound him to the Angel Lodge. When he accepted office last October he did so in the hope that he should be able to fulfil the duties, and perhaps at the end of his year be called to higher functions. In now taking his leave of the brethren he should not lose his interest in the lodge, but trusted that he might hear in the home of his adoption of its continued prosperity. The W.M., Bro. F. C. H. Jones, expressed his regret at losing the services of Bro. Ralling as an officer of the lodge, but in the name of the brethren wished him a safe and pleasant voyage, and every prosperity in his new home.

#### CROYDON.

**George Price Lodge (No. 2096).**—This lodge held the first regular meeting at its new meeting place, the Public Hall, on Saturday, the 6th inst. There were present Bros. J. H. Price, W.M.; J. C. Leaver, S.W.; F. W. Leaver, J.W.; D. Langton, P.M., Sec.; J. S. Hinton, acting S.D.; W. D. Hayward, D.C., acting J.D.; N. C. Crew, acting I.G.; F. Cambridge, P.M., Org.; F. T. Ridpath, P.M., and J. Jones, Stwds.; Lane, Tyler; W. G. Goode, I.P.M.; J. S. Fraser, P.M.; Pearson, Jones, Whitford, Fielder, and Sheldon. The visitors were Bros. C. Sargeant, S.W. 1261; Herbert Abraham, 1017; W. O. Welsford, Sec. 1321; Geo. W. Eve, 1670; G. E. Grimes, J.W. 1321; W. Englefield, P.M. 1321; and H. List, 2284.

After the lodge had been opened, and the minutes confirmed, a ballot was taken for two candidates for initiation, Messrs. William George Sheldon and Herbert Armstrong Brown, and they were both unanimously elected. The former gentleman being present, was regularly initiated, the charge being given by Bro. Ridpath, P.M. Votes of condolence were passed expressing the sympathy of the lodge with the M.W.G.M. upon the death of H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, and with the widow of the late Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren sat down to a most enjoyable dinner. The W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, and during the evening songs and recitations were given, Bro. Cambridge, P.P.G. Organist, acting as accompanist.

#### DONCASTER.

**St. George's Lodge (No. 242).**—This lodge was held on Friday, the 4th inst., in the Nether Hall Rooms, when there were present Bros. J. Fitzgerald, W.M.; F. D. Walker, P.P.J.G.D., acting I.P.M.; F. Webb, S.W.; E. Newsum, J.W.; F. Rand, P.J.G.D., D. of C.; J. Rayner, Sec.; C. Woodhouse, Org.; W. Blake, acting J.D.; T. Foster, I.G.; S. Lester, Stwd.; G. Brooke, P.P.J.W.; A. W. Fretwell, P.M.; A. Parkin, P.M.; H. C. White, W. H. Chambers, J. Gibson, C. Hopkinson, T. Barron, R. Allott, H. Hinchcliff, J. W. Smith, T. W. Turner, and J. H. Pawson. Visitors: Bros. J. Constable, I.P.M., 1482; G. Milner, 1511; H. D. Fenton, 2259; and J. Hust, and W. Mason, Tylers.

Bro. Rand announced that the lodge's share of the proceeds of the late ball was £6 13s. 4d., which he should propose at the next lodge was made up to £20 and sent to the Masonic Charities. Bro. Walker proposed a vote of condolence to be sent to the M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales, and Princess May on their sad bereavement. This was seconded by Bro. Parkin, and carried unanimously. After "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards partook of supper in the ante-room, when the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

#### FENTON.

**Minerva Lodge (No. 1942).**—The Festival of St. John and installation of the W.M. elect took place on Tuesday, the 26th ult., at the New Town Hall, where the lodge is now regularly held. The W.M., Bro. W. R. Wooldridge, was supported by the whole of his officers, and the following brethren and visitors: Bros. T. Ashworth, P.M., P.P.G.R.; J. Stevenson, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; J. Dugan, P.M.; Enoch Hallam, P.M.; E. Peake, P.M. 637, P.P.G.P.; W. T. McNeal, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. Darlington, L. Marshall, E. Day, J. Stevenson, J. Mason, W.M. 98; W. Brickle, P.M. 1715; G. W. Bradford, W.M. 2149; S. Bentley, P.M. 98, P.P.J.G.D.; Edwin Nall, W.M. 1914; G. Radford, S.W. 540; G. L. Birch, 2114; R. W. Day, 418; R. Williams, J.W. 637; and E. Harding, I.G. 637.

The usual formal business having been disposed of, Bro. Wooldridge proceeded to install his successor, Bro. H. R. Strange, and this he did in an efficient manner, following closely the "Emulation" working as taught by Bro. Sudlow at the provincial lodge of instruction held under the auspices of the P.G.M., Bro. Col. Foster Gough. According to custom in this lodge, the I.P.M. of the preceding 12 months is presented with a Past Master's collar when he vacates the I.P.M.'s chair, and this was presented by Bro. Wooldridge to Bro. Enoch Hallam with a few heart-spoken words gratefully acknowledging the services Bro. Hallam had rendered to the lodge as W.M. and I.P.M. Bros. Ashworth, McNeal, Stevenson, Dugan, Peake, and Hallam assisted Bro. Wooldridge by giving some of the addresses and the working tools, and Bro. Wooldridge, in handing the custody of the warrant to his successor, transferred it as pure and unsullied as he received it, and closed his year of office with a record of good sound work accomplished. The officers were invested by Bro. Strange as follows: Bros. J. Foster, S.W.; J. Hindle, J.W.; T. Ashworth, Treas.; F. H. Darwin, Sec.; G. Taylor, S.D.; T. C. Wright, J.D.; John Stevenson, D.C.; F. D. Bradley, Org.; L. Marshall, I.G.; J. Darlington, Steward; and T. Warren, Tyler.

"Hearty good wishes" having been tendered, the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren proceeded by special car to Longton, where an excellent banquet had been provided at the Crown and Anchor Hotel, and where a very harmonious and enjoyable evening was spent.

#### HYDE.

**Fortitude Lodge (No. 461).**—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Commercial Hotel on Thursday, the 28th ult. There was a very large gathering of brethren present, among whom were Bros. Joseph T. Bowker, W.M.; John Robinson, S.W.; J. J. Tinker, J.W.; Chas. E. Brooke, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., Treas.; Wm. Barker, P.M., P.P.G.P., Sec.; Thos. Perrin, I.P.M.; Ed. Dibley, P.M., P.P.G. Stwd.; Thos. Warrington, P.M.; Ben. C. Bradley, S.D.; Hubert J. Owen, J.D.; W. P. J. Fawcus and Geo. Graham, Stwds.; Jas. Whiteley, I.G.; Jos. Hudson, Tyler; Jas. Harding, Samuel Adams, Thos. Fildes, and Wm. Spencer. Visitors: Bros. J. E. Radford, P.M. 336; Wm. Twidale, P.M. 336; J. S. Marshall, 336; J. Bailey, P.M. 361, P.P.G. Stwd.; Thos. Sedgwick, 361; Richard Griffiths, S.D. 361; G. W. Sidebotham, W.M. 361; M. Middleton, 336; and others.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the balance-sheet adopted. Bro. John E. Radford, P.M. of the Benevolence Lodge, No. 336, of Marple, was the Installing Master, and he appointed as the Installing Officers Bros. Ed. Dibley, P.M., P.P.G.S., as S.W.; C. E. Brooke, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., as J.W.; and J. Twidale, P.M., as I.G. Bro. Joseph Bowker, J.W., W.M. elect, was presented to the Installing Master by Bro. Barker, P.M., P.P.G.P., and he was installed into the chair in a most admirable and clever manner by Bro. Radford, who performed the ceremony of Emulation, which was a great treat to those who had the privilege of being present. The following officers were invested for the ensuing year, and they were addressed by Bro. W. Barker, P.P.G.P., with the exception of the Secretary, who was addressed by Bro. Dr. G. W. Sidebotham, W.M. 361:—Bros. John Robinson, S.W.; J. J. Tinker, J.W.; C. E. Brooke, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., Treas.; W. Barker, P.M., P.P.A.G.P., Sec.; B. C. Bradley, S.D.; H. J. Owen, J.D.; J. Whiteley, I.G.; W. P. J. Fawcus and G. Graham, Stewards; and J. Hudson, Tyler. The working tools were presented by Bros. Dr. Sidebotham, Perrin, P.M., and Brooke, Prov. G. Std. Br. The address to the W.M. was given by Bro. Radford, that to the Wardens by Bro. W. Twidale, P.M., and to the brethren by Bro. G. W. Sidebotham. After a very large number of visitors had expressed "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

Subsequently a banquet was held, when the usual loyal toasts were proposed.

The toast of "The W.M." was proposed by Bro. Thos. Perrin, P.M. He said that Bro. Bowker came to the chair under favourable auspices, and from the very able manner he had conducted the other offices he had filled, he was quite sure that he would be a very worthy W.M.

The W.M. responded, and at the same time proposed "The Health of the I.P.M.," which was received with applause.

Bro. Dr. G. W. Sidebotham responded on behalf of "The Visitors," and remarked, on account of the unavoidable absence of Bro. Richard Newhouse, Prov. G. Secretary, he would say what he knew Bro. Newhouse would have done had he been there, and in a splendid speech, which appealed to the sensitive feelings of every brother present, he exhorted them to do all they possibly could, more especially for the Benevolent Institution, pointing out that in this case all votes accruing from a Steward this year would be double value. He also said that if the Fortitude Lodge had not appointed a Steward, he was going as one himself, and he would be very pleased indeed if they would include what they had to give in his list.

After the toasts of "The Newly-invested Officers" and "The Masonic Charities" had been given, the proceedings terminated.

#### LEICESTER.

**Commercial Lodge (No. 1391).**—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 29th ult., at Freemasons' Hall. The W.M., Bro. T. S. H. Ashwell, occupied the chair, and was supported by the following officers: Bros. H. Howe, S.W.; A. Fergusson, J.W.; R. B. Starkey, P.M., P.P.A.G.P., Treas.; J. W. Beazeley, Sec.; A. Chambers, S.D.; G. J. B. Woolley, J.D.; G. O. Marshall, Org.; F. W. Billson, as I.G.; F. Lambert, Stwd.; and J. Tanser, Tyler. There were also present Bros. J. Harrison, P.P.G. Std. Br.; W. W. Vincent, P.P.S.G.D.; and J. G. Bower, P.S.G.D., I.P.M. Among the visitors were Bros. E. Holmes, W.M. 279; Thorpe, P.M. 523; Waring, P.M. 523; Pierson, and S. Gerson, 57.

After the minutes were read and confirmed, the W.M. said before commencing the business of the lodge he must refer to the great loss which Freemasons had sustained owing to the untimely death of H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, K.G., P.G.M. of Berks. Occurring at a time when they, as Freemasons and loyal subjects, were particularly interested in his welfare, they felt they could not better express their sympathy than by sending a letter of condolence to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, sympathising with him and his family in their great sorrow. The W.M. said he would refer to the painful subject again later on in the evening, but would now proceed with the business. Bros. Mariette, Alexander, and Garrett were then passed to the Degree of F.C., and after other business the W.M. again referred to the death of the Duke of Clarence, and said since he had been in the lodge he was told that the Provincial Grand Lodge would meet on the 30th for the purpose of proposing a vote of condolence to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales in similar terms to those he had intended submitting to them, therefore he thought the matter had better be left in the hands of the Provincial Grand Lodge. The W.M. then referred in very feeling terms to the death of their esteemed Bro. J. Read, who first saw the light of Masonry in the Commercial Lodge in 1874. He served the office of D.C., S.D., Secretary, J.W., and S.W., and while holding the latter office removed to London, or no doubt he would have been installed in the chair of K.S. He moved that a letter of condolence be sent by the Secretary to the widow of their deceased brother, sympathising with her in her great bereavement. Bro. H. Howe, S.W., who said he had known Bro. Read a number of years, seconded the resolution in very appropriate words. The Organist, Bro. G. O. Marshall, P.G. Stwd., then played the Dead March in "Saul" in an impressive manner. The W.M. said he had great pleasure in proposing that Bro. W. H. Barrow, Mus. Doc., I.P.M. 523, be made an honorary member of the lodge, for the great services he had rendered to the lodge for many years past. The resolution was seconded by Bro. Bower, I.P.M., and most heartily supported by Bros. Vincent, P.M., and Harrison, P.M., and carried unanimously. The Charity box was sent round the lodge for the relief of a widow (now living in Leicester) of a deceased brother of a Peterborough lodge, and the sum of £1 19s. 6d. collected. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. C. J. Wilkinson, P.M.; the Rev. J. W. Willson, M.A., Chap.; Nesbit; Gibbons; J. H. Marshall, I.P.M. 279; and the Rev. H. J. Mason, M.A., P.M. 1146.

#### MANCHESTER.

**Avon Lodge (No. 1633).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 27th ult., at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, High-street. An extraordinary amount of work presented itself to the members in the circular of the proceedings. There were three initiations, one passing, and one raising. The lodge was presided over by the W.M., Bro. W. F. Farrington, who opened the lodge. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for three gentlemen, and, proving favourable, they were initiated by Bro. W. F. Farrington. The ceremony of passing was performed by Bro. Charles Swinn, I.P.M., and the raising by Bro. G. Macfarlane, P.M. Bro. W. F. Farrington, W.M., acted as Installing Master, and appointed as his officers Bros. T. Cavanale, P.M., as S.W., and G. Macfarlane as J.W. The W.M. elect, Bro. J. T. Kenworthy, was presented, and duly installed into the chair of K.S. The following officers were invested and addressed by Bro. Charles Swinn, P.M.: Bros. W. F. Farrington, I.P.M.; William Battersby, S.W.; John Jas. Wills, J.W.; William Craven, P.M., Treas.; William Brown, P.M., Sec.; Aaron Jacobson, S.D.; Herman Mason, J.D.; John E. Greenwood, I.G.; George Macfarlane, P.M., D.C., Charity Representative; William Henry Barker, Org.; William Padget, Fred. H. E. Carter, Henry R. Box, and Geo. Edward Cox, Stwds.; and E. de Cantillon, Tyler. The W.M. was addressed by Bro. T. Cavanale, P.M., the Wardens by Bro. Macfarlane, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., and the brethren by Bro. Farrington. At the conclusion of the installation apologies were read from Bro. Col. Nicholas Le Gendre Starkie, P.G.M., and the D.P.G.M., Bro. Geo. Mellor, being unable to attend.

Subsequently a banquet was held, which had been admirably arranged and the tables beautifully decorated, and prepared by Bro. Tom Wood, the proprietor.

The following brethren were present: Bros. J. T. Kenworthy, W.M.; William Battersby, S.W.; J. J. Wills, J.W.; W. H. Farrington, I.P.M.; Charles Swinn, P.M.; George Macfarlane, P.M., D. of C.; William Craven, P.M., Treas.; William Brown, P.M., Sec.; T. B. Cavanale, P.M.; Wm. Bostock, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Aaron Jacobson, S.D.; Herman Mason, J.D.; John E. Greenwood, I.G.; Wm. Hy. Barker, Org.; F. H. E. Carter and G. R. Box, Stwds.; E. de

Cantillon, Tyler; John Packer, William Alfred Gent, Walter Parker, S. Ashcroft, G. De J. Battaglia, E. B. Bundy, J. G. Driver, H. B. Dresser, J. C. Emmerson, Thos. Wood, C. H. Arnold, R. W. Atchinson, C. G. Jaques, and N. Denham.

#### MANNINGTREE.

**Mistley Lodge (No. 2339).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the White Hart Hotel on Tuesday, the 26th ult., to which date it had, by special dispensation, been postponed on account of the decease of Mr. David Mustard, the father of the incoming W.M. It is a most extraordinary coincidence that last year the installation had to be put off for a similar period for an exactly similar reason, Mr. R. S. Raffles, the Stipendiary Magistrate of Liverpool, father of Bro. the Rev. T. S. Raffles, the then W.M. elect, having died just a week before the day fixed for the installation.

Directly the lodge was opened the W.M., Bro. the Rev. T. S. Raffles, proposed a vote of condolence with the Prince and Princess of Wales in the loss sustained by them, which was carried unanimously. The new W.M., Bro. W. Mustard, S.W., was most impressively installed by Bro. the Rev. Thos. Lloyd, P.M. 2342, Prov. G. Chap., Prov. G. Chap. Staffordshire. After the installation ceremony the new W.M. invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. the Rev. T. S. Raffles, P.P.G. Chaplain, I.P.M.; J. R. Butler, S.W.; S. S. Parsons, J.W.; the Rev. Dr. Morris, P.M., Chap.; R. Brooks, Treas.; C. E. Garrard, Sec.; T. E. Spencer, S.D.; R. P. Lockey, J.D.; A. J. H. Ward, P.M. 650, P.P.G.R., D.C.; G. T. Taylor, I.G.; J. T. Campbell, Org.; H. Faulkner, A. E. Alston, and O. Bendall, Stwds.; and Arthur Wright, Tyler. A letter was read from Bro. Ralling, Prov. G. Sec., regretting his inability to be present, and later in the evening a telegram was received from him bearing good wishes to the new W.M. Bro. Everard acted as D.C., Bro. A. J. H. Ward being absent through illness.

Among the visitors present were Bros. J. H. Vaux, W. M. M. Sanders, Sec., and H. G. Everard, P.M., of 650; E. J. Horncastle, W.M. 697; Geo. A. Eustace, P.M. 697, and Sec. 1977; W. Copeland, 959; and others.

The brethren afterwards sat down to a capital banquet served by Host Forster, and the usual Masonic toasts were given.

#### MARGATE.

**Union Lodge (No. 127).**—The installation ceremony of this lodge, which was postponed by dispensation from January 20th to January 26th, owing to the lamentable death of his Royal Highness the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, P.S.G.W. England, was held at a lodge of emergency at the King's Head, High-street, the following officers and brethren being present: Bros. Fredk. Stanley, W.M.; J. Brighurst, S.W.; F. W. Willett, P.M., as J.W.; J. G. Henning, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Sec. (pro tem.); John Healing, P.M., as S.D.; E. Croser, J.D.; W. J. Clarke, P.M. 133, I.G.; G. H. Chexfield, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Org.; John Moore, A.D.C.; Alf. Wootton, P.M. 1209, P.Z. 429, P.P.J.G.W.; William Crawford, P.M., Prov. S.G.D.; J. Wood, W.M. 915; H. G. West, W.M. 1209; E. L. Dixon, W.M. 429; T. Easton, W.M. 972; G. Goodbourn, J.W. 429; C. Godsmark, 1209; J. Hosking, S.W. 1347; G. A. Williams, J.D. 1642; N. F. Merriman, J. J. Roach, C. F. J. Briggs, and W. Pennefather, of 429; R. J. Hines, 1915; F. J. Harding, 2308; W. Griffin, 328; Geo. Wilks, 52 (Canada); J. Bristed, H. Woodward, W. Bushell, Lieut.-Col. H. W. Bamber, H. Price, P.M. 177; W. F. Franklin, Joseph Jackson, Gustavus B. Foster, W. Weale, T. Goodyear, E. H. Rayner, P.M., and T. Pearce, of the lodge.

The W.M. having read the notice convening the lodge of emergency and the dispensation authorising the same, invested Bro. H. Price, P.M., to act as Installing Master, in the absence of Bro. W. Jones Lane, P.M., P.Z., who was unavoidably absent through illness. Bro. J. Brighurst, S.W., W.M. elect, then received the benefit of installation, which ceremony was performed in a thoroughly efficient and impressive manner. The following brethren were then invested as officers for the ensuing 12 months: Bros. F. Stanley, I.P.M.; Lieut.-Col. H. W. Bamber, S.W.; Edwin Croser, J.W.; Rev. W. Taylor-Jones, P.M. 181, P.P.G.C., Chap.; W. K. Treves, P.M., Treas.; J. G. Henning, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Sec.; J. A. Fagg, S.D.; John Moore, J.D.; Henry Manning, I.G.; W. J. Clarke, P.M. 133, D.C.; W. F. Franklin, A.D.C.; W. Weale and Gustavus Foster, Stwds.; G. H. Chexfield, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Org.; and George Lawrence, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was then presented to the I.P.M., Bro. F. Stanley, by the newly-installed W.M.

On the closing of the lodge, the banquet, provided by Bro. T. Pearce in a most *recherché* manner, then followed.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly responded to, interspersed with songs and recitations by the following brethren: Bros. J. G. Henning, F. Stanley, F. J. Harding, S. B. East, J. Hosking, and J. Wood, the brethren separating after spending a most enjoyable evening.

In accordance with the order from Grand Lodge, the brethren all appeared in mourning for H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, P.S.G.W. England; the lodge room was also specially draped in black and white kindly provided by Bro. H. Price, P.M. 177.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

#### NEWPORT (SALOP).

**Audley Lodge (No. 1896).**—The annual festival of this lodge took place in the Assembly Room, Town Hall, on the 26th ult., when Bro. George Ingram Muirhead was installed as W.M. The ceremony was most impressively gone through, the Installing Officer being Bro. Baddeley, I.P.M. There were present Bros. Bodenham, P.M., P.P.G.W., P.A.G.D.C.; G. I. Muirhead, S.W.; C. E. Baddeley, P.M., P.G. Stwd.; T. Collins, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; H. A. Elliott, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; C. Lewis, P.G. Std. Br.; F. A. Bird, P.G.S.B.; G. Walker, P.M. 526, P.G.S.B. Staffordshire; S. Wells Pate, P.M., P.P.G.S.; Rowland Millington, P.M. 601; F. Woolley, P.M. 726, P.P.A.G.D.C.; W. Gough Allen, Stwd. 1838; R. Williams, J.W.; Percy Smith; C. A. Ash; J. Stanley Till, Chap.; J. Smart, P.M., P.P.G.O.; J. G. Brereton, S.D.; W. Bromfield, Stwd.; I. Ashmore, I.G.; C. W. Peake; W. J. Massey; C. W. Smallman; and J. Cartwright, Tyler.

The lodge was draped in black, in mourning for H.R.H. the late Duke of Clarence and Avondale, and a vote of

sympathy with the M.W. the Grand Master of England was, on the motion of the W.M., ordered to be entered on the minutes. The installation having been impressively carried out, the newly-installed W.M. proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. C. E. Baddeley, P.G. Steward, I.P.M.; R. Williams, S.W.; J. G. Brereton, J.W.; J. Stanley Till, Chap.; J. Bodenham, P.M., P.P.G.W., P.A.G.D.C., Treas.; Jas. Smart, P.M., P.P.G.O., Sec.; J. Barlow, S.D.; I. Ashmore, J.D.; W. Bromfield, I.G.; W. J. Massey, Stwd.; T. Collins, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., D. of C.; C. W. Peake, Org.; I. Ashmore, Almoner; R. Williams, Charity Representative; and James Cartwright, Tyler.

A very successful banquet was subsequently held at the Royal Victoria Hotel, the catering being all that could be desired.

The Worshipful Master presided, and gave the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," referring in sympathetic terms to the bereavement the Royal Family had sustained by the death of the Duke of Clarence.

Bro. Collins, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., next gave "The M.W. the Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales; the M.W. the Pro Grand Master, the R.W. the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart.; the W. Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. Rowland G. Venables; and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. Baddeley, I.P.M., in a eulogistic speech, in the course of which he referred to the great interest which Bro. Muirhead had always evinced in the working of the lodge of instruction, proposed "The Worshipful Master of the Audley Lodge."

The Worshipful Master having briefly responded, Bro. R. Williams, S.W., gave "The Health of the Visitors," coupled with the names of Bros. Page, Ash, and Allen, each of whom responded.

Bro. Smart, in giving "The Masonic Charities," referred to the large measure of support which they received from the members of the Audley Lodge, nearly every member being a subscriber either to the "A" or "B" Fund, and urged the need of giving as liberally as possible to those funds.

Bro. J. G. Brereton, J.W., proposed "The Past Masters," and the Tyler's toast brought a pleasant evening to a termination.

#### SALFORD.

**Harmony Lodge (No. 935).**—The annual installation meeting was held on Thursday evening, the 28th ult., at Adelphi House. There was a very large gathering, and an installed Board of 18 Past Masters. Amongst those present were Bros. J. Barker, P.M., P.P.G.T.; Evan Williams, P.M., P.P.G.R.; J. H. Clarke, P.M.; J. M. Graham, P.M.; J. West, P.M.; L. J. Griffiths, P.M.; J. Malkin, P.M.; and Daniel Galloway, S.W.

The lodge was opened by Bro. West, W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the balance-sheet adopted. Bro. West was the Installing Master, and appointed as his officers the following brethren: Bros. A. H. Duffin, I.P.M. 1134, as S.W.; J. Barton, P.M. 2109, as J.W.; and Bro. W. H. Southern, W.M., as I.G. Bro. Galloway was duly installed into the chair in a most able manner by Bro. West, and afterwards appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. R. Thomas, S.W.; L. J. Griffiths, P.M., J.W.; J. H. Clarke, P.M., Treas.; E. F. Openshaw, Sec.; R. Makin, S.D.; W. Richardson, J.D.; J. Smith, I.G.; and J. M. Graham, P.M., D.C. After many congratulations from visitors, the lodge was closed.

Subsequently at the banquet a most beautiful Past Master's jewel, of solid gold and charmingly engraved, was presented to Bro. West, I.P.M. It had been specially designed and manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

#### TEDDINGTON.

**Sir Charles Bright Lodge (No. 1793).**—This prosperous provincial lodge met at the Clarence Hotel on the 27th ult., when there were present, among others, Bros. J. R. Barns, W.M.; W. Middleweek, S.W.; Windeatt, J.W.; Warner, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., Sec.; Ruffe, J.D.; Capt. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., Stwd.; R. W. Forge, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Finch, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; W. J. Porter, P.M.; A. J. R. Simmonds, P.M.; Playford, T. Middleweek, Hall, J. Barns, jun., and many others. Bros. Havercroft, 319 (S.C.), and Lynden, 793, were visitors.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the by-laws were read. Bro. W. Middleweek, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. R. W. Forge, P.M., Treas. (*vice* Bro. J. Piller, P.M., resigned through ill health); and J. Gilbert, P.G. Tyler, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to the W.M. The Audit Committee having been elected, a sum of money was voted to the Thrupp Testimonial Fund. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. J. Piller, P.M., for his long services as Treasurer, and a letter of sympathy in his illness was directed to be sent to him through the Secretary. Bro. Capt. Walls gave a notice of motion that the sum of five guineas be voted to Bro. J. Barns, W.M., as Steward to the R.M.B.I. Jubilee Festival. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. Müller, S.D.; F. Chandler, P.M. 1656, P.P.G.P., I.G.; W. Smith, Stwd.; J. Piller, P.M.; and many others.

The names of two gentlemen for initiation and one brother for joining having been handed in, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

A few toasts followed, and the proceedings terminated at an early hour.

#### WIDNES.

**Lodge of Equity (No. 1384).**—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on the 2nd instant at the Masonic Rooms, when Bro. J. Goff, S.W., was installed W.M. The following officers were also invested: Bros. J. Walker, I.P.M.; F. H. Pankhurst, S.W.; W. White, J.W.; A. J. Kyle, P.M., Treas.; R. Whiteside, Sec.; J. Hough, S.D.; S. Welding, J.D.; W. Priestnall, I.G.; J. H. Lee, Org.; A. M. Connell and J. Keighley, Stwds.; and W. Holt, Tyler.

After the installation ceremony the brethren assembled at the Central Hotel (Bro. Parkes), where a banquet was served, the newly-installed W.M. taking the chair.

The usual Masonic toasts having been given, a Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. J. Walker as an expression of the appreciation of the brethren of the lodge of his services during the past year.

A pleasant evening was spent, a musical programme being gone through after the banquet. It was contributed to by various brethren, and by visitors from Warrington, Runcorn, and St. Helens.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

#### WOKING.

**St. John's Lodge (No. 1564).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 11th ult. at the Prince of Wales Hotel, and was well attended both by members and visitors. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which the report of the Audit Committee, showing a substantial balance, was received and unanimously adopted. Bro. J. M. Parsons was presented as Master elect, and installed into the chair by the retiring W.M., Bro. W. S. Jackson, in an exceedingly able and impressive manner. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. W. S. Jackson, I.P.M.; M. Cutting, S.W.; M. Dodge, J.W.; J. Wellspring, Sec.; S. J. Larcombe, S.D.; A. Gayton, J.D.; J. V. Kitching, D.C.; T. L. Smith, I.G.; F. Theobald, Org.; F. Larkham and F. Wallace, Stwds. The I.P.M. was then presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel, in recognition of the able manner in which he had carried out his duties during the past year.

After banquet the usual toasts were honoured.

"The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," were proposed by the W.M., and loyally responded to.

The W.M. proposed "The Health of the R.W.P.G.M., Bro. Col. G. Noel Money, C.B.," in eloquent terms.

The P.G.M. responded, and expressed his appreciation of the admirable manner in which the work had been conducted, and hoped the lodge would continue to prosper.

Bro. Parsons, 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 done 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.

"The Visitors," "The Installing Master," "The Past Masters," and "The Masonic Charities" brought the proceedings to a close.

#### WREXHAM.

**Square and Compass Lodge (No. 1336).**—On Tuesday, the 2nd inst., Bro. T. B. Barton was installed as Worshipful Master at the Masonic Rooms, when there was a large attendance of the members of the lodge and visiting brethren to do honour to the occasion. The brethren present included Bros. R. H. Done, W.M.; G. Cathrall, I.P.M.; T. B. Barton, S.W.; D. D. Pierce, J.W.; C. K. Benson, P.J.G.W., Treas.; J. W. M. Smith, Sec.; J. Phennah, S.D.; J. Little, J.D.; W. A. Fraser, I.G.; J. F. Edsby, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Org.; R. W. Glascodine, Stwd.; H. Davies, P.M.; R. W. Evans, P.M.; T. J. E. Young, P.M.; G. P. Rowbotham, P.M.; J. A. Harris, P.M.; T. Lee, J. E. Thomas, A. Wilder, B. Lewis, T. Summah, A. Renfree, R. T. Powell, J. W. Bishop, C. Pryce, E. Jones, A. Creighton, J. Shaw, J. Curtis, J. E. Jackson, A. McGuffie, R. Lewis, H. Venables Williams, G. Bevan, L. Powell, W. Griffiths, N. Fisk, C. Davies, E. Edwards, and G. P. Edwards. The visitors present included Bros. J. England, P.M. 1432; H. Venables Palin; J. Kilvington; G. F. Adams, S.W. 721; R. Rowland Jones; H. G. Little, I.P.M. 1674, P.G.P.; J. Fisher, P.M. 353, P.A.G.P.; Grenville Jones; W. Cope; W. Tickle; J. A. Robinson; Herbert Ellis, P.M. 721; Thos. Browne, J.W. 721; W. Perris, W.M. 757; W. Peers, W.M. 721; Jno. E. Davies, P.M. 1477; W. White, 1325; J. D. Bolton, P.M. 1477; W. P. Jones, W.M. 1477, P.G.S.B.; J. Powell, 477; W. B. Roberts, 357, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Holloway Bott, W.M. 1124; and F. W. Pilcher, 2386.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. Barton was installed by Bro. G. Cathrall, P.M. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. R. H. Done, P.P.G. Std. Br., I.P.M.; D. D. Pierce, S.W.; J. Phennah, J.W.; R. W. Evans, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; G. P. Rowbotham, P.M., Sec.; J. Little, S.D.; W. A. Fraser, J.D.; R. W. Glascodine, I.G.; J. F. Edsby, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Org.; H. Venables Williams and Newton Fisk, Stwds.; and T. Lee, Tyler. At the close of the ceremony the W.M., on behalf of the lodge, presented Bro. R. H. Done, with a Past Master's jewel.

Subsequently the brethren of the lodge and the visitors dined together at the Wynnstay Arms Hotel, under the presidency of the W.M.

#### Royal Arch.

**Kennington Chapter (No. 1381).**—This prosperous chapter held a meeting at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, on the 4th inst., when there were present, among others, Comps. H. Salter, M.E.Z.; W. A. Dowling, H.; A. E. Austin, J.; H. Higgins, P.Z., P.P. G.D.C., S.E.; Sims, S.N.; G. Everett, P.Z., G. Treas., Treas.; Smith, P.S.; Dennis, 2nd A.S.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S.; C. H. Köhler, P.Z.; E. Ayling, P.Z.; H. J. Lardner, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br.; W. W. Westley, P.Z.; Griffin, Lundie, and others. Comp. Goraliza, 862, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. J. Knight, 861, and, it being unanimous, he was admitted to the Degree by the M.E.Z. in a highly creditable manner. The election of Principals and officers for the year ensuing then took place as follows: Comps. Dowling, M.E.Z.; Austin, H.; Sims, J.; Higgins, S.E.; Smith, S.N.; Geo. Everett, Treas.; Dennis, P.S.; Davies, 1st A.S.; Colwell, 2nd A.S.; and Reinardt, Janitor. A Past Principal's jewel was voted by acclamation to the M.E.Z. The Audit Committee having been appointed to audit the accounts before the next regular convocation, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to an excellent banquet, which was served with attention and geniality by the host, Comp. Buxton.

Upon the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts received ample justice.

Comp. G. Everett, G. Treas., responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers," and paid a great tribute of respect to the memory of Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, who had filled so well and for so many years the onerous position of G.S.E. of England, and whose loss both in chapters and lodges would be felt for many years to come.

The subsequent proceedings were not protracted.

**Islington Chapter (No. 1471).**—The regular convocation of this chapter was held on Wednesday, the 27th ult., at the Cock Hotel, Highbury, N., when there were present Comps. James M. Scarlett, P.P.G.W. Essex, Z.; W. D. Church, H.; S. Napper, J.; W. E. Sutton, S.E.; T. S. Jackson, S.N.; J. Speller, P.S.; W. Shurmer, P.Z.; H. Cox, P.Z.; Cutchey, Campbell, Bredin, Soones, Bullock, Bridgwater, Bees, Chamberlain, Golding, Binckes, Nicholson, Purvis, Vaughan, and Jones, Janitor.

The chapter having been opened, the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Bros. Alfred Purvis and Bridgwater, and having been unanimously elected were exalted by the M.E.Z. in a very efficient manner. Comps. W. E. Sutton and J. Speller performed their duties in a very able manner. The M.E.Z. then in appropriate words proposed, and Comp. Napper seconded, that an expression of condolence should be forwarded to their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales on the sad death of H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence and Avondale.

The companions afterwards attended the banquet, and the toast of "H.R.H. the M.W.G.M." was drunk in silence.

#### BEAMINSTER.

**St. Mary's Chapter (No. 707).**—A meeting of this chapter was held on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., at the White Hart Hotel, when the following companions were present: Comps. S. R. Baskett, P.Z., acting M.E.Z.; R. Toleman, H.; S. Lawrence, J.; J. Andrews, S.E.; C. G. Purkis, P.S.; C. Toleman, A.S.; and J. Keech, Janitor.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. Messages of apology for non-attendance were received from the M.E.Z. and several companions. On the motion of the acting M.E.Z., a vote of condolence with the family of the late Comp. J. Montague P. Montagu, P.Z., 170 and 707, G. Supt., was adopted. The following companions were elected as the officers for the ensuing year: Comps. R. Toleman, Z.; S. Lawrence, H.; J. Andrews, J.; J. S. Webb, Treas.; C. G. Purkis, S.E.; Rev. E. G. Austen, S.N.; C. Toleman, P.S.; A. Hart, 1st A.S.; G. Barry, 2nd A.S.; and J. Keech, Janitor. The chapter was then closed.

#### CHESTERFIELD.

**Scarsdale Chapter (No. 681).**—A convocation of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., when the following companions were duly installed Principals for the ensuing year: Comps. T. J. Windle, Z.; T. Shipton, H.; and A. E. P. Vowles, J. Comp. W. W. Jendwine, P.Z., installed the Z. and H., and Comp. C. G. Busby, P.Z., installed the J. All the ceremonies were impressively performed. Amongst the other companions present were Comps. W. M. Hewitt, P.Z.; C. J. White, P.Z.; W. S. Symes, I.P.Z.; H. B. Chamberlain, P.S.; W. O. Plowright, A.S.; R. Plowright, E. Taylor, C. F. Margereson, and others.

#### LIVERPOOL.

**De Grey and Ripon Chapter (No. 1356).**—The annual meeting of this chapter was held on the 3rd inst. at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, when Comp. L. Phillips was installed M.E.Z.; Comp. James Rankin, H.; and Comp. A. Morris, J. The following companions were appointed and invested: Comps. E. Collister-Jones, S.E.; F. W. Fergusson, S.N.; A. Woolrich, Treas.; R. Tunnicliffe, P.S.; D. Lowthian, A.S.; B. Deeming and M. J. Davidson, Stwds.; and M. Malcolm, Janitor. Comp. A. D. Hesketh, P.Z., was the Installing Officer. The Treasurer presented his report, which was approved of as being most satisfactory, and passed. At the close of the business the retiring M.E.Z. was presented with a M.E.Z.'s jewel and suite of chapter clothing as a mark of the esteem in which he is held by the companions.

The jewel and clothing were manufactured by Comp. George Kenning.

### Mark Masonry.

#### Earl of Carnarvon Lodge (No. 211).

This lodge met for the dispatch of business at Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, on the 28th ult. Among those present were Bros. F. E. Pocock, M.D., W.M.; S. H. Parkhouse, S.W., W.M. elect; Huish, J.W.; Monson, M.O.; J. N. Frye, P.M.; Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., P.G.S.B., Sec.; and T. Rickwood, P.M. Bro. Day was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. S. H. Parkhouse, S.W., W.M. elect, having been presented, was duly and impressively installed as W.M. by Bro. Dr. Pocock, with the assistance of Bros. J. N. Frye, as S.W.; T. Rickwood, as J.W.; and T. C. Walls, as D.C. The following appointments and investitures were made: Bros. Huish, S.W.; Monson, J.W.; Wadham, M.O.; Dr. H. Kiallmark, S.O.; G. Gardner, J.O.; J. N. Frye, Treas.; Capt. Walls, Sec.; and Schofield, Tyler. The ballot having been taken for Bro. Larter, P.M., he was ably advanced to the Degree of a Mark Mason by Bro. Dr. Pocock, I.P.M., and was invested with the collar of S.D. A handsome and valuable Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Dr. Pocock, who suitably acknowledged the compliment. It was resolved unanimously that the lodge be removed from the Ladbroke Hall to the Holborn Restaurant. A sum of money was voted to the Sir Francis Burdett Testimonial Fund. The resignation of Bro. W. H. Goodall, P.M., was received with regret. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. D. P. Cama, F. C. Frye, L.C.C., P.M.; Wadham, Dr. Kiallmark, G. Gardner, Skinner, P.M., and others.

The lodge was then closed, and the usual banquet followed. The W.M. presided ably and most genially, but in consequence of the recent deaths of two distinguished brethren in the Mark Degree the proceedings were necessarily shorn of their customary conviviality.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

#### BRIDGWATER.

**Friendship, Unanimity, and Philanthropic Lodge (No. 191).**—The annual festival of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Royal Clarence Hotel, on Monday, the 1st inst., when the W.M. elect, Bro. T. F. Norris, was duly installed into the chair of the lodge by Bro. Col. W. Long, D.P.G.M. The W.M. invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. G. B. Laffan, I.P.M.; G. Strawbridge, S.W.; B. C. Board, J.W.; A. B. Cottam, M.O.; T. H. Railton, S.O.; B. W. C. Peskett, J.O.; C. Lucette, P.M., Treas.; J. T. Dunsford, Sec.; J. B. Sincork, K. of M.; F. W. Bishop, S.D.; J. Burnett, P.M., J.D.; H. M. Kemmis, P.M., D.C.; E. F. Wade, P.M., I.G.; and W. Webber, Tyler.

The brethren afterwards dined together under the presidency of the newly-installed W.M.

#### FROME.

**Portal Lodge (No. 155).**—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, North-parade, recently, when Bro. F. Bendle was installed W.M., the ceremony being performed by Bro. R. C. Else, P.G.M. There was not a large attendance, owing to illness amongst the brethren. Bro. Lord Dungarvan, the outgoing W.M., wrote regretting his inability to attend on account of suffering from influenza, and a resolution was passed sympathizing with him in his illness and hoping that he would speedily recover. The W.M. appointed the following as his officers: Bros. Viscount Dungarvan, I.P.M.; A. W. Moore, S.W.; F. E. Pearce, J.W.; A. Duckett, Treas.; G. R. Wilson, M.O.; G. W. Wiltshire, S.O.; S. Spill, J.O.; J. D. Pulham, Reg. of Mks.; J. M. Rattray, Sec.; R. S. Gough, S.D.; A. W. Dalby, J.D.; F. Kirbell, D.C.; P. Edinger, Org.; J. K. Frost, I.G.; A. Creed and C. White, Stwds.; and H. Haley, Tyler.

The installation banquet was subsequently held at the George Hotel, when a *recherche* repast was served in Bro. Kirbell's accustomed style. The W.M. presided, supported by Bro. Else and other brethren.

The usual toast list was gone through, and a pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent.

### Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

**NEPTUNE LODGE (No. 22).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 8th inst., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham, when there were present Bros. F. Reeves, W.M.; Russell, S.W.; Nettleship, J.W.; Westley, Preceptor and Treas.; Poole, acting as Sec.; Evans, S.D.; Langdon, J.D.; King, I.G.; Weeks, Tyler; White, Folkard, Livett, Williams, Lipscombe, Henry, Chesterston, Lyell, Cheese, Andrews, and Gilbert. Bro. H. Hyde, 1227, was a visitor.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of passing being announced, and Bro. White having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. White was passed to the Degree of F.C. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The ceremony of initiation being announced, and Bro. Livett having offered himself as a candidate, was initiated, the W.M. giving the charge. The W.M. rose for the first time, and dues were collected. Bro. Hyde was elected a joining member. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Russell was elected W.M. for the next meeting. It was proposed by Bro. Gilbert, and seconded by Bro. Folkard, that the balance-sheet be accepted and entered on the minutes, which was carried unanimously. Bro. Gilbert, in speaking on the progress of the lodge, said that during the year there had been 21 joining members, 834 attendances, giving an average of 174 each evening. Bro. Evans proposed, and Bro. Westley seconded, that a vote of thanks be given to the Audit Committee for the careful manner in which the balance-sheet had been worked out and presented to the lodge, which was carried unanimously. Bro. Folkard gave notice that the annual supper would be held at the Alexandra Hotel on the 22nd inst., at 7.30 p.m. Bro. Nettleship gave notice of motion that the lodge be called by its proper name, viz., the Neptune, instead of the name by which it had hitherto been known, viz., the Loughborough. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

**CLARENCE LODGE (No. 263).**—The usual weekly meeting was held on Thursday, the 4th inst., at 15, Fitzroy-square, when the following brethren were present: Bros. Jas. Corp, W.M.; J. B. Corp, S.W.; D. G. Imlay, J.W.; W. H. Kirby, Preceptor; W. Baker, Sec.; F. Cox, S.D.; Dr. Bourke, J.D.; D. D. West, I.G.; H. S. Wellcome, and Albert Leighton.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Bro. W. P. Reynolds, 7, which was unanimous in his favour as a joining member. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Leighton offering his services as candidate, was examined and entrusted, and the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, when the W.M. very ably rehearsed the ceremony of raising. Bro. Jas. Corp, W.M., then worked the 6th Section of the First Lecture with Bro. Kirby. Bro. Jas. B. Corp was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his officers, and announced the work to be the ceremony of initiation, the charge, and the 3rd and 5th Sections of the Second Lecture. The lodge was then closed.

**RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).**—A meeting was held on Friday, the 5th inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. F. Craggs, W.M. 834, W.M.; H. P. Williams, S.W. 834, S.W.; R. Reid, 1275, J.W.; A. Williams, J.W. 834, Treas. and Sec.; E. F. Nash, 1275, S.D.; R. Philips, Stwd. 834, J.D.; J. Banks, Stwd. 834, I.G.; W. J. Coplestone, P.M. 834; W. Hyde, E. Fox, H. Pearson, and H. Blackman.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Hyde offering himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed that ceremony. Bro. Fox offering himself as a candidate for passing, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the W.M. having risen for the usual number of times, the lodge was closed.

**BLACKHEATH LODGE (No. 1320).**—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Milkwood Tavern, Milkwood-road, Loughborough Junction, on Monday, the 8th inst., when there were present Bros. Barr, W.M.; Morgan, S.W.; Hill, J.W.; F. Hilton, P.M., Preceptor; T. R. Cass, Treas.; C. H. Stone, Sec.; Rice, S.D.; T. H. Salmon, J.D.; Turner, I.G.; Lake, Tyler; Hubbard, Lord, Bate, H. G. Martin, Hooper, Butcher, and Miller.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Cass, candidate. The lodge was called off and on. Bro. Barr vacated the chair in favour of Bro. H. G. Martin, W.M. 1622, who resumed the lodge in the First Degree. Bro. Hooper having answered the usual questions, retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Hooper passed to the Degree of F.C. The 1st Section of the Lecture was rehearsed by Bro. Hilton, P.M., assisted by the brethren. Bros. Hubbard, 879; A. Bu'cher, 959; and A. J. C. Miller, 1227, were elected joining members. The Fifteen Sections will be worked on the 4th Monday in March, at 7 p.m. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

**HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).**—A meeting was held on Monday, the 1st instant, at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. M. J. R. Dundas, W.M.; W. Hillier, S.W.; E. Thos. Ginder, J.W.; W. H. Chalfont, P.M. 1425, Deputy Preceptor; Geo. Read, P.M. 511, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; J. W. Belsham, W.M. elect 733, S.D.; C. Godfrey, J.D.; J. Williams Roe, I.G.; R. C. Wilson, Stwd.; D. Gellion, P.M. 1425; G. Weaver, J. T. Shapcott, G. A. Boughton, John Smith, A. Eddy, H. Campbell, R. W. Board, J. Mason, and B. R. Thomas. Visitors: Bros. T. A. Gale, P.M. 792; J. W. Roe, 511; and R. C. Wilson, 766.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and, after the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Eddy being candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Belsham invested the officers, at the request of the W.M. Bro. Hillier was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bros. Roe and Wilson were elected members, and acknowledged the compliment. A vote of sympathy was passed with Bro. Conway, who is ill. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

**ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).**—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 9th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. H. J. Kimbell, sen., W.M.; R. P. Upton, S.W.; H. B. Harding, J.W.; W. Hancock, Preceptor; J. Petch, P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; J. W. Clarke, S.D.; A. Oliver, J.D.; E. J. Soffe, I.G.; R. Loomes, W. T. Crane, E. G. Young, J. Amand, and J. Duncan.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Amand being the candidate. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Harding, and the investiture of officers was rehearsed. Bro. Young answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Young being the candidate. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. Bro. E. J. Soffe, 1732, was unanimously elected a member of the lodge. Bro. Upton was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Kimbell for his services in the chair for the first time. The lodge was then closed.

**COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).**—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on Thursday, the 28th ult., when there were present Bros. F. S. Jarvis, W.M.; T. C. Seary, S.W.; James Rowe, J.W.; G. H. Foan, Asst. Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; W. Jones, S.D.; N. Dukas, J.D.; E. Harris, I.G.; T. E. Weeks, Tyler; H. J. Keen, C. O. Burgess, H. Campbell, E. J. D. Bromley, J. Warwick, W. Hoggins, J. Wise, F. Jackson, E. Nice, G. H. Reynolds, J. Snerwood, A. Schwegl, W. Ham, A. Cogliati, F. W. Buxton, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. F. W. Buxton having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. F. W. Buxton. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. E. J. D. Bromley offering himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, was duly examined, entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of M.M. Bro. F. S. Jarvis resumed the chair of K.S. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. On rising for the second time, Bro. T. C. Seary, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, the Auditors' report was read by Bro. T. C. Seary on the part of the Auditors, and adopted. After payment of all expenses, a ballot was drawn in favour of Bro. A. Cogliati (£5 5s.), who very kindly placed the same on Bro. Geo. Reynolds's list, who represents the Covent Garden Lodge at the Jubilee Festival of the R.M.B.I. Bro. G. H. Foan, Asst. Preceptor, proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to Bro. F. S. Jarvis, who had acted as W.M. for the first time in this or any other lodge of instruction. His working of the ceremony of initiation was most creditable, and the opening and closing of the lodge excellent—seconded by the S.W., and carried unanimously. The W.M. made a suitable reply, and Bro. F. W. Buxton thanked him for his kindness in giving him the opportunity of working the Third Degree. Bro. G. H. Reynolds, I.P.M. of the mother lodge, proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be entered on the minutes to Bros. J. Greenway, Preceptor; G. H. Foan, Asst. Preceptor; and G. Reynolds, Treasurer and Secretary, for the manner in which they had carried out their several duties during the past year. Bro. G. H. Foan, as Asst. Preceptor, had shown the great interest he had for the welfare of the lodge of instruction by attending 44 times out of the 46 meetings. It was most praiseworthy and reflected great credit. Unfortunately, the Secretary, through a severe accident and illness, had not attended so often as in former years, but he trusted his health would permit him being in his place as in former times. Of this he felt sure—he had great interest



in the lodge of instruction, which was shown by the Auditors' report—seconded by Bro. G. H. Foan, and carried unanimously. Bro. G. H. Foan replied on behalf of the Preceptor, Secretary, and himself. The lodge was then closed.

**KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwards-square, Kensington, W. Present: Bros. W. Hillier, W.M.; R. J. Williams, S.W.; J. H. Neville, J.W.; George Road, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, W.M. 334, Sec.; H. G. Danby, S.D.; G. A. Knight, J.D.; T. Kington, I.G.; H. R. Elkin, E. E. Gellowski, Lewis Beale, F. A. Barth, F. J. Oliver, P.M.; W. H. Dresden, and A. Williams, P.M.

The lodge was opened in the First and Second Degrees. Bro. Beale offered himself as a candidate for raising, and proving proficient, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed, inclusive of the traditional history. The lodge was closed in the Third Degree. The 1st Section of the Second Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. R. J. Williams was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

**CREATON LODGE (No. 1791).**—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 4th inst., at the Wheatheaf Hotel, Goldhawk-road, Shepherd's Bush, W., when there were present Bros. A. J. Taylor, W.M.; G. Higginson, S.W.; T. S. Melville, J.W.; I. Davies, P.M., Preceptor; E. Austin, Treas.; H. P. Gilbert, P.M., Sec.; W. Hillier, S.D.; Aylett, J.D.; Johnston, I.G.; F. Craggs, W.M. 334; M. Spiegel, P.M.; J. B. Colwill, P.M.; H. Elkin, Kirkham, Carpenter, Kington, and Gane.

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Kington examined as to his proficiency, and he was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Kington acting as candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. gave the three installation addresses in a very able manner. The 2nd Section of the First Lecture was then worked. After the W.M. had risen for the second time, Bro. Higginson was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The W.M. then rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

**CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).**—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 6th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, W., when there were present Bros. R. Williams, W.M.; R. Kerr, S.W.; W. S. Whiteley, J.W.; A. Williams, P.M., acting Preceptor; H. Bright, acting Sec.; W. C. Dickey, S.D.; H. Clark, J.D.; B. Cumming, P.M., I.G.; M. Spiegel, P.M.; and Rogers (visitor).

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st and 2nd Sections of the First Lecture were worked by the acting Preceptor, and the 3rd by Bro. Spiegel, P.M., assisted by the brethren. Bro. Rogers answered the questions previous to passing. Bro. R. Kerr was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

**HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).**—A meeting was held on the 5th inst. at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. John Davies, M.E.Z. elect 733, M.E.Z.; R. D. Poppleton, H. 51, H.; J. Crutenden, 779, J.; J. Davies, 733, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; J. C. Tilt, P.S. 862, S.N.; G. Gregorv, 1st A.S. 862, P.S.; A. C. Durrant, J. 12, P.S. 276; W. H. Chalfont, M.E.Z. elect 975; and John Smith, 890.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Durrant being candidate. The M.E.Z. rose the usual number of times, and "Hearty good wishes" were accorded. The Principals rehearsed duties pertaining to opening, after which the chapter was closed.

**STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).**—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Camberwell, on Friday, the 5th inst., when there were present Comps. Braik, M.E.Z.; Scott Young, H.; Murché, J.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; Stone, S.E.; H. G. Martin, S.N.; Grummant, P.Z., P.S.; Dale, Frank Williams, Voisey, Hill, and Lazenby.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Dale personating the candidate. Comp. F. Williams, J. 101, was unanimously elected a member. The by-laws were read, and Comps. H. G. Martin, Braik, and Pullen were appointed Audit Committee. Comp. Scott Young was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting, when an installation ceremony will be rehearsed. Hearty thanks were accorded to the M.E.Z. for so ably rehearsing the ceremony for the first time. The election of officers takes places to-day (Friday).

#### MASONIC BALL AT CARDIFF.

A most enjoyable Masonic ball in aid of the funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, took place at the Park Hotel, Cardiff, on Thursday, the 28th ultimo. Dancing commenced at 9 p.m., about 330 being present. Bro. D. Goofrey's quadrille band, under the direction of Bro. Dan, was engaged, and gave great satisfaction. Bro. W. B. Ferrier, W.M. 960, and W. C. Peace, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., acted as Hon. Secs., and W. C. Peace and H. Frazer, jun., W.M. Langley Mark Lodge, as M.C.s.

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The Duke of Connaught visited the Queen and the Prince and Princess of Wales at Osborne on Sunday, and remained to lunch, returning to Portsmouth in the afternoon.

Bro. Earl and Countess Cowper, after entertaining sundry house and shooting parties at their Bedfordshire seat, Wrest Park, will leave England for a two months' sojourn abroad.

It is denied that Bro. the Earl of Kintore, Governor of South Australia, has accepted the Governorship of New Zealand, rendered vacant by the resignation of Bro. the Earl of Onslow.

The remains of the late Bro. Sir Morell Mackenzie were interred in Wargrave Churchyard on Monday, some 20 mourners being present. Lady Mackenzie has received letters of sympathy from the Empress Frederick of Germany and the Prince of Wales.

Mr. Alderman Cotton was sworn in as City Chamberlain at the Court of Aldermen, on Monday, and at once resigned his gown as Alderman for the Ward of Bridge Without, for which, accordingly, unless there is an exchange of wards, there is now a vacancy.

We regret to record the death on the 30th ult. of Bro. William Groves, P.M. of the Belgrave Lodge, No. 749. Our deceased brother was initiated in April, 1872, and remained a subscribing member till his death. He was also a Royal Arch Mason, having been exalted in the United Pilgrims Chapter, No. 507, in 1882, of which he was J. at the time of his death. The following members of the Belgrave Lodge attended at Kensal Green Cemetery on the 4th inst. to pay the last sad tribute of respect: Bros. E. E. Austin, W.M.; H. Garrod, Sec.; Coltart, Titley, F. Kedge, W. Kedge, Alford, and Calvert.

Bro. Lord Mayor Evans, accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, and Bros. Alderman and Sheriff Tyler and Sheriff Foster visited the Electrical Exhibition at the Crystal Palace on Saturday last. At the banquet on the occasion there were present Bros. Sir Frederick Abel, Sir John B. Monckton, and Sir E. M. Shaw.

Among those present at the marriage of the Hon. Walter Bagot, Grenadier Guards, and Margaret, youngest daughter of the late Hon. Frederick and Lady Adelaide Cadogan, at St. Paul's, Knightsbridge, on Saturday last were Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, Bro. Sir William and Lady Hart-Dyke, Bro. and Mrs. Hamar Bass, and Bro. Montague J. Guest.

Bro. Sir Charles Hall, Q.C., M.P., has been elected Recorder of London, in place of the late Sir Thomas Chambers. He was born in 1843; educated at Harrow and Trinity College, Cambridge; and for the last 14 years has held the office of Attorney-General to the Prince of Wales and Duchy of Cornwall.

The many Masonic friends of Bro. W. F. Lamson will be glad to learn that he has settled down in the Metropolis. For upwards of 15 years before his departure for Australia, Bro. Lamson was on the staff of the *Field* newspaper, and a vacancy having recently occurred, the appointment was offered to him and accepted. We wish him all success.

A panic occurred at the Prince's Theatre, Blackburn, on Saturday evening last, when the house was crammed to suffocation by an audience composed mostly of the working class. The actors and orchestra, however, went on with the performance, and the terror rapidly subsided, but not till some benches, &c., had been smashed and many people had had their clothes torn to rags. But for this coolness on the part of the company, a terrible catastrophe must have happened.

The funeral of Bro. S. Paige, Secretary of the Savage Club Lodge, who died on Saturday last, took place at Highgate Cemetery yesterday (Thursday). It was the wish of the deceased that the funeral arrangements should be of a simple nature, otherwise his brethren would have been present in greater numbers to pay their last tribute of respect and regard to his memory—but both the Savage Club and Savage Club Lodge were represented. Bro. Paige was a victim to the influenza, which a somewhat weak constitution prevented his rallying from. He will be much missed in Masonic circles, especially in the Savage Club Lodge, where his sterling worth and genial qualities were much appreciated.

We are glad to hear that Bro. F. Dixon Bramald, of 1755, who was obliged to leave this country a few months ago, in consequence of repeated attacks of influenza, has arrived at Wellington, New Zealand, in improved health. He has visited the Waterloo Lodge, No. 166, under the Scotch Constitution, and has been most cordially received with that loving kindness which is so characteristic of the Fraternity. We shall be glad to hear from our Colonial brother with items of Masonic intelligence from time to time, and to learn of his welfare in the new country. Bro. Bramald, who was established as a chemist in the West of England till his health gave way, is now manager for the New Zealand Drug Company at Wellington, N.Z.

At the full-dress Parliamentary dinner given by the Marquis of Salisbury as Prime Minister at his residence in Arlington-street on Monday there were present, among others, Bros. Lord Halsbury (Lord Chancellor), the Dukes of Athole and Portland, the Marquis of Hertford, the Earls of Mount Edgecumbe, Alhermarle, Hardwicke, Limerick, Amherst, Yarborough, Feversham, Wharnclyffe, and Londesborough, and Lords Windsor, Balfour, Henniker, Churchill, and Egerton of Tatton. At that of the First Lord of the Treasury in Downing-street the guests included Bros. Lord George Hamilton, Lord Arthur Hill, Sir James Fergusson, Bart., Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., the Hon. D. Plunket, Sir W. Hart-Dyke, Bart., Sir W. T. Marriott, Q.C., Baron H. de Worms, Sir John E. Gorst, Q.C., the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, the Right Hon. A. Akers-Douglas, Sir W. H. Walrond, Sir E. Clarke, Q.C., and C. B. Stuart-Wortley. Bros. Lord Herschell, Sir Geo. Trevelyan, Bart., and J. G. Shaw-Lefevre dined with Mr. Campbell-Bannerman, and Bros. the Marquis of Tweeddale, Earl Cowper, the Earl of Arran, and Lord Monk Bretton with the Earl of Derby.

By the death of the Rev. C. H. Spurgeon the Accident Insurance Company Limited, of St. Swithin's-lane, loses one of its oldest policy-holders.

The Grand Lodge of Canada, at its recent meeting in Toronto, defeated, by a vote of 616 to 404, a motion to prohibit the use of spirituous liquors as beverages at Masonic banquets.

The Commander-in-Chief has sanctioned the programme submitted to him in respect of the mobilisation of the London Volunteers at Easter, Dover and Chatham being the points of assembly.

A marriage has been arranged, and will shortly take place, between the Hon. William F. J. Dundas, brother of the Earl of Zetland, and Mary Maud, youngest daughter of Mrs. Prinsep, of 19, Ovington-square.

According to a telegram from Port Said of the 8th inst. a collision occurred in the Suez Canal on that day between her Majesty's troopship Euphrates and the German steamer Gutenfels, by which the latter received considerable damage.

The Duke of Cambridge, who will shortly return to England, has expressed his intention of presiding at the winter meeting of the National Rifle Association, which will be held at the Royal United Service Institution on Wednesday, the 24th inst.

At Covent Garden on Wednesday the third carnival ball of the season was held, and by comparison with its predecessors evidenced the growing popularity of these entertainments. There was a keen rivalry for the prizes awarded to the best and most effective costumes.

It has been decided by the Royal Commission appointed to consider the question that the Raphael Cartoons, which were removed from Hampton Court Palace to South Kensington in 1865, shall remain at the latter place, chiefly, it is believed, on the ground of its comparative immunity from fire.

In acknowledgment of his archaeological labours, the Society of Antiquaries, at a meeting held on Thursday, the 4th inst., conferred upon Bro. Brackstone Baker, P.G.D., the honourable distinction of F.S.A. This designation is much sought after, and one that can only be obtained by merit.

The Princess Christian was present at a meeting of the Council of the Royal British Nurses' Association, which was held at the rooms of the Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society, Hanover-square, on Monday, when it was resolved to adopt the recommendation of the General Committee and authorise it to take such steps as may be advisable to obtain the grant of a Royal Charter.

At a sitting of the Academy of Sciences at Paris on Monday, M. Darboux presented to his colleagues, Jacques Inaudi, a calculator, who exhibited such marvellous readiness in solving the most difficult problems that a Committee was formed at the close of the sitting to deliberate upon the best use to which the extraordinary faculty of Jacques Inaudi can be put.

We have received a communication from the joint Secretaries, Bros. J. Kilvington, P.M. 1790, and W. J. Russell, 463, that in consequence of the recent lamented death of H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, the Masonic ball which was to have been held at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, this month, is postponed *sine die*. The brethren who have given their patronage and influential support will kindly accept this intimation.

One of the most enjoyable balls of the season was given in the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, on Thursday, the 4th inst., upwards of 100 people participating. Amongst those who attended were Bros. E. R. Lathom, P.M.; W. Allenby, W.M.; D. Dunkel, I.P.M. 594; J. Phelan, S.W.; J. Horley, S.D.; C. A. Gabrielson, J. S. Buck, and D. McCleave, Stwds.; E. Jeffris, I.G.; and E. Smart, J.W. The music was provided by Bro. E. Clayton, and the programme included 20 dances.

On the night of the 2nd inst., the annual soiree and ball in connection with the St. Bede Lodge, No. 1119, Jarrow—Bro. J. W. Chaytor, W.M.—were held in the large hall of the Mechanics' Institute, which was profusely and tastefully decorated. Over 65 couples occupied the spacious floor. The M.C.'s were Bros. Thos. Robinson, J. T. Douglas, James Robinson, and H. M. Smellie; McDougall, D.C.; and H. Soderberg, J. Taylor, A. J. Prince, J. Rigby, and W. F. Renton, Stewards. The music was supplied by Mr. Amers, the refreshments by Mrs. Tutill and by Mr. Vasey.

A special meeting of the Committee of the Throat Hospital, Golden-square, was held on Tuesday, Mr. Welch, Chairman, presiding. Lord Londesborough was among those present. A resolution of condolence with Lady Mackenzie and her family was passed, as was also a further resolution in the following terms: "That the Committee desire to record their sense of the irreparable loss which this charity has sustained by the lamented death of Sir Morell Mackenzie, the founder of the institution, to the interests of which, during a period of nearly eight-and-twenty years he devoted the greater part of his time, the best of his energies, and the whole of his heart."

The latest victim to influenza is Sir James Caird, who had reached the age of 75. The son of a Wigtownshire laird, he was educated at Edinburgh University and then for a time devoted himself to high farming. He first came into notice soon after the abolition of the Corn Laws, as the writer of a volume on high farming as a substitute for Protection, and then visited every county in England as the *Times* Special Commissioner on Agriculture. He sat in Parliament from 1857 to 1865, but his chief public services were of an administrative character. He has served on various Commissions, such as those on Sea Fisheries, the Indian Famine, and the Irish Land Law. Not the least of his services when in Parliament was to obtain a grant for the collection and publication of Agricultural Statistics. He was made a K.C.B. in 1882, at which time he was Chairman of the Reform Club.

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The Queen, according to present arrangements, will leave Osborne on the 17th March, and will arrive at Hyères on the 19th.

The Committee has reported favourably on the Bill presented in the United States Senate appropriating 300,000 dollars for a monument to General Grant in Washington.

A National Museum of Commerce and Industry is about to be created in Paris, and it is estimated that it will cost 2,000,000 fr. The Paris Chamber of Commerce has agreed to supply 1,000,000 fr., and the Minister of Commerce has undertaken to ask Parliament to furnish the remainder.

Net fishing on the Tay opened on Thursday under most favourable circumstances. The river is teeming with fish, and on some stations as many fish have been already caught as will pay the rent for the year. On Stanley waters two and a half tons of salmon were secured in a few hours.

The Prince and Princess of Wales, with Prince George and Princesses Victoria and Maud of Wales and Colonel Stanley Clarke, left Victoria Station on Thursday by special train for Eastbourne, where they will remain at Compton House, belonging to the Duke of Devonshire, for several weeks.

The Princess of Wales has granted permission for the cot in the Victoria Hospital for Children, which has been endowed by the members of the Children's Salon connected with the *Gentlewoman*, to be named the "Albert Victor Edward" in memory of her son, the late Duke of Clarence and Avondale.

The following is the list of new Queen's Council: Messrs. David Lindo Alexander, Edward Ridley, Archie Kirkman Lloyd, Henry Gordon Shee, Albert Childers, Meysey Thompson, Alfred Hopkinson, Ernest Pollock, and Henry Fielding Dickens, the Hon. Bernard Coleridge, Lionel Edward Pyke, and William Snowdon Robson.

Mr. Freake, son of Sir Thomas Freake, Bart., was hunting on Thursday with the Vale of White Horse Hounds near Swindon, when, in jumping a gate, he was thrown from his horse. His neck was broken by the fall and he died immediately. The body was conveyed to his residence, Eastcourt House, Wilts., Mr. Miller, the Master, stopped the hunt at once.

A curious shooting accident occurred at Whale Island on Wednesday afternoon. The men of the Naval Gunnery School were being exercised in field movements, and were advancing in line when one of them dropped a pebble into his rifle, and aimed at a flower in front of him. Just then a seaman from the gun shed ran across in front of the line and received the pebble in the base of the back. The missile has not yet been extracted.

The late Prince Louis Lucien Bonaparte has left to the nation his valuable collection of metals, which is now in course of arrangement at the Science Museum, South Kensington. "The collection," says *Nature*, "is rich in specimens of the rarer metals." This bequest is the result of a promise made to Professor Roberts-Austen, the Prince having been much interested in the Percy Collection at South Kensington.

Royal Arch Masons coming from Europe cannot visit any Royal Arch chapters in the United States. The reason is that the Royal Arch Degree is given in foreign countries as the fourth in order, or next to the Master Mason's, while here it is conferred as the seventh. A foreign brother must apply for and receive the intermediate Degrees of Mark M., P.M., and M.E.M., and be legally healed as to the R.A. before he can be permitted to enter a chapter of Royal Arch Masons.—*American Mason*.

A special meeting of the Dundee Town Council was held on Thursday, when a letter was read from her Majesty the Queen announcing that the Chief Magistrate of Dundee and his successors in office were authorised, in all time coming, to use the style and title of Lord Provost. Much gratification was expressed by the Councillors at this second recognition of the loyalty of Dundee by her Majesty, the town having only recently been elevated to the rank of a city.

Bro. Lord Ashbourne (Lord Chancellor of Ireland) has been elected President of the Benevolent Society of St. Patrick in succession to Bro. the Earl of Arran, whose term of office has expired. At the recent annual meeting addresses of condolence were passed to the Queen and the Prince and Princess of Wales on the death of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, who was also Earl of Athlone. Bro. General Viscount Wolsley was also elected a member of the Committee.

Two French Professors—Cornil and Chantemesse—have informed the Paris Academy of Medicine that they have actually caught some of the influenza bacilli, and are cultivating them in *bouillon*, after the Pasteur method. The organisms are formed like the figure "eight," and the largest of them are barely the size of the 20th part of the diameter of a drop of blood. Experiments were made on rabbits and monkeys; the animals inoculated showing every symptom of influenza soon after they had been injected with the preparation obtained by the professors from the cultivation of the microbe.

The religious but unsectarian character of Freemasonry is practically demonstrated by the fact that 703 ordained ministers are devoted members of lodges in the Masonic jurisdiction of the State of New York, giving in the average one clergyman to each lodge. The denominations and creeds represented are the following: the Methodist, Episcopalian, Baptist, Presbyterian, Universalist, Congregationalist, Dutch Reformed, Christian, Lutheran, Jewish, Unitarian, and Reformed Jewish, of which the Methodist furnished 288, and the Episcopalians 146. All these kneel around the Masonic altar to offer up their adoration to the Great Being in whom they all believe, thus presenting the sublime spectacle of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. It is the mission of Freemasonry to bridge over and heal the differences existing between the various creeds, in order to unite those in a bond of common brotherhood who otherwise would have remained at perpetual distance from one another.—*Hebrew Standard*.

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