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FREEMASONRY IN THE NORTH OF ENGLAND.

The reports of two important annual Provincial meetings were published in our columns last week, which clearly demonstrate that whatever may be the condition of the Craft elsewhere in England, there can be no doubt whatever as to its prosperity in these Northern Provinces. We are very far from suggesting that Freemasonry is otherwise than prosperous in the 40 and odd Provinces into which the rest of England and Wales is mapped out. We know on the contrary that in the great majority of them Freemasonry has, for many years past, been making steady, solid progress, while in the small minority there is ample evidence forthcoming from time to time that the Craft, though it may not have made any appreciable advance, has certainly not lost any of its strength or prestige. The meetings to which we allude were those of the Provincial Grand Lodges of Durham and West Lancashire, which were held on the 27th and 29th ult. respectively, and at both of which the reports that were submitted by the principal executive officers were of a most encouraging character. In the case of Durham, the returns from the 35 lodges gave a total of subscribing members amounting to 2576 as against 2367 at the close of the previous year, while the Provincial Grand Treasurer's account gave a balance in hand of over £350. It was further stated in the report of the Provincial Charity Committee that the voting strength of Durham had very largely increased, while the Education Fund was doing excellent service by providing for the education of quite a number of children of deceased or indigent members. It is needless to say that the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Sir HEDWORTH WILLIAMSON, Bart., referred in terms of unqualified satisfaction to these ample evidences of the prosperous condition of the lodges under his rule. He was careful, however, at the same time to point out as regards the increase in membership that while it was most desirable the lodges should keep on acquiring new members, it was still more desirable that care should be taken to admit none but candidates who would be a credit to Freemasonry. He also expressed himself well pleased with the support which the Province had given to our Charitable Institutions during the year, bestowing a few words of special commendation on the services rendered by Bro. BARRON in raising upwards of £600 for the Jubilee Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

As regards the Province of West Lancashire, which, in respect of the number of lodges on its roll, is three times as strong as Durham, the events of the past year were equally the subject of general congratulation. The Provincial Grand Treasurer's account showed a balance in hand of close on £800, and had it not been for a recent revision of the Provincial bye-laws, the statement would have been still more favourable, the accounts containing a whole year's expenditure, but only half a year's receipts from lodge fees. The Provincial Grand Secretary—Bro. W. GOODACRE—in submitting his report, must likewise have had a pleasant task before him. He spoke of the "peaceful condition of the lodges in the Province." There had been no new lodges consecrated during the year, "but those in existence had been quietly consolidating themselves, and he was of opinion that more care had been taken in the selection of candidates for initiation." At the same time, there was one point on which he considered it necessary to lay some stress, namely, "that in cases where a candidate was proposed in a place other than that in which he resided the greatest caution should be exercised." As for the support given by West Lancashire to our Institutions, it is so well known to our readers, that we need hardly refer to it specifically. Bro. GOODACRE, however, was careful to point out that, whereas seven years ago the Province had only some 1500 votes for the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and about the same number for the Benevolent Institution, it now possessed some 4100 for the former and 3200 for the latter. The Provincial Charities are also doing increasingly good work. The Educational Institution, which has now close on £22,000 invested property, is educating 206 children at an annual cost of £1588, while the Hamer Institution, with a capital of £3710, and the Alpass Institution with one of £3930, are providing each of them for 12 annuitants. Bro. GOODACRE concluded his report with a suggestion which cannot be too highly commended, and which, we imagine, will very soon be taken up seriously by a Province which is notoriously so strong and wealthy as West Lancashire. It was that a Provincial library should be provided, and Bro. GOODACRE emphasised his suggestion by promising to contribute 20 volumes towards its formation. The tenour of the Provincial Grand Master's remarks, after such favourable reports as those we have alluded to, may very easily be imagined. There was, however, one subject to which his lordship took the opportunity of referring very pointedly. We allude to the increase in the number of Grand Officers and Provincial Grand Officers in the larger Provinces, which was brought forward by the President of the Board of General Purposes at the

September Communication of United Grand Lodge, and in the end withdrawn. His lordship expressed "his regret at not having been able to be present" at that communication, "as he felt sure he would have been able to explain away some of the difficulties which seemed to exist in the minds of some of the brethren. It was intended"—so far as the Provincial recommendations were concerned—"that the measure should take effect only in a few of the larger provinces. . . . He hoped that next year, however, he would have the pleasure of placing collars on the necks of at least six more brethren." From this it is clear that the withdrawal of the resolution for an increase in the number of Grand Officers, and of the Prov. Grand Officers in certain of the Provinces, is only temporary. His lordship evidently realises that the proposal fell through in September last, not from any desire on the part of Grand Lodge to reject the resolution, but under a misapprehension as to the proposed office of Grand Chancellor, to the creation of which Bro. EVE and his supporters took exception. We shall, no doubt, therefore, hear at no very distant date that the proposal for creating additional officers in Grand Lodge and the large Prov. Grand Lodges is on the point of being renewed, and as it is clearly to the interests of the Craft generally that such a proposal should be adopted, we are not without hope that at the celebration of Grand Festival in April next the number of brethren who will be honoured with the purple of Grand Lodge will be substantially larger than it was in April last.

We heartily congratulate the Provinces of Durham and West Lancashire on the success which has attended their proceedings during the past year.

CONSECRATION OF THE WINESLAI LODGE, No. 2435, AT WINSLOW.

As in many other parts of the country so in the Province of Bucks, Freemasonry is extending, and on Monday, the 3rd instant, a new lodge styled the Wineslai, No. 2435, was consecrated at Winslow by Bro. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, D.P.G.M. Bucks, P.G. Chap.; assisted by Bros. T. Taylor, P.P.S.G.W., as S.W.; J. R. Slator, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; and J. Williams, P.G. Treas., as J.W. The founders were Bros. W. Weston, I.P.M. 1787, W.M. designate; Lord Addington, S.W. designate; J. King, P.M. 1692, J.W. designate; W. J. Gough, P.M. 1787; C. A. Bennett, P.M. 1787; J. Marshall, P.M. 1787; H. Bullock, W.M. 1911; the Rev. W. M. Myres, G. D. E. Wigley, W. Warne, W. S. Neal, C. Colgrove, E. Kibble, and H. Dancer.

The warrant was read and the consecration ceremony duly and impressively performed by Bro. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, D.P.G.M.; Bro. H. Bullock acting as D. of C.; and Bro. the Rev. W. M. Myres, R.D., as Chaplain. The lodge having been dedicated and fully constituted, the D.P.G.M. Bro. Brownrigg proceeded to install Bro. W. Weston as W.M., after which Bro. Weston invested his officers.

The Consecrating Officers were made hon. members of the lodge, and among others the Hon. Evelyn Hubbard was nominated a joining member of the lodge.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Consecrating Officers for the manner in which they had carried out their duties, and the compliment was duly acknowledged.

Lodge having been closed, the brethren sat down to a banquet provided by Bro. W. and Mrs. Neal. The tables were prettily adorned, and the viands of a choice and varied character. The menu contained many suitable quotations. Bro. W. Weston, W.M., presided, and the vice-chair was occupied by Bro. Lord Addington, S.W.

At the conclusion of the banquet the W.M. proposed "The Queen and Craft," which was loyally honoured.

"The Most Worshipful the Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," followed, and Bro. Weston in the course of his remarks spoke of the great progress in Masonry since the Prince of Wales had been Grand Master, and said he felt sure they all sympathised with his Royal Highness in the loss of his son, the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, who was also a good Mason. He hoped the Prince would long continue to preside over them.

The W.M. next gave "The M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom; the R.W. Deputy G.M., the Earl of Mount Edgumbe; and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past," and the toast was heartily received. The W.M. apologised for the D. Prov. G.M., who had been obliged to leave.

Bro. Lord ADDINGTON proposed "The R.W. Prov. G.M., the Right Hon. Lord Carrington; the V.W. D. Prov. G.M. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg; and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers Present and Past." His lordship said he knew Lord Carrington to be a popular gentleman, and also that he was a great friend of the Prince of Wales. He had also earned great kudos and popularity as a Governor of one of the Australian Colonies, and he believed that in him they had an excellent Prov. Grand Master.

Bro. MCGUBBIN first replied to the toast, and spoke highly of Lord Carrington as Grand Master of the province and the great interest he took in Masonry generally. Bro. McGubbin also expressed his pleasure at the consecration of the new lodge, and said he hoped it would have a long and useful career, and that it would prove a strong link in the province.

Bro. the Rev. W. M. MYRES, on behalf of himself and the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, who he regretted had been obliged to leave, thanked the

brethren for the compliment accorded to them. He spoke of the excellent manner the Deputy Prov. G. Master had carried out the consecration service, and the great interest he took in Masonry in the province. They all, he said, must rejoice at the formation of another lodge, and he hoped the Wineslai Lodge had a prosperous future before it, and that the brethren would do all they could to extend Masonry in the district.

Bro. HUDSON also spoke in a similar strain.

Bro. H. BULLOCK submitted "The Worshipful Master." It was, he said, through the instrumentality of Bro. Weston that the Wineslai Lodge was formed and they all knew he would worthily fill the office of W.M., and promote the interest and welfare of the lodge in every possible way. They knew his work as W.M. of the mother lodge, the Grenville, at Buckingham, and he felt sure the lodge would prosper under his charge.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in replying to the toast, expressed his pleasure at having been elected to the office of Master of the Wineslai Lodge, and hoped he should carry out his duties to a successful issue. He had a good array of officers coming after him, and he felt sure there was a prosperous future for the lodge. He had been anxious about that day, and was glad that the consecration ceremony had passed off in so excellent a manner, and that they had been honoured with the presence of so many visiting brethren.

Bro. J. KING gave "The Consecrating Officers," and congratulated them on the excellent manner in which they had carried out the ceremony that day.

Bros. the Rev. W. M. MYRES, Chaplain, and J. R. SLATOR replied to the toast, the latter taking the opportunity of congratulating the W.M. on having been elected to his office, and wishing him a successful year. Bro. Slator also wished the lodge every success, and said he hoped it would in a few years' time prove equal to any of the lodges in the province.

"The Visiting Brethren" was proposed by Bro. C. A. BENNETT, who expressed his pleasure at their being honoured with the presence of brethren from Oxon, Berks, Bristol, Northants and Hunts, and Beds.

The toast was replied to by Bros. F. W. WEBB, Beds, and F. B. WHITFORD, Norths and Hunts.

Bro. Lord ADDINGTON submitted the toast of "The Masonic Charities." The real basis of Masonry, his lordship said, was founded on Charity, and he was exceedingly glad such work was being carried on. They had only to look at their Charities to see the value of Masonry, but, in addition to that, other good and Charitable work was done by the brethren in the various provinces. He wished that lodge every success, and that it might be able to lend its support to the Charities of the Craft.

Bro. J. MARSHALL replied to the toast. He had had the honour of attending two of the Charity Festivals, and could speak of the great and hearty interest taken in their charitable Institutions, and of their great value. If Masonry was only more largely known than it was they would not hear much said against it, but rather it would be highly spoken of and praised. He was pleased to say the sum of £3 13s. 6d. had been subscribed in that room, and that the sum of £1 4s. 6d. would be sent to each of their three Charities. He felt sure Bros. Hedges, Terry, and McLeod would be very glad to receive the money, though small in amount. Still it was the first contribution of a new lodge, which he hoped would be able to do more in the future.

Bro. WARNE gave "The W.M. and Wardens of the Recommending Lodge."

Bro. HUDSON, W.M. of the Grenville Lodge, replied to the toast, and said he felt certain, seeing the patronage the Wineslai Lodge had received that day and the good officers they had elected, that it would prosper.

Bro. G. F. MARSH also acknowledged the toast.

Bro. REYNOLDS proposed "The Officers of the Lodge," and said he was proud to see Lord Addington had been elected to the office of Senior Warden, and also that the other offices were filled by such good and energetic Masons.

Bro. Lord ADDINGTON, in replying to the toast, expressed the pleasure it gave him to become connected with the Wineslai Lodge, and he hoped it would become a prosperous lodge and be a credit to the province.

Bros. KING, J.W.; the Rev. W. M. MYRES; WARNE, Sec.; H. BULLOCK, S.D.; J. HEDGES, J.D.; C. A. BENNETT, D.C.; and C. COLGROVE, I.G., also replied.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER gave "The Organist," and spoke highly of the assistance he had rendered during the consecration ceremony.

Bro. YOUNG replied to the toast of his health.

Bro. Wigley, Treasurer, then entering the room, Bro. J. R. SLATOR proposed his health, and Bro. WIGLEY suitably replied to the compliment.

Bro. KIBBLE proposed "The Host and Hostess," to which Bro. NEAR replied.

The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF STAFFORDSHIRE.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Staffordshire met on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at the Borough Hall, Stafford, under circumstances which were peculiarly depressing. The province has not yet recovered from the sorrow into which it was plunged in the early part of the year on the occasion of the death of its energetic and beloved chief, Bro. Col. Foster Gough, Prov. Grand Master, probably the most hard-working and painstaking of the provincial chiefs who have worked under the English constitution of the ancient and honourable Craft for very many years. As yet no successor has been appointed, and Provincial Grand Lodge met under the presidency of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Lieutenant-Colonel J. A. Bindley, Past Prov. S.G.W., in temporary charge of the province. There were about 250 brethren present, and the acting Prov. Grand Master was assisted in the conduct of the business by Bro. F. James, M.P., Past Deputy Grand Master of the province. The brethren having assembled under the banners of their respective lodges, the Provincial Grand Lodge Officers entered the room in procession, and having taken their seats Provincial Grand Lodge was opened according to ancient form. After a short prayer, Provincial Grand Lodge officers having been called on, the meeting was proceeded with.

On the 1st of September, being called, each was found to be represented by the following numbers: Nos. 78, 19; 347, 10; 418, 14; 419, 11; 451, 7; 450, 6; 460, 12; 482, 15; 526, 11; 539, 6; 546, 9; 624, 5; 637, 4; 662, 7; 696, 2; 726, 17; 966, 1; 1039, 4; 1060, 1; 1520, 8; 1587, 3; 1792, 6; 1838, 17; 1914, 13; 1941, 4; 1942, 5; 2064, 25; 2149, 7; and 2214, 6.

The accounts, which had been duly audited, were presented in abstract by the P.G. Treasurer, Bro. C. A. Newnham.

The ACTING PROV. GRAND MASTER moved the adoption of the accounts, tendering to the P.G. Treasurer the thanks of the Provincial Grand Lodge for his services, and moving his re-election for another year.

These propositions were carried with unanimity.

The ACTING PROV. GRAND MASTER, in the course of a few remarks, referred to the very excellent muster of the brethren, which was an incontestible proof of the healthiness of Freemasonry in the province. The Acting Provincial Grand Master concluded his remarks by proposing, in touching terms, a resolution recording the sentiment of the brethren of the province toward their late chief, copies of which were ordered to be sent to Col. Foster Gough's friends.

The resolution was seconded, and passed in solemn silence.

The Acting Provincial Grand Master next proceeded to invest the officers of Provincial Grand Lodge for the ensuing year. The appointments had been made from notes which the late Provincial Grand Master had left behind him. The following were the appointments:

Bro. W. J. Whittall, 482	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" R. Dain, 98	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. V. Litchfield, 1914	...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. S. W. Jones, 726	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Dr. C. A. Newnham, 526	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" E. Corke, 419	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" E. H. Thorne, 1838	...	...	Prov. Ast. G. Sec.
" G. W. Walker, 1838	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" S. Hyslop, 460	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" H. Windle, 418	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" A. McBean, 1838	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. Wooldridge, 726	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" F. G. Lidington, 526	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" J. Charlesworth, 2149	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" W. H. Henson, 2064	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" E. J. Mousley, 726	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" F. Taylor, 726	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" J. A. Cooper, 1587	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" F. Frobisher, 1792	...	...
" W. G. Taylor, 726	...	...
" C. J. Nevitt, 726	...	...
" W. H. Smith, 347	...	...
" J. T. Howson, 451	...	...

Auditors having been appointed for the ensuing year, Provincial Grand Lodge was called off, and the brethren marched in procession to St. Mary's Collegiate Church. Evensong was sung by the Prov. Grand Chaplain, assisted by the Assistant Prov. Grand Chaplain. The lessons were read by Bro. the Rev. W. F. Bradley, P.P.G.C., and the sermon was preached by the Prov. Grand Chaplain. The brethren then returned to the Borough Hall, where the Provincial Grand Lodge was resumed.

Bro. J. BODENHAM, P.P.S.G.W., P.A.G.D.C. England, presented the report of the Committee appointed for the purpose of framing regulations for the establishment and administration of a fund for the relief of local cases of distress within the province, and moved the following resolutions thereon: (a) "That the resolution of the Provincial Grand Lodge, passed on the 29th May, 1888, with regard to the disposal of the 'Cartwright Fund' be, and the same is, hereby rescinded." (b) "That a sum of £364 3s. 6d. be paid from the funds of Provincial Grand Lodge, together with £135 16s. 6d., the amount of the 'Cartwright Fund,' making together the sum of £500 to the Staffordshire Masonic Charitable Association, to be invested by the Association, and the annual income thereof paid to its 'B' Fund." (c) "That one half the annual working expenses of the Staffordshire Masonic Charitable Association be for the future defrayed by the Provincial Grand Lodge, and that all other payments or subscriptions to the Association out of the funds of Provincial Grand Lodge be discontinued." The resolutions were carried.

The annual banquet afterwards took place at the Shire Hall, under the presidency of the Acting Deputy Provincial Grand Master, when there was a numerous attendance.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF LANCASHIRE.

CONSECRATION OF THE CLARENCE MARK LODGE, No. 447.

At the meeting of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Lancashire, which was held in Liverpool on the 6th inst., the P.G. Secretary was able to give some very gratifying statistics as to the development of Mark Masonry in the province, and much point was given to his remarks by a most interesting event which had immediately preceded the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

A number of Mark brethren in Liverpool, at their head being the popular Mayor of the city (Bro. James de Bels Adam), having been approached by several friends who desired to be advanced to Mark Masonry, had petitioned H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.V.G.M., for permission to found a new Mark lodge. The other petitioners and founders were Bros. G. A. Harradon, E. I. Lewes, William Goodacre, P.G.D.; Herbert Pretty, and Jas. D. Murray, P.G. Std. Br. Eng.

The prayer of the petitioners had been duly granted, and leave had been given to the petitioners to name their confraternity the Clarence Lodge, for it had been a leading point on the part of the founders to perpetuate in this way the memory of a deeply lamented Prince and brother, and to mark once more their attachment to the exalted head of their Order.

Bro. the Earl of Lathom, P.G.M., had graciously agreed to consecrate the new lodge prior to the opening of Provincial Grand Lodge, and a large and notable gathering of Mark Masons graced the ceremony with their presence. They were rewarded for their courtesy, for seldom, if ever, has the solemn ceremony been more perfectly performed than on the occasion in question. The impressive ritual was rendered with all the noble earnestness which characterises the Masonic work of the Earl of Lathom, who was ably assisted by the P.P.G.C., Bro. the Rev. C. H. Knowlys—who delivered the following oration—Bro. John C. Robinson, P.G.D.C., and the other officers: I would, most Worshipful Sir, that the privilege of addressing your lordship and the brethren assembled on this auspicious occasion, ever to be remembered by all present and calling forth the approbation of every Mark Mason, had fallen into abler hands than mine. We read "to everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven, a time to be born, a time to die, a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted, a time to break down, a time to build up, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to cast away stones and a time to gather stones together, a time to get and a time to lose, a time to keep and a time to cast away, a time to keep silence and a

time to speak." Thus the royal sovereign Solomon would have us learn "there is a time for every purpose and for every work." In consecrating this Mark Masons' lodge to the honour and glory of the G.O.O.T.U., it is ever to be associated with the sacred memory of that Royal brother on whom the hopes of the brethren were set as a keystone of our Order, and the future worthy successor of his Royal father, our Royal and Grand Master. Our sincere condolence and sympathy has been expressed, offered, and accepted. Our mourning had its place. He who was planted in our midst was plucked away so full of youth's bright promise, within the scent of orange flowers, and joy's bright wreath to deck the brows of bridegroom and of bride. With sorrow and disappointment we have been broken down. The time has come when we may "build up" on the shattered ruin of our pride, and "gather together the scattered stones" of our hope for mutual profit and instruction. On our initiation we immediately learn that our system is a continual course of instruction as to man's walk through life, that its aim is discipline to be maintained by patient continuance in well doing, that its end is the glory of the Great Architect and O.O.T.U. By solemn obligation every Mason ought to be a better man, and the more he studies the mysteries of our Order by [the Divine light of the volume of the Sacred Law, the more will he endeavour to practice every moral and social virtue. Humanity and obedience are inculcated by our ritual, precepts, and constitution, and ought to reign in every Mason's heart. Upon these virtues depend that perfect unanimity which ought to adorn and mark our Order. Ah, how often are we tempted to forget, to overlook, that harmony in our zeal for this or that matter. Disappointment rancours in our breasts, submission to others may arouse discordant sentiment, when, in due time we may find that what has been ordered has been for the best, and that which we may have considered was man's designing, proves to be the perfect wisdom and perfect love of the G.O.O.T.U. working for the best. Mark Masonry illustrates the severe training by disappointment. Many of us assembled here to-day have experienced the humility and disappointment of presenting the rejected stone. It is good to be humbled, but not pleasant. We may picture that careful Mason of ancient times, whom we then personated, taking the rough stone from the quarry, gradually, with sharp and cutting tool and gavel, shaping it according to the curious pattern. As it shaped under his skilful hand, admiring, when completed, comparing it with his fellow workmen's handicraft, proudly shouldering it, advancing to the gate, there to receive his first lesson in humility by disappointment; humbled and dejected, casting longing eyes on the well worked stone rejected and heaved over. His submissive conduct and obedience received merited reward. Can we not see the wisdom of our degree in this instruction given of the dealings of the G.O.O.T.U. with the children of men? The world is His stone-yard in which He prepares man to be built up into a Spiritual House meet for His habitation. For by nature he is not fit for the Builder's hand. There must be the shaping, the squaring, the polishing. Under the hand of time the gavel of pain and anguish smites; the cold piercing chisel of sorrow, afflictions, and disappointments shape the rough stone to the pattern of the Great Architect of the Universe. By this process man is beautified and perfected, and by the exercise of every social virtue he may become the choicest work of the Master Builder. Under the great and the severe blow of disappointment that the G.O.O.T.U. has laid upon our noble and Royal Grand Master, felt by every Mason, and throughout the nation at large, let us with all reverence and humility bow our heads and say to Him—"Smite as Thou seest best, make every blow, and biting sculpture remove from us that which may unfit us for living stones to be built in Thy Spiritual Habitation and Temple." In consecrating this Mark lodge, to be for ever associated with the name and memory of our late Royal brother, let us remember that he who flings his hand across the harp and snaps the string, respects not the stages of man, and each will have to present himself at the narrow wicket. How soon who can say—No impostor can pass detection is certain. The wicket will be warded by the All-seeing Eye of the G.M.O. Trials and disappointments are the dealings of the G.M.B. to work in us those virtues of obedience, humility, and patient endurance which will pass us through the wicket. In every grade of life they must be acquired, under every circumstance of life they must be cultivated and practised. May we all, having marked well the dealings of the G.O.O.T.U. with us, be found as worthy of His great reward, and present our mark as unblemished, as he whose sacred and Royal memory we perpetuate to-day. Committing the charge of this lodge to the rule and guidance of the Worshipful Master designate and the Founders, we all feel assured that he, and they, and their successors will always maintain that high integrity of character and principle, that purity of action, which will ever be associated with the name this lodge shall for ever bear of "Clarence."

The lodge having been duly constituted, the Prov. Grand Master delegated to Bro. J. Murray the duty of installing as the first W.M. of the Clarence Lodge, No. 447, Bro. James de Bels Adam, Mayor of Liverpool, and he in his turn proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. G. A. Harradon, S.W.; E. L. Lewes, J.W.; R. R. Bevis, jun., M.O.; G. E. Marsden, S.O.; H. Pretty, J.O.; W. A. Cleve, R.M.; W. Webb, S.D.; E. Holt, J.D.; the Rev. J. Master, Chaplain; W. Higgins, Treas.; W. Goodacre, P.G.D., Sec.; J. D. Murray, D. of C.; J. Hodgson, I.G.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler.

Before closing the lodge the W.M. made the gratifying announcement that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales had consented to become an honorary member of the Clarence Lodge. This exceptional honour conferred on the lodge was received with much enthusiasm, which was renewed when the W.M. proposed that Bro. the Earl of Lathom, P.G.M., Prov. G.M., and Bro. Colonel Le Gendre Starkie, Dep. Prov. G.M., also for honorary membership of the lodge; whilst the son and heir of the Prov. G.M., Lord Skelmersdale, was proposed for advancement and membership.

It cannot often have fallen to the lot of a Mark lodge to commence its career under such brilliant auspices, and its course will be watched with much sympathetic interest, whilst the striking proof given by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales of the keen interest which he takes in Mark Masonry in Lancashire can hardly fail to give it a considerable stimulus in the province.

Afterwards at the meeting of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge the following appointments were made:

Bro. J. de Bels Adam	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" J. H. Carter	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" A. Hall	...	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" F. Powell	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" R. Phillips	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" Rev. J. M. Harris	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" J. S. Scott	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. Chadwick	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. Williams	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" J. Hilton	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" J. Betley	...	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" W. S. Weeks	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Bristowe	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" T. Milton	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" J. H. Shelfield	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" W. Platt (re-appointed)	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" W. Crossley	...	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" John Fletcher	...	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" G. A. Henser...	...	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.

The sum of 30 guineas was voted in aid of the Masonic Charities.

The Prince of Wales and others were elected honorary members of the new lodge.

After business the brethren adjourned to the Bear's Paw, Lord-street, where a banquet of exceptional excellence was served, under the personal direction of Bro. Fletcher, whose catering and attention again elicited general approval.

At the banquet "The Health of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales" was received with great cordiality, whilst the Earl of Lathom, who presided, and Col. Le Gendre Starkie, who supported the Provincial Grand Master, on rising to speak, were received with such ovations as must have proved to them, if proof were needed, what a firm hold they have obtained of the affections of all the Mark Masons of Lancashire.

The clothing for the new lodge was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF DURHAM AND NORTHUMBERLAND.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland, on the 4th inst. Bro. the Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., Prov. G.M., presided, and there was a very large attendance of the brethren from the two counties.

The Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was opened in due form by the P.G.M., Bro. Rev. Canon Tristram, and after some formal business, the report of the Committee of General Purposes was read by the Secretary, Bro. C. B. Ford, and was adopted.

The nomination of Bro. Rev. Canon Tristram (for re-election as P.G.M.) to be submitted to the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, was moved by the D.P.G.M., Bro. J. STRACHAN, P.P.S.G.W., seconded, and the motion was carried with great acclamation.

The P.G.M., Bro. Rev. Canon TRISTRAM, D.D., then addressed the Provincial Grand Lodge, and acknowledged the honour which the officers and brethren had shown. He spoke of the progress in the numbers of the members reported, and of the satisfactory state of the lodges in the province. He announced that the Provincial Grand Lodge would be held next year at West Hartlepool, under the banner of the Eclectic Lodge. He again appointed Bro. R. B. Reed as his Deputy amid applause, and then appointed and invested the following officers for the ensuing year:

Bro. C. D. Hill Drury	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Hans B. Holsen	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" J. D. Dodd	...	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" John Heppell	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.O.
" William Bell	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" Rev. Dr. Swaby	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Thomas Purvis	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Henry Lamb	...	...	...	Prov. G.R. of M.
" Charles B. Ford	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" W. J. H. Ryder	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" William Richardson	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" William Weatherhead	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" T. D. Marshall	...	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" Jacob Barker (re-appointed)	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Duncan Macdonald	...	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" J. H. Bentham	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" Fred. S. Cooper	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" J. Appleyard	...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The annual banquet was subsequently held at the Grand Hotel, Bridge-street, Bro. the Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., P.G.M., presiding. The evening was spent in harmony.

During the evening an eloquent and historical address upon Masonry was delivered by Bro. the Rev. Canon Tristram, which was appreciated very highly by those present.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield, under the banner of the Integrity Lodge, No. 110, on Wednesday, the 5th inst., the P.G.M., Bro. Charles Letch Mason, presiding.

The P.G. Treasurer and Registrar having made their annual reports, Bro. G. F. Carr, W.M. 111, P.P.G.O., was unanimously elected as the P.G. Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The Prov. Grand Master then appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Bro. Rev. Dr. Smyth, 374	...	...	...	Dep. Prov. G.M.
" T. W. Embleton, 127	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" C. J. Schotts, Old York, T.I.	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" W. D. Shoebridge, 58	...	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" W. Flockton, 111	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" J. Stenson Webb, 374	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" Rev. W. Wilkinson, 374	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" G. F. Carr, 111	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Tudor Trevor, 111	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" G. H. Parke, 110	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" R. Hodgson, 58	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" B. Smith, 127	...	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" Herbert King, 14	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Dr. P. G. S. Dearden, 53	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" J. J. Martin, 110	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" S. Jacob, 352	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" George Carbert, 110	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" T. Robertshaw, 58	...	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" W. S. Blackburn, 374	...	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" T. Norfolk, Old York, T.I.	...	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" W. Cockcroft, 14	...	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" F. D. Walker, 398	...	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.

Amongst the visiting brethren were Bros. Henry Smith and Henry Wilson, P.M. 59, P.P.G.W. Worcestershire, P.G.D. England.

The brethren were afterwards most hospitably entertained by the members of the Integrity Lodge, No. 110, the present W.M. of which is Bro. H. G. E. Green, the popular Provincial Grand Secretary of Craft Masonry in West Yorks.

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The next meeting of the Committee will be held here on
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21 Girls into the Institution, from a list of 26 approved
Candidates, when the following were declared duly

No. on Poll	No. on List	ELECTED.	VOTES.
1	15	Rath, Kate Liszka	4545
2	26	Ruddle, Dorothy Katherine Annie	4004
3	12	Nichols, Emilie Hilda	3803
4	17	Anthony, Agnes Minnie (last)	3164
5	21	Primrose, Maud Ethel	3100
6	3	Scantlebury, Lilla Alice	3070
7	1	Marsh, Lilian	3062
8	5	Vockins, May Winnifred	3030
9	6	Collins, Lydia Mabel	3023
10	20	Castle, Catharine Margaret	2941
11	11	Pavey, Marjorie Ruth	2875
12	13	Dean, Dorothy	2814
13	4	Caton, Winfred Frances Mary	2779
14	10	White, Violet Mabel	2634
15	14	King, Elizabeth Louisa	2630
16	23	Brown, Mary Margaret	2539
17	25	Loewenthal, Evelina Florence	2444
18	7	Kilpin, Elsie Helen (last)	2424
19	2	Mathew, Ada Victoria	2170
20	18	Bonner, Clair	2021
21	24	Shaw, Ethel	1867

The number of Votes recorded for Unsuccessful Candi-
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Masonic Notes.

The Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held at Freemasons' Tavern on Thursday. Bro. Henry Smith occupied the chair, and the general business, which was mostly of a formal character, was very quickly disposed of. The election of 21, from an approved list of 26, candidates was then proceeded with, the poll closing at three prompt. The result will be found elsewhere in our advertisement columns.

The Boys' School Quarterly Court will be held today (Friday) at Freemasons' Tavern, when 24, from a reduced list of 37, candidates will be elected. We trust that our remarks of last week as regards the two last cases—Nos. 7 and 17—will bear fruit, and that we shall be in a position to announce them among the successful applicants. The Governors and Subscribers will then have the satisfaction of knowing that on this occasion none of those whom they have declared worthy of being admitted into the School have been finally rejected.

But in the case of this Institution there is other business than that of the election which must be dealt with. For instance, there is Bro. Cumberland's motion to alter the day on which the Council—that is, the General Committee of former days—meets from the first Saturday in the month, August excepted, at 3 p.m., to the last Friday at 5 p.m. On this we have no remarks to offer. It is a matter which concerns the members of Council, affecting, as it does, their personal convenience. If they prefer the last Friday 5 p.m. by all means let them meet on that day; or, if it suits them better, let them keep to the present arrangement. There is, indeed, one good reason we may mention in favour of the proposed change—that it will enable the Secretary's staff to enjoy a well-earned half-holiday, whereas under the present plan, though the office closes at 2 p.m., they are under the necessity of remaining till 4 or 5 p.m. on Council days. As the members of the staff do not spare themselves when there is a heavy pressure of work, it would not be a bad idea on the part of the Council, if they took this point into consideration in deciding whether they will accept or reject the proposed change.

There is also a series of four motions standing in the name of Bro. Richard Eve, P.G. Treasurer and Chairman of the Board of Management, to which we do not see how any exception can possibly be taken. These motions are that (1) Bro. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., who has been Honorary Surgeon-Oculist to the Institution for 30 years, and (2) Bro. Wharton P. Hood, who has been Honorary Medical Officer for 25 years, shall be made Honorary Vice-Presidents of the Institution, with all the rights and privileges appertaining to such rank, in recognition of the valuable services they have severally rendered to the Institution; and (3) that a similar compliment, conferring similar rights and privileges, shall be bestowed on Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp, P.A.G.D.C., in consideration of his gift of 130 guineas to found certain prizes for history. The fourth resolution is to the effect that Bro. Stanley J. Attenborough, who has done good service to the Institution in many ways and on many occasions, shall be appointed Honorary Solicitor. We imagine that not the slightest breath of opposition will be raised to these very reasonable and proper motions, and we have no doubt we shall find ourselves next week in a position to congratulate these brethren on being the recipients of such well-merited compliments.

The annual communication of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cumberland and Westmorland is to be held on Friday, the 21st inst., in the Drill Hall, Millom, under the banner of Whitwell Lodge, No. 1390. The most interesting feature of the agenda is the presentation of an address to the Earl of Bective, on his lordship attaining his 25th year of office as ruler of the Province. Bro. G. J. McKay, P.G. Std. Br., is also to be inducted into the office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master, vice Bro. L. F. B. Dykes, P.G.D., re-

signed. Further, at 10 o'clock in the morning, the McKay Chapter, No. 1390, is to be consecrated, so that with the other duties incidental to an annual meeting, our north country brethren have a hard day's work before them.

Bro. McKay's services to the Province for so many years as Prov. G. Secretary are also to be recognised. The brethren will not allow him to exchange the more onerous for the more dignified office without marking their sense of benefits conferred on the Province by his consistent devotion to the duties of office. The presentation in this case will assume the form of a piece of plate.

It is not only his brethren of the mystic tie who appreciate the services and genial qualities of Bro. McKay. Quite recently his brother justices of the county presented the Corporation of Kendal with a portrait in oils of ex-Mayor McKay, which is said to be an excellent likeness, and which the local paper describes as a fitting recognition of an eventful year.

The Cornish Lodge meeting in London had another successful installation meeting on Saturday. About 60 brethren were present, and Bro. Walter Molesworth St. Aubyn was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year by the I.P.M., Bro. John Roberts. Pressure on our space prevents our inserting the usual report this week, but it will appear in our next.

We have received, too late for extended notice this week, a handsome and portly volume of nearly 500 pages, compiled and edited by Bro. J. Matthewman, containing the Masonic addresses of Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P., R.W.P.G.M. of West Yorkshire. It contains besides the portrait of the able and much loved ruler of that flourishing province, numerous photo mezzotint views of places of interest in connection with Bro. Tew, besides portraits of Yorkshire Masonic celebrities, including the Deputy P.G.M., Bro. Henry Smith, W. F. Smithson, P.G.D., P.P.G.W., and others. The work speaks volumes for the Masonic activity of all concerned, and will be of interest to a large number outside the Province of West Yorkshire.

The Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Devonshire is to be held at Torquay on Monday, the 17th inst., and will be presided over by Bro. the Hon. Sir Stafford H. Northcote, Bart., C.B., M.P., Prov. G.M. A large attendance is anticipated, and the presence of Bros. W. J. Hughon, P.G.W., Representative of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, and C. F. Matier, P.G.W., Grand Secretary, is expected. There are 24 lodges in the Province.

It is well worthy of note that at the recent Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham, the Provincial Grand Master referred to the circumstance of his eldest son having joined one of the lodges in his jurisdiction, and expressed the hope that he should have the benefit of his assistance in the discharge of his duties. At the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire, Bro. the Earl of Lathom, who presided, had the satisfaction of knowing that his eldest son—Bro. Lord Skelmersdale—was among the brethren present on the occasion. These two facts, which were mentioned in our reports last week, cannot fail to be gratifying to the Craft generally, but more especially to the members of the Provinces who are more immediately interested.

According to the *Voice of Masonry* there were present at the triennial convocation of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States held at Denver, Colorado, in August last two venerable sir knights—A. C. Treat and Edward Biscock, who have been members of the Masonic fraternity for 73 and 69 years respectively. Bro. Treat was a member of the Committee which received Bro. General La Fayette on his last visit to the States, yet he enjoys excellent health and retains all his faculties.

The *Voice* likewise records the death of Bro. J. W. H. Wilson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. Bro. Wilson was initiated in the Simcoe Lodge, No. 79, Ontario. On removing to Winnipeg he became a charter member of Ionic Lodge, No. 25. In 1885 he was elected Grand Registrar of Manitoba, in 1886 Senior Grand Warden, in 1891 Deputy Grand Master, and in 1892 M.W. Grand Master. General sympathy is felt for the members of the deceased's family.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

1009] THE "SCALD MISERABLES."

I am very pleased to add my testimony to Bro. Speth's and Lane's (Nos. 994 and 1004) in warm appreciation of Bro. Richard Jackson's facsimile of the "*Scald Miserables*," and consider that half-a-guinea per copy is a very reasonable sum to ask for such a faithful reproduction. (Address—*Commercial-street, Leeds*). The facsimile measures, as does the original, over four feet in length (with margin), and forms a most striking representation of the curious procession of 27th April, 1742. As Bro. Speth states, "the print is exceedingly scarce," and but few copies of the original are known in the world. Certainly not a dozen. Practically, it is unobtainable, though strange to say, there are two copies in Yorkshire at least, if not more, viz., one in the West Yorkshire Masonic Library (the home of so many rarities), and the other is owned by my friend and Brother William Watson, of Leeds. Another is also domiciled at Worcester, to which Bro. T. Lamb-Smith has referred. For all useful purposes, Bro. Jackson's reproduction will do as well as the scarce original, and I hope the few remaining copies (*only 150 printed*) will be obtained for lodge libraries and Masonic halls. The fine engraving noted by Bro. John Lane is to be found in Brayley's "*Londiniana*" (4 vols. 8vo., A.D. 1829), and, naturally, is rarely met with as a separate plate like Bro. Lane's. It is an inexact copy of the original of Benoist's, but fairly illustrates the character of the procession. On the top of the reproduction of A.D. 1829 are the words "*Brayley's Londiniana*." The cut of "*The Free Masons' Downfall, or the Restoration of the Scald Miserables*," in "*The Westminster Journal*" for Saturday, May 8th, 1742, is quite a different engraving to either of the foregoing. This number of the *Journal* is so scarce that only two copies are known, one being in the British Museum and the other owned by Bro. General Samuel C. Lawrence, P.G.M. (*Mass.*), who has had the whole number facsimiled, and presented copies to many brethren and collectors in this country. It is valuable for a reason, noted by Bro. Speth, in addition to the curious caricature. Bro. Matthewman's description appears to have been taken originally or by him from "*The Westminster Journal*" aforesaid (*not* Bro. Jackson's plate of 1742), but several portions are omitted in his transcript, some advisedly so, or it may be the key supplied by Benoist. It is said Dr. Carey (surgeon to the Prince of Wales) much offended his Royal Patron for the part he took in organising the procession of 1742, and was removed from his appointment as surgeon to his Royal Highness. Bro. Jackson will no doubt be able to reproduce other curious prints, especially if the present venture is welcomed as it should be.

W. J. HUGHAN.

Reviews.

Mr. and Mrs. Tregaskis, at the sign of the Caxton Head, in High Holborn, have just published an edition *de luxe* of their catalogue of special rarities. It is the 250th number issued from their well-known establishment, and by far the best of the whole series. The characteristic title is introduced, and on the reverse is the book plate of the enterprising "*Jacobi et Marie Lee Tregaskis*," who certainly should have had a lady reading or examining old books as a part of the design. With that exception the plate is appropriate, and quite the style of many centuries ago. The illustrations of several choice bindings are beautiful works of art, and form quite a feature of this truly wonderful production, the like of which we never remember seeing before, and Mr. and Mrs. Tregaskis deserve all the success, so bountifully falling to their share, for their enterprise and skill. If mention is made of any of the numerous valuable items, the copy of *Ysaïas Salisberiensis Polycraticus*, owned by Henry the VIII. (which has been sold), and that of the Canon Missæ Pontificatis, 1729, might well be enumerated. Only 100 copies are published at 5s. each.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The Quarterly Court of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Thursday, in the large hall of Freemasons' Tavern. Bro. Henry Smith, Past Grand Deacon, Deputy Prov. Grand Master West Yorkshire, Treasurer of the Institution, was unanimously voted to the chair. He was supported by Bro. Frank Richardson, E. M. Money, James H. Matthews, H. A. Hunt, F. W. Smithson, and F. R. W. Hedges, Sec. The court was largely attended. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the General Court of July 7th, had been read and confirmed, and the summaries of the minutes of the subsequent General Committees had been read for information, scrutineers were appointed and the election of 21 girls out of an approved list of 26 candidates was proceeded with. The poll closed at three o'clock.

Votes of thanks to the Scrutineers and to the Chairman of the day closed the proceedings.

The list of successful candidates will be found in our advertisement columns.

On Thursday the final shooting for the Regimental Club Gold Jewel took place at Ilford. The competitions, which commenced in March, comprise six contests, at 200, 300, and 600 yards, seven shots each, and Thursday's event at 700 and 800 yards. The total score each man could make would be 710 points. Private Didley was returned the winner, with 507; the next in order of merit Sergeant Parsons, 505; Sergeant King, 549; Corporal Debelder, 508; and Private Petrie, 495 points.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Strong Man Lodge (No. 45).—This old lodge resumed its work on Thursday, the 6th instant, at the Guildhall Tavern, when there were present Bros. W. F. Bruty, W.M.; W. H. Liddall, I.P.M.; A. M. Whitby, S.W.; J. G. Cobb, P.M.; P.P.G. Stwd Herts, J.W.; G. G. Symons, P.M., D. of C.; H. T. Nell, P.M., Sec.; B. S. Liddall, Treas.; D. A. Langdon, J.D.; W. G. Mills, I.G.; W. Emerson, Org.; Tom. Taylor and J. Cuer, Stwds.; John Smith, P.M.; R. E. Hunt, P.M.; E. H. Dove, P.M.; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; Yates, Manuelle, Rees, H. Reed, Jenkinson, T. E. Mills, Ockelford, Spurgeon, Finch, Burgess, A. Whitby, Medcalf, Pond Jones, Armfield, Bewers, Vidler, Clarke, A. Hall, E. M. Hall, Flint, Ashford, Inchbold, Praeger, Edmunds, Selmes, Bromley Hall, Smethurst, Stafford, Bristow and Dowselt, Visitors: Bros. J. H. Langdon, W.M. elect 1457; R. Fisk, 1457; W. T. Imbrey, 2372; and J. J. Skelton, 1185.

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the last regular lodge and that of the emergency meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Vidler was raised to the Third Degree and Bros. Clarke, Hall, and Flint were passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft. The ballot was then taken for Messrs. T. H. Inchbold, A. Praeger, Wm. Edmunds, J. H. Selmes, and Bromley Hall, and, being unanimous in their favour, they were initiated. Thus for the opening night, the W.M. had plenty of work to do, in which, by the way, he was assisted by Bros. G. G. Symons, P.M., D.C., and H. T. Nell, P.M., Sec. Five gentlemen were proposed for initiation at the next meeting, and a notice of motion to raise the initiation fee was announced.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to banquet, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were presented and duly honoured.

Each of the Initiates replied to the toast of their health. The Tyler's toast closed a very pleasant meeting.

The musical programme was ably carried out by Bros. Tom Taylor, A. Whitby, Burgess, Stafford, and Emerson, Organist, and special thanks must be given to the latter for the way he has worked up the musical service in the lodge.

St. John's Lodge (No. 167).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Jack Straw's Castle, Hampstead, on the 11th inst., and was well attended. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. A. W. Lane, supported by the following: Bros. John Hearnsum, P.M., as S.W.; F. E. Bailey, J.W.; W. B. Mirle, S.D.; H. Hibberd, I.G.; J. T. Rowe, P.M., Treas.; Edwin Storr, P.M., Sec.; H. Coffin, P.M.; J. G. Humphreys, P.M.; C. H. Fry, P.M.; W. A. Scurrah, P.M.; W. Wilkinson, P.M.; J. B. Thompson, F. Stansell, S. J. Dowsing, and others. Amongst the numerous visitors were Bros. Fredk. Binckes, P.G. Std. Br., J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B., N. B. Headon, P.M., James Stevens, P.M., G. W. Blackie, P.M., and G. W. Robson, S.W., all of 1426; James Pain, P.M. 1339; Capeles, P.M., Garrett, P.M., and Hillier, J.W., all of 1366; Cull, P.M. 1446; Coles, P.M. 1329; Hemmings, P.M. 1287; Lincoln, P.M. 534; Jones, I.G. 1637; Goodwin, Org. 2278; Taylor, 45; White, 834; Dale, 1613; Goodchild, 704; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, Bro. F. E. Bailey was presented to the W.M. for installation. The beautiful ceremony was most ably and efficiently performed by Bro. Lane, who, at its conclusion, received the acknowledgments of all present, and on taking his seat as I.P.M., was presented with a handsome and well-deserved jewel in recognition of his past year's labours. The officers for the current year were appointed in the following order, viz., Bros. W. B. Mirle, S.W.; H. Hibberd, J.W.; J. T. Rowe, P.M., (elected) Treas.; Edwin Storr, P.M. (re-appointed) Sec.; J. Hearnsum, P.M., S.D.; F. Stansell, J.D.; H. Coffin, P.M., D.C.; J. B. Thompson, I.G.; and T. Bowler, I.G. Each officer, on investment, was addressed by the new Master in appropriate language, and with a confidence which augurs well for the chair work during his term of office. Bro. Lane completed an admirably conducted ceremony by a perfect rendering of the customary address. The election of an Audit Committee completed the agenda of business, and nothing further offering, "Hearty good wishes" were expressed, and the lodge was closed.

The banquet was in every way worthy of the lodge and of the well known establishment in which it was served, and left nothing wanting to gratify those who partook of it, as well as the numerous guests as the hosts themselves.

The usual toasts were duly honoured, Bro. Binckes responding for "The Grand Officers," and numerous Past Masters for "The Visitors."

We were unable to remain until the final toast, but up to the point of our departure the thorough harmony and good fellowship which pervaded the company, and the quiet order and regularity of the entire proceedings, both at labour and refreshment, made our visit and that of all those with whom we subsequently conversed, one of the most agreeable Masonic re-unions we had shared in for some time. We believe the "Charities" were not forgotten, and doubtless the same good fellowship continued until good wishes for "Poor and distressed" gave the final signal for dispersion.

Great City Lodge (No. 1426).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on the 5th inst. Among the brethren present were Bros. Lionel B. M. z'ay, W.M.; D. T. Keene, S.W.; W.M. elect; G. W. Robson, J.W.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap., Chap.; N. B. Headon, P.M., Treas.; J. K. Gwyn, S.D.; R. Brookman, J.D.; Frank E. Bailey, W.M. elect 107, D.C.; W. Fraser, I.G.; R. F. Potter, P.M.; Tyler; C. F. Smith, P.M.; Jas. Stevens, P.M.; G. W. Blackie, P.M.; John Sees, P.M.; W. Kibble, P.M.; R. Stanway, P.M.; H. Bertram, R. Lawson, B. C. W. Peterson, G. M. Fraser, and others. Visitors: Bros. E. C. Percy Stevens, 1326; Wm. Pirie, 154 (S.C.); Mount Brown, I.P.M. 1997; and Alf. Jones, W.M. 1949. The minutes of the previous meeting having been con-

firmed, Bro. James Stevens took the chair as Installing Master. The W.M. elect, Bro. D. T. Keene, was then presented and installed as W.M. of the lodge. The officers for the ensuing year were appointed and invested in the following order: Bros. G. W. Robson, S.W.; J. K. Gwyn, J.W.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G.C., Chap.; N. B. Headon, P.M., Treas.; J. Stevens, P.M., Sec.; R. Brookman, S.D.; F. E. Bailey, J.D.; G. M. Fraser, I.G.; and R. Potter, Tyler. The report of the Audit Committee was received, and a cordial vote of thanks recorded in favour of the late Secretary, Bro. W. F. G. Cook, P.M., whose resignation of the office in consequence of severe illness was much regretted.

Sundry communications having received attention the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet; a very agreeable evening resulting to the entire satisfaction of all present.

Marquis of Ripon Lodge (No. 1489).—This lodge held its installation meeting on the 7th inst. at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, and the lodge was opened by Bro. J. H. Clare, W.M. The Past Masters of the lodge who were present were Bros. J. E. Walford, Treas.; John Tovell, William Gray, C. H. Fisher, B. G. Poulton, and Edwin George, Secretary. The visitors were Bros. John Black, P.M. 706; Ernest Bunker, P.M. 1158; F. R. McArthur, 1021; H. E. Herman, 2374; F. Copstick, 869, P.P.G.S.B. Herts; Perry, 60; H. Massey, 160, P.M. 619, 1928; Walter H. Squires, 1929; W. J. Harris, S.W. 1321; S. W. Brown, 145; Charles Wood, 1891; A. F. Hardyment, 1500; and W. T. Lawson, 3.

Bros. Symmons and Burgess were raised by Bro. Edwin George, P.M., who afterwards installed Bro. R. J. Campbell as W.M. of the lodge in his usual fluent and impressive style. The following brethren received the collars of office: Bros. Henry Young, S.W.; John Inch, J.W.; J. E. Walford, P.M., Treas.; Edwin George, P.M., Sec.; Thomas B. Pugh, S.D.; W. J. Sparrow, J.D.; R. W. Huntley, I.G.; A. G. Caws, D.C.; H. E. Ogden, Stwd.; and J. J. Marsh, Tyler. Bro. J. H. Clare received the collar of I.P.M., and a handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to him in recognition of the courteousness and amiability which distinguished his occupancy of the Worshipful Master's chair. The names of several intending initiates and joining members were given in, and when the lodge was closed, a very superior banquet was provided.

The proposition of the toasts, which came on in due course, was distinguished by great brevity, and the interpolation of an unusually large supply of beautiful vocal and instrumental music, the executants being Bros. J. V. Sparrow, A. C. Blunderfield, A. F. Hardyment, F. Fighiera, H. M. and W. W. Hind, Walter Latter, R.A.M., P.P.G. Org., Musical Director, W. J. Harris, and Charles Wood. Bro. Clare, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and said the brethren had known him many years, and they all liked him. They knew he had the interests of the lodge at heart, and in the new W.M. he was sure they were starting now on a very successful year.

The W.M. opened his reply by a declaration of policy, which was that as "brevity was the soul of wit," at the end of his year of office the brethren would have to admit that he had been the wittiest of Masters. That night, however, in particular, as there was so much music on the programme, he would be exceptionally brief in his remarks, and he would simply thank the brethren for so cordially drinking the toast. He hoped some night, when there was not such a large programme, to tell them a little more about himself.

After some music, the W.M. proposed "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Clare," who was what they might call a champion. They could not help liking him, and they did like him, for he was a genial, good fellow.

Bro. Clare said he wished to be as brief as the W.M., and he thanked the brethren most heartily for their kindness in voting him the jewel, and so well supporting him during the year.

The W.M., in proposing "The Past Masters," said he did not know much of the possession by other lodges of Past Masters, but in the Marquis of Ripon Lodge there were so many and so excellent, that they could take them from the beginning to the present time, and they were all good men and true. No matter what was required of them the assistance was always ready. He then referred to the work of Bros. Tovell, Gray, George, Poulton, Dutton, Fisher, and Clare, making a feeling allusion to Bro. Poulton's great loss in the death of his wife.

Bro. Tovell said he had been in the lodge 18 years, and he was the only one left of the first initiates. During that time he had only missed three attendances, as they might see by the books. Coming to the lodge was one of the luxuries he looked forward to. He was always happy in the lodge and comfortable among the brethren. The visitors came and were very friendly with them, and a man must be very cynical indeed if he could not enjoy such meetings. There was one thing that had damped his spirits that night—Bro. Taylor was not there; but as his brother, the Mayor of Chelmsford died that morning at half-past four, it was utterly impossible for him to come. After thanking the brethren again, he said he trusted life might be spared to him many years to enjoy these pleasant evenings in the Marquis of Ripon Lodge.

Bro. Gray, P.M., also responded, and expressed the great pleasure he felt in seeing the different brethren coming forward and qualifying themselves for office. He assured the W.M. of his readiness at all times to render any assistance he could if it would promote the prosperity of the lodge either in its working or in its support of the Charitable association connected with it. It was desirable that the brethren should know of this association, which had already paid 50 guineas to the Charities. By this means they got votes as Life Governors. He also hoped the brethren would attend the lodge of instruction on Monday evenings at eight at the Lord Stanley, Paragon-road, Mare-street, Hackney.

After the toast of "The Visitors" had been proposed, drunk, and responded to, the W.M. gave "The Treasurer and Secretary."

Bro. Edwin George, P.M., Sec., in reply, said to his regret the Treasurer, Bro. Walford, had been obliged to leave before this toast was proposed, and the brethren were deprived of the benefit of hearing a very able response to it. But for himself he (Bro. George), in replying for the portion of the toast which more particularly related to him, could assure the brethren that he was only too glad to be able to be of use to the Marquis of Ripon Lodge; it was a great pleasure and no trouble.

The Tyler's toast brought the pleasant proceedings to a close.

Montague Guest Lodge (No. 1900).—The members of this highly efficient lodge held their installation meeting at the Inns of Court Hotel on the 12th inst., when, in addition to the usual routine of the evening, Bro. O. Philippe was duly installed W.M. by the retiring W.M., Bro. Henwood. The ceremony was most efficiently carried out, but owing to the late serious illness of Bro. Philippe, the ceremony was curtailed. The brethren and the visitors, of whom there was a large gathering, expressed their greatest satisfaction and pleasure at seeing Bro. Philippe occupy the chair, he being held in the greatest esteem both for his upright manner of conducting the affairs of the Craft as well as for his generous support of the Charities.

During the evening a sumptuous banquet was spread, and partaken of by about 50 of the brethren, who expressed their warmest praise of the arrangements generally.

The menu card was a special and unique feature in the programme, being frontispiced by miniature photos of the officers, whose names followed in the text with an appropriate quotation from the immortal Bard, the selection being particularly apt in each case, and paid high tribute to the past catering for the brethren by pointing prominently to one brother as "a goodly portly man" faith and a corpulent," &c. The centre of the book was graced by a full-page portrait of the W.M.—an excellent production, while the end described a dual menu, followed by toasts interspersed with the titles of songs and the artistes, a separate volume being handed to each brother of the songs and recitations that were pleasingly and ably rendered by Madame Florence, and her elegantly attired and amiable daughter, Miss Ethel Winn, and Bros. R. Groome and F. Bevan, with Bro. Turle Lee presiding at the grand piano, and Mr. Chas. Fry, the eminent provider of recitations.

During the evening the usual toasts were given, and heartily responded to, and a sympathetic address was given by Bros. Henwood and Brooks, who expressed their hearty sympathy with the W.M. in his illness, and carried the lodge with their regrets at his enforced absence. The speech was concluded with the chorus of "He's a jolly good fellow," which poured forth with such emphasis as to leave no doubt it was heartily felt.

We regret to learn Bro. Philippe is suffering from a spasmodic disease of his heart, which renders it necessary for him to abstain from any undue amount of excitement or fatigue, but we are pleased to be able to state that the work through which he passed has not had the least injurious effect upon our esteemed brother, who expresses himself as better for the event.

Quatuor Coronati Lodge (No. 2076).—This lodge met at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday, the 7th inst., when there were present Bros. W. H. Rylands, P.G. Stwd., W.M.; W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B., I.P.M.; Dr. W. Wynn Westcott, S.W.; G. W. Speth, Sec.; E. Macbean, S.D.; R. F. Gould, P.G.D., P.M., D.C.; C. Kupferschmidt, I.G.; Professor T. Hayter Lewis, and S. T. Klein. Also the following members of the Correspondence Circle—Bros. G. Gregson, Rev. Hugh Thomas, S. L. MacGregor Mathers, C. W. Buck, Col. J. Mead, E. H. Cartwright, F. W. Wright, J. H. Davis, M. Mendelssohn, G. R. Cobham, F. W. Levander, as J.W.; Thomas Cohu, R. A. Gowan, W. T. Newitt, J. Leach Barrett, R. Palmer Thomas, J. B. Mackey, J. Glass, C. B. Barnes, W. M. Denholme, G. A. Knock, Hamon Le Strange, P.G.D.; F. F. Giraud, C. N. MacIntyre North, H. French Bromhead, and C. Fruen. Visitors: Bros. Dr. Moskvietz, Demokration Lodge, Hungary; W. B. Storeham, P.M. 2046; C. E. Monro, 1383; W. C. Stunt, W.M. 1333; J. B. James, 2410; and P. James, 1441.

The following six lodges and 38 brethren were elected members of the Correspondence Circle: Emulation Lodge, 32 (S.A.C.), Norwood, and Mount Gambier Lodge, 35 (S.A.C.), Mount Gambier, both in South Australia; Charles Warren Lodge of Instruction, 1832, Kimberley, South Africa; Lodge Himalayan Brotherhood, 459, Simla, Punjab; Darling Downs R.A. Chapter, 194 (S.C.), Toowoomba, Queensland; Lodge St. Augustine, 972, Canterbury; Bros. W. H. Short, 40, Nelson, New Zealand; H. Hertzberg, 775 (S.C.), and E. W. Pechey, 775 (S.C.), both of Toowoomba; H. Harris, 244 (I.C.), Brisbane; W. J. Pascoe, 752 (S.C.), Bundaberg; F. Bourne, P.M. 1850, J. Mayfield, R.W.M. 730 (S.C.), C. A. Baker, 730 (S.C.), and Guy L'Estrange, M.D., Dep. M. 730 (S.C.), all four of Roma, and F. Tricks, 1978, Herberton, all in Queensland; T. W. Fowler, P.S.G.W. Victoria, and H. Moors, both of Doric Lodge, Melbourne; O. R. Evans, 67, Port Fairy, and H. Lavery, 64, Benalla, all in Victoria; C. E. Edwards, De Goede Hoop Lodge; J. Hartz, P.M. 837, King William's Town; M. W. Robertson, Lieut. C.M.R., 2252, Barkley East; W. G. Stevens, 744 (S.C.), H. A. Brown, 744 (S.C.), I. Gundelfinger, Star of the Rand Lodge, R. G. Bevington, 744 (S.C.), J. Thompson, 744 (S.C.), W. P. Rothwell, 744 (S.C.), I. Bloom, 744 (S.C.), and S. L. Heymann, 744 (S.C.), all of Johannesburg; and S. Liski, Lodge Libertas (D.C.), Krugersdorp, all in South Africa; J. D. Green, P.M. 499, La C., Superior, Wisconsin, U.S.A.; F. L. Newman, P.G.W. Manitoba; H. B. Bradshaw, Lieut. R.N., 349; J. Geddes, 63 (S.C.); C. F. Forshaw, 2417; T. S. Sheldon, M.B., F.R.A.S., 533, P.J.G.W. Cheshire; D. T. H. Summerhill, 1143, P.G. Stwd. North Wales; W. A. Bindley, 587, P.G.W. Warwickshire; J. J. Davies, 782, P.D.G. Sec. Punjab; Rev. G. Davies, P.M. 782, P.D.G. Sec. Punjab; F. W. Coleman, 1222; and R. C. Sudlow, Past G. Std. Br.

A report was brought up from the Permanent Committee of the lodge, suggesting some few slight amendments to the by-laws, which was adopted. The election of a W.M. for the ensuing year proved unanimously in favour of Bro. T. Hayter Lewis, F.S.A., P.V. Pres. of the R.I.B.A., E. Prof. of Architecture. The W.M. having announced the result of the ballot, then thanked his officers and the brethren generally for the assistance they had afforded him during his tenure of office, and congratulated the lodge on the choice which they had made. He then drew attention to the ill-health of one of their Past Masters, Bro. W. Simpson, and expatiated on the great services he had rendered the lodge in writing for their instruction a series of papers of a very recondite nature. Whatever difference of opinion might exist as to their bearing on Freemasonry, none whatever could find place as to their interesting character, the novelty of the material, or the great amount of labour and research which their compilation must have entailed. It was also worthy of note that Bro. Simpson had always placed his artistic talent at their free disposal, and out of five St. John's cards no less than four were designed by him. He trusted that the health of so valued

a brother might soon be restored, and moved a vote of sympathy. This was seconded by Bro. Gould, who dwelt upon the kindly, genial nature of our brother, which had endeared him to all the members, and the vote was carried by acclamation. Bro. Walter Besant was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. J. W. Freeman, Tyler. The Secretary presented the lodge, on behalf of Bro. J. S. Cumberland, who was unavoidably absent, with a very handsome cushion, emblazoned with the lodge cognizance, for the Volume of the Sacred Law, and, on behalf of Bro. Thomas Cohu, with a square and compasses, also handsomely engraved with the insignia of the lodge. The Secretary was instructed to write letters of thanks to both these brethren. The Secretary announced that one of their members, Bro. H. J. Whymper, C.I.E., had been appointed by his Royal Highness to the office of District Grand Master of the Punjab, and it was agreed to forward to Bro. Whymper an illuminated address of congratulation. It was also moved, and carried—"That Bro. William Harry Rylands, Past Grand Steward, having completed his year of office as Worshipful Master of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, the thanks of the brethren be, and hereby are, tendered to him for his courtesy in the chair, and efficient management of the affairs of the lodge, and that this resolution be suitably engrossed and presented to him."

The Worshipful Master then read a paper, being some "Notes on the Masonic Apron," in which he traced its various forms from the first representations of it which have come down to us, and supplied a large mass of very curious and interesting information. The paper was copiously illustrated with drawings and specimens of old and curious aprons, and when printed will form a very important contribution to the subject. We say contribution, because the lecturer did not exhaust his subject, and has promised further additional information at a future date. Time did not admit of much discussion, but the few remarks which were made were naturally highly appreciative, and a vote of thanks to the lecturer was carried by acclamation. Dr. J. Balfour Cockburn then exhibited some curious brass chapter officer's jewels, and a handsome and quaint Craft jewel, which had been made in China. The Secretary exhibited a lithograph of a curious Masonic handkerchief which had been lately published by Col. Mead, and a very similar handkerchief which had been lent to him for exhibition by Bro. Vernon.

This concluded the business, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant for dinner.

Warrant Officers Lodge (No. 2346).—The opening, after the holidays, was well attended on Friday, the 23rd ult., at Freemasons' Hall, there being 45 members and eight visitors present. Bros. W. Ofield and T. Baker were raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., and Bros. A. A. Bingham and W. J. Hossack were passed to the Second Degree. Messrs. H. Wall, G. E. Berry, and L. Solomon having been initiated, Bro. J. Lewis, S.D., was presented with a Past Treasurer's jewel by the W.M., in consideration of his services as first Treasurer of the lodge. In returning thanks, Bro. Lewis made a brief reply. The W.M. gave notice of his intention of founding a Royal Arch chapter in connection with the lodge. Bro. J. B. Short, 1926, was balloted for as a joining member, and was unanimously elected. The meeting was conducted with much spirit and excellent working, and was closed in the usual form.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

ALDERLEY.

Alan Lodge (No. 2368).—The installation meeting of this very popular lodge was held on the 5th instant, at the Queen's Hotel. The attendance of brethren were very numerous, including many influential Provincial Grand Officers of various provinces. The lodge has had a wonderfully successful year, under the able Mastership of Bro. H. Gordon Small, W.M., P.G.D.C., whose energy for anything pertaining to Masonry is so well-known in the Province of Cheshire.

The lodge was opened by the Worshipful Master, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M., as Installing Master, appointed as his Installing Officers, Bros. John Clayton, P.P.G. Reg., as S.W.; G. D. Pochin, P.P.G. Reg., as J.W.; and A. Lawley, P.P.A.G. Sec., as I.G. Bro. Thos. Wild Markland, P.G.S., and W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. Wm. Ramsden, P.P.G.D., and was duly installed into the chair of K.S., in the presence of 20 Installed Masters, in a most perfect manner. The W.M. was saluted and proclaimed. The working tools were presented by the Installing Master. The officers were invested by the W.M., and were addressed by Bro. W. W. Wilson, P.P.G.D. The addresses were delivered by Bro. E. T. Everett, P.P.G.D.C. The balance-sheet was submitted, and showed the lodge to be in a most prosperous state, having nobly supported the various Charities. Bro. Gordon Small was the recipient of a most beautiful 18-carat gold Past Master's jewel, presented by the brethren, for the great respect and esteem in which he is held, and for the arduous way he has worked for the benefit of the lodge, more especially as to the Charities. Bro. Small accepted this in a well-chosen short speech. He was then unanimously elected as Charity Representative for the ensuing year.

A banquet was subsequently held to celebrate the festival of St. John, which was admirably served by Bro. Bourne. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to.

Bro. John Clayton, P.P.G.R., in reply to the toast of "The Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," said he had not the slightest doubt with plenty of energy they would in the Province of Cheshire outshine their previous efforts for the Boys, and he hoped that they would raise £3000 for the Benevolent.

Bro. the Hon. Alan Egerton, P.M., P.P.G.W., proposed "The Health of Bro. Markland, W.M." He said he felt himself to be the grandfather of the lodge, and could appeal to all present, and especially to those who had assisted, to drink the toast heartily, and he felt mainly to the exertions of Bro. Small it was a lodge worthy of acceptance. From what he had seen in the past of Bro. Markland, he was quite sure he was worthy of those who had succeeded him. He would wish to urge the feeling of brotherly love to every brother, and he felt sure the assistance he had received in the past from all the brethren would be extended to Bro. Markland, he being so worthy of support.

The Worshipful Master, in responding, said: I can assure you, Bro. Egerton, and one and all, the enthusiastic manner in which this toast has been received has almost overpowered me. I feel the duty I have taken upon myself is a very difficult one indeed, having to follow such an one as our I.P.M., Bro. Small. I feel it both responsible and honourable. But we are not only met together for enjoyment, but for that great purpose to assist those who are less fortunate than ourselves and are reduced to calamity, and I take this opportunity for thanking you for receiving the toast of my health as heartily as you have done, and I wish especially to thank the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge and the musical brethren for all coming forward to make the occasion the success it has proved to night.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The I.P.M."

The I.P.M., in reply, thanked the brethren for the way in which they had received the toast. He had endeavoured to do his best for the benefit of the lodge ever since its formation, and he should always continue to do so. There were some who had said when the idea was first originated, that there was no need for a lodge. But from his own observations he knew that there was, and he thought to see the assembly there that evening and the state of the lodge funds would bear him out that his observations had been correct. He should always look upon the jewel they had presented to him with great pride.

Other toasts followed, and were responded to.

The musical arrangements were carried out under the direction of Bro. Hopkinson, P.M., assisted by Bros. Grimshaw, Stewart, Howard, and Walsh.

The following were present: Bros. H. Gordon Small, P.G.D.C., W.M.; A. De Tatton Egerton, P.P.G.W., I.P.M.; T. W. Markland, P.G.S., S.W.; A. Keymer, J.W.; Rev. J. H. Whitehead, Chap.; A. Lawley, P.P.A.G. Sec., Treas.; Wm. Ramsden, Sec.; E. T. Everett, P.M., P.P.G.C., D. of C.; J. H. Henry, Org.; Jas. A. Walsh, I.G.; Herman Mason, J. Baxter, jun., W. R. D. Davies, O. J. Fielding, H. Johnson, J. J. Peterkin, E. A. Crompton, J. Laurisch, R. Browne, and W. A. Danby. Visitors: Bros. J. Nicholson, P.M. 322; Richard Newhouse, P.G.S.; G. B. Clewby, P.M. 44; F. Broadsmith, P.M. 1166; P.P.G.R.; G. D. Pochin, P.M. 1375; P.P.G. Reg.; G. S. Stevens, P.M.; T. McClelland, P.M. 1345; G. Rostren, J.D. 1140; J. R. R. Jeffery, S.D. 1140; J. Schofield; E. W. Parker, 1140; R. Night, 1219; G. S. Smith, P.M.; H. Foster, W.M. 1957, P.G.P.; John Moffatt, I.P.M.; G. Jheson, W.M. 295; J. B. Everitt, P.M.; W. Howard, J.D.; D. Hopkinson, P.M.; Geo. Brown, Kenneth M. Stewart, John Grimshaw, J. Clayton, P.P.J.G.W.; W. E. Harwood, P.M.; James Cookson, P.P.G. Treas.; S. Geldard, P.M.; W. Wilson, P.P.G.D.; W. W. Wilson, P.P.G.D.; and H. Pool, P.M. 44.

BRADFORD.

Acacia Lodge (No. 2321).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 8th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Darley-street, when Bro. E. P. Peterson, W.M., was supported by Bros. S. A. Auty, I.P.M.; J. Nevin, S.W.; J. Wilson, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., as J.W.; C. H. Ellis, Treas.; J. B. Fearley, Sec.; A. J. Boyle, S.D.; J. Morton, as J.D.; A. E. Harris, as I.G.; Goodman Root, Tyler; Thos. Wainman Holmes, P.M., P.P.G. Org.; S. A. Bailey, P.M., Chaplain; J. Morton, Supt. of Wks.; G. Althorp, P.M., P.P.G.P.; R. S. Hird, W. Sanguine, Isaac Hirst, R. Harland, J. Harland, and C. Wood. Visitors: Bros. J. E. Boden, P.M. 2231, P.P.G.D.C. West Lancashire; R. Lishman, 439; Sydney Ward, 1034; and J. Tilley, 600.

After the lodge had been opened, and the minutes of the previous lodge read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for the W.M. for the ensuing year, the suffrages of the brethren being unanimously in favour of Bro. J. Nevin, S.W., who briefly acknowledged his election, and stated that it would be his sincere and earnest endeavour during his year of office to prove that the confidence of the brethren had not been misplaced. Bro. John T. Last, J.W., was elected Treasurer, and Bro. John Morton, Tyler. The ballot was taken for Mr. Thos. Percy Sykes, which proved in his favour, and, being in attendance, he was initiated into the mysteries of the Craft by Bro. Thos. Wainman Holmes, P.M., P.P.G.O. Bro. John Harland was passed to the Second Degree by Bro. S. A. Bailey, P.M. A resolution was carried changing the date for the meetings of the lodge from the second to the first Thursday in the month, and amending the by-laws in harmony therewith.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment, at which the W.M. presided.

After the usual loyal toasts, the Worshipful Master proposed "The Visiting Brethren," and in doing so gave them a cordial welcome. It was but seldom that the lodge met without having the company of visitors, whom they at all times heartily welcomed, and particularly distinguished visitors from other provinces.

Bro. Boden, P.M. 2231, P.P.G.D.C. West Lancs., in responding, referred to his long connection with Freemasonry, and expressed the pleasure it had afforded him to visit so young a lodge, and also to find it in such a flourishing condition, and the ceremonies worked in such a satisfactory manner.

Bro. Tilley, 600, also responded.

The toast of "The Worshipful Master" was also proposed by Bro. Boden, 2231, and suitably acknowledged.

During the evening Bros. Tilley, Harris, and Hirst contributed songs and solos to the harmony of the meeting.

BRONBOURNE.

Kingswood Lodge (No. 2278).—An emergency meeting was held on Saturday, the 5th inst., at the Crown Hotel, the following brethren being present: Bros. C. M. Coxon, W.M.; J. G. Cobb, P.P.G.S., I.P.M.; H. T. Nell, P.M., S.W.; J. Wye, J.W.; J. Petch, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; J. F. Bell, P.M., Sec.; R. W. Nicole, J.D.; G. T. Chretien, I.G.; A. C. Halestrap, P.M., D.C.; W. E. Goodwins, Org.; T. Williams, Tyler; N. Pearce, C. C. Renaud, and J. W. Rattenbury. Visitors: Bros. A. E. Hunt, P.M. 45; J. Duncan, W.M. 59; W. Hancock, W.M. 2191; R. Philip Upton, J.D. 1328; and J. Rowlands, 1336.

The business of the meeting was to raise Bro. C. C. Renaud. Bro. Cobb, I.P.M., at the request of the W.M., assisted in the ceremony by giving the traditional history.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren dispersed, to re-assemble later on for refreshment.

In proposing "The Health of the Visitors," the W.M.

said he was very pleased to welcome so many visitors on that the closing night of their work for the year. They had in the past season again been favoured by the presence of a considerable number of brethren, for he found that during the summer they had entertained about 50 guests. He could assure their visitors that a most cordial greeting awaited them whenever they came to the Kingswood Lodge, and they especially liked to see those brethren who by a repeated visit showed that they appreciated the welcome extended to them. He felt that the presence of their visitors was a personal compliment to himself as well as to the lodge.

The toast was very heartily received, and each of the visitors responded.

Bros. Upton, Rowlands, and Wye kindly assisted to promote the harmony of the meeting.

The Tyler's toast brought to a conclusion the final meeting of a very successful season.

CADIXTON.

Barry Lodge (No. 2357).—The third annual installation meeting of this flourishing young lodge was held on Wednesday, the 28th ult., at the Masonic Rooms, Royal Hotel. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. George Neale, supported by the following officers and brethren of the lodge: Bros. J. J. Williams, S.W., W.M. elect; T. Higman, J.W.; W. P. Phillips, Treas.; W. L. Edwards, Sec.; E. Trehame, S.D.; T. Ewbank, J.D.; W. Thomas, I.G.; S. Davis, D.C.; G. Golding, P.M. 1098, acting Org.; John Spickett and E. S. Johnston, Stwds.; Amos Jenkins, Tyler; Dan Thomas, J. C. Melnors, Rus Jones, Wm. Evans, E. Heyes, A. W. Newman, J. Williams, F. B. J. Lloyd, T. J. Wake, S. Chappell, A. E. Williams, L. W. Jones, F. C. Collyers, W. H. Morgan, W. Arnold, and F. C. Williams. Visitors: Bros. Marmaduke Tennant, D.P.G.M., P.A.G.D.C. England; Capt. S. G. Homfray, D.P.G.M. Monmouthshire, P.A.G.D.C.; W. E. Mills, P.M., W.M. 1992, P.P.G. Treas.; W. B. Ferriers, W.M. 960; D. R. Roberts, W.M. 36; T. R. Hunt, W.M. 1323, Prov. Asst. G. Sec.; T. Hazel, W.M. 1429; W. L. Marks, W.M. 2226, P.G.P.; D. M. McLellen, W.M. 1752; M. Proctor, W.M. 1754, P.G.P.; Ben. Phillips, W.M. 1098; W. Watkins, P.M. 270, 471, 683, 1429, P.P.S.G.W.; W. Allen, P.M. 1429; J. P. Lewis, S.W. 1429; J. P. Garrett, W.M. 683; J. H. Taylor, P.M. 1373; Nicol Bradley, P.M. 1098 and 2226, P.P. J.G.W.; C. Widdoson, P.M. 1098, P.J.G.W. Mon.; T. Morgan, S.W. 1098; J. Johnston, 1098; D. W. Havard, 1098; D. F. Pritchard, P.M. 2226, P.P.G.S. of W.; F. C. Williams, S.W. 2226, P.P.G. Stwd. Mon.; John Randal, Sec. 2226; Ben. Rees, 2226; Lewis Jenkins, W.M. 833; C. J. Ward, 36; John Sheridan, Sec. 1992; J. O'Neil, 1992; F. G. F. Bailey, J.W. 1992; A. W. Helliers, S.D. 1992; Henry Scammell, S.W. 960; W. Anstue, 960; W. H. Morgan, J.D. 1752; C. E. Perry, 1752; C. W. Sixworth, P.M. 392 (S.C.).

After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for two gentlemen, which proved favourable. The W.M., Bro. Neale, then addressed the lodge, and stated he had been requested by Mrs. Louisa Williams, the wife of their esteemed Bro. J. J. Williams, S.W., to present the lodge with a beautiful organ, in commemoration of her husband's being elected W.M. of the lodge. A vote of thanks was accorded Mrs. Williams for her kindness, which was ordered to be entered on the minutes. Bro. W. Miles, P.M., W.M. 1992, P.P.G. Reg., then assumed the chair, and in a very able manner installed Bro. J. J. Williams, P.M., W.M. elect, as W.M. for the ensuing year. The following brethren were appointed and invested as officers: Bros. George Neale, P.G.P., I.P.M.; T. Higman, S.W.; William Lloyd Edwards, J.W.; W. P. Phillips, Treas.; E. Trehame, Sec.; T. Ewbank, S.D.; S. Davis, J.D.; John Spickett, I.G.; J. B. Mockford, Org.; F. P. Jones Lloyd, Asst. Sec.; R. Jones and W. H. Morgan, Stwds.; and Amos Jenkins, Tyler. Bro. Marmaduke Tennant, D.P.G.M., then presented the I.P.M. with a handsome Past Master's jewel.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, provided for them by Bro. J. C. Williams.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been given, and responded to, the W.M. proposed "The R.V. the Prov. Grand Master; the D.P.G.M., Bro. Tennant; and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," which was suitably responded to by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master.

The toast of "The W.M." was then proposed, in very complimentary terms, by Bro. Tennant, who said it seldom fell to his lot to be permitted the honour to propose the health of a brother who had been previously installed as W.M. of two different lodges and now stood before them as W.M. of a lodge for the third time. He congratulated the lodge on selecting so old and tried a Mason to preside over them for the ensuing year.

The toast was well received.

The W.M. responded in a very happy manner, thanking Bro. Tennant for the very kind words spoken in his favour.

Other toasts followed, and a very pleasant evening was brought to a close by the Tyler's toast.

CREDITON.

Unity Lodge (No. 1332).—There was a large gathering of the members of this lodge at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 29th ult., to witness the installation of Bro. James F. Ralling as W.M. Considerable interest was manifested in the meeting from the fact that it had been announced that the ceremony of installation was to be performed by the brother of the W.M. elect, Bro. Thos. J. Ralling, P.M. and Sec. 51, P.A.G.D.C. England, Prov. G. Sec. Essex, and in addition to a full muster of members of the lodge, a number of distinguished brethren from Exeter were present. The meeting passed off most happily, and the Installing Master was complimented by the brethren upon the manner in which the ceremony had been conducted. The visitors present included Bro. F. E. Sach, J.W. 189, cousin of the new W.M., and Bros. F. E. Ralling and H. P. Ralling, 51, brothers of the W.M.

At the banquet which followed the meeting, Bro. T. J. Ralling, in responding to the toast of his health, gave a brief history of Freemasonry at Crediton from the year 1759, which was listened to with much interest. In the course of his remarks, the speaker said that when invited to attend the present gathering he thought he should like to look up the history of Freemasonry in the district, and found it was very interesting. The first evidence of Masonry in

Crediton he could discover was in 1759, in which year a lodge was founded at Meadway's Wine Vaults, "in the West Town of Crediton." After working seven years, the place of meeting was changed to the Angel Inn, but the lodge did not seem to prosper, and it was finally erased February, 1786. Not having local knowledge, he could not tell if Meadway's Wine Vaults or the Angel Inn were still in existence. Masonry appears to have lain dormant for some years, for it was not till 1806 that the Craft was again practised in Crediton. In that year a lodge that seems to have led a very wandering life—the Lodge of Unity—appears to have thought that Crediton was the spot to settle in. This Lodge of Unity was warranted in 1758 to meet at the White Hart, in the old town of Plymouth, and, in the course of the first 20 years of its existence, moved no less than three times. This frequent change of place apparently caused some confusion at head-quarters, for on the 5th February, 1777, the lodge was, by mistake, erased from the Grand Lodge roll. On the 18th April, in the same year, the lodge was re-instated, but even then the brethren continued their migratory habits, for during the succeeding nine-and-twenty years no less than four moves were made, three being in the town of Plymouth, while the fourth was to Crediton, the place of meeting selected being the Half Moon Inn. At Crediton the lodge worked for just about 21 years, and was erased in 1827. From this time till September, 1870, there was another pause in Masonic work at Crediton, when the present Unity Lodge, No. 1332, was consecrated. This lodge had already lived longer than its predecessors, and from what he had seen that day, appeared to be in a most flourishing condition, possessing an advantage, which he should like to see adopted more generally in the Craft, of meeting in its own hall. As a working Mason of some 23 years standing, he trusted that prosperity would ever attend the lodge, and that among a long line of Worshipful Masters, the brother who he had had the privilege of putting into the chair that day—and who was endeared to him by the double tie of blood and Craft—would take an honoured place. In conclusion, the speaker said he had no doubt that a little effort on the part of the local brethren would unearth some relics of the former lodges that had worked at Crediton, and he counselled that whatever was discovered should be placed in the Masonic Hall for the benefit of the brethren generally, rather than be monopolised by individuals.

DIDSbury.

Doric Lodge (No. 2359).—The regular meeting was held on Saturday, the 9th inst., at the Didsbury Hotel. The work was very heavy, there being four initiations. The ceremonies were performed respectively by Bros. F. Stretch, W.M.; C. E. Towell, I.P.M.; and G. Smith, P.M. The working tools were presented by Bro. G. A. Myers, P.M., S.W., and the charge was delivered to all the candidates by Bro. A. K. Boothroyd, J.W., in a manner very seldom surpassed.

As usual there was a very large gathering of members and visitors. After the business had been duly attended to the lodge was closed, and subsequently the brethren had tea in the dining-room, which had been admirably served, and the tables beautifully decorated by Bro. and Mrs. F. Stretch. The usual toast list followed, and selections of different kinds were contributed by several members, including Bros. W. Sharples, J. Ward, G. A. Myers, W. W. Wilkinson, N. R. Clegg, G. S. Smith, C. E. Towell, and F. Stretch.

The following were present: Bros. F. Stretch, W.M.; Clare Edgar Towell, I.P.M.; A. K. Boothroyd, J.W.; J. M. Veal, Sec.; John Walker, S.D.; F. Thomas, J.D.; G. S. Smith, P.M., D. of C.; Joseph Ward, I.G.; James Sharples, W. Sharples, and F. Morgan, Stewards; Harry Shuter, A. L. Boothroyd, F. J. Katchford, W. W. Wilkinson, J. J. Booth, R. J. H. Sayers, W. H. Moss, N. R. Clegg, A. W. Moore, H. G. Ward, Jules Laurisch, Arthur R. Brett. Visitors: R. W. Martin, 1134; John Cliffe, P.M. 304; J. Hardwicke-Marsh, J.W. 1730; P. D. Langley and A. E. Grey, 1077; W. Lousby, J.D. 2231; and W. H. Vaughan, P.P.G. Reg.

DONCASTER.

St. George's Lodge (No. 242).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Nether Hall-road, on Friday, the 7th inst., when there were present Bros. F. Webb, W.M.; G. Newsum, S.W.; W. Blake, J.W.; G. Wilkie, P.M.; H. T. Bellerby, P.M.; F. D. Walker, P.P.G.D.; C. Goldthorpe, P.M.; F. Rand, P.P.G.D.; H. White, Org.; F. H. Buckland, I.G.; J. Mason, Tyler; F. W. Turner, J. Rayner, W. Goodair, J. H. Pawson, W. H. Chambers, J. Denison, J. B. Gibson, C. Frood, and H. Foster. Visitors: Bros. G. William, 1789; F. D. Sissons, 241; and J. Constable, 1482.

Bro. C. Woodhouse having resigned office as S.D. from inability to attend to the duties, the W.M. invested Bro. J. H. Pawson, late Org., to that office. Bro. J. Denison was duly passed to the Degree of F.C., the work being done by the W.M., the S.W. explaining the tracing board.

The brethren afterwards partook of supper in the ante-room.

HAMPTON COURT.

Villiers Lodge (No. 1194).—There was a good attendance of brethren at the installation meeting of this lodge, held at the Mitre Hotel, on the 1st instant. The members present were Bros. R. T. Pearce, W.M.; G. S. Peachey, S.W.; E. J. Mills, J.W.; W. Dodd, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Sec.; W. Vincent, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; H. J. Pellatt, S.D.; W. Vickery, P.G. Std. Br. Dorset, Stwd.; G. Thomas, I.P.M.; T. A. Woodbridge, P.M., P.P.G.R.; E. Clark, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; E. Monson, junior, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Adams, P.M.; Philip Monson, P.M.; W. S. Plimsaul, P.M., F. Hewett, S. A. Francis, F. A. Clark, G. W. Cuthbertson, J. F. Collinson, A. Davis, A. Slatter, and others. Visitors: Bros. R. H. Blatchford, P.M. 1196; A. Robertson, 2345; W. C. Taylor, W.M. 913; R. Nettlefield, P.M. 66; Frank Manby, P.M. 1818; W. Eydmann, 780; R. H. Wimpey, W.M. 1290; and W. W. Lee, W.M. 2381.

Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. Bro. George S. Peachey was then presented as W.M. elect, and duly installed into the chair by Bro. Thomas, P.M. The following officers were invested: Bros. Edward J. Mills, S.W.; Hurry J. Pellatt, J.W.; Richard T. Pearce, I.P.M.; Wm. Vincent, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; W. Dodd, P.M., P.P.G.D., Sec.; Charles Dodd, S.D.; W. Vickery, P.G.S.B. Dorset, J.D.; John F. Collinson, I.G.;

Leon A. Francis, D.C.; John G. Cuthbertson Bull, Stwd.; and John Gilbert, P.G. Tyler, Tyler. The usual addresses were ably delivered by Bro. Adams, P.M. The W.M. presented a Past Master's jewel to Bro. R. T. Pearce, I.P.M., in recognition of his services, and as a mark of esteem. Bro. Pearce, I.P.M., in acknowledging the gift, said he should value the jewel, not for its intrinsic value, but for the badge of rank it conveyed, and the fact that it was presented as a mark of esteem and affection by the members.

Lodge was closed, and a well-served banquet was followed by the usual toasts.

Bro. E. Clark, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks., in acknowledging "The Prov. Grand Officers," said it was now some years ago since he assisted to form the province. They were all extremely sorry to lose Sir Francis Burdett, of whom they were very fond, but they had no doubt that in their new chief they would find a good Prov. Grand Master, for he was known to be a very able man and Mason.

Bro. R. T. Pearce, I.P.M., then said the toast it was his privilege to propose was one that would be received, he felt certain, in a very hearty manner, it was that of "The Worshipful Master," and they were extremely fortunate on that occasion in having such a W.M. Bro. Peachey was connected in his daily life with an institution they were all proud of, and the members of the Villiers Lodge always remembered that face. The W.M. had been a member of their lodge for 11 years, and had served every office in the most satisfactory manner, and they had great expectations of him as far as his position in the chair was concerned. He was moreover very energetic, and his ability as a worker was only equalled by his enthusiasm in Freemasonry.

Bro. G. S. Peachey, W.M., in response, thanked the I.P.M. and brethren for the kind and hearty manner in which the toast had been proposed and received. He wished he deserved one half of the kindly remarks made by the I.P.M., but could assure them that his efforts in Masonry had been a labour of love, and he had now reached the summit of a Mason's ambition—to obtain the chair of his mother lodge. If during his year of office there was any work, he should do his best to perform it as nearly approaching the excellence of his predecessor as his ability would allow.

"The Visitors" was next given in a hearty manner by the W.M. and duly responded to by several visiting brethren.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Installing and Past Masters," and said all present must have been impressed with the excellent working of Bro. Thomas, P.M. He (the W.M.) expressed his great pleasure at the manner in which the ceremony was performed by Bro. Thomas, P.M., and the addresses were delivered by Bro. Adams, P.M.

Bro. G. J. Thomas, P.M., replied, and said that as the members were aware, he was always pleased to do anything for the lodge. Since he had been a member he had endeavoured to do his work in every office to the satisfaction of the W.M., and if he had the appreciation of those for whom he had worked he was well repaid.

Bro. J. Adams, P.M., also responded, after which the W.M. gave "The Treasurer and Secretary."

Bros. W. Vincent, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas., and W. Dodd, P.M., P.P.G.D., Sec., returned thanks, the former afterwards acknowledging in an appropriate manner the toast of "The Masonic Charities."

"The Officers" and the Tyler's toast closed a pleasant evening.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.

Pantiles Lodge (No. 2200).—There was an unusually large attendance of brethren at the Pump Room on Wednesday, the 5th inst., Bro. Nicholas Greenwell, W.M., in the chair, including Bro. W. C. Cripps, P.M., P.S.G.W.; Tom Ryder, I.P.M.; Josiah Willmot, S.W.; B. C. Colls, J.W.; Rufus Stevenson, P.M., Sec.; T. Potter, Treas.; J. S. Fletcher, S.D.; E. J. Gallard, J.D.; T. Best, I.G.; J. Lessels, D.C.; A. Burslem, A.D.C.; G. Grover, Stwd.; T. Caseley, P.M.; C. Braid, W. H. Downs, H. A. Burton, F. Tupper, W. Tupper, M. A. H. Edwards, W. Wiseman, E. Fenwick, R. J. Langley, Williams, E. Westbrook, D. Hoodley, G. Smith, T. J. Hudson, and others.

The minutes of the last regular lodge and a lodge of emergency having been confirmed, Bro. Frank Tupper was raised to the Third Degree in a most efficient manner, by the W.M., who was ably assisted by his officers. The brethren then proceeded to elect a W.M. for the ensuing year, and their choice fell upon Bro. Josiah Willmot, who received the warm congratulations of all present. Bro. Potter was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Rufus Stevenson, Charity Representative; Bro. Wiseman re-elected, and Bro. Fenwick were appointed Auditors, and Bro. Boulter was re-elected Tyler. Bro. Ryder, P.M., gave notice that at the next lodge meeting he should propose that a jewel be presented to the retiring W.M., Bro. Greenwell.

Other necessary business having been transacted, the brethren adjourned to the Wellington Hotel, where the worthy host, Bro. Braly, had provided one of those capital suppers for which this hotel is so noted.

Supper over the usual Masonic toasts were given from the chair, and the W.M. in giving "The Prov. Grand Master, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," coupled with the toast the name of the Prov. S.G.W., Bro. W. C. Cripps, who was wished a very prosperous year of office. They as a lodge were very proud of the honour conferred upon him as it reflected credit on the Pantiles Lodge, of which he was first W.M.

Bro. Cripps, in response, said the Prov. Grand Master was one of whom every Mason might be thoroughly proud. Every one present knew with what unquestioned loyalty every brother in the province looked up to Earl Amherst, who was deeply interested in the welfare of Masonry in general and the Province of Kent in particular. His lordship was well supported by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Smith Pastes, and he knew the deep regret all felt at his not being able to be present at the banquet last year in this town, more especially the cause—domestic affliction. The references that were then made to him must have been extremely gratifying to Lord Amherst. Coming to the more personal part of the toast, Bro. Cripps assured them he felt very deeply the very kind words which had been used by the W.M. in speaking of him, and he desired to say at the outset that it was to the Pantiles Lodge he owed the position which Lord Amherst had been good enough to bestow upon him this year. He felt the position was an honour, not so much to the humble individual upon whom it had been bestowed as to the

lodge over which Lord Amherst presided at its consecration, and watched its progress with great interest. Having been its first W.M., and one of its founders, and having initiated many worthy brethren into the mysteries of Masonry they could well understand the deep interest he should always take in the Pantiles Lodge. They might think that interest had been flagging because they had not seen him very often amongst them of late, but he had had one or two years' hard work in the Holmesdale and Pantiles Lodges, and he felt that he needed a little rest. When he had attained the position which every Mason hoped to attain, he was bound to perform those duties appertaining to the office, and not the least of those duties was that of being present at the gatherings of the particular lodge to which he owed his promotion. He desired to impress upon all brethren that in Masonry they were all equal, and every member of the lodge had the same opportunities of gaining honours in the Province of Kent. Looking at the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past, they would find that the selections had been made not by reason of rank or fortune; they had been taken from every round of the wheel, and no one, whatever his position in life may be, need despair of the honour of wearing the purple of the Craft. He was glad to find that the Pantiles Lodge was in a thoroughly flourishing state. There was now only one of the founders who had not passed through the chair, and he hoped soon to see that brother their W.M. He thanked them heartily for the kindness with which they had received him on this and all occasions, which he hoped and trusted would be continued in the future.

Other toasts of a complimentary character, such as "The W.M. Elect," "The W.M.," "The Officers," and "The Visitors" (to the latter of which Bro. C. Broid responded) were given, and a most enjoyable evening was spent, several capital songs being given by Bros. Howis, Williams, Downs, Burslem, Broid (who also accompanied throughout), the W.M., and others.

Royal Arch.

Gallery Chapter (No. 1928).—The October meeting of this Royal Arch chapter was held at Anderson's on Saturday, the 9th inst., when the chapter was opened by Comps. H. Massey, Z.; Herbert Wright, H.; E. E. Peacock, J.; Horne, P.Z., 7; and C. H. Webb, P.Z. 174. Other Companions present were R. J. Albey, Treas.; J. C. Manning, S.E.; C. K. Moore, P.S.; P. W. Husk, 1st A.S.; H. E. F. Bussey, J. Hurdell, and J. Laidlaw Cross.

Comp. Herbert Wright was installed as M.E.Z. by Comp. C. H. Webb, and afterwards Bros. H. L. Bell and T. G. Scott, members of the Gallery Lodge were exalted. Comp. Peacock was elected H., and Comp. Brassey, J., and a vote of condolence with Mrs. Griffiths on the death of her husband, Comp. R. J. Griffiths, LL.D., the H. elect, was unanimously passed, on the motion of Comp. Herbert Wright, seconded by Comp. Peacock. Comp. Webb was elected an honorary member of the chapter, and a cordial vote of thanks was passed to him for his kindness in installing the M.E.Z., at considerable inconvenience to himself, as he had to supply a *locum tenens* in Lodge No. 1607, of which he is Secretary, and which met on the same evening.

The work of the chapter was followed by one of Anderson's very choice banquets, and the pleasure of the evening was greatly enhanced by the reading of an autograph letter from Comp. J. Henwood Thomas, the first M.E.Z. of the chapter, to the Scribe E., announcing the great improvement there was in his health, and the hope he entertained of soon again joining the companions in chapter, after an illness of two years and a half.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE (No. 167).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 6th inst., at the Court House, Harlesden. Present: Bros. J. Bartlett, W.M.; J. Haley, S.W.; C. Penny, J.W.; W. Hillier, Preceptor; Arthur Jones, Sec.; S. Hussey, S.D.; F. S. Priest, J.D.; W. H. Armfield, I.G.; R. H. Williams, P.M.; A. W. Lane, W.M. 167; Dean, Ginder, Hatton, sen., Memory, Plaford, Rose, and Tebbitt.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, Bro. A. W. Lane having offered himself as the candidate to be raised, the usual questions were put, answered, and the candidate was entrusted and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. On the W.M. rising for the second time, the Preceptor stated that Bro. S. Hussey had already been elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bros. S. Hussey, C. Penny, F. S. Priest, and D. R. Soames were elected Stewards of the lodge, which was then closed.

BLACKHEATH LODGE (No. 1320).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Milkwood Tavern, Milkwood-road, Loughborough Junction, on Monday, the 10th inst., when there were present Bros. Niblett, W.M.; Turner, S.W.; Salmon, J.W.; C. H. Stone, Sec.; Chabot, S.D.; Pack, J.D.; Barr, I.G.; Rice, Asst. Sec.; Kimpton, Reilly, Telling, Pike, Porter, Derham, Hill, Dawson, and Sly.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Derham having offered himself as a candidate for passing, answered the usual questions, was entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Derham was passed in due form. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by Bro. Derham, Bro. Reilly being the candidate. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Salmon, J.W., assisted by the brethren. Bro. Turner, S.W., was elected W.M. for the first Monday in November. "Hearty good wishes" were given from Bro. Cass, Treas., and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Niblett for so excellently rehearsing the ceremony of the W.M. for the first time. It was announced that the Fifteen Sections would be rehearsed at the next meeting, at 7 p.m., Bro. Hilton, as W.M.; Bro. R. J. Voisey, S.W.; and Bro. T. Grumman, J.W. The lodge was then closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 8th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, W., when there were present Bros. R. Powell, W.M.; J. H. Cumming, P.M., S.W.; J. Sims, P.M., J.W.; A. Williams, Preceptor; M. Spiegel, P.M., Sec.; R. J. Williams, S.D.; Kingston, J.D.; Whiteley, I.G.; Craggs, P.M.; Stuart Barker, P.M.; J. Davies, P.M.; Foster, Wallace, and Jobson.

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Barker offered himself as a candidate for passing, and was examined and entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. J. Davies worked the 2nd and 3rd Section of this Lecture. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues having been collected, Bro. Kingston was elected a joining member. Bro. Cumming was elected W.M. for the next meeting, 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 7th inst., when there were present Comps. Grummant, M.E.Z.; Murché, H.; Bannister, J.; Voisey, Treas.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; Stone, S.E.; Hill, S.N.; Philips, P.S.; Braik, Jeffery, Bladon, H. G. Martin, Dawson, Evans, Wal. Davies, Hobbs, Loader, Macdonald, Wishart, Vincent, Wilson, Edmonds, Rice, Clifford, Hodges, and Addington. The chapter having been opened, Comp. Voisey installed Comp. H. G. Martin into the chair of H. The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Loader personating the candidate. Comp. Wal. Davies, 1348, M.E.Z. designate 1901, was elected a joining member. Comp. Murché was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting, when an installation will be rehearsed. Comp. Hilton, Preceptor, was congratulated upon having such a capital attendance, it being the largest number ever present. The chapter was placed at the disposal of the M.E.Z. of Sphinx Chapter on Friday, the 21st inst. The chapter was then closed.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

The half-yearly meeting of the Supreme Council 33° in the 30° and higher Degrees was held at 33, Golden-square, on Tuesday, the 11th inst., when the following were advanced to the 32°, Ill. Bro. Brig-Surgeon James Balfour Cockburn, M.D., 108; to the 31°, Ill. Bros. John Shaw, 16; Major E. H. Elliot, 67; Arthur R. Carter, 97; to the 30°, Bros. C. D. Hill Drury, M.D., 8; Chas. E. L. Wright, 23; Thomas Taylor, 101; and Andrew J. Crane, 103. Among those present were Ill. Bros. Major F. W. Allan, 32°, Scotland; and the Rev. F. B. N. Norman-Lee, 32°, Canada; who were heartily welcomed by the Lieut.-Grand Commander on behalf of the assembled brethren.

SECOND EDITION.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Quarterly Court of the Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on this day (Friday), in the large Hall, Freemasons' Tavern, Bro. Richard Eve, Past Grand Treas., &c., being voted to the chair. The attendance of brethren was not large at the commencement of the business, but it assumed greater dimensions as the proceedings advanced.

After the reading of the minutes of the July Quarterly Court, Bro. J. E. LE FEUVRE moved a vote of thanks to the Trustees of the late Sustentation Fund, the Earl of Lathom, Lord Leigh, John Moxon Clabon and Richard Eve, Bro. Clabon, he said, had served since April 14th, 1873.

Bro. GEORGE EVERETT, P.G.T., seconded the motion, which was then put and unanimously carried.

The CHAIRMAN then proposed a vote of condolence with the widow and family of the late Bro. W. Roebuck, Trustee of the Institution, and said that he had known him 40 years. He filled many offices of distinction in the Boys' School, and was on the Board of Management. From 1871 to 1885 he was a Trustee, and he always devoted himself very much to the interests of the Institution.

Bro. S. G. HOMFRAY seconded the motion, which was then put and carried.

On the motion of Bro. GLASS, seconded by Bro. PRITCHARD, Bro. Richard Eve, P.G.T., was elected a Trustee in the place of the late Bro. Roebuck, and Bro. EVE, in acknowledging the compliment, assured the brethren that he received this further proof of their confidence with very great satisfaction. He had always taken a deep interest in the Institution, and he trusted it would ever flourish. Whatever he could do he hoped he would have health to sustain him in the performance of his duties.

The following motion by Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND, seconded by Bro. JAMES BRETT, P.G.P., was carried, with the amendment that the hour be four instead of five, moved by Bro. LE FEUVRE, seconded by Bro. JAMES STEVENS, and supported by Bro. T. BATEMAN FOX, of Dewsbury, Bro. J. BODENHAM, and other brethren:—

"That Law XLVIII. be altered as follows:—The Council shall meet at the office of the Institution on the last Friday of every month (except when that day shall fall on the Friday immediately before a Bank Holiday, when the meeting shall be held on the next following Friday), August excepted, at five o'clock in the afternoon, Elect a Chairman, being a Freemason, at each meeting, and may adjourn from time to time. Five shall form a quorum."

The following motions were afterwards moved by Bro. RICHARD EVE, P.G. Treasurer, Patron, Chairman of the Board of Management:—

That in recognition of the eminent services rendered to the Institution during the past 30 years as Honorary Surgeon-Oculist, the rank of Honorary Vice-President be conferred upon the W. Bro. Jabez Hogg, F.L.S., M.R.C.S., &c., Past Grand Deacon, in accordance with Law XI.

That in recognition of the eminent services rendered to the Institution during the past 25 years as Honorary Medical Officer, the rank of Honorary Vice-President be conferred upon Bro. Wharton P. Hood, M.D., in accordance with Law XI.

That the distinction of an Honorary Vice-Presidency be conferred upon the W. Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp, P.A.G.D. of C., D.P.G.M. for Middlesex, as an acknowledgment of the services rendered by him in his gift of 130 guineas to fund Prizes for History for deserving Pupils in the Institution.

That W. Bro. Stanley James Attenborough, Vice-Patron and Member of the Board of Management, be appointed Honorary Solicitor to the Institution.

All these motions were carried.

The brethren afterwards elected 24 out of a list of 37 boys, into the Institution. The result which was not made known till after we went to press, will be published in our next.

CELEBRATION OF THE CENTENARY OF THE LODGE OF FIDELITY, No. 289, AT LEEDS.

The centenary celebration of this lodge, which is the oldest lodge in the town of Leeds, was inaugurated on Friday evening, the 30th ult., by the W.M., Bro. R. Wilson, P.P.G. Treas., inviting the brethren of the lodge and ladies to an "At Home" at his residence, "Westfield," Armley, Leeds, when upwards of 100 guests accepted the invitation, and a brilliant Masonic gathering was the result. After the inspection of the valuable pictures, china, curios, &c., the guests partook of a sumptuous supper, and the evening concluded with a ball in the handsome music room.

On the following day, the 1st inst., the lodge having been officially summoned met at the Carlton Hill Masonic Hall at 4 p.m., and was duly opened in the presence of the present officers: Bros. Ed. Wilson, P.P.G. Treas., W.M.; A. W. Chapman, I.P.M.; W. J. Beck, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., S.W.; James Dixon, P.M., J.W.; Right Hon. W. Lawles Jackson, M.P., &c., P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Chap.; W. Greaves, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of W. Treas.; Alfred Scarth, P.M., P.G. Stwd., Sec.; Joseph Dobson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., S.D.; Jas. Milnes, P.M., J.D.; Davis R. Glover, P.M., P.P.G.D., D.C.; Wm. Spark, P.M., P.P.G. Org., Org.; Richard Jackson, P.M., I.G.; Wm. Armistead, P.M., and E. Wales Smith, P.M., Stewards; W. J. Beck, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C., Provincial Charity Steward; C. A. Braim, P.S.G.W., and J. W. Foster, P.J.G.W., Local Charity Stewards; William Marshall, Tyler; the Hon. and Rev. P. Y. Savile, P.P.G. Chap.; J. D. Kay, P.M., P.P.G.D.; W. Glover, P.M., P.P.G. Org.; Thos. Headridge, C. Blagbro, George Wood, J. A. Hirst, J. N. Hawtin, Robert Hobbs, W. Cookson, W. L. Wildy, George Curtis, J. E. Brownbill, V. Brown, A. E. Ives, E. H. Beale, J. E. Mann, J. J. Binns, W. H. Baxter, H. J. Palethorpe, F. Zossenheim, M. Zossenheim, A. Barrett, W. M. Frobisher, F. J. A. Matthews, Joseph Holmes, F. H. Hirsch, G. F. Crowe, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. Brand, W. O. Tooke, W. Marshall, W. H. Porritt, P.M., P.P.G.W. N. and E. Yorks; E. Swabey, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; S. Hurd, P.M.; G. B. Scott, P.M.; G. E. Wright, P.M.; G. Haddock, A. M. Fowler, W. Rowley, W. Bakewell, M. Scott, P.M., P.P.G.W. E. Yorks; Rev. T. H. May, Henry Smith, D.G.M., P.P.G.D. England; J. Gibbs, P.G. Treas.; H. G. E. Green, P.G. Sec.; John Cass, P.J.G.D.; R. P. Brindley, P.G.D.; T. Trevor, P.G.D.C.; S. T. Steele, D.G.D.C.; C. A. Phillips, P.A.G.D.C.; S. Jacobs, P.G. Org.; J. Matthewman, P.A.G. Sec.; B. F. Glover, P.G. Purst.; C. Shaw, P.A.G. Purst.; T. Crossley, W. Harrop, M. Scott, East Yorks, and W. H. Porritt, East Yorks, P.P. J.G.W.s; Rev. Canon Bullock, and Rev. A. E. Campbell, P.G. Chaps.; C. L. Mason, and H. Oxley, P.G. Treasurers; J. C. Malcolm, P.G. Reg.; G. F. Crowe, R. Kingston, and W. F. Smithson, P.G.D.s; T. Winn, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Dyson, P.P.G.D. of C.; J. B. Hargreaves, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Glover, P.P.G. Org.; G. Althorp, F. H. Armitage, and H. Inghold, P.P.G.P.s; and the following visitors: Bros. John Hudson, 265; T. H. Greenhalgh, H. B. Kay, W.M., and R. H. Armitage, P.P.G.P., of 275; J. H. Taylor, W.M., 290; J. L. Butler, S.W., and C. Norminton, W.M., 304; D. Wedderspoon, W.M., W. Hakansson, J. C. Malcolm, P.G. Reg., and John Dyson, P.G.D.C., of 306; S. T. Steele, P.D.G.D.C., 380; H. Oxley, P.G. Treas., and B. T. Glover, P.G.P., of 495; M. Scott, 556, P.P.G.W. E. Yorks; Sam. Jacobs, 837, P.G.O.; Rev. A. E. Campbell, 859, P.P. G.C.; John Gibbs, 904, P.G. Treas.; T. A. Marsh and R. W. Walters, W.M., of 1018; J. Matthewman, P.A.G. Sec., and H. G. E. Green, P.G. Sec., of 1019; J. Cass, 1034, P.J.G.D.; W. H. Porritt, 1040, P.P. G.W. E. Yorks; A. Dougill, R. Waidie, J.D., and T. Thorp, W.M., of 1042; A. T. Bacon, T. Winn, W.M., R. Bullock, P.P.G. Chap., and W. T. Smithson, P.P. G.D., P.G.D., of 1211; F. T. Atkinson, 1219; J. Levy, P.M., H. Marsh, S.W., J. Turner, B. W. Higgins, Jas. Millington, Sec., R. P. Brindley, P.G.D., R. Kingston, P.P.G.D., H. Child, W.M., W. Weaver, C. Beevers, P.M., and C. D. Swale, I.P.M., of 1221; F. Long, G. H. Clemons, W.M., and W. G. Blackburn

of 1311; C. Dilly, 1522; C. A. Phillips, 1542, P.A. G.D.C.; Chas. Turner, J.D. 1715; N. Brooke, S.W. 1736; T. Atkinson, W.M., and T. Trevor, P.G.D.C., of 2069; and H. J. Johnston Lavis, W.M. "Anglia," Naples, 28 lodges being thus represented.

The Past Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of England, the D.P.G.M. and Prov. Grand Officers, and the visiting Worshipful Masters and brethren were saluted according to Masonic custom.

The acting P.G.M., Bro. H. Smith, D.P.G.M. (in the unavoidable absence of the P.G.M., Bro. T. W. Tew, P.G.D., through illness) presented to the lodge the Centenary Warrant from the Grand Lodge of England, and addressed the brethren as follows: Worshipful Master and brethren of the Lodge of Fidelity, No. 289, I have much pleasure in performing the agreeable duty of presenting your Centenary Warrant. You all know how gracefully and how heartily our Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Thomas William Tew has, on several occasions, discharged a similar duty. Unhappily a severe illness prevents him participating in the proceedings of this most interesting meeting, and we one and all deeply sympathise with him, and hope that he may yet be spared for years to come. Brethren, as your Worshipful Master and Bro. W. H. Porritt will give us an interesting address on the rise and progress of this ancient lodge it is quite unnecessary for me to detain you with lengthened remarks. To you then, Bro. Richard Wilson, to your safe keeping, and to that of your successors, I hand over this Warrant. You may be justly proud to possess so important a document, for it is not without strong proof that the existence of the lodge has been unbroken for 100 years, that a Centenary Warrant is issued. When I remind you that Fidelity is only the eighth lodge in West Yorkshire entitled to this distinction, and that under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England there are but 177 lodges which have proved a centenary existence you will have still further grounds to congratulate yourselves. Your Secretary informs me that the minute and cash books are not only in existence, but are complete and continuous. This speaks well for the regularity and business capacity of the members of Fidelity at the earlier stages of its Masonic life, and I have every confidence that the brethren of to-day are inspired with equal zeal for the Craft, and that their successors following in their footsteps, will, when we shall have passed away, still continue to uphold the character and display the example of true Masons, that they will jealously preserve this most precious document, and add it to their already most interesting collection of Masonic archives. Perhaps the brethren will allow me to suggest that a photograph of the warrant be immediately taken to be placed in the library at Wakefield. Bros. Wilson and Porritt, as I have before stated, will give us most interesting information about old Fidelity. I may just add that in the cause of Charity it has not been backward; in recent years it has contributed to the Boys' £320, Girls' £300, Old People, £235, and is exercising 96 boys, 96 girls, and 143 Old People votes. Whilst I do not admit that the measure of a lodge's success is estimated by the amount of its Charitable donations, yet I think the record I have quoted proves that Fidelity is imbued with a healthy Masonic spirit, and I can only add my hope and belief that it will continue to prosper and maintain its high character as long as Masonry, as an Institution, shall exist upon this earth.

Bro. R. WILSON, P.G. Sec., Treas., W.M.: Brethren, as the time is limited there will not be the two long addresses delivered to you with which you have been threatened. I will only say myself what I believe to be absolutely necessary. I thank you, Sir, and all the brethren on behalf of Fidelity Lodge for your presence here to-day, and I have great pleasure in receiving at your hands the warrant of the continuous existence of Fidelity Lodge for the period of 100 years. While we, the members, have pride in completing the century of the lodge's existence the great honour and credit is not due to us but to the brethren who founded the lodge. In their necessary absence we feel we must celebrate the centenary with that good feeling and heartiness and wisdom with which we are sure they would have done. We also wish to express our indebtedness to all those who have previously passed the chair, and by wise judgment, zeal, and discretion carried the lodge through the perilous times which must have occurred in 100 years, if only through the infirmities of human nature. We must also thank those individual members who by indefatigable work and the great care they have taken of the records and anything appertaining to the history of the lodge, who have been jealous of allowing the minutes of the lodge to be taken away. It is to such members that our thanks are due for having in our possession the entire minutes and cash books of Fidelity Lodge for 100 years. I will now briefly run over the main points in the early history of the lodge. On the 1st October, 1792, the founders of the Lodge of Fidelity, then No. 512, held their first meeting at the Old George Inn, Briggate, under a dispensation dated September 26th, 1792, and following are the names of the founders: Robert Sutcliffe, W.M.; David Boothman, S.W.; Andrew Nicoll, J.W.; and Jno. Banks, Sec., initiated in Harmony, Halifax, now Huddersfield; Wm. Brown, Treas.; Wm. Cook, S.D.; John Mitchell, J.D., initiated Royal Yorkshire, Keighley. The lodge continued to prosper, as is evidenced by the fact that in the first 10 years 110 members were initiated and 29 joined.

The following were important years:

1793, November 3rd. Fidelity Royal Arch Chapter opened.

1794. The Philanthropic Lodge (now 304) was constituted, the founders having all been initiated in Fidelity Lodge.

1795. The Alfred Lodge (now 306) was constituted. All the founders were members of Fidelity, their resignation being caused by disputes respecting the financial state of the lodge.

1795. September 30th. An instruction lodge was formed for all Leeds lodges. The W.M., S.W., and J.W., were to take duty alternately, and officers were to be fined 1s. for each non-attendance. This might have been necessary at that time, it certainly is not now.

1797. To prevent imposition Fidelity and Philanthropic Lodges formed a Committee to dispense their Charity to poor and distressed Masons. By authority of Grand Lodge, this lodge consecrated the following lodges.

1801. Nelson of the Nile. Batley (now 264). (Five of the founders were initiated in Fidelity).

1803. Amphibious, Hightown (now 258).

1804. Three Grand Principles, Dewsbury (now 208).

1806. The lodge applied for a warrant in place of dispensation. The lodge voted £1 1s. each to the W.M. and Wardens for expenses in attending the Prov. Grand Lodge at York.

1812. On the Union of the two Grand Lodges, "The Moderns" and "The Ancients," the number of this lodge was altered from 512 to 546.

1821. Ten Operative Masons were initiated in this year in order to form a lodge called St. Albans, which was consecrated by this lodge October 7th, 1822, and erased in 1833. In the records we find particulars of memorial-stones of deceased brethren given to these brothers to work.

1823. Lord John Pollington, after passing the chair of Fidelity Lodge, was installed Prov. Grand Master at Wakefield. His portrait, subscribed for by the brethren, painted by Chas. H. Schwanfelder, a brother of this lodge, was presented to the lodge.

1831. December 27th. In consequence of a letter from our worthy Bro. the Earl of Mexbrough, intimating his wish to have his son the Hon. John C. Savile, Lord Viscount Pollington (present Earl of Mexbrough) initiated on St. John's Day. The ceremony took place on this date in the presence of the Earl of Mexbrough and a large number of brethren.

1833. The number of the lodge was altered from 546 to 364.

1836. The Leeds lodges in this year attended the laying of foundation-stone of St. George's Church.

1838. The portrait of W. Bro. John Young, painted by Bro. Simpson, R.A. (a member of the lodge), was subscribed for.

1840. The last year that I propose to mention. Bro. Rich. Brown, S.W. of Fidelity, was W.M. of the Philanthropic. The number of the lodge was altered in 1863 from 364 to 289.

In conclusion, the W.M. said: I ought now to tell you in naming individual brethren who take great interest in the proceedings that are now taking place, that we have this year as Secretary Bro. Scarth. He has already by extracts and notes from the minute books taken such a quantity of interesting matter, that we can go on for many days simply reading without speaking; and I acknowledge here to him in the fullest manner my indebtedness for the principal figures and statements that I have been able to place before you today, which have been very largely taken from the notes he has so ably compiled. I am proud of our Secretary, and, indeed, of all my other officers.

An "Ode" specially composed for the occasion by Bro. Dr. Spark, P.P.G.O., was ably rendered by Bros. Blagbro, Reeves, Tooke, Briggs, Binns, Higgins, and Scarth.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER having thanked Bro. Spark, on behalf of the lodge, for the "Ode" he had composed,

Bro. SMITHSON said: I have been most pleased this afternoon with the warmth of your recognition of the Grand Lodge of England, and, as one of the members of that body present, I beg to thank you most heartily for that kindly recognition.

Bro. W. PORRITT, P.P.G.W. East Yorkshire, then addressed the lodge. He said: Brethren need not have the slightest fear that I am going to make any elaborate remarks. To-night at the Queen's we have plenty in prospect, to which I look forward equally with you; if "brevity be the soul of wit," then my speech would be witty indeed. I esteem it an honour to have my name placed upon this centenary summons; but when I look back to the time when I worked here, and hard too in the Masonic cause, I almost feel that the honour has been fairly earned. I attribute the honour to the fact that I was a believer in the progress of Freemasonry in this noble Borough of Leeds, and that such progress could best be made by each lodge as far as possible having a lodge room of its own and meeting under its own roof. I was the initiator of this principle which I have seen largely carried to a successful issue. This meeting to-day enables us to contrast the peaceful methods of Freemasonry with that of the centenary of the French Republic whose members carried out their principles at the expense of their opponents heads whilst ours are carried out through the help of those three grand principles, brotherly love, relief, and truth. My heart is very full and I can only thank you most heartily for the honour you have done me, for the kind way in which you have listened to me. My heart is full of good will to Fidelity, and I hope most sincerely that it will continue to prosper. It is a proud day for me to stand on this dais to witness the celebration of the completion of the 100 years of Fidelity.

The Acting P.G.M., Bro. Hy. SMITH, having called attention to the fact that all the officers of Fidelity this year were Past Masters, proceeded to distribute the centenary jewels to the members who applied for them.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER then received the congratulations of the visiting brethren, personally tendered by the Worshipful Master's of the visiting lodges.

The ACTING PROV. GRAND MASTER said he felt highly honoured at being present on this most interesting occasion, and expressed his hearty congratulations and good wishes. He would have much pleasure in telling the P.G.M. of the proceedings. He would add that he had spent an agreeable hour with Bro. Tew on the previous day, and he was glad to say found him much improved.

In acknowledging the congratulations Bro. R. WILSON said: On behalf of my lodge and myself, I reciprocate every good wish and every kind word that has been uttered here to-night. I trust all will be present at the Queen's Hotel, where we will endeavour to prove our pedigree, and will give you a right "Royal Yorkshire" welcome, and we hope an evening spent in "harmony."

After the lodge had been duly closed, the brethren were conveyed in carriages to the Midland Railway Company's Hotel (The Queen's), where about 150 brethren sat down to a magnificent banquet, at which the following toasts were proposed.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, who was warmly received on rising to propose the first toast—"The Queen"—said: One hundred years ago to-night our ancestors were sat most likely in the Old George in Briggate, and the first toast then given was, I have no doubt, the toast of his Majesty King George III. We are met to-night in the Queen's Hotel—rather a singular coincidence—and the toast I have to propose, and I propose it in as earnest and loyal manner as they did their toast, and I hope you will drink it with as good feeling as they did, is "Her Majesty the Queen." Brethren, I ask you to join in "The Queen."

The toast was drunk with much enthusiasm, the company standing and joining heartily in singing the National Anthem, which was led off in capital style by Bro. Wood Higgins.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER said the next toast he had to propose was "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales; the M.W. Pro G.M., the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom; the R.W. the Deputy G.M., the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgumbe; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." He wished those brethren health and long life; a wish which he felt sure everyone present would echo. With the toast he coupled the names of Bros. Henry Smith, P.G.D. England, Dep. P.G.M., and W. F. Smithson, P.G.D.

Bro. HENRY SMITH, Dep. P.G.M., in responding, said he was that night enjoying the hospitality, he might almost go further than that, and say the sumptuous bounty of their W.M. and those who were associated with him, and he thanked them for their invitation, and he could assure them that the memory of that night would remain upon his mind for many years to come. He trusted their Huddersfield friends might have, as had been suggested, a similar meeting in their good old town on their approaching centenary. If they did, he anticipated the brethren of the Craft would receive an enthusiastic reception, but that reception, however much it might equal, could not, he felt sure, surpass the warmth of the welcome they had received that night. He thought most of the good things had been said about the Fidelity Lodge at their meeting in lodge during the afternoon, and therefore his remarks then must be as brief as possible. The noble Prince at the head of their Craft, the Prince of Wales, was a man who had enhanced its value and increased its dignity, and he hoped the dignity and character of their lodges might never be impaired. They in Leeds knew well the able nobleman, Lord Lathom, who some time ago came amongst them to perform a ceremony, and whose courteous manner and geniality, and every good quality that man could possess was displayed on that occasion. It was an occasion which many of them would never forget. Then they had the Deputy Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, who had only recently come to the front, but he believed they would find in him as good and worthy a Mason as they had found Lord Lathom to be. Many of them were aware that at a recent meeting of the Grand Lodge a discussion was raised respecting the increase of Officers in Grand and Provincial Lodges, but to their great dismay the whole matter was shelved. He personally looked forward to the time when there would be several members wearing collars and joining with him in responding to toasts such as the one to which he had the honour to respond to that evening. In conclusion he thanked them heartily for their recognition of the officers of the Grand Lodge, and hoped they might be spared to meet on many other occasions.

Bro. W. F. SMITHSON, P.G.D., also responded. He said that he was proud to be present at the Centenary Celebration of the Lodge of Fidelity, the oldest and the premier lodge of the good old town of Leeds. Since he had had the honour of accepting the collar and joining hands with the Prince of Wales, it had always been his endeavour to further the interests of the Craft, and especially the interests of the Leeds and West Yorkshire lodges. He was gratified to know that his services had proved acceptable to the brethren, and he thanked them from the bottom of his heart for the way in which they had received the toast and the honour they had done him in coupling his name with it.

In proposing the next toast, "The R.W. Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire; Bro. T. W. Tew, P.G.D.; the W.D. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Henry Smith, P.G.D.; and the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, Present and Past," the WORSHIPFUL MASTER said he paused at the name of Bro. T. W. Tew, because he was quite certain that all present were cognisant that Bro. Tew, when in good health, spared neither time nor expense in promoting the interests of the West Yorkshire lodges. If their sympathies could not outlast their brother's short illness and his temporary withdrawal from them, his services had been but of small avail. He, however, believed that there was a strong feeling amongst them that Bro. Tew should not be harassed by thinking he must do this or that when labouring under such a severe illness. He (the W.M.) wished for all who were included in the toast health and strength to perform their respective duties, and he confidently anticipated that wherever the interests of Masonry needed their services, there the Provincial Grand Master and his officers would be found.

The Rev. Canon BULLOCK, P.P.G. Chaplain, responded on behalf of himself and brother officers. The three little words—"Audi, Vide, Tace," on the Fidelity banner, were very significant. They had had in lodge an exhibition of the first word. They had been witnesses of a very remarkable ceremony—a ceremony which covered what was wanting, and did not extend so long that anyone was wearied with it. They were interested, and obeyed, and listened, and then when they came into the banqueting hall immediately after that ceremony, there was no difficulty in obeying the second command on their banner. The Worshipful Master, as he looked round him that night must realise that after one hundred years of life, Fidelity was more living than ever, as its life was evidence of good fellowship and kindly feeling. Everyone at that splendid gathering must be considerably gratified, and feel that it was an honour not only to be there but to work in however humble a sphere as a Freemason. The last word on their banner was a perplexing one, "Tace." To bring one to such a banquet and then say to them "Tace" was, to put it mildly, a bold thing to do. They had, however, as the lively and fraternal conversation showed, for once had the courage to thoroughly disobey that command. There was, as they were aware, a great interest and a great responsibility in looking back over a hundred years, and their Worshipful Master knew full well what that responsibility was. Might he conclude by giving a little boy's definition of "responsibility." An esteemed and revered bishop was once taking a class of boys, and asked them to tell him what "responsibility" was. For some little time there was no answer, but at last one boy, being pressed, said, "If you have only two buttons on your knickerbockers, and one breaks, the other has to bear all the responsibility." Now their Worshipful Master's responsibility was great and weighty, but experience had proved to them that he was quite equal to bear any responsibility they might put upon him.

The toast of the evening, "The Lodge of Fidelity," was proposed by Bro. Hy. SMITH, D.P.G.M., who said he could only reiterate the sentiments that had been expressed before, viz., that the Lodge of Fidelity might not only live to celebrate its second centenary, but might go on for a thousand years with the same success as had attended its present life. As Deputy Provincial Grand Master, he had watched its career with great interest, and whenever the returns came in he scanned them closely. In the future he should expect to find, as he had done in the past, a judicious increase of members with high standard and quality. Referring to Bro. Tew, their Prov. Grand Master, he remarked that the principles he endeavoured to carry out were to advance wherever he could the cause of Freemasonry. He always sought to lead the minds of the brethren in a direction that their principles might be exemplified by their conduct not only in the lodge but out of it, and he was very happy to know that those principles, when taken to heart, had in all cases been beneficial in the highest degree. He had many good and faithful friends in the Lodge of Fidelity, and proposing its toast almost unmanned him. He was aware that he was but a poor feeble representative of their excellent P.G.M., whom nothing would have delighted more than to have been present, and to have done justice to the toast. He requested them to join him in drinking success to the Lodge of Fidelity.

The ode "In this hour of hopeful joy," specially composed by Bro. Dr. Spark for the centenary, was then again sung by the Septet as in lodge.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in responding, said he stood there as the representative of the officers and brethren of the lodge. It was no small boast to be able to say that his officers were all Past Masters but it was a still greater boast to be able to say that these Past Masters had done their duty cheerfully and well and that in every direction their peculiar qualifications had been made use of and had added to the harmony of the lodge. They could not of course call upon every officer to respond to the toast but were compelled to confine themselves to one and that one of necessity had to be the W.M. At the same time they must allow him to give them the names of his officers, all of whom had worked shoulder to shoulder for the benefit of the lodge not only for the present year but for many years past. The I.P.M., Bro. Arthur Wm. Chapman, as they knew, had discharged the duties of Past Master in a most satisfactory and praiseworthy manner. It was perhaps not necessary that he should enlarge on the respective merits or qualifications exhibited by the officers of the lodge, for every brother knew they had worked harmoniously together. With the toast he

would couple the names of Bro. Wm. James Beck, who was his Senior Warden; Bro. James Dickson, his Junior Warden; Bro. the Right Hon. Wm. Lawies Jackson, M.P., P.P.S.G.W., who had acted as his Chaplain; Bro. William Greaves, who was a capital Treasurer; Bro. Alf. Scarth, as Secretary, of whose gifts they had all received evidence that night; Bro. Joseph Dobson, their Senior Deacon; Bro. Jas. Milnes, their Junior Deacon; Bros. Davis Richard Glover, Dr. Spark, Org.; Richard Jackson, I.G.; W. Armistead, and E. Wales Smith, Stwds.; Charles A. Braim, Past S.W. of the lodge, and John Wm. Foster, Past J.W., local Charity Stewards; and in naming the two last mentioned brethren he thought it was only right to say that they of their own free will joined in the request that he should take the chair this year and that he should have as his officers the Past Masters of the lodge and that they were quite willing for the general good of all to stand completely aside for one year. In mentioning names he must not of course omit to mention their worthy Bro. W. Marshall, their Tyler, whom it was always a pleasure to have with them. He thanked the proposer for the kind feeling he had exhibited in proposing the toast of the Lodge of Fidelity and said that whilst deeply grateful for the honour they had done him personally, he must admit that without the loyal support of his officers he could not have done anything at all to merit their confidence.

Bro. the Hon. and Rev. P. YORKE SAVILE, P.P.G. Chap., who also responded, assured them he considered it a very great honour to be present on the occasion of the centenary celebration of the Yorkshire Fidelity Lodge. He accepted it as a mark of respect to his dear father, the late Earl of Mexborough, who for so many years had the honour, and the privilege, and the delight of being P.G.M. of West Yorkshire, and also the honour of being a member of the Fidelity. There was also many years ago an occasion on which he (the speaker) was pleased to take an important part in connection with Freemasonry, and that was when there was an interregnum before Lord Ripon could be appointed Deputy Grand Master, that excellent Freemason, Bro. Bentley Shaw, D.P.G.M., asked him to be P.G. Chaplain. He felt that he intended it as a compliment to his father's memory, and he gratefully accepted it. He had to preach on that occasion, and he was told that he might choose any subject he liked. He thought that the public at that time were not aware that the medical people were very much dissatisfied with the arrangements at the Leeds Infirmary. They were no doubt sufficient for the requirements of a hundred years ago, but Leeds had increased so largely that a new infirmary was demanded. He preached his sermon, and the Freemasons generously gave £60—a sum which he did not realise every Sunday in his little parish of Methley. The £60 was taken to that very worthy gentlemen whom so many of them still remembered—William Beckett; and they asked if he would give them something towards furthering their object. He said: "I will give you £3000." That took the breath out of them. They asked him if he wished to spread the payments over 10 years; but he said: "How do I know that I shall live 10 years longer. Don't you think that I had better give you a cheque for it now?" and he did. They then brought the matter before John Gott, who followed suit. The workpeople of the town took it up, and generously promised a day's wages, and the thing went on swimmingly, and the result was that they got their infirmary completed. He was proud to have been the instrument of the Freemasons being the first to subscribe to the new infirmary, an institution which had done, and still continued to do, such inestimable good in this part of the country. Having disclosed that big secret to them, he would retire into private life, and lock up all his other secrets with Fidelity! Fidelity! Fidelity!

Bro. H. INCHBOLD, as an old member of Fidelity, with the Chairman's permission, addressed the assembly. In the course of his speech he said that, although no longer a member, he had bright and happy memories of the good he received whilst in touch with the lodge, and he still endeavoured in his humble way to carry out Masonic principles.

"The Worshipful Masters of our Parent Lodges—the Royal Yorkshire, No. 265, and Harmony, No. 275, and the Worshipful Masters of the Leeds Lodges," was proposed in suitable terms by the Worshipful MASTER. He was quite sure that the Worshipful Masters of the Leeds lodges would think they were perfectly justified in placing on that toast list their venerable parents—the Royal and Harmony Lodges. They all, no doubt, felt, as he did, that they had been having a "Royal Yorkshire" dinner with complete "Harmony." Whether their friends, the Worshipful Masters of Royal Yorkshire and Harmony Lodges, would think themselves responsible in any way whatever for the blood which ran in their veins, and made them enjoy it he did not know, but they extended to them and the Masters of the other lodges the hand of welcome, and they hoped and believed that the centenary of the Philanthropic Lodge, which would be held in two years hence, would be as great a success as the Fidelity's. He rejoiced to know that there was no ill-will existing between any of those lodges in Leeds, and he asked them to drink the toast with enthusiasm.

Bro. John HUDSON, W.M. of Royal Yorkshire Lodge, responded on behalf of the parent lodges, and Bros. NORMINTON, WEDDERSPOON, T. THORPE, T. WINN, H. CHILD, CLEMENS, and ATKINSON, the Worshipful MASTERS, in felicitous terms responded on behalf of the Leeds lodges.

Bro. the Right Hon. W. L. JACKSON, M.P., P.P.S.G.W., in proposing the toast of "The Visiting

Brethren," said I esteem it a great privilege to be permitted to take part in the interesting ceremony of to-day. It is undoubtedly a red-letter day in the history of my Lodge of Fidelity. Our W.M. was good enough to say that he congratulated himself upon having such good officers. I can truly say on behalf of my brother officers that we can congratulate not only ourselves but the members of the lodge on having so good a W.M. We have now arrived at the stage, as you will see by the programme, when we have passed the stage of "dreams," and are approaching the threshold of "good company," and then we are to reach "the happiest land." That, I take it, on the part of the framers of the programme, is to be the stage which we shall reach when all the speeches are finished. Brethren, the toast I have to give you is an important one in itself, and one which I deem it an honour to be allowed to propose in such a distinguished company as we have here to-night. We have with us brethren from various parts of the world, some of them I dare say strangers to Leeds. We deem it an honour to Leeds that they have visited us on this occasion. We have brethren distinguished in various professions, and, on behalf of the Lodge of Fidelity, I would say to the visitors that we thank you for coming on this occasion, not only to do honour to Fidelity, but also to do honour to the Master of Fidelity. It is not necessary in a company such as this to say even a single word of praise of the Craft; but this I will say, that, as the result of the experience of all who have joined the Craft, the older they grew the more they found its principles were sound, and that it conferred unnumbered benefits upon mankind. He bespoke for the toast of the visitors not only a right, royal, and Masonic, but a downright Yorkshire—West Yorkshire—welcome on this occasion.

Bro. H. J. JOHNSTON LAVIS, Naples, in responding to the toast said when he found his name upon the toast list his heart sank within him, for he was unprepared to take such a serious part. Their brother had spoken of the privilege it was to have so many visitors present, but he would express on behalf of the visitors present the extreme pleasure they felt in being permitted to be with them that evening. He was sure that he was expressing the sentiment of Italian Freemasonry when he said they wished the Leeds Lodge of Fidelity every success. In a hundred years hence they would be on the verge of the survival of the fittest, and it was a question what place Freemasonry would hold in that age, but there was no doubt about it the English nation would always hold its own, and Freemasonry would retain its place in the hearts of the people.

Bros. the Rev. A. E. CAMPBELL and C. L. MASON, P.P.G. Treas., also replied.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in proposing the last toast of the evening, "Poor and Distressed Brethren," said that amidst all their festivities they must not forget there were a great number of Masons who had done good work for Masonry in times past, but who were now incapable from attending such banquets as they had that day. Their good feelings went out towards them. Many of them were now across the seas in Canada or Australia, but wherever they might be, on land or sea, he asked them to drink sincerely to their health.

The toast was drunk with much enthusiasm.

The remainder of the evening was spent in listening to the songs, trios, recitations, and pianoforte recitals, which were splendidly rendered by Bros. Tooke, Beevers, Higgins, Scarth, Blagbro, Binns, Briggs, Dunbar Steen, and Dr. Spark.

SOCIETAS ROSICRUCIANA IN SCOTIA.

The West of Scotland College opened their session on Monday evening, the 10th inst., in St. John's Hall, 213, Buchanan-street, Glasgow. Frater D. R. Clark, M.A., VIII°, Master of the Temple, presided, assisted by Frates W. S. Hunter, Deputy Master; T. R. Richards, Treas. and Sec.; J. W. Ruddock, Primus A.; J. Oliphant, Secundus A.; J. F. Foulds, Tertius A.; J. A. S. Kerd, Quartus A.; F. W. Larter, Precentor; and a goodly number of fratres.

The Secretary-General, Frater R. S. Brown, was in attendance, and apologies for absence were intimated from Frates J. Graham of Broadstone; Major J. W. Allan, Dr. S. J. Moore, Rev. Dr. W. W. Tulloch, and others. Thereafter John Sanderson was admitted into the college, and received the first grade.

Frater W. S. HUNTER then read a paper of considerable interest and merit on "The Triangle" (illustrated throughout with valuable diagrams), tracing it from Akkadian and Chaldee sources through Egypt, from which place Pythagoras got his triangle, down to mediæval and Rosicrucian times, touching, in passing on the use of the triangle among the Jews in ancient and modern times. (The paper will be printed in the transactions of the college.)

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the lecturer, who, in replying, presented to the college the valuable illustrations of his lecture, to be placed among the MSS. and relics of the library.

The college was then closed.

On Monday, the old colours of the 1st Battalion of the Buffs (East Kent Regiment), were handed over in Canterbury Cathedral to the Dean and Chapter, by whom they were subsequently placed in the Warriors' Chapel. The regiment was present with its band at the imposing spectacle, and appropriate addresses were delivered by the Dean of Canterbury and Col. Hobson, the commanding officer.

MASONIC MEETINGS (Metropolitan)

For the week ending Saturday, October 22, 1892.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries for Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Rose Croix Chapters, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place, day, or month of meeting.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15.

RAFT LODGES.

1185, Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green.
134, Earl of Zetland, Guildhall Tavern.
1641, Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1732, King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King-st., Hammersmith, at 7.30.
Duke of Connaught, Navarino Hotel, Navarino-road, Dalston, at 8.
Jecleston, Bro. Dickie's, 13, Cambridge-street, Pimlico, at 7.
Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, at 8.
King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.
Manchester, Old King's Arms, Poland-street, W., at 8.
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.
Star, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, S.E., at 7.
Urban, Freemasons' Hall.
Vitruvian, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto-road, St. Katherine's-park, Hatcham, S.E., at 7.30.
Mount Sinai Chapter, Red Lion Ho., 14, King-st., Regent-st., W., 8.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-street Hotel.
2202, Regent's Park, York and Albany Hotel.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17.

RAFT LODGES.

21, Emulation, Albion Tavern.
185, Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern.
862, Whittington, Freemasons' Hall.
901, City of London, Guildhall Tavern.
907, Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall.
1537, St. Peter Westminster, Criterion.
1657, Aldersgate, Albion Tavern.
1694, Imperial, Clout's Restaurant, Victoria-street.
1728, Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel.
2265, Barnato, Cafe Monica.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Blackheath, Milkwood Tavern, Milkwood-road, Herne Hill, at 8.
Carnarvon, Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at 6.30.
Coborn, Eagle Hotel, Snaresbrook, at 8.
Cripplegate, Goldsmiths' Arms, Gutter-lane, at 6.30.
Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Atlantic-road, Brixton, at 8.
Eleanor, Rose and Crown, High Cross, Tottenham, at 8.
Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terr., Bishop's-rd., Paddington, at 8.
Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.
Marquess of Ripon, Lord Stanley, Paragon-road, Mare-st., at 8.
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.
Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30.
Perseverance, Ye Old Cheshire Cheese, 23, Adde-street, Wood-street, E.C., at 7.
Rose of Denmark, L. & S.W.R. Institute, Wandsworth-rd., 7.30.
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30.
Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, at 8.
St. Ambrose, Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, at 8.
St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance), at 8.
St. Luke's, Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, at 8.
St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.
Savage Club, Albion Tavern, Russell-street, at 8.
Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, at 8.
Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 6.
Tysen-Amherst, Amherst Club, Amherst-road, Hackney, 2nd and 4th Mon., at 8.
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Church-rd., Upper Norwood, 8.
Upton, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E., at 8.
Walthamstow, The Chequer, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.
Wellington, White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, at 8.
Zetland, York and Albany, Park-street, Regent's Park, at 8.
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 6.
Hope Chapter, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 8.
Israel Chapter, Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road, W.C.
Lewis Chapter, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.
North London Chapter, Grosvenor Hotel, Canonbury, at 7.30.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

1366, Highgate, Gate House Tavern.
2060, La France, Cafe Royal.

MARK LODGES.

173, Temple, Green Dragon, Stepney.
239, Royal Naval, Mark Masons' Hall.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18.

Board of General Purposes, at Freemasons Hall, at 4.

RAFT LODGES.

30, United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern.
73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel.
95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
435, Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall.
1339, Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1420, Earl Spencer, White Lion Hotel, Putney.
1695, New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern.
2021, Queen's Westminster, Holborn Restaurant.
2045, Wharton, White Hart Hotel, Willesden.
2191, Anglo-American, Criterion.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E., at 8.
Capper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6.
Clarence and Avondale, Masonic Hall, Leytonstone, E., at 8.
Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, at 7.
Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-street, Borough, at 8.
Clarence, 1A, Fitzroy-square, at 7.30.
Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.
Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, corner of Queen's-road and Middle-ton-road, Dalston, E., at 8.
Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, at 7.
East Surrey Lodge of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 8.
Eublematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
Eufield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-rd., Rotherhithe, 8.
Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, at 8.
Finsbury, The Goose and Gridiron, London House Yard, St. Paul's Churchyard, E.C., at 7.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, 2nd and 4th Tues., at 7.30.
Friars, The White Horse, 94, White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., E., at 7.30.
Joppa, Boundary Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C., at 7.30.
Kensington, Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes-square, Kensington, 8.
Lily, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, at 8.
Mount Edgumbe, Crown Tavern, Lambeth-road, S.E.
Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8.
New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8.
Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues., at 6.30.

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On Saturday, the 8th instant, Bro. C. E. Ferry, P.M. and P.Z., delivered a lecture at the Lodge of Perseverance, No. 1743, upon "What is Freemasonry?"

Bro. Col. G. Noel Money, C.B., Prov. Grand Master of Surrey, has appointed Bro. J. D. Langton, P.M. and Sec. 1673 and 2006, P.P.J.G.W. Surrey, as Prov. Charity Secretary of Surrey.

The Masonic Home for the Sick and Aged was dedicated at Utica, U.S.A., on the 6th inst., with imposing ceremonies. Twenty-five thousand members of the Order attended the exercises celebrating the completion of a work begun 40 years ago.

At the regular meeting of the Newall Lodge, No. 1134, at Adelphi House, Salford, on Tuesday last, Bro. E. Webb, S.W., was unanimously elected the W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. John Holroyd, P.P.S.G.W., was elected Treasurer.

The Duke of Edinburgh quitted Devonport on leave of absence, on Wednesday, and arrived at Clarence House in the evening. After a brief stay in town, his Royal Highness will proceed to join the Duchess on the Continent.

Prince and Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein are at present on a visit to the Prince and Princess Anhalt, at Worlitz, near Dessau, and are expected to return to Cumberland Lodge some time in the course of next week.

The King of Italy has written to his Prime Minister with reference to the proposed gift in commemoration of his silver wedding, to say that he and the Queen have resolved on declining any such presentation, but that they will be delighted if the money is used in acts of benevolence and charity.

The 17th Lancers has been ordered to provide the usual escort for the incoming Lord Mayor (Alderman Knill) on his lordship's induction into office on the 9th November. The bands of the Household Cavalry, the 17th Lancers, and the Royal Artillery have also been ordered to take part in the procession.

Monday, the 23rd instant, has been fixed by the Lord Chancellor (Bro. Lord Herschell) for the reception at the House of Lords of the Lord Mayor elect, for the purpose of conveying to him her Majesty's pleasure in respect of his election as Chief Magistrate of the City of London during the ensuing year.

Earl Spencer and the other Lords of the Admiralty paid their first official visit to Chatham on Tuesday, when they inspected the various establishments in the dockyard, the Royal Marines, the Melville Hospital, and the ships building and fitting out. At the close of their inspection they went on board the yacht Enchantress, where they entertained the principal officers of the port and garrison.

Mr. Charles Eliot, Second Secretary of the British Embassy at St. Petersburg, who was recently in the Pamir district, has arrived in London from Russia, and was engaged at the Foreign Office on Tuesday. Mr. Eliot is about to leave shortly for Morocco, where he will act as British Legation at Tangier during the absence on leave of Col. Sir C. Euan-Smith.

Harvest Festival services at St. John's Church, Clapham, will be held on Sunday next. The vicar, Bro. the Rev. Dr. Coryndon Baker, will preach at 11; the Rev. Brooke Lambert, M.A., D.C.L. (vicar of Greenwich), at 3.30; and the Rev. F. M. Matwin, B.A., at 7. The collections will be in aid of the Restoration Fund, and Bro. T. W. Ockenden, P.M. (one of the churchwardens) appeals for help.

At the monthly meeting of the Hadrian Lodge, No. 1070, held on the 4th instant in the Freemasons' Hall, Ingham-street, South Shields, Bro. George Harland, W.M., presiding, Bro. John Watt Henderson, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year; Bro. Wm. Davidson, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., was elected Treasurer; Bro. T. Potter, P.M., P.P.G.T., was re-appointed Tyler; and Bros. J. R. Mabane and C. P. Bell were elected Auditors.

The 17th show of the British Dairy Farmers' Association was opened at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, on Tuesday, and will be closed this (Friday) evening. The cattle exhibits, though fewer in number than in 1890, numbered 215, and included representatives of the Shorthorn, Jersey, Guernsey, and other breeds. There was also a very notable display of dairy produce, of utensils for converting milk into butter and cheese, and of vessels for conveying milk from the farm to the retailer. Among the exhibitors were Bros. the Earl of Egmont and the Earl of Radnor, and the Baroness Burdett-Coutts and the Lady Mayoress will distribute the prizes in the butter-making contests this (Friday) afternoon.

The China Cup which was won this year at Bisley by a team of the London Rifle Brigade, was conveyed with due pomp and ceremony to the Guildhall on Saturday and handed over to the custody of the Lord Mayor, Bro. Sir David Evans. The trophy was mounted on a gun carriage and escorted by detachments of the London Rifle Brigade, the City of London Engineers, the City of London Artillery, and the 2nd and 3rd London Volunteer Brigades. In the Guildhall itself a large company had assembled, among whom were the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, Bros. Sheriffs Renals and Wilkin, Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., M.P., General Sir Francis Grenfell, General Sir G. Higginson, President of the City Rifle Association. A dinner at the Mansion House in honour of the event brought the proceedings to a close.

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The Duchess of Teck has consented to open a new wing of the Field-lane Boys' Industrial School, Hillfield-road, West Hampstead, on the 25th of next month.

Her Majesty's ironclad Victoria, flagship of Admiral Sir George Tryon, commanding-in-chief the British Mediterranean Squadron, left Malta on Monday for Nauplia and Piræus, accompanied by the Nile, Sans Pareil, Dreadnought, Camperdown, and Surprise.

The Grand Duke of Hesse and his sister, Princess Alice, arrived at Buckingham Palace on Tuesday morning, after visiting the Queen at Balmoral. In the evening they visited Olympia, and on Thursday they left London for Ostend on their return home.

Bro. James Stevens will deliver his popular lecture on Masonic symbolism, ritual, and ceremonial, under the auspices of the Hundred of Elloe Lodge, No. 469, at the Masonic Hall, Spalding, Lincolnshire, on Thursday, the 3rd prox.

Nelson's flagship, the Foudroyant, has already been repurchased from the German who bought her of the Admiralty, and though the demolition of the ship had already been begun, there will be no difficulty in restoring her, and she will soon be on exhibition in the Thames.

In consequence of the Mansion House banquet to the Trinity House having, at the instance of his Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, been fixed for the 24th inst., the Lord Mayor elect has found it necessary to postpone his Presentation Dinner at Goldsmiths' Hall from that evening to the 25th.

MAYORAL MASONIC BANQUET.—Bro. J. de Bels Adam (Mayor of Liverpool), P.P.S.G.W., will entertain Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, K.C.B., Pro Grand Master of England, Prov. G.M. of West Lancashire, and a large number of Grand and Provincial Grand Officers at a banquet at the Town Hall on the 19th inst.

At the Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Delegates of the Saturday Hospital Fund, the Secretary had the satisfaction of reporting that to the 3rd of September the returns amounted to £11,349, as compared with £10,481 for the corresponding period of 1891, while the street collection in July yielded £5482, being an increase of £730 upon the effort of last year.

A meeting was held at Manchester on Monday for the purpose of further promoting the establishment of a College of Music for that city. Among the speakers was Sir Charles Hallé, who strongly advocated the institution of such a college. The Secretary reported promises of £993 a year for five years, and donations to the incidental fund amounting to £901.

The total income of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge shows a very considerable amount of prosperity, having been £44,304 13s. 6d., as compared with £40,702 2s. 11d. the preceding year. On the other hand, however, the Society has been voting larger sums of late, its gross total of expenditure having amounted to £46,173 13s. 2d.

The German officers who took part in the long distance ride from Berlin to Vienna were entertained at dinner in the Sacher Gardens in the Prates by their Austrian comrades-in-arms on Tuesday evening. The general commanding the Vienna garrison occupied the chair, and the number of guests was 160. The proceedings throughout were of the most enthusiastic character.

At a meeting on Thursday in connection with the Royal National Lifeboat Institution it was announced that amongst the contributions recently received were £700 from members of the Hearts of Oak Benefit Society, for the purpose of building and equipping a lifeboat, to be named the "Hearts of Oak." New lifeboats have recently been sent to the Droghda Gourdon, Moray Firth, and Morthoe stations.

The well-known dramatic critic, Mr. Clement Scott (says the *Glasgow Herald* of Monday last), has resolved to take a year's holiday, and will three weeks hence start on a tour round the world, finishing up at the Chicago Exhibition. His duties as critic of the *Daily Telegraph* will, we believe, in the meantime be undertaken by Mr. Lionel Monckton, son the Town Clerk of London, and of Lady Monckton, the well-known actress.

The marriage of Captain the Hon. Rowland Winn, M.P., of the Coldstream Guards, eldest son of Lord St. Oswald, with Miss Mabel Forbes, youngest daughter of the late Sir Charles Forbes, Bart., was solemnised in St. George's, Hanover-square, on Monday. The guests at the reception which followed at 42, Grosvenor-square, included Lord St. Oswald and the Hon. Miss Winn, the Earl and Countess of Dudley, the Earls of Chesterfield, Lonsdale, and Essex, Lady Randolph Churchill, Lady Winnington, the Hon. A. Winn, the Hon. Humphrey Sturt, M.P., and others.

A notable vacancy is created in the ranks of the City Corporation by the somewhat sudden death, after but a short illness, of its "Father," Mr. Deputy George Walter, who has sat continuously since 1846 as one of the annually-elected members of the Ward of Farringdon Without, and since 1868 as Alderman's Deputy. Mr. Walter, who was a wine and spirit merchant in Fleet-street, and for many years connected with the well-known "Cogers' Hall," was a consistent and attentive corporator, and highly esteemed by his colleagues. He had attained the great age of 88 years, and was active to the last.

On Thursday Princess Beatrice, accompanied by Princess Louise, Marchioness of Lorne, opened at Aberdeen an exhibition promoted by the Scottish Home Industries Association. The route along which the Royal party passed from the station to the exhibition hall was decorated, and many thousands of persons lined the streets. The Earl and Countess of Aberdeen received their Royal Highnesses at the exhibition, and after the opening ceremony the Lord Provost entertained them at luncheon. After visiting the School of Domestic Economy the Princesses left for Balmoral.

Young lady artist, daughter of Exhibitor at the Royal Academy, artistically colours photographs: Cartes, 1s., 2s.; cabinets, 2s., 3s. 6d. Photographs enlarged up to life-size, and finished in oils, water colour, or monochrome. Ivory miniatures faithfully reproduced from photographs, and most delicately painted. Special care taken with the colouring of regalia. Highest testimonials from nobility, &c.—Mabel Vernon, Craven House, Beaconsfield-road, New Southgate, N.

We are asked to state that the meetings of the St. George's Lodge of Instruction are now held at the New Cross Hall, on Tuesday evenings at 8 o'clock.

At a Quarterly Court of the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Company, held on the 10th instant, an illuminated address was presented to Bro. Gabriel Lindo, C.C., in recognition of his services as Master for three years.

The V.E. Provincial Prior of Devonshire, the Rev. Dr. Lemon, purposes holding the annual Provincial Priory of Knights Templar, on the 20th inst., at Plymouth, under the banner of the Royal Veterans Preceptory.

The Gaekwar of Baroda, who arrived in London from the Continent on Wednesday night, is at present staying at Richmond. It is understood that his Highness will visit the Queen at Balmoral before the Court is moved to Windsor.

The commanding officers of volunteer corps throughout the country have been directed to send in at once any applications they may wish to make as to increasing the establishment of their regiments in the volunteer year which begins on the 1st proximo.

Hundreds of people visited the grave of Tennyson in the Abbey, on Thursday, which has now been fitted up and railed off to protect the many wreaths and emblems which lie around it. The beautiful wall worked at Keswick has been laid over the stone, and at the head of the tomb a magnificent cross has been placed, some 4 feet high, composed of white flowers, surmounted on one arm by a white dove.

The living of St. Michael and All Angels, Portsmouth, is placed at the disposal of the Bishop of Winchester by the demise of the Rev. N. Shutte, who was found dead in his study. Mr. Shutte, who was upwards of sixty years of age, started the fund for the erection of a church, which was built on a site given by the War Department, and of which the foundation-stone was laid by the Duke of Cambridge.

Up to the present time the Lord Mayor's Fund at the Mansion House for the relief of the sufferers by the recent colliery accident near Bridgend, in Wales, amounts in all to about £4,400. This is in addition to the sums collected by the local committee at Bridgend and by the Welsh mayors; but the whole result of this appeal falls far short of the sum required—about £20,000—to provide 5s. a week to every widow as long as she remains unmarried, and 2s. 6d. a week to every child up to the age of 13. It will be remembered that 113 lives were lost in the disaster, and 58 wives, 152 children, and 12 aged relatives became dependent upon charity.

The approaching visit of the Prime Minister to Oxford to deliver the first Romanes Lecture is being looked forward to with much interest. Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone will arrive in Oxford on Saturday week, and will be the guests of the Dean of Christchurch and Mrs. Paget. The trust, which has been founded by Professor Romanes, provides for the delivery of a lecture once a year by a gentleman nominated by the Vice-Chancellor, on a subject approved by him in literature, science, or art. The subject Mr. Gladstone has selected is "Medieval Universities, with special reference to the University of Oxford." The lecture will be delivered in the Sheldonian Theatre.

ANGEL LODGE, No. 51.—A special meeting of this lodge was held at Colchester on Tuesday, the 4th inst., for the purpose of raising Bro. Captain Naylor Leyland, M.P., to what is well understood by the Craft as the Third Degree. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, there was a good attendance. The W.M. of the lodge, Bro. F. C. H. Jones, performed the difficult and solemn ceremony in a very able manner, and received the congratulations of all present on the ability he had displayed. Later in the evening Bro. Capt. Naylor Leyland, M.P., made an interesting speech, in the course of which he expressed the pleasure he felt at having taken this further step in Freemasonry, and said he hoped, now that he was a full-fledged Mason, to attend many meetings of the lodge.

In the person of Mr. E. W. Thomas, a Liverpool violinist of high standing, death has removed another of the artists who assisted at the production of Webers' "Oberon" at Covent Garden Theatre in 1826. As far as we are aware, not a single member of the orchestra engaged on that occasion now remains, while of the solo singers one alone is with us. Miss Paton, Madame Vestris, Braham, Fawcett, and Bland long ago quitted the stage of life, and Miss Cawes, who played Puck, much to Weber's satisfaction, died some two or three years since at a good old age. The survivor, Mrs. Keely (Miss Goward) remembers with accuracy, and can vividly relate, the incidents of the musical event in which she took part 66 years ago. Miss Goward played the Mermaid, and at the rehearsal of her one song a hitch occurred. "Cut that out!" exclaimed Fawcett. "Cut it out!" shouted Weber, "I'll soon show you how it will go." Taking the baton himself, he made the song proceed smoothly, and saved the vocalist from the loss of a proud recollection.

In the graveyard of the quaint old parish church of Hendon there were laid to rest the remains of Mr. Thomas Woolner, R.A., whose death, under painfully sudden circumstances, occurred last week in London. The chief mourners (in addition to Mrs. Woolner, her four daughters, and Mr. Hugh Woolner, the son) were Mr. and Mrs. Key, Dr. Bird, Mr. G. Brown-Morrison, Mr. Saintsbury, and Mrs. Henry Woolner, the late artist's sister-in-law. The procession, headed by an open hearse, reached Hendon Church from Welbeck-street shortly after one, and as the coffin, which was of polished oak with brass fittings, was borne up the aisle, "Oh, rest in the Lord" was played on the organ. At the foot of the coffin were two plates—the one bearing the inscription, "Thomas Woolner, born Dec. 17, 1825, died Oct. 7, 1892," and the other the words, "Love is strong as death." The service was conducted by Canon Bell, while the Rev. Newton Mant, the vicar, read the Lessons. Many beautiful wreaths and floral emblems were sent, among others by Sir Saul and Lady Samuel, Sir J. Crichton-Browne (who was present), Mr. Baddeley and the members of the Savage Club, Sir Charles Hartley, Mr. Coventry Patmore, Captain Henry Woolner, Mr. Onslow Ford, A.R.A., and Mr. J. Wolfe Barry.

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