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HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, THE M.W. GRAND MASTER OF ENGLAND; HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF ABERCORN, M.W. GRAND MASTER OF IRELAND
RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF HADDINGTON, M.W. GRAND MASTER OF SCOTLAND; AND THE GRAND MASTERS
OF MANY FOREIGN GRAND LODGES.

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WELL DONE, NEW YORK!

In the early days of last month there was consecrated at Utica, in the State of New York, the Masonic Asylum or Home, which has been erected during the past 12 or 18 months by the Grand Lodge and brethren of the Empire State. The building, the cost of which is set down at \$157,000, is described as "beautiful in architectural design, convenient in arrangement, and solid and strong in construction—the grandest edifice devoted to Masonic Charity on the American Continent." It is intended for the accommodation of indigent brethren and widows of brethren, and for the sons and daughters of deceased or indigent brethren. It stands in grounds of between 160 and 170 acres in extent, for which upwards of \$50,000 was paid, the citizens of Utica contributing \$30,000 of the price in question, and when it has been completely fitted and furnished—a task which has been undertaken and will, no doubt, be most effectually carried out by the lodges and brethren in New York State—the Craft in this section of the great North American Republic will have good reason to be proud of the work they have achieved; nor do we imagine there will be any other feeling in the sister sections of the same Republic than one of congratulation that a work which has been kept steadfastly in view for the last 50 years should at length have been brought to so successful a completion. The story of the New York Hall and Asylum Fund, as told by Bro. W. J. DUNCAN in the *American Tyler* for last month, is well worth reading, and shows clearly enough what the Masons of New York are capable of doing when once they have made up their minds to fulfil some special purpose. According to Bro. DUNCAN the determination of the brethren to erect firstly a Masonic Hall for the accommodation of their Grand Lodge and other Masonic bodies, and then an Asylum for the poorer members and their belongings was formed in 1842, the originator of the scheme being Bro. JAMES HERRING, the then Grand Secretary of New York. In that year a petition was drawn up for presentation to the Grand Lodge, in which the subscribers thereto besought the patronage of their rulers for a fund it was proposed to raise for (1) "the erection of a hall in the city of New York for the Grand Lodge and other Masonic bodies;" and (2) "the founding of an Asylum for worthy decayed Masons, their widows, and orphans;" and the petitioners added the following sketch of their intended method of procedure: "For the accomplishment of these noble purposes we invoke your honourable body to use your influence with the brethren of this State by sending forth a suitable appeal to their liberality, and by constituting proper agents to solicit and receive contributions. In testimony of our own sincerity and confidence in the ability of the Fraternity in the State of New York we ask your acceptance of our subscriptions in cash and promise to pay annually hereafter, till the works are completed, something towards the necessary fund." And it was added: "It is our desire, if the Grand Lodge accept of our offering, that the fund thus raised should be carefully invested by the Trustees of the Grand Lodge and preserved for the especial purposes above set forth and no other, until the Grand Lodge shall decide that a sufficient fund has accumulated for the completion of the first object, to wit, the erection of a Grand Hall free from encumbrance, after which the second object can be in like manner put in operation." In 1843 the petition with \$300 in cash was presented to, and unanimously adopted by, the Grand Lodge of New York and in March, 1845, the Trustees of the "Hall and Asylum Fund" were elected. In 1849 a schism broke out among the New York brethren, and the "Phillips Grand Lodge" was established, Bro. JAMES HERRING being appointed its Grand Secretary; and as the Trustees were members of the seceding body, the fund, which in the meantime had swelled to \$6830, was taken with them and fostered by the newly-created Grand Body. In 1858 the schism was healed, and the year following it was handed over to Grand Lodge, the sum in hand having reached to upwards of \$9000, while, if we understand Bro. DUNCAN rightly, the rival Grand Lodge had raised a sum of nearly \$19,000. Five years later the subscriptions, principal and interest together, fell not far short of \$50,000, and the Trustees, in delivering their report, announced that they had procured an Act of Incorporation, empowering them to hold real and personal property. Resolutions were accordingly adopted with a view to still further increase the amount in hand, and a Committee was appointed to bring the matter more immediately under the notice of the private lodges. In 1865 the Fund had reached upwards of \$74,000, and the Trustees reported the purchase for \$120,000 of a plot of ground having a frontage of 100 feet in Grand-street and 125 feet in Crosby-street, Grand Lodge voting a grant of \$15,000, of which \$10,000 was taken from its Permanent Fund, and \$500 from the General Fund. By the close of the year 1866 the Fund amounted to over \$204,000, of which nearly \$51,000 had been derived from a Fair held in

December. In 1868 the Trustees reported that they had sold the Grand and Crosby-streets property for \$163,000, the result being a clear gain on the sum originally paid of \$43,000, the Fund at the time amounting to \$284,000. In 1869 the present site of the Grand Hall at the corner of Twenty-third-street and Sixth Avenue was purchased for \$340,000, and in the course of another year the Trustees reported that this property was free from encumbrance, while close on \$45,000 remained in hand. The foundation-stone of the new hall was laid with Masonic ceremonial by Bro. JAMES GIBSON, M.W. Grand Master, in the presence of some 12,000 Craftsmen. Five years later the hall was solemnly dedicated to the purposes of Freemasonry by Bro. ELWOOD E. THORNE, M.W. Grand Master, the number of brethren present and in the procession which attended the Grand Master being estimated at some 26,000. The cost of the building when complete was \$1,590,000, of which some \$794,000 remained unpaid. In 1876 the income from rents was reported at nearly \$51,800, and by the following year the debt had been reduced by some \$16,000. Since then the process of reducing this formidable encumbrance appears to have gone forward merrily year by year, until during the Grand Mastership of Bro. FRANK R. LAWRENCE the bonded debt was satisfied, the glorious event being celebrated with the utmost enthusiasm by the brethren throughout the State of New York on the 24th of April, 1889. At this time, then, the Trustees had their property free of all encumbrance, and as the rents they were annually receiving exceeded \$50,000, and there was a cash balance in hand of close on \$149,000, it was determined to proceed with the second part of the scheme as originally propounded, and select a site on which to erect the Asylum. The result of the steps taken in order to carry out this purpose was that a property of—as we have already stated—between 160 and 170 acres in extent near the city of Utica was obtained at the price of \$50,000, towards which the worthy citizens of Utica most generously contributed \$30,000. In 1890 it was resolved that the sum of \$150,000 should be expended in erecting the building, with a further \$25,000 for architect's commissions, sewerage, &c., &c. On the 1st May, 1891, the first stone of the proposed edifice was laid with imposing ceremonial by Bro. VROOMAN, M.W. Grand Master. Since then the Asylum has been erected at a cost of \$157,000, and it only remains that the rooms should be suitably fitted and furnished in order that the building, which was dedicated early last month by the present G. Master, may be devoted to the uses of its intended occupants. Thus, after keeping steadily in view for 50 years the purpose set forth by Bro. JAMES HERRING and his brother petitioners, in 1842, in their address to Grand Lodge, our brethren in the State of New York now find themselves the owners of a Grand Hall and an Asylum for their indigent members and their widows and orphans, which, though they have cost from first to last close upon \$2,140,000 (£428,000), are free from all encumbrance; nor is there the slightest reason to doubt that the energy and generosity which have enabled them to achieve this splendid feat will be continued in order to maintain in a state of complete efficiency and enlarge, if necessary, their Masonic Asylum. Bro. DUNCAN has done well in setting forth in the columns of the *American Tyler* the details of this enterprise which we have thus summarised, and we gladly avail ourselves of this opportunity of congratulating our New York brethren on their observance of one of the two great fundamental principles of our Order, namely, Charity.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. Comp. the Rev. H. Adair Pickard, M.A., Grand Supt. of Oxford, acted as M.E.G.Z.; Comp. Lieut.-General Charles Wilson Randolph, Grand Supt. of Sussex, as G.H.; and Comp. Col. Gerard Noel Money, C.B., as G.J.; Comp. Edward Letchworth, G.S.E.; and Comp. Captain N. G. Philips, as G.S.N., occupied those positions. The Rev. H. R. Cooper Smith, as G.P.S.; Major-General J. Crossland Hay, C.B., as 1st A.G.S.; Baron de Ferrieres as 2nd A.G.S.; and the following companions were also present:

Comps. Robert Grey, President of Committee of General Purposes; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg.; C. E. Keyser, G.S.B.; Perceval A. Nairne, 1st G. Std. Br.; Frank Richardson, G.D.C.; F. Mead, D.G.D.C.; Belgrave Ninnis, A.G.D.C.; M. Maybrick, G. Org.; W. F. Smithson, Richard Clowes, Major C. Harding, F. H. Goldney, C. F. Hogard, Walter Hopekirk, George Everett, Charles Belton, Edwin M. Lott, Mus. Doc., Sir Bruce M. Seton, Edgar Goble, Eugene Monteouis, J. T. Collins, R. J. Emmerson, Henry Maudslay, James Glaisher, C. F. Matier, Major George Lambert, Chas. H. Driver, Sir George D. Harris, Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, Ralph Gooding, M.D., Henry J. P. Dumas, W. P. Brown, 2nd A.G.D.C.; J. E. Le Feuvre, Herbert J. Adams, W. M. Bywater, W. G. Lemon, J. T. Morland, Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, J. Lewis

Thomas, R. C. Sudlow, Colonel R. Townley Caldwell, J. C. Parkinson, Samuel Knight, Z. 279; W. A. Scurrah, P.Z. 749; C. N. McIntyre North, H. 1275; Walter Davies, Z. 1901; John W. Freeman, J. 169; R. F. Potter, Z. 1326; J. Leach Barrett, Z. 1201; Millner Jutsam, P.Z. 95; F. Hilton, Z. 1622; W. H. Rylands, Z. 2; C. H. Phillips, P.Z. 186; W. O. Taylor, J. 913; E. W. Nightingale, J. 548; E. Morris, H. 913; Neville Green, P.Z. 1524; H. Massey, P.Z. 619 and 1928; Geo. Davis, P.Z. 185; W. T. Newitt, P.Z. 150 and 1198; S. W. Harvey, P.Z. 9; Henry Wright, P.Z. 1615; Thos. Wm. Richardson, P.Z. 141; David Legg, Z. 1365; and C. J. Coombs, J. 975.

The report of the Committee of General Purposes, which was laid before Grand Chapter, and on the motion of Comp. ROBERT GREY, seconded by Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON, taken as read, and received and ordered to be entered on the minutes, was as follows:

TO THE SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS
OF ENGLAND.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 20th July to the 18th October, 1892, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:

To Balance, Grand Chapter	£267	4	1	By Disbursements during the			
Unappropriated				Quarter	...	...	£402 11 8
Account	188	10	10	Balance	...	...	133 13 10
Subsequent Receipts..	304	0	5	Unappropriated	...	...
				Account	...	...	223 9 10
	£759	15	4				£759 15 4

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

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

1st. From Comps. the Rev. John Oxley Oxland, as Z.; William Sink, as H.; George Charles Brisley, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Umzimkulu Lodge, No. 2113, Umzimkulu, to be called the East Griqualand Chapter, and to meet at Umzimkulu, East Griqualand, Natal, South Africa.

2nd. From Comps. John Barnard, as Z.; Conrad E. P. Vernede, as H.; Ernest Gerard Windle, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Anchor of Hope Lodge, No. 1093, Wellington, Madras, to be called the Benson Chapter, and to meet at Wellington, in the district of Madras.

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

The Committee have also received a memorial from the Principals and members of the Athol Chapter, No. 74, Birmingham, praying for a charter of confirmation—the original charter being lost—and for permission to change the name from Athol to Athol-Israel.

The Committee recommend that a charter of confirmation be granted, and that the name of the above-mentioned chapter be changed to Athol-Israel.

The Committee have likewise received a memorial from the Principals and members of the Belgrave Chapter, No. 749, London, for a charter of confirmation, the original charter having been lost.

The Committee recommend that a charter of confirmation be granted.

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

The Wellington Chapter, No. 548, from Deptford, to the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.

The Royal Preston Chapter, No. 333, from the Mess Rooms, to the Castle Hotel, Market-place, Preston.

The Beadon Chapter, No. 619, from Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street, to Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street.

The St. Ambrose Chapter, No. 1891, from West Kensington, to the St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, where it is meeting temporarily at present by dispensation.

The Committee recommend that the removal of these chapters be sanctioned.

The Albert Edward Chapter, No. 604, Lyttelton, Canterbury, N.Z., having seceded from its allegiance to the Grand Chapter of England, and now working under the so-called Grand Chapter of New Zealand, asks permission to retain possession of its charter.

The Committee recommend that the above request be complied with, on the charter being cancelled by the District Grand Master of Canterbury, N.Z.

The Grand Superintendent of Montreal having returned the charter of the Victoria Chapter, No. 440, Montreal, as the chapter has not worked for years, and is not likely to work again, the Committee beg to recommend that the charter be erased from the list of chapters.

(Signed) ROBERT GREY, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,

19th October, 1892.

All these recommendations were confirmed, with the exception of that relating to the Albert Edward Chapter, No. 604, Lyttelton, Canterbury, New Zealand, and, on the motion of Comp. ROBERT GREY, seconded by Comp. FRANK RICHARDSON, this was referred back for the further consideration of the Committee of General Purposes, and Grand Chapter was then closed.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DORSET.

The Prov. Grand Lodge of Dorset was held at Dorchester on the 14th ult, and was attended by a large number of members of the Craft throughout the county. The lodge opened at noon at the Town Hall, which was beautifully fitted up for the occasion. In the chair was the P.G.M., Bro. Guest, and the D.P.G.M., Bro. Brymer, and nearly all the Provincial Officers were present. The usual routine business was transacted, and the P.G.M. congratulated the province on the progress of the Craft and the excellent work done by the various lodges.

The following is a list of Provincial Officers for the year:

Bro. Chaloner	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Filler	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. L. Hilton	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Thornton	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" Frampton	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Case	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" E. W. Young	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" Radford	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" Holliday	...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.

Bro. Smith	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Irwin	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Habgood	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" E. Newman	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" Hann	...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" Pomery	...	...	...
" A. Rayner	...	...	...
" Huxtable	...	...	...
" Knight	...	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" Enson	...	...	...
" Cox	...	...	...
" Long	...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The banquet took place in the Corn Exchange.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF
NORTHUMBERLAND.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Northumberland was held in the Grand Assembly Rooms, Barras Bridge, Newcastle, on Tuesday, the 25th ult. The P.G.M., Bro. Sir Matthew White Ridley, Bart, M.P., presided, and was supported by a large gathering of provincial officers and brethren of the lodges of the province. Among those present were Bros. Ald. R. H. Holmes, D.P.G.M.; Col. Addison Potter, C.B.; J. Straker Willson, P.P.S.G.W.; John Strachan, P.S.G.W.; R. B. Reed, P.P.G.T. Durham; Rev. T. B. Nichols, P.P.G. Chap.; Rev. H. Bott, P.P.G. Chap.; F. H. Corder, P.G. Sec.; T. Gillespie, P.P.G.R.; A. Robertson, P.G.D. of C; and others.

The lodge was opened and the roll of lodges called, the Provincial Grand Master afterwards investing the following officers for the year.

Bro. R. H. Holmes	...	...	...	Dep. Prov. G.M.
" Augustus E. Burdon, 1902	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" J. Gibson Youll, 24	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. W. O'Brady-Jones, 995	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Ralph Carr	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" George Wilson, 541	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" John Strachan, 685, P.P.S.G.W.	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" R. Wilson, 1664	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" W. G. Reynolds, 2260	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" R. Harris, 406	...	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" Adam Robertson, 1167 (re-appointed)	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. W. Robson, 1342	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" J. D. Gillespie, 2327	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" A. Anderson, 431	...	...	...
" T. M. Morrison, 393	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" F. H. Corder, B.A., 1664	...	...	...	Prov. Ast. G. Sec.
" J. R. Young, 431	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" T. G. Reah, 1712	...	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" John Johnson, 1879	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" J. Donkin, 1676	...	...	...
" T. F. May, 406	...	...	...
" T. W. Middlemiss, 636	...	...	...
" H. E. Hollis, 1863	...	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" J. Grey, 1863	...	...	...
" W. Hogarth, 1902	...	...	...
" Joshua Curry, 48	...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER congratulated those assembled on the present satisfactory and flourishing character of the lodges in the province, an increase in number being reported; and he also expressed his satisfaction with the reports of the several Committees.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Alderman R. H. HOLMES, proposed the thanks of Provincial Grand Lodge to the W.M. and officers of the Gosforth Lodge, under whose care were the arrangements of making suitable provision for the meeting.

The festival of the lodge followed at the Grand Assembly Rooms, Bro. Sir M. W. Ridley, Bart., P.G.M., in the chair.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF SURREY.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. COL. GERARD NOEL MONEY, C.B.,
AS PROV. GRAND MASTER.

A body of English Mark Masons to the number of 200 assembled last Saturday at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, to witness the ceremony of installing Bro. Col. Gerard Noel Money, C.B., as Prov. Grand Master. The Earl of Euston, Deputy Grand Master, was entrusted with the performance of the function, and among the other brethren present were:

Bros. Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, Richard Eve, C. F. Matier, G. Sec.; F. Richardson, G. Reg.; Col. A. B. Cook, Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex; Charles H. Driver, Frederick Lawrence, P.A.G.D.C.; Captain N. G. Phillips, Col. H. S. Somerville Burney, J. Balfour Cockburn, C. H. Douglas, T. Y. Strachan, Northumberland and Durham; H. Ward, P.J.G.D.; Col. A. H. Bircham, Gordon Miller, P.G.T.; Gen. Cunliffe, P.P.G.M. Madras; F. Mead, G. Stwd., C. W. Carrell, E. M. Money, J. W. Howard Thompson, Dr. Hugh Mackintosh, B. R. Samuels, P.D.G.M. Burmah; C. F. Hogard, S. W. Lambert, C. R. A. Wright, C. Belton, Sir George D. Harris, Thos. Clark, Charles Tyler, Dr. H. J. Strong, E. W. Nightingale, A. H. Galy, J. Whiteman, C. Chauffourier, Robert Berridge, J. A. Braik, P. H. Davis, James Hill, T. Aitken, W. T. Tyrrell, G. A. King, George Joint, J. B. E. Lancaster, C. F. Passmore, J. Beckett, W. J. Crutch, F. Flood, H. J. Macfarlane, H. E. Vickers, Alfred Lambert, J. K. Tilt, Thos. Clark, H. Higgins, J. L. Mather, William Vincent, Henry Burgess, George Collins, John Rhodes, Arthur H. Bowles, H. Massey, John Barnett, J. H. Cureton, C. W. J. Bird, J. H. Williams, Herbert P. Anley, E. A. Whitby, R. A. Marshall, J. A. Farnfield, J. T. Field, W. J. Dyer, Richard Glassport, H. Warner, J. D. Phillips, and A. W. Sowman.

The Earl of Euston appointed Bros. Col. A. B. Cook to act as S.W.; Capt. N. G. Phillips, J.W.; C. F. Matier, as D.G.M.; the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, Chap.; Robert Berridge, D.C.; and Frank Richardson, I.G.; and he then formally opened Prov. Grand Lodge.

The summons convening the meeting having been read, the Presiding Officer was informed that the Prov. Grand Master designate, Bro. Colonel Gerard Noel Money, was without, and requested to be installed.

Lord Euston enquired if the patent of approval and appointment by the M.W. Grand Master had been issued to the Prov. Grand Master designate, whereupon Bro. Robert Berridge retired, but returned immediately afterwards with the patent, and presented it to the Earl of Euston, who, having

examined the document, directed that Bro. Col. Noel Money should be introduced in proper form, the brethren standing to order. Bro. Berridge and other brethren formed a deputation, retired, and returned with Bro. Col. Money, and bearing the regalia of a Provincial Grand Master on velvet cushions.

Bro. MATIER then read the patent, Bro. Col. Noel Money standing in the west.

After prayer by the ACTING GRAND CHAPLAIN,

The Earl of EUSTON addressed Bro. Col. Money, and said he congratulated him upon the choice that the M.W. Grand Master had made by calling upon him to rule over the Province of Surrey, and at the same time he took the opportunity of congratulating the Province of Surrey on having such a distinguished Mason to preside over it. It was needless to inform him what his duties were, as he (Col. Money) was already a Grand Master of the same Province in the Craft, and he was sure he would be able to fulfil the duties of Grand Master of the Province of Surrey in the Mark Degree as ably as he had performed them in the Craft.

Bro. Col. Money thereupon took the obligation, and was invested, installed, and saluted.

Afterwards he appointed Bro. Frederick West as Deputy Prov. Grand Master, who was then obligated, invested, and placed on the right of the Prov. Grand Master, and he was proclaimed and saluted.

The roll of lodges was called and responded to, and Bro. Col. Bircham was elected Prov. Grand Treasurer.

The following brethren received their collars of office :

Bro. Col. Charles Henry Neville...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" Dr. Hugh Mackintosh ...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Stampa Lambert ...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" C. R. A. Wright ...	...	Prov. G.S.O.
" W. H. Causton, M.D., ...	...	Prov. G.J.O.
" Rev. W. R. Finlay ...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" Col. Bircham ...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" De Montmorency ...	...	Prov. G.R. of M.
" Arthur H. Bowles ...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. B. Lancaster ...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" J. H. Cureton... ..	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" Frederick Flood ...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" Major Thomas Easterbrook	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" C. J. Tyler ...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" A. J. Vickers ...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" P. H. Davis ...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Charles H. Passmore ...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" A. Adams ...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" J. A. Braik ...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" C. H. Tubbs ...	...
" Robert Potter (elected) ...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

Bro. Col. MONEY, at the close of the investitures, said he wished to make a remark on the appointment of officers, that this first year a great difficulty had been experienced in ascertaining all those good and worthy brethren who should have grand honours. It was impossible not to make some few mistakes; but it was quite unintentional if such mistakes had been made. But with so few lodges at present in the province it would soon be possible to correct this error, and give those brethren the rank they deserved. He then proposed a vote of thanks to the D.G.M., the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, for his great kindness in attending at Croydon that evening to perform all the work of the day, not only the constitution of the new province and the installation of its Grand Master, but also the consecration of the youngest lodge in the province. Lord Euston was known to all the brethren by reputation, and they were aware that there was no officer in Grand Lodge who did harder Masonic work, or who had Masonry more sincerely at heart, or who gave up so much time to do what he could to assist lodges and Masons generally throughout England. On behalf of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey and himself, he thanked Lord Euston most heartily for his great kindness, and for the favour he had shown the brethren that day.

The Earl of EUSTON, in acknowledgment of the compliment, which was seconded by the D.P.G.M., and carried unanimously, said he thanked the P.G.M. most heartily for the words he had used about him, and the brethren for the way they had received them. It had been a great pleasure to him to start the province in such a prosperous manner. Long might it remain prosperous.

Bro. Col. MONEY then proposed that a Committee of the province be elected to confer with a similar Committee of the Province of Middlesex to settle matters of the two Provincial Grand Lodges with regard to fees, &c., and with regard to what should become of the property, books, and jewels of the old Province of Middlesex and Surrey. He proposed that the Committee consist of the Prov. G.M., the Dep. P.G.M., the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Sec., the Grand Reg., the two Wardens, and four other members.

Bro. F. WEST seconded the motion, which was carried, and Bros. N. Bridges, C. F. Hogard, Stampa Lambert, and C. Belton were elected the four other members of the Committee.

Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. Bro. Col. Money presided, and the usual toasts followed.

In proposing "The Pro G.M., the Marquis of Hertford, the D.G.M., Lord Euston, &c.," the Prov. Grand Master said he felt it difficult to express his thanks and the thanks of the brethren to Lord Euston for his services that evening. His lordship's services to Masonry generally, and Mark Masonry especially, were well known to all the brethren. All the Grand Officers who had assisted him were also well known to the brethren, and they deserved much at the brethren's hands.

The Earl of EUSTON, in reply, thanked the Prov. Grand Master for himself and the other Grand Officers for their kind recognition of the services they had had the opportunity of rendering. It was a pleasure to all of them to come and conduct the ceremonies. As far as he was personally concerned, he esteemed it a very great kindness to be asked to assist at such ceremonials. He looked at it in this way, that if a man undertook the duties of an office he should perform them. As far as was within the bounds of possibility—it was not at all times so—for him to attend, he felt it his bounden duty to assist any new lodges, and particularly starting under such auspices as the Prov. Grand Lodge of Surrey had done. In Craft Masonry, in every other Degree, and also in the Supreme Council of the 33rd degree, Colonel Money took great interest, and therefore he was looked up to in Masonry as one fit to rule over and govern a province. At any time he should be very glad to attend and see the Province of Surrey prospering.

The Earl of EUSTON next proposed "The Health of the R.W.P.G.M., their most worthy Bro. Col. Noel Money." He was quite certain that his toast would need no words of commendation from him, and he was also sure that this P.G. Lodge was inclined to receive Col. Money with open arms. He only hoped Col. Money would have the same experience in the Province of Surrey in the Mark Degree as he had in the Craft, and as he (Lord Euston) had in his province. If he had, he would look back with the greatest pleasure on the proceedings of that day, and would feel he was heart and soul with his brethren. From the way the brethren received the toast it was clear they were ready to support him in every way. He congratulated him on his appointment by the Prince of Wales, and wished him hearty success and long life to fill the office, and, at the same time, he wished that the Province of Surrey might, under the Great Overseer of the Universe, prosper, increase, multiply, and strengthen, and be an honour to Mark Masonry and to all the brethren.

Bro. Col. MONEY said he felt himself entirely at a loss for words to adequately acknowledge the kind way in which the Deputy Grand Master had proposed his health, and the brethren had received it. Surrey seemed to him to be an exceptional province by the way in which all the brethren came together on every possible occasion to do honour to Masonry. He saw no such assemblages in many other provinces of the same numerical strength. The idea which Lord Euston expressed was very gratifying to him—that the brethren assembled to do him (Bro. Col. Noel Money) honour, because he hoped that he satisfied the brethren's expectations, and their ideas of what a Provincial Grand Master should be. He could say, with most perfect truth, that nothing was nearer or dearer to his heart than Masonry. It had been ever since he was initiated. He could only hope that as long as life was spared to him, whatever position he might occupy, he should have the same feelings for Freemasonry, and he should ever entertain the deepest sentiments of gratitude to the Freemasons of Surrey for the kindness he received at their hands. His life should be devoted to the Freemasons of Surrey, and whenever they should meet together he knew he would see around him the same friendly brethren, and receive the same kind and friendly expressions he had experienced that night. He thanked Lord Euston for the kind and flattering terms in which he had proposed his health, and he also thanked the brethren for the exceedingly kind and fraternal way in which they had received it.

Bro. Col. MONEY next proposed "The Dep. Prov. G.M., and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past." He could speak very highly of Bro. West's services since he (Bro. Col. Money) had been Prov. Grand Master of the Craft Province. The brethren could speak of them for more years. He trusted the same services would be rendered with equal geniality and be equally appreciated by the brethren in the Mark. He thanked the brethren who had accepted collars. As he said in Provincial Grand Lodge, it was possible that the appointments might not have been in the same order if one had had more knowledge of the brethren; but again he thanked the brethren who had accepted office and appreciated the spirit in which he tried to do his best in discriminating between them. Perhaps some brethren who had been passed over would come on in their turn. To the Past Grand Officers of the old Province of Middlesex and Surrey thanks were equally due for the services they rendered to the united province, and he trusted that those who belonged to the lodges of the new Province of Surrey would always feel exactly the same towards the new Prov. Grand Lodge as they did towards the old.

Bro. FRED. WEST replied, and said there was nothing in the new province he could refer to except the happiest installation they could possibly have had, for which they were indebted to the Grand Officers, who came specially to perform it. He was grateful for the office he was called upon to fill. He was not altogether strange to the Province of Surrey. Now was the proudest moment of his life, because he had seen Col. Neville placed in the S.W. chair. He and the S.W. ran in couples. He promised that he would do his best to carry out his duties and to assist the Prov. Grand Master in making the province a great success. He was sure they would get on, and hoped they might be spared many years to keep the province together, and to promote its happiness and success and the success of Mark Masonry. He then proposed "The Visitors."

Bro. Col. A. B. Cook, P.G.M. Middx., in reply, said he was honoured by having had an invitation for the ceremonies of that evening. It had given him a great deal of pleasure to be present, because Col. Money attended at his installation as P.G.M. of Middlesex. The least he could do was to return the compliment and take part in his installation. He was also pleased to have the opportunity of now explaining a matter, questions regarding which, had frequently been asked since the formation of the new provinces, what was the position of the Past Grand Officers of the old Province of Middlesex and Surrey? As far as he could say, in the presence of the Grand Secretary and the Grand Registrar, everyone of the Past Grand Officers retained his rank, and if he belonged to either the Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey or of Middlesex he distinctly retained his position, and also as regards those who might belong to what would now be absorbed in the London district, he was quite sure the Provinces of Surrey and Middlesex would be too pleased to receive them and recognise their rank as Past Provincial Grand Officers of an old and distinguished body. He was only expressing the feelings of the Provincial Grand Master of Surrey and himself that they would do anything they could to bring together those two bodies, and to obviate all friction that might occur, and to make everyone welcome as far as possible on every occasion when Past Grand Officers of Middlesex and Surrey might attend either of the lodges. A Committee of both provinces had been appointed, and when they met he hoped they would be able to arrange matters to the satisfaction of all parties, so that they might live in the future in harmony without any disagreeables. He did not think there should be any occasion for discussion. It was a matter of Masonic law, which would be very properly explained by the Grand Registrar on some future occasion. Though the two provinces had been divided, he did not see why they should not amicably arrange everything, which did not amount to much after all. Whatever money or property there might be could be arranged. He was sure he would be assisted in his endeavours to bring about an amicable settlement by the Provincial Grand Master of Surrey.

Bro. Col. MONEY proposed "The New Lodge and its W.M."

Bro. JOHN BARNETT, W.M. 450, replied, and trusted that the new lodge would be conducted on the strictest lines of the Constitutions. As far as he was individually concerned he had listened attentively to the remarks of the Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex. He believed he was right in saying that, as P. Prov. Grand Officers of Middlesex and Surrey, he and other brethren went down there with the perfect consciousness that the same fraternal feeling would be extended to them in Middlesex as they would

extend to the brethren of Middlesex, and as had been graciously extended that night. The Prov. Grand Master of Surrey had thanked Lord Euston for his services. In his (Bro. Barnett's) smaller position he thanked Lord Euston for attending and consecrating the Crystal Palace Lodge, and Bro. Matier for having installed him as W.M. It so happened by an accident in his Masonic career that Bro. Matier knew more of him than did any other Grand Officer, and he was sure Bro. Matier would not have thought fit to install him in that lodge unless he had been certain he would look after the lodge, with credit to himself and honour to the province. He trusted that the lodge would have a long career, and be an honour to the Province of Surrey.

The toast of "The Officers," with the reply by the S.W., and the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings, which terminated at nine o'clock.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WILTSHIRE.

After a lapse of four years, the above Provincial Grand Lodge held its annual meeting at Bradiord-on-Avon, on Wednesday, the 19th ult. The Right Hon. the Earl of Radnor, Prov. G.M., presided, and was largely and influentially supported.

The ordinary routine business was transacted, and the officers for the ensuing year were invested as follows:

Bro. Rev. F. M. Macdonald, 335, 586	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" J. Sparks, 1271	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" The Hon. and Rev. Sidney Meade, 1271	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" F. H. Goldney, P.G.D.	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" G. W. Collen, 1626	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" H. Bevir, 335, 355	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. Robinson, 335	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" C. W. B. Bryant, 1271	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" Rev. W. E. N. Browne, 335	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" J. Chandler, 355, 1295	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" E. Neale, 626	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" H. W. Pinniger, 2227	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" D. H. H. Wassell, 1271	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" F. Sloper, 663	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" A. Scannell, 1271	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" H. H. R. Chapman, 632	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" G. Fulford, 586	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" A. J. Burr	...	...
" W. Dean	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER addressed the brethren on the position of Masonry in the province, and it was resolved to devote the alms towards liquidating the debt on the local lodge room.

A banquet afterwards took place.

CONSECRATION OF THE KINGSLEY LODGE, No. 2431, NORTHAMPTON.

It could not fail to be extremely gratifying to the Provincial Grand Master of Norths and Hunts to find himself, on the 24th instant, presiding in the splendid lodge room of the Masonic Hall of Northampton, in the erection of which stately edifice he was the moving spirit, and which he had the satisfaction of eventually consecrating, surrounded by quite a crowd of Provincial Grand Officers and brethren, not to mention several most distinguished Masons who had come down from London specially for the occasion. It speaks volumes for the zeal, energy, and tact of Bro. Lord Euston, that since he has assumed the reins of government of this province, Masonry has advanced by leaps and bounds, and that in a town where formerly one lodge only was considered more than ample, now four lodges are flourishing, and the creation of another does not appear to be by any means merely problematical. Lord Euston has the happy faculty of inspiring others with his enthusiasm for the Craft, and his authority, so judiciously blended with firmness and consideration, and his Masonic ability and knowledge so admirable and complete, that a province which hitherto was in no way remarkable, save indeed, perhaps, for negative qualities, promises in the very near future to be one of the strongest and most influential in the hierarchy of the Order—in fact, as was eloquently expressed by Bro. C. Fitzgerald Matier in his response to one of the toasts of the evening, "if such a feeling as envy was permissible in Masonry, he certainly envied the province presided over by such a Grand Master; and he envied the members of a lodge which had been launched on its Masonic voyage by so able and competent a Consecrating Officer as the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Euston, Prov. Grand Master of Norths and Hunts."

The ceremony of consecration, it is needless to say, was conducted throughout in a faultless manner by the Prov. Grand Master. On the completion of the ceremony Bro. Lord Euston handed the gavel to his Deputy, Bro. Butler Wilkins, who installed Bro. Geo. Butcher as W.M., in his usual felicitous style.

The founders of the lodge were Bros. G. Butcher, G. Ellard, J. Currall, T. H. Vials, J. H. Blunt, T. Emery, A. C. Pearson, H. Hodges, J. J. Errington, J. J. Hart, R. H. Boycott, G. T. Hawkins, G. W. Prickman, Walton Page, F. F. Blunt, J. O. C. Bailey, A. Cockerill, J. Haviland, T. Phipps Dorman, J. Clayson, H. Manfield, and H. Mitchell.

It is quite impossible to give a list of all the officers and brethren who attended, not merely from Northampton itself, but from the numerous towns of the province; but of those who came from London we noticed Bros. Capt. N. G. Philips, Lt.-Col. A. B. Cook, Frank Richardson, C. F. Matier, Balfour Cockburn, E. Towers, F. R. W. Hedges, Sec. R.M.I.G.; and H. Sadler, Grand Tyler.

The Prov. Grand Master the Earl of Euston took the chair at two o'clock, and appointed the officers *pro tem*: Bros. H. A. Robinson, S.W.; H. Brown, J.W.; J. G. Buckle, Sec.; F. J. Ains, S.D.; E. Fletcher, J.D.; G. Ellard, D.C.; J. J. Hart, A.D.C.; assisted by F. Richardson, P.G.D. Eng.; and H. Dainty, I.G.

The lodge was then duly opened, and the PROV. GRAND MASTER addressed the brethren on the nature of the meeting.

Bro. BUCKLE asked the Prov. Grand Master to consecrate the lodge, and read the petition and warrant for the formation of the lodge.

Bro. the Rev. PETER ROYSTON, Prov. G. Chap., then delivered an excellent oration on Masonry, which was listened to with great interest.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER next proceeded to consecrate the lodge, the ritual of the Craft being gone through in every particular in an excellent

and most impressive manner. The consecration ceremony concluded, the Prov. Grand Master dedicated the lodge, and it was subsequently duly constituted.

The Prov. Grand Master then vacated the chair, and it was taken by Bro. Butler Wilkins, D.P.G.M., who proceeded to install Bro. G. Butcher, P.M. 1764, P.P.S.G.W., as first W.M. of the Kingsley Lodge, and he went through the long and impressive ceremony in a most perfect and admirable style. This concluded, the newly-elected W.M. proceeded to appoint and invest his officers for the ensuing year, and they were as follows: Bros. G. Ellard, P.M. 360 and 1764, P.P.S.G.W., acting I.P.M.; J. Currall, P.P.G. Std. Br., S.W.; T. H. Vials, P.P.G.O., J.W.; J. H. Blunt, Treas.; T. Emery, P.M. 1764, P.P.S.G.W., Sec.; A. C. Pearson, Asst. Sec.; H. Hodges, P.G.S.B., S.D.; J. J. Errington, J.D.; J. J. Hart, P.M. 360, P.A.G.D.C., D.C.; R. H. Boycott, A.D.C.; G. T. Hawkins, I.G.; G. W. Prickman, Std. Br.; Walton Page, Asst. Std. Br.; F. F. Blunt and J. O. C. Barley, Stwds.; and G. Robinson, Tyler.

The following were nominated as hon. members of the lodge: Bros. the Earl of Euston, Prov. Grand Master; Butler Wilkins, Deputy Grand Master; F. Richardson, P.G.D.; Col. Cooke, Capt. Phillips, and the Rev. P. Royston, Prov. Grand Chap.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. E. Letchworth, Grand Secretary of England; T. Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes; Solomon, P.G. Treas., Socrates Lodge; A. Jones, 1764; J. Jowett, 1764; T. Ashdowne, 1764; J. M. McLeod, Secretary of the Boys' School; G. Everett, P.G. Treas. Eng.; S. Cochrane, P.M.; F. Willoughby, 2380; and other brethren.

Bro. G. T. Hawkins presented a handsome new banner to the lodge, and Bro. E. Archer a box of working tools and an alms box, bearing the motto of the lodge—*Ecce Quam Bonum*. Three large and excellent tracing boards were also presented by Bro. J. Currall for the use of the lodge (the boards having been given to the Eleanor Cross Lodge by Bro. Currall on his appointment to the office of W.M. the previous week).

The donors of the gifts were heartily thanked by the brethren.

Several brethren were proposed as joining members of the lodge, and also a number of candidates for initiation, and the lodge had altogether a most successful start.

The whole of the lodge duties having been concluded, the lodge was closed.

Subsequently a banquet was held in the lower lodge room of the hall. The newly-elected W.M. of the Kingsley Lodge, Bro. G. Butcher, presided, and was supported by the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. the Earl of Euston, and the officers of the Grand and Provincial Grand Lodges.

CONSECRATION OF THE ANDERIDA LODGE, No. 2434, AT EASTBOURNE.

Five years have elapsed since the roll of lodges in Sussex was increased till Wednesday, the 19th ult., when the Anderida Lodge was consecrated, with elaborate ceremony, at the Town Hall, Eastbourne. The large Assembly Room made an excellent lodge room, and provided ample accommodation for the numerous gathering assembled to witness the proceedings. Increased interest centred in the occasion locally from the fact that the popular Mayor of Eastbourne, Bro. W. E. Morrison, P.P.S.G.W., was to be installed as the first Master of the lodge, which is numbered 2434 in the registry of the Grand Lodge of England. The consecrating vessels were those belonging thereto, being brought from London specially for the occasion.

In the unavoidable absence of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, Prov. G.M., Bro. Sir Wm. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., his Deputy, was the Presiding Officer, being ably assisted by Bros. F. Bellingham, S.W.; W. Wright, J.W.; V. P. Freeman, Prov. G. Sec.; Rev. E. C. Currie (Dean of Battle), W. Dawes, P. Crick, Prov. G. Chap.; and others. Bro. J. Easter, P.P.G.O., conducted the musical portions of the ceremony, and presided at the harmonium.

The hymn, "Hail, eternal," was sung at the opening of the Provincial Grand Lodge. Prayer having been offered by Bro. the Rev. P. CRICK, and several formalities gone through,

The Presiding Officer, Bro. Sir W. T. MARRIOTT, addressed the brethren. He referred to the length of time which had elapsed since the last lodge was consecrated in Sussex, notwithstanding the growth of the Craft in this province, as elsewhere. It was not deemed advisable to grant requests for new lodges unless weighty reasons were adduced showing that efficiency could be maintained as well as assured at the starting. The rapid development of Eastbourne in recent years, its increasing wealth and population and the zeal manifested by the Masons resident therein, were considered to fully warrant the formation of the lodge which they had assembled to consecrate that day. In the unavoidable absence of H.R.H. the Prov. Grand Master, he had been delegated to perform this pleasing duty, and he called upon the Prov. Grand Secretary to read the application to and warrant of Grand Lodge.

From this it appeared that the founders of the Anderida Lodge were Bros. W. E. Morrison, P.M. 916 and 1110, P.P.G.W.; E. W. Adamson, P.M. 1110, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Josiah Brown, P.W. 1110; Chas. Tomes, P.M. 1110, P.P.G.S. of W.; F. J. Fox, P.M. 101; J. O. Lewis, P.M. 960, P.P.G. Reg. South Wales; W. M. Caffyn, P.M. 1110; T. McQueen, P.M. 916; Leonard Jeffery, P.M. 916; F. Lawson Lewis; J. C. Foran; John Easter, P.M. 1110, P.P.G. Org.; C. Warwick Tomes, P.M. 1110, P.P.G.S. of W.; T. H. Larkin; F. Bolton Sutton; A. J. Howard, P.M. 1110; J. H. Wright, P.M. 1110, Prov. G.S.B.; C. H. Haine, P.M. 1110, P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. H. Campion Coles, P.M. 916, P.P.G.D.; Richard Pidcock, P.M. 916, P.P.G. Reg.; George A. Wallis, P.M. 916, P.P.G.S. of W.; J. H. Ewart, W.M. 916; T. W. Dean, P.M. 1110, P.P.G.S.B.; T. Cooper, P.M. 916; J. Creighton, W.M. 1110; W. L. Wallis, P.M. 916, P.P.G.S. of W.; F. W. Bathurst; A. A. Oakden; J. A. Skinner; and Harry Sutton 1110.

The consecration ceremony being completed, Bro. W. E. Morrison was duly installed as first Master of the Anderida Lodge, amid the applause of the brethren, and he appointed the following officers: Bros. E. W. Adamson, I.P.M.; C. Warwick Tomes, S.W.; Charles H. Haine, J.W.; Charles Tomes, Treas.; J. H. Wright, Sec.; R. Pidcock, S.D.; T. W. Dean, J.D.; J. O. Lewis, D.C.; T. McQueen, I.G.; John Easter, Org.; A. J. Howard and W. M. Caffyn, Stewards; and E. Goldring, Tyler.

Other formal business having been transacted, including the nomination

of a large number of joining members and initiates, the lodge was closed, after singing the hymn, "O God, our help in ages past."

The banquet took place at the Queen's Hotel, whither about 100 brethren adjourned. Mr. Steinle, the courteous manager, provided a faultless menu, and his efforts were thoroughly appreciated by a somewhat critical assembly.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. John Easter. The vocalists were Bro. A. A. Oakden and Mr. J. T. Parsons, and the accompanist, Bro. S. G. R. Coles, Mus. Bac.

Bro. W. E. MORRISON presided, and he gave the usual loyal and Craft toasts, including that of "The Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." He regretted the absence of several whom he had invited to be present, but were prevented through unavoidable circumstances. He was especially grateful to Bro. V. P. Freeman for the interest he had shown in the proceedings of that day, and his valuable assistance in carrying them out.

Bro. the Rev. OSWALD THOMPSON said he could bear personal testimony to the admirable qualities of the Earl of Lathom, Pro G.M., and the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Deputy G.M., and the zeal and efficiency with which they discharged the duties of their high office. It was a great distinction to be a member of the Grand Lodge, and he thought the officers generally had the dignity and utility of the Craft thoroughly at heart.

Bro. V. P. FREEMAN also acknowledged the compliment.

In response to the toast of "The Deputy P.G.M. and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," Bro. Sir W. T. MARRIOTT said he did not think any Provincial Grand Master in the United Kingdom took a greater interest in Freemasonry, or devoted so much personal attention to his province as H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught did to Sussex. His many duties prevented him coming to Eastbourne that day, which doubtless was a source of regret to many. His Royal Highness had promised to attend the annual meeting of the Sussex Provincial Grand Lodge, in Brighton, on Thursday next, and he (Sir William) hoped there would be a good muster of the brethren to meet him. For himself it had been a great pleasure to be deputed to perform the interesting ceremony of consecrating the new lodge, the name of which was somewhat in dispute. He was glad to see the Anderida Lodge opened under such favourable auspices, with 30 present members, and a large accession in the near future in the shape of joining brethren and initiates. He considered the rapid advance of Freemasonry a good thing for the country generally. Under the lodge banner all political and religious differences were forgotten, and brotherly good feeling was thereby greatly increased. He heartily wished every success to the new lodge.

Bro. General C. W. RANDOLPH also replied, and congratulated Bro. Morrison, who was an ardent and excellent Mason, on his new position.

Bro. W. DAWES spoke for the Past Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, and expressed great pleasure in being allowed to assist at the interesting ceremonies which they had witnessed that day. He proposed "Prosperity to the Anderida Lodge," eulogising Bro. Morrison, not only for his zeal in Freemasonry, but as a public man, for whom everyone had the greatest esteem and affection.

On rising to respond, Bro. MORRISON was very warmly greeted. He thanked them sincerely for the kind things they had said of him, and assured the members of the Anderida Lodge that no effort should be wanting on his part to secure the success of the Anderida Lodge. To this end he relied upon the valuable assistance he was sure to receive from the experienced brethren who had accepted positions as the first officers thereof.

"The Visitors" was responded to by Bros. BELLINGHAM, C. W. DUKE, T. DALE HART, and H. W. G. ABELL.

The other items were "The Masonic Benevolent Institutions" and the Tyler's toast.

This brought a very enjoyable gathering to a close, being the most interesting event in the annals of Freemasonry in Sussex.

CONSECRATION OF THE McKAY CHAPTER, No. 1390, AT MILLOM.

Previous to the meeting of the annual Prov. Grand Lodge at Millom on Friday, the 21st inst., Comp. the Right Hon. the Earl of Bective, Grand Superintendent of the province, supported by Comps. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, G. Supt. East Lancs.; G. J. McKay, P.G. Std. Br. England; J. Terry, P.G. Std. Br. England, Sec. R.M.B.I.; and a large number of companions of the province and Province of West Lancashire, assembled at the Drill Hall to consecrate a new chapter in the province for Royal Arch Masonry. It is almost needless to add that the name of the chapter is to do honour to Comp. G. J. McKay, who for the past 18 years has done such good service to the united province as P.G. Sec., Scribe E., Secretary to the three Masonic Charities, of whom we would fail to designate him correctly if we did not at once proclaim him to be the champion of our ancient and honourable cause. One thing we were pleased to observe—on the presentation of the petition for the warrant, a second name was never so much as once hinted at; it was to be, is, and undoubtedly ever will be, the McKay, and planted under the banner of the revered name of Whitwell, it cannot but become a power in the province.

The Consecrating Officers were Comps. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, as M.E.Z.; John Barr, P.P.G.H., as H.; James Terry, P.G. Std. Br., as J.; G. J. McKay, P.G. Std. Br., as S.E.; G. Starkey, P.G.D.C., as D.C.; and T. Atkinson, P.P.A.G.S., as S.N.; and the ceremony was performed in a most perfect manner.

Comp. George Dalrymple, P.Z. 119, P.G.S.E., Z. designate, was duly installed by Comp. Barr, P.P.G.H.; Comp. John Mills, P.G. Asst. S.E., H. designate, was installed by Comp. J. Patterson, P.P.G.J.; Comp. John Atkinson, J. designate, was installed by Comp. James Terry, P.G. Std. Br. The following were invested as officers by Comp. J. Terry: Comps. G. W. Kenworthy, P.P.G.J., Treas.; Rev. James Anderson, S.E.; H. F. Fox, S.N.; W. Mandall, P.S.; W. Bradley, 1st A.S.; T. J. C. Fox, 2nd A.S.; and J. T. Raven, Janitor. On the motion of Comp. DALRYMPLE, Z., seconded by Comp. JOHN MILLS, H., a unanimous vote of thanks to the Consecrating Officers was passed, and the following Companions were elected honorary members of the McKay Chapter: Comps. the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Bective, G. Supt., Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, James Terry, G. J. McKay, John Barr, and John Paterson, for their valuable services.

Comp. Col. STARKIE, thanked the Principals for the honour conferred, and expressed a hope that the chapter that day dedicated to Royal Arch Masonry, would go on and flourish.

Eight candidates were proposed for exaltation, and on the motion of Comp. DALRYMPLE, Z., seconded by Comp. MILLS, H., the three Principals, two Scribes, and Principal Sojourner, were appointed a Committee to draw up the by-laws.

The following were also present: Comps. R. J. Nelson, P.Z. 129, P.G.H.; D. H. Cook, P.P.G. Org.; William Heathcote, J. 119; W. E. Whiteside, S.E. 1398; Geo. Nelson, P.Z. 1021, P.P.A.G.D.C.; W. F. Lamonby, P.Z. 119, P.P.A.G.S.; R. Worrall, P.Z.; and others.

With "Heartly good wishes" from the companions, the chapter was closed in due form.

CONSECRATION OF THE CRYSTAL PALACE MARK LODGE, No. 450.

The above lodge was consecrated on Saturday last, at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, by Bro. the Earl of Euston, Deputy Grand Master, in the presence of about 200 brethren of the Degree. Bros. Col. Noel Money, C.B., occupied the chair of S.W.; Col. A. B. Cook, Prov. G.M. Middx., acted as J.W.; Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, Prov. G.M. Bucks, as Chaplain; Robt. Berridge, G.D.C., as D.C.; and Bro. Frank Richardson, as I.G. Previous to the consecration of the lodge, a lodge had been held by dispensation, over which Bro. John Barnett, P.P.G.O. Middlesex and Surrey, the W.M. designate, presided, and in a most efficient manner advanced Bros. Francis Sydney Smyth, F.R.C.S., and William Thomas Tyrrell. These brethren also attended the consecration of the Crystal Palace Lodge.

After the formal opening of the lodge the Earl of EUSTON said he attended there that day to perform a ceremony which did not often take place, the consecration of a new Mark lodge in a new Mark province and to instal a new Prov. Grand Master. It had pleased the M.W.G.M. to separate the old Mark Province of Middlesex and Surrey, and make it into two provinces, thinking that the one province was too large for the supervision of one Prov. Grand Master. The Province of Middlesex had already been formed, and the Prov. Grand Master installed. To-day they were going to open the Provincial Grand Lodge of Surrey, and it was a very good start for the province that a new lodge was to be consecrated. He was only too glad to come down to represent his Royal Highness the Grand Master.

Bro. the Rev. J. S. BROWNRIGG, after the usual formalities, delivered the following address—

We have met here to-day for two special purposes; the consecration of a new lodge and the formation of a new province. I venture, under these circumstances, to think that a few words upon the relations which ought to exist between private lodges, the Provincial Grand Lodge, and the mother Grand Lodge will not be out of place. It is quite impossible to over-estimate the great progress which has been made during the past quarter of a century in every Degree of Freemasonry, in perfecting our Masonic forms of government. There has been no change of system, but a steady perfecting and development of what has existed from the first. From the first the head of every English Masonic Order has realised the importance of securing to every private lodge the advantage of that constant personal supervision and attention which can only be secured by vesting in Provincial Grand Masters and their Deputies a large amount of authority and responsibility. I have carefully balanced those two words authority and responsibility, because I think it is important to emphasise the fact that they are inseparable, and because I am sure that both in the Mark and the Craft English Provincial Grand Masters realise the fact of their responsibility and duty quite as clearly as they do the fact of their power and authority. It is much to be desired that every private lodge should see in the Prov. Grand Master not merely an inspecting officer, or a dispenser of provincial honours, or a festival guest, but rather the personal friend to whom each private lodge may refer its difficulties and its aspirations, one to whom it is a pleasure as well as a duty to give his best attention to all that concerns the welfare or the interest of the lodge. I venture to think that no private lodge ought to be afraid of giving trouble. It is the wish of every good Prov. Grand Master to give trouble, but it is not merely upon the Prov. Grand Master that the private lodge has a claim—not merely to him that it owes a duty. The Prov. Grand Lodge is the constitutional organisation by which the Grand Master's representative manages the province committed to his care. The Prov. Grand Lodge is what the private lodges make it. One of the first duties of this new lodge will be to co-operate with the older lodges in making the new Mark Province of Surrey efficient and useful. Remember that though as a rule you will probably only meet once a year, that annual meeting should be something more than a day for making Prov. Grand Officers. It ought to be the opportunity for reviewing the past, and organising the future work of the province. Time will not permit me to enlarge upon the various works of usefulness which you may devise for yourselves. One matter, however, I would like to suggest. Every Prov. Grand Lodge should have its Charity Committee and Charity Fund. When applicants come to Masonic head quarters for relief the first question is "What has the province done?" In deserving cases there ought always to be a satisfactory answer to that question. Lastly, let me remind you that both to the private lodge and the Provincial Grand Lodge there is attached the most important duty of taking part through these properly accredited representatives in the deliberations of Grand Lodge. Were I asked to point to the most convincing proof of the increasing vitality of our Order, I should point without hesitation to the fact that in the central jurisdiction of every Masonic body the provinces are each year becoming a greater power. Important matters are no longer left to a handful of Metropolitan Masons. I am quite sure that our London brethren have no jealous feeling in this matter. They welcome our assistance, they rejoice to share with us the heat and burden of the day, and we are benefited by our association with them and our sister provinces. Realise then, my brethren, as a new lodge and as a new province, the duty of constant and regular attendance at the supreme assembly of your Order. Go there not merely to promote the narrow interests of your own want, but in a full sense of your responsibility to legislate for the universal good of the Order.

The lodge was thereafter consecrated, the musical portion of the ceremony being conducted by Bro. J. Kift.

Bro. C. F. Matier, G. Sec., installed Bro. John Barnett, as W.M., and then accepted the collar of I.P.M. Bro. John A. Farnfield was invested as S.W.; Bro. C. Chaffourier, P. Prov. G.D. Middlesex and Surrey, J.W.; Bro. Emil Apelt, M.O.; Bro. W. J. Nicholls, S.O.; Bro. J. D. Phillips, J.O.; Bro. J. Lawrence Mather, Treas.; Bro. F. S. Smyth, Registrar of Marks; Bro. C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br., Sec.; Bro. W. T. Tyrrell, S.D.; and Bro. Morley, Tyler.

On the motion of the WORSHIPFUL MASTER, seconded by the SENIOR WARDEN, a vote of thanks was passed to the Consecrating Officers and Bro. Matier, and he and the Consecrating Officers were elected honorary members of the lodge.

The Earl of EUSTON acknowledged the compliment, and the lodge was then closed, the time having arrived for installing Bro. Col. Gerard Noel

Money, C.B., as Provincial Grand Master of Surrey. The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, however, informed Lord Euston and the Consecrating Officers, that the Crystal Palace Lodge would not be their entertainers that day at the banquet, as the Provincial Grand Lodge took that position. On a future occasion he trusted that his lordship and those who assisted him would favour the Crystal Palace Lodge with their company.

EARLY MASONIC LITERATURE.

Bro. H. J. Whymper, C.I.E. (District Grand Master of the Punjab), has again done good service for the Craft by editing and publishing at his own expense another pamphlet, which is entitled "Early Printed Literature referring to Freemasonry." Our zealous brother has frequently been asked questions respecting the earliest records of the Fraternity, and last spring determined to issue, in pamphlet form, extracts from certain works, in order to satisfy such a natural want. The advent, however, of Bro. G. W. Bain's facsimile of "Long Livers," led Bro. Whymper to delay the publication of his very handy and useful work, so that it may not clash with that excellent reproduction. There was, however, no need for such postponement, as Bro. Bain's valuable volume was at a premium directly after it was printed, and one does not clash with the other in any respect.

These handy extracts, fairly representative of the originals as respects typography and orthography, are dedicated to the W.M. and members of Lodge Stewart, No. 1960, Rawul Pindee, and assuredly will be much appreciated by those brethren, as well as by others favoured with copies, only 120 being printed. I thank Bro. Whymper warmly for remembering me.

The first selected is the "Academie of Armory," by Bro. Randle Holme, of the year 1688, the works used for the selection of excerpts being Bro. Gould's history, and Bro. Ryland's "Freemasonry in the 17th Century, 1650-1700." As the author was "a member of that Society called Freemasons," the particulars given by that ancient worthy are both interesting and valuable, and it is remarkable that the two columns, supporters of the Masons' Arms, support globes, which is a significant circumstance.

Dr. Plot's "Natural History of Staffordshire," 1686, comes next, and in many respects is the most important work relating to Freemasonry, in part, that was published during the 17th century. The references to the "Old Charges" and the customs of the Craft are of great interest and most suggestive.

The third reprint is from the diary of Elias Ashmole, 1633-1687. As Bro. Whymper notes, it was first printed in 1717, and a second edition in 1774, but the latter "has considerably garbled the March 10, 1682, entry." Neither is the first issue correct, so it is strange that my friend has reprinted the 1682 extract from this inaccurate edition instead of from the facsimile which he has in his valuable library.

This is unfortunate, as the interpolation of the word "by" in the second paragraph immediately after the "Fellowship of Free-Masons" makes the entry read as if the names mentioned were those who conducted the ceremony, whereas they were then initiated. I give the extract from the facsimile of 1682, Ashm. MS. 1136. (By Mr. W. H. Gee, Oxford).

"Accordingly I went, and about noone were admitted into the Fellowship of Free Masons.

Sir William Wilson Knight, Capt. Rich. Borthwick, Mr. Will. Woodman, Mr. Wm. Grey, Mr. Samuel Taylor, and Mr. William Wise."

The paragraphs were also slightly modernized at times in the 1717 work, but the insertion of the word "by" is what quite spoils the entry, and makes it read quite different to the original MS. An article by me in the *Freemason*, June 1st, 1889, might well be consulted as to these points.

The reproduction of the whole of the introduction to "Long Livers" of A.D. 1722, is well done, and forms a most important feature of the pamphlet. The style is much like the work itself, and for all practical purposes is as good and useful as the very scarce original.

Bro. Whymper quotes from Bro. Gould's excellent introduction to Bro. Bain's artistic reprint, and thus adds much to the instructive character of his most handy and opportune publication.

Then there is the singular extract relating to the Fraternity from "Ebrietatis Encomium" of A.D. 1723, which, as Bro. Whymper suggests, appears to have been completed in MS., and possibly printed in 1722. The title page of Roberts' Constitutions of A.D. 1722 then follows, which is copied from Bro. Spencer's excellent reprint of A.D. 1870, which can still be had. It preceded the Grand Lodge "Constitutions" by one year, but is solely of an operative character, resembling the "Harleian MS., 1942," and the "Grand Lodge, MS., No. 2." The concluding references are to Picart's plate of the lodges (which Bro. Whymper places later than 1730, and, as a matter of fact, is in Vol. IV. of A.D. 1736, original edition), and the "Blue Blanket" of A.D. 1722.

W. J. HUGHAN.

KNIGHT TEMPLARY.

Bro. Stephen Berry, one of the best informed students of Knight Templary, has presented his annual statistical summary for that Degree in the racy little "Masonic Token" for October 15th, 1892. The totals are very striking and suggestive, not to say startling, and prove how popular the Degrees of Masonic knighthood are in the United States of America.

Thirty-eight States have separate Grand Commanderies, which are integral parts of the Grand Encampment of the United States, the latter having some 30 subordinates belonging to other territories not strong enough to be grouped into distinct organisations. These combined, muster the large number of 914 commanderies or preceptories, having a united roll of 92,821 subscribing members, thus showing an average of rather over 100 brethren to each subordinate, or about three times the average of England.

The Sovereign Great Priory of Canada musters 30 preceptories, with over 1000 members together, thus giving 93,874 Knights Templars to America, and only 159 preceptories, with 4830 subscribers for England, Scotland, Ireland, and Victoria. Practically the grand total may be reckoned as fully 1000 preceptories, with 100,000 members scattered throughout the world, besides the thousands who have ceased to be active members.

Bro. BERRY speaks thus of the increase: "All the jurisdictions of the United States have increased except Louisiana and Maryland. The increase in the United States has been 5730 against 3158 last year, or 63 per cent. against 34 last year, almost equal to the seven per cent. in 1890. Colorado increased almost one-third, as might have been expected, in anticipation of the Triennial. Pennsylvania increased 774, a gain of almost nine per cent., and a number greater than the membership of 13 of the smaller Grand Commanderies. Massachusetts gained 505, which is greater than the

membership of ten States in the list, or of Scotland with her foreign encampments. North America has 93,874 of the Templars of the world, against 4830 in Great Britain and Australia, or more than 19 times as many."

Our friend also furnishes more figures respecting this extraordinary development in the United States, as follows, and has certainly most ably summarised the Knight Templar statistics for 1892.

"In the admirable statistical tables of the Grand Lodge of New York, for 1892, by Jesse B. Anthony, we find one giving the percentage of Masons to the white population, similar to one which we prepared for the Grand Commandery of Maine in 1881, only much more full, and requiring an infinite amount of labour. From it we find that the white population is 55,753,392, the Master Masons 640,101, or one to 87.10; the Royal Arch Masons 156,554, or one to 4.09 Masons; the Cryptic Masons 33,305, or one to 4.70 Royal Arch Masons; the Templars 86,878, or one to 7.36 Master Masons, and one to 1.80 Royal Arch Masons.

"Maine heads the list of M. Masons, with one to 31.97 of the population, or about three per cent., while New York has one to 79.15.

"Rhode Island heads the Royal Arch list with one to 2.02 Masons, nearly half; while Maine has one to 4.40.

"Texas heads the Cryptic list with one to 1.33 Royal Arch Masons, while Maine has one to 3.88.

"Washington heads the Templar list with one to 1.40 Royal Arch Masons, while Maine has one to 1.90."

Completing the Craft statistics, I suppose we may assume there are 2,000,000 Craftsmen in the world, and that the annual income of the fraternity is at least £5,000,000, or \$25,000,000.

W. J. HUGHAN.

TRANSFERS OF OLD WARRANTS PRIOR TO A.D. 1813.

Having dealt somewhat fully with this subject in my "Handy Book to the List of Lodges,"* may I be permitted to refer now to some new and important evidence in confirmation of my previous statement—that "in many cases the actual warrants of dormant or extinct lodges were assigned or delivered over to members of new lodges in other localities, sometimes near, but in many instances very remote, and in neither case does it appear that there was any connection whatever with the former lodge, except in thus receiving its number (and warrant) and its position and 'precedence' on the list of lodges."

I have recently been favoured with a copy of the endorsement made on the warrant of the Silurean Lodge, No. 576, of 25th January, 1791 (No. 485 of 1792 enumeration), which reads as follows:—

"To all whom it may concern, be it known that the Silurean Lodge, formerly No. 576, but which by the general alteration of numbers in the year 1792 became No. 485, and held at the King's Head Inn, Kington, in the County of Hereford, on the application of the Brethren of the said Lodge, and with the approbation of the Deputy Grand Master, Admiral Sir Peter Parker, Baronet, was removed to the Angel Inn, Ludlow, in the County of Salop, to be there held under the name or denomination of the Mercian Lodge. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the Grand Lodge, this nineteenth day of February, A.L. 5805, A.D. 1805."

L. S.

WM. WHITE, G.S.

Brother T. J. Salwey, to whom I am indebted for the foregoing transcript in his "Notes on the History of the Lodge of the Marches, Ludlow, and its predecessors" ("Ars Quatuor Coronatorum" Vol. 5, p. 78.), quotes from the "History of Kington" published in 1845, which states that "The Silurean Lodge continued in existence until the year 1800, or following year, and then separated and divided the cash among the brethren; the Lodge furniture was sold in the year 1804 by the Treasurer to a person in Ludlow for the sum of twenty-two pounds and ten shillings." Bro. Salwey adds that the "Brethren in Ludlow desired to form a Lodge to be called the Mercian Lodge and, having purchased the furniture of the Silurean Lodge, procured the transfer of the Warrant by memorandum endorsed in 1805."

The foregoing official and authentic evidence will confirm what I have elsewhere stated, that in the case of many new lodges formed after the Act of 1799 the "Seniority of Constitution," which was previously considered to be a matter of great importance, because very seriously disturbed, inasmuch as all the 46 lodges [cited in my *Handy Book*] constituted between 1800 and 1811, obtained positions on the Roll to which their ages did not entitle them, and thus permanently disarranged the natural consecutive order and precedence of the lodges."

Further corroborative evidence is incidentally found in the *Freemason* of October 15th, 1892, wherein are chronicled some important events in the history of the Lodge of Fidelity, No. 289, Leeds, read at its Centenary Festival on October 1st. Thus we find that Lodge was officially connected with the consecration of the Nelson of the Nile Lodge, at Batley (now 264), in 1801; the Amphibious Lodge at Hightown (now 258) in 1803; and the Lodge of the Three Grand Principles at Dewsbury (now 208) in 1804. All these were entirely new organizations, but the lodge at Batley took the Warrant of the Lodge of Honour and Perseverance constituted at Cocker-mouth, in 1788, and which was dormant about 1796. The lodge at Hightown worked under the Warrant of a Lodge constituted at Stonehouse, Devon, in 1786 or 1787, but which ceased to exist in 1792. The Lodge at Dewsbury took the number and place of a London lodge constituted in 1772, which lapsed about 1801, but instead of receiving the original Warrant endorsed (if it then existed), a "Warrant of Confirmation" was issued, signed by Sir Peter Parker, D.G.M., and dated 10th February, 1804.

Consequently, this brief history of the Lodge of Friendship at Leeds confirms very conclusively my previous statement in relation to this subject, although in the case of the lodge at Dewsbury my opinions were stoutly, though unsuccessfully, assailed some years ago. The fact that these three lodges were duly consecrated by the Lodge of Fidelity, acting under the authority of the Grand Lodge, ought to convince the most sceptical of the truth that, notwithstanding the possession of Old Warrants, &c., and their relative position and precedence on the Roll, these three lodges were entirely new organizations, and should date only from 1801, 1803, and 1804 respectively.

JNO. LANE.

* London: George Kenning, 16, Great Queen-street, 1889.

THE WEST LANCASHIRE ALPASS BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The annual festival of the above Institution was held on the 25th ult., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Southport, Bro. J. de Bels Adam (Mayor of Liverpool), P.P.G.W., presiding. The company comprised the following brethren, and an equal number of ladies: Bros. W. Goodacre, P.G.S.B., P.G.S.; J. D. Murray, G. Treas.; E. Pierpoint, P.P.G.W.; T. B. Newton, W.M. 155; H. W. Johnston, P.P.G.D.; R. Sharrack, P.M. 1313; J. Hatch, P.M. 613; C. Wadsworth, P.P.G. S.d. Br.; W. W. Webster, P.M.; W. Corner, jun., P.P.A.G.D.C.; John Wray, P.P.G. Std. Br.; G. A. Myers, P.M.; J. Locke, P.M.; Dr. Patterson, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Chas. Bargery, P.P.G.D.; J. M. Smythe, P.P.A.G.D.C.; W. M'Gaulze, P.J.G.D.; J. Edgar; Dr. A. J. Charlack, W.M. 2295; H. J. Leggett; G. A. Harradon, P.P.G.T.; J. Tarbuck, W.M. 2316; M. H. Boyd, W.M. 613; James Platt, P.P.G.D.; W. Platt, P.P.G.T.; A. Cross, P.P.G.D.; G. E. Marsden; C. Watson, W.M. 2325; G. Austerfeld, W.M. 1070; H. Stones, P.A.G.S.; J. Fletcher, W.M. 1070; J. K. Glover; P. Armstrong; W. Bushell; John Milne; Everett, P.P.G.D.; Rostron; Brown; W. Bond; Bennett; Rev. C. Hesketh Knowlys, P.P.G.C.; F. Brookes, P.P.J.G.D.; Robt. Wylie, P.G.W. (Treasurer of the Institution); and J. W. Barrow, P.P.G.D. (Secretary of the Institution).

A choice banquet was served, under the superintendence of Bro. Sutcliffe Holroyd, P.M. 9.

Bro. J. DE BELS ADAM, in giving the toast of the evening, "The Alpass Institution," explained that it was founded in 1885 in memory of a revered brother, Bro. Alpass, the late Prov. Grand Secretary of West Lancashire. Its funds, which were most economically administered, were devoted solely to the relief of the widows and brethren not otherwise adequately provided for. There were at present 12 widows dependent on the Institution, the income of which had been about £258 a year, the invested fund standing at £4000. While £4000 was a creditable investment for so young an Institution, he hoped to see the amount soon advanced to £5000. He expressed his appreciation of the honour of being chosen President of the festival, and handed the Treasurer his cheque for 50 guineas as a donation.

Bro. WYLIE, in responding, announced a long list of subscriptions from lodges, to many of which were appended the words "more to follow." The Prince's Lodge, Liverpool, including Bro. Adam's generous gift, headed the list with £86. Among the brethren attached to several lodges came Bro. Murray with a list totalling £77. The total, embracing a Vice-President's subscription of £5 5s. just handed in, was £655, or in all, since the last festival, £1672. The only drawback to this success was that there was so many demands on the Institution as to make it necessary for still more money to be subscribed before all the deserving cases could be met.

Bro. GOODACRE gave "The Chairman," which was musically honoured.

In reply, Bro. J. DE BELS ADAM said that the sympathy which he had received from his Masonic brethren during his year of office as Chief Magistrate had been such that he, perhaps, might not hesitate to take the Mayoralty again if the honour were proffered for his acceptance. Referring more in detail to Masonry in Liverpool, he advocated a Masonic Hall in a more central part of the city—a building in which brethren who had business in the city might meet at luncheon. If a brother who could take up the project without diffidence would give it his support, he (the speaker) should be happy to subscribe £1000 to so desirable an object.

Bro. J. D. MURRAY proposed "The Sister Institutions," to which Bro. BARGERY responded.

Other toasts followed.

CENTENARY OF THE LOVE AND HONOUR LODGE, No. 285, SHEPTON MALLET.

The brethren of the above lodge celebrated their centenary at their lodge room on Wednesday, the 19th ult. The W.M., Bro. W. C. J. York, was in the chair, and there was a large attendance of brethren and visitors from other lodges.

After the lodge was opened, Bro. CLARKE, P.M., briefly addressed the brethren, saying that this meeting was of special interest to them, it being the centenary of their lodge, which was instituted July, 1792, and which was certified by a splendidly illuminated warrant from Grand Lodge, and permission given to the members to wear a jewel commemorative of the event.

Bro. CLARKE then read a concise, but very interesting, history of the lodge, which he had compiled from its minutes from its institution to its present date. This lodge was at its institution numbered 537. At the revision in 1812 it was altered to 357, and in 1883 was altered to 285, showing that no less than 252 lodges working in 1792 had ceased to exist. This lodge, Bro. Clarke proceeded to say, had, like many other lodges, times of depression—and of very great depression—but, thanks to the indomitable pluck of its old Masters and brethren, it was never allowed to lapse, and thus attained the proud position which the brethren were met together to celebrate.

After the lodge had been closed, the brethren sat down to supper at the George Hotel, where a very pleasant and happy evening was spent.

THE GOLD AND SILVER WYRE DRAWERS' COMPANY AND THE LORD MAYOR'S PROCESSION.

One of the most prominent objects in the procession on the 9th instant will undoubtedly be the car of the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Company, which will contain nine workers from Past Master Kenning's manufactory in the City, dressed in the style of James I., working machines in use at that period, drawing gold and silver wyre, flattening wyre, spinning thread, purling bullion, weaving lace, braid making, and embroidery.

In front of the car will be the banner of the Company. Living supporters (an Indian with eastern crown, holding over his right shoulder a bar of silver, and a British workman carrying a hank of silk), will accompany the car. Embroidered banners of the Arms of the Lord Mayor, the two Sheriffs, the Master of the Company, Wm. Hayes, Esq., and the Immediate Past Master, Gabriel Lindo, Esq., C.C., will be displayed.

The 9th instant being the birthday of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, banners embroidered with the Prince's crest worked in silver will be prominently placed.

In the centre of the car will be a representation of Cleopatra's Needle, in allusion to the arts and mystery of the craft having been learned from the ancient Egyptians.

The whole of the decorations of this car show the work of the Guild. The six horses drawing the car will be caparisoned with cloth of gold, &c.

Our Portrait Gallery of Worshipful Masters.



Bro. Horace Percy Smith, whose portrait we publish above, was installed W.M. of the Tudor Lodge of Rifle Volunteers, No. 1838, on Friday, the 7th October. He was initiated on the 25th March, 1886, being proposed by Bro. Col. A. C. F. Gough, LL.D., the late P.G.M. of Staffordshire, and seconded by Bro. E. M. Thorne, P.G. Sec. Staffordshire. He successively held all the offices in the lodge, and the notice of his installation appeared in our issue of the 22nd of October. Bro. H. Percy Smith is the Honorary Secretary of the Staffordshire Masonic Charitable Association, and a member of the Lodges Honour, 526, and Audley, 1896.

The Craft Abroad.

CONSECRATION OF FAITH LODGE, No. 2438.

The usual monotony of Manora, Karáchi, in the Province of Sind, was agreeably enlivened on the 28th September last by the consecration and opening of the Faith Lodge, No. 2438, in the Hamby Vernacular School, and the installation of Bro. David Morris as the first W.M. The school room had been decorated with banners and evergreens, which formed a very handsome little lodge, thanks to the exertions of the W.M. and the indefatigable Treasurer of the lodge.

Bro. E. J. Smith, as Deputy District Grand Master, *pro tem.*, who had arrived from Bombay for the special purpose of constituting the lodge, was met in the ante-room by the brethren of the new lodge, and about 40 members of the lodges working under the English and Scotch Constitutions in Karáchi, and proceeded to constitute and consecrate the new lodge, and install the W.M. designate.

The brethren of the new lodge elected Bro. Smith as an honorary member.

Several brethren were proposed as joining members, and three candidates for initiation.

The ceremony being over and the lodge closed, the brethren and their guests were conveyed by the light of Doty lamps in trollies to the European School, which by means of flags and other decorations had been converted into a superb banquet hall, in which a table laden with the choicest viands of the season awaited them, to which full justice was done.

At the conclusion of the feast the usual toasts were given by the WORSHIPFUL MASTER, and drank with

Masonic honours, the proceedings being enlivened by speeches from the Consecrating Officers, Bros. SMITH, MORRIS, TATE, NICHOLAS, COSSER, and MOORE, which were all received with much applause, and the singing of songs by those of the brethren gifted with musical talent, brought to a conclusion, shortly after midnight, the proceedings of a day which will be an ever memorable one in the history of Manora and in the annals of the Craft in the Province of Sind.

Among those present were Bros. G. J. Smith, acting D.G. Sec. Bombay, as D.D.G.M. (*pro tem.*); W. U. Nicholas, W.M. 767; J. Tate, P.M. 767, P.D.G.W.; G. C. Brayson, 767, P.D.G.D.; Trevena, P.M. 450 (S.C.); T. Cosser, 350; W. H. Thompson, H. Rooke, J. Skinner, H. Beckitt, G. Hodges, R. Alexander, W. Marks, H. Wray, J. McMeekin, J. Hunt, B. Ardurjee, D. Sorabjee, G. Millar, J. Keelau, D. Duncan, R. W. Williams, R. Humble, J. Ritson, T. Ward, W. Barrell, and the founders of the lodge.



Mrs. Langtry has come out at the Haymarket in yet another character—that of a woman of business. Mr. Edward Rose has evidently founded his commercial play, "Agatha Tylden," on events which happened in 1890 in the City. We have an eminent house, whose undertakings are as great as its credit. For years it has been carrying on business though insolvent. At last the principal creditors are called together, and as the bankruptcy of Tylden and Co. means ruin to thousands of men, women, and children, the firm must be propped up by extraneous help. Two kind and wealthy friends come forward and put capital into the concern, and Tylden and Co. are saved. It is a curious play, for romance enters but little into the main story. The part which love usually takes in a stage play is occupied by matter-of-fact business. This four-act play teems with conversation about bills of exchange, credit, bankruptcy, railway construction, ledgers, and balance-sheets. Though Mrs. Langtry is delightful in her new task, we never could forget it was Mrs. Langtry we saw all along and not Agatha Tylden. Messrs. Cyril Maude, Everill, Maurice, and Waller, and Miss Marie Linden are amongst the very efficient cast who so ably support Mrs. Langtry. "Agatha Tylden" is a play to be seen and remembered.

The new Empire ballet, "Round the Town," is quite equal in beauty and harmony to any of its many predecessors. Divided into four tableaux we are introduced to realistic scenes of Covent Garden Market at about four o'clock in the morning, the Royal Exchange, with its flower girls, City police, Blue Coat boys, Post Office letter carriers, and even the Beadle, the Thames Embankment, with a corp of volunteers and the Guards, not forgetting the Salvation Army, and to wind up the Empire Palace itself, first the outside as it appears at night, and then the inside in which a magnificent ballet is shown, called "The Daughters of our Empire." The stage production is due to Mr. G. Edwardes, who has never done anything yet to surpass this very pretty ballet which, named "Round the Town," is becoming the talk of the town.

"Incognita," the new comic opera at the Lyric, is quite the best thing which Mr. Sedger has yet produced, and that is saying a good deal, as his managership has been one long success. "Incognita" is full of exquisite songs and music, and the dialogue by Mr. Burnand is written in one of his happiest veins of humour. When we say such clever artists as Mr. Monkhouse, Misses S. Vaughan and Florence Darley, and Mr. John Child are in the company, it will be needless to say how good is the singing and acting. Miss St. Cyr dances nimbly, and Miss Ada Jenoure renders the greatest service in more ways than one. She has rapidly worked her way to the front, and may now be considered in the leading rank on the stage, a position she has well earned. We confidently can recommend our readers to see "Incognita."

Mr. Chudleigh's luck has never deserted him, and "The Guardsman" is destined to have a long career at the Court. Where so many farcical comedies fail, Messrs. Sims and Raleigh are strong, for their third act is the best. Mr. Arthur Cecil has returned to his old stage and makes merry. Mr. Weedon Grossmith is as vulgar as ever, just what he is wanted to be. Misses Ella Terriss, Agnes Thomas, and Caroline Hill, all render good suit and service to this excellent piece, which makes Courtiers laugh again.

Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, accompanied by her daughter, the Princess Victoria, laid the foundation-stone of the new buildings of the Charterhouse Mission, in Crosby-row, Borough, on Wednesday afternoon, and received a most enthusiastic greeting from the people assembled to witness the ceremony.

Rear-Admiral Stephenson, C.B., Naval Equerry to the Prince of Wales, has been appointed to command the Pacific Squadron, in place of Rear-Admiral Hotham, C.B., whose term of service expires at the end of the year. It is believed that Rear-Admiral Stephenson will have as his flagship the Royal Arthur, now almost ready for service, and will proceed in her to the Pacific in the early part of next year.

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In consequence of the pressure on our space, we are compelled this week to omit the reports of lodges of instruction, as well as the following:

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1892.

Masonic Notes.

The proceedings at the recent annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cumberland and Westmorland were of a more than usually attractive character, and there was consequently a very full attendance of the brethren of the province and many visitors, among the latter being Bro. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, Prov. G.M. East Lancashire, who occupied the chair in Provincial Grand Lodge, and acted as the spokesman of those present in the chief function of the day. The first noteworthy event was the presentation to Bro. the Earl of Bective, Prov. G.M., whose state of health, fortunately, enabled him to attend, of a beautifully illuminated address, in which the brethren took advantage of the meeting to congratulate his lordship on having presided over their Province for 25 years, and to express the hope that he might be spared to preside over them for many years longer. The Provincial Grand Master having returned thanks for the compliment paid him, the incident terminated.

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That Bro. the Earl of Bective well deserves this recognition of his services to the Province, and, indeed, to Masonry generally and in its most important branches, is beyond all question. His occupancy of the chair of Prov. Grand Master for a quarter of a century would alone justify the compliment, which those he has presided over in this capacity have paid him. During that period the Craft, as was properly pointed out in the address, has increased to the extent of some 40 per cent in the matter of lodges, while the assistance rendered to the Masonic Institutions has

been very considerable. But Lord Bective's services have by no means been confined to this particular branch of Masonry. He has been Grand Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons for 15 years, and Prov. Grand Master in the Mark Degree for 20 years, and his success as ruler in these fields of labour have been only less conspicuous than in the Craft, because the duties attaching to the two offices are less onerous.

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Bro. Lord Bective is indeed one of the foremost Masons of our day. In addition to the offices we have already enumerated, he has held that of Most Illustrious G. Sovereign of the Order of Rome and the Red Cross of Constantine, and is Hon. President of the Rosicrucian Society of England. Thus it would be very difficult to replace him, should his lordship, on the score of health or for other reasons, consider it desirable to vacate his offices, and we cordially echo the hope expressed by our Cumberland and Westmorland brethren that he may be spared for many years to preside over them as their chief in Craft, Arch, and Mark Masonry.

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The other principal incident at the same meeting was the installation as Deputy Provincial Grand Master of our respected Bro. Geo. J. McKay, P.G. Std Br. of England, in succession to Bro. L. F. B. Dykes, P.G.D. The latter has retired on the ground of ill-health, but the vacancy thus created will be ably filled by Bro. McKay, whose 11 years' experience as Provincial Grand Secretary will stand him in good stead in his new capacity. He enjoys already the respect and esteem of his Provincial brethren, and we are confident the ties which bind him and them together will be greatly strengthened by the ability and geniality he is certain to exhibit in the performance of his new and more responsible duties.

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The entertainment by Bro. J. de Bels Adam, in his character of Mayor of Liverpool, of Bro. the Earl of Lathom, Pro Grand Master and Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire, is an event worthy of being recorded in letters of gold in the annals of West Lancashire Masonry. There are but few men to whose lot it falls to be able to give such an entertainment, and there are still fewer to whom it can be given so worthily. We have so often recorded the services which Lord Lathom has rendered to Freemasonry in general, and the Province of West Lancashire in particular, that we need not be at the pains of repeating them. The banquet, however, is one more illustration of the generous feelings which exist between his lordship and his Province, and in his case, as in that of his brother Provincial Grand Master of Cumberland and Westmorland, we trust that his rule may be continued for many years.

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We had not the slightest intention of criticising unfavourably the conduct of the editor of our worthy contemporary, the *American Tyler*, when we recently referred to his taking a holiday at Denver, and leaving his readers without their usual weekly supply of Masonic *pabulum*, and we are delighted to hear he is all the better for his rest. We merely desired to point out that in this country it was not in the power of a newspaper editor to take such a liberty. Here, the man who undertakes such responsibilities realises to the fullest extent the truth of the old saying, *Necessitas non habet leges*—at all events, in the sense that the necessity for doing one's duty does not furnish a man with *legs* with which to run away from it for a week's holiday. The *Tyler* will see by our leading article this week that we highly appreciate the contents of his estimable journal.

Correspondence.

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

A WILD SUGGESTION.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The reading of your article on this subject set me a-thinking, and when I had completed my lucubrations, the "wild" suggestion really did not appear so very "wild" after all. A little time since I was spending an evening with one of the most energetic Masons I know, and the very subject you mention came up in conversation.

It was thus—my energetic brother had just provided himself (and the lodge) with a new minute book, and I saw him put the old one away for safe keeping (well wrapped up) in a cupboard, where he preserves a very large quantity of miscellanea. I said, "Why does no

your lodge take care of it; and suppose you resign or die, what is to ensure the transfer of the old book to the new Secretary?" His reply was "Nothing; and I do not know where the last old book, some 15 years old now, could be found." We thereupon decided unanimously that it would be a *wise* and not *wild* proceeding if Grand Lodge would, upon request, take charge of old minute books and store them away. They are of little worth certainly, and yet we think it possible that a hundred years hence some of them would be read with considerable interest. The present writer has done a good deal of secretarial work, and has in his possession more than one filled minute book, which he would (with the approval of his lodges) readily store as suggested, and he ventures to think that his minutes will be of much interest to future ages, as one of the lodges draws its members from a very special and circumscribed area. I take it a minute book lasts, on the average, from 7 to 10 years, and this would bring in some 200 to 250 volumes a year—no great number. Grand Mark Lodge and other supreme bodies might follow the same example with regard to their respective jurisdictions. Such a course would meet in the happiest way the views of the brother who made the "wild" suggestion; and if it were made a *sine qua non* for an applicant desiring to examine any lodge record, that he should bring with him a written permit from the owning lodge, all difficulty as to privacy would be easily avoided, and I am quite sure that any other matter might be well left to the good taste of the budding Masonic "Historicus."

GILTSPAR.

HYMNS AT LODGE CEREMONIES.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

At the recent Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham, held in September last, a hymn was sung at the opening, of which the first line is—

"Oft in danger, oft in woe."

This would seem to me to be an innovation that were best not repeated, as the hymn is not one that would find acceptance with our Jewish brethren, and it is the pride and glory of Freemasonry that it is free from any doctrine and creed, save that of belief in and reverence of the Great Architect of the Universe.

The question is—Who is to blame for its introduction? I am sure not our P.G.M. nor the D.P.G.M. Does the matter fall under the duties of the P.G.D.C., or is it left to some musical brother, who is as yet ignorant of the grand tenets of ancient Freemasonry?—Yours fraternally,

A P.M. OF 940 AND P.P.S.G.D. DURHAM. October 31st.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

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METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Great Northern Lodge (No. 1287).—One of the ordinary meetings of this lodge was held on Thursday evening, the 20th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, when Bro. George Flint, W.M., presided. The lodge was well attended, and among the brethren present were Bros. Hy. Bell, I.P.M.; F. Osborne, S.W.; Geo. Ridout, J.W.; Rev. John H. Rose, Chap.; Samuel Webb, Treas.; W. Cleghorn, P.M., Sec.; Paul, P.M.; J. Edgar, P.M.; R. Cane, P.M.; C. Kempton, P.M.; T. Owen, P.M.; Reed, P.M.; and Webb, P.M. The visitors were Bros. G. F. Edwards, 766; J. T. Fripp, 2093; W. Jordan, 1768; C. Dean, 879; H. Theobald, 1672; and H. Massey, 160, P.M. 619 and 1928.

In the lodge no work had to be performed beyond the granting of sums from the Benevolent Fund, but this work was done most heartily, and the brethren afterwards closed the lodge, and adjourned to a charming banquet. The usual toasts followed.

Bro. Bell, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said that Bro. Flint was one who had worked the hardest and done the best he could in every way for the Great Northern Lodge, and he need not extol his virtues any further.

Bro. Flint, W.M., replying, said he had simply done his best so far in the lodge, and he would always try to do his best. He had ever been proud of the Great Northern Lodge, and also to introduce worthy members to it. As far as his own doings went, he could not speak very much of them; but still the brethren had placed him in the position of W.M., and he was glad to be there. He had always been proud to do the best he could for the Great Northern Lodge. He had represented the lodge, and he had been well received as its representative in a lodge 300 and 400 miles away. When so received he had felt that the compliment was not to himself, but to the Great Northern Lodge. The lodge had always been to the front when wanted. It had obtained its position by its own strength and voting

power, and by its own influence it had been able to make itself known. Consequently he felt very interested in it, and he was well pleased to be so well received wherever he went. He hoped to see much younger men than himself occupy the position of Master of the lodge, and to find them do as he had tried to do, to keep the Great Northern Lodge to the front in Freemasonry.

The W.M. next proposed "The P.M.'s," among whom there were splendid men and Masons. The I.P.M. had been one of the best of the Masters of the lodge, for he had conducted the ceremonies in the best manner, and had carried out the duties of Freemasonry with regard to the Stewardships. As the brethren had seen in the lodge of instruction, he had been a most enthusiastic Mason, and had worked most thoroughly. He was proud to-day that he (the W.M.) was trying to copy him, both in the lodge, at the banquet table, in the lodge of instruction, and at the Stewardships. All the brethren were proud of the I.P.M., and he hoped that each successive Master would do as well.

Bro. Bell replied, and disclaimed having done anything more than his duty, either as W.M. or at any time. The W.M. had spoken of him as a great enthusiast in the lodge of instruction. Well, he wished that lodge to have all support, and a greater number of members. It was held at the *Criterion*, and P.M. Cleghorn was one of the best Preceptors. No man was better able to tell them what was right, both in the ceremonies and in the lectures. If the brethren would only go regularly they would find it a stepping-stone to the chair of W.M.

Bro. the Rev. J. H. Rose, Chaplain, replying to the toast proposed in his honour, said it had been his privilege to mix with his fellowmen and to have their confidence. He also saw a good deal of what was not good; and in the vast City of London, where there was a great struggle for existence, he saw the evil part of their character come out—a good deal of what was unbrotherly, that lead them to spring at each other's throats and devour their character. That was very sad. But when he came among Freemasons he saw them kind one towards another. From the bottom of his heart he sincerely wished that every man in this country would act upon the principles of Masonry. He would urge the brethren to attend lodges of instruction. He had been there himself, and he knew what good was to be got there. If young Masons wanted to get at the real good of Masonry, they must not be content with going to a regular lodge only, they should also go to lodges of instruction, where they would learn the meaning of the ceremonies. He had known Masons who said there was nothing in Masonry, but there were men who attended only at the dinner or came late to the lodge. Take for instance the lodge meeting that evening. Those who did not really understand Masonry would not know the meaning of what took place more than a person who did not know French would understand the recitation of a French play. In Masonry they could not take hold of its real import unless they knew what it meant. They would learn in lodges of instruction what the meaning was. No one who heard Bro. Cleghorn would say there was nothing in Masonry. As far as he was personally concerned, he had gained in every way by being a Maason.

After the toast of "The Visitors" had been responded to, the Treasurer replied to the toast of "The Past Masters," and said he was pleased to find so many brethren present, but sorry there had been no work to do. He then endorsed the remarks of Bro. Rose, that if a brother wanted to reach the chair, he must attend lodges of instruction.

Bro. Cleghorn also replied, and said he was very grateful for all the compliments paid to him with regard to the lodge of instruction, but he would remind the Past Masters that it remained very much in their hands to induce young members of the lodge to attend. It would be more successful if more than one or two Past Masters were present.

The other toasts followed, and the evening, which was enlivened with some capital songs, was brought to a close with the usual kind wishes for the poor and distressed.

Selwyn Lodge (No. 1901).—The regular meeting of this highly flourishing and popular lodge was held at the East Dulwich Hotel, on Thursday, the 20th ult., when there were present Bros. J. Lightfoot, W.M.; B. Morgan, S.W.; A. Briant, J.W.; E. Eagle, Treas.; Louis E. Eagle, P.M., Sec.; H. R. Hobbs, S.D.; Thos. Gay, J.D.; W. H. Hook, P.M., D.C.; A. H. Fraser, I.G.; J. Evans, Org.; S. George and F. H. Ford, Stwds.; W. Davis, P.M.; R. Anderson, P.M.; E. Gauntlett, P.M.; J. M. Wimple, P.M.; L. Maybaum, C. H. Morrison, E. Aggleton, J. E. Burkmar, H. Sweeting, J. A. Causton, W. H. Lee, H. Sercombe, H. M. Frost, Jas. Pointon, J. Frampton, A. Cartwright, R. Weddall Thomas, Wm. Sperring, W. J. Alford, S. Boxshall, C. A. Adams, J. Heath, J. A. May, J. H. Baxter, Jas. Glanville, R. H. Frost, and Thos. Bowler, Tyler. The visitors were Bros. T. M. Stamp, C. M. Morris, 1571; D. Buchanan, 1185; Thos. Piper, J.W. 1597; G. W. Terry, 507; C. H. Stone, S.W. 507; J. J. Shelvey, Stwd. 101; G. W. Cane, 1571; E. J. Wood, 2272; E. Pownall, 1963; and W. A. Hine, 933.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed, Bros. J. A. Causton and W. H. Lee were raised to the Sublime Degree in a very perfect and impressive manner. Temporary relief was granted from the Benevolent Fund to a deserving brother of the lodge previous to his petition being presented before the Board of Benevolence, for the practice of which this lodge is characterised. The W.M. announced that during the previous week a Selwyn Chapter had been consecrated, which augured well. A letter of regret for non-attendance was received from Bro. W. Wills, I.P.M., who was called to the Continent.

The business of the lodge ended, the brethren adjourned to an excellent supper, provided and superintended by Bro. Harry Reed, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were admirably rendered by the W.M., and as duly honoured by the brethren.

St. Mark's College Lodge (No. 2157).—In accordance with the notice in our weekly list of Masonic meetings, the above-mentioned lodge opened their seventh year on Friday, the 21st ult., at the Holborn Restaurant, with the installation of Bro. Alfred Preece Lye, B.A. A large and influential gathering of brethren and visitors witnessed the ceremony, which, after the usual formalities of opening the lodge and confirming previous minutes had been disposed of, was conducted on Emulation lines in the retiring Master's happiest manner. Bro. John Tidmarsh,

P.M. 2163, P.G. Stwd. Middx., while as yet W.M., was supported by Bros. Brereton, I.P.M.; Jeffery, P.M. 452; Pile, P.M. 1892; Millier, P.M. 173; Clemow, P.M. 2262; Wilkinson, P.M. 1420; Saunders, W.M. 144; Macan, W.M. 444; White, W.M. 902; Cocks, S.W. 2163; Andrews, J.W. 2422; Carrick, S.D. 1178; Neville, S.D. 1767; King, 2029; Longhurst, 1686; Jones, 228; Wilson, 2422; Tate, 201; Pearce, 2278; Bennett, 211; Hall, 2033; by the officers and brethren of the lodge, and by a list of Past Masters, who under the banner of St. Mark have worthily upheld the best traditions of Masonry.

The W.M. elect having been regularly installed, appointed and invested his officers. Bros. the Rev. J. H. Smith, B.A., P.M. 279 and 1920, P.P.G.C. Leicester and Rutland, and J. O'Connell, P.M. 1851, P.P.G.O. Surrey, delivered the addresses, and, it is needless to say, the closing scenes of Bro. Lye's installation were marked by that deep stillness with which the addresses deserve to be heard, and by that real and impressive dignity which is known to be the attribute of Grand Lodge.

No further business offering, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet. The menu was excellent, the tables attractive, and the service prompt. The toasts were to the point, the responses being brief and sometimes witty; the songs favourites, the glees admirable, the quartette admirable, and Bro. Brereton a novelty.

The I.P.M., Bro. J. Tidmarsh, P.M. 2163, P.G. Stwd. Middlesex, in proposing the toast of "The W.M.," reminded the brethren of the great interest taken by Bro. Lye in the founding of the lodge, and of the zeal he had shown in the various offices which he had been called on to fill from that time to the present, when, by the unanimous desire of the lodge, the highest honour which it had in its power to bestow was conferred on him. In all these offices, and especially as Secretary of the lodge, he had carried out his duties in a very thorough and conscientious manner. He entertained no doubt that the newly-installed W.M. would maintain and hand on to his successor unsullied the high reputation the lodge had gained.

The W.M., having returned thanks for the kind way in which the toast had been proposed and received, proposed in eulogistic terms "The Health of the I.P.M. and Installing Master." No brother, he said, had the interests of that lodge more at heart than Bro. Tidmarsh. The lodge was indebted to him for the printed copies of the opening and closing odes and the music to accompany them which were regularly used in the lodge. They were also much indebted to Bro. Tidmarsh for the excellent working of the ritual during the past year, a period to which every brother would look back with feelings of keen appreciation and pleasure. The rendering of the installation ceremony that evening had been as near perfection as it was given mortals to attain. The W.M. also referred to the fact that owing to the I.P.M.'s efforts as Steward the sum of nearly £50 had been sent up from the lodge to the Benevolent Institutions. It was gratifying to the lodge to know that the P.G.M. of Middlesex had recognised Bro. Tidmarsh's work and ability by conferring on him the office of P.G. Steward for that province.

Sir Walter Raleigh Lodge (No. 2432).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Inns of Court Hotel, Holborn, W.C., on Thursday, the 27th ultimo. Present: Bros. Bullock, W.M.; G. Ransford, S.W.; G. Emblin, J.W.; W. Klingenstein, Treas.; A. F. Scholding, Sec.; D. Phillips, S.D.; T. W. Lightfoot, J.D.; A. Pringle, I.P.M.; S. Klingenstein, D.C.; W. H. Lowry, I.G.; W. F. Bates and W. J. Hunter, Stewards; T. M. Bell, C. H. J. Ransford, W. H. Oades, G. Salisbury, F. Rayner, W. H. Stevens, R. F. Taylor, F. Whicher, R. Ambler, W. T. Brailey, J. J. Woods, C. H. Peddell, S. Berkovitch, and H. Evenden, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. A. C. Ansbacher, P.M. 73; J. Thom, P.M. 2331; C. Gammon, J.D. 704; T. Dunstan, S.W. 1326; J. Eaton, 879; G. Long, 2369; G. H. Pizzy, 2374; G. W. Eve, 1670; and G. Scriven, 498.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Mr. S. Berkovitch was initiated, Bros. T. M. Bell and W. H. Oades were passed, and Bros. C. H. J. Ransford, G. Salisbury, and T. Rayner were raised. Bro. J. J. Woods was unanimously elected a member of the lodge. A pleasing incident of the meeting was the presentation by the W.M., on behalf of the founders, of a silver-mounted apron, in a leather case, suitably inscribed, to the first initiate of the lodge, Bro. C. H. J. Ransford. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

The W.M., proposing the toast of "The Visitors," said he was pleased to welcome amongst them a brother of Russian nationality. The Craft knew no distinction of race, or difference of politics, and English Freemasons were always ready to hold out the right hand of fellowship to brethren from whatever part of the globe.

The visitors, in reply, all more or less extolled the lodge, its working, and its hospitality.

In proposing the toast of "The Initiate" the W.M. also coupled the name of the first one.

Bro. C. Ransford said he was very pleased the W.M. had given him the opportunity of expressing his thanks for the handsome apron and case they had given him that evening. He was very proud of his position as first initiate of such a splendid lodge as the Sir Walter Raleigh Lodge was evidently becoming; very gratified with this additional proof of their good will towards him, and should always endeavour to deserve a continuance of their good opinion.

Bros. Gammon, Dunstan, Kift, and others contributed some capital songs, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Bro. Lightfoot presented the lodge with a handsome banner.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BARNET.

Gladsmuir Lodge (No. 1385).—The regular meeting was held at the Red Lion Hotel, on Friday, the 28th ult., under the presidency of Bro. S. Tryon, Prov. G.S. of W., W.M. There was a capital muster, among those present being Bros. G. Blizard Abbott, S.W.; F. Thompson, J.W.; C. Gray, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; J. P. Euerby, P.M., P.P.G.P.; J. Brittain, P.M., P.P.G.W.; W. Lewis, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. H. Baxter, P.M., P.P.G.R.; F. C. Collingwood, S.D.; R. W. Oldfield,

J.D.; F. Mason, acting I.G.; Marshall, Steward; Goddard, Tyler; Cranston, Tibbatts, Poole, Billson, Attree, Humby, G. Phillips, and others. Visitors: Bros. Baddeley, Dr. Haskins, Gibson, and others.

The minutes of the September meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. Billson and Attree were passed to the Second Degree. A sum of £5 5s. was voted from the lodge funds to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to be placed on the list of Bro. Baxter, P.M., who will represent the lodge as Steward at the next Anniversary Festival of that Charity; and the rest of the business having been disposed of, the lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to dinner, and enjoyed a pleasant evening, the short speeches being interspersed with songs and recitations by Bros. Poole, Collingwood, Baxter, and others.

BRADFORD.

Acacia Lodge (No. 2321).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 6th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Darley-street, when Bro. E. Pearson Peterson, W.M., was supported by Bros. Sam. A. Auty, I.P.M.; John Niven, S.W., W.M. elect; John T. Last, J.W.; C. H. Ellis, Treas.; J. B. Fearnley, Sec.; S. A. Bailey, P.M., Chap.; A. J. Boyle, S.D.; J. Thornton, as J.D.; S. Robinson, I.G.; R. Holmes, Tyler; Alfred Stephenson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; Joseph Wilson, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; Geo. Althorp, P.M., P.P.G.P.; John Morton, S. of W.; R. S. Hird and A. E. Harris, Stwds.; C. Wood, John Harland, Richard Harland, and David Milner. Visitors: Bros. Joseph Matthewman, P.M. 1019, Prov. A.G. Sec.; T. Mitcheson, P.M. 253; Albert Swaine, Org. 387; T. E. Greenough, Sec. 1545; and H. Steel, 1545.

The lodge having been opened, the Audit Committee's report on the Treasurer's accounts for the current year was presented and adopted. Bro. Richard Harland was passed to the Second Degree by the W.M., the working tools being explained to the candidate by Bro. Last, J.W., and the charge given by Bro. Niven, S.W. After "Hearty good wishes" from the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed. A dinner afterwards took place.

BRIGHTON.

Burrell Lodge (No. 1829).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Royal Pavilion, on the 6th ult. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. H. Packham, who was supported by the following: Bros. W. Gill, I.P.M., P.G.D.C.; A. J. Carpenter, S.W.; J. Flinn, J.W.; H. W. Bedford, Treas.; E. M. Ffennell, Sec.; T. Shrivell, D. of C.; H. Dyer, J.D.; T. B. Colbran and W. Insell, Stwds.; W. Stanton, Tyler; T. Packham, P.M.; A. Brazier, P.M.; R. B. Higham, P.M.; and a large number of members and visitors.

The chief business of the meeting was the installation of Bro. A. J. Carpenter, as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being admirably performed by Bro. W. Gill, assisted by Bro. T. Packham. The W.M. appointed his officers, those present being duly invested with the insignia of their respective offices, viz: Bros. J. Flinn, S.W.; E. Mollyneux-Ffennell, J.W.; H. W. Bedford, Treas. (re-elected); T. Shrivell, Sec.; H. Dyer, S.D.; G. E. Barber, J.D.; T. R. Colbran, D. of C.; E. Garrett, I.G.; W. Norman Roe, Org.; T. H. Tuxford, J. Oliver, W. Insell, and E. Roffey, Stwds.; and W. Stanton, Tyler (re-elected). Bro. A. J. Carpenter, W.M., was re-elected Charities Steward, and Bro. W. Gill to serve on the Pavilion Rooms Committee.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where they sat down to an elegant banquet under the presidency of the newly-elected W.M., Bro. A. J. Carpenter.

The customary loyal toasts having been duly honoured, the W.M. proposed "The Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past," to which the Provincial Grand Secretary responded.

The W.M. next proposed "The M.W. Provincial Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, P.G.M.; the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. the Right Hon. Sir W. T. Marriott, O.C., M.P., P.G.S.; and Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, Present and Past." He spoke in eulogistic terms of the great interest the Duke of Connaught took in all matters pertaining to Freemasonry, and especially in those relating to his own Province of Sussex. The Duke, he said, had many calls upon his time, but upon every possible occasion he had visited Sussex, either to preside at Provincial Lodge meetings or to consecrate new lodges, and the brethren were hoping to see him shortly at the approaching Provincial Grand Lodge meeting. Sir W. T. Marriott, he continued, had ably carried out the duties of his office as Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and, in the absence of the Duke of Connaught, had worthily filled his place. He had the province thoroughly at heart, and he (the W.M.) and the Burrell Lodge felt honoured in having him present that evening. Of the remaining Provincial Grand Officers he also spoke in praiseworthy terms, paying a special compliment to the Provincial Grand Secretary, who, he said, carried out his duties admirably.

The Dep. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott, met with a hearty reception on rising to respond. Thanking the brethren for the cordial manner in which they had received the toast, he said the brethren of Sussex regarded the Duke of Connaught, the Provincial Grand Master, with Masonic affection, and he was sure they felt it a great honour to have one so closely connected with Royalty at their head. Though the Duke had multifarious engagements, he was never forgetful of his duties to Freemasonry in Sussex. On his return from India he had visited the province, and last year presided at the Provincial Grand Lodge. He had also promised to attend the Provincial Grand Lodge at Brighton during the present month. With regard to the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, he did not know him so well. A Greek philosopher had said "know thyself," and a Scotch poet had written "O wad some power the giftie gie us, to see oursels as ithers see us." He had been told that the Deputy Provincial Grand Master had multifarious duties to perform, and that he was a "Jack of all trades," but that, amidst all his professional and political engagements, he took a hearty interest in Sussex Freemasonry, and that what he did for the Province of Sussex was a labour of love. Speaking for himself, he said it had given him great pleasure to visit the Burrell Lodge, and, referring to the other Provincial Grand Officers, bore testimony to the excellent manner in which they carried out their duties under the able direction of their indefatigable Prov. Grand Secretary.

Bro. H. Packham, I.P.M., next proposed "The W.M." He said it had given him great pleasure to see Bro. A. J. Carpenter rise step by step till he had reached the Master's chair. A more energetic Mason, he said, could not be found. Bro. Carpenter had worked well in the lodge, and also splendidly as Charities Steward.

Bro. A. J. Carpenter, on rising to respond, was greeted with enthusiasm. He said he could not find words to adequately thank the brethren for the high honour they had conferred upon him. He had been a member of the lodge for 12 years, and his ambition had been to reach the W.M.'s chair. He had worked up the ladder step by step; he had studied the work, and had been especially interested in the Charities—the foundation of Masonry. He was gratified to find that the lodge had unanimously given him their confidence, and he hoped that confidence would not be misplaced. He would do all he could to maintain the dignity and prestige of the lodge, his one desire being that the lodge should continue to flourish.

Bro. W. Gill, P.M., proposed "The Worshipful Masters of the Lodge in the Province," to which Bros. Whittle and Holman responded.

Bro. T. Packham gave "The Visiting Brethren." Bros. T. Berry and Whatford responded.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Past Masters of the Lodge," presented Bro. H. Packham, the I.P.M., on behalf of the lodge, with a Past Master's gold jewel, in appreciation of the manner in which he had carried out his duties during the past year.

Bros. H. Packham and C. Packham, P.M., acknowledged the toast.

"The Officers of the Lodge" and the Tyler's toast concluded the list.

During the evening a musical programme was sustained, under the direction of Bro. W. N. Roe, P.P.G.O., by Miss Edith Welling, Miss Alice Holman, Mr. H. Hedgecock, and Mr. Argyle Gallaway. Songs were also sung by Bros. Dyer, Philips, and R. Smith. Bro. Salmon contributing a cornet solo and Bro. Tuxford a recitation. The pianoforte accompaniments were ably rendered by Bro. W. N. Roe.

CAMBRIDGE.

Isaac Newton (University) Lodge (No. 859).—The installation meeting was held at the lodge room, Lion Hotel, on Tuesday, the 25th ult. Work commenced at two o'clock, and was continued the whole afternoon by Bro. G. F. Rogers, W.M., several batches being raised, passed, and initiated. The charge to the newly-initiated was most impressively given by Bro. F. O. Carr, S.W. and W.M. elect. The ceremony of installation was subsequently proceeded with, Bro. G. F. Rogers acting as Installing Master, and Bro. Francis O. Carr was duly placed in the chair of K.S. in the presence of a numerous Board of Installed Masters. The charges to the respective chairs were admirably given by Bro. Walter H. Francis, P.M. The newly-installed W.M. appointed the following as his officers: Bros. Arthur Hill, S.W.; R. P. F. H. Simpson, J.W.; the Rev. H. S. Cronin, Chap.; F. C. Wace, P.M., Treas.; the Rev. Denis Hall, P.M., Sec.; T. E. Worledge, S.D.; W. Martin, J.D.; E. Barclay Smith, I.G.; G. I. Bland and A. W. Pryce-Jones, Stewards; D. A. Wauchope, D.C.; and A. E. Priddle, A.D.C.

The brethren, to the number of 65, afterwards sat down to a banquet.

COLCHESTER.

Angel Lodge (No. 51).—The members of this lodge celebrated their 157th anniversary on Thursday, the 20th ult., and the proceedings passed off most successfully. The principal business of the meeting was the installation of Bro. Harold Francis, S.W., as W.M. for the ensuing year, which ceremony was ably performed by Bro. F. C. H. Jones, Prov. G. Stwd., the outgoing W.M. The officers for the year were appointed and invested as follows: Bros. F. C. H. Jones, Prov. G. Stwd., I.P.M.; Claude E. Egerton Green, S.W.; George F. Wright, J.W.; Rev. W. Morgan Jones, P.M. 697, P.P.G.C., Chap.; John J. C. Turner, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; T. J. Ralling, P.M., P.A.G.D.C. England, Prov. Grand Sec., Sec.; Harry Becker, S.D.; Captain Naylor Leyland, M.P., J.D.; R. Haward Ives, P.M., P.P.A.G. Sec., D.C.; C. Osmond, P.M., P.P.G.O., Org.; J. W. Start, I.G.; J. S. Fitz John, Stwd.; and Arthur Wright, Tyler.

A candidate for initiation and a joining member having been proposed, and a hearty vote of thanks passed to Bro. F. C. H. Jones for his able rendering of the ceremony of the day, the new W.M. expressed on behalf of the members of the lodge their great pleasure in having been honoured by the presence of the D.P.G.M. Bro. F. A. Philbrick, in acknowledging the greeting, said it always gave him intense pleasure to be amongst his brethren, but particularly those of his native town; and one of the greatest comforts to him during the recent anxious time—he might say agonising time—he had passed through had been the great sympathy that had been shown to him by the Masonic fraternity. Sympathy had been extended to him from all quarters of the globe, but he had been, perhaps, most deeply touched by the earnest and spontaneous kindness that had been evinced by the brethren of the mystic tie.

At the close of the lodge between 50 and 60 brethren dined together at the Cups Hotel, the repast being thoroughly well served by the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Brown.

The toasts of "The Queen and Craft," "The M.W. G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and "The Pro G.M., the Earl of Lathom; the Deputy G.M., the Earl of Mount Edgumbe; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," were appropriately given by the Worshipful Master, the name of Bro. T. J. Ralling being coupled with the last toast.

The Worshipful Master, in submitting the toast of "The R.W. Prov. Grand Master for Essex, Lord Brooke," expressed great regret that he was not present through unavoidable circumstances, but amongst Essex Masons, and especially in Colchester, his lordship's name needed no "bush."

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Dep. Prov. G.M. for Essex, the V.W. Bro. F. A. Philbrick, O.C., G. Reg., and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past." He referred with pleasure to the presence of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, whose presence, he observed, in all gatherings, whether of Essex Masons or of the common world, was always regarded as an honour.

Bro. F. A. Philbrick, in reply, dwelt in eloquent terms upon the grand principles which Masonry inculcated, and

to which he averred the great strides which Masonry was making was due. They were a Society which was based upon a foundation as broad as the wants of human kind, and as extensive as the longings of the human heart. He again alluded with the greatest gratitude to the sympathy he had received from the Brotherhood throughout the length and breadth of the land in connection with the recent outrage upon his daughter, and paid a touching tribute to the medical skill of their brother from the Antipodes—Bro. Woinarski—who happened to be present at the time. It was to that skill, under providence, he owed the preservation of his daughter's life, and he was happy to think that she was making good progress towards recovery. With regard to Masonry in Essex, he asserted that it had increased with leaps and bounds, for he remembered that while they had now in the province 32 lodges, in the time of Lord Tenterden, under whom he served, there were only 19 or 20. In conclusion, the D.P.G.M. spoke in high terms of the manner in which the I.P.M. had performed the installation ceremony.

Bro. Salter also responded.

Bro. Jones, I.P.M., in proposing the toast of "The Worshipful Master," remarked that Bro. Francis succeeded to the chair under the most favourable auspices. He was to be congratulated upon the presence of the D.P.G.M., also upon the large and distinguished gathering, and last, but not least, on the prospect of the work which the notices had already given him.

The Worshipful Master, in response, said he could not tell the brethren of the Angel Lodge and of other lodges in the province how he deemed it a red-letter day in his life to be called upon to fill the position in that chair. He expressed the hope that he would have a successful year of office, and which would prove enjoyable to the members of the lodge.

"The Health of the Installing Master" was given by the W.M., who amidst the heartiest applause referred to the able way in which the I.P.M. had performed the ceremony of that day.

Bro. F. C. H. Jones, in acknowledging the toast, said he felt that the installation of a W.M. by his predecessor was a fitting conclusion to the latter's year of office, and he was pleased to have been the medium of placing the present W.M. in the chair, as they had worked side by side for several years.

The other toasts were "The Visitors," "The Masonic Charities," "The Past Masters," "The Wardens and other Officers," and the Tyler's toast.

Replying for the officers, Bro. Capt. Naylor Leyland intimated his desire to present a Worshipful Master's chair to the lodge.

During the dinner a string band played soft selections of music, and subsequently glees, part songs, and solos enhanced considerably the enjoyment of the brethren.

Among the visitors present on the occasion were Bros. F. A. Philbrick, O.C., G. Reg., D.P.G.M.; Dr. Zichy Woinarski; J. H. Salter, Prov. J.G.W.; Arthur Sparling, Prov. G. Treas.; G. H. Grimwood (Mayor of Sudbury), P.M. 1224, P.P.G.S. of W. Suffolk; and others.

DUFFIELD.

Ecclesburne Lodge (No. 2425).—An emergency meeting was held on Wednesday evening, the 26th ult., at the White Hart Hotel. Present: Bros. Dr. E. H. J. Hoskyns, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; J. William Tempest, S.W.; A. Henry, J.W.; W. Shoober, Sec.; W. D. Wheelton, S.D.; Dr. W. H. Wright, W.M. 731, J.D.; Chadfield, Dep. Org.; Walter, as I.G.; and Stanhope, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. Frost, I.G. 802; W. Forman, Org., P.P.G.O.; and J. Melrose, 731.

The lodge was well attended. Seven brethren were passed to the degree of Fellow Crafts. The lodge was consecrated on the 5th day of Sept. 1892, and since that date 22 ceremonies have been taken, 15 initiations, and seven passings. Bro. W. H. Wright, W.M., 731, and J.D. of the Ecclesburne Lodge, and one of its founders, rose on behalf of his brother officers to present the W.M. with a handsome Founder's Jewel in token of their appreciation of his services as first W.M. of the lodge, and to mark their sense of his excellent efforts in founding the lodge. On pinning the jewel on his breast (on which were engraved the arms of the Prov Grand Master, the Duke of Devonshire), Bro. Wright expressed a hope that he would live long to wear it, and when he looked upon the jewel in years to come it would remind him of the happy hours he spent, as first W.M., in building up the lodge.

The W.M., in reply, stated that this presentation came upon him as a great surprise. He had no idea of anything of the kind. He eulogised the services of Bro. Tempest, S.W.; and Bro. Henry, J.W., who had worked even with more zeal than himself in founding the lodge. He said he should prize the jewel more than any other that he wore, looking upon it as a token of affection and esteem from his brother officers, and it would encourage him to still greater efforts for the good and welfare of the lodge.

No other business presenting itself the lodge was closed.

GREAT YARMOUTH.

Friendship Lodge (No. 100).—The winter session of this very old and flourishing lodge commenced on Thursday, the 20th ult., at the Crown and Anchor Hotel, Bro. C. J. Bullen, W.M., in the chair, with Bros. Beeching and Harry George as S.W. and J.W. respectively. There was a large muster of the brethren, a considerable proportion being Past Masters, viz.: Bros. Capt. Chipperfield (who has been a member of the lodge for over 32 years), Bellamy, H. A. Blagg, Bonfellow, W. R. Arnold, Ritty, W. Diver, and others.

The lodge was opened, and after the minutes of the previous meeting had been confirmed, Messrs. Thomas Charles Martelli Rackham and John Arthur Singleton were unanimously approved as candidates for initiation, and both being in attendance, were very impressively initiated by Bro. Bullen, the charge after initiation being beautifully rendered by Bro. W. Diver, P.M.

HAMPTON COURT.

Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—This prosperous lodge met at the Greynound Hotel on the 20th ult. Among those present were Bros. Chief Supt. W. Fisher, P.M. 834, W.M.; J. Smith, S.W.; J. W. Clarke, J.W.; J. C. Jesset, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; Captain T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., Sec.; H. Robinson, S.D.; E. H. Trotter, J.D.; W. Hopkins, I.G.; A. F. Scholding, I.P.M.; G. Ransford, P.M., D.C.; H. Wheatley, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.,

Stwd.; R. Coles, P.M., P.A.G.P.; W. S. Plimsaul, P.M.; H. H. Room, P.M., P.G. Sec. Among the visitors were Bros. Tucker, P.M. 1733; Stafford, 902; E. Thomas, 1987; Gatcombe, 2030; and C. Ransford, 2432.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Rogers was impressively raised by the I.P.M. The ballot was taken on behalf of Messrs. Louis Camisa, Thomas Fairer, Richard Samuel Fox, and George Dixon, and, it being unanimous, they were all ably initiated by the W.M. Several apologies for non-attendance having been read, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet.

Upon the removal of the cloth, the customary toasts received full justice.

Bro. Howard Room, in responding for "The Provincial Grand Officers," said that since the Hemming Lodge had last met the province had to mourn the loss of one who had presided over the Masonic destinies of Middlesex for many years. The M.W. Grand Master had appointed Bro. the Right Hon. Lord George Hamilton, P.G.W., to succeed their late chief. The choice was a very popular one, and he ventured to think that, so far as courtesy and geniality went, Bro. Lord George Hamilton was a worthy successor to Bro. Sir Francis Burdett. He was pleased to be there that evening. The lodge having conferred the rank of Hon. Member upon him, he liked occasionally to attend their meetings to note the progress and to shake hands with old initiates.

Bro. Scholding, I.P.M., in proposing "The W.M.," spoke in high terms of commendation of Bro. Fisher, who had held for some time the onerous position of Chief Superintendent of the Metropolitan Police. He was highly respected in the Force, and he was as highly esteemed in Masonic circles.

The Worshipful Master having replied, the toast of "The Initiates" followed, to which Bros. Camisa, Fairer, Fox, and Dixon replied.

"The Health of the Visitors" came next in order.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was coupled with the names of Bros. A. F. Scholding and R. Coles.

"The Treasurer, Secretary, and Officers" terminated the proceedings.

OLD TRAFFORD.

Talbot Lodge (No. 2231).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Local Board Offices, on Friday, the 21st ultimo. Bro. F. Batty, W.M., occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. R. E. Stringleman, S.W.; John Roberts, J.W.; F. W. Goodacre, P.M., Treas.; C. Mackay, Sec.; Edwin Faulkner, S.D.; W. Lousby, J.D.; Charles Martyne, P.M., D.C.; W. S. Batey, Org.; H. Nickson, I.G.; George R. Lloyd, P.M., Charity Representative; H. Hapgood and F. Green, Stewards; W. Cheeshyre, Tyler; E. L. Littler, P.M., P.P.G.P.; Samuel Silvester, W. A. Hammond, J. W. Greenhalgh, H. Edwards, T. K. Peacock, John Allen, and J. J. Kent Fairclough. Visitors: Bros. J. H. Dalglish, P.M. 1147; W. H. Peak, P.M. 993, P.G. D. of C. East Lancs.; W. Sharples, 2359; Wm. Hall, P.M. 1387; C. Cooper, P.M. 1588, P.P.G.P.; W. A. Doherty, S.D. 2144; W. A. Danby, 2368; J. Taylor, 336; C. Willis, 1387; G. A. Myers, P.M. 1730 and 2359; C. Heywood, P.M. 1387, P.G.D.C. West Lancs.; and J. Hardwicke-Marsh, S.W. 1730.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which the ballot was taken for Mr. Evans Jackson, and was declared unanimously in his favour. "Hearty good wishes" were given by the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned for refreshments, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

Bro. Lloyd, P.M., gave a synopsis of the Masonic Charities—the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, West Lancashire Hamer Benevolent Institution, and the West Lancashire Alpass Benevolent Institution—and urged the brethren to become Stewards and Life Governors of these Institutions.

The Tyler's toast closed a very interesting and enjoyable meeting.

The enjoyment of the evening was greatly enhanced by the pianoforte solo of Bro. W. S. Batey and the singing by Bros. Will Sharples, J. Allen, E. Faulkner, and J. Hardwicke-Marsh.

Royal Arch.

Covent Garden Chapter (No. 1614).—The installation meeting of this flourishing chapter was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on Thursday, the 20th ult., when there was a good attendance. Amongst the members present were Comps. John Coltart, M.E.Z.; Saml. Hewett, P.Z.; Fredk. Kedge, H.; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G. Chap.; George Reynolds, S.E.; C. O. Burgess, Treas.; W. Hancock, S.N.; C. W. Frommholz, 2nd A.S.; G. H. Foan, and others. Visitors: Comps. Garrod, P.A.G.D.C.; W. Kedge, 177; Wilson, 889; F. Jackson, 1326; G. R. Langley, P.Z. 1326; and W. W. Lee, S.N. 1524.

The convocation was formally opened and the minutes confirmed. Two brethren having been impressively exalted into Royal Arch Masonry, the installation of Comps. F. Kedge and W. Hancock to the chairs of M.E.Z. and J. respectively were successfully carried out by Comps. Coltart, I.P.Z.; and G. R. Langley, P.Z. The other officers for the year are Comps. C. O. Burgess, Treas.; George Reynolds, S.E.; G. Coleman, S.N.; J. W. Elvin, P.S.; C. W. Frommholz, 1st A.S.; G. H. Foan, 2nd A.S.; A. L. Bullen, D.C.; J. B. Graham, Stwd.; and R. F. Potter, Janitor. Comp. J. Skinner, H. elect, was unavoidably absent. A handsome Past Principal's jewel was presented by the M.E.Z. to Comp. Coltart, I.P.Z., in recognition of his valuable services during the past year, and was appropriately acknowledged.

The chapter was closed, and the companions having partaken of an excellent banquet in the Princess's Room, under the superintendence of Bro. E. P. Bertini, assisted by Bro. Autend. The usual toasts were honoured.

Comp. Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G. Chap., responded for "The Grand Officers," and followed the example set by the M.E.Z. in the brevity of his remarks.

Comp. J. Coltart, I.P.Z., then said that all present would receive in an enthusiastic manner the next toast, that of

"The Health of the M.E.Z." As the M.E.Z. had remarked in the chapter he (the I.P.Z.) was his sponsor in Masonry, and was therefore pleased to install him into the chair that evening. Without further preface he would ask the companions to drink the toast.

Comp. Frederick Kedge, M.E.Z., said he had in the first instance to thank the I.P.Z. for so kindly proposing the toast and the companions for receiving it so cordially. He feared he owed his position somewhat more particularly to the good will of the companions rather than to any particular ability he had shown in the ceremonies of this Degree. He could not hope to give them the same treat in the working they had previously enjoyed, but he should endeavour to do his best and hoped he should to some extent meet with the approbation of the companions. He thanked them very much for placing him in that position and could assure them that anything he was able to do he would do to the best of his ability and power.

"The Exaltees" was cordially honoured, after which the M.E.Z. gave "The Visitors," and offered them a hearty welcome.

Comp. Garrod, P.A.G.D.C., in response, said he visited the chapter that evening with a great deal of pleasure to witness the installation of Comp. Kedge, whom he had known for some years, and who was an initiate of a lodge with which he was associated. He was very pleased to hear that ceremony rendered by Comp. Coltart, I.P.M., in a manner he had never heard of. He thought it would be so, as the I.P.Z. was an old member of a chapter to which he belonged. The Covent Garden Chapter was a young one, but the assembly that evening showed it was appreciated.

Comp. G. R. Langley, P.Z., tendered sincere thanks for the cordial reception given the visitors. He also tendered personal thanks for three reasons. First of all that he was able to meet at their chapter so many of his own personal friends; secondly that they had permitted him from time to time to try his prentice hand in the ceremonies, and thirdly for the great kindness shown by the M.E.Z. in calling upon Comp. Jackson to respond, for he knew that companion was most anxious to do so.

Comps. Wilson and Jackson also replied. The M.E.Z. next gave "The Past Principals," and said a more excellent M.E.Z. than Comp. Hewett could not be found, and the companions would have a very keen recollection of the manner in which he performed his duties during the first year's existence of the Chapter. He was followed by Comp. Coltart, I.P.Z., whose worth was most favourably impressed upon their minds, and the companions could therefore congratulate themselves on having had two good First Principals.

Comps. Hewett, P.Z.; and Coltart, I.P.Z., expressed their thanks, and assured the companions of their continued interest in the chapter.

In proposing "The H. and J.," the M.E.Z. regretted the absence of the H. elect, from whom he was sure, he should receive the fullest assistance. Comp. Hancock, J., was a most excellent officer, and one whose work would not only be done satisfactorily, but with great credit to himself. Comp. W. Hancock, J., returned thanks, and the M.E.Z. afterwards gave "The Officers."

Comp. C. O. Burgess, Treas., said the finances of the chapter were in a particularly sound condition, and they had to thank the S.E. for his great care, and for the manner in which he had kept the books. As a founder of the chapter he was very pleased to see Comp. Kedge as M.E.Z., for that companion was a P.M. of his mother lodge. He had always been associated with Comp. Kedge in Masonry, and he regarded him as one of the leading lights. He was also pleased to see present Comp. Langley, who was a P.Z. of another chapter to which he belonged.

Comp. George Reynolds, S.E., said he did not know what he had to say after the splendid speech of his old friend, Comp. Burgess, who assisted him in keeping their funds. It was a great pleasure to feel they had had a successful evening, and had exalted two brethren who would be a great assistance to them. They had Comp. Carter who was a member of the Covent Garden Lodge, and also a brother from the Anglo-American Lodge, Comp. G. S. Sherwin. The chapter was going on well, and he was glad to hear the Auditors and Past Principals were pleased with the manner in which the books were kept.

The Janitor's toast concluded the proceedings. A programme of music was given under the direction of Comp. W. J. Thrussell, assisted by Messrs. Rene Payne, Clarke, Thompson, and McCall Chambers.

Sir Hugh Myddelton Chapter (No. 1602).—The installation meeting of this chapter took place on the 27th ult. at the Old Cock Tavern, Highbury-corner, when the following companions were installed and invested for the ensuing 12 months: Comps. J. Bailey, M.E.Z.; W. Fenton, H.; W. Langdale, J.; J. Osborn, S.E.; W. Wright, S.N.; J. Weston, Treas.; W. Barnes, P.S.; A. Cox, 1st A.S.; Green, 2nd A.S.; and R. J. Morley, Janitor (*pro tem.*). The members present were Comps. R. A. Homan, P.Z.; W. C. Wigley, P.Z.; McLaren, P.Z.; C. Deering, I.P.Z.; C. A. Dettmar, F. A. Shouten, W. H. Dresden, James Bayne, and H. S. Skinner. Visitors: Comps. H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, and T. C. Edmonds, P.Z. 1507.

The chapter having been opened, and the Principals installed and the companions admitted, the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The Auditor's report, which was most satisfactory, showing a considerable balance, was adopted and entered on the minutes. Comp. Bailey, in presenting the handsome P.Z.'s jewel to Comp. Deering, remarked how much he was esteemed by the companions, and trusted he might live many years to recollect it was presented by the chapter. Comp. Deering said it was upwards of 10 years since he joined the chapter, and that he should be proud to wear and value it as much as any jewel he possessed. "Hearty good wishes" were accorded, and the chapter was closed.

After the banquet the usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts were honoured.

The I.P.Z., in proposing the toast of "The M.E.Z.," Comp. Bailey, said they might congratulate themselves on having so excellent a companion to preside over them, as under his care the chapter would continue to prosper. They were aware that he was thoroughly master of all that he would have to do, and he (the I.P.Z.) would bring those candidates that, owing to circumstances over which he had no control, he hoped to have brought during his own year of office.

The M.E.Z., in response, said it was with no ordinary feelings he thanked them all. He was grateful beyond

measure, and realised and appreciated the kind words that had been spoken, and regretted he had not that evening had the opportunity of discharging the interesting duty of H., as he had the duties of P.S. and J., and hoped to derive sincere pleasure in presiding over them and repay his debt of gratitude for the universal kindness that had been extended to him since he had joined the chapter, and would do his very best to deserve a continuance and cement that perfect feeling of love and harmony that existed among them. He could not hope to excel those who had preceded him but would endeavour to equal them.

The toasts of "The I.P.Z.," "The P.Z.," "The Second and Third Principals" were responded to very eloquently.

"The Visitors" followed, the M.E.Z. paying marked compliments to both, remarking that he owed to Comp. Dehane much of the knowledge he possessed, having been grounded some years ago by Comp. Edmonds, and it was with special pleasure he welcomed them. The toast was received very heartily.

Comps. Dehane and Edmonds responded, and expressed the gratification they felt that what they taught in the chapters of improvement was bearing fruit, and hoped to see the companions come and perfect themselves ready for the office they might be called upon to fulfil.

"The P.S.," "The Officers," and Janitor's toasts followed.

This being a musical chapter an excellent programme was provided, and amongst those who deserve every praise was Miss Jessie McLaren. Comps. J. Bayne and W. Wright presided at the piano. The songs and recitations were fully appreciated.

CHORLTON-CUM-HARDY.

Chorlton Chapter (No. 1387).—The installation of this chapter was held on Wednesday, the 26th ult., at the Masonic Hall, High-lane. Comp. W. Goodacre, P.G. Std. Br., P.P.G.S.E., was in the chair, and after the chapter had been opened and the minutes of the previous convocation read and confirmed, Comp. Samuel Locke was installed as Z. Comp. J. Crompton installed Comp. H. Nall as H., and Comp. Charles Heywood installed Comp. F. Renshaw, as J. The whole of the three ceremonies were beautifully rendered. The M.E.Z. invested his officers for the ensuing year and they were addressed by Comps. C. Heywood and C. Crompton. The following were present—Comps. Thos. Wilson, M.E.Z.; F. S. Bedford, S.E.; J. B. Wolstenholme, P.S.; Wm. Richmond, 2nd A.S.; J. J. Lambert, P.P.G. Reg.; D. Wood, and W. Chesshyre. Visitors: Wm. Goodacre, P.G. Std. Br., P.G.S.E.; John Slyman, P.P.G.S.N.; G. S. Smith, P.Z., P.G. Org.; G. A. Myers, Z.; D. Conway, Z.; J. Hardwicke Marsh, 1730; and J. Chadfield.

Unfortunately many of the visitors had from different circumstances to leave before the close of the ceremonies. A most enjoyable evening was spent, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts being given and responded to.

DONCASTER.

St. Magdalen Chapter (No. 242).—A convocation of this chapter was held on Friday, the 28th ult., at the St. George's Hall. Present: Comps. B. H. Ogle, M.E.Z.; G. S. Wilkie, H.; S. Pegler, J.; F. D. Walker, P.Z.; F. Rand, P.Z.; T. Foster, S.E.; J. Constable, S.N.; F. Webb, P.S.; S. Lester, J. Fitzgerald, and A. W. Fretwell. Comp. J. Hirst, P.Z., P.P.G.H., was a visitor.

After the chapter was duly opened, a ballot was taken for Bro. R. Allott, 242, which being successful he was duly exalted to the Sublime Degree of a R.A. Mason.

STRETFORD.

Urmston Chapter (No. 1730).—This chapter met at the Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 24th ult., when the following were present: Comps. G. A. Myers, P.Z.; F. G. Goodacre, H.; John Slyman, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N., as J.; C. Cooper, P.Z., S.E.; J. W. Leathley, S.N.; P. Heaton, P.S.; F. Batty, 1st A.S.; G. R. Lloyd, D.C., as 2nd A.S.; R. E. Stringleman, Org.; W. Chesshyre, Janitor; E. L. Little, P.Z., P.P.A.G.S.E.; J. Walton, P.Z.; H. Nickson, George Stott, and J. Hardwicke-Marsh. Visitors: Comps. F. Renshaw, 1387, and Hugh Rowlands, 1345.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Bro. Rowland Swindells, W.M. 1730, and, proving unanimous in his favour, he was duly exalted by Comp. J. Slyman, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N., in his usual effective manner. The lectures were given by Comps. John Slyman, Fred G. Goodacre, and C. Cooper. A vote of condolence with the family of the late Comp. T. Barratt was passed unanimously. The M.E.Z. invested Comp. C. Cooper, P.Z., as S.E.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned for refreshments.

The usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts were given by the M.E.Z., and most loyally received.

The toast of "The M.E.Z." was given by Comp. John Slyman, P.Z.

The toast was received most enthusiastically, and the M.E.Z., in reply, thanked the companions for their kind expressions.

The M.E.Z. then proposed "The Health of the newly-exalted Comp. R. Swindells," remarking as to his ability in Craft Masonry. They all knew his worth, and he was confident that he would prove himself a most worthy companion.

The toast was received with acclamation, and Comp. R. Swindells, in reply, remarked that he had been greatly impressed by the ceremony he had passed through that evening.

The toast of "The Visitors" was proposed by the M.E.Z.

Comps. Renshaw and Rowlands responded.

The Janitor's toast closed the meeting.

TWICKENHAM.

Sir Francis Burdett Chapter (No. 1503).—A meeting of this chapter was held at the Albany Hotel, on the 19th ult. Among those in attendance were Comps. W. Taylor, P.Z., P.P.G.J., M.E.Z.; Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, P.Z., P.P.G.J., H.; A. Tomlinson, jun., J.; Captain T. C. Walls, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S., S.E.; W. J. Hakim, S.N.; C. W. Davis, P.S.; and G. W. Dunkley, P.Z., P.P.G.O., Org.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the election of Principals and officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: Comps. Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, P.Z., M.E.Z.; A. Tomlinson, jun., H.; W. J. Hakim, J.; Capt. T. C. Walls, S.E.; C. W. Davis, S.N.; T. W. Taylor, P.Z., Treas.; and Robinson, P.S. The election of Janitor was postponed. A gold bar was voted to Comp. W. Taylor to mark his second year's tenure of office as First Principal. A vote of condolence was passed to the widow and family of the late Comp. R. H. Saunders, P.Z., who lost his life at sea, under very distressing circumstances, a short time ago. The chapter was then closed and adjourned till May, 1893.

The usual banquet followed, and a few toasts were given. Comp. G. W. Dunkley during the evening entertained the companions by his humorous medley, instrumental and vocal.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE.

Inkerman Chapter (No. 1222).—The annual meeting of this chapter was held on Monday, the 24th ult., at the Masonic Hall, when a very satisfactory balance-sheet was presented by the Treasurer, Comp. W. E. Perrett, P.Z. Comp. H. B. Farrington was installed into the chair of M.E.Z.; Comp. F. W. S. Wicksteed, P.Z., into the chair of H.; and Comp. Sellick into the chair of J., the ceremony being most ably and impressively performed by Comp. R. C. Else, P.G. Std. Br. Eng., Grand Superintendent. The following companions were invested with their collars of office: Comps. E. E. Baker, P.Z., S.E.; W. H. Webb, S.N.; W. E. Perrett, P.Z., Treas.; J. P. Capell, P.S.; H. Brown, 1st A.S.; W. C. Thomas, 2nd A.S.; F. Blackmore, D.C.; E. G. Lalonde, Org.; E. G. Huntley, Std.; and C. Cornelius, Janitor.

The companions afterwards dined at the Masonic Hall, the dinner being provided by Comp. E. G. Huntley, of the Priory Restaurant.

Amongst the visitors present were Comps. Col. Long, Prov. G.H.; E. White, Prov. G.J.; C. W. Radway, P.P.G.J.; J. Burnett, P.P.G.J.; and G. H. Bartlett, P.P.G.R.

Mark Masonry.

Earl of Carnarvon Lodge (No. 211).—This lodge met at its new habitat, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 27th ult., when there were present Bros. S. H. Parkhouse, W.M.; Huish, S.W.; Monson, J.W.; Wadham, M.O.; G. Gardner, J.O.; J. N. Frye, P.M., Treas.; Capt. Walls, P.G.S.B., Sec.; Larter, S.D.; R. Lawson, P.M., P.P.G.M.O.; and Read, P.M.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Huish, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. subject to dispensation being obtained; Bro. J. N. Frye, Treasurer. The election of Tyler was postponed. A Past Master's jewel was voted to the W.M. with acclamation. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. Dr. E. Pocock, I.P.M.; Skinner, P.M.; Rickwood, P.M.; F. C. Frye, M.P., P.M.; D. P. Cama, P.M., Hon. Mem.; and others. Bro. Read was invested with the collar of J.D. Bro. G. Gardner returned thanks to the lodge for the kind vote of sympathy they passed to him in his illness at the last meeting of the lodge. The lodge was then closed.

The brethren then partook of an excellent banquet most ably served by Bro. A. Clemow and assistants.

The Worshipful Master, as usual, presided most genially. His speeches were to the point but commendably brief.

During the evening the brethren all expressed themselves delighted with their new quarters, and augured increased prosperity to the lodge thereby.

Egerton of Tatton Lodge (No. 400).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 28th ult., at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C. Present: Bros. C. F. Matier, Grand Sec., as W.M.; Harley Thomas, S.W.; Henry Wright, M.O., as J.W.; Danford Thomas, S.O.; A. W. Packham, J.O., Treas.; C. M. Jessop, Sec.; Raymond Tucker, J.D.; E. J. Mills, Tyler; and H. W. Kiallmark, P.M.

Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the meeting held in March were read and confirmed. Bro. Harley Thomas was unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. H. W. Kiallmark, Treas.; and Bros. Danford Thomas and H. E. Jules, Auditors. Letters of apology for unavoidable absence were received from Bros. Lennox Browne, Belgrave Ninnis, W. Thomas, Jules, and others.

A CAUTION.

The following letter appeared in our issue of the 30th April, and as the objectionable brother is still on the war-path, and had the audacity to call at the Grand Secretary's office for relief, we think it desirable to reprint the letter, and again put our readers on their guard. It is needless to say that, when confronted with a cutting from our pages, which had been judiciously placed among the archives of Grand Lodge, he executed a strategic movement towards the door, and incontinently disappeared:

"Dear Sir and Brother,

"A brother Mason, giving his name as S. Mason, Naphtali Lodge, No. 266, has lately applied to me for relief. His manner was both insolent and objectionable. I wrote to his lodge for information of him, and learn that he was in the lodge about 12 months, and that is some 16 or 17 years ago, and they have not seen him since, but they are given to understand that he goes about from place to place living and sponging on his brethren.

"I write to you to make this case known, and to say that this kind of professional mendicancy is becoming too painfully frequent, and is disgusting a good many charitably-disposed brethren, as well as bringing the Order into contempt.—I remain yours fraternally,

"THOMAS DAY,

"Almoner for the Derby Lodge.

"Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby,

"April 23rd, 1892."