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UNITED GRAND LODGE.

We trust that Grand Lodge will lose no time in extricating itself from the very awkward dilemma in which it has undesignedly placed itself by its rejection on the 7th inst. of one part of the scheme for the advancement of its interests which was then submitted to it by the President of the Board of General Purposes. In our Notes of last week we expressed our belief—a belief which we still retain—that Grand Lodge when it accepted Bro. Past Grand Treasurer EVE's amendment to the resolution of Bro. President FENN, intended no affront to His Royal Highness the Grand Master, the Pro Grand Master, or the Board of General Purposes. But there are not a few brethren, who, with only an imperfect knowledge of the circumstances, will nevertheless arrive at the conclusion that if an affront to these dignitaries or this Board was not intended, it has been offered, and the sooner any such notion is dispelled the better will it be for all interested in the steady and undisturbed progress of Freemasonry. There can, indeed, be no two opinions, either as to the justice of the reasons which led to the proposal being made or the desirability of the proposal itself. The Craft in this country has increased in numbers so marvellously during the last seventeen or or eighteen years, that the honours which it is in the power of the Grand Master to bestow annually on worthy brethren, though they may have been sufficient in the past, are no longer adequate to meet the just claims of the Fraternity in the present. Doubtless there are those who will insist that the multiplication of honours cheapens them. This is true in ordinary circumstances, and would perhaps be true if it were proposed to double or treble the offices in Grand Lodge; but nothing of the kind is contemplated. What it was proposed to create was one additional legal office which, we believe, it was intended to make virtually permanent, and to which were to be assigned rank and precedence next after the Grand Wardens; four additional Grand Deacons; and an additional Sword Bearer; these last five appointments being neither more nor less ornamental and useful than the similar appointments already existing. The one change which, if we rightly understand the case, it was proposed to make in offices already existing was in that of the Grand Registrar, which has been held heretofore during pleasure, the brother once chosen to fill it being annually re-appointed so long as he desired re-appointment. This it was proposed should be filled up annually, as is now the case, but with this difference, that a new brother should be chosen every year. Thus as regards the new legal adviser of Grand Lodge, he was to rank before, instead of after, the Chaplains and the Treasurer, while the Grand Registrar was to retain his present place in the table of precedence. We see no objection to the proposed arrangement, nor do we think any objection would have been raised in Grand Lodge on the 7th instant, had the Board of General Purposes seen fit to insert in their Report a few words of explanation. As regards the rest of the proposal—for the appointment of four additional Grand Deacons and an additional Grand Sword Bearer—there is little or nothing to be said. Grand Lodge was and still is prepared to accept it. Indeed, it would be absurd if it were otherwise. The desire for an increase in the number of Grand Officers has been pretty general. His Royal Highness the Grand Master and his *alter ego*, the Pro Grand Master, in proposing an addition of six, admit the reasonableness of the desire, and it certainly appears to us to have been both impolitic and ungenerous to raise an objection to their scheme, because one of the proposed appointments was of an exceptional character, and involved a slight disturbance of the present order of precedence.

MARK GRAND LODGE.

The report of the General Board of Mark Grand Lodge, which was submitted at the Quarterly Communication on the 6th inst., was not allowed to pass unchallenged, opposition being raised in respect of two matters, of which, however, only one was a recommendation of the Board, while the other arose out of an act done by the Grand Master in the exercise of the prerogation conferred upon him by the Mark Constitutions. Our readers are aware that until quite recently the counties of Middlesex and Surrey constituted a province under the Mark Grand Lodge, and as there was, in fact, no clearly defined London district, the lodges comprised in such province were exceptionally numerous, far more numerous than would have been the case, had there been at the time, as there is now, and as there always has been in Craft Masonry, a metropolitan area, the lodges within which are under the direct control of Grand Lodge. While the late Bro. Sir Francis Burdett was alive, it was recognised that any alteration in the

existing order of things—which left London undefined and gave him control over the counties of Middlesex and Surrey—might be interpreted into an act of disrespect towards him. But on his death in the early part of the present year, it was thought desirable in the interests of Mark Masonry that a new arrangement should be adopted, and the M.W. Grand Master, acting in accordance with the provisions of Article 70 of the Mark Constitutions, determined that in future all lodges meeting within a radius of two miles from Mark Masons' Hall should be formed into a London District, while as regards the extra-London portions of the two counties of Middlesex and Surrey, which together constituted the late Bro. Sir F. BURDETT'S Province, those in Middlesex should be erected into a Province of Middlesex, under Bro. Lieut.-Colonel A. B. COOK as Prov. Grand Master, and those in Surrey into a Province of Surrey under Bro. Colonel NOEL MONEY, C.B., as Provincial Grand Master. It cannot be alleged that this rearrangement was in any way calculated to prove detrimental to the interests of the Mark Degree; but, even had there been a likelihood of this being the case, it was not in the power of Grand Lodge to question the Grand Master's exercise of a prerogative which itself had conferred upon him. Had there been any grounds for the fears expressed by Bro. BRIGHTEN and others—that the rearrangement would be detrimental—the proper course to pursue under such circumstances would have been to propose a resolution for the repeal of Article 70, and the enactment of a new law in substitution thereof; or, at all events, for such an amendment of the said article as would transfer the prerogative, now legally exercised by the Grand Master, to some other authority—say to the authority of Grand Lodge. Of course Bro. BRIGHTEN—whose conduct was marked by strict propriety throughout—was acting within his right when he rose and asked if he would be in order in moving an amendment—the nature of which he was pleased to foreshadow—to so much of the Board's Report as related to this matter. The Pro Grand Master, however, had no alternative but to declare him out of order, a declaration which was at once supported by the Deputy Grand Master and Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON in his capacity of Grand Registrar. This being the case, it was manifestly a still greater divergence from order and regularity, when Bro. LOVEGROVE and others rose and continued the discussion. If our Mark brethren are desirous that their Grand Master shall have no prerogatives to exercise, they must not confer them upon him; but it is absurd to confer prerogatives and then take exception to the manner in which they are exercised.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Friday, the 10th inst., the annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Dudley, on the invitation of the members of the Harmonic Lodge, No. 252, who made admirable arrangements for the convenience and comfort of the visitors, who numbered upwards of 200. More than ordinary interest was taken in the proceedings by reason of the fact that arrangements had been made to unveil a very handsome marble tablet which had been erected in St. John's Church, Kates-hill, to the memory of the late Bro. Masefield, who was identified with Masonry for more than half a century, and who not only held high honours in the Province of Worcestershire, but also some of the Grand Lodge of England. In the Midlands he was regarded as the father of Masonry, and was always looked up to as an authority on everything appertaining to Masonry. A Craft lodge was opened in the Public Hall by Bro. E. J. Chambers, 252, P.S.G.W., assisted by Bro. Hanson, S.W., and Bro. James Jones, J.W., in the three Degrees, after which the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. A. F. Godson, M.P., together with the officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, Present and Past, entered the lodge, and was received by the assembled brethren with the accustomed honours.

There are now 13 Craft lodges in the Worcestershire Province, viz.: Harmonic Lodge, No. 252; Worcestershire Lodge, No. 280; Open Charity Lodge, No. 337; Royal Standard Lodge, No. 498; Semper Fidelis Lodge, No. 560; Stability Lodge, No. 564; Perseverance Lodge, No. 573; St. Michael's Lodge, No. 1097; Royd's Lodge, No. 1204; Lechmere Lodge, No. 1874; Masefield Lodge, No. 2034; and Godson Lodge, No. 2385.

Amongst the brethren present were—

Bros. A. F. Godson, M.P., D.P.G.M.; H. Wilson, P.P.J.G.W.; W. H. Westwood, P.P.S.G.W.; H. Rowe, P.S.G.W.; Samuel Smith, P.P.S.G.W.; G. W. Grosvenor, P.P.J.G.W.; T. E. Smith, P.M. 280; William Waldron, P.P.S.G.W.; C. E. Bloomer, P.M.; R. Broomhall, P.P.S.G.W.; Rev. W. J. Down, P.G.C.; Rev. J. Knight-Law, P.P.G.C.; J. Joseland, P.G. Treas.; A. Green, P.P.G.T.; J. Mossop, P.G. Reg.; W. E. Walker, P.P.G.R.; George Taylor, P.G. Sec.; G. H. W. Mounson, P.M. 529, P.G.S. of W.; T. E. Lucy, P.M. 529, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. F. Hault, P.M. 560; S. P. Rowe, 280, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. Warner Hotley, 1204, P.P.G.D.C.; A. Fraser, P.M. 1204, P.G.S.B.; G. Hotchkiss, P.M. 529, P.P.G.S.B.; W. C. Box, 529, P.G.O.; H. N. Jackson,

W.M. 573, P.P.G.O.; Walter Wood, P.M. 564, P.G.P.; T. Price, P.M. 573, P.P.G.P.; Charles T. Green, I.P.M. 1204; C. Mytton, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Edward Collins, W.M. 560; R. G. Walker, P.M. 252; J. Turner, P.P.G.S.B.; J. M. Harton, 529; J. Irving Glover, 560; Edward Williams, 529; Harry Clark, 2034; Chas. M. Griffiths, 2034; G. Mason, 2034; Mark Robinson, 498; William Meyer, Tyler 573; F. S. Turner, 252; Alfred Davies, W.M. 529; J. Hobson, 529; T. W. Knott, 280; R. Preece, 252; J. H. L. Thompson, W.M. 1204; M. Smith, P.M. 252; T. Chambers, P.M. 252; S. Bagott, P.M. 252; W. Bagott, 252; A. Moreton, 252; A. J. Collett, 252; T. Williams, 252; E. Love, P.M.; A. Smith, P.M. 347; Charles P. Green, P.M. 1204; Rev. C. L. McLaughlin, P.M. 1037; T. Vale, 560; R. Stevenson, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; M. Smith, P.M. 252; J. Mason, P.P.S.G.D.; W. Atkins, W.M. 377; P. Hepworth, Sec. 377; A. Cotton, S.W. 377; J. A. Fullwood, 252; W. S. Pitt, 252; H. H. Hughes, W.M. 498; J. W. Lanfield, 498; A. Timmins, 498; O. Scott, 564; J. J. Wade, 560; Edward C. Worrall, P.M. 2034; J. Stevens, P.M. 2034; T. R. Arter, P.M. 2034, P.G.S.B.; J. F. Bland, W.M. 1874; W. H. Perrett, 2385; T. Taylor, P.M. 573; G. Blanhame, 573; J. A. Trenchard, 564; J. E. Jones, I.G. 252; A. B. Rowe, P.P.S.G.W.; W. S. Sheppley, S.W. 498; Alfred Marsh, P.M. 473; F. G. Russell, P.M. 1204, P.P.G.R.; D. Broadly, P.M. 498, P.P.G.D.C.; R. Underwood, I.G. 573; S. T. Dutton, 280; J. P. Homes, 2385; A. E. Guy Pritchard, Sec. 498; W. Thomas, P.M. 2034; R. Clarke, W.M. 280; J. Sharman Wood, P.M. 28; A. R. Taylor, 252; W. F. Newton, S.D. 1204; Joseph Sidaway, J.D. 252; J. Clement, 252; G. H. Parke, 252; A. McKean, 2385; J. Jordan, 2385; A. Baker, J.W. 1204; G. Wood, 2385; G. F. Thompson, P.M. 498; H. F. Isacke, 2385; W. Stansfield, 252, P.G.O.; T. Williams, 252; G. G. Brown, 252; E. W. Smith, S.W. 347; P. H. Lloyd, S.W. 573; P. Spenser, 2385; J. Round, J.D. 2385; H. Richardson, Sec. 2385; W. Adshedd, 498; T. S. Insull, 573; G. B. Buttery, J.W. 2385; John Hollins, 252; W. H. Smith, W.M. 347; J. Hughes, 2385; E. Johnson, 2385; J. Hartill, 2385; H. White, 2385; J. B. Davies, 498; H. G. Hartland; J. Bradley, 498; J. Washam, P.M. 252, P.P.A.G.P.; C. A. Hatfield, 498; R. T. Pearson, 252; Thomas Walton, 347; Alfred Preedy; Duncan Shedden, 232; Rev. S. T. Tozer, P.M. 252, P.P.G.C.; R. Eager, P.M. 1874, P.P.G.P.; A. Johnson, 560; J. Bellingham, 573; W. Waring, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; J. W. Roberts, P.M. 498; J. Bywater, 347; J. Wilson, 498; J. S. Morris, 498; and others.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER having thanked the brethren for the hearty reception accorded himself and the other members of Provincial Grand Lodge, said he had received letters of apology for non-attendance from Bro. Sir Edmund Lechmere, the P.G.M., and other distinguished brethren.

The muster roll of the lodges was called, and was considered to be satisfactory, as were also the financial statement and the reports.

After the transaction of the business the following brethren were invested to the duties of Provincial Grand Lodge for the ensuing year:

Bro. E. J. Chambers, 252	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" E. Worrall, 2034	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. W. J. Downs, 252	...	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. E. C. MacLaughlin, 1097	...	...
" G. H. Williamson, 529	...	...
" George Taylor	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Thelovell Pike, 1204	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" H. H. Hughes, 573	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" G. F. Thompson, 498	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" Joseph Fisher...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" Walter Wood, 564	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" A. Marsh, 573	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" J. S. Wood, 280	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" T. Taylor, 573	...	...	} Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" W. Stansfield, 252	...	...
" M. Smith, 252...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. W. Roberts, 498	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" W. Hanson	...	...	} Prov. A.G. Purst.
" J. Jones	...	...
" G. G. Brown	...	...
" F. S. Turner	...	...
" G. H. Parke	...	...
" T. Chambers	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" J. Jones	...	...

The brethren were marshalled into procession and walked to St. John's Church, and having taken their respective seats Bro. Dr. Turner, on behalf of the Harmonic Lodge, respectfully requested the Deputy Prov. Grand Master to unveil the tablet, which contains emblems of the Thirtieth Degree, Knights Templar, Royal Arch, Mark Masonry, and Craft Masonry, and had the following inscription upon it: "In memory of Richard Masefield, P.M., P.Z., P.G.S.B. of England, Deputy P.G.M. of Worcestershire; born, January 5th, 1801; died, June 29th, 1890; whose distinguished services in Freemasonry endeared him to the brethren who erected this tablet as a mark of brotherly love."

The ceremony having been performed and special prayers offered, the ordinary service was gone through. A special anthem which was composed for the occasion by Bro. W. Stansfield, Prov. Grand Organist, and Organist of the Dudley Parish Church, was sung.

The words were taken from Psalm cxii. It opened with a chorus, "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel," and followed by a tenor solo, which was pleasingly rendered by Bro. G. H. Nunn. Then followed a splendidly harmonised quartet, which was effectively rendered by Master Cetti, Bros. E. W. Smith, S.W., Alex. Smith, I.P.M., and W. H. Smith, W.M. (Noah's Ark Lodge). This was followed by a short recitative bass, and was rendered by Bro. Warham, P.M., and the anthem concluded with a chorus "His name shall be exalted," which was effective in style.

Bro. the Rev. W. J. Down, A.K.C., Prov. Grand Chaplain, preached a sermon from the words "He being dead yet speaketh." The rev. brother, in the course of his sermon, said the circumstances which brought them together that afternoon were perhaps both unique and exceptional. They were met more especially to honour the memory of one who, whilst he lived in their midst, was a most eminent brother, and to whose memory the Freemasons of the Province of Worcestershire had erected the marble tablet just unveiled. Bro. Masefield possessed rare and noble qualities both as a citizen and a Mason, and these qualities he largely used for the benefit and welfare of the Craft. The marble tablet spoke to all who might look at it of the excellence of his character, and made him to whom it was erected still to be a power amongst us, a power that would make itself felt for many years to come among Masons. It was almost a fallacy to say that the living only led and influenced the quick. It was more true to say that the dead, who spoke through their works, did so. We boasted of our progress, but we progressed, built, and advanced only upon the foundations of those who had lived before us, and all they had and were as Masons they owed to the great fathers of Masonry who had lived in the ages of the past.

In their own Craft, in science, literature, and religion, we could not sever ourselves from the men who had gone before us. They were still our masters and still spoke to us. Their late brother was a representative man, and they might well look back upon him as a representative Mason, one, indeed, from whom Freemasonry in the town and neighbourhood received new life and activity. They who remembered him in the days of his great Masonic career, remember with gratitude the zeal, the energy, with which he worked for the Craft. As long as the tablet erected to his memory should occupy its present position so long would he, though dead, speak to the hearts of all true and faithful Masons.

A collection was made at the conclusion of the service on behalf of the Charities, and realised £15, after which the brethren returned to the Public Hall, when the duties of Provincial Grand Lodge were resumed. The remaining business having been transacted, Provincial Grand Lodge was closed.

In the evening the brethren sat down to banquet, which had been provided by Bro. Parke in the Drill Hall, and which was of a most *recherché* character. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master presided, and he was ably supported.

After the banquet the usual Masonic toasts were observed, and very enthusiastically received.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER warmly thanked the members of the Harmonic Lodge for the admirable arrangements made for the visitors that day, both in the lodge and also in the banquet room, and made special reference to the indomitable perseverance of Bro. E. J. Chambers, P.S.G.W., in the interests of Masonry, especially in obtaining support for the Charities.

The toasts were interspersed with glees and songs, rendered by Bros. Warham, Turner, W. H. Smith, Alex. Smith, and E. W. Smith.

CONSECRATION OF THE ECCLESBURNE LODGE, NO. 2425, AT DUFFIELD.

Within the past few years several additions have been made to the lodges comprising the Province of Derbyshire. Monday, the 5th inst., witnessed further accession of strength, "The Ecclesburne," No. 2425, being duly consecrated at the thriving and pleasantly-situated village of Duffield. In the absence of the Provincial Grand Master (Bro. his Grace the Duke of Devonshire), the ceremony was conducted by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. H. C. Okeover, P.G.W. England, who was supported by an exceptionally large number of past and present Provincial Grand Officers and brethren, representing each of the 25 lodges in the province. The use of the Endowed School had been secured for the occasion, and the convenience of visitors was very well provided for. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master was assisted by the following members of Provincial Grand Lodge: Bros. G. M. Bond, P.S.G.W.; T. S. Bowden, P.J.G.W.; the Rev. T. B. Mundy, P.G. Chaplain; the Rev. W. F. Drury, P.G. Chaplain; Thomas R. Gee, P.G. Treasurer; A. W. Slack, P.G. Registrar; W. H. Marsden, P.P.S.G.W. as P.G. Secretary (in the unavoidable absence of Bro. William Naylor); R. Wilkes, P.S.G. Deacon; N. Ashurst, P.J.G. Deacon; Baxter Pike, P.A.G.D. of C. (acting as D. of C. in the absence of Bro. A. J. Flint); John Ryley, P.G. Standard Bearer; Neville Cox, P.G. Organist; J. T. Windle, P.G. Pursuivant; and Bros. John Jones, A. Butterworth, Bertwin Cooper, W. F. Fisher, T. Farnsworth, and J. H. Lomas, P.G. Stewards.

There were also present, among many others—
 Bros. Thomas Cox, P.P.S.G.W.; Percy Wallis, P.P.S.G.W.; A. Woodiwiss, P.P.S.G.W.; J. M. McLeod, P.P.S.G.W. (Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys); A. E. Cokayne, P.P.S.G.W.; Thomas Hall, P.P.J.G.W.; W. Bodden, P.P.J.G.W.; J. H. Day, P.P.J.G.W.; Rev. Herbert Price, W.M. 253, P.P.G. Chap.; T. R. Gee, P.G. Treas.; W. B. Woodforde, P.P.G. Reg.; T. Shipton, P.P.G. Reg.; Edgar Horne, P.P.G. Reg.; C. Webster, P.P.S.G.D.; John Walker, P.P.S.G.D.; J. W. Brigg, P.P.S.G.D.; C. D. Hart, P.P.J.G.D.; R. Slater, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. J. Piper, P.P.G.D. of C.; A. J. Waller, P.P.G.S.B.; Fisher, P.P.G.S.B.; E. J. H. Hoskyns, P.P.G.S.B.; John Clark, P.P.G.S.B.; W. L. Dodd, P.P.G. Org.; H. H. Biggin, P.P.G. Org.; Alf. Schofield, P.P.G.P.; H. B. Boag, P.P.G. Std. Br.; Thomas Day, P.G. Tyler; W. H. Wheeldon, W. Tatham, W.M. 1179; A. Brown, H. Edwards, W.M. elect 253; W. H. Wright, W.M. 731; Luther Russell, W.M. 1085; Jas. Melrose, E. McInnes, J.W. 1085, and J. T. Lee, P.M. 787, P.P.G. Stwds; J. Fisher, P.A.G.P.; W. H. Bowden, W.M. 625; A. E. P. Voules, M.A., P.M. 681; Jno. Jones, S.W. 731; B. Toft, D. of C. 731; H. J. Burdett, Stwd. 731; W. S. Bowler, P.M. 787; A. Eaton, W.M. 802; D. W. Bardill, S.W. 802; W. S. Gilman, Std. 802; W. P. Edwards, 802; G. S. Smith, P.M. 802; John T. Shardlow, W.M. 1028; John Hardcastle, 787; B. Cooper, J.D. 1085; E. Stockton, P.M. 353; Jos. Cook, P.M. 1324; Jos. Hodgkinson, W.M. 1495; Jno. Dawes, P.M. 1495; Hon. C. W. Trollope, P.M. 2120; and many others.

The preliminary formalities having been duly observed, the beautiful and impressive rite of consecration was proceeded with. Adequately carried into effect, it was followed with deep interest by all present. Incidentally, the P.G. Chaplain, Bro. MUNDY, delivered a brief oration, in the course of which he enlarged upon the cardinal virtues of the Fraternity, pointing out the obligation which rested upon all Masons to be charitable, brotherly, loyal, and God-fearing citizens. He urged that the influence for good exercised by their Order could not fail to make itself sensibly felt in the social life of the empire.

After pronouncing the final dedication and consecration, the DEPUTY P.G. MASTER addressed a few serious and well-chosen words to the brethren, exhorting them to show themselves worthy of the Order to which they belonged, and to recollect that all their undertakings were based upon a trust in the goodness and grace of the Great Architect of the Universe. He congratulated the founders of the new lodge upon the favourable conditions under which they had launched their enterprise, and expressed a hope that the Ecclesburne would continue to flourish, and carry out the best traditions of Freemasonry in that neighbourhood.

Subsequently the W.M. designate, Bro. E. J. H. Hoskyns, P.M., was installed as first Master of the lodge. This duty was to have been undertaken by Bro. Wm. Heathcote, P.P.S.G.D., but in his unavoidable absence, through indisposition, the ceremony was admirably performed by Bro. Percy Wallis, assisted by Bros. W. H. Marsden and Thomas Cox.

The officers of the lodge were then appointed and invested in the following order: Bros. Joseph Tempest, S.W.; Alfred Heny, J.W.;

Richard Waite, P.M., P.P.G. Superintendent of Works, Treasurer; Walter Shoobert, Secretary; W. H. Wheeldon, S.D.; the Hon. C. W. Trollope, P.M., J.D.; John Walker, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Director of Ceremonies; Edgar Horne, P.M., P.P.G.R., Organist; and Thomas Hughes, I.G. It may be added that Bro. William Heathcote has consented to act as I.P.M.

The consecration ceremony makes many demands upon the musical brethren, but these were adequately met by Bro. Dodd, P.P.G. Organist, assisted by Bros. Melrose, W. N. Toft, Burdette, and others.

No fewer than 76 of the brethren dined together at the White Hart Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and heartily received, the most cordial wishes being expressed for the well-being and prosperity of the new lodge.

It may be added that the establishment of "The Ecclesburne" has engaged the attention of a few resident Masons in Duffield and neighbourhood for some time past. The sanction of the Grand Lodge was readily granted to the undertaking, and, as we have pointed out, a start has been made under the most auspicious circumstances. It is very seldom that a Masonic ceremony conducted in a village succeeds in attracting more than 120 brethren, of whom more than half were Past Masters. The number of Masons at present attached to the lodge necessarily includes few inhabitants of Duffield, but if we may judge from the long list of proposals which were submitted, "The Ecclesburne" will soon boast of a considerable number of local supporters. In short, everything points to the likelihood of its enjoying a useful and prosperous career.

The lodge was furnished by Bro. George Kenning.

CONSECRATION OF THE MINERVA LODGE, No. 2433, AT BIRKENHEAD.

The consecration of the above lodge took place at the Masonic Chambers, Birkenhead, on Wednesday, the 7th inst. The ceremony was performed by Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Egerton of Tatton, P.G.M., assisted by Bros. James Salmon, P.P.S.G.W., acting as D.P.G.M.; John Clayton, P.P. J.G.W., acting as P.S.G.W.; F. R. B. Lindsell, P.J.G.W.; the Rev. T. Sturges, P.G.C.; Richard Newhouse, P.G. Sec.; and George H. Browne, P.G.D.C. The following Prov. Grand Officers signed the attendance book: Bros. H. E. Heywood, P.P.G. Std. Br.; T. H. Annett, P.G. Treas.; Hy. Matthews, P.S.G.W.; John Morris, P.G.S.B.; J. Camlin, P.G.D.; A. T. Phipps, P.G.D.; Lilly Ellis, P.G.D.; T. C. Thorborn, P.P.S.G.W.; T. S. Burgess and J. E. Jolly, P.G. Stewards; J. R. Simm, P.P.G. Treas.; S. Jones, P.P.G.D.; and a large number of brethren attended.

His LORDSHIP duly consecrated and constituted the lodge, and thanked the brethren for their large attendance, and congratulated the members of the new lodge, and wished them success.

The following brethren signed the petition as founders: Bros. Squire Chapman, P.P.G.D.; Arthur Samuels, P.P.G.D.; Henry Buxton Browne, P.P.G.D.; P. Sword, P.M.; W. F. Robinson, W.M. 2132; J. Armstrong, P.M.; and R. McCee, P.M.

Bro. George Browne, P.G.D.C., assisted by Bro. Lindsell, installed Bro. Squire Chapman as W.M., who appointed and invested Bros. Dr. Samuels, as S.W.; H. Buxton Browne, J.W.; and P. Sword, Sec. There were 37 brethren proposed as joining members, and two candidates for initiation.

VISIT OF IRISH FREEMASONS TO NEWCASTLE.

The Northern Metropolis has been noted for some time for that truly Masonic spirit which finds vent in the frequent interchange of fraternal visits amongst the lodges of the City and surrounding district. About 15 months ago, Bro. W. Churlton, Junr., the then W.M. of St. Nicholas Lodge (No. 1676), with some 26 other members, paid a visit to the Lodge of Israel in Dublin, and that fraternal courtesy has now been returned by members of the latter lodge, numbering 11, who are accompanied by 19 other brethren, who are now experiencing the hospitality of their English confreres.

The party left Dublin on Sunday night at seven o'clock, crossing the channel per mail steamer, and, after a beautiful passage which relieved all from the terrors of *mal de mer*, reached Holyhead at half-past twelve a.m. on Monday, being three-quarters of an hour late, the delay having been caused by the transfer of an abnormally heavy American mail, which amounted to some 700 bags. The connection at Warrington to Carlisle was missed, but the North-Western Railway Company supplied two special saloon carriages for the party, and such was the high rate of speed attained during the run from Warrington to Carlisle that although they started nearly an hour behind the ordinary mail, they finished almost up to time at Carlisle Station, the run of 18 miles from Penrith to Carlisle being accomplished in 14 minutes—a rate of speed that electrified the voyagers. Thus they were landed at Carlisle by 6.20 a.m., in time to catch the first North-Eastern train to Newcastle, which was ultimately reached at nine a.m. Bro. R. H. Holme, W.M. of St. Nicholas Lodge, accompanied by officers and brethren of various lodges, met the party, who were the recipients of the heartiest fraternal welcome and greeting from the local brethren, who mustered about 40 strong. The following is a list of the brethren—

Bros. D. W. Davies, P.M., Treas., J. J. Irwin, P.M., George Metcalfe, P.M., E. Phillips, P.M., Sec., S. S. C. Joyce, J.W., Rev. J. Dryden Smylie, Chaplain, Saml. Gordon, Thomas Caddell, E. W. Warren, J. T. Wood Latimer, and W. J. Dollar, of 126; William J. Chetwode-Crawley, LL.D., D.C.L., G.D. of C.; Harry Hodges, Secretary Grand Lodge of Instruction; Oliver Fry, P.M. 50; Wm. A. McDonald, W.M. 75; Samuel Smalldridge, J.P., P.M. 269; Alex. H. Williams, P.M. 269; H. B. Montgomery, P.M., Sec. 269; Justyn MacCarthy, P.M., Treas. 227; James Croizer, V.S., P.M., Sec. 500; W. Y. Magee, P.M. 245; Wm. W. Robinson, S.W. 158; Francis Hall, S.D. 666; Stephen Adams, 206; Thomas Ross, 245; Thomas Ross, 100; Wm. J. Alwright, 4; Alfred Norman, LL.M., 33; Robert F. Lidwill, J.P., P.M. 100; and Benjamin B. Tuke, P.M. 100.

It was intimated that Bros. John G. Talbot, W.M.; Morris Harris, P.M., P.B.G.P.; and Samuel G. Reeves, L.D.S.I., of Lodge of Israel, who had intended being in the party, were unavoidably prevented. The party was conducted to Miss Robson's, Crown Hotel, where arrangements

had been made by a large local Committee of Newcastle brethren, to secure the comfort of the visitors during the three days' residence in the city. After breakfast, a retinue of three open carriages, supplemented by a four-in-hand, was at the service of the party to pay a round visit through the city and its suburbs. The route commenced at the Crown Hotel and proceeded past the Central Station, whose stately proportions attracted notice, and amongst prominent objects pointed out were the Stephenson Monument, St. Nicholas' Cathedral, with its elegant spire, the Black Gate, the old Castle, Stephenson's No. 1 Engine on the High Level, and the High Level itself—a lasting monument of the engineering skill of George Stephenson, as is the hydraulic Swing Bridge below a testimony to the genius of Armstrong and Co. On either side of the passage across the bridge the noble expanse of Father Tyne flowing majestically below was an object of interest. On through Gateshead to Askew-road, the procession at a gentle pace proceeded to Redheugh Bridge, which was crossed, and a halt made at the Maple-street Masonic Hall, whose interior was viewed with evident delight. Elswick Park and the Lough-Noble Models occupied a quarter of an hour's inspection; thence the drive was resumed *via* Bentinck, Brighton Grove, on to the noble expanse of the Town Moor, the old grand stand and the racecourse being noticed, and variety to the drive given by the inspection of several batteries of the Royal Artillery, whose thundering guns tended somewhat to alarm the carriage horses. Skirting the Moor, the North-road was soon reached, and passing through the pretty village of Gosforth, a halt was finally made in the demesne of Gosforth Park, whose noble and picturesque dimensions evoked a comparison with the still vaster Phoenix Park. Here a halt was made for a light luncheon, and, dispensing with any oratorical outcome, a move was made to the front of the stand, where two photographs of the group were taken by Mr. George Permain, of North Shields. It so happened that Mr. Chas. Perkins had brought a team of thoroughbreds from Gallowhill to the park, and the party had the pleasure of seeing a trial between a brace of two year olds, with a brother to the mighty Chitabob telling the tale. It so happened that the finish between the youngsters was a desperately near one, and the excitement of the Celtic character, which is not indifferent to a bit of sport, was not at all suppressed, the finish being so close indeed that Mr. Perkins, who was for the nonce "the man in the box," could only have separated the juveniles by an eye-brow. Gosforth Park and its old mansion strongly impressed all, but not more so than Jesmond Dene, which was next visited. At the request of the Worshipful Master of St. Nicholas Lodge, Bro. J. B. Radcliffe explained to the party that the Dene, which was unsurpassed for its sylvan beauty, was the noble gift, "free and for ever," to the inhabitants of Newcastle, of its noblest and most enlightened citizen, Lord Armstrong, who in many other ways had been a liberal benefactor to Newcastle, and through whose enterprise and genius the great arsenal at Elswick had risen to its present colossal proportions. A stroll through the dene revealed an inexhaustible series of Sylvan scenes, the old water mill, the grotto, the wealth of foliage, of shrubs, flowers, and mosses bringing forth unstinted notes of admiration. Only in a comparative degree did the beauties of Heaton Park, which was subsequently visited, arrest favourable comment. The carriages were now rejoined, and the route taken homeward was across the Armstrong Bridge, along the Jesmond-road, down Northumberland and Grey-streets on to Collingwood-street, and finally the Crown Hotel was reached at half-past three o'clock with appetites keenly edged for an admirable luncheon. On the invitation of Bro. Marshall Moore, the acting manager of Bro. Sir Augustus Harris, the brethren had the pleasure of visiting the elaborate interior and stage arrangements, with the marvellous lighting apparatus, of the Tyne Theatre—one of the largest and best equipped temples of the drama out of London. At the request of the W.M., Bro. Radcliffe recited from the stage "The Charge of the Light Brigade" in various dialects, and Bro. Saul sang a humorous Irish song.

St. Nicholas Lodge met in the evening at the Masonic Hall, Grainger-street, and the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Northumberland also mustered in large numbers to receive their Irish brethren, Bro. R. H. Holme, W.M. St. Nicholas, being in the chair, supported by his officers. The D.P.G.M. (Brother R. H. Holmes), who was unavoidably absent, was represented by Bro. Bell, and amongst other prominent Masons present were—

Bros. J. Page, P.P.J.G.W.; W. Cooper, P.P.G.D.; H. Spittle, P.P.A.G.D.C. T. Dinning, P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. R. Forster, P.P.G.D.; Hudson, P.G. Sec. Durham; E. Turnbull, P.P.G.S.B.; J. W. Matthews, P.P.G.S.B.; Aitchison P.P.G.R.; J. Cooke, P.P.J.G.W.; A. Scott, P.P.G.S.B.; S. F. Bates, P.P.G.D. J. T. Schollar, P.P.G.S.B.; McLaren, P.P.G.S.B.; A. Hepburn, P.P.G.D.; J. B. Garland, P.P.G.S.B.; F. Corder, P.G. Sec.; T. B. Nicholl, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Carmichael, P.P.G.S.B.; C. Roope, P.P.G.O.; F. W. Sykes, P.P.G.S.; G. Elphic, P.P.G.S.; T. E. Smith, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Duckitt, P.P.G.D.; Isaac Watson, P.P.A.G.D.C.; and G. Parsons, P.P.G.D.

Bro. W. Cummings was Director of the Ceremonies.

After the duties of the lodge, there was an adjournment to the Emerson banqueting-room, where a social gathering, at which all the leading Masons of the city were present, was held, the proceedings throughout being of the most harmonious character, and the hearty welcome of the antecedent programme emphasised in a pronounced manner.

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Equally deserving of attention are Bro. Prinsep's remarks on punctuality. "Nothing," said he, "can be more prejudicial to all regularity than unpunctual attendance on the part of Masters and officers of a lodge on whom the commencement of the proceedings depend." And again, "the late commencement of business with one or more Degrees to confer, means the late closing of lodge and late refreshment." All this, of course, means discomfort, especially to men "advanced in life and accustomed to regular habits," as are many of the members of our lodges both in India and elsewhere.

The District Grand Lodge of Bengal, on the recommendation of the Board of General Purposes, has unanimously resolved on authorising its District Grand Master to obtain a portrait of His Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master at a cost not exceeding £200; while, on the recommendation of its Board of Benevolence, it has voted 1500 rupees to the Bengal Masonic Association, namely, 500 rupees as a Subscription to Revenue Account, and 1000 rupees as a Donation to Capital Account.

The "Indian Masonic Review" is our old and very worthy friend, the "Madras Masonic Review," in a new garb, and very becoming is its appearance in its changed condition. One of its more recent numbers contains an article under the familiar initials "H. J. W." on "Voting in the First and Second Degrees," in which the writer fully justifies the English view that E.A.'s and F.C.'s are entitled to vote on all questions which concern the lodge of which they are members. This we know is not the American view, and a late ruling by the Grand Lodge of Scotland demonstrates that it is not the Scotch view, but "H. J. W.," to say nothing as to the evidence he adduces from the "Old Charges," quotes Chalmers Paton and Albert G. Mackey, the former a well-known Scotch writer and the latter a still better known American writer on Masonic jurisprudence, as holding the opinions he supports. Other articles of considerable merit have appeared in the other early numbers of this Review, and if it continues as it has begun, there is fair reason to hope that our worthy contemporary will become a permanent institution. It well deserves, and we trust it will receive, the generous support of the fraternity in India.

The ninth annual meeting of the Great Priory of the Knights Templar of Canada was held in London, Ontario, on the 19th July, under the presidency of Frater Henry Robertson, Q.C., Grand Master, whose review of the events of the past year was most encouraging. A new preceptory has been added to the roll, and there is prospect of three others being established at an early date. There has also been a greater increase of membership than for many years past, while the finances are declared to be in excellent condition, with a very comfortable balance of over a \$1000 in hand. There was, however, one serious loss which Grand Priory had to deplore. Frater David McLellan, who had been Grand Treasurer since 1877, died on the 16th March. "He was," said Frater Robinson, "universally respected and beloved. His many good qualities of heart and hand had endeared him to his associates, and he enjoyed their esteem and affection in a marked degree."

At the close of the Grand Master's address, the Grand Officers for the ensuing year were elected, the new Grand Master being Frater E. T. Malone, of Toronto. Subsequently a sum of \$100 was unanimously voted to the widow of the late Grand Master, Col. McLeod Moore.

Bro. Henry Thompson, in the address he delivered at the last annual communication of the unrecognised Grand Lodge of New Zealand, just prior to his vacation of the chair of Grand Master, with a view to establishing the regularity of the formation of that Grand Lodge, endeavoured to show "that a Grand Lodge formed in an unoccupied territory by majorities in the lodges of that territory, cannot be other than properly formed and therefore not an irregular body."

Broadly stated, Bro. Thompson's contention is that as there is "no law on the subject, it necessarily follows that none can have been violated, and hence the lodges in any unoccupied territory can form a Grand Lodge when and how they please." We do not intend to discuss this contention. We are content to ask Bro. Thompson this one question—Can it be said that New Zealand, with its 150 private lodges and nine Provincial or District Grand Lodges holding under the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland respectively, was, prior to the establishment of the irregular Grand Lodge of New Zealand, Masonically speaking, "unoccupied territory?"

Correspondence.

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

THE PROPOSED ADDITIONAL GRAND OFFICERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I was unable to attend Grand Lodge, and was much surprised at anybody objecting to the proposed addition to the list of Grand Officers.

May I suggest that if the new legal officer had been called Deputy Grand Registrar, all the discussion would have been saved, and the whole of the matter quietly disposed of.

A Grand Librarian should certainly be appointed, and another officer chosen from members of the Royal Institute of British Architects, to be called either Grand Architect or Deputy Grand Superintendent of Works.

Another method of meeting the great want of the Craft would be to appoint all the Grand Officers below the Grand Secretary every six months instead of annually.—Yours fraternally,

OBSERVER.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

If the Board of General Purposes invented the idea of Grand Chancellor, I cannot regard it as a happy title to introduce into Craft Masonry, to be a potential Grand Officer. With such an office he ought to rank immediately after the M.W.G.M. I quite agree that our present learned Grand Registrar should be relieved of the irksome duties of advising Grand Lodge upon appeals, but I prefer the organisation of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, namely, the appointment of "Special Commissioners on Masonic appeals," who judicially investigate all contentious business (they are not necessarily lawyers), and report thereon to Grand Lodge for confirmation or otherwise of their award. The appointment of five qualified brethren to that office would be sufficient for us, three to be a quorum, the *ultima ratio* being the Grand Lodge. This sort of arrangement works very well in New York State. Their Grand Officers are not duplicated as ours are, except the Grand Chaplains, but the officers are increased by the election or nomination of a Grand Marshal, a Grand Lecturer, a Grand Librarian, and a Grand Historian. I may add that by the annual report of their proceedings up to June, 1892, there were 723 lodges, comprising 80,623 Master Masons, under the jurisdiction of their Grand Master.—Yours fraternally,

BRACKSTONE BAKER, P.G.D.,
Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge
of New York State.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Referring to the letter of Bro. Pocock, which appeared in yours of the 10th inst., it is much to be regretted that that worthy brother, before rushing into print as the champion of the Board of General Purposes (who I should think will not thank him for his pains), did not first of all consult some of his colleagues in office, for it is evident that although he holds the office of Vice-President, he knows little of the doings of his leaders. He charges Bro. Eve with desiring to

act in direct opposition to the expressed opinion of the *M.W.G.M.*, whereas it transpires that the recommendation originated *entirely* with the *Pro Grand Master*. He further accuses Bro. Eve of having entirely failed to grasp the situation, but I would refer him to the able letter of "P.P.G.D." in your same issue, who takes a far more sensible, and to my mind correct view of the case. No more popular notice ever went forth on the agenda of Grand Lodge than the one in question, and it would have been carried with acclamation and received with satisfaction by the whole Craft, but for the unfortunate appearance in the list of a new Grand Officer, to be called the "Grand Chancellor," who was to be placed over the heads of the Grand Chaplains and Grand Treasurers without rhyme or reason. That some explanation should be demanded as to the why and the wherefore of this new creation was only to be expected, especially as the title chosen savoured too much of having been borrowed from the Primrose League to be quite palatable. As no reason was forthcoming as to this new departure, I quite fail to see why umbrage should have been taken at the amendment, which was perfectly in order, and I think it would have been better if Bro. Fenn had allowed the resolutions as amended to have been carried. If the *Pro Grand Master* had been in the chair I have no doubt he would have readily given way to the wishes of the brethren, and this would have been done. However, there is still plenty of time, and if the matter be again brought forward at the Quarterly Communication in December, the minutes can be confirmed in March, and the appointments made in April as originally intended.—Yours fraternally,

PEACE WITH HONOUR.

September 12th.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Your report of the recent proceedings of Grand Lodge ascribes the following words to Bro. G. P. Britten:

"Some years ago an attempt was made to degrade the position of Grand Chaplain, but the Grand Master put his foot down upon it."

It seems to me, either that the above report is inaccurate, or that Bro. Britten is under misapprehension as to facts. A reference to the proceedings of Grand Lodge of June 6th, 1883, will show that a protest was then entered against an alteration which the *M.W. Grand Master* had made at the Grand Festival of the year, in the order of precedence, when appointing his Grand Officers, as involving an encroachment on the power and privileges of Grand Lodge; while, at a special meeting held on the 29th of the same month, the *Pro Grand Master* stated that His Royal Highness, finding to his mind that the matter was outside his prerogative, had cancelled his previous instructions, which he had given acting under advice.

The idea that every suggestion of the Grand Master should be at once adopted by Grand Lodge seems a little behind the times in a land where speeches from the Throne are freely distributed in the House of Commons, resulting sometimes even in the downfall of a ministry; indeed, such a line of argument would, if accepted, lead to the whole government of the Masonic Craft coming under the influence of a few advisers whose ideas might not always be for the general good of the Order.—Yours fraternally,

A. B.

MEETING OF GRAND MARK LODGE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

My remarks on the abolition of the Province of Middlesex and Surrey have been so abbreviated that I am made to say something very different from what I really said.

I said that the brethren did not object to the division of the province, but to nearly 30 lodges being left entirely without provincial organisation, and that members would leave the London lodges and join those in the provinces, so that some of the London lodges would have to return their warrants.

You will, I am sure, oblige an old subscriber by inserting this correction.—Yours fraternally,

HENRY LOVEGROVE,
Past G. Inspector of Works.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

1000] ACTS OF PARLIAMENT.

Bro. H. J. Whymper, C.I.E. (of Gora Gully, East India), has arranged, and published the important sections of the two Acts of Parliament, 39 and 57 George III. (1799 and 1817). This pamphlet is a real boon, and is carefully and well done, being much wanted to a proper understanding of the subject. The decisions of the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland are quoted, especially the latter body, and the Lord Advocate's opinion is also given, on the case being submitted to his lordship, in relation to the expediency or right of the two Grand Lodges noted, to grant new warrants. As might have been expected or anticipated, from a perusal of the two Acts, the Lord Advocate emphatically points out that lodges instituted since the issue of the Act of 1799 are not entitled to the benefit of the statute. (Decision dated 23rd January, 1800.) Ireland

continues to re-issue dormant or extinct numbers, no really new number having been assigned to (revived) warrants granted this century, mainly as England and Scotland were accustomed to do. We are much indebted to Bro. Whymper for this, another of his useful and valuable pamphlets, the brochure being dedicated to two zealous Craftsmen—Major Bowles, R.A., and Capt. Leslie, R.A.

W. J. HUGHAN.

1001] MASONIC MEDALS.

An interesting volume was compiled by Mr. Edward Edwards, of Margate, in 1837, being a "Descriptive Catalogue of the Medals struck in France and its Dependencies between the year 1789 and 1830, contained in the *Cabinet of the British Museum*, with the Deficiencies noted." (London: J. and C. Adlard, Bartholomew Close.) The work is quite new to me, so I send it on to Bro. W. T. R. Marvin, who is printing by degrees the supplement to his grand volume on "Masonic Medals," the only complete work of the kind published, or being published. Mr. Edwards arranged the medals into three classes, viz. (1) during the Revolutionary and Consular periods, 1789-1804; (2) those of the Empire, 1804-1815, and (3) Restoration of the Bourbons, 1815-1830. A free (and acknowledged) use is made of the "Trésor de Numismatique et de Glyptique." There are no Masonics in Class 1, but in that of No. 2 there are nearly 50. There are none in the Restoration series. The three classes number 294 in all. The Masonic medals in the British Museum have not yet been described by a competent Craftsman. Who will undertake this useful work and thus enlighten the lovers of this entertaining study?

W. J. HUGHAN.

1002] A BEAUTIFUL JEWEL.

Bro. James Stevens recently sent me for examination a fine silver jewel, which so much pleased me that I asked to have it photographed. This the owner—Bro. Henry A. Tobias—has kindly had done, and sent me "cabinets" of both the obverse and reverse. The jewel belonged to his grandfather (who was a member of the "Royal Naval Lodge," now No. 59, held at Freemasons' Hall, London), and is of solid silver. The design is similar to the "Grand Master Depute" of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and consists of a pair of compasses, the points of which are attached to segment, at the centre of latter rests an open square, the arms of which are across those of the compasses, and together enclose a sun, the back of which, however, is occupied by the words—"THE RIGHT HONBLE. THE EARL OF KINGSTON, R.W.M." On the compasses "No. 57" and "5806-1806;" on the segment "To Brother T. J. Tobias, P.S.W., for his Animated Zeal for Masonry;" and on the square "A token of gratitude from the Royal Naval Lodge of regular Ancient free Masons;" all artistically engraved. The obverse is composed of the same figures, only the sun is "in full splendour," and the segment appropriately divided into seven degrees. The lodge was founded on 27th January, 1739 (so did not belong to the "Ancients," or "Atholl Masons," as might be inferred from one of the inscriptions), and held the number 57 from 1792 to 1813. The souvenir is both curious and valuable.

W. J. HUGHAN.

1003] ANTIQUITY LODGE, No. 2.

I have long been interested in the Lodge of Antiquity, and, therefore, shall be glad to know on what authority the office of *Chancellor* is conferred in that lodge. Has the W.M. any right to appoint to such an office? The "Book of Constitutions," gives certain privileges to No. 2, but that of the office of "*Chancellor*" is not mentioned. There are offices and assistant offices noted, but in neither can I find that title mentioned and hence it seems to me to confer such is wholly unauthorised; and if No. 2 can so act, other lodges also may add to the roll of officers or assistant officers in like manner. Where are we? Can the senior lodge overlook the Regulations or must it not, as all others, conform to the law?

P.M. in No. 1.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Lodge of Perseverance (No. 1743).—The installation meeting was held on Saturday, the 10th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Bro. Thos. Lovell, the W.M., in the chair. After the lodge had been duly opened, Bro. Bromwich was raised to the Third Degree, and the W.M. then proceeded to install his successor, Bro. W. J. Squire, the whole of this impressive ceremony being excellently worked and frequently applauded.

The brethren then adjourned to a banquet, personally superintended by the host, Bro. Clemow, and after the usual loyal toasts, Bro. John L. Mather, P.A.G.D.C., replied for "The Grand Officers," and said that as a founder and honorary member of the lodge he was very much gratified at the manner in which Bro. Lovell had installed the W.M. for the ensuing year.

Bro. Lovell, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," saying that he had known and esteemed him for many years, and felt sure that the brethren had made the best possible choice.

Bro. Squire, in reply, said his first pleasure was to render his best thanks for so cordial a reception, and he certainly intended to earn their approval at the end of his year.

The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. Porter, P.M. 1612; Stephen Johnson, P.M. 1297; and Davis, 1227.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Health of the I.P.M. and Installing Master," reverted to the genial manner and sound judgment in which he had piloted the lodge through some little difficulty, and had now brought it to a high state of prosperity, and then presented to Bro. Lovell the Past Master's jewel which had been voted to him by the lodge.

Bro. Lovell returned his warmest thanks, and hoped his conduct during the year had merited their confidence, and trusted that the Past Masters would give him credit for doing his utmost for the lodge during the past year.

In reply to the toast of "The Past Masters," of whom seven were present, Bro. Kearney said that for many years it had been his pleasure and duty to reply, and he always looked forward to a Perseverance evening, but there was little work for him to do, for the Masters lately had been very perfect in their work.

Bros. Marlet, P.M.; Eade, P.M.; Mitchell, P.M.; and Smith, P.M., replied, and during the evening congratulations were read by the Secretary from Bro. Sparrow, a former Past Master, who was now in Australia.

In reply to the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," Bro. Lovell, the Treasurer, said that having only just taken over Bro. Lein's work, he would wait until he had done some service before receiving any congratulations; and Bro. Ferry, P.M., the Secretary, said that although he had quite intended to resign the office, at the special request of the new W.M. he had again offered his services.

"The Officers" and the Tyler's toast brought the evening to an agreeable termination.

The visitors present were Bros. Timpson, 1612; Porter, P.M. 1612; Richardson, 1298; Stephen Johnson, P.M. 1297; Alsop, 88; Grove, 742; Turner, 1227; Davis, 1227; Andrews, 35; Green, W.M. 1139; Ager, 173; London, 1580; and Walton, 1360.

Duke of Cornwall Lodge (No. 1839).—

The installation meeting of this lodge, which has now been established 13 years, was held on Saturday last at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. J. Bladon, W.M., presiding. The attendance of brethren was large. The Past Masters of the lodge who were present were Bros. J. W. Brooke, H. Cattermole, C. H. Cox, I.P.M.; T. C. Corpe, Treas.; J. Dewsnap, Sec.; C. Mussared, and A. H. Dixie; and the visitors were Bros. W. T. Tinkey, 2372; H. Massey, 160, P.M. 619 and 1923; V. Klingenstein, W.M. 73; J. D. Phillips, S.W. 604; E. E. Austin, W.M. 749; F. Kimber Bull, 1589; Orton Cooper, W.M. 211; J. Grunebaum, P.M. 1017; H. F. Martin, W.M. 1622; E. H. Maybury, 188; R. J. Wishart, P.M. 1789; F. Hilton, P.M. 1622; S. Buche Harris, P.M. 538; Walter Martin, P.M. 879; W. Syckelmore, W.M. 1288; C. J. Davison, W.M. 1897; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; W. Arthur Brown, P.M. 1507; Charles Wren, 1677; W. John Hunter, P.M. 1677; George Scott Miller, J.W. 2264; H. Howard, 1597; W. N. Wheeler, 1708; and W. H. Pocklington, J.W. 1288.

The W.M., after the usual preliminaries in the lodge business, the opening of the lodge, the reading of the minutes, and the acceptance of the exceedingly favourable report of the Audit Committee, installed Bro. John Culver, S.W. and W.M. elect, in the chair of W.M. of the lodge. The brethren invested as officers were Bros. J. Bladon, I.P.M.; W. H. Foot, S.W.; W. H. Lowry, J.W.; T. C. Corpe, P.M., Treas.; J. W. Dewsnap, P.M., Sec.; C. Mussared, S.D.; A. H. Dixie, J.D.; C. Heinekey, I.G.; C. H. Knuth, D.C.; A. T. Baschinski and F. H. Stollery, Stwds.; and T. Bowler, Tyler. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Bladon, I.P.M. The W.M. then initiated Messrs. Alfred Perkins and Alfred William Newbould.

A superb banquet followed the working of the lodge, and the usual toasts were proposed.

Bro. C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br., responded to the toast of "The *Pro Grand Master*, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and in doing so referred to the excellent work done by the Earl of Lathom during his 16 years of Deputy Grand Mastership, and to his signalling his appointment as *Pro Grand Master* by taking the chair at the 1891 Festival of the Boy's School, when £26,000 was realised, and the brethren of his Province of West Lancashire presented him with a full set of *Pro Grand Master's* clothing. He afterwards in the same connection referred to the choice of the Earl of Mount Edgcombe as Deputy Grand Master, and to his signalling his appointment by taking the chair at the Jubilee Festival of the Aged Freemasons' Institution in February of the present year, when some £68,000 was realised.

Bro. Bladon, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said that the brethren having elected him to that high office of W.M. of the lodge, would find him a brother of great skill and ability in performing the work of the lodge. Having known him for many years he could say with truth that, as a man and a Mason, the brethren would find him as straight and correct as he had been in his dealings with him (Bro. Bladon). He could assure the brethren that he knew him to be a man who would stand upright.

The W.M., in replying, said he had only one desire, one motive, and one wish in connection with the Duke of Cornwall Lodge, and that was to see it flourish. Since he had had the pleasure of belonging to it he had made many, many friends, and he was glad to see their faces time after time; it was very enjoyable after the worry one had to put up with in business to come and spend a pleasant evening that would bear the morning's reflection. He never saw any lodge to equal the Duke of Cornwall Lodge. Whoever visited the lodge went away pleased with the genial kind fellowship he found there. Long might it continue to work in that unanimity and concord which had always distinguished it. The brethren of the lodge were never so pleased as when they were together.

Bro. Bladon, I.P.M., in replying to the toast proposed by the W.M. in his honour, said he had the gratification during his year of office of seeing the lodge vote 10 guineas to each of the Charities, and £30 to the Lodge Benevolent

Fund. It had been his ambition to see it exceed £100. It was gratifying to him to see it had been so successful. He thanked the brethren for assisting him to do that. At the same time he might say he thanked the officers and brethren who assisted him. Although he had not done the work to his own satisfaction, he trusted it had met with the brethren's appreciation. He did it to the best of his ability. He had not done the installation that evening as he would wish to have done it, but he wished to install his old friend, and he resolved that if he could do it in any way he would do it.

Bros. Newbould and Perkins both replied to the toast of "The Initiates," and said their only regret was that they had not joined the Order before.

The toast of "The Visitors" followed, and Bros. Buche Harris, Scott Muller, W.M. elect of the Rose Lodge, and several other brethren responded, and Bro. Bladon was congratulated on his pluck and courage in going from beginning to end through the ceremony of installing his successor.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was afterwards given, and Bros. Brooke, Cattermole, and Cox replied; "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers of the Lodge" followed, and Bro. Bowler gave the Tyler's toast.

During the evening a beautiful programme of music was gone through by Bros. W. H. Wheeler, W. Perring, C. Mussared, W. Sycklemore, W. H. Pocklington, Mr. Munro Ferguson, F.C.O., and Miss Sargent.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BROXBOURNE.

Kingswood Lodge (No. 2278).—The last regular meeting for the season was held on Saturday, the 10th inst., at the Crown Hotel, the following members being present: Bros. C. M. Coxon, W.M.; J. G. Cobb, P.G. Stwd., I.P.M.; G. T. Chretien, as S.W.; John Petch, P.P.G. Std. Br., as J.W.; J. F. Bell, P.M., Sec.; E. H. Moore, S.D.; R. W. Nicole, J.D.; W. E. Goodwins, Org.; T. Williams, Tyler; J. B. Lester, J. W. Rattenbury, J. R. Bickers, A. Ingram, N. Pearce, C. C. Renaud, and H. T. Hipwell. Visitors: Bros. W. W. Young, P.M. 1420; R. Phillip Upton, J.D. 1328; and T. J. Burgess, 45.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Bros. J. R. Bickers and W. E. Goodwins were raised to the Third Degree, and Bro. C. C. Renaud was passed to the Second Degree. Bro. H. T. Nell, P.M., having notified his intention of serving as Steward at the forthcoming Festival of the R.M.B.I., the sum of five guineas was voted unanimously as the contribution of the lodge to his list. Bro. Nell will be the sixth Steward from the lodge during its short existence. Bro. W. E. Goodwins, Professor of Music, was appointed and invested as the Organist of the lodge. After "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors, the lodge was closed.

After an interval spent in walks or on the river, the brethren re-assembled for dinner.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured. Bro. Petch, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., replying to that of "The Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. J. G. Cobb, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the Worshipful Master," said they had expected a great deal from him. He had worked with the W.M. in the lodge and in lodges of instruction for a good many years, and had always found him a painstaking and hard-working man, one who endeavoured to carry out Masonic precepts, not only in the lodge, but in his daily life. He had conducted the affairs of the lodge in a very exemplary manner, and had done everything possible for their comfort and enjoyment.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, said: Brethren, the appreciation of my humble services, which is always expressed in such a kindly manner, is most gratifying to me; at the same time my innate modesty compels me to deprecate the much too flattering remarks our brother the I.P.M. has been pleased to make in proposing my health. If my management of the affairs of the lodge meets with your approval and promotes your comfort and entertainment, I am amply repaid for any trouble I may have taken, and thank you heartily for the good-will you have expressed.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Health of the Past Masters," said that as this was but a young lodge they consequently had but few Past Masters, and their services were fresh in the memory of the brethren. Bro. Petch, as the father of the lodge, set an example which was worthy of imitation by any brother who might succeed to the chair. That example was not lost on Bro. Cobb, for able working and active and unceasing interest in all matters affecting the lodge distinguished him in a marked degree. They were apt sometimes to forget Bro. Kelsey, P.M., they had seen so little of him—he was in the United States—but when he returned home they would probably see him frequently at their meetings.

Bro. J. G. Cobb, I.P.M., thanked the Worshipful Master for the kindly manner in which he had spoken of the Past Masters, and the brethren for their cordial reception of the toast. He had tried to follow the good example set by Bro. Petch, and he commended that example to all the members of the lodge.

Bro. W. W. Young, P.M. 1420, in replying to the toast of "The Visitors" said that it was his misfortune, and perhaps his fault as well—as he had been invited before—that this was the first time he had visited them. He was a Hertfordshire man, and was very pleased to attend a lodge of the Hertfordshire Masons. He could say, without flattery, that he had seldom seen the ceremonies conducted with greater decorum and impressiveness. As a young lodge they were going on the right way in supporting the Charities. His mother lodge was a centenary one. To the young Masons present he might say that he had been 30 years a Mason. He had never for one moment regretted it, for everything in Masonry tended to make better men and better citizens. He had enjoyed his visit exceedingly, and hoped to visit them again at a later period.

Bro. R. Phillip Upton, J.D., 1328, said he was much obliged to the brethren for their hospitality and hearty welcome, and complimented them on the pleasant surroundings of their place of meeting.

Bro. T. J. Burgess also replied. The toasts of "The Treasurer and Secretary" and "The Officers of the Lodge" followed, the "Tyler's toast" and "Auld Lang Syne" bringing another most successful meeting to a close.

The musical portion of the evening's entertainment, under the direction of Bro. E. Goodwins, Organist, was again a most important feature. Bros. Moore, Hipwell, and Bickers (members of the lodge), and Bros. Burgess and Upton kindly assisted in forming a really excellent programme.

CROWLE.

Isle of Axholme Lodge (No. 1482).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 6th inst., at the Masonic Hall. Present: R. N. Brunyee, W.M.; C. Fox, S.W.; J. Faulkner, J.W.; R. Wood, P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; J. F. Watson, Treas.; J. Constable, P.M., Chaplain; T. Stanforth, P.P.G.P., Almoner; W. Chamberlain, P.M., D.C.; H. Burtenshaw, S.D.; W. Pickering, J.D.; R. Wessel (acting I.G.); J. Meadley; the Rev. J. B. Le Gattick, P.P.G. Chaplain; J. Franks; and G. Naylor, Tyler.

A ballot was taken for Mr. Birch, of Sheffield, and he was duly elected. It was unanimously resolved that a bazaar and conversation be held in January instead of a concert, as in former years; Bro. Stainforth, Charity Steward, to have the management.

After lodge the brethren adjourned to the Court Room for a pleasant hour.

DIDSBURY.

Doric Lodge (No. 2359).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 10th inst., at the Didsbury Hotel, Bro. Stretch, W.M., in the chair. There was a very large gathering, several visitors representing Europe, Asia, Africa, and America. Bro. Louis Boothroyd was raised by the W.M., who also gave the traditional history in a most masterly manner, showing him to be a great student of the ritual. Bro. G. A. Myers, P.M., S.W., gave the working tools. The lodge was then closed.

Subsequently the brethren found the festive board, and during the loyal and other toasts a capital varied entertainment was given by some of the brethren, consisting of songs, recitations, conjuring, ventriloquism, thought-reading, &c., contributed by the following brethren: Bros. Willie Sharples, J. Ward, C. Shaw, G. A. Myers, W. W. Wilkinson, J. Bowers, A. R. Brett, and T. Hamnett.

The following is a list of some of the brethren: Bros. Fred Stretch, W.M.; Clare Edgar Towell, I.P.M.; G. A. Myers, P.M., S.W.; A. K. Boothroyd, J.W.; J. M. Veal, Sec.; John Walker, S.D.; Fred. Thomas, J.D.; Joseph Ward, I.G.; J. Sharples, Fred Morgan, and W. Sharples, Stewards; G. S. Smith, P.M.; F. J. Ratchford, A. L. Boothroyd, W. W. Wilkinson, J. J. Booth, W. F. Jepson, A. R. Breet, Harry Shuter, R. H. Sayers, A. W. Moore, T. G. Ward, J. L. Lawrenson, and Julius Lawrich; Visitors: J. Hartley, P.M. 1100; C. Shaw, Org. 1147; F. Batty, W.M. 2231; Percy Langley; J. Woodward, I.P.M. 1325; J. Bowers, I.P.M. 1730; Thomas Hamnett, 2303; J. Hardwicke Marsh, S.W. 1730; W. W. Wilson, P.P.G.D. 1140; and T. W. Markland, P.G.S.; 2368.

PORTISHEAD.

Eldon Lodge (No. 1755).—Beautiful weather prevailed on Saturday, the 10th inst., when the installation meeting of the above lodge was held at the Royal Hotel. There was a large attendance of members and visitors, and a good number of officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge. Those present included the following officers and members: Bros. E. Davey, W.M.; W. T. Shapland, I.P.M.; F. G. Dimery, P.M., S.W. *pro tem.*; C. P. Billing, J.W.; James R. Thebridge, P.M., Treas.; C. L. Thomas, P.M., Sec.; A. J. Tonkin, S.D.; A. J. Jeffreys, I.G.; H. M. Appleton, P.M., D.C.; J. H. Hall, Org.; H. Stafford, Steward; W. K. Thomas, P.M.; George Dando, P.M.; the Rev. A. W. M. Weatherly, P.M., P.G.C.; W. Rice, P.M.; Frank Simpkins, Tyler; F. G. Moore, W. F. Spratt, John Southwood, T. Turner, W. G. Smith, W. R. Maby, P.G.H.; T. Carrington, and Geo. Daltry. Among the numerous visitors were Bros. R. C. Else, P.G.D. England, D.P.G.M.; E. J. Grubb, P.M. 68, P.S.G.D.; Robert Gough, P.M. 68; James Stoaite, 610, P.G. Tyler; A. J. Mott, 68; Herbert Fielding, 326; Richard Brock, 326; J. Amos, 68; J. J. Horner, 68; E. Tadder, 68; R. H. Shrapnell, J.W. 1833; A. H. Bate, I.G. 1404; J. S. Kelly, 1750; R. Skellorn, 203; Albert Dodge, A.D.C. 1388; F. Martin, 1388; H. C. Jarrett, 68, P.P.G. Steward; Alfred G. Britt, P.M., D.C. 1388; Sebastian Sallick, W.M. 1222; H. W. Mackenzie, 1750; A. P. Wickenden, S.W. 1750; Thomas Webley, I.P.M. 68, P.G. Std. Br.; W. J. Hooper, 68; George Booth, 68; and John Hill, 68. Visitors were present from Bristol, Clevedon, Weston-super-Mare, Bridgewater, Leeds, Keynsham, Oswestry, and Liverpool.

After some preliminary business had been disposed of, Bro. Rice was re-elected as delegate to serve on the Provincial Charity Organisation Committee. Next followed the principal item in the afternoon's programme, viz., the installation of Bro. Charles Peter Billing, J.W., W.M. elect, who was duly installed into the chair of W.M. by Bro. R. C. Else, D.P.G.M. Bro. Billing at once proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows: Bros. E. Davey, I.P.M.; A. J. Tonkin, S.W.; C. Hazell, J.W.; J. R. Thebridge, P.M., Treas. (re-elected); C. L. Thomas, P.M., Sec. (re-appointed); E. W. Harvey, S.D.; A. J. Jeffreys, J.D.; F. G. Moore, I.G.; H. M. Appleton, P.M., D.C.; T. Turner, A.D.C.; Capt. Morgan and J. H. Hall, Stewards; W. F. Spratt, Org.; and F. Simpkins, Tyler (re-elected). The collection of alms was voted to a local Charity which Bro. Rice is interested in.

After the lodge had been closed, the usual banquet was held, over which Bro. C. P. Billing, W.M., presided, when the loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The catering of Mrs. Boulter gave much satisfaction.

After the cloth had been removed, The Worshipful Master proposed "The Queen and the Craft," and "The Most Worshipful Grand Master" in appropriate terms.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The R.W. Pro Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

The Worshipful Master submitted "The R.W.P.G.M., Viscount Dunganvan, and the W.D.P.G.M., Bro. R. C. Else, the Installing Master."

Bro. Else replied as follows: Worshipful Master and Brethren,—I wish I could find words to thank you for the kind manner in which you have drunk my health, and for the fraternal way in which you have received me. First of all I have to apologise for leaving early, as to-morrow is Sunday, and being a family man, it is necessary for me to

be home to-night, and under these circumstances you will excuse my leaving for Bridgewater soon. I have to thank you very cordially for your kind invite to this banquet, and I regret I cannot remain longer for the purpose of enjoying the excellent musical programme which has been provided.

I desire to express my thanks to the brethren who have materially assisted me in the ceremony of installation this afternoon; to Brother Appleton, who is one of the best Directors of Ceremonies it has ever been my pleasure to meet with; to your able and efficient Organist, and last but not least, to Bro. Maby, who, having regard for his age, I am very grateful for coming once more to assist me as Herald. The musical parts, well-performed, greatly enhances the beautiful ceremony of installation. I have to congratulate the W.M. The brethren have conferred on you, Worshipful sir, a great dignity, and I think they have done a good work, and placed the right man in the right place. It has not been my pleasure to know you a very long time, but I am sure you will perform the work in a manner that will reflect honour on Lodge 1755. I have reason to suppose if I can come to Lodge Eldon next year I shall hear from one and all how well you have performed the work of your arduous office.

Bro. the Rev. Weatherley, P.G. Chap., replied in a suitable speech to this toast, as did also Bros. Rice and Thebridge.

Bro. E. Davey, I.P.M., proposed the toast of "The W.M.," which was received and drank with much cordiality.

The W.M. replied, and after expressing his thanks, added: You have given me the greatest Masonic honour that you can, and I promise you that anything I can do for the welfare of the Eldon Lodge I will do gladly. I will try to render the ceremonies in an impressive manner, and I ask you to credit me in advance for intending to do my level best for the lodge. I admire our Masonic system as I think everyone must do, and the more we know about it the better we grow to a correct knowledge of ourselves.

The W.M. submitted the toast of "The I.P.M.," who had done so much for the lodge, and endeared himself to every member.

Bro. Davey, I.P.M., returned thanks, and promised to do his utmost in the future for Freemasonry, and in passing expressed his gratitude to his officers of the year.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Past Masters," to whom they owed the position of the lodge and the respect in which it was held, which happy sentiment was acknowledged by Bros. Rice and Thebridge.

"The Visiting Brethren" was next honoured, and was replied to by Bro. Sallick, W.M. 1222, in a pleasant and entertaining speech, for which he is well known, in the course of which he had pleasure in saying his lodge numbered 77 members, and they had been able to send £90 to the Charities this year.

"The S.W. and Officers" was given, and acknowledged by Bros. Tonkin, S.W.; G. Hazel, J.W.; Jeffreys, S.D.; and Moore, I.G.

Bro. Rice replied for "The Masonic Charities," and referred to the grand subscription Bro. Terry had managed to get together.

The Tyler's toast brought the list to a close. The musical brethren included Bros. Hall, Mott, Stafford, W. K. Thomas, Dimery, Brock, Shrapnell, and Carrington, whilst the W.M. and Bro. T. Shapland contributed recitations. A good programme was arranged, which was charmingly varied, and made additionally interesting by two violin solos by Bro. Theo. Carrington. Bros. Shrapnell and Brock presided at the piano. The afternoon was most enjoyable.

The brethren separated at half-past eight to enable many to catch the last train for Bristol, and thus ended one of the most successful meetings in the history of the lodge. The lodge room, it may be mentioned, had been artistically decorated with choice palms and shrubs from the nurseries of Messrs. Garaway, and the pedestals were rendered additionally attractive with beautiful bouquets of hothouse flowers, made and presented by Mrs. C. P. Billing.

The following brethren sent their fraternal greetings to the W.M., and regretted their inability to attend: Bros. Dr. Lionel Weatherley, P.M.; Dr. C. Wigan, S.W. 1404; Major Rumsey, P.D.S.G.W. Madras; G. Pearson, P.M. 187; T. P. Payne, P.M.; C. Fisher, P.M. 1755; W. Minns, P.M.; W. Lyne Fear; A. J. Wade, P.M.; S. A. Andrew, P.M. 1011; W. H. Frankham; D. Edwards, P.M. 1052, 1093; H. Schofield, P.M. 1011; W. J. Rorke, W.M. 1794; and Charles Pfeiffer, W.M. 1833.

REDHILL.

Royal Albert Edward Lodge (No. 1362).—A meeting of this lodge was held in the Lodge Room, Market Hall, on Saturday, the 10th inst., when there were present Bros. E. G. Field, W.M. (in the chair); Nightingale, P.M.; Sillitoe, P.M.; Jennings, P.M.; Seax, P.M.; W. Laker, P.M.; G. Laker, P.M.; Markham, S.W.; Printon, J.W.; Philip, S.D.; Wood, J.D.; How, D.C.; Bartlett, Organist; J. Mew, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; Summers, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; Heather, Tyler; F. D. Clark and F. Wilkinson, Crystal Palace Lodge; Pearce, Putman, Pearce, Mutton, Eddis, and Prim, Kent Lodge; Potter, Guildford Lodge; Garland, Morant, Bennett, Adams, and others.

The minutes of last meeting having been confirmed, Bro. Garland was raised to the Third Degree, and Mr. William George Morant was initiated, the ceremony being most impressively performed by the W.M., Bro. Field. Bro. Markham, S.W., was then elected to the office of W.M., and received the congratulations of the brethren. Bro. Mew was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Heather, Tyler, Bro. Summers then moved—"That in consideration of the long and highly valued services rendered to the lodge by Bro. Bartlett, as Organist, he be elected an honorary member of the lodge." This was passed unanimously, and after transacting other business, the lodge was closed.

Previous to the opening of the lodge the brethren were photographed in a group at Bro. Laker's hotel, by Mr. W. P. Robinson.

A dinner was served in Bro. Laker's in the evening, when most of the brethren attended.

SALFORD.

Newall Lodge (No. 1134).—The regular meeting was held on Tuesday, the 6th inst., at Adelphi House. The following were present: Bros. Geo. S. Smith, P.M., W.M.; A. H. Duffin, I.P.M.; E. Webb, S.W.; Ben Eckersley, J.W.; John Ogden, I.G.; J. W. Nicholls,

P.M.; H. Mainwaring, P.M.; J. Waring, P.M., D.C.; R. W. Martin, J. Barker, P.P.G. Treas., Sec.; J. Green, A. K. Boothroyd, R. E. Gray, E. M. Williams, H. F. Atkinson, W. H. Browne, and N. Jones. Visitors: Bros. Ridsdale Bowley, W. Connel, and A. F. Gaskill.

SOUTHALL.

Jersey Lodge (No. 2163).—Under the presidency of its genial W.M., Bro. G. Harper, this flourishing lodge met at the Railway Hotel on Monday, the 5th inst. The brethren present included Bros. J. Tidmarsh, P.G. Stwd., I.P.M.; W. A. Cocks, S.W.; C. Mead, J.W.; S. Meech, P.M.; W. C. Hall, P.M., &c., Sec.; W. Freeman, S.D.; T. Payne, I.G.; E. H. Moseley, Stwd.; L. H. Walker, F. W. Noakes, T. E. Harland, A. J. Hanson, A. A. Hardy, W. H. Poole, S. J. Johnson, T. S. Hardman, H. R. Lancaster, W. F. Sanger, and Hy. Bishop. The visitors were Bros. A. Lawrence Houlder, W.M. 1357, and H. R. Elkin, 2157.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, a letter was received from Bro. Howard H. Room, P.G. Sec., expressing a hope that his engagements would permit of his attendance, and apologies for absence were received from Bros. W. Seward, P.M., Treas.; C. C. Sanger, J.D.; H. Bryant, and T. Smith. The Secretary read a letter from Lady Burdett, acknowledging a vote of sympathy from the lodge, and the same was ordered to be entered on the minutes. Bros. R. Hamman and F. W. Noakes were passed to the Second Degree, Bro. C. Mead, J.W., explaining the working tools, after which the Sublime Degree was impressively conferred on Bros. T. E. Harland, and W. H. Poole, the S.W. presenting the working tools. On the motion of the I.P.M. it was unanimously resolved that the sum of £5 5s. be voted from the lodge funds towards the purchase of a Past Master's jewel or a Life Subscribership to one of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institutions for presentation to Bro. G. Harper, W.M., on his retirement from the chair at the close of a successful year of office. The W.M. acknowledged the generosity of the brethren, and intimated that of the two gifts he preferred that of a Life Subscribership to one of the Charities. The election of the W.M. for the ensuing year then took place, the members eligible for that office being Bros. W. Seward, P.M.; W. C. Hall, S. Meech, P.M.; J. Tidmarsh, P.M.; G. Harper, W.M.; W. A. Cocks, S.W.; and C. Mead, J.W. The choice of the brethren fell upon Bro. Cocks, S.W., who suitably acknowledged the honour conferred on him. The election of Treasurer being the next business, the Secretary read a letter from Bro. W. Seward, jun., P.M., Treas., expressing a desire not to seek re-election. The brother's wish was respected and a hearty vote of thanks accorded him for past faithful services. Bro. A. J. Hanson was then unanimously elected Treasurer for the ensuing year, and that brother expressed his thanks for the mark of confidence shown him. Bro. G. L. Duffin was re-elected Tyler, and the Audit Committee was appointed. Bro. W. A. Purfurst, a founder of the lodge who had since retired, was proposed as a joining member, and there was one candidate nominated. Throughout the ceremonies Bro. L. H. Walker carried out the duties of Organist.

After lodge the brethren sat down to an excellent repast provided by Host Freemantle.

The usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts having been honoured, Bro. J. Tidmarsh, P.G. Stwd., responded on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers."

The toast of "The W.M." was given by the I.P.M., who said that whilst Bro. Harper had entered his year of office in a spirit of humility, the occasion had arisen when he was called on to work the Three Degrees in one night, and he had then carried out the work with an efficiency and impressiveness which would redound to the credit of any lodge.

Bro. Harper, responding, said that the past year would always be looked back upon by him as one of the pleasantest of his life. He had been favoured with four joining members and five initiates, and he was grateful for the support of the brethren and the efficient services of his officers.

The W.M. then submitted "The Health of Bro. Cocks, S.W., W.M. elect," referring to the brother as a founder of the lodge, and one who had stuck faithfully to the various duties he had been called on to fulfil. The brother's zeal and efficiency augured well for the future conduct of the lodge.

The toast of "The I.P.M." called forth some very humorous remarks from Bro. J. Tidmarsh—a past master in the art of after-dinner speaking—who excited the risible faculties of the brethren by a recital of timely services rendered him by the W.M. elect. He felt it a satisfaction to know that he was to be succeeded by an I.P.M. who desired that harmonious and conscientious working should continue to characterise the lodge.

Bro. S. Meech acknowledged the toast of "The Past Masters."

Bro. A. L. Houlder responded for "The Visitors," remarking that it was a mere accident that had prevented the Jersey from being his mother lodge. He hoped the time would come when his arduous duties would admit of his offering himself for membership.

Bro. H. Elkin also spoke as a guest. The toast of "The Newly-made Masons" was replied to by Bros. Harland and Hammon, whose remarks gave evidence of intentions to do their best to faithfully respect their solemn obligations.

In submitting "The Officers" the W.M. referred to the help the J.W. had rendered him whilst rehearsing the ceremonies for lodge.

Bros. C. Mead, J.W., and W. C. Hall, Secretary, thanked the brethren for the hearty reception the toast had received.

Some well-rendered glees and part-songs were given between the toasts and speeches, making the evening a particularly successful one.

THORNE.

St. Nicholas Lodge (No. 2259).—The last meeting of the present W.M.'s year was held on Wednesday, the 7th instant. Present: Bros. S. H. C. Ashlin, W.M.; J. H. Bletcher, I.P.M.; J. Constable, S.W.; A. L. Peace, Treas., acting J.W.; W. P. Robotham, Sec.; W. Martin, S.D.; B. Maskill, acting J.D.; F. T. Turner, I.G.; T. Livingstone, Almener; F. Pine, Tyler; G. Eland, and others.

The lodge being duly opened, Bro. J. Constable was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year; Bro.

Peace was elected Treasurer; and Bro. F. Pine, Tyler, Bro. A. L. Peace, in a very feeling, sympathetic, and truly Masonic manner, proposed a vote of condolence to Bro. G. Kenyon, J.W., in his sad bereavement caused by the death of his wife, and that a letter expressing the sympathy of the whole lodge be forwarded to Bro. Kenyon. Bro. J. H. Bletcher, I.P.M., in a few appropriate words, seconded the proposition, which was carried in silence. After the officers elect had respectively returned thanks for the honours conferred upon them, the lodge was duly closed.

WHITSTABLE.

Graystone Lodge (No. 1915).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Foresters' Hall on Thursday, the 8th inst., when there were present Bros. John Wood, W.M.; E. G. Walken, I.P.M.; F. T. Browning, S.W.; W. B. London, J.W.; Sibert Saunders, P.M., P.G. Reg., Sec.; A. W. Southwell, P.M. 1586, S.D.; B. Lightfoot, J.D.; A. Harrison, D.C.; S. Brown and R. T. Wheeler, Stewards; M. Kemp, Tyler; H. Ward, P.M., P.P.G.W.; J. T. Reeves, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; T. Porter, P.M.; W. H. Brand, P.M.; H. J. Ongham, F. Gibbs, H. Pont, T. Seager, H. W. Clothier, H. L. Daly, H. Goldfinch, C. E. Monkley, E. Griffiths, M. Teeling, F. A. Johnson, and the following visitors: Bros. W. Russell, P.M., Prov. G. Treas.; C. T. Bradley, W.M. 1273; T. Bent, P.M. 784, P.D.G.D.C.; F. J. Heales, W.M. 1089; D. W. Griffiths, W.M. 158; Herbert Black, P.M. 1273, P.P.A.G.D.C.; R. Gardner, 1273; F. Gibbs, 1273; G. Pope, W.M. 1440; R. Blake, P.M. 972, P.P.A.G.D.C.; C. Goodmark, S.W. 1209; E. L. Dixon, W.M. 429; G. Tyler, W.M. 1678; H. Drew, W.M. 1096; H. G. Frost, P.M. 1096; T. W. Kingston, P.M. 862; S. L. Edwards, 781; W. C. Stunt, W.M. 133; C. F. Ashton, W.M. 1030; R. Bryant, 1604; R. Bradley, 1694; T. Easton, W.M. 972; A. H. Pilcher, P.M., Sec. 972; H. Chambers, P.M. 1096, P.P.G.S.B.; J. W. Court, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; E. Duberley, P.M. 2195; T. H. Blamiers, P.M. 1449, P.P.G.S.B.; C. Sims, W.M. 867, I.P.M. 1208; and M. Elvin, P.M. 538.

The lodge having been duly opened, and the minutes of the last regular meeting confirmed, a ballot was taken for a proposed candidate, which proved satisfactory. The W.M. then requested Bro. Sibert Saunders, P.M., Prov. Grand Registrar, to take the chair, and perform the ceremony of installation. The W.M. elect, Bro. F. T. Browning, S.W., was duly presented by Bro. T. Reeves, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., who acted as Director of Ceremonies, and, with all the time-honoured and impressive formalities, Bro. Browning was installed as Master of the Lodge.

The officers for the ensuing year were appointed, and invested, viz.: Bro. J. Wood, I.P.M. and Organist; Bros. W. B. London, S.W.; A. W. Southwell, J.W.; the Rev. H. M. Maughan, P.M., Chaplain; A. Auverin, Treasurer; Sibert Saunders, P.M., Secretary; A. Harrison, S.D.; C. M. Driffield, J.D.; Sydney Brown, D.C.; R. T. Wheeler, I.G.; T. Seager and F. Gibbs, Stewards; and M. Kemp, Tyler. The Installing Master then delivered the usual addresses to the Master, Wardens, and brethren, various matters of business having been disposed of, and feelings tendered by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the Bear and Key Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served, and a very pleasant evening was spent, the Masonic toasts being duly honoured, and some excellent songs and recitations contributed by members of the lodge.

In proposing the toast of "The Masonic Institutions," Bro. S. Saunders reminded the brethren that he was pledged to represent them at the next festival of the Boys' School, and he felt sure the lodge would maintain its reputation for liberality in supporting the Charities.

Royal Arch.

Kingsland Chapter (No. 1693).—The first installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Holborn Restaurant on Thursday, the 1st inst., when there was a good attendance. The companions present included Comps. Cooper, M.E.Z.; C. Fruen, H.; W. T. H. Mayer, J.; G. R. Dix, Treas.; F. Brown, P.Z., S.E.; J. H. Collingridge, S.N.; A. Conway, P.S.; W. Windsor, 2nd A.S.; S. J. Abbott, A. Limes, and others. Visitors: Comps. S. Richardson, P.Z. 720; Egbert Roberts, P.Z. 1623; F. A. Powell, P.Z. 457, 1446, P.P.G.D.C. Monmouth; and W. W. Lee, S.N. 1524.

The convocation having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, the following companions were installed into their respective chairs by Comp. Brown, P.Z.: Comps. C. Fruen, M.E.Z.; W. T. H. Mayer, H.; J. H. Collingridge, J.; and the other officers elected were Comps. G. R. Dix, Treas.; F. Brown, P.Z., S.E.; H. Hazell, S.N.; A. Conway, P.S.; C. Birt, 1st A.S.; W. Windsor, 2nd A.S.; and H. Shepperd, Janitor. The M.E.Z. said his first pleasing duty was to invest Comp. Cooper, I.P.Z., with the jewel voted to him in recognition of his able services, and he was certain that no companion had ever fulfilled the duties with more earnestness and zeal. Comp. Cooper, I.P.Z., returned thanks. The Kingsland Lodge was his mother lodge, and it therefore had given him the greatest pleasure and pride to fill the position of first M.E.Z. of the Kingsland Chapter. The prosperity of the chapter was not due to himself, but to two or three who had worked indefatigably. He must mention more especially Comps. Mayer and Brown, who had done more for the chapter, and had taken the greatest possible interest in its welfare.

A satisfactory Audit Report was adopted, and the chapter was closed.

After banquet the customary toasts were duly honoured, and an excellent programme of music was rendered, under the direction of Comp. Windsor, assisted by Madame Tester Jones, Miss Annie Cheal, Bros. Osborn Morgan, T. Jefferson Nall, and Richard, and Comp. Egbert Roberts.

Comp. Cooper, I.P.Z., proposed "The Health of the M.E.Z.," and said Comp. Fruen was one of whom the chapter was proud, and the members were pleased to see him in that position. He could say that a better man than Comp. Fruen never lived, and the chapter would endorse those words. They now possessed one of the most influential First Principals it was possible to have, and they hoped he would have a very prosperous year. There were several exaltees expected that evening, and the M.E.Z. was prepared to do his work with the same ability with which

he had carried out the duties of H. Comp. Fruen had travelled many miles to be present, and they thanked him accordingly.

Comp. C. Fruen, M.E.Z., in reply, said that in his short career he had had many pleasures, and one of the greatest was being present that day. Whatever he had found to do he had tried to do it with all his heart. He loved Masonry, and especially the Arch Degree, and trusted to make himself worthy of the chapter, and carry it on the same lines as hitherto. He thanked the I.P.Z. for the way in which he had proposed the toast, and hoped the progress made by the chapter during its short career would be continued.

The M.E.Z. then gave "The Visitors," and expressed his pleasure at seeing them present, for without brotherly love and convivial feeling they would not be true Masons. He was glad to see Comp. Richardson, P.Z., a more able companion than whom it would be difficult to find.

The visiting companions having responded, the M.E.Z. proposed "The Second and Third Principals," and said the members were acquainted with their abilities and able work. He could say a great deal personally of the H.—Comp. Mayer—whom he had known for four or five years, and during that time a brotherly feeling had been brought to bear between them, and they always had a hearty greeting outside the chapter. Comp. Mayer was a thorough good companion, and they all admired and respected him, and knew him to have the interest of the chapter at heart. He had not known Comp. Collingridge, J., for many years, but was pleased to think he should be supported by a companion who would, when he arrived at the position of M.E.Z., fully maintain the credit of the chapter.

Comp. W. T. H. Mayer, H., said that, speaking without egotism, he initiated this chapter, formed the nucleus, and brought it into existence for the love of Freemasonry and Masonic science. He did it out of pure love of the ritual and the companionship of the brethren around him. The members came from private friends, and they thus made the chapter a success. He had made many good friends in the chapter, and hoped they would never have cause to think otherwise of him. He welcomed Comp. Richardson, P.Z., whom he had to thank for Masonic knowledge and instruction gained. He thanked the members most heartily for placing him in the position of H., and hoped to aspire to the position the M.E.Z. now occupied.

Comp. J. H. Collingridge, J., also returned thanks. "The Officers" was next given, after which the Janitor's toast concluded a most enjoyable evening.

HAMPTON COURT.

Lebanon Chapter (No. 1326).—The installation meeting of this flourishing chapter was held at the Greyhound Hotel on the 3rd instant. The members present included Comps. Geo. R. Langley, M.E.Z.; R. F. Potter, H.; Geo. Reynolds, J.; H. Hooper, I.P.Z.; A. Blenkarn, P.S.; J. J. Marsh, P.Z.; J. T. Briggs, P.Z.; Hopwood, P.Z.; S. H. Latham, F. Leighton, J. Castle, Thrusell, W. H. Lee, P.Z., Prov. G.S.E., and many others. Visitors: Comps. Raymond H. Thrupp, second Prov. G. Principal in charge; H. Sadler, G. Janitor; Scott Young, P.P.G.D.C. Lancashire; J. Langton; W. W. Lee, S.N. 1524; and others.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes confirmed. On the motion of the M.E.Z., it was unanimously agreed that in future the July convocation should be held on the second Saturday instead of the first Saturday. Comp. G. R. Langley next installed Comp. R. F. Potter as M.E.Z., after which Comp. Arthur Blenkarn was installed as H., a dispensation having been received for this purpose. The other officers for the ensuing year are Comps. John Bott, S.E.; Geo. H. Reynolds, S.N.; Hopwood, P.Z., Treas.; Jackson, P.S.; Burgess, 1st A.S.; and Foster, 2nd A.S. A P.Z.'s jewel was presented to Comp. Langley, I.P.Z.; in recognition of his valuable services during the past year. Comp. R. H. Thrupp, 2nd Prov. G. Principal in charge, was unanimously elected an honorary member. Other business of a routine nature was transacted, and the chapter was closed.

After a well-served banquet, the usual toasts were duly honoured.

Comp. R. H. Thrupp, replying for "the Grand Officers," said that as far as he was personally concerned, it was a great pleasure to be associated with the members of that body for the working of Masonry. He was pleased to see the working so well rendered in the chapter that evening by the I.P.Z. and others, who had the interest of the chapter at heart, and were ready to come forward and assist. Speaking as the Principal in charge of the province, it had been a great pleasure to be with them and see the Lebanon Chapter in a state of prosperity, which he hoped would continue. The first reason for this was that they had companions of the right sort, and, secondly, they had had good working. So long as the companions worked together in a hearty and harmonious manner, so long would that chapter continue to prosper, and no one would be more pleased to see this than the companion who had the honour of presiding over the Prov. Grand Chapter.

Comp. H. Sadler, G. Janitor, also replied, and expressed his pleasure at seeing an old friend in the highest office in Royal Arch Masonry.

In giving "The Provincial Grand Officers," the M.E.Z. said the chapter was greatly honoured by the presence of the Prov. G.H., who had already expressed his satisfaction at the work. Comp. Lee, the Prov. G.S.E., was well known to the companions, and a more popular and welcome companion it would be impossible to find, for he was honoured and revered by them all.

Comp. W. H. Lee, Prov. G.S.E., in response, said the Provincial Grand Officers were always pleased to assist any chapter with the view of promoting the spread of Royal Arch Masonry in Middlesex. On this occasion they were pleased to attend the meeting, and congratulate the chapter on the progress it had made. It had increased in numbers, was now placed in a sound financial position, and certainly the Degree was worked in a manner that could not be excelled in the province. He had attended this chapter on many occasions during the last few years, and found the work performed in an exemplary manner. He advised those coming forward to follow the example set by the P.Z.'s, and endeavour to maintain the reputation the chapter had attained.

Comp. Geo. R. Langley, I.P.Z., proposed "The Principals of the Lebanon Chapter," and said the members had seen the work of the M.E.Z. in the various offices. They had also seen that Comp. Blenkarn, H., had a very im-

portant idea of Royal Arch Masonry, by the manner he had conducted his duties in the ceremonies. In Comp. Geo. Reynolds, J., they had one whom they all loved, and one whom they hoped would continue in the good working of those who had preceded him.

Comp. R. F. Potter, M.E.Z., thanked the companions for advancing him a step in office. He had endeavoured to do his duty to the best of his ability, and although he had not perhaps risen to the eminence of those who had preceded him, yet whatever he had been capable of he had done. As long as he presided, if there were any exaltees, the work would be continued on the excellent old lines for which that chapter was famous. The working might be equalled but he did not think it could be excelled by any chapter in the province.

Comps. A. Blenkarn, H., and George Reynolds, J., also responded.

"The Visitors" was next given and acknowledged by Comp. Scott Young, P.P.G.D.C. Lanc., after which "The P.Z.'s" and "The Officers" were honoured, and a pleasant evening terminated with the Janitor's toast.

Comp. Thruswell presided at the piano in a most efficient manner.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.

Holmesdale Chapter (No. 874).—A well-attended convocation of this chapter was held at the Pump Room on Tuesday, the 6th instant. Comp. Tom Ryder, M.E.Z., presided, supported by Comps. R. Stevenson, H., and J. Abrey, J. Amongst those present were Comps. D. Cornfoot, P.Z.; W. B. Hughes, P.Z.; J. S. Fletcher, S.E.; J. Willmot, S.N.; R. Martin, P.S.; Wellesley T. Hammond, A.P.S.; A. H. Tester, S.; G. Grover, A.S.; G. Glanville, R. J. Langley, M. Edwardes, and others.

The minutes of last convocation were read and confirmed, and other business transacted, including the presentation of a very handsome jewel to Comp. D. Cornfoot, the outgoing M.E.Z., who had been abroad and unable to attend before. The M.E.Z., in making the presentation, alluded to the excellent way in which Comp. Cornfoot had carried out the duties of his office whilst in the chair, and the laudable example he had set to those who had to succeed him. Comp. Cornfoot, in accepting the jewel, said it would give him very great pleasure to wear it on all fit occasions, and especially because it would remind him of the many pleasant hours he had spent in the Holmesdale Chapter. He considered it a great honour to receive such a present from the chapter, which he hoped would continue to prosper and its members increase in the same ratio as the last few years. The M.E.Z. then announced that Comp. Tester had very kindly presented to the chapter two Steward's collars, one of which he had great pleasure in placing over his own (Dr. Tester's) shoulders and the other Comp. Grover's as Steward and Assistant Steward respectively. The ballot for Bro. Daniel Hoadley, of the Pantiles Lodge, proposed by the M.E.Z., and seconded by the S.E., was next proceeded with, and being unanimously approved, the exaltation was at once proceeded with by the M.E.Z. and his officers, the working being such as to call forth the approbation of all present. The work was done reverentially and effectively, every officer being thoroughly well up, the several charges being particularly good.

Afterwards the companions adjourned to the Swan Hotel for the usual refreshments, being joined by Comp. C. Graham, Treas., who, in the course of the after proceedings, reported that the finances of the chapter were in a very satisfactory state.

"The Health of the Exalte" was most cordially drank, and the M.E.Z. announced that in all probability there would be an emergency meeting in November to ballot for two or three exaltees, including Bro. A. G. Boscawen, the popular member for the Division.

Mark Masonry.

Panmure Lodge (No. 139).—The Installation Meeting of this lodge took place at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Monday, the 5th inst., when Bro. George Gregory, P.P.G.D., was installed as W.M.

The members present included Bros. T. C. Edmonds, W.M.; George Gregory, S.W., W.M. elect; C. Lee, J.W.; J. Carter, M.O.; F. R. Bolton, S.O.; A. J. Bignold, J.O.; C. Pulman, P.M., Sec.; A. W. Tuck, R.M.; S. Underwood, S.D.; P. A. Hose, J.D.; J. F. Saunders, D.C.; Scott Young, Org.; T. C. Butterworth, I.G., Steward; W. Vincent, P.M.; G. H. Phillips, P.M.; J. Ives, H. Slyman, H. B. Bobinson, and E. Bishop. Visitors: Bros. C. Trotter, R. Voisey, P.M. 22; E. Storr, P.M., P.G., Steward; Thompson, Singapore; and W. W. Lee.

Lodge was opened, the minutes confirmed, and the Auditors' Report adopted. Bro. W. Vincent, P.M., then assumed the chair, and installed Bro. George Gregory as W.M., and also conferred the degree of Installed Master upon Bro. Thompson, the W.M. elect of a lodge in Singapore. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. Lee, S.W.; Carter, J.W.; Bolton, M.O.; Bignold, S.O.; M. T. Tuck, J.O.; Vincent, Treas.; Pulman, Sec.; Underwood, R. of M.; Hose, S.D.; Saunders, J.D.; Butterworth, D.C.; Scott Young, Org.; Schartau, I.G.; Jones, Stwd.; and Mills, Tyler. Bro. W. H. E. Stone, 2087, was advanced to the Degree of M.M. by the W.M. in an able manner. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. T. C. Edmonds, I.P.M., in recognition of his valuable services, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Bro. Vincent, P.M., for acting as Installing Master.

Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where a substantial banquet was provided.

The usual toasts afterwards received hearty recognition. Bro. Pulman, P.M., acknowledged "The Grand Officers," and Bros. Phillips, P.P.G.J.O., and Trotter acted in a similar capacity in behalf of "The Prov. Grand Officers."

Bro. T. C. Edmonds, I.P.M., then proposed "The Health of the W.M." He said he little thought a few years ago, when he recommended Bro. Gregory to go into several Degrees, that he would on his installation as W.M. of that lodge be a P.P.G. Officer and a P.G. Officer. The lodge should feel it a great honour to have such a brother in the chair. They knew the W.M. well, and knew the earnest manner in which he had discharged his duties, and they could therefore rely on him to keep up the reputation of the Panmure Lodge.

Bro. Geo. Gregory, W.M., said he was much obliged to the I.P.M. for the manner in which he had introduced the toast, and the brethren for the reception of it. He considered it a very great honour to find himself in the chair of his mother lodge. During the time he had been in the Mark Degree he had taken a great interest in it, and had endeavoured to perform the duties of every office to the best of his ability, and judging from the kind reception given him, he felt somewhat that he had succeeded. He should continue on those lines, and hoped at the end of his year the members would be able to receive the toast of the I.P.M. with the same enthusiasm. There was a toast he thought should be presented next, which was the health of the distinguished brother who was away from his own lodge in Singapore—Bro. Thompson—and who had been installed in the chair that evening. He congratulated Bro. Thompson on attaining the chair of his own lodge, although at a distance.

Bro. Thompson said he had experienced nothing but the greatest hospitality during his visit to England. Without their kindness that evening he should have gone back as W.M. elect, without anyone to install him on his arrival. That kindness had impressed him, and the remembrance would be lasting, for he should never forget his installation. He would call an early meeting of his lodge on his return to Singapore in November, and would take good care it was placed on the minutes, so that there would be a record of the kindness shown to that lodge so far distant.

Bro. T. C. Edmonds, I.P.M., replied for "The Past Masters," and said he considered it a great honour to be a Past Master of that lodge. He was deeply indebted to the Secretary for many courtesies during the past year and a vast amount of advice. His thanks were also due to the officers for the assistance they had rendered.

"The Advance" having been honoured, Bros. E. Storr and Voisey responded for "The Visitors."

After "The Officers," the Tyler's toast concluded a very pleasant and enjoyable meeting.

BIRMINGHAM.

Charity Lodge (No. 430).—This lodge held its first meeting under the presidency of the new W.M., Bro. Thomas Rowbotham, at the Masonic Hall, New-street, on Wednesday, the 7th inst. The W.M. signalled his entering into the chair by proposing in very felicitous terms that the lodge should pass a resolution congratulating the Pro Grand Master the Most Noble, the Marquess of Hertford, who is the first and only honorary Past Master of this lodge, upon the near attainment of the majority of his eldest son the Earl of Yarmouth. The proposition, which has been entered upon the minutes of the lodge, and will be transmitted to the Most Noble brother in a suitable form, was as follows: "That the lodge offers its respectful congratulations to the Pro Grand Master, the Most Noble the Marquess of Hertford, Honorary Past Master of the lodge upon the attainment of the majority of his eldest son, the Right Honourable the Earl of Yarmouth, and desires to express to the Noble Marquess and to the Noble Earl the sincerest and fraternal wishes of the brethren for their future health and happiness." This resolution was cordially seconded by Bro. Sir James Sawyer, M.O., and supported by Bros. Edward Mallard, P.M.; the Rev. W. H. Poulton, Chaplain; Tom Houghton, S.W.; Walter Waters, J.W.; and several other officers and brethren of the lodge.

Sir James Sawyer testified in eulogistic terms to the happy connection of the Most Noble Marquess with the Lodge of Charity, and to the condescension, brotherly love, and affability always displayed by him, not only to the brethren of the lodge, but to everyone of the brethren in Warwickshire. He also expressed a hope that the Honourable Earl would see fit some time to walk in the footsteps Masonically of his father. These sentiments were echoed again and again throughout the lodge. It was afterwards suggested that the resolution should be left in the hands of the W.M. and Bro. Sir James Sawyer, to be transmitted to the Noble Marquess in a suitable form.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

CLARENCE LODGE (No. 263).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Thursday, the 8th inst., at 1A, Fitzroy-square, when the following brethren were present: Bros. F. Crohn, W.M.; H. H. Nuding, S.W.; T. A. Sandeman, J.W.; W. Baker, Sec.; W. H. Kirby, Preceptor; J. Hart, S.D.; M. B. Evans, J.D.; Jas. Corp, I.G.; J. J. Dixon, H. Imray, A. F. Harris, A. A. Swan, D. D. West, H. Sadler, and W. W. Taylor.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. The ballot was taken for Bros. A. A. Swan and H. Imray (No. 3), and, proving unanimous in their favour as joining members, they were cordially welcomed.

Bro. J. J. Dixon having volunteered to act as candidate, he was entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing ably rehearsed by Bro. Crohn, W.M. The explanation of the tracing board was rendered by Bro. H. H. Nuding, S.W. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. Bro. T. A. Sandeman worked the 1st section of the third lecture.

On the lodge being resumed in the First Degree, Bro. W. H. Kirby, having previously given notice of the motion, proposed formally that for the future the meetings of this lodge be held on Tuesday evenings at 7.30, instead of Thursdays as heretofore, on the grounds that investigation had shown Thursday to be an evening frequently inconvenient to many of the most regular attendants, while Tuesday presented no such difficulties. Bro. H. H. Nuding seconded the proposition, which was carried unanimously. Bro. H. H. Nuding was elected Master for the ensuing meeting; he appointed his officers, and announced that the work would be the third ceremony and the 6th section of the first lecture. The lodge was closed in due form.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 9th inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Queen-street, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. A. Williams, P.M. W.M.; F. Craggs, P.M., S.W.; C. Stafford, J.W.; D. S. Long, P.M., Sec.; R. Reid, S.D.; J. Banks, J.D.; and G. Coat, I.G.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The

ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Reid acting as candidate. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd sections of the lecture were worked by the brethren, under the direction of the W.M. The W.M. having risen, the S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting. The lodge was then closed.

BLACKHEATH LODGE (No. 1320).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Milkwood Tavern, Milkwood-road, Loughborough Junction, on Monday, the 12th inst., when there were present Bros. Bate, W.M.; Rice, S.W.; Cass, J.W.; F. Hilton, Preceptor; T. R. Cass, Treas.; C. H. Stone, Sec.; Niblett, S.D.; Lord, J.D.; Chabot, I.G.; H. G. Martin, Pullen, Porter, Turner, W. Price, Reilly, Dr. Raw, Hill, Underwood, and Dawson.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Turner answered the usual questions, was entrusted, and retired. He was afterwards admitted and passed to Degree of F.C. The lodge was called off and on. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Hilton, P.M., assisted by Bro. Cass, J.W. The 2nd Section was worked by Bro. Hilton, P.M., assisted by Bro. W. Dawson. The 3rd Section was worked by Bro. Hilton, P.M., assisted by Bro. Stone, Sec. The lodge was regularly closed to the 1st Degree. Bro. E. A. Rice, S.W., was elected W.M. for the next meeting. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Bate, W.M., for so ably performing the duties for the first time. Also the best thanks were tendered to Bro. Cass, J.W., for his great kindness in presenting the lodge with a beautiful set of gavel. All Masonic business being ended the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 13th instant, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. R. Loomes, W.M.; H. B. Harding, S.W.; Milton Smith, J.W.; J. Duncan, acting Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; J. W. Clarke, S.D.; R. W. Nicole, J.D.; J. Amand, I.G.; C. T. Barlow, A. Oliver, and E. G. Young.

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

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 1012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 10th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, W., when there were present Bros. Craggs, P.M., W.M.; J. Davies, P.M., S.W.; Tucker, J.W.; A. Williams, P.M., Preceptor; J. Sims, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; M. Spiegel, P.M., Sec.; Cummings, P.M., S.D.; Reid, J.D.; Cochran, P.M.; Brown, P.M.; Hide, Fox, and Bone.

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Hide having offered himself as a candidate for passing, he was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The 1st Section of this Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the 2nd Section of this Lecture was worked by Bro. J. Davies, P.M. The W.M. rose for the first and second times, and Bro. J. Davies, P.M., was elected W.M. for the next meeting, when the installation ceremony will be rehearsed. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, on Friday, the 9th inst., when there were present Comps. G. L. Moore, M.E.Z.; J. Hill, H.; Braik, J.; R. J. Voisey, P.Z., Treas.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; C. H. Stone, S.E.; W. Dawson, S.N.; Scott Young, P.S.; T. Grummant, G. F. Smith, H. G. Martin, Newland, Jas. Addington, G. C. Pike, T. R. Cass, R. J. Wishart, and Phillips.

The chapter having been opened, the minutes of two previous meetings were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Addington personating the candidate. The M.E.Z. rose for the first time, when Comps. R. J. Wishart, 407, D.G.S.N. Malta, and Pike, 1622, were elected members. Comp. J. Hill was elected M.E.Z. at the next meeting, when an installation will be rehearsed. After "Hearty good wishes" from the District of Malta by Comp. Wishart, the chapter was closed.

BRO. LANE'S CENTENARY MEDALS.

"There has recently been published by George Kenning, of London, a very valuable little work by Wor. John Lane, which describes the special centenary medals worn by those lodges which have secured the necessary permission before the passage of a law adopting a uniform pattern for such jewels. . . . The volume is illustrated by a frontispiece, in colour, showing the ordinary, or regulation, centenary jewel, and by 12 lithographic plates, showing 48 of the special medals or jewels. Mr. Hughan gives in his Introduction a very interesting account of the difficulties which attended the preparation of Mr. Lane's volume, which, like all his work, is very carefully and thoroughly done. To this handsome little book (a large 12mo., of 128 pages, besides the plates) I am indebted for the additional descriptions now given. The historical sketches of these old English lodges are most interesting, their only fault being they are too brief; but they are sufficiently full to show the title of the various lodges to their jewels. The history is so attractive as to make us wish for more. I am indebted to Mr. Hughan for a copy of this work, as well as for many other similar favours, in preparing my notes on English Masonic Medals."—*American Journal of Numismatics*, edited by Bro. W. T. R. Marvin, M.A., of Boston, U.S.A.



We are asked to notify that the Mount Lebanon Lodge of Instruction, No. 73, now meets at the Half Moon Hotel, Borough, S.E., on Wednesday evenings at 7.30.

The Earl and Countess of Westmoreland have been staying at Lairg with Bro. Lord and Lady Fitzhardinge, and have had some excellent sport in the Helmsdale river in both salmon and trout fishing.

The gardens of Lincoln's Inn which have been open for several weeks past to poor children living in crowded districts round about will be closed this (Friday) evening. No damage whatever has been done to the trees, plants, or shrubs.

A congress of railway delegates from all parts of the United Kingdom will be held in the Memorial Hall, Farringdon-street, early next week, when many of the labour questions of the day will be dealt with from the point of view of the employés of the railway companies.

At the concluding meeting of the Congress of Orientalists, a telegram was read from the Duke of Connaught, in which his Royal Highness expressed his regret that he had been unable to be present. The Congress was a great success. The tenth meeting will be held at Geneva in 1894.

Orders have been given by the authorities to the Volunteer Corps which use the butts lying eastward of the Staines and West Drayton Railway, to cease practice, numerous complaints having been made by residents in the neighbourhood of Staines Moor of the danger arising from the firing.

According to the Registrar-General's returns, the death-rate in London for last week was 16.6, as compared with 18.9 in the 33 great towns of England and Wales, the only districts which showed a cleaner bill of health being Wolverhampton and Bristol, 15.6; Swansea, 15.2; Huddersfield, 14.6; Nottingham, 14.3; Birkenhead, 13.9; and Croydon, 11.3.

Bro. Sir George Trevelyan, Bart., M.P., the Secretary for Scotland, was the guest of the Lord Provost of Glasgow during his recent visit to that city. Bro. Sir Algernon and Lady Borthwick have been entertaining a large party of guests at Invercauld, while Bro. Sir Michael and Lady Octavia Shaw-Stewart have been on a visit to North Berwick.

Bro. Lord Mayor Sir David Evans and the Lady Mayoress, and Bro. Sir J. N. Puleston were the guests of Lord and Lady Penryhn at Penryhn Castle during the early part of the present week, a distinguished company having been invited to meet them. On Tuesday they were conducted over the slate quarries, when Bro. the Lord Mayor was presented with an address from the Bethula Local Board.

The brethren of Suffield Lodge, No. 1808, met at the Ange Hotel, North Walsham, on Wednesday evening, the 7th inst., when Bro. E. Skipper was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, after which the following appointments were made by the W.M.: Bro. F. Gregory, S.W.; the Rev. G. Sharley, J.W.; J. Francis, S.D.; H. W. Churchyard, J.D.; and J. C. Ray, I.G. The ceremony was followed by a banquet.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.—We are pleased to announce that Bro. H. Pritchard, P.P.G. Treas. Middlesex, and member of the Board of Management, has made arrangements for the Boys to visit the International Horticultural Exhibition, and also Buffalo Bill's Wild West on Wednesday, the 21st inst. Given fine weather, this should be a red-letter day with our Boys, and we wish them all happiness.

The Institute of Journalists were entertained at dinner by the Municipality of Glasgow on Monday evening. About 400 guests were at table, under the presidency of the Lord Provost of the city, among them being Bro. Sir George Trevelyan, Bart., M.P., who returned thanks for her Majesty's Ministers, Bro. Sir Edward Lawson, Bart., Bro. Sir Algernon Borthwick, M.P., Bro. Shaw-Stewart, M.P., and others.

There is living at Newport, Shropshire, an old soldier, who served for many years in the Royal Artillery, by name Amos Jinks, who has attained the ripe age of 107. Though withered, thin, and stooping, and though his eyesight has failed and his voice is shaky, he is in all other respects well and free from physical infirmity. He eats, drinks, and sleeps well, and is not remarkably deaf. Two years ago he had the misfortune to break his leg, and in his day has met with other accidents. Quite recently a daughter of his died at the age of 80. The date of his birth has been amply verified.

The King of Italy, accompanied by the Prince of Naples, the Duke of Genoa, the Count of Turin, and his chief ministers, visited the several foreign squadrons assembled in the harbour of Genoa to take part in the Columbus festivities. His Majesty visited the flagships of the French and Austrian Admirals, and then went aboard the Sanspareil, where he was received in state by Captain Wilson, and conducted over every part of the ship. He also visited the United States Warship, Newark, and expressed great satisfaction at all he saw, and at the manner in which the crews went through their various evolutions.

"The Story of Leicester Square" is the title of a little shilling volume by Mr. John Hollingshead, which is about to be published by Mr. George Kenning, of Great Queen-street. Mr. Hollingshead's knowledge of London is like that of Sam Weller, and he has in Leicester-square an excellent subject, for from the days when it was known as Leicester-fields, and the duellists used to meet there, until the time when it was laid out as a recreation ground of the people by Baron Grant, the spot is particularly rich in historical and gossiping recollections. Whether Mr. Hollingshead has any revelations to make does not appear, but it is certain that the world has never yet heard how it was that London woke up one morning and found the hideous old man on horseback, who once disfigured the square, covered by great black spots, such as Calch Plummer put on the wooden toy horses, with a view to making them as near to "natur" as possible.—*Daily News*.

The Duke of Albany Lodge of Instruction, No. 1963, held at the Masons' Arms Hotel, 169, Battersea Park-road, resumed its meetings on Wednesday, the 7th inst.

Bro. Sir George Trevelyan remarked the other night that the Lord Mayor of London has dignity and fame enough, but the resident population over which he rules is not one-twelfth—he supposes since the recent extension of Glasgow not one-fifteenth—of those who live under the government of the Lord Provost.

General sympathy will be felt with Bro. the Marquis of Zetland at the loss he has just sustained by the sudden death of his brother, the Hon. John Charles Dundas, who was born in 1845, and represented the town of Richmond, Yorkshire, in the House of Commons from 1880 till its disfranchisement in 1885.

The announcement that there is no improvement in the condition of Sir Richard Owen is greatly to be regretted. The distinguished patient is able to take a little liquid food, but there is no renewal of strength. It is satisfactory, however, to know, on the authority of his medical adviser, that he is apparently free from anything like pain or discomfort.

Bros. Sir John Pander, M.P., General Lord Wolseley, and Sir James Fergusson, Bart, M.P., the Dean of Westminster, and Sir Robert Herbert have left Plymouth for Gibraltar on board the steamship Merion, their intention being to make a cruise of several weeks' duration, during which they will visit the different stations of the Eastern Telegraph Company.

The Prince of Wales has arrived at Mar Lodge on a visit to Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Fife, with whom the Princess of Wales and the Princesses Victoria and Maud have been staying for some time. Both the Princess of Wales and the Duchess have been enjoying some good fishing, the latter having landed a very large salmon in the upper waters of the Dee quite recently.

The Empress of Germany was safely delivered of a daughter at the Marble Palace at Potsdam early on Tuesday morning, the 13th inst. The Emperor was in residence at the time, and at once telegraphed the news to the Queen, her mother, the Empress Frederick, and other members of the Imperial and Royal Family. This is the first daughter her Majesty has given birth to, her other children, six in number, being all sons.

The insane run on the Birkbeck Bank, which originated, no doubt, in the uneasiness caused by the failure of a bank which was connected with a building society, has had no other effect than to demonstrate its perfect solvency. The Birkbeck officials, in order to meet the demands made upon them on Monday, kept their bank open till 10 p.m., but since then the usual hours of business have been adhered to. Confidence in the stability of the bank is being fast restored.

Tuesday, the 13th instant, was the 10th anniversary of the battle of Tel-el-Kebir, and in commemoration of the victory achieved by our troops on the occasion the colours of the regiments which took part in the battle were decked with laurel. The day following—the 14th September, 1882—Arabi Pasha and about 10,000 Egyptian soldiers surrendered unconditionally, and our troops entered Cairo. Bro. Sir Garnet Wolseley, now Viscount Wolseley, received a peerage for his services.

It is satisfactory to know that up to the present time thanks to the energetic action taken by the Government and municipal authorities throughout England, but more especially at our various seaports, we are enabled to show a perfectly clean bill of health as regards cholera. The two cases which have occurred in this country have been imported from abroad, but they were dealt with so promptly, and the measures for completely isolating proved so successful, that till now not a single outbreak of the disease has been reported. We trust the precautionary measures will be continued, as the scourge is still raging in Hamburg and Russia.

A meeting of the Committee of the Mansion House Fund for the relief of the sufferers by the fire at St. John's, Newfoundland, was held in the Venetian Parlour of the Mansion House on Tuesday, the 13th inst. Reports were read showing the destitution that prevailed in this land, and it was suggested that Bro. Lord Mayor Evans should make a further appeal for help to the public. It was announced that the Fund exceeded £22,000, of which £17,000 had been remitted, and it was decided to keep the balance of £5000 in hand for the present to meet the necessities of the sufferers at a later date. The statements as to the condition of the poor people were pitiable in the extreme.

THE SEVEN BIBLES OF THE WORLD.—The seven Bibles of the world are the Koran of the Mohomedans, the Tri-Pitikes of the Buddhists, the Five Kings of the Chinese, the Three Vedas of the Hindoos, the Zendavesta of the Persians, the Eddas of the Scandinavians, and the Bible of the Christians. The Eddas is the most recent, and cannot really be called more than a semi-sacred work. It was given to the world some time during the fourteenth century of our era. The Koran is the next most ancient, dating from about the seventh century A.D. It is composed of sublime thoughts from both the Old and New Testaments, with frequent, almost literal, quotations from the Talmud. The Buddhist's Tri-Pitikes were composed in the sixth century before Christ. Its teachings are pure and sublime; its aspiration lofty and extreme. The word "king" as used in connection with the sacred work of the Chinese simply means a web of cloth. From this it is presumed that they were originally written on fine rolls of cloth. The Vedas are the most ancient works in the language of the Hindoos, but they do not, according to the best commentaries, ante-date the twelfth century before the opening of the Christian era. The Zendavesta of the Persians contains the sayings of Zoroaster, who lived and worked in the twelfth century before Christ.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Sudden changes of temperature sorely try all persons prone to rheumatism, sciatica, tic doloureux, and many maladies scarcely less painful, though of shorter duration. On the first attack of stiffness or suffering in any muscle, joint, or nerve, recourse should immediately be had to fomenting the seat of disease with hot brine and rubbing in this remarkable Ointment, which will subside the uneasiness of the part, subdue inflammation, and reduce the swelling. The Pills, simultaneously taken, will rectify constitutional disturbances and renew the strength. No remedy heretofore discovered has proved so effective as the Ointment and Pills for removing gouty, rheumatic, and scrofulous attacks, which affect all ages, and are commonly called hereditary.

Mrs. Temple has consented to distribute the prizes at the Fulham Federation of Boys' Clubs Athletic Sports, which will be held to-morrow (Saturday), in the Bishop of London's Fields, Fulham Palace.

Bro. W. Burdett-Coutts, M.P., had a garden party on Thursday, the 15th inst., at Holly Lodge. Among others several members of his lodge, The Abbey (Westminster), No. 2030—Bros. J. Gibson, P.M., Treas.; J. E. Shand, P.M., Sec.; C. C. Piper, P.M.; R. E. H. Goffin, Thos. Bull, P.M.; Balcham, Baugham, and others.

St. Matthew's Day is one of the time-honoured occasions on which the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs, accompanied by the members of the Court of Aldermen and the Governors of the Royal Hospitals, attend Divine service in State. The ceremony of Wednesday next will take place, as usual, at Christ Church, Newgate-street. One of the great attractions is the choir-singing of the Blue Coat boys. An "old boy" generally preaches the sermon.

Pheasant shooting prospects in the Thames Valley are, on the whole, favourable, the coverts on the various demesnes being fairly stocked with game. In Windsor Park the sport is reserved for the Prince of Wales and other members of the Royal Family. Pheasants are supplied thence for the Queen's table at Balmoral and Windsor Castle, but during the season her Majesty is accustomed to send a large number of birds to charitable institutions.

It may be of interest to our readers to note that our distinguished Bro. Rev. C. J. Ball, who is so well known in connection with the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, read a paper on "Akkadian Affinities of Chinese" at the ninth Congress of Orientalists recently held in London. A very large number of distinguished scholars and travellers accepted an invitation to visit the cyclorama of Ancient Egypt at Niagara Hall, Westminster, and expressed very great admiration of Berninger's work. The party included the delegate from the Khedive Sheikh, Rasched Mohammed, and several Egyptian gentlemen from Cairo.

The Prince of Wales arrived at Ballater on Thursday morning from London, and was met at the station by the Duchess of Albany, who had driven from Birkhall. The weather being fine, the Prince drove to Mar Lodge in an open carriage. In the afternoon his Royal Highness, accompanied by the Princess of Wales and the Princesses Victoria and Maud, paid a visit to the Queen at Balmoral. At Braemar a large gathering welcomed the Royal party.

It has been arranged that the presentation of the freedom of the Burgh of Ayr to Mr. Carnegie shall take place at a public dinner in the Town Hall on the evening of the 5th or 6th October, as shall suit Mr. Carnegie's convenience. It has also been agreed that the memorial-stone of the new library shall be laid with Masonic honours, and that Mrs. Carnegie shall perform the ceremony.

We are requested to state that the Emulation Lodge of Instruction, No. 244, will commence its third session on Friday, the 30th instant, at the British Hotel, Broad-street, St. Helier's, on which occasion the ceremonies of the Third Degree will be rehearsed and some of the Sections worked. Bro. Jas. Caton, S.W. 244, is the Preceptor, and henceforth the lodge will meet every Friday evening, instead of every Tuesday evening.

There was an influential gathering of Wesleyan Methodists at Willoughby-road, Hornsey, on Thursday, to witness the ceremony of fixing the memorial stones of what is likely to be one of the finest Nonconformist places of worship in that rapidly-increasing neighbourhood. Mr. George Williams, Bro. Horace B. Marshall, jun., with four others placed the stones, and an able address, dealing with various phases of Methodism, was delivered by the Rev. C. H. Kelly, a Wesleyan ex-president and chief of the Connexional Book Room. The site and present buildings are already paid for, but the entire scheme involves a cost of over £10,000.

The Royal Welsh Fusiliers left Abergele on Thursday morning on a march to Denbeigh. They halted for a few minutes at Bodelwyddan village, which was decorated for the occasion, and, after inspecting the church, resumed their march to St. Asaph. The little city was gay with flags and mottoes of welcome. On arrival the soldiers attended service in the cathedral. The Bishop, taking his text from the words—"A Devout Soldier," urged the practice of Christian virtues while following the profession of arms. Later, the officers were entertained at luncheon by the Duke of Westminster.

On Friday, the 9th inst., the Benevolence and Charity Committee of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire held a meeting at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, where there was a very large and influential attendance, under the chairmanship of Bro. R. Wylie. The business of the meeting was to consider petitions for grants from the Provincial Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence, and as a result of the Committee's deliberations the sum of £60 was voted in aid of distressed Freemasons and the widows of deceased brethren.

The Lady Mayoress will hold afternoon musical receptions at the Mansion House on Tuesday, September 20th, October 4th and 18th, and November 1st, from three to five o'clock. The annual ball to the Mayors and Provosts of the United Kingdom has been fixed for Friday, October 21st. The presentation of fruit to the Chief Magistrate by the Fruiterers' Company takes place on Wednesday, October 12th, and on the same evening his lordship entertains the Court of the Company at a banquet. The Lord Mayor will give a dinner party to meet the Lord Mayor elect after the election on September 29th.

MASONIC LECTURES.—Bro. James Stevens has arranged to visit Lancashire during the last week of this month, and will deliver his interesting lecture on the ritual and ceremonial of the symbolic Degrees in Freemasonry, under the auspices of the Morecambe Lodge, No. 1501, at Morecambe, on the 27th instant. He has also accepted an engagement for a second visit to the Loyal Lodge, No. 251, at Barnstaple, North Devon, and will lecture at the Masonic Hall in that town on the 3rd October. Arrangements are in progress for similar lectures in Herts, Essex, Kent, Warwickshire, and other provinces. We can recommend our provincial brethren to avail themselves of the opportunities offered by Bro. Stevens' visits to secure a hearing of his edifying and instructive lectures.

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