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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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AFFAIRS IN NEW ZEALAND.

A recent number of the *New Zealand Craftsman* contains some interesting particulars, from which we are enabled to form some opinion of the manner in which the affairs of Masonry are conducted under the banner of the unrecognised Grand Lodge of that Colony, as well as of the feelings by which the members of the old and new orders of things respectively are actuated towards each other. The Grand Lodge held its Quarterly Communication at Freemasons' Hall, Wellington, on the 29th July, under the presidency of Bro. MALCOLM NICCOL, M.W.G.M. The first important business appears to have been the presentation of a balance-sheet for the half-year ended 30th June. From this we learn that, on the "Profit and Loss Account," the closing balance to the good was £470, as compared with the opening balance on 1st January of £315, while the Fund of Benevolence showed a balance of £336—of which £200 was invested—as compared with £230 at the opening of the account. From this we augur that, as regards its monetary affairs, the new body has been making slow but steady progress, but we notice that our contemporary protests against the abolition of certain fees of honour, on the ground that the income of the Fund of Benevolence for the whole of the year 1891 was only £124, and that each new lodge added to the roll only swells the income of the Fund by £2. As regards the Report of the Board of General Purposes, we note in the first place that tributes of respect are paid to the memory of the late Bros. D. H. MACARTHUR, a Past Deputy Grand Master of the New Zealand Constitution, and Sir H. ATKINSON, K.C.M.G., District Grand Master Wellington, under the English Constitution, and the Board recommends that for the future a place be found in the annual record of Proceedings for an "In Memoriam" page. The accession of three lodges (two English and Scotch), and the consecration of a new lodge are naturally enough the subject of congratulation, and then follow a number of recommendations, as to one of which, namely, the abolition of certain fees of honour, we have already noted that our contemporary takes exception to it, while it fails to see how those fees of honour, which will be retained, can be paid by "the lodges nominating the Brethren to office," when, according to article 16 of the New Zealand Constitutions, it is only the 25 Grand Stewards of the year which the lodges are privileged to nominate. The Board further recommends that the Grand Master be allowed his travelling expenses, so that he may not be called upon to sacrifice money, as well as time and labour, in the performance of his duties. As regards the feelings by which the members of the rival Constitutions are actuated towards each other, we infer from a letter signed "P.M. N.Z.C., Reefton," to which our contemporary accords a prominent place in its columns, and on which it offers certain editorial remarks which are not conceived in the best possible taste, that, at all events, in the District of Westland (South Island), they are not of the most friendly character. The letter is headed "A Disgraceful Proceeding," and the writer describes in bitter terms how Bro. JOHN BEVAN, District Grand Master Westland, under the English Constitution, on the occasion of the consecration of a new Masonic Hall at Reefton, and the installation of a new W.M. of the Pacific Lodge, No. 1453, E.C., gave orders for the exclusion of brethren of the New Zealand Constitution. As to the precise manner in which this exclusion was enforced we are not in a position to speak, though the *Craftsman*, losing sight for the moment of the wise maxim—*audi alteram partem*—has adopted the writer's version in its editorial comments. But we fail to see why Bro. BEVAN should be condemned for doing his duty. The Grand Lodge of England has declined to recognise the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, which in the position it occupies towards the former is undoubtedly an irregular body. Hence, in the performance of one of his duties as an officer of our Grand Lodge, it would, of necessity, be incumbent upon him to avoid doing anything which by any possibility could be construed into a recognition of a body which in the estimation of United Grand Lodge was illegal. That the occasion for such exclusion should have arisen is to be regretted, but it is not the fault of Bro. BEVAN or of our Grand Lodge that an irregular body was established in New Zealand some two years since, or that it will remain irregular till the schism presently existing in New Zealand Freemasonry is healed. Our contemporary's correspondent, however, writes in a thoroughly angry spirit. Bro. BEVAN says he, "knew perfectly well that the Robert Burns Lodge"—to which the excluded brethren appear to have belonged—"would be invited." This, of course, was a certainty, and, adds this paragon of correspondents, "any respectable man" would have sent early notice of his intention to exclude the New Zealand brethren from the meeting. But, instead of taking this step, "the Great I AM says, 'No, ye must not enter the Kingdom of BEVAN.'" How hurtful to a brother's feelings to think he

could not sit in the presence of the Great Mogul because there was a difference of opinion as to the proper place for the head-quarters of the governing body of the Craft." All this is in execrable taste, and is as illogical as it is worthy of condemnation. In the first place, it is mere assertion to state that Bro. BEVAN "knew perfectly well that the Robert Burns would be invited," and if we were asked our opinion on this point, we should be inclined to suggest that Bro. BEVAN, though he may have known of the friendly relations formerly existing between the two lodges, assumed—and reasonably assumed—that under the altered circumstances in which they stood to each other, the members of Pacific Lodge, No. 1453 (E.C.), would not so far forget what was due to him as their ruler as to invite the members of the Robert Burns Lodge, holding under a constitution to which it was impossible for him, as D.G.M., to lend any official countenance; and, that when he (Bro. BEVAN) learned that they had so invited them, he at once gave instructions that brethren of the New Zealand Constitution must under no circumstances be admitted. This, we repeat, is the explanation we should suggest if we were asked to express an opinion on a matter respecting which it is impossible we could possess any definite information. But says the writer of this letter—"In order to show to what extent some men will carry their spleen and vindictiveness, when this Masonic autocrat obligated the Master elect, the usual obligation given on such occasions did not seem to him sufficient to accomplish his purpose, but he manipulated a special obligation of his own, whereby the newly-installed Master was bound under a most terrible penalty not, under any circumstances, to admit during his term of Mastership a member of any lodge under the New Zealand Constitution." In this case the writer rests his condemnation of Bro. BEVAN on hearsay evidence, which is always unsatisfactory. But even if we assume that Bro. BEVAN did specially bind the W.M. elect against admitting brethren of the New Zealand Constitution, we consider he exercised a wise discretion in doing so. He had learned that a certain number of such brethren had been specially invited to be present at this particular function, and it was manifestly his duty as the local head of the English lodges to caution the Master elect against receiving into his lodge brethren who belonged to a Constitution which his own superior authority had declined to recognise.

It is greatly to be deplored that such unpleasant episodes as this should arise in a Society which prides itself on its observance of Charity: but "P.M. N.Z.C." and the *New Zealand Craftsman* must bear in mind that the Grand Lodge of England and its officers in New Zealand are not to blame for the schism which has divided the New Zealand Masonic House against itself. The New Zealand Constitution is the seceding body, while certain English, Irish, and Scotch lodges have remained in their old allegiance. It is, however, still more to be regretted that such letters as this on which we have been commenting should be allowed to appear in print in a Masonic journal, whose chief business it must always be to prevent, or if that should have been impossible, to heal whatever differences seem likely to arise, or have arisen, among Craftsmen. It will be useless for Bro. GILLON and men of his stamp to try to throw oil on the troubled waters of New Zealand Freemasonry, if such letters as this of "P.M. N.Z.C., Reefton," are published to the world in the columns of a Masonic journal.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

What was probably the largest and most representative gathering of members of the Craft which has ever taken place in Bradford was held on the 26th ult., at the Technical College. The occasion was the half-yearly meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire. It is six years since the Prov. Grand Lodge met in Bradford. The present gathering was held under the banner of the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1648, of which Bro. Walter Binns is the W.M., but the duty of arranging for the meeting and welcoming the Prov. Grand officers and guests was cordially supported by the officers and members of the other six lodges in the town. The chair at the Provincial Grand Lodge was taken by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Henry Smith, in the absence of Bro. Thomas William Tew, the Prov. Grand Master, whose continued illness, now extending over 18 months, all members of the Craft deeply regret. There was a very large attendance of Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past, whilst, with two or three exceptions, every lodge in the province was also represented. Among the visitors was Bro. Edward Letchworth, the successor of the late Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke in the Secretaryship of the Grand Lodge of England. Salutations were given to the Grand officers, the Grand Secretary, and distinguished visitors. The minutes of the Pro-

vincial Grand Lodge held at Leeds on Monday, the 25th April last, were accepted and confirmed.

The ACTING PROV. GRAND MASTER delivered an address, which he prefaced by expressing the regret which the members would all feel at the absence of the Provincial Grand Master, and their sympathy with him in the serious affliction which had visited him. He grieved to say that the prospect of Bro. Tew being among them again still appeared remote. He (Bro. Smith) had in his absence endeavoured to the best of his ability to discharge the duties of the chair, and with the co-operation of the brethren he would continue to do so until someone more able, though certainly not more willing, had been appointed to the post, of which he was anxious to be relieved. He offered a hearty welcome to the Grand Secretary of England, Bro. Edward Letchworth, and assured him that no effort would be lost to strengthen the friendship and good understanding which had so long existed between the executive of the Grand Lodge and the Province of West Yorkshire. He was sure he would also be expressing the sentiments of all present when he said they entertained a loyal devotion to the Grand Master, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. Freemasonry had increased so rapidly of late years, and numbered in its ranks so many good and worthy men, that there had been a desire to increase the number of those upon whom Masonic honours could be conferred. A proposal to that effect had been before the Grand Lodge, but it was withdrawn, though he had very little doubt it would again be brought forward. After making some suggestions with regard to the financial management of lodges, Bro. Smith proceeded to refer to the Masonic Charities. He said the support given to those Charities during the past year had been of the most substantial and satisfactory character. The amount obtained in support of the Benevolent Institution was £69,000, for the Girls' School, £10,000, and for the Boys' School, £12,220, making a total of £91,220. That sum, since the making up of the return, had been increased to £92,000. In that handsome amount West Yorkshire had given £4220, namely, £3853 to the Benevolent, £210 to the Girls', and £157 to the Boys'. After referring to Bro. Matthewman's book of the "Masonic Addresses of Bro. Thomas William Tew, R.W. Prov. G. Master," of which, he said, only a few copies yet remained unsold, Bro. Smith acknowledged the cordial way in which the Provincial Grand Lodge had been invited to Bradford, and the complete arrangements made for the reception of the brethren. There was, he said, a vigorous Masonic life in Bradford. There were now no fewer than seven lodges in the town, with a membership of 342, of whom 97 had passed the chair. He thought he might say they were justly proud of their past history, and he believed they were determined to maintain the high character of Masonry in the district, and to tread in the footsteps of their illustrious predecessors.

Bro. T. BATEMAN FOX, P.M. 208, Chairman of the Charity Committee, presented his half-yearly report, and moved its adoption. He said that at the election of candidates for Masonic bounties in May last they brought forward five candidates, four males and one widow, and they succeeded in carrying all the five. This was something to be proud of, and he was also exceedingly glad to say that at the present time they had no candidate for any of the Masonic Institutions so far as that province was concerned. The Charity Committee were grateful for the confidence which the members at all times placed in them. He could assure them that the benefits of the Institutions were used in accordance with the wishes of the subscribers, and that no case which came before the executive was neglected. He thanked the brethren in West Yorkshire for the very handsome way in which they had responded to the claims of the Charities, and for the promptitude with which they had returned the voting papers.

Bro. W. C. LUTON, Vice-Chairman of the Committee, seconded the adoption of the report, which was carried.

Bro. EDWARD LETCHWORTH and other distinguished visitors acknowledged the salutations of the brethren in a few appropriate remarks.

It was decided to make a grant, not exceeding 10 guineas, for the purchase of a safe for the preservation of Masonic MSS., medals, and curios.

No petitions for relief were brought before the meeting.

An invitation from the Wakefield lodges was extended for the holding of the next half-yearly meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge in that city, in April, 1893.

After the completion of the business of Prov. Grand Lodge, the brethren dined together at the Alexandra Hotel.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

The Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on Thursday, the 3rd inst., Bro. Col. the Right Hon. the Earl of Haddington, Grand Master, on the throne, supported by Bros. Jas. Dalrymple Duncan, S.G.W., and Lieut.-Col. John Campbell, J.G.W.

After opening Grand Lodge in ample form, the GRAND MASTER moved that Grand Lodge record its congratulation to the Marquis of Tweeddale on his escape at the railway collision at Thirsk.

Bro. CHARLES BAXTER, W.S., read a complimentary message to the Grand Master from Bro. the King of Sweden, whereupon Grand Lodge resolved to send back a suitable reply.

In the minutes of Grand Committee there was a recommendation that two Provincial Grand Lodges be established in Midlothian instead of the present Metropolitan Province, to which Grand Lodge agreed. One of the provinces is to be named of Midlothian, and the other of the Edinburgh district.

The nomination of Grand office-bearers then occupied the attention of Grand Lodge, when the following were duly nominated, and there being no opposition, may be considered as elected :

Bro. Col. the Right Hon. the Earl of Haddington	M.W.G.M.
" J. Dalrymple Duncan	S.G.W.
" Lieut.-Col. John Campbell	J.G.W.
" Rev. W. E. Hall, L.Th.	S.G. Chaplain.
" Rev. T. B. W. Niven	J.G. Chaplain.
" Charles Baxter, W.S.	S.G.D.
" Colin Galletly	J.G.D.
" Wm. Black, C.E.	G. Architect.
" J. W. Wallace	G. Jeweller.
" David Sneddon	G. Bible Bearer.
" General J. J. Boswell	G.D. of C.
" George Dobie	G. Bard.

Bro. H. R. Wallace	...	G.S.B.
" Hope Dambmann	...	G. Dir. of Music.
" Lieut. G. B. Wishart	...	G. Marshal.
" J. McNaught Campbell	...	G.I.G.

Grand Stewards on the roll at date were re-appointed; and Bros. W. Denholm, Major A. E. Black, John Whitehead, Major J. C. Kay, John Mitchell, John Macleod, G. C. Douglas, John Sanderson, and John M. Ross were elected to fill the vacant places on the Board.

Grand Lodge adopted a motion proposed very ably by Bro. LINDSAY MACKERSY, W.S. That it be remitted to Grand Committee to consider and report to next quarterly communication whether it would be beneficial to the Order in Scotland that the annual installation of office-bearers and the Festival of Grand Lodge should in future be held alternately in Edinburgh and in one of the provinces, on invitation by the Provincial Grand Lodge of the province desiring it.

Bro. CHARLES BAXTER moved Grand Lodge to consent that a statement of the alterations and additions to the Laws and Constitutions of the Grand Lodge which have been passed since the publication in 1886 of the present Book of Laws, be printed and issued to all lodges desiring it.

The vidimus of the income and expenditure for the quarter ending 22nd October, shewed income £761 14s. 7d., and expenses £555 15s. 9d., leaving a balance of £205 18s. 10d. During the same period grants were made from the Fund of Benevolence to the amount of £144 17s. 6d.

The labours of the meeting being over, Grand Lodge was closed.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Masons of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight was held at the Masonic Hall, Aldershot, on Monday, the 31st ult. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Past Grand Master of England, Grand Master of the Province, presided, and amongst those present was the Prov. Grand Master of Middlesex, Bro. Col. A. B. Cook, the general attendance being large.

Prov. Grand Lodge having been opened, the Prov. Grand Master, in accordance with the Constitutions, was re-elected for the ensuing three years.

The D.P.G.M., Bro. R. Loveland-Loveland, having been appointed by the Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, to the high position of President of the Board of General Purposes, resigned his office as D.P.G.M. in Prov. Grand Lodge.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER expressed the great regret that he, in common with the whole of the province, felt on losing the services of so eminent a Mason as the D.P.G.M., but at the same time he congratulated him on behalf of the brethren of the province on his attaining so high a position as that for which he had been selected by the Prince of Wales.

The Prov. Grand Master then appointed Bro. Richard Eve, P.G.M.O. (England), P.P.S.G.W., as D.P.G.M. of the Province. Bro. Eve, having taken the obligations, was then duly installed by the P.G.M.

The Treasurer, Bro. A. Dashwood (Ryde), was re-elected. The sum of 10 guineas was voted from the P.G. Lodge Funds to the Mark Benevolent Fund.

The following officers for the ensuing year were then invested :

Bro. J. Coleman Barr, 349	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" A. C. Curtis, 381	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" E. T. Crouch, 17	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" J. B. Boucher, 320	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" A. Savill, 54	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" Rev. E. Crossley, 2	...	} Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. A. M. Walker, 63 (re-appointed)	...	
" A. Dashwood, 320	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" C. W. Bevis, 2	...	Prov. G.R. of M.
" D. O. Hobbs, 62	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" F. J. W. Savill, 54	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" A. Redfearn, 125	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" Thos. Bouchier-Chilcott, 52	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" C. H. Lloyd, 320	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Thos. Attwood, 140	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" E. Godwin, 17	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" F. Hazzard, 395	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" W. Townsend, 125 (re-appointed)	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. J. Kennett, 54	...	Prov. G.I.G.}
" Thos. Barlett, 320	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" H. H. Halliday, 140	...	
" J. Exell, 17...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren afterwards sat down to a banquet at the Imperial Hotel, the repast being admirably served by Bro. H. Stone, P.P.G.M.O.

BRUNSWICK, FERDINAND, DUKE OF BRUNSWICK-WOLFENBUTTEL.—He was born in 1721. He served in several campaigns with Frederick the Great, and became one of the best soldiers of his time. His military career is too well known to need repetition here. From 1766, when he resigned his military command, the "Handbuch" says, he devoted himself to Freemasonry and benevolence. He was initiated in 1740, in the well-known lodge, the Three Globes, at Berlin. He received the Master's Degree at Breslau in 1743. He became, in 1764, Protector of the Lodge St. Charles, &c., at Brunswick, and English P.G.M. of Brunswick in 1770. In 1771 he became mixed up with Von Hund's Strict Observance, as Friend and Protector. At the Convent of Kohlo, in 1772, he was declared Grand Master of the Scottish Lodges, under the title "Magnus Superior Ordinis," &c., and as such he was enthroned at Brunswick the same year. In 1782 he was present at the Convent at Wilhelmsbad, where the Templar system seems to have been given up, and some say was changed nominally into Knights of Benevolence. He was there declared General Grand Master of the assembled lodges. He afterwards, it is averred, became a patron of the "Illuminati" and General Obermeister of the Asiatic Brethren. Some have even said that he gave himself up to occult and Hermetic studies. In 1792 he presided at Brunswick at the St. John's Festival, and declared that he had been 50 years a Mason. He died July 3rd the same year. He was eminent in every department of life and duty.—*Kennings's Cyclopaedia of Freemasonry.*

BUSHEY HALL LODGE, No. 2323.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. E. W. JAQUET.

This prosperous young lodge, which takes its name from the noble building in which it is located, celebrated the completion of two years' existence on Saturday, the 5th inst. A large and influential gathering of Masons assembled to participate in the proceedings, and congratulate the lodge on having elected a worthy and distinguished Master in the person of Bro. Edward W. Jaquet, who was duly installed into the chair of W.M. by Bro. Thomas Fenn, Pres. Board of General Purposes. Bro. Wakeford May, W.M., was unfortunately unable to be present through illness, and in his absence Bro. C. E. Keyser, P.M., P.P.G.W., presided as W.M., supported by Bros. E. W. Jaquet, S.W.; C. E. Birch, P.P.G.D.C. Kent, Treas.; R. J. Banning, M.D., P.P.S.G.W. Durham, Sec.; C. N. Cornish, S.D.; Col. Coyne, J.D.; C. Winterton, Org.; A. R. Bilby, Stwd.; J. I. Birch, C. Wells, M.D., R.H. Barlow, C. D. Christmas, M.D., T. R. Haslam, W. Symons, E. C. Fisk, R. T. Hargreaves, A. W. Orani, S. T. Biggs, R. Loveland Loveland, P.G.D.; C. B. Lumley, G. D. Coleman, E. Cutler, O.C., G. Org.; Thos. Fenn, P.G.D., Pres. Board of General Purposes; and H. B. Weatherall. Visitors: Bros. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W.; E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; J. Harris, 1087; W. G. Walford, M.D., 1584; S. Martin, 404; T. S. Carter, 403, P.P.G.W.; C. P. Ayres, W.M. 404; S. G. Kirchhoffer, 1899; A. S. Walker, 404; Major Otway, 1549; F. Levick, 404, Prov. S.G.W.; F. Romer, 256; F. S. Knyvett, 404, P.G.D.; Jas. Terry, 2372, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; G. T. Barham, 256; E. E. Lake, D.P.G.M.; J. G. Loveland, 357; W. W. Lee, 2381; W. Hill, 2369; E. J. Dodd, 1223; G. B. Hemming, 256; W. T. Graves, 2218, P.P.G.S.B.; T. B. Chilcott, 1584; H. Shaw, 2408; J. Russell, 8; R. C. Mayhew, 936; A. Massey, 150, P.D.G.D. Madras; A. M. Hopper, 150; and Dr. Grigg.

Lodge was formally opened, and the minutes confirmed, and Bro. Hargreaves was raised to the Third Degree by Bro. C. E. Keyser, P.M. Bro. T. Fenn, Pres. Board of General Purposes, then assumed the chair, and duly installed Bro. Edward Wm. Jaquet as W.M. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. C. E. Birch, S.W.; C. N. Cornish, J.W.; Rev. Spencer R. A. Buller, Chap.; C. E. Keyser, P.M., Treas.; Dr. R. J. Banning, P.M., Sec.; H. W. Coyne, S.D.; A. R. Bilby, J.D.; Loveland Loveland, P.G.D., D.C.; J. I. Birch, I.G.; C. Winterton, Org.; J. Beresford Ryley, P.M., and C. Wells, Stewards; and E. Ellis, Tyler. The addresses were rendered by the Installing Master, and apologies for non-attendance having been received, the lodge was formally closed.

After an excellent banquet, the usual toasts received hearty recognition.

Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W., in acknowledging the toast of "The Grand Officers," said that sometimes the most praiseworthy sentiments were those expressed in fewest words. Following the example of the W.M., he would trouble them with but few words. It seemed hardly 12 months ago since he visited the lodge, on the occasion when the beautiful blue decoration on the table was new. He could not forget they then had with them one who was no longer with them—Col. Clerke—and as the guests of Bro. Fenn they spent a very happy 36 hours together. In the name of the Grand Officers, and with the same sincerity he always used, he heartily thanked the brethren.

Bro. Letchworth, G. Sec., in responding, said he thought he might venture to say that at the next meeting of Grand Lodge proposals would be made which would be satisfactory to the Craft, and which would enable not only H.R.H. the M.W.G.M., but also Prov. Grand Masters of the larger provinces, to recognise to a greater extent the legitimate aspirations of a large number of brethren who naturally aspired to higher honours in the Craft. Bro. Sir John Monckton had referred in rather touching terms to the fact that when he was present last the next place was filled by one whose loss they all mourned. It had pleased H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. to appoint him (Bro. Letchworth), and he could assure them that while he highly appreciated the great honour, he was equally sensible of the great responsibility which the acceptance of the office involved. He could also assure them that his utmost endeavours would be used to deserve the good opinion of the brethren which his dear lamented Bro. Col. Clerke so deservedly enjoyed.

Bro. F. Levick, Prov. S.G.W., in response to the toast of "The Prov. Grand Officers," referred to the progress made by the province under its present Prov. G.M. They were fortunate, not only in having a good Prov. G.M., but also an able Deputy Prov. G.M. He thanked Bro. Keyser for inviting him that evening and enabling him to enjoy the great treat of hearing Bro. Fenn render the installation ceremony.

Bro. Rev. Spencer Buller, Prov. G. Chap., also replied, and said that he had not hitherto been regular in his attendance at the lodge, but now he was its Chaplain and also of the province he felt he must set a good example in future.

Bro. C. E. Keyser, P.M., P.P.G.W., next proposed "The Health of the W.M." and said he rose to do so with mixed feelings as the only Past Master of the lodge present, although he was glad to say there were many Past Masters in the lodge. It gave him great pleasure to propose the toast because he knew it was one that would be received with the greatest enthusiasm by all present. The W.M., as all members knew, was one of the founders of the lodge, and at the last meeting he was unanimously elected to fill the highest position it was in their power to bestow. They

our small mistakes—I hope to be able to accomplish it satisfactorily. I hope every brother following in office will experience the same feeling of satisfaction in having been made Worshipful Master of this lodge, and I hope it will be many years before our connection is severed. I thank you very, very much.

Bro. S. G. Kirchhoffer, P.M. 1899, acknowledged the toast of "The Visitors," and said it would be in consonance with the feelings of all present if he briefly thanked them, on his own behalf and that of the other visitors, and say that no brother who had attended the Bushey Hall Lodge could accuse the members in their lodge of domestic capacities of incompetence.

Bro. C. P. Ayres, W.M. 404, said he had never seen the ceremonies done in such an excellent manner as the installation ceremony had been rendered that evening. He was present at the consecration of the lodge, and congratulated the brethren in having secured the services of such an able brother to fill the chair during the ensuing year.

Bros. R. C. Mayhew and Johnstone Harris, Madras, also replied.

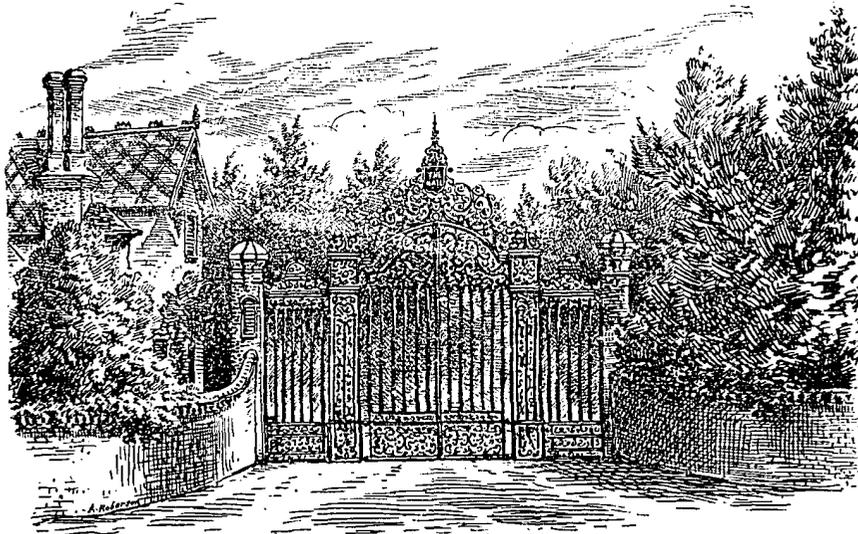
The Worshipful Master then proposed "The Installing Master," and said that when he was elected as W.M. he asked Bro. Fenn to accept office in the lodge, but for reasons best known to himself, he did not see his way to accept. The next best thing was to ask Bro. Fenn to perform the ceremony of installing him that day. How that had been done all knew, and it needed no comment of his.

Bro. T. Fenn, President Board of General Purposes, said that although he felt less inclined year after year to take active part in the ceremonies of Masonry, and although in two years' time he should have completed his 10 years as President of the Board of General Purposes and his 75th year, when it would be time to close his Masonic career—he could not refuse complying with the request made, by consent of Bro. Keyser, because he felt sure that Bro. Jaquet would be an ornament to the lodge. He had reason to believe the W.M. would perform all the ceremonies of Masonry during his year, especially as he had acquired his knowledge from the Emulation Lodge—an important institution in which he (Bro. Fenn) had taken the greatest possible interest. He felt quite sure that if the W.M. carried out his intention, those who followed him would be constrained to follow in his footsteps and perform their duties themselves. He felt satisfied that if those anticipations were realised, this lodge—and he said it with all due deference to the Watford Lodge—would take its place as the most distinguished lodge in the province.

"The Officers" having been honoured, the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings. A charming selection of music was rendered under the direction of Bro. W. T. Graves, P.P.G.S.B., and was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Miss Graves ladies' orchestra performed several items including a "Danse Folle," composed by a talented sister of a member of the lodge—Miss Marian Barlow. The programme also included items by Middle. Anita Paggi (flute), Bros. F. Bevan and R. Groome, and a cornet solo by Master H. Graves, P.M.

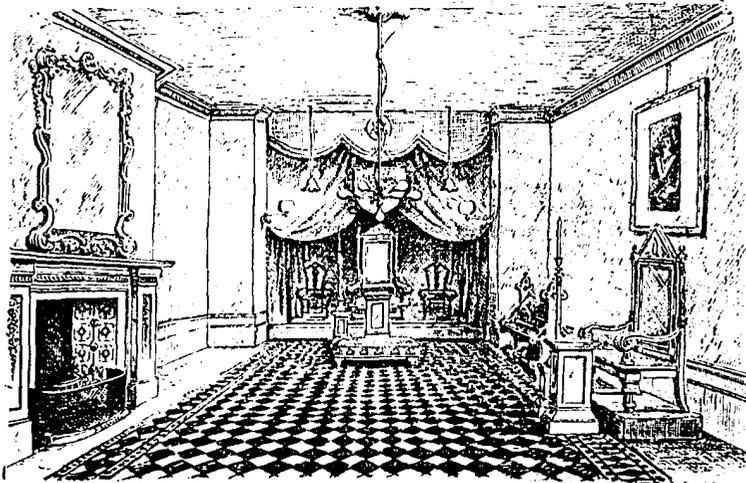
THE HALL, BUSHEY.

The Hall, Bushey, in which the Bushey Hall Lodge, No. 2323, is privileged to hold its meetings, is a modern building erected about 12 years ago as a Hydro-Therapeutic Establishment and Sanatorium to meet the requirements of the wealthier inhabitants of the Metropolis. It occupies the site of a much older and far better known hall, which we believe was the residence of the late Bro. Stewart Majoribanks, M.P., who was an uncle or great-uncle of the present Lord Tweedmouth, and—what is of far greater importance to our readers—a prominent Mason of his day, having been a P.S.G.W. of England, a personal friend of the late Duke of Sussex, M.W.G.M., and for more than 30 years of its existence one of the staunchest and most generous supporters of the Watford Lodge, No. 404. Thus the more attractive associations which are connected with the locality are derived from the former hall, and to a great extent from the fact that the existing edifice is situated in one of the healthiest as it is also one of the most beautiful districts in Hertfordshire. Moreover, it has all the advantages which are to be obtained from its proximity to the flourishing town of Watford, and from its easy accessibility from London. The grounds in which it stands are of great extent, and as regards the portion by which the Hall is immediately surrounded, most artistically laid out, while the Hall itself, with its handsome suites of rooms, its corridors, and the comfort and convenience which are everywhere conspicuous, is a perfect model of what such an establishment should be. The subject which our artist has selected for his illustrations include an admirable view of the Hall itself; the entrance gates through which the building is approached; and the room which is set apart for the use of the Bushey Hall Lodge. These illustrations will serve to give an excellent idea of the home of one of the youngest and most prosperous lodges on the roll of United Grand Lodge, and testify unmistakably that in its surroundings it is as fortunate as in the work it has accomplished during the brief period of its career.



BUSHEY HALL—THE ENTRANCE.

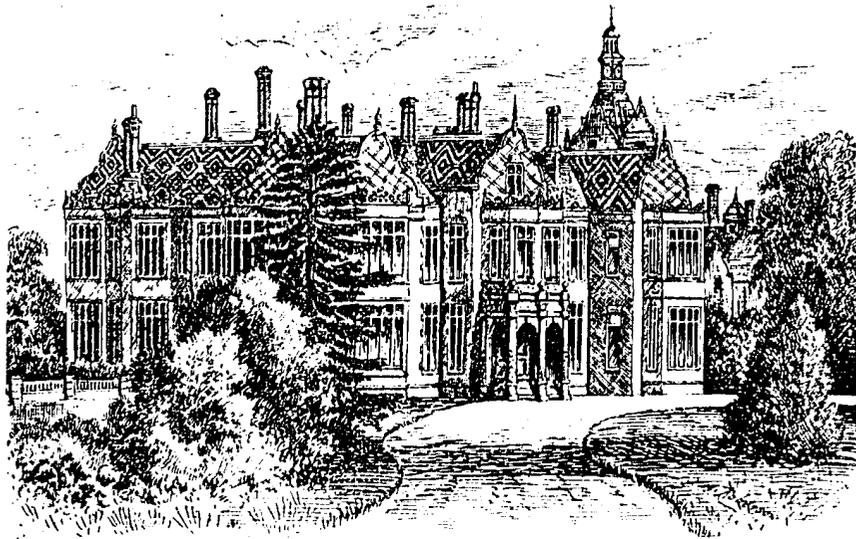
all felt Bro. Jaquet to be thoroughly qualified for the position. He started as S.D., had worked up to the post he now occupied, and enjoyed the full confidence of every member of the lodge. He had taken a great interest in his work, and had been present on every occasion with one exception. If the W.M. would only take the trouble—and he was sure he would—he would perhaps be able to show young Masons like Bro. Fenn and himself how the work should be done. All the officers had but one feeling, and



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that was anxiety to back him up during his year of office. He would ask all present to join in drinking with enthusiasm the toast of the W.M., wishing him a very prosperous and happy year of office.

Bro. E. W. Jaquet, W.M., in reply, said: I am exceedingly grateful to you, Bro. Keyser, for the kind way in which you have proposed my health, and to you, brethren,



BUSHEY HALL.

for the manner in which you have received it. I can honestly say this is the very proudest day of my life. When I joined this lodge I looked forward to attain the chair, and every year as it came nearer I was happier, and I am a very happy man to-day. Bro. Keyser has talked about putting him and Bro. Fenn into the shade, which with all deference was all "hush." I will try to do my work, and I shall devote a great part of my time to learn the work. There will be an initiation next time, and under the guidance of Bro. Sadler, and also of Bro. Fenn in the lodge—who looks after

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To Correspondents.

The following communications amongst others unavoidably
stand over:

CRaft.—Strong Man Lodge, No. 45; Stour Valley Lodge,
No. 1224; Lodge of Asaph, No. 1319; and Vale of White Horse
Lodge, No. 1770.

MARk.—Southwark Lodge, No. 22.

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE—Hilda Chapter, No. 23.

Consecration of the Royal Inverness and Somerset House
Chapter.

Royal Order of Scotland.



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1892.

Masonic Notes.

We announced in our "Masonic and General Tidings" last week that the Council of the Girls School would meet on the 5th instant, as the change in the new rule as to the dates of meeting may be confirmed at the Quarterly Court in January next before it becomes operative. Our readers will, of course, have understood that by a slip of the pen the word "Girls" had been substituted in error for "Boys."

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The "finishing touches" have been put to the literary department of the great Jubilee Festival of the "Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution" by the publication of a second edition of the history brought down to date by Bro. G. B. Abbott, and a full report of the Festival, containing capital portraits of the Chairman, the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, Deputy Grand Master, and Provincial Grand Master of Cornwall; the Treasurer, Bro. John A. Farnfield, P.A.G.D.C.; and the ever active Secretary, Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B. The souvenirs of the never-to-be-forgotten Festival will be valued by the Stewards and all interested in the progress of the Institution.

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The difference between ourselves and "Giltspars," our correspondent of last week, on the subject of our recent article entitled "A Wild Suggestion," is more apparent than real; or, perhaps, we had better say, that the points which he raised in his letter do not in any way affect the object we had in view in writing that article. We take no exception to his proposal that Grand Lodge should undertake the custodianship of private lodge minute books, if it is requested to do so. Indeed, we think it would be a decided advantage if Grand Lodge would accept such a responsibility. Nor do we see the slightest objection to such minute books being examined by applicants who bring with them the written authority of the private lodge for examining the said book or books. These proposals of "Giltspars" are so reasonable, that we should gladly see them adopted.

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What we objected to was, however, as we described it in our article, a "wild," and not a "wise," suggestion, the writer of the paper being at no pains whatever to conceal his utter want of respect for the privacy of private lodge proceedings. His idea was that every lodge should be under compulsion to transmit periodically to Grand Lodge either a transcript or précis of its minutes, or its minute books themselves for the purpose of having them transcribed, or a précis thereof made, by a private staff of paid officials, who should be under the control of a Grand Record Keeper. Thus the private lodge was allowed no voice in the matter, and its proceedings were liable to be examined by any person who was willing to pay a small fee for the purpose of satisfying his curiosity. This was the scheme which we described as being "wild," and to which, as it deprived the private lodge of the right to keep its proceedings private, we raised objection.

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"Giltspars'" plan, however, is one to which we take no exception. It would assist materially in the preservation of minute books, and if care were taken that none but duly authorised persons were allowed to examine them, the privilege now possessed by our lodges of keeping their affairs private would remain as sacred as heretofore.

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The annual meetings of the Provincial Grand Chapter and Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Hertfordshire will be held in the Freemasons' Hall, Watford, on Tuesday next, the 15th inst., the day set apart for the regular meeting of the Watford Mark Lodge, No. 241. At the Provincial Mark meeting, however, a majority of the officers who were appointed last year will be re-appointed. But in the case of the Provincial Grand Chapter, a new staff of officers will be chosen.

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The work of filling the vacancy in Mark Masonry caused by the lamented death of Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov. G. Master of Middlesex and Surrey, was completed on Saturday last at Croydon, when Bro. Col. G. Noel Money was installed Prov. G.

Mark Master of Surrey, just as a few weeks before Bro. Col. A. B. Cook had been installed Prov. G. Mark Master of Middlesex. The proceedings at Croydon proved a brilliant success, and we heartily congratulate Bro. Col. Money on his additional appointment, by which he is placed at the head of Craft, Arch, and Mark Masonry in the Province of Surrey.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

1013] TWO OLD MEDALS.

In the "Gentleman's Magazine" for September 1753, is an account of the foundation-stone of the New Exchange being laid by "George Drummond, Esq., Grand Master of the Society of Free Masons in Scotland," 20th September. "The Grand Master put into it, in holes made for that purpose, two medals with the following devices:—"

"On the one side was the effigies of the Grand Master in profile, vested with the ribbon worn by the Grand Master, and in front a view of the royal infirmary; the legend or inscription G. DRUMMOND, ARCHITECT, SCOT SUMMUS MAGIS, EDIN TER COS.

And on the reverse a perspective view of the Exchange, and about it in the circle, URBI EXOR NANDAE CIVIUMQUE COMMEDITATI.

And beneath

FORI NOVI EDINBURGENSIS POSITO
LAPIDE PRIMO
ORDO PER SCOTIAM ARCHITECTONITUS
EXCUDI JUSSIT XIII SEPTEMBRIS
MDCCLIII.

The other medal contained the effigies as above, and on the reverse the Masons arms enclosed by the collar of St. Andrew; and the legend

IN THE LORD IS ALL OUR TRUST."

These two medals are very rare and valuable, and I should like to know how many are in collections in England and Scotland. These are not the No. XXXII. of Marvin's "Masonic Medals," same as on the reverse of the second noted, but quite distinct or different as to design. No. XXXII. is given in "Masonic Magazine" for April, 1882, from an impression owned by Bro. James Newton, and also referred to by that brother in the *Freemason* for February 11th, 1882. I believe Bro. G. L. Shackles, of Hull, has all three and should like a few lines from him on the subject. I understand his cabinet of Masonic medals is now the largest in the world. Bro. G. W. Bain, one of our most zealous collectors, has another variety, viz., one of silver, with the reverse, having the arms of Grand Lodge of Scotland, and obverse, two pillars, a variety of emblems and the motto *amor honor et justitia*. This is the only one of the kind I have heard of, and it is certainly a very pretty specimen. It seems as if many "mules" were struck, using the Scottish Masonic arms as the reverse.

W. J. HUGHAN.



Cratt Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Peace and Harmony Lodge (No. 60).—

This ancient lodge met at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 28th ult., when there were present, among others, Bros. Horace Slade, P.M. 1479, P.P.G.D., P.G.S., W.M.; W. H. Kempster, M.D., P.M. 890, 1420, P.G.S., S.W., W.M. elect; R. Barton, P.M., P.G.S., acting J.W.; H. Young, P.M., P.G. Stwd., Treas.; F. Binckes, P.M., P.G.S., P.G.S.B., Sec.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.P. G.W., S.D.; W. H. Kempster, jun., I.G.; H. J. Lardner, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Stwd.; Chancellor, P.M., P.G.S.; Josling, P.M., P.G.S.; and E. Rogers, P.M., P.P.G.D., P.G. Stwd. Among the numerous visitors we noticed Bros. R. L. Loveland, J.P., P.G.D.; Lewis Thomas, P.A.G.D.C.; Brookes, G. Stwd.; A. Foulmin, jun., W.M. 1503; Cassel, W.M. 1914; J. Stephens, P.G.S. Bucks, &c.; Lovett, P.M.; and George Davis, P.M.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. W. Bramwell Reid was impressively raised to the Third Degree by Bro. Rogers, P.M. The W.M. then ably passed Bro. Herbert W. Freshwater to the Second Degree. The report of the Audit Committee, showing a large balance in the hands of the Treasurer, was received and adopted. The by-laws having been recently revised, the lodge confirmed their adoption. Bro. Frederick Binckes, by the W.M.'s desire, then assumed the chair, and with the assistance of Bros. Walls, as S.W.; R. Barton, as J.W.; E. Rogers, as D.C.; and H. J. Lardner, as I.G., installed Bro. Dr. Kempster into the chair of K.S., the ceremony being performed in a masterly manner. The W.M. having been duly saluted, invested the following brethren as officers for the year ensuing: Bros. Capt. Walls, S.W.; R. Masters, J.W.; Henry Young, P.M., Treas.; F. Binckes, P.M., Sec.; W. H. Kempster, jun., S.D.; H. J. Lardner, J.D.; Cotton, I.G.; E. Rogers, P.M., P.G. Stwd., D.C.; and Debenham, P.M., Stwd. A vote of thanks to the Installing Master was passed with acclamation. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. H. Slade, P.G. Stwd., I.P.M. The Secretary announced that Bro. H. J. Lardner, J.D., would represent the lodge as Steward to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and Bro. W. H. Kempster, jun., S.D., the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, 1893, and that sums of money would be voted from the lodge funds to each Steward. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. R. Masters, J.W., and E. Letchworth, G. Sec.

The S.W. having handed in one name for joining and another for initiation, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, ably served by the genial and courteous Bro. Mantel and assistants. The W.M., having filled many chairs both in the Craft and Arch, showed the advantage of learning and experience, as he proved to be one of the most able; and entertaining speakers we have ever listened to.

Bro. R. Loveland Loveland, in responding to the toast of "The Grand Officers," said it was always a pleasure to visit a lodge with such a distinguished ancestry as the Peace and Harmony. There was an old world air about it. To him that gratification had been enhanced by seeing so many old friends sitting around with whom he had worked in other fields of Masonry. No. 60, as was shown by its balance-sheet, was in a very prosperous condition, but that was not to be wondered at when it had such distinguished officers as Bros. Young and Binckes in the chief executive offices. The latter's commanding presence and powerful oratory would make the fortune of any lodge, and inspire confidence in the heart of the most timid. He thanked the W.M. and the brethren for the very cordial greeting that they had given him and his colleagues.

Bros. Lewis Thomas and Binckes also replied.

Bro. Slade, in giving "The Health of the W.M.," said it was a trying matter for a young Mason like himself to venture to praise so old an ornament of the Masonic world as Bro. Dr. Kempster. He felt confident, however, of one thing, and that was that the W.M. in every way would uphold the glorious traditions of the lodge.

The Worshipful Master having modestly responded, gave "The Visitors," to which toast Bros. A. Toulmin, jun., Cassell, Lovett, and others made flattering replies as to the working and hospitality of the lodge.

Bro. Slade responded for "The Past Masters," Bros. Young and Binckes for "The Treasurer and Secretary," and Bro. Walls for "The Officers."

Bro. Bevan, with the assistance of Bros. Dalzel, P.M.; Schartau, P.P.G.O.; and Brandon, gave a versatile entertainment that pleased every one, Bro. Schartau's humorous effusions going, as usual, with great *éclat*.

Temple Lodge (No. 101).—The regular meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on Tuesday, the 1st inst. Present: Bros. J. Sparks, W.M.; F. W. Williams, I.P.M.; H. S. Foster, S.W.; H. Wood, J.W.; E. S. Lardner, P.M., Sec.; C. Plant, J.D.; W. Briant, I.G.; Horace Petley, Org.; J. J. Shelvey, Stwd.; J. Potter, Tyler; A. Paine, T. Ruff, W. C. Keates, H. V. Game, C. Lankester, E. Isaacson, H. Eyre, W. Moore, H. Squire, A. Morant, B. Dowsett, H. L. Piper, Arthur Weston, H. Mathers, J. B. Hardwicke, G. Harrison, J. L. Lucas, and A. York Paten. The visitors were Bros. W. T. Warner, S.W. 1297; C. H. Stone, S.W. 507; and J. Rushford, P.M. 602.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. H. V. Game was passed in an impressive manner by the W.M. Letters of apology were read for non-attendance through illness. Bro. H. Wood, J.W., announced that he would stand Steward at the coming Festival of the R.M.B.I., and represent the Temple Lodge.

The business of the lodge ended it was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a capital supper, under the able superintendence of Bro. Ashby, the manager, to which ample justice was done.

On the removal of the cloth, the W.M. gave the toast of "Queen and Craft" with that of "His Royal Highness, M.W.G.M.," truly Masonically, and, as such, was received; also the toast of "Pro G.M., Dep. G.M., and rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

The toast of "Acting W.M., Bro. Williams, I.P.M.," was next given in appropriate terms by Bro. Lardner, P.M., and responded to very suitably by Bro. F. Williams.

The W.M. was obliged to leave through stress of business.

Bro. Williams next gave the toast of "The Visitors," giving them the hearty welcome becoming the Temple Lodge, which was ably replied to by Bros. Warner, Stone, and Rushford, with thanks for such a cordial greeting.

The toast of "The P.M.'s" was next given in appropriate terms, Bro. Williams remarking their cheerful willingness at all times to render their able services.

Bro. Brandon White, P.M., most ably replied.

The toast of "The Secretary, Treasurer, and Officers of the Lodge" followed in befitting terms, and was replied to by Bros. Lardner, Sec. and acting Treas., and Harry Foster, S.W., stating the deep interest they took in the lodge, and pledging themselves to do their utmost for it.

The Tyler's toast closed a very happy meeting.

Some excellent songs were rendered by Bros. Harry Foster, S.W., Arthur Weston, J. B. Hardwicke, and Horace Petley, under the direction of the able Organist.

Faith Lodge (No. 141).—This lodge held installation meeting at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 25th ult. Among those present were Bros. C. Welch, W.M.; J. Cockram Taylor, S.W., Master elect; W. Carter, P.M., Treas., acting J.W.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Trott, S.D.; White, J.D.; R. T. Godfrey, I.G.; E. Hopwood, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Charles Dairy, P.M.; G. Rumball, P.M.; T. M. Heaphy, P.M.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W.; R. F. Jordan, P.M.; C. W. Fromholtz, P.M.; G. Coop, P.M.; W. J. Hakem, P.M.; C. G. Wetzlar, P.M.; and J. W. Langdale, I.P.M. Among the visitors were Bros. R. Moody, W.M. 1853; E. Stimson, P.M. 15; J. Budd, P.M. 101; T. Richardson, P.M. 802; A. Stokes, P.M. 1470; S. J. Derham, S.W. 1622; H. W. Miles, 65; J. J. Goulding, 380; J. Lonsdale, 534; T. C. Pratt, 937; J. F. Packer, 1558; S. H. Latham, 1962; W. H. Latham, 1962; C. J. Ward, 2086; and A. W. Fawkes, 2381.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. The ballot was then taken on behalf of Mr. Edwin Chappell, and it proving to be unanimous, he was duly initiated into Craft mysteries. The W.M. then impressively installed Bro. J. C. Taylor, S.W., Master elect, as W.M., assisted by Bros. E. Hopwood, P.M.; W. Carter, P.M.; Captain Walls, P.M.; and W. J. Hakem, P.M. The newly-installed Master invested his officers most ably, his address to each being carefully given. They are as follows: Bros. Welch, I.P.M.; J. Trott, S.W.; A. C. White, J.W.; W. Carter, P.M.,

Treas. (34th time); W. Stuart, Sec.; R. T. Godfrey, S.D.; A. G. Swan, J.D.; Andrews, I.G.; J. Gluckstein and E. Steinfeld, Stewards; W. White, D.C.; O. Sharpley, Org.; and G. Longstaff, Tyler. A vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Officer, and he was presented with a Past Master's jewel.

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

Upon the removal of the cloth the customary loyal and Craft toasts were received with full justice.

The I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said that they had that evening installed into the chair one who would do credit to the lodge. He had filled the minor offices well, and being a member of a learned profession he would be able to do what he, the I.P.M., had failed to do, namely, make good speeches at the banquet table.

The W.M., in reply, said it was a proud moment to him when he was elected to fill the Master's chair of No. 141. His progress in the lodge had been most rapid. He trusted at the end of the year to have their good opinion. The I.P.M. had said something about speech making. He was no great believer in after-dinner eloquence, he preferred music, and he had that evening prepared a programme which he trusted would entertain them all.

"The Initiate" having been toasted, duly replied.

"The Health of the Visitors" drew from Bros. R. Q. Moody, W.M.; E. Stimson, P.M.; J. Budd, P.M.; T. Richardson, P.M.; and S. Stokes, P.M., exhaustive replies.

In proposing "The Past Masters," the Worshipful Master said that they were a great power in the Lodge of Faith, they numbered 16. To show that they had not lost touch with the brethren, there were no less than 14 of them present that evening. He should couple the toast with the name of one who had been of great assistance to the various members of the lodge and others, and whose abilities at entertaining had been so often taxed.

This toast having been warmly received, Bro. Walls briefly acknowledged the compliment.

"The Masonic Charities" gave Bro. Charles Dairy, P.M., an opportunity of appealing to the sympathies of the brethren on behalf of the festivals of the three respective Charities in 1893.

In giving "The Treasurer and Secretary," the Worshipful Master called attention to the fact that their respected and venerable Treasurer, Bro. W. Carter, had been invested 34 consecutive times. He ventured to think that there were few lodges so distinguished by such long service. Bro. Stuart, P.M., their Secretary, had also been invested many times, and he trusted that for years they would continue in their sphere of usefulness.

The toast of "The Officers," coupled with the names of Bros. Trott and White, terminated the proceedings.

During the evening, a selection of music, under the direction of Bro. Oswald Sharpley, assisted by Miss Phyllis Hope, Miss Louise Auther, Mr. Walter Toomer, and Mr. W. Cecil Barnard. The efforts of the ladies being especially warmly received and encored. The W.M. and the executive of the lodge are to be congratulated on the great success that attended the proceedings.

Duke of Edinburgh Lodge (No. 1259).

—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Tuesday, the 1st inst., at the Eastern Hotel, Limehouse, Bro. Geo. Parrett, W.M., presiding, supported by Bros. J. C. Omer, P.M.; R. Atkins, P.M.; W. Esmond, P.M.; W. J. Trappitt, S.W.; J. Lusty, jun., J.W.; C. Wakefield, P.M., Treas.; D. Buchan, P.M., Sec.; F. Adams, J.D.; W. W. Westmorland, I.G.; E. T. H. Seddon, Org.; Very, Tyler; S. T. Beale, W. Harden, T. Keen, E. McPhee, J. F. Fould, G. Dixon, C. Patterson, B. Loader, H. Loader, R. Fielder, W. Mitchell, J. Coote, J. Pickett, J. E. Wright, W. Lawrence, H. Warner, J. Morgan, and others. Among the visitors were Bros. Jno. Stevens, P.M. 554; G. Ward Verry, P.M. 554, P.P.G. Std. Br. Herts; J. Grout, 1816; C. J. Ozaune, S.W., W.M. elect 1765; T. Hallett, 1816; F. Neile, 1981; T. Neville, P.M. 781; A. Ellingford, P.M. 834; J. C. Carpenter, 1716; and J. Mills, 1765.

Lodge being duly opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Mr. W. Mitchell was initiated, and Bros. Warner, Dixon, and Patterson, of Kimberley, were passed to the Second Degree. Bro. Trappitt, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented to Bro. John Stevens (*vice* Bro. J. Terry unavoidably absent), who had now assumed the W.M.'s chair. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Trappitt inducted into the chair of K.S. He then invested the following officers: Bros. Fielder, S.W.; J. Lusty, jun., J.W.; G. Parrett, P.M., Sec.; (Bro. Buchan, for many years in that office, having signified his inability through illness to continue the performance of its duties); Wakefield, P.M., Treas.; E. T. Seddon, P.M., Org. (for the 25th year); Adams, S.D.; Westmorland, J.D.; Coote, I.G.; Omer, P.M., D.C.; B. Loader and Wright, Stwds.; and Very, Tyler. Bro. Stevens then delivered the addresses to the W.M., Wardens, officers, and brethren, with clearness of enunciation and impressiveness. He worked the beautiful ceremony throughout in a way pleasing to the brethren. A vote of thanks to Bro. Stevens for his able conduct of the ceremony was proposed by Bro. Parrett, P.M., seconded by Bro. Omer, P.M., and unanimously agreed to by the brethren. In reply, he wished the W.M. a speedy recovery to health. After the presentation of a handsome silver tea service to the I.P.M., Bro. Parrett, in recognition of his services as W.M. for the second year, and other business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a well-served banquet, which was provided by the able and energetic host, Bro. Keen.

Having done honour to this interesting part of the ceremony, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and received with enthusiasm.

Bro. Atkins, P.M., in proposing "The I.P.M.," referred to his services, which they had in a degree recognised by their presentation. He humorously referred to the teapot as the appanage of the wife, the sugar basin of the husband, and the cream jug of the daughter.

Responding to the toast of "The Installing Master," Bro. Stevens said he had been proud to take the place of Bro. Terry, who was so great a favourite in the lodge. If he had satisfied the brethren he was amply repaid.

Responding for "The Visitors," Bro. Verry, P.M., &c., also coupled with it "The Masonic Charities," with which his name was to be associated. He thanked the brethren, and hoped they would support him in his attempt to gain a seat on the Board of General Purposes. The East-end

was not now represented on that Board. He had represented them two years ago, and lost last year by a few votes. If the lodges would assist he would be returned in their interest.

"The Past Masters, Treasurer, and Secretary," joined in one toast, were represented by Bros. Wakefield, P.M., Treas.; Omer, P.M.; and R. Atkins, P.M.

For "The Officers" Bros. Lusty, Adams, Westmorland, Coote, and Loader added a few words.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

In the intervals Bros. Anderson, Burgess, and others sang.

Orpheus Lodge (No. 1706).—On Saturday, the 20th ult., the installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Holborn Restaurant, and the pleasure which a visit to it affords was shown by the great number of brethren of other lodges who accepted the invitations sent them. So full an attendance has not often been seen, numbering as it did just upon 70, and it must have been as gratifying to the out-going and the incoming Masters as to the 10 Past Masters of the lodge who were present, and of whom but two were unable to join their brethren.

The lodge was opened by Bro. S. G. Vaughan, and after the dispatch of business connected with finance and benevolence, the ballot was taken for Mr. E. G. D. Myers, who was well received, and then initiated by the W.M. in a very impressive manner. The all-round work was excellently done by the officers in general. That ceremony over, the W.M. proceeded with the installation of his successor, Bro. C. J. Frost, Mus. Doc., who was presented by Bro. Willey, P.M., delivering the ritual carefully and deliberately, so that all could follow him. The W.M. went on until the Board of Installed Masters was formed, which consisted of 25 members, and Bro. Frost was placed in the chair of K.S. according to ancient form. The Worshipful Master was afterwards proclaimed and saluted. The appointment of officers resulted as follows: Bros. Fred. Bevan, S.W.; R. A. Kemp, J.W.; R. Clowes, P.M., G.S.B., Treas.; Wm. Clifford, P.M., Sec.; Rev. W. Stainer, Chap.; T. H. Hicks, S.D.; Sutton Shepley, J.D.; Albert Fox, I.G.; H. Walsley Little, P.M., D.C.; C. G. Sadler, Org.; F. E. Carter, Stwd.; and Potter, P.M., Tyler. Owing to their inability to attend this meeting the investiture of the Treasurer and Steward had to be postponed. Bro. Vaughan completed his labours as Installing Master by an eloquent and forcible delivery of the ancient charges. Five names were given in as candidates for initiation and one as a re-joining member, after which the visiting brethren offered "Hearty good wishes" and the lodge was closed.

The banquet was served in one of the handsome saloons of the establishment, and the W.M., who displayed no little power of speech when investing his officers, presided almost efficiently, omitting the use of many words in order that the company should lose none of the music promised them.

For "The Grand Officers," Bro. Valentine responded, remarking that among them (the G.O.) were stars of great magnitude, stars of uncertain magnitude, and stars of no magnitude at all. To the latter class he belonged. (Cries of "No" and laughter, the worthy brother being of commanding stature and proportionate size.) However, he could say that all the Grand Officers were pleased at any time to visit lodges in order that they might show their interest in the Craft generally and in the promulgation of the principles of the Order.

The I.P.M. gave "The Health of the Worshipful Master" in very eulogistic terms, observing that they had had an idea of what he was capable of, and he was sure sure that in Bro. Charles Frost they would have a Master second in ability to none of those who had gone before him. Their new W.M. was possessed of excellent qualities, and would shed lustre upon the lodge.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, said he was greatly obliged to the I.P.M. for the kind expressions he had used, and would promise the brethren to do his best to deserve their approbation. It was his pleasure and privilege to present to Bro. Vaughan the jewel voted to him by the lodge. The I.P.M. had indeed done well, and thoroughly deserved that mark of approval. Having fastened the jewel on Bro. Vaughan's breast, the W.M. proposed "The Health of the I.P.M.," which was most cordially received.

Bro. Vaughan said that in quitting the chair he had quitted a post which had been very dear to him. He had experienced many kindnesses during the past year, and should always look back upon that period with much pleasure, and wear the jewel given him with pride. Many felt that their work was done when they left the chair, but he hoped to be useful to his mother lodge in the future, and thus exhibit his gratitude for the kindness shown him during his Mastership.

After the toast of "The Initiate" came that of "The Visitors," several of whom responded, the W.M. of the Royal Alfred Lodge leading off. All spoke in the highest terms of the working shown, and of the hospitality extended. One brother created much laughter. Being a genuine Irishman, speaking in a rich brogue, which told of his nationality, he informed the W.M. that he had been a Master Mason for 16 years, and was the third generation of his family in the Order, and the Orpheus Lodge was the first lodge that had had the honour to entertain him.

For "The Past Masters" Bro. Gadsby (first Master of the lodge) and Joyce Murray (the third) responded; and Bros. Clifford and Bevan made happy speeches in speaking to the toast of "The Officers." Bro. Potter had the last "say," and then a most enjoyable evening came to an end.

It would be unpardonable to omit mention of the musical entertainment given, for that is one of the greatest features of the gatherings of the Orpheus Lodge. As in many former years the direction of it was entrusted to Bro. John Hodges, who was assisted by the pick of professionals holding engagements at Westminster Abbey, the Chapel Royal, and other "places where they sing."

With the exception of the National Anthem (in which the solo was taken by Bro. Gawthrop) and one glee, all the vocal music was the composition of present and past members of the lodge. After dinner, the "Gratiarum Actio," composed for the Orpheus Lodge by the late Bro. W. A. Barrett, P.M., was sung most impressively, very few of those present being unable to bear their part in its rendition.

The opening choral piece—a chorus from Bro. Gadsby's work, "Alceus"—was singularly appropriate to the occasion. The composer accompanied this on the pianoforte.

and the vigorous rendering by 16 highly trained voices was rewarded by hearty applause.

Bro. G. F. Smith's pretty madrigal—"Ye little birds that sit and sing"—was tastefully given, and Bro. Fred Bevan's glee—"Go zephyrs and whisper the maid"—was sung, to the expressed satisfaction of the composer, by Bros. Coward, Guy, Gawthrop, and Shepley.

The only instrumental item was a duett on the pianoforte by Bros. Hoyte and Albert Fox, who had chosen one of Mendelssohn's compositions (Andante in B flat) arranged with variations, which well exhibited their powers as executants.

Bro. Guy's cleverly written glee, "Who is Sylvia," composed for and first sung at the Orpheus Lodge, afforded great pleasure, and the last contribution from the talented vocalists was Bro. Benson's madrigal, "Amaryllis I did woo."

When investing the Organist the W.M. informed that officer that his duty was to fill up intervals with harmonious strains. In so doing many helped, and gave an enjoyment long to be remembered by those to whom were given the book of words which Bro. Hodges had prepared for the occasion, on the cover of which he had caused to be printed the following apposite lines for the festival of a musical lodge, written by David Garrick:

"Hail music! sweet enchantment, hail!
Like potent spells thy pow'rs prevail
On wings of rapture borne away,
All nature owns thy universal sway,
For what is beauty, what is grace,
But harmony of form and face."

The following visitors were present: Bros. H. Neduing, P.M. 140; G. Solloux, 110; W. Woodward, P.M. 1920; S. Campbell, 1770; H. Cattermole, P.M. 1839; W. T. Smith, I.G. 1818; Rumofery, P.M. 957; C. E. Head, 1826; J. Dennis, W.M. 1381; A. Phillips, 1837; F. Deane, 90; F. Powell, 2182; W. Drewett, P.M. 1638, 879, P.P.G. Std. Br. Surrey; E. Bloxham, 306; G. W. Taylor, J.D. 171; W. Bradford, 2168; W. Joy, 2168; R. Green, I.P.M.; J. H. Smith, P.M. 279; F. Brown, P.M. 1597; E. Bibra, P.M. 1669; J. Pollad, P.M. 1826; W. Brain, P.M. 2000; B. A. Williams, W.M. 463; R. M. Sammon, 463; W. Coward, 2000; and J. Currzon, P.M. 2033.

All Saints Lodge (No. 1716).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 20th ult., at the Offices of the Board of Works, High-street, Poplar. Bro. S. Kirk, W.M., presided, supported by Bros. J. K. Coleman, P.M.; W. F. Wilshaw, P.M.; F. White, P.M.; Harland, P.M.; W. C. Young, P.M.; C. W. Raymond, S.W., W.M. elect; A. Moore, J.W.; W. H. Farnfield, P.M., Treas.; L. Potts, P.M., Sec.; F. J. Waterson, S.D.; C. R. Allen, J.D.; J. C. Carpenter, D.C.; J. Grou, Org.; E. Waterson, I.G.; G. Whiteley, Steward; Jungblut, J. Smith, W. V. Palmer, E. Jones, T. H. Jackson, J. Y. Mosey, T. B. Folkes, T. Johnson, C. R. Cooler, H. Wickes, F. Butler, W. A. Madeley, W. J. Nash, W. Gibbs, C. A. Waterson, J. S. Turner, W. S. Duff, W. Jones, F. Lench, I. B. Bird, W. C. Forman, W. J. Bush, and E. Tidman. Visitors: Bros. Bradshaw Brown, 1, P.G. Steward; Bob Rae, 1622; C. Ackerman, 1706; E. Branscombe, 1929; F. H. Gooch, W.M. 781; Ben Johnson, P.M. 1805; J. W. Gibbs, 1804; J. Bruton, 2106; Joyce, 2184; G. O'Brian, 2119; H. Vallentine, P.G.P.; F. Clark, 2006; J. G. Walker, 1441; G. J. Burrows, 1805; G. Ives, 1805; T. G. Scott, 933; C. J. R. Tijou, 1804; S. Ludbrook, 95; J. T. Barnes, 2184; J. S. Linn, 1382; J. Bussey, 1805; A. Paterson, 1804; G. Parrett, W.M. 1259; E. F. Williams, 898; W. Clarkon, 987; C. J. Ozanne, 1765; G. J. Anderson, 781; and others.

The lodge having been duly opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. A Board of Installed Masters having been formed, Bro. Raymond, W.M. elect, was formally inducted into the chair of K.S., the ceremony being most ably and impressively performed by Bro. J. K. Coleman, P.M., P.Z., assisted by Bros. Wilshaw, P.M.; Tijou, P.M.; B. Johnson, P.M.; and White, P.M. The Installing Officer delivered the addresses in a most imposing manner.

The W.M., having appointed and invested his officers, presented Bro. Kirk, I.P.M., with a Past Master's collar and jewel. Bro. Wilshaw, P.M., proposed a vote of thanks in appropriate terms to the Installing Officer for his services so ably rendered, and complimented the D.C. for his valuable assistance.

Lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where about 80 sat down to an excellent and well-served banquet.

After doing full justice to this part of the proceedings, the loyal toasts and that of "The Grand Officers" were proposed and honoured in an adequate manner, as was that of "The W.M."

"The Installing Master" was replied to by Bro. Coleman in terms "fit but few."

Bro. Bradshaw Brown, responding for "The Visitors," expressed his respect for the W.M., having known him from the time they were boys together, and they were now also associated in the work of the Poplar Benevolent Society, and should be glad if the lodge would be able to grant them any subscription from its funds it could spare.

The toasts of "The Past Masters" and "The Treasurer and Secretary" were responded to by Bros. Harland, W. H. Farnfield, P.M., and L. Potts, P.M., respectively.

The remaining toasts being duly honoured, the Tyler's toast closed an enjoyable evening.

During the intervals between speeches the following ladies and brethren enlivened the proceedings with their vocal efforts: Miss Beatrice Reed, Madame Adeline Vaudrey, Bros. Bob Rae, C. Ackerman, and E. Branscombe.

Victoria Park Lodge (No. 1816).—The installation meeting of this large lodge was held on Thursday, the 27th ult., at the London Tavern, Fenchurch-street, Bro. A. Govier, W.M., presiding, supported by Bros. W. Watkins, P.M.; E. W. Clements, P.M.; W. B. Abraham, J.W.; C. Reeve, P.M., Treas.; H. Rogers, P.M., P.Z., Sec.; Meiklerleid, S.D.; E. Smith, D.C., acting J.D.; A. Reed, I.G.; J. Threshie and W. Longworth, Stwds.; H. Stewart, P.M., Tyler; H. Baker, Asst. Tyler; W. Butcher, J. Cook, L. J. Thornton, E. L. Haynes, Lambert Perry, T. Cowell, E. C. Foster, Thos. Patchin, C. Schottler, T. Mengent, F. Johnson, G. Haysom, W. C. Goodrey, F. H. Harris, G. F. Govier, J. Bowen, E. S. Gulle, Geo. Shrimpton, H. C. Cope, J. Smith, T. Hallett, J. M. Oxford, W. H. Shepherd, J. J. Collingwood, W. Henslirth, and

others. Among the visitors were Bros. T. Stevens, P.M. 1280, P.P.G.C.; W. G. Norman, I.P.M. 2291; Digby Green, 10; D. A. Inglis, W.M. 134; C. J. Holmes, 1306; W. Harper, 1306; Ben Johnson, P.M. 1805; H. A. Miller, St. John, New Zealand; J. Moler, 898; W. F. Bell, 2012; Philip Shapland, 898; Geo. Mason, 898; A. G. Duck, W.M. 898; C. T. Sawyer, 898; W. Bigg, 898; E. T. Williams, 898; J. R. Adamson, 1026; W. H. Harris, 1026; G. Jenkins, 1756; W. G. Stom, 2291; E. Chatterton, I.P.M. and W.M. elect 1188; J. L. Anderson, 206; and J. Mills, 1765.

The lodge being duly opened, the minutes were read and confirmed, Messrs. C. E. Russell and J. J. Percin, who had been previously balloted for and approved by the brethren, were duly initiated. Bro. W. B. Abraham, W.M. elect, was then introduced to the W.M. by Bro. H. Rogers, P.M., P.Z., acting as D.C. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Abraham was formally inducted into the chair of K.S. by Bro. Govier. The W.M. then appointed and invested the following officers: Bros. A. Govier, I.P.M.; D. Meiklerleid, S.W.; A. Reed, J.W.; C. Reeve, P.M., Treas.; H. Rogers, P.M., Sec.; E. Smith, S.D.; R. D. Longworth, J.D.; J. Threshie, I.G.; T. Cowell, D.C.; J. G. Cope and T. Hallett, Stwds.; M. Sherwin, Org.; and H. Stewart, P.M., Tyler. Bro. Govier now addressed the W.M., officers, and brethren respectively. He delivered the addresses with impressiveness and energy, and performed the various details of the beautiful ceremony with precision, in which he was ably seconded by Bro. Rogers, as D.C. The W.M., in the name of the brethren, then presented Bro. Govier, I.P.M., with the collar and jewel of office, adding a few suitable words of eulogy and congratulation. The W.M. then called on the brethren to elect their Tyler, and their choice fell on Bro. H. Stewart, P.M., the Tyler for some time past. The Auditors' report was put forward and adopted.

Other business having been disposed of, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet.

This having been dispatched in due time, the loyal toasts and that of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," were drunk with enthusiasm.

"The Health of the Worshipful Master" was proposed by Bro. Govier, I.P.M., who referred in his usual eloquent manner to the attention the W.M. had always paid to all the duties of his previous offices. He felt sure that he had a full sense of the responsibility of his high position. He wished him a successful year of office, and felt sure that when the time came for the next W.M. to be installed, it would be seen that the lodge had prospered under his care.

The Worshipful Master thanked the brethren for their confidence, and could not feel encouraged by it. He had reached the summit of his ambition, and had been helped forward by his love of the Craft. What he did he was resolved should be for the credit of the lodge.

In proposing "The Installing Master," the Worshipful Master said that in his performance of the ceremony of installation Bro. Govier had excelled himself.

Bro. Govier, in reply, said, although not satisfied with himself, he was pleased if the brethren were satisfied. He felt so inclined for work, that he should have liked to have completed all the work on the agenda.

In giving the toast of "The Past Masters," the Worshipful Master referred to their frequent attention and assiduity in the lodge. The geniality of Bro. Govier was well known; Bro. Reeve, a founder of the lodge, was affectionately known as "father" Reeve; Bro. Sinclair had been his Masonic coach, many times during the small hours in the morning he had spent hours in instructing him; Bro. Clements, bashful and retiring as he was, had been one of the best Worshipful Masters; and Bro. Kinipple was also popular among them.

In replying, Bro. Govier thought the Past Masters were the backbone of a lodge.

Bros. Reeve, Watkins, Sinclair, Clements, and Kinipple added a few words.

For "The Initiates" Bros. Russell and Percin both responded.

For "The Visitors," out of a long list, Bros. Norman, Duck, Calver, Harris, Chatterton, and a few others spoke briefly.

In proposing "The Charities," the Worshipful Master said those of the outside world that regarded Freemasonry as an epicurean club must have been awakened when they saw the enormous amounts lately subscribed.

For "The Officers" Bro. Reeve, P.M., Treas., spoke of the financial prosperity of the lodge. Bro. Rogers, P.M., P.Z., Sec., said he had served a full apprenticeship in that capacity. In his 13 years of office the amount collected was £3140, and they had made 178 initiates and joining members. They had started well. All the lodge furniture was paid off in their first year. In their first year they had 43 initiates and had collected £364. They had dispensed large amounts to the Charities. They had now just under 100 contributing members.

Bros. Smith, Longworth, Threshie and others briefly thanked the W.M. and brethren.

The Tyler's toast closed a pleasantly spent evening, which had been enlivened by the vocalisation of Bros. Perry, Patchin, Riley, Chatterton, Duck, and Gwinn, and the powerful recitation of the gruesome "Yarn of the Nancy Bell," by Bro. Calver, P.M.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BRADFORD.

Acacia Lodge (No. 2321).—The fourth annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 13th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Darley-street, when Bro. E. Pearson Peterson, W.M., was supported by Bros. S. A. Auty, I.P.M.; John Niven, S.W., W.M. elect; John T. Last, J.W.; S. A. Bailey, P.M., Chap.; C. H. Ellis, Treas.; James B. Fearnley, Sec.; A. J. Boyle, S.D.; John Thornton, as J.D.; G. Root, as I.G.; R. Holmes, Tyler; T. Wainman Holmes, P.M., P.P.G.O., Org.; A. Stephenson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; J. Ramsden Riley, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; G. Althorp, P.M., P.P.G.P.; Jos. Wilson, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; John Haigh, P.M.; J. Morton, S. of W.; A. E. Harris and R. S. Hird, Stwds.; J. A. Drake, I. Hirst, C. Wood, and A. Holmes. Visitors: Bros. J. Wm. Balme, P.M. 61, Prov. S.G.D.; J. W. Monckman, P.M. 1018, P.P.G. D. of C.; J. Matthewman, P.M. 1019, Prov. Assistant Grand Secretary; Thos. Norfolk, P.M. 603, Prov. G. Stwd.; T. P. Perks, 61; John Ingleby, W.M. 302; R. Knight, W.M. 387; William Oddy, P.M., Sec. 387; A. H. Stamford, P.M.

600; W. Kingdon, I.P.M. 600; W. G. Stansfield, S.W. 600; Henry Waddington, 603; John Birkby, P.M. 750; Isaac Mossop, W.M. 974; W. Dickinson, 974; W. H. Haley, I.P.M. 1918; W. S. Smith, 1018; A. Butterworth, W.M. 1034; John Radford, P.M. 1034; Wm. Downing, P.M. 1034; R. Wilson, 1307; T. E. Greenough, Sec. 1545; W. Brown, S.D. 1545; W. Wedgwood, P.M. 1522; Walter Binns, W.M. 1648; J. W. H. Durant, S.W. 1648; J. Barraclough, 1648; H. Fearnside, Org. 1648; Tom Atkinson, W.M. 2069; R. Abbott, S.W., W.M. elect, 2069; and F. W. Reuss, P.M. 208.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the regular meeting and of an emergency meeting were read and confirmed. The Treasurer's balance-sheet for the past year was submitted and adopted. Bro. Niven, S.W., the W.M. elect, was then presented by Bro. Althorp, P.P.G.P., for the benefit of installation, and was duly obligated by the W.M. Prior to vacating the chair Bro. Peterson, W.M., addressed the brethren, and expressed his thanks for the generous support which had been accorded to him by one and all during the past year, and he congratulated the lodge on the substantial progress that had been made during his tenure of the chair, he was also pleased to mark the deeper discipline in the lodge, as all the members appeared anxious to render every assistance so that the ceremonies in the lodge might be rendered as perfectly as possible; he also complimented the W.M. elect on his assiduous attention to his duties during the past year, which he regarded as a good omen for the future, and he asked the brethren to extend to the incoming Master the same measure of support which he himself had received at their hands during the past year. Concluding, the retiring W.M. hoped he had left his mark upon the lodge. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, when Bro. Niven was impressively installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. A. Stephenson, P.P.G.D.C., who officiated as Installing Master, Bro. Peterson being invested with the collar of I.P.M. The W.M. then invested Bros. John Thornton, S.W., and A. J. Boyle, J.W., and Bro. Peterson, W.M., addressed the W.M. and Wardens. The address, which was of a most interesting character, was attentively listened to by the brethren. The other officers invested were as follows: Bros. S. A. Auty, P.M., Chap.; John T. Last, Treas.; Jas. B. Fearnley, Sec.; Chas. Ellis, S.D.; Saml. Robinson, J.D.; Goodman Root, I.G.; Jno. Morton, Tyler; Alf. Stephenson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; Isaac Hirst, Org.; A. E. Harris, S. of W.; and R. S. Hird and J. A. Drake, Stwds. Bro. S. A. Bailey, P.M., was elected the representative of the lodge on the West Yorkshire Provincial Charity Committee. A candidate was proposed as a joining member, and notices given of two candidates for initiation. Apologies were tendered for the absence of several brethren and visitors. After "Hearty good wishes" from the numerous visitors, the lodge was closed.

The Worshipful Master presided at the banquet which followed, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given with commendable brevity and duly honoured.

"The Immortal Memory of St. John the Evangelist" was very appropriately and impressively submitted by the Chaplain, Bro. S. A. Auty, P.M.

In submitting the toast of "The R.V. Provincial Grand Master, and Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," the Worshipful Master referred with regret to the continued indisposition of the Prov. G.M., Bro. Tew, J.P., P.G.D. England.

Bro. J. W. Balme, P.M. 61, P.S.G.D., in responding, stated that that was the first time he had had the honour of responding for Prov. Grand Lodge, and that it was a peculiar pleasure to do so at Lodge Acacia, where he always received a cordial welcome. He was sorry that their beloved Prov. Grand Master was still prevented from discharging his important Masonic duties, but of one thing he was confident, that the work of the province would be cheerfully done out of respect for their Prov. Grand Master. He thanked the brethren for the cordial manner in which the toast had been received.

Bro. Joseph Matthewman, P.M. 1019, Prov. Asst. G. Secretary, also responded, and referred in terms of sympathy to the serious illness of the Provincial Grand Master, and quoted several passages from a letter he had only recently received from him in testimony of his love for the Craft in his province.

The toast of "The Worshipful Master" was proposed by Bro. Joseph Wilson, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., who referred to Bro. Niven as being one of the founders of the lodge. He had been most assiduous in the discharge of the duties of all the offices he had held in the lodge. He had proved himself a good Mason, and it afforded him much pleasure to have the privilege of proposing the toast; he congratulated the W.M. on such a splendid array of visitors who had assembled to do him honour; he was glad that the condition of the lodge gave promise of continued prosperity, and he concluded by wishing the W.M. a happy and prosperous year of office. The toast was received with acclamation.

The W.M., Bro. Niven, in responding, thanked Bro. Wilson for the kind expressions he had used in proposing his health; the present was, he might say, the proudest moment of his Masonic life, he felt the serious responsibility which now devolved upon him, as the Masters who had preceded him in the chair had done much to bring the lodge to its present satisfactory condition and he felt it would be difficult to follow them, but, he continued, if he had health and strength he promised to the best of his ability—with the assistance of the Past Masters—to preside over the lodge during the ensuing year, he hoped, to the satisfaction of the brethren. He appreciated the great honour the lodge had conferred on him, and felt keenly impressed during the singing of the anthem which had been so beautifully rendered by Bro. Waddington, and trusted that he would indeed be faithful to the trust that had been reposed in him, so that when he vacated the chair at the end of his term he would not have lost the esteem of his brethren.

Bro. A. Stephenson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., in proposing the toast of "The Retiring Master," referred to the excellent manner in which the I.P.M. had discharged the duties of the chair during the past year. There had been plenty of work, and the ceremonies had been ably rendered. The early promise which the retiring Master by his ability had given of a successful year had been amply fulfilled. The lodge was proud of him, and would hope for and expect good work from him in future as a Past Master of the lodge. The brethren would remember with pleasure how Bro. Peterson early in the year had interested the lodge and numerous visitors by introducing two lectures, one by himself, on "Masonic Triads," and the other by Bro. Dr.

Smyth, P.G. Chaplain of England, on "His Personal Reminiscences of the Indian Mutiny," both lectures being of a most gratifying and pleasurable character. The toast was received with enthusiasm.

Bro. Peterson, I.P.M., who on rising received a very cordial greeting, remarked that when he responded to the toast of his health 12 months ago he felt a proud man, proud of the confidence of the brethren who had then placed him in the chair of the lodge, and proud of the promised assistance of the brethren. Now he felt a thankful man, thankful that the past year as regards the lodge had been a successful one, and thankful for the support he had received from all the brethren. He had a feeling of gratification as he listened to the complimentary remarks of the senior Past Master of the lodge who had proposed his health, and the acclamation with which the toast had been received by the brethren. He thanked them one and all for their kindly good feeling. His year of office had gone, and they were all proud of the W.M. they had just installed into the chair. They were looking forward to a good year with such a good and useful brother as Master. Let them join hands with him, and help to make the coming year as successful as the years that had gone before.

"The Visitors" was proposed by Bro. Althorp, P.M., P.P.G.P. He stated Acacia was a young lodge, yet they seldom met without having the pleasure of entertaining visitors, who were always very welcome. On the present occasion the lodge had been honoured by many distinguished visitors, several of whom had journeyed from other towns to show their esteem for the W.M. In the name of the lodge, he gave them all a very cordial greeting.

Bros. R. Knight, W.M. 387; Dr. Isaac Mossop, W.M. 974; and W. Binns, W.M. 1648, responded for the visitors, and expressed the pleasure it had afforded them to be present, and thanked the brethren of the lodge for the hospitality that had been extended to the visitors.

"The Masonic Charities" was proposed by Bro. S. A. Auty, P.M., and responded to by Bro. G. A. Bailey, P.M., the representative of the lodge on the Provincial Charity Committee, who reported the result of the operations of that organisation during the past year, when the Province of West Yorkshire had contributed upwards of £3000 towards the three Central Masonic Benevolent Institutions. After "The Officers" and other toasts had been honoured, the Tyler's toast concluded a successful meeting.

Bros. Kingdon, Waddington, Durant, Reuss, and Miles contributed songs and recitations to the harmony of the evening.

BRIGHTON.

Earl of Sussex Lodge (No. 2201).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Royal Pavilion, on Saturday, the 29th ult., when there were present Bros. Alfred King, P.P.G.O., W.M.; C. W. Hudson, S.W.; J. P. Slingsby Roberts, J.W.; R. Percy Clowes, S.D.; Chapman Marshall, J.D.; C. Bampfyde Warre, D. Jof C.; Gerald E. Beddington, I.G.; H. H. Hughes, Tyler; Sir W. T. Marriott, O.C., M.P., Deputy Prov. G.M.; R. Clowes, P.M., P.G.D.; C. W. Randolph, P.M.; R. Pidcock, P.P.G.R.; G. W. E. Loder, M.P.; Seymour Burrows, P.P.G.D.; W. F. Pitcher, and John Haynes. Among the visiting brethren were Bros. W. S. Donning, 490; G. A. Mursell, P.M. 35, P.P.G.D.; J. Creighton, W.M. 1110; J. H. Ewart, W.M. 910; W. Gill, P.M. 1829, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Wright, P.M. 1303 and 311, P.P.G.W.; J. M. Reed, P.M. 732, Prov. G. Treas.; W. N. Roe, 1636, P.P.G.O.; T. P. Harker, P.M. 732, P. G.R.; T. J. Ralling, P.A.G.D.C. Eng., Prov. G. Sec.; W. E. Hughes, Sec. 1947; J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.; Philip Crick, 851, Prov. G.C.; H. Langton, P.M. 27; Prov. J.G.W.; G. Cole, P.M. 1636, P.P.G.O.; R. G. Bacon, I.G. 271; W. H. Brown, P.M. 1619, P.P.G.S.B.; J. K. Nye, 732; G. Randell, W.M. 40; A. C. Routh, W.M. 1842; E. A. Buchanan, 1829; H. Balean, W.M. 271; J. A. Rivington, W.M. 56, P.P.G.P. Oxon; D. M. Beddington, 1756; B. Burfield, P.M. 1821, P.A.G. Sec.; F. Holford, P.M. 811; E. G. Whittle, I.P.M. 811; S. Ansell, W.M. 1726; J. B. Ewart, W.M. 172; H. W. G. Abell, W.M. 1797; J. G. Chennell, I.G. 2107; J. Wood, W.M. 1636; J. H. Glassington, W.M. 1947; James Turton, W.M. 811; A. Stanley Cooke, W.M. 315, Prov. G.O.; A. J. Carpenter, W.M. 1829; W. Bennett, S.W. 732; G. Paalei, 172; C. J. Smith, P.M. 1466, P.P.G.W.; J. M. McLeod, P.P.S.G.W. Derbyshire, Sec. R.M.I.B.; E. Broadbridge, P.M. 1636, P.P.G.D.; Horton Ledger, W.M. 732; A. W. Mitchell, P.M. 2000; J. Howe, W.M. 1465; and T. Wickham, W.M. 2187.

The chief feature in the business of the afternoon was the installation of Bro. C. W. Hudson, P.M. 315, P.P.G.W., as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being impressively performed by Bro. A. King, the retiring W.M. The W.M. then appointed his officers as follow, those present being invested with the insignia of their respective offices: Bros. A. King, I.P.M. and Org.; J. P. Slingsby Roberts, S.W.; R. Percy Clowes, J.W.; R. Clowes, Treas.; C. Marshall, S.D.; Gerald E. Beddington, J.D.; J. P. Knight, I.G.; R. Pidcock and H. Collison, Stewards; and H. H. Hughes, Tyler. Bro. R. Clowes was appointed to serve on the Charities' Committee. Bro. A. King was presented with a Past Master's gold jewel in appreciation of the able manner in which he had carried out the duties of W.M. The business of the lodge closed with the initiation of Mr. John Haynes, the ceremony being impressively performed by the W.M., Bro. C. W. Hudson.

The lodge having been duly 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. Before the ordinary toast list was reached, the W.M. rose to explain that the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott, O.C., M.P., Past Grand Steward, was compelled to leave to catch his train. He therefore, in brief but graceful terms, proposed Sir William's health, thanking him heartily for his attendance, and regretting that he was compelled to leave the brethren.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, in responding, expressed his regret that he was compelled to leave, and also that he had been unable to reach the lodge in time to see all the working. He had, however, been delighted in listening to the address of the W.M., and congratulated the Earl of Sussex Lodge upon having such an excellent W.M. as Bro. C. W. Hudson.

Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott was warmly applauded on retiring from the room.

The customary loyal and Masonic toasts were afterwards duly honoured.

The Worshipful Master, after submitting "The Queen

and the Craft" and "The M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," proposed "The Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past," to which Bro. J. C. Parkinson, P.G.D., responded.

The Worshipful Master next gave "The M.W. Prov. G.M., H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught." He said the brethren, two nights since, had the great pleasure of hearing the Duke himself express the interest he took in the Province of Sussex, and he (Bro. Hudson) was sure they greatly appreciated his visit. Reminding the brethren that the Provincial Grand Master had consecrated the Earl of Sussex Lodge, he said the Duke, in chatting with him, expressed his regret that he was not able to be with them that evening, but that if he could find time to visit the Craft lodges, he hoped to visit the Earl of Sussex Lodge. Even when absent from the province, the Duke, he said, was with them in spirit, and took the deepest and most continuous interest in the Province of Sussex.

Bro. G. W. E. Loder, M.P., proposed "The W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. the Right Hon. Sir W. T. Marriott, O.C., M.P., P.G. Steward, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Lodge, Present and Past." Regretting that the Deputy Provincial Grand Master had been compelled to leave so early, he said he regarded Sir William Marriott as a model and perfect Deputy Provincial Grand Master. He was assiduous in his attention to his duties, and was particularly happy in proposing or responding to a toast. The Present and Past Officers of the province were, he said, the backbone of Freemasonry in Sussex, and the excellence of their work had made the province famous. In Bro. J. P. Slingsby Roberts, Prov. S.G.W., he recognised an ardent Freemason, who occupied a unique position, for he was not only Senior Warden of his lodge, but also Senior Warden of the province.

Bro. J. P. Slingsby Roberts, in response, thanked Bro. Loder for the kind manner in which he had proposed the toast; it was a compliment, he said, not to be forgotten. To respond for the Provincial Grand Officers was not an easy task, for they were but two days old. They were not yet able to talk, they could only prattle. He could, however, assure the brethren that they had set out with the determination of doing their duty and keeping up the dignity of the province.

Bro. B. Burfield, Prov. A.G. Sec., also responded, remarking that he had entered upon his ninth year as Prov. Assistant Grand Secretary, and that he and the remaining Provincial Grand Officers were desirous of carrying out their duties satisfactorily, and of reflecting credit not only upon themselves, but upon the province.

Bro. Alfred King, I.P.M., in proposing "The Worshipful Master," said few toasts equalled in dignity that which he had the pleasure of submitting to them. He said he need say little of Bro. C. W. Hudson, for he was full of years and Masonic experience, and had worked energetically for the Masonic Charities. He was sure the dignity and working of the lodge were safe in his hands.

The W.M. on rising to respond, was received with enthusiasm. Heartily thanking Bro. King for the kind manner in which he had proposed the toast and the brethren for the heartiness with which they had received it, he said he would do his utmost to maintain the position and prestige of the Earl of Sussex Lodge and would strive to emulate the good examples of his predecessors. He said he was initiated into Freemasonry by his father 24 years ago, and he well remembered the late Bro. W. Marchant, in congratulating him, remarking that he would never regret the step he had taken, adding that a good Freemason could not be a bad man. He looked back with pleasure upon his Masonic life, and was gratified that, working with others, he had been able to assist the Masonic Charities.

The W.M. next gave "The Visitors," to which Bros. G. Randell, T. J. Ralling, G. A. Mansell, and J. M. McLeod responded, the last-named congratulating the Sussex brethren upon their excellent work for the Masonic Institutions, particularly during the last two years, and entreating them to still do all they could for the Boy's School.

The W.M. proposed "The Past Masters and the Officers of the Lodge," specially referring to the perfect work of the Secretary, who, with Bros. A. King, R. Clowes, and R. Percy Clowes, acknowledged the toast.

The remaining toasts were "The Initiate," to which Bro. John Haynes responded, and the Tyler's toast.

During the evening pleasing vocal selections were contributed by Miss Alice Holman and Miss Edith Hands, the duties of accompanist being in the able hands of Bro. W. N. Roe P.P.G.O.

CHORLTON-CUM-HARDY.

Architect Lodge (No. 1375).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 4th instant, at the Town Hall. Bro. W. Dyson Fryer, W.M., again resumed the chair, after an enforced absence caused by a severe illness. The principal business before the lodge was the confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting, the passing into the Degree of F.C. of Bro. William Rushton, which ceremony was undertaken by the W.M., he being assisted by Bros. Beever, S.W., and Morrison, J.W., and the voting of five guineas each to the Hamer and Alpass Benevolent Institutions.

The under-mentioned brethren were present: Bros. H. Nall, I.P.M.; C. H. Beever, S.W.; J. Morrison, J.W.; J. Laidlaw, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., Treas.; Jno. G. Bromley, P.M., Sec.; A. Pickford, S.D.; W. C. Fiint, I.G.; W. Moul, Org.; J. A. Carse, Steward; J. Bradshaw, P.M.; W. T. Hesketh, P.M.; R. Kastner, T. R. E. Birkett, S. Tiller, J. M. Crone, H. W. Bloomer, A. Redfern, and E. W. Beebe. Visitors: Bros. A. Henry and T. W. Markland, of 2368; E. P. Woodhouse and J. Crompton, of 1387; J. H. Dalglish, 1147; S. Sharples, 325; and J. Mitchell, 300.

At the festive board which followed, the various toasts were enlivened by songs and recitations from Bros. Nall, Bradshaw, Hesketh, Carse, Pickford, and Rushton, Bros. Hesketh and Moul playing respectively the violin and piano, while Bro. Beever introduced the auto-harp, a novel instrument which seemed to be somewhat new to the majority of brethren present.

CROWLE.

Isle of Axholme Lodge (No. 1482).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 1st inst., when there were present Bros. R. N. Brunye, W.M.; C. Fox, S.W.; J. Faulkner, J.W.; R. Wood, P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; J. F. Watson, Treas.; J. Constable, P.M., Chap.; W. Chamberlain,

P.M., D.C.; T. C. Horobin, P.M.; W. Burtonshaw, P.M.; W. Pickering, J.D.; W. S. Scholey, I.G.; R. Wressell, Stwd.; C. Cundall, W. Birch, and G. Naylor, Tyler. Bro. A. Goodhind, S.D. 2259, was a visitor.

Bro. Birch having satisfactorily answered the questions he was passed to the Second Degree, Bro. Constable giving the address. The W.M. announced the illness of Bro. Staniford, but stated on his behalf that his success as Charity Steward was, up to date, exceedingly satisfactory.

DONCASTER.

St. George's Lodge (No. 242).—The usual meeting of this lodge was held on Monday evening, the 31st ult., at the Nether Hall, when there were present Bros. F. Webb, W.M.; J. Fitzgerald, I.P.M.; E. Newsum, S.W.; W. Blake, J.W.; F. J. Forth, P.M., Sec.; J. H. Pawson, S.D.; T. Foster, J.D.; F. H. Buckland, I.G.; H. C. White, Org.; S. Lester and J. C. R. Smith, Stwds.; G. Wilkie, P.M.; F. D. Walker, P.P.J.G.D.; A. W. Fretwell, P.M.; F. Rand, P.P.S.G.D.; H. Foster, J. Denison, J. Rayner, J. W. Turner, T. Ainlay, C. Hopkinson, J. F. Hanson, and J. Hirst and J. Mason, Tykers. Visitors: Bros. F. Duff, 303; J. Jenkin, 904, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Gibbs, P.G. Treas.; and J. Constable, W.M. 2259.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. Denison was duly passed to the Degree of F.C. The Prov. Grand Treasurer and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers were saluted. The W.M. announced that the premises lately known as the Nether Hall Club were now leased by the lodge, and the club would be continued principally as a Masonic club, to be known as "St. George's Club." "Hearty good wishes" having been given by the visitors, the lodge was closed.

HAMPTON COURT.

Bushey Park Lodge (No. 2381).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel, on Saturday, the 29th ult. The members present included Bros. W. W. Lee, W.M.; Geo. R. Langley, Prov. G. Stwd., I.P.M.; W. H. Lee, P.P.G.D., P.M.; A. Blenkarn, S.W.; J. J. Newland, as J.W.; G. Castle, S.D.; G. Hooper, P.M., J.D.; H. Mayer, P.M.; C. Fruen, P.M.; J. F. Potter, H. E. Weston, Mus. Bac.; Leighton, Stevens, and others. Visitor: Bro. J. H. Hoit, P.P.G.S.B. Cornwall.

The lodge was opened, and the ballot proved unanimous in favour of Mr. A. H. Lee, brother of the W.M., and a son of Bro. W. H. Lee, P.P.G.D., as a candidate for initiation. The ceremony having been rendered by the W.M. and the ancient charge given, Bros. Potter and Weston were raised to the Degree of M.M., and the traditional history delivered. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

The usual toasts were subsequently given, the enjoyment of a pleasant evening being considerably enhanced by the musical ability of Bro. H. E. Weston, Mus. Bac.

HIGH WYCOMBE.

Wycombe Lodge (No. 1501).—The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on Thursday, the 29th ult., at the Lodge Room in the South Bucks Auction Mart. A goodly number of brethren, including visitors from the Grand Lodge of England, Aylesbury, Maidenhead, Slough, Windsor, Great Marlow, and elsewhere, were present.

The report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted, there being a substantial balance in the hands of the Treasurer. Bro. George T. James P.G. Stwd., was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, by Bro. Charles Rose, I.P.M., and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Johncock, P.G. Org., S.W.; John Soher, P.M., J.W.; C. H. Hunt, P.M., Treas.; J. Bliss, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., Sec.; Hambling, S.D.; Simcox, J.D.; Wright, D.C.; Bating, I.G.; Rees, Stwd.; and Payne, Tyler. The W.M. then presented to Bro. Rose, I.P.M., P.A.G.D.C., on behalf of the lodge, a handsome Past Master's jewel, in recognition of his valuable and efficient services to the lodge during his year of office. The lodge was then closed.

The banquet was afterwards held at the Guildhall, under the presidency of the newly-installed W.M. The tables were very tastefully laid out, and a most excellent repast was provided by Bro. Bowden, to whom great praise must be given for the complete arrangements he had made for the comfort of the brethren.

After grace the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The W.M. received the hearty congratulations of the brethren for a successful and prosperous year of office, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

During the evening songs and duets were given by Messrs. Harmer and Hoyce, which were much appreciated, and the applause they received was fully merited.

MAIDENHEAD.

St. John's Lodge (No. 795).—The installation meeting of this successful and flourishing lodge was held at the Ray Mead Hotel on Wednesday, the 10th ult. The brethren present were Bros. Chas. Dearing, W.M.; J. H. Custance, S.W.; J. G. W. James, J.W.; J. Finch, P.M., Treas.; T. B. Linscott, Sec.; W. Tucker, S.D.; Mat Kennally, I.G.; H. Isaacs, A. A. Thomas, J. Meeks, E. Lloyd, T. Langford, A. Davies, R. Dickinson, T. Moore, F. W. Scruby, and H. J. Tyler. Visitors: Bros. H. L. Pridmore, 2148; J. H. Finch, 173; F. Grant, 1656; H. Tapsworth, 1656; B. Brooks, 975; M. T. Tuck, P.M. 1343; W. R. Williams, P.M. 975; E. Dare, 1656; A. Grant, 127; W. C. Page, 1475; W. and S. Wright, 1807; C. Weeden, P.M. 813; F. Durrant; Funegalli, 1602; and R. T. West, 1744.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, and the balance-sheet, showing a considerable amount in hand, having been adopted, the W.M. raised to the Third Degree Bros. Tyler, Dickinson, and Davies, and Bro. Scruby was passed to the Degree of F.C. The ballot was then taken for Mr. Henry Hyams, and it being unanimous in his favour, he was initiated. The W.M. did the working of the Three Degrees in excellent form. There was plenty of work for an installation meeting, but the W.M. was ably assisted by his efficient officers. Bro. W. H. Custance, the W.M. elect, was then presented, and installed in the chair by Bro. Allen, and the other officers were appointed. The usual addresses were very impressively given by Bro. Allen, P.M., and much appreciated by the brethren. The first duty of the newly-installed Master was to present Bro. Dearing, the I.P.M., with a jewel, which he did in a few appropriate words, remarking that the working of the three sections was

perfect, and the brethren had had a Masonic treat. Bro. Dearing expressed his heartfelt thanks for the kind appreciation of his services, which to him was an honour and pleasure. If he had given satisfaction while in the chair it was nothing more than what had been done by the able W.M.'s who had preceded him. The Treasurer, Bro. Finch, P.M., in moving that 30 guineas be given to the Masonic Charities, stated that the balance-sheet, which had been approved that day, showed the largest amount that they had ever had standing to the credit of the lodge, which was the richest one in the province.

This having been unanimously carried, the lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of an excellent banquet, prepared by Bro. Kerbey Bouen, which was appreciated. At the conclusion of the repast the W.M. gave the usual toasts with commendable brevity, and which were duly honoured.

Bro. Dearing, P.M., P.G.S. of W., responded on behalf of "The Prov. Grand Officers," and remarked that he hoped the time was not far distant when there would be more members of the lodge Provincial Grand Officers.

The acting I.P.M., Bro. Linscott, in giving the toast of "The Worshipful Master," stated that the lodge was fortunate in having so good a Master. They had seen his work that night, his geniality, and his good old English face, and they wished him a happy and prosperous year of office.

The toast was received with great enthusiasm, as was the W.M. on rising to respond. He was much gratified at his reception and said that he had done his best for the lodge and would continue to do so, and hoped that no one would ever regret having placed him in that exalted position.

The Worshipful Master in a few well chosen words gave the toast of "The Initiate," who replied, and said that the eloquent speeches that they had heard left him very little to say, but he hoped to become a good member.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Visitors," whom he cordially welcomed. They had a good number present. The lodge had the reputation of looking after their visitors, and he hoped during his term of office to keep it up.

Bro. Tuck, P.M., Prov. G.S.B. Essex, in reply, said that it was not the first time he had been there, but he always enjoyed himself. He congratulated the out-going Master and the Installing Master on the work they had witnessed that day. He mentioned that his old friend, Bro. Stiles, P.M., was a candidate for the Grand Treasurership and he hoped the lodge would give him their hearty support. No other candidate could show a better record than Bro. Stiles, who was eminently fitted for that office.

The Worshipful Master gave the next toast, "The Installing Master, Bro. Allen." He (the W.M.) wished the toast had been in better hands. The ceremony was very impressive and could not have been done better.

Bro. Allen replied that it was to him a labour of love. He had the honour of installing 11 members in that lodge. He had never seen better working than that of the out-going Master.

In giving "The Past Masters," the W.M. remarked that the brethren knew their capabilities and they were ever ready when called upon to do anything for the benefit of the lodge.

Bro. Linscott, in reply, said that he had installed Bro. Allen, the star of the lodge, which he ventured to think was a greater honour than installing 11 Masters.

Bro. Loxley also replied. In eulogistic terms the Worshipful Master gave "The Treasurer and Secretary," who both responded, Bro. Finch, the former, stating that the lodge held the proudest position in the province. They had plenty of money, some of which they had that day voted away in the cause of Charity.

Bro. Dearing also suitably replied, remarking that he had had the honour of responding as Secretary for the last seven years.

The Worshipful Master next gave "The Officers of the Lodge." They had seen that day what efficient officers they had, and with their assistance he hoped to be able to carry out the duties of the lodge.

Bro. James, S.W., in reply, stated that he felt certain that the W.M. would keep up the great prestige of the lodge.

The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to an end. During the evening Bros. Wright, Brooks, and Page vocally entertained the brethren.

MAIDSTONE.

Robinson Lodge (No. 2046).—The installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., a dispensation having been granted by Earl Amherst, Prov. G.M., to meet a week earlier than the usual date. The members of the lodge attended in good numbers, and there were also present a large number of visitors from the other lodges in the town and province. Amongst those present were Bros. R. McVicar, W.M.; W. B. Stonham, I.P.M.; W. P. Dickinson, S.W.; H. F. Whyman, J.W.; G. R. Dann, Treas.; J. Beavis Groom, Sec.; E. Gratwicke, S.D.; A. Roberts, J.D.; F. W. Wright, P.M., D.C.; W. Jenkinson and T. P. Dickinson, Stwds.; G. T. Ker, P.M., P.P.G.D., Charity Representative; N. A. Claridge, F. Fryer, Wm. Smith, Weston, Simmons, Batchelor, Stonham, Neach, Burnard, Dorman, and others. Visitors: Bros. Geo. Appleyard, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; J. R. Foord, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; J. S. Ancomb, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. of Works; G. E. Wallis, P.M.; G. F. Baker, P.M.; Geo. Cornell, P.M.; E. Weller, S.W.; Rev. J. Roe, Chap.; W. H. Ottewill, and A. C. Bussenden, all of 503; S. Mistan, P.M. 889; A. B. Urmston, W.M. 1725; and others.

The usual lodge business having been transacted, Bro. William Payer Dickinson, S.W., was duly installed as W.M., the ceremony being performed by Bro. Francis W. Wright, P.M., Prov. S.G.D., in a very masterly and impressive manner, Bro. W. B. Stonham, P.M., acting as D.C. The newly-installed Master then proceeded to invest his officers as follows: Bros. R. McVicar, I.P.M.; H. F. Whyman, S.W.; E. Gratwicke, J.W.; Rev. Travers Clark, Chap.; G. R. Dann, Treas.; J. B. Groom, P.M., Sec.; F. Taverner, S.D.; W. Jenkinson, J.D.; F. W. Wright, P.M., P.S.G.D., D.C.; T. P. Dickinson, I.G.; W. Smith, Org.; N. A. Claridge and J. Batchelor, Stwds.; and W. Gowan, Tyler. In lieu of a Past Master's jewel being presented to the I.P.M., it was proposed by Bro. Groom, Secretary, supported by Bros. Dann, Treasurer; H. F. Whyman, S.W.; and Gratwicke, J.W., that he be made a Life Governor of the Royal Masonic Benevolent

Institution, which was carried by acclamation, and briefly acknowledged by Bro. R. McVicar, who intimated his intention of placing the votes in the name of his youngest daughter.

After the Auditor's report and balance-sheet (which showed a balance in hand of £120), had been adopted, and other routine business transacted, the brethren proceeded to the Mitre Hotel to partake of the banquet, which was served by Bro. R. McVicar, I.P.M., in most excellent style. Several distinguished brethren who had been unable to attend the meeting of the lodge joined the festive board to support the very popular newly-installed W.M., who presided in a very able and genial manner, amongst whom must be mentioned Bro. Alfred Spencer, P.M., P.G.S.B. Eng., Prov. Grand Sec. Kent; also Bro. R. T. Tatham, P.M. 1725, Prov. S.G.W.

The Worshipful Master having proposed the toasts of "The Queen and Craft" and "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and the brethren allowed to indulge in the fragrant weed, a most enjoyable evening was spent, the W.M., with his usual forethought, having interspersed the toasts with a previously-arranged musical program me for the delectation of the brethren, which was greatly enhanced by his having been able to secure the services of Miss Edith Attewell and Mr. W. S. Attewell, of London, whose excellent singing caused repeated bursts of applause from the brethren assembled.

The Tyler's toast brought to a close one of the most successful installation meetings of the Robinson Lodge, and the newly-installed Master has already done much to show that he will use every endeavour to make it one of the most prosperous lodges in the Province of Kent.

MANCHESTER.

Affability Lodge (No. 317).—The regular monthly meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Thursday, the 3rd inst., when there were present Bro. S. Staton, W.M., in the chair, supported by Bros. J. Read, S.W.; F. Spencer, J.W.; E. G. Chesworth, P.M., acting Sec.; T. Bushell, P.M., J.D.; J. Bladon, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., D.C.; J. S. Whitehead, Org.; A. Allen, I.G.; J. Garside, P.M.; J. Robinson, P.M.; H. Walmsley, P.M.; J. Dawson, P.M.; J. Hardwicke-Marsh, N. Field, J. Simcock, J. Chenery, A. Sinclair, A. Rottmayer, W. Brocklehurst, W. A. Boyer, T. Plumpton, C. J. Guest, J. Charlton, and H. Grimshaw. Visitors: Bros. E. Webb, W.M. 1134; E. Holland, P.M. 1773; L. Richards, 1080 (Melbourne); and W. Lane, 1009.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The charge was delivered to Bro. J. Charlton by the J.W., Bro. F. Spencer. Bro. J. Charlton was then passed to the Second Degree by the Worshipful Master, who also presented the working tools in his well known and impressive manner. The Secretary (acting) gave notice that the Provincial Grand Lodge of East Lancashire would be held on Thursday, the 24th inst., in the Gentlemen's Concert Hall, Peter-street. The visitors expressed their hearty good wishes and congratulations.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshments.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and most heartily responded to.

The Worshipful Master proposed the toast of "The Newly-Passed Bro. Charlton," who duly acknowledged the kind wishes of the lodge.

Bro. Robinson, P.M., proposed "The Health of the Visitors."

Bros. Webb, Lane, Holland, and Richards responded, praising the lodge working, and the most hospitable manner in which they had been received.

Bro. Dawson, P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and spoke in high and flowing terms of Bro. Staton's working.

The Worshipful Master replied and thanked the brethren for their kindness and good wishes.

"The Health of the Officers" was then proposed and received with acclamation.

Bros. J. Read, S.W., and F. Spencer, J.W., responded in a most eloquent manner.

The Tyler's toast brought the list to a close. Bros. Walmsley, L. Richards, H. Grimshaw, A. Rottmayer, and J. Hardwicke-Marsh by their songs and recitations added greatly to the pleasantness of the evening.

SALFORD.

Newall Lodge (No. 1134).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on Tuesday, the 1st inst., at Adelphi House. The lodge was opened by the W.M., every officer being in his place. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The installing Master, Bro. Smith, appointed the following as the Installing Officers: Bros. H. Mainwaring, P.M., as S.W.; John Waring, P.M., as J.W.; and Samuel Ayland, P.M., as I.G. The W.M. elect was presented by Bro. J. Barker, P.M., P.P.G.T., the founder and the first W.M. of the lodge. After the usual formula, the W.M. was duly installed into the chair by the retiring W.M. Afterwards he was greeted and saluted by the whole of the brethren, under the direction of Bro. A. H. Duffin, P.M. The working tools were presented by Bros. Samuel Ayland, P.M., and John Waring, P.M. The warrant was delivered by the Installing Master. The officers were invested in the following order by the W.M.: Bros. G. S. Smith, I.P.M.; B. Eckersley, S.W.; Charles Driver, J.W.; John Holroyd, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., Treas.; John Waring, P.M., Sec.; Harold Waterhouse, S.D.; John Ogden, J.D.; Alfred H. Duffin, P.M., D.C.; J. W. Nichols, P.M., Org.; R. W. Martin, I.G.; and J. Green, A. K. Boothroyd, A. Cadwell, and W. H. Browne, Stwds. They were addressed by Bro. A. H. Duffin, and Bro. John Barker addressed the D.C. The address to the W.M. was delivered by Bro. J. Waring; to the Wardens by Bro. H. Mainwaring; and to the brethren by Bro. J. W. Nichols. The ceremony was musical throughout, and beautifully rendered by Bro. J. W. Nichols, assisted by Bros. Mark Stafford, P.M., P.G.S.; W. Dumville, P.M.; and Alfred Lewtas, P.M. After "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed from the numerous visiting and other brethren present, the lodge was closed by the W.M. in a manner which predicts that the chair will be very ably filled during the ensuing year.

The usual dining room at the Adelphi being inadequate to accommodate the large number of brethren present, on account of the great popularity of the newly-installed W.M., Bro. Webb, the banquet had to be held at the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, where every arrangement had been made for the festival.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to (and limit to our space only prevents us from giving them at length), suffice it to say they were all short and to the point.

During the evening a very handsome marble timepiece, of unique design, with pillars of granite of the Doric order, was presented by the W.M. to the retiring Master, which had been subscribed for by the brethren, and was duly acknowledged and appreciated by the latter.

The pleasure of the evening was greatly enhanced by the delightful music of the before-mentioned brethren, assisted by Bro. John Smith, P.M., P.P.G.D.

The following were present: Bros. G. W. S. Smith, P.M., W.M.; A. H. Duffin, P.M.; E. Webb, S.W.; B. Eckersley, J.W.; John Barker, P.P.G.T., Sec.; C. Driver, S.D.; H. Waterhouse, J.D.; J. Waring, P.M., D.C.; J. Ogden, I.G.; H. Mainwaring, P.M.; J. W. Nichols, P.M.; S. Ayland, P.M.; N. Jones, J. Green, E. M. Williams, W. H. Browne, R. W. Martin, W. H. Hands, Henry F. Atkinson, J. Marshall, A. K. Boothroyd, James Ward, and J. Cadwell. Visitors: Bros. Samuel Statham, P.P.G.T.; F. Broadsmith, P.P.G.R.; John Smith, P.P.G.D.; Mark Stafford, P.M., P.G.S.; H. Fawcett Pudsey, P.M.; J. M. Graham, P.M.; G. A. Myers, P.M.; A. Lewtas, P.M.; F. Stretch, W.M.; Wm. Dumville, P.M.; W. H. Southern, W.M.; H. Thornton, W.M.; Eli Winterbottom, P.M.; J. Hardwicke Marsh, S.W.; S. Gaskill, C. Barrie Taylor, C. G. Cheetham, James Archdale, F. Travis, W. S. Coppock, J. Robinson, J. Fletcher, and J. M. Veal.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.

Pantiles Lodge (No. 2200).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 5th inst., at the Pump Room, when a large company assembled to witness the installation of Bro. Josiah Willmot, among those present being Bros. Nicolas Grunwell, W.M.; Tom Ryder, P.M.; Josiah Willmot, S.W., W.M. elect; B. C. Colls, J.W.; Thos. Potter, Treas.; Rufus Stevenson, P.M., Sec.; C. J. Gallard, S.D.; Joseph S. Fletcher, J.D.; J. Lessels, D.C.; Albert Burslem, A.D.C.; J. Corfield, I.G.; George Grover, Stwd.; T. S. Best, Asst. Sec.; J. W. Boulter, Tyler; E. E. Fenwick, E. Westbrook, W. Tupper, T. J. Hudson, W. Wiseman, S.B., Dan Hoadley, R. J. Langley, Geo. Smith, F. L. Williams, E. O. Howis, W. H. Downs, H. W. Duret, P.M.; W. Rule, J. Crates, M. A. H. Edwardes, and others. The visitors and members of Grand Lodge included Bros. J. Smith Eastes, D.P.G.M.; Rev. T. S. Curteis, P.P.G.C.; W. C. Cripps, P.S.G.W.; B. Sidney Wilmot, P.P.G.R.; H. Harris, Sec. 874; B. Snell, W.M. 709; E. Dunkley, W.M. 874; Sydney W. Allen, 874; Charles Hooker, W.M. 1223; J. S. Sherwood, 2381; W. W. Starmer, 874; J. H. Heldwick, 1719; W. J. Skinner, S.W. 874; W. J. Biggs, 874; J. Parker, W.M. 1414; A. T. Dartnell, P.M. 199; J. G. Calway, P.M. 1019; E. Oliver, A. H. Tester, J. A. Ancombe, Louis Beale, A. G. Atherton, and B. A. Fowler, of 874; E. J. Dodd, P.M. 1223; and others.

The business commenced by reading and confirming the minutes of the last regular lodge, after which Bro. Josiah Willmot, the W.M. elect, was most impressively installed by the retiring W.M., Bro. Nicolas Grunwell, who was specially complimented by the D.P.G.M. and by many of the brethren. The Wardens' chairs were filled respectively by Bros. W. C. Cripps, P.S.G.W., and Duret; Bros. B. Sidney Wilmot officiating as D.C.; Hooker, as I.G.; and Starmer, as Org. The W.M. appointed and invested the following as his officers: Bros. Thomas Potter, Treas.; Rufus Stevenson, P.M., Sec.; Benjamin J. C. Colls, S.W.; Charles J. Gallard, J.W.; Joseph S. Fletcher, S.D.; John Corfield, J.D.; Albert Burslem, I.G.; Wm. Henry Downes, D. of C.; William Rule, A.D. of C.; E. O. Howis, Org.; George Grover and Thomas S. Best, Stwds.; and James W. Boulter, Tyler, who was specially complimented by the Grand Officers present, and told he was the smartest Tyler in the province. Bro. Tom Ryde, I.P.M., after the investitures, proposed that a Past Master's jewel should be presented to Bro. N. Grunwell, I.P.M., in recognition of valuable services rendered by him to the lodge as W.M. during the past year. This was unanimously carried, and the jewel was presented to Bro. Grunwell by the W.M., who announced that the retiring W.M. had left the lodge with a clean balance-sheet. Other formal business having been transacted, including the reading of a number of letters from the Prov. G.M., Earl Amherst, and others, regretting inability to attend, and wishing the W.M. every success in his year of office.

The lodge was closed, and an adjournment made to the Wellington Hotel, where Host Bro. Brady had provided one of those excellent dinners for which this hotel has such a reputation. The menu was ample and *recherche*, and the waiting generally all that could be desired.

The usual loyal toasts—"The Queen and the Craft," and "The M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales"—were proposed from the chair, and Bro. Duret, in proposing "The M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom; the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Mount Edgumbe; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," said that all those who had been permitted and enabled to attend Grand Lodge must have been struck by the great interest those worthy and illustrious Masons took in the Craft. He had frequently seen the Earl of Lathom presiding over Grand Lodge and also the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, and he might say they did so with such perfection that all Masons acknowledged their authority. They were ready at all times to do what they could for the interest of the Craft. Some two years ago when Earl Lathom presided over the meeting of the Boys' School he brought something like £6000 from the Province of Kent. He coupled with the toast the name of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. James Smith Eastes.

Bro. J. Smith Eastes, in reply, said he felt it a very great pleasure and privilege to respond to the toast, and in so doing said he felt he was to some extent a representative of the important Province of Kent, of which he had been appointed Grand Deacon. The Earl of Lathom especially was a grand man of business and had he been in the chair on the last occasion when the Grand Council met he felt certain the result as to the appointment of additional Grand Officers would have been different. It had been the intention of Lord Lathom and the executive to create a certain number of new Grand Officers, a matter in which he (the speaker) rejoiced, because there would be a better chance to many of preferment. Their only hope was that the subject would be again brought forward when Earl Lathom would be present and then he felt sure it would be unani-

mously carried. He had every reason to think it would be so. The executive had an immense deal of work to do. There were members no doubt present who recollected their late Bro. Clerke, and who knew the loss the Masonic world had sustained by his death. He should like to say a word too about the Grand Secretary, who had had a very difficult task to perform. He was, however, thoroughly earnest and zealous and would as time went on ripen into an excellent and admirable Grand Secretary. Not having many home ties he had plenty of time to visit lodges, and he was a most excellent Mason.

Bro. Rev. T. S. Curteis, in proposing "The R.W.P.G.M., Earl Amherst," said the toast was always one of the foremost toasts of the evening—their respected and beloved Provincial Grand Master. He had no difficulty in proposing such a toast. They had heard from their Deputy Provincial Grand Master a statement to the fact of there being so many candidates and so very few places to be filled in Grand Lodge, and also the reasonable probability of those places being extended in number. Lord Amherst had been Provincial Grand Master for 32 years over the Province of Kent. They were all proud of him, both as a Kentish man and a man of Kent. The Province of Kent, too, was certainly at the top of the Masonic tree. To whom was that due? He ventured to think it was due in no small degree to the knowledge, the tact, and manners of their Provincial Grand Master. Not only had the number of lodges vastly increased during those 32 years, but the principles, the very backbone of Masonry—Charity—had enormously increased. On the occasion when their Provincial Grand Master presided as a Kentish man over the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution Kentish Masons subscribed most liberally.

The toast having been most cordially drunk, Bro. Cripps said he had taken the liberty, after consultation with their W.M., of dividing the next toast, inasmuch as there was one name which stood so far above the rest of the persons named. He did not think it right in an assembly like that, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master should not have his health proposed singly. There was no toast which was ever received with more real esteem and affection amongst Kentish Masons than that of their Deputy Provincial Grand Master, with whose presence they were honoured, not only in the lodge, but at the banquet. When he attained to the honour of wearing a Deacon's collar in the Grand Lodge of England, every Kentish Mason felt that honour personally, and as gratified as though the honour had been conferred upon themselves. It was a mystery to him how the Prov. Grand Master got through the enormous work thrown upon his shoulders, and they could only hope that he would have health and strength to continue to perform them; but he had for his right hand a brother with whom he could place his trust and confidence, a brother whose health he now proposed.

Bro. Smith Eastes, who was enthusiastically received, said he felt extremely grateful and was pleased that he had come to Tunbridge Wells in order to be present once more at the Pantiles Lodge. He was sure it would rejoice the heart of Lord Amherst when he reported to him how admirably the work had been done that day. He could thoroughly believe that during the past five years every effort had been given towards the increase of the lodge, special care being taken to select eligible candidates, which was most important. As Bro. Curteis had said, they in the Province of Kent stood pre-eminent amongst the lodges of the kingdom for doing its duties thoroughly in connection with the Charities of which they were so proud. He felt very great interest in the Boys' School, and now that he would be retiring from the Board, he hoped an effort would be made to find a Kentish brother to take his place. He believed their Provincial Grand Treasurer, Bro. Russell, would do so, and he was thoroughly well versed in the whole machinery. They were likely to have a new lodge before long at Broadstairs. Everything had been working very smoothly throughout the province. Again, he desired to say how delighted he was to be present to witness the admirable working, and he congratulated the I.P.M. especially upon the splendid way in which he had performed his duties. He wished the W.M. health and happiness during his year of office, and that he would have plenty of work to do. He wished every prosperity to the Pantiles Lodge, and he trusted it would not be another five years before he would be amongst them again.

Bro. Colls proposed "The Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," to which Bro. Cripps responded, expressing the pleasure he felt at being present.

Bro. Sidney Wilmot also responded in a forcible speech, in which he pleaded the cause of Charity and those Institutions of which they were so justly proud.

Bro. Duret also responded, and he also pleaded for support of their Institutions.

Bro. Grunwell proposed "The Health of the W.M., Bro. Josiah Willmot," who, after replying, gave "The Installing Master and Past Masters," to which Bros. Grunwell, Tom Ryder, and Stevenson replied.

Bro. Sidney Wilmot proposed "The Visitors," coupling with the toast the names of Bros. Calway, Anscombe, and Dodd (the latter of whom he described as the grandfather of the Pantiles Lodge), each of whom suitably responded, Bro. Dodd remarking upon the excellent working of the lodge, which he predicted would be very soon one of the best lodges in the province.

Bro. Ryder proposed "The Secretary and Treasurer," who responded, and the W.M. proposed "The Officers," the Senior and Junior Wardens responding.

The proceedings closed with the Tyler's toast. During the evening some capital songs, duets, and glees were sung by Bros. Howis, Skinner, and Oliver, Bro. Starmer efficiently accompanying. They were cordially thanked for their services.

Royal Arch.

NORTH WOOLWICH.

Henley Chapter (No. 1472).—The quarterly convocation of this chapter took place on Tuesday, the 18th ult., at the Three Crowns Hotel, under the presidency of the M.E.Z., Comp. C. Jolly, P.Z., who for the second time fills the chair of M.E.Z. The chapter having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, Comp. C. Wood was installed into the chair of J. by Comp. A. Penfold, P.Z. 13 and 913, P.P. 1st A.G.S. Kent, in his own inimitable manner. The ballot was then taken for Bro. Walter Richardson, 1472, and, proving unanimous, he was duly

exalted, the work being done by Comps. Jolly, as M.E.Z.; J. Savage, as H.; and C. Wood, as J.; Comp. B. Curtis, as P.S., being simply perfect.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions dined together, the usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts being formally and severally honoured.

PLUMSTEAD.

Pattison Chapter (No. 913).—A convocation of this chapter was held on Thursday, the 20th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Comp. C. Lawson, P.Z., Z.; Comp. E. Morris, as H.; and Comp. W. C. Taylor, as J. The chapter having been opened and the minutes confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bros. J. Oliver Cook and E. M. Taylor, both of the mother lodge, and proving unanimous they were duly exalted; the working of the Principles, as also that of Comp. F. C. Clapham, as P.S., being most excellent.

The companions afterwards sat down to a *recherché* banquet at the Royal Mortar Hotel, Comp. Mason's noble establishment in Beresford-square, Woolwich.

Amongst the other companions present were Comps. C. Coupland, P.Z., P.Z. 13, P.P.G.J.; A. Penfold, P.Z., P.Z. 13, 1472, Treas., P.P. 1st Asst. G.S.; H. J. Butter, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S., S.E.; Major E. Sweny, P.Z.; H. Mason, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S. Essex; R. Edmunds, P.Z.; R. J. Cook, P.Z.; J. H. Roberts, P.Z., P.P.G. Org.; G. W. Mitchell, M.E.Z. 829; F. Tyler, Org.; J. Turton, J. Topp, D. Summers, G. Frost, L. Chasteauf, D. C. Capon, Melville, A. Blest, S. Horton, H. G. Baker, D. Campbell, G. T. Taylor, H. King, C. Jolly, P.Z. (Hon.), P.Z., M.E.Z. 1472; Capt. W. H. Thomas, M.E.Z. 1973; Dr. H. Bernays, P.Z. 1973; G. Kennedy, P.Z. 13; F. Down, P.S. 1506; Capt. A. C. Hansard, R.A., 1789; and Dr. G. W. Mugliston, 993.

Mark Masonry.

BRADFORD.

Old York Lodge (T.I.).—The installation meeting of this old time immemorial lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, on Tuesday, the 24th ult. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Thos. Norfolk, assisted by Bros. Charles J. Schott, Prov. J.G.W., acting I.P.M.; Thos. Henry Pattinson, S.W.; T. E. Greenough, J.W.; J. D. Harrison, M.O.; C. Crabtree, P.P.G.W., as S.O.; George C. Gamble, as J.O.; George Althorp, P.P.G.W., Treas.; John T. Last, Sec.; S. Whiteley, P.P.G.D., Org.; Wm. Laycock, S.D.; George Martin, J.D.; John Niven, as I.G.; John Hill, Tyler; R. H. Bonsor, R. of M.; G. C. Gamble, John Ingleby, and A. T. Pullin.

The minutes of the last regular lodge and of a lodge of emergency having been read and confirmed, Bro. Chas. L. Mason, Prov. G.M., accompanied by several Prov. Grand officers, was admitted and saluted. The following visitors were present: Bros. W. S. Blackburn, W.M. 374; Thos. Robertshaw, W.M. 58; and Walter Hanson, S.W. 58. Bro. Thos. H. Pattinson, S.W., W.M. elect, was then presented by the Prov. G. Master for the benefit of installation, and he was ably installed into the chair of A. by Bro. Schott, who acted as Installing Master. The W.M. was saluted, and he then invested Bro. Norfolk with the collar of I.P.M. After the usual addresses by the Installing Master the W.M. invested the following officers for the year: Bros. T. E. Greenough, S.W.; F. Drake Harrison, J.W.; John T. Last, M.O.; M. Hayes, S.O.; William Laycock, J.O.; Geo. Althorp, P.P.G.W., Treas.; S. A. Auty, Chap.; Walter Moxon, Sec.; George Martin, S.D.; R. H. Bonsor, J.D.; John Niven, I.G.; J. B. Fearnley, R. of M.; and John Hill, Tyler. The Prov. Grand Master expressed the pleasure it had afforded him to visit the lodge, and he wished the W.M. and the lodge a happy and prosperous year. Apologies were read explaining the absence of the W.M.'s of several of the West Yorkshire Mark Lodges.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, where the W.M. presided, and was supported on his right by Bro. C. L. Mason, Prov. G. Master.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The Worshipful Master proposed "The Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," in very complimentary terms; the toast was received by the brethren with much enthusiasm.

In responding, the Prov. Grand Master thanked the brethren for the very cordial greeting he had received, and congratulated the W.M. on the progress this old time immemorial lodge had made during the last few years.

"The W.M." was proposed by the retiring Master, Bro. Norfolk, who congratulated the lodge on having such a studious and experienced Mason as Bro. Pattinson as W.M.

The Worshipful Master, in responding, acknowledged the kind manner in which the brethren had received the toast, and thanked them for conferring upon him his present position which he was proud of, and stated that he would use his utmost endeavours to creditably discharge the duties of the chair during the ensuing year.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Past Masters of the Lodge," which was suitably acknowledged by Bro. Norfolk, I.P.M.

Bros. Gamble, Pullin, and others contributed songs to the harmony of the evening.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.

Industry Lodge (No. 293).—The regular meeting of the above lodge was held on Monday, the 7th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Jackson-street, when there was a capital gathering of members and visitors. The chair was occupied by the W.M., Bro. Wm. Richardson, who was supported and assisted by the following brethren: Bros. C. B. Ford, P.M.; John Page, P.M.; W. F. Carman, P.M., Treas.; R. Whitfield, P.M.; W. Brown, P.M., D.C.; R. Wilson, P.M.; A. Simpson, S.W.; J. A. Armstrong, J.W.; T. R. Short, M.O.; T. R. Johnson, S.O.; A. Dodd, J.O.; C. P. Laidler, R.M.; W. Stafford, Sec.; H. Jackson, S.D.; W. J. Jobson, J.D.; H. S. Bird, I.G.; R. Ferry, Org.; T. W. Bagnall, Steward; Joshua, Curry, Tyler; M. Purvis, I.P.M. 346; T. Dinning, George Blair, Thomas Douglass, Wm. Holzapfel, W. Douglass, Thos. Chegwidde, W. F. Hall, F. Turnbull, and others.

The ballot was taken for Bro. Alfred Boag, 1663, and he was afterwards duly advanced as a M.M. by the W.M., who explained the working implements, and gave the charge of the Degree. The approaching close of the present Master's term of office was noticed when the names of those eligible for the chair were read over.

The lodge was closed, and the after proceedings in the refreshment room were exceedingly enjoyable.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 31st ult., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. C. Coleman, W.M. 1425, W.M.; W. Chapple, S.W. 1425, S.W. E. T. Ginder, J.W.; W. Hillier, acting Preceptor; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; J. C. Conway, S.D.; M. Rosenberg, J.D. 1425, J.D.; G. A. Boughton, I.G.; H. Campbell, Stwd.; G. Gosshawk, Tyler; J. R. Dundas, W.M. 1561; James Stephens, P.M. 1425; Major E. J. Reed, R. Ball, A. Lorch, and T. M. Lamble.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Lorch being the candidate. The lodge was called off and on. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and, after the usual preliminaries, the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Ball being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. A communication from Bro. Craggs was read. A discussion took place and the matter was deferred. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 1st inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. H. J. Kimbell, jun., W.M.; H. B. Harding, S.W.; J. W. Clarke, J.W.; W. Hancock, Preceptor; J. Petch, P.P.G.S.B. Herts, Treas.; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; J. H. Collingridge, S.D.; D. C. Ritchie, J.D.; J. Amand, I.G.; G. T. Chretien, A. Oliver, T. E. Newman, R. Loomes, D. M. Forbes, E. H. Bury, and R. P. Upton.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Chretien being the candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Clarke, when Bro. Bury answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Bury being the candidate. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Harding was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed the officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

LANGTON LODGE (No. 1673).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 20th ult., at the White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, E.C., when there were present Bros. S. N. Morris, W.M.; E. A. De Paiva, S.W.; J. H. Williams, J.W.; J. H. Davidson, Preceptor; W. T. Grant, Treas.; C. W. Mapleton, Sec.; P. Hall, S.D.; A. White, J.D.; J. H. Hughes, I.G.; S. Lea-Smith, J. S. Fraser, F. Knight, H. Grey, jun., H. M. Hobbs, W. A. Clarke, J. White, jun., G. W. Bullen, E. Mansell, H. M. Watt, H. Bird, and J. D. Langton. Visitors: Bros. T. Burne, W. H. Causton, and A. F. White.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Treasurer presented his accounts for the past year, which were of a very satisfactory character, and showed a good balance in his hands. They were received, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Bird acting as candidate. The S.W. was elected W.M. for the next meeting, who mentioned that the ceremony of initiation would be rehearsed. Bro. A. White was elected a member of the lodge. The Secretary read a letter from Bro. Hobbs, thanking the members for the vote passed to him at the last meeting. The lodge was then closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 1st inst., at the Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes-square, Kensington, when there were present Bros. E. E. Geflowski, W.M. 534, W.M.; W. B. Neville, S.W.; J. R. Hubbard, P.M., &c., J.W.; R. H. Williams, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; H. G. Danby, W.M. 1056, S.D.; W. Hillier, J.D.; J. J. Rumbal, I.G.; W. H. Dresden, W.M. 1602; C. G. Hatt, H. Olive, and H. Guntrip.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Olive having offered himself as a candidate for raising, was examined, and having the necessary proofs, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the 2nd Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Hillier, assisted by the brethren. Bro. W. B. Neville was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The officers were all re-elected in their respective positions, and a vote of thanks passed to them for their services during the past year. Bros. L. Beale, J. R. Hubbard, and W. Hillier were elected Auditors, and the lodge was closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 29th ult., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, W., when there were present Bros. R. J. Williams, W.M.; W. Hillier, S.W.; Powell, J.W.; A. Williams, P.M., Preceptor; M. Spiegel, P.M., Sec.; Cummings, S.D.; Whiteley, J.D.; Hyde, I.G.; Bone, Stwd.; J. Sims, P.M.; F. Craggs, P.M.; Baxter, Pearson, and Waldon.

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Pearson being a candidate for raising, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The 1st Section of this Lecture was worked by Bro. Hillier. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Hillier was elected W.M. for the next meeting. It was decided that the Fifteen Sections be worked on the 26th inst. The lodge was then closed.

HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).—A meeting of this chapter was held on Friday, the 28th ult., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. W. Hillier, 834, M.E.Z.; Jos. Bailey, M.E.Z. 1602, H.; H. F. Williams, 742, J.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; G. Gregory, 1st A.S. 862, S.N.; J. Cruttenden, 779, P.S.; J. C. Tilt, P.S. 862, 1st A.S.; and Sam Cochrane, P.S. 3. Visitor: Comp. J. F. Perrins, 1839.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Perrins, being the candidate, who was elected a member. A vote of thanks was passed to Comp. Williams for the admirable manner in which he had rehearsed the duties of J. for the first time. Both companions acknowledged the compliment. A communication was read from Comp. Poppleton. The M.E.Z. having risen the usual number of times, "Hearty good wishes" were accorded, and the chapter was closed.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Cambervell, on Friday, the 28th ult., when there were present Comps. W. Davies, M.E.Z.; T. Grumant, H.; J. Lightfoot, J.; F. Hilton, P.Z.; Preceptor; C. H. Stone, S.E.; J. Evans, S.N.; H. R. Hobbs, P.S.; J. Hill, Bannister, Dawson, H. G. Martin, Addington, Rice, Dale, Alford, Phillips, Wilson, Pike and Ford.

The chapter was regularly opened by the Principals and Past Principals. A conclave of Third Principals was formed and Comp. Hill installed into the chair of J. Comp. Lightfoot. The minutes of the previous weekly meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Rice personating the candidate. Comps. W. J. Alford and F. Harry Ford, of 1910, were elected members of this chapter. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Comps. Davies, M.E.Z., and Lightfoot, J. for the able manner they rehearsed their respective duties for the first time. Comp. Davies heartily thanked the companions for placing the chapter at his disposal for the officers of the Selwyn Chapter, No. 1901. Comp. H. G. Martin was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting, when an installation will be rehearsed. Comp. F. Hilton, Preceptor, complimented Comp. H. R. Hobbs, P.S., for the able manner he had rehearsed the P.S. work for the first time, which reflected the highest credit. The chapter was then closed.

HARLESDEN.—ST. JOHN'S LODGE (No. 167).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 27th ult., at the Court House. Present: Bros. W. C. Tebbitt, W.M.; A. Toley, S.W.; F. S. Priest, J.W.; W. Hillier, Preceptor; Arthur Jones, Sec.; F. Craggs, P.M., S.D.; W. H. Armfield, J.D.; E. T. Ginder, I.G.; Arthur Williams, P.M.; E. Wistop, P.M.; Crook, Dean, Jobson, Rose, and Weaver.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Craggs, P.M., having offered himself as a candidate, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, after which the lodge was called off and on. Bro. Arthur Williams, P.M., having offered himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, the usual questions were put to him and answered, after which he was entrusted and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The lodge was then resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. Arthur Williams, P.M., worked the 1st Section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. The W.M. having risen for the first and second times, Bro. A. Toley was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The W.M. then rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

Knights Templar.

PROVINCIAL PRIORY OF HAMPSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Priory took place at the Phoenix Lodge Rooms, High-street, Portsmouth, on Saturday, the 20th ult. The Provincial Priory was opened by V.E. Sir Knight W. W. B. Beach, Prov. Prior, supported by E. Sir Knights R. Loveland-Loveland, Prov. Sub-Prior; J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G. Herald England; G. F. Lancaster, P.P. Chan.; Edgar Goble, R. Boughton-Smith, L. Steele, and others.

The usual business was transacted, including the reading of the Prov. Vice-Chancellor's report, which recorded a slight increase in the number of knights in the province, and referred to the very successful celebration of the centenary of the Royal Naval Preceptory in December last. This preceptory was constituted in 1791 by the celebrated Thos. Dunckerley, who was then Grand Master of the Order, and the centenary festival will be memorable as being the last occasion on which the late Great Sub-Prior of England, Col. Shadwell H. Clarke, took part in any special function, as his lamented death occurred on the following Christmas Day.

The Prov. Prior appointed the following officers for the ensuing year:

Sir Knight R. Loveland-Loveland	Prov. Sub-Prior.
" Rev. T. F. Morton	Prov. Prelate.
" Admiral A.H. Markham	Prov. Chancellor.
" Lawrence Steele	Prov. Constable.
" Henry Stone	Prov. Marshal.
" J. E. Le Feuvre	Prov. Treasurer.
" W. M. Harman	Prov. Registrar.
" Francis Newman	Prov. Vice-Chan.
" Edgar Goble	Prov. Sub-Marhl.
" Chas. H. Lloyd	Prov. Herald.
" G. H. Macey	Prov. C. of G.

A banquet was held at the close of the Provincial Priory, at which the V.E. Prov. Prior presided.

The Baroness Burdett-Coutts delivered the prizes and certificates won during the past year by the successful members of the Westminster Technical Institute, which was founded and is maintained by her ladyship. Bro. W. Burdett-Coutts, M.P., presided on the occasion, and several persons interested in technical education were present.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

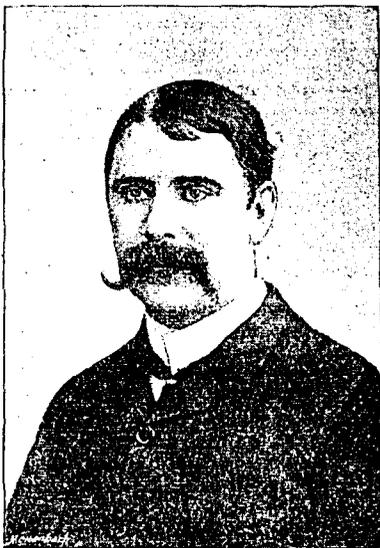
Shadwell Clerke Chapter (No. 107).

The annual installation meeting of the above chapter was held on Wednesday, the 26th ult., at 33, Golden-square, W., when there were present Ill. Bros. W. R. Palmer, 30°, M.W.S.; T. P. Dorman, 30°, Prelate; H. Lovegrove, 30°, P.M.W.S. and Treas.; John Read, 30°, P.M.W.S. and Recorder; H. H. Shirley, M.A., 30°, P.M.W.S.; W. A. Scurrah, 30°, P.M.W.S.; N. Goodchild, 30°, 1st General; E. and P. Bros. L. M. Biden, 18°, D.C.; W. M. Stiles, 18°, Herald; A. H. Scurrah, 18°, Capt. of Guard; G. J. Dunkley, 18°, Org.; Marsh, Fry, and Stevens. Visitor: E. and P. Bro. E. H. G. Dalton, 18°, Union Chapter, Demerara.

The chapter was opened in due form, and the usual routine business transacted. The candidates for perfection not being in attendance, the ceremony of installation of M.W.S. was ably performed, and Ill. Bro. Dorman, 30°, was regularly installed as M.W.S. of this chapter. The M.W.S. invested Ill. Bro. H. Lovegrove, 30°, P.M.W.S., as Treasurer, and appointed Ill. Bros. Goodchild, 30°, as Prelate; and John Read, 30°, P.M.W.S., Recorder; E. and P. Bros. Stoir, 18°, 1st General; R. C. Leveridge, 18°, 2nd General; H. E. Coffin, 18°, Marshal; L. M. Biden, 18°, Raphael; W. M. Stiles, 18°, D.C.; A. H. Scurrah, 18°, Herald; C. H. Fry, 18°, Captain of Guard; and G. J. Dunkley, 18°, Steward. Various letters of apology were read from brethren who were unable to attend the meeting.

The chapter was subsequently closed, and the brethren dined together at the Criterion, and, under the genial and able presidency of Ill. Bro. Dorman, 30°, spent a very pleasant evening. Glee and songs, under the direction of Ill. Bro. John Read, 30°, added considerably to the general enjoyment.

Our Portrait Gallery of Worshipful Masters.



BRO. JOHN HENRY CUSTANCE,
of Putney,

Whose portrait we publish above, was installed W.M. of the St. John's Lodge, No. 795, on October, 19th, 1892. Initiated in 1878, being proposed by Bro. Geo. Slinn, P.M., seconded by Bro. Jno. Noble, P.M., in the Rose of Denmark Lodge, No. 975. He filled all the offices in his mother lodge up to and including S.W.; joined the St. John's Lodge in May, 1887, and filled all the principal offices; and was a founder of Sir Walter Raleigh Lodge, No. 2432.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of Management held their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday. Bro. John Newton, Vice-Patron occupied the chair, and there were present Bros. James Brett, P.G.P.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; S. V. Abraham, G.P.; C. H. Webb, W. Webber, Charles Kempton, R. D. Cummings, C. J. Perceval, H. Mason, W. J. Murlis, T. H. Roberts, F. Mead, P.G.S.B.; Col. A. B. Cook, P.A.G.D.C.; William Fisher, Hugh Cotter, S. Cochrane, A. Durrant, C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; W. Belchamber, J. A. Farnfield, P.A.G.D.C.; Charles E. Keyser, J.G.D.; R. Greggs, W. B. Hubbert, Alfred Moor, J. Percy Fitzgerald, V. F. S. d'Arcy Brennan, Edward Terry, P.G. Treas.; G. E. Fairchild, and James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec.

The minutes of the October meeting having been read and verified, the SECRETARY reported the deaths of one widow annuitant and a half annuitant, and the Warden's report for the past month having been read, the Committee had under their consideration 11 petitions—five male and six widows—with the result that all the male and five out of the six widow applicants were approved, the remaining case being deferred for further information. Accordingly the names of those approved were ordered to be placed on the lists for the election in May, and the proceedings terminated with the usual compliment to the Chairman.

Bro. Baron and Baroness Henry de Worms have been entertaining a numerous shooting party at Henley Park, Guildford, among the guests being his Royal Highness Prince Christian of Schleswig-Holstein.

GRAND MASTERS' LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

We last week called attention to the facilities afforded by the above lodge of instruction for acquiring a knowledge of the working of the Mark Degree. This week we have to record a successful meeting on Friday last, the 4th inst., at which there were present Bros. Wm. Vincent, A.G.D.C., Preceptor; F. H. Miller; and E. M. Money, Sec. The following filled the respective chairs: Bros. G. J. Thomas, P.M. 357, W.M.; J. R. Green, P.M. 112, S.W.; C. W. J. Bird, 333, J.W.; J. A. Braik, 333, M.O.; J. Smith, 406, S.O.; P. Monson, J.W. 211, S.D.; H. R. Rose, P.G. Org., Org.; Sir G. Dore Harris; and H. Sadler, G. Tyler England.

The ceremony of advancement was worked by Bro. J. R. Green, who gave the lecture on the Degree. Bro. J. Smith gave the lecture on the tracing board, the first occasion on which the new tracing board has been used.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, Bro. THOMAS said that it was a most unusual thing to propose a vote of thanks to any brother for performing any work in the lodge, but he could not refrain from doing so in the case of Bro. J. Smith for the masterful way he had given the lecture on the tracing board.

Bro. VINCENT seconded the vote of thanks, and said he concurred in all that Bro. Thomas had said; and it was carried unanimously.

Eighteen new members were added to the roll, and the brethren afterwards supped at Freemasons' Tavern.

COMPLIMENTARY MASONIC BANQUET TO BRO. SIR SEYMOUR KING, M.P.

The Hull Masonic Club, Charlotte-street, of which Bro. Sir H. Seymour King, M.P., is one of the most distinguished members, entertained the hon. gentleman at a banquet on the 28th ult. The space at the disposal of the club was insufficient to meet the applications for accommodation by the numerous brethren of the town, and by the kindness of the W.M. of the Minerva Lodge, Dagger-lane (Bro. J. J. Fowler), the large banqueting hall, with the adjacent lodge and other rooms, were placed at the disposal of the officials of the club.

Bro. M. C. Peck, V.P., P.M., took the chair, and was supported by Bros. Sir Seymour King, K.C.I.E.; Rev. Canon McCormick, P.P.G.C.; F. Blackburn, V.P., P.M.; J. J. Fowler, W.M. 250; George Leigh, W.M. 2134; J. T. Linsley; James Matthews, P.M. 57; H. Morrill, J.W. 57; D. C. McNeill, T. Micklethwaite, H. J. Oldroyd, Sec., and others.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been honoured, the CHAIRMAN proposed "The Health of Sir H. Seymour King, K.C.I.E., M.P." In a comprehensive historical summary of the Indian Empire, the speaker mentioned the fact that Bro. Sir Seymour King was appointed a Commander in the Jubilee year, and he had also been recently created a Knight Commander. He hoped that Bro. Sir Seymour King would long live to enjoy his honours, and to advance the prosperity of the vast commercial enterprises with which he was connected.

Bro. PECK then read the following address, which was beautifully illuminated and handsomely bound, and signed by a number of the principal officers and members of the lodge: "To Sir Henry Seymour King, K.C.I.E., M.P. On behalf of the officers of the Hull Masonic Club, we embrace the present opportunity of tendering you our hearty congratulations upon the well-merited honour recently conferred on you by her Majesty the Queen and Empress of that vast dominion with which you are so especially connected. Since you have been identified with our ancient borough your kindness of heart, your patriotism, and your upright and honourable character have gained the respect and esteem of all classes, and this has been cemented by the graceful courtesy and universal kindness of your amiable consort. As members of this club, we are proud to enjoy the privilege of claiming you as one of our Vice-Presidents, and we trust that the fraternal bond now existing may be continued for many years to come. We sincerely trust that the Great Architect of the Universe may endow yourself and Lady King with His richest gifts, and that your lives may be blessed with all happiness."

Bro. SIR SEYMOUR KING, on rising to reply, was received with loud and prolonged cheers. He said that they would, perhaps, pardon him if, for one moment, as he was a little overwhelmed with the kindness they had shown him, and the magnificent address which they had presented to him. They had been reminded by the Chairman of India, and his connection with the Empire brought it in a very special manner home to him that evening. He rejoiced to think that their Chairman was so well informed on that great dependency, a dependency which it was difficult somewhat for Englishmen, as a rule, thoroughly to realise the full meaning and significance of. He was in the fortunate position that week of receiving not only the testimony and the congratulations of those who agreed with him politically, but also those of very many friends with whom in regard to public matters he was often obliged to differ. In that room they forgot all political differences, and breathed the pure air of friendship and goodfellowship, qualities which the grand Institution of Masonry existed to promote all the world over. He thought they would agree with him that the possibility of such gatherings as the one that night, in which men of extremely decided and opposite views were able to hold the kindest possible intercourse, could only exist in communities where liberty of thought, speech, and

action were secured by a system of government that was free. In autocratic governments Masonry could not escape the political tinge, or the defenders and assailers of an exclusive system could not lay aside their differences and sit down together in harmony and goodwill. It was possible, he thought, in the future for Masonry to break down that rigid system of caste in India, which existed to that day. That night brethren of all classes and different shades of politics had come together to offer him in a too flattering, too generous manner congratulations on the honours which had been conferred on him. He should be unworthy of the kindness that was shown to him, of the marked and genial cordiality exhibited to him in that room, if he did not feel most deeply the pleasure and the honour of such a demonstration of good-fellowship, coming from so many unexpected quarters. He had that night discovered that his brother Masons, who were Liberals politically, would not throw him over as a Mason, and, on the whole, they seemed to think he was not such a bad fellow after all. He saw now that much that seemed to him to be severe in the attitude of opponents in the political arena was to be taken in the Pickwickian sense. Much of what he took to be vitrol was in reality only a highly-scented eau-de-Cologne. They saw that however some of them might differ from each other in politics, there were other subjects on which they could agree, on grounds of goodfellowship and personal esteem. Concluding, he again thanked them for this splendid manifestation of goodwill and esteem.

Captain JUDGE proposed "The Hull Masonic Club," and Mr. H. J. OLROYD, Hon. Secretary, responded.

Other toasts followed, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

ANOTHER CURIOUS OLD CERTIFICATE.

I have lately added to my collection a very interesting old certificate, which is, I think, worthy of a description in your columns. It is written on a piece of parchment 16 by 14 inches, folded in the centre. At the top of the left side is a charming little oval water-colour sketch, of what I presume are the ruins of the old Abbey of Aberbrothock, and at the edges of the oval the dates A.M. 5822, A.D. 1818. Then follows this Latin inscription—"In Oriente, loco pleno lucis ubi Silentium, Harmonia et Pax Regnant. Lux ista in Tenebris lucet, sed Tenebrigeam non Comprenderunt.

"Nos per Honorificus Magister, Custodes, Questor et Scriba Fugurii Sancto Thomae Liberorum et Grate acceptorum Lapidarum de Aberbrothock in Regno Scotie convocatis Secundem Legio cum reliquis Fratrum dicti Fugurii candidetestatur venerandum dignum et delectum Fratrem Jacobus Crammond hujus portitorem nobis factum esse et Tyronem Imbutem et pariter nomen ejus in Libris Grandis Fugurii Scotio descriptum est in urbe Edinburghe servale Degno Diploma Nostrum Jamae et Edificationis servamus antae Numerus 44 nunc Numerus 36 Et secundem facultate nobis a dicto Fugurii Grande datas illum Opificem ad missum et ferinum ac fidem ejus et fidelem in Omnes Occasionis invenientis Quapropter not tanquam premium. Viri Merite et Seculitatis cum dignitate Magistri Lapidario promovem et tanquam cum omnibus bonorum fantoribus et omnibus Hominibus Illuminatis in faciem terrarum Orbis sparsis Quos Numeros Oretio Solum Nobis Salutamus ut eum benigni Hospitalitate Amicitia et amore paterno amplis tantur. Sui ingenii luco lento specimine edito et chirograpte cum hocete Margine Comperendo Diploma hocie sigillo affixo nostre Fugurii et Chirographie nostrum munendum Curavimus Quam Gratiam oblata occasione Libertissime referemus.

Datum Aberbrothiensis 24 die Februarii Millesimo octingentesimo Octodecem Anno.

Per Gulielmus Porter Scriba.

JACOBUS BOYLE, Magister.
JACOBUS BELL, Sr. Custoda.
PETERUS MCKAY, Jr. Questor.
PETERUS VALENTINE, Fugurii.

And on the margin "JACOBUS CRAMMOND."

On the upper part of the other half is another little painting depicting the Master at his pedestal, dressed in blue coat and yellow waistcoat, wearing his hat, and with gavel in hand raised to strike, and on the ground on either side of the pedestal are the mallet and chisel. On the right is a Doric pillar, surmounted by the sun in splendour, and in the left a Corinthian pillar surmounted by the crescent moon and seven stars. These are connected by two festoons of roses to a golden shield hung in the centre, and blazoned with an open bible. From the base of this shield, right and left, spring two flourishes, pendant from which are respectively the square and compass and level. Underneath this is the inscription, "Robt. Lyon, Arbroath." Then follows the English of the certificate:

"In the East, a place full of Light, where Reigns Silence, Harmony, and Peace. The Light Shineth in Darkness, and the Darkness comprehendeth it not.

"We, the Right Worshipful, the Master, Wardens, Treasurer, and Secretary of the Lodge St. Thomas of Free and Accepted Masons of Arbroath, in the Kingdom of Scotland, being legally met and assembled with the rest of the Brethren of said Lodge, Do hereby Attest, certify, and Declare that the Worshipful Worthy and Well Beloved Brother James Crammond Bearer hereof hath been made by us; and Entered Apprentice, and such his name is recorded in the Books

of the Grand Lodge of Scotland held in the City of Edinburgh, of whom we hold our patent of Constitution and Erection formerly No. 44, now No. 36, and conform to powers vested in us by the said Grand Lodge we have passed him Fellow-Craft, and finding him Steady to his Trust and faithful on all occasions, We, as a Reward to real Merit and Assiduity, have raised him to the Dignity of a Master Mason, and as such we hereby recommend him to All Men, Enlightened spread over the face of the Great Globe, whom we greet by the Number only know to us, That they Treat him with Hospitality, Friendship, and Brotherly Love, after making Trial of his Abilities and comparing his hand writing with that in the Margin.

"Given under our hands at Arbroath, the twenty-fourth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen years, and of the year of Masonry 5822, after having appended the seal of our Lodge hereunto, and the same is recorded by W. Porter, Secy.

"JAMES BOYLE, Master.
"JAMES BELL, Senr. Warden.
"PETER MCKAY, Junr. Warden.
"PETER VALENTINE, Treasurer."

The seal is affixed to a crimson ribbon (the colour of the lodge), and bears on an oval "St. Thomas Lodge, Arbroath, 5740," surrounding the square and compasses, seven stars, sun, moon, pentangle, trowel, gauge, mallet, and chisel.

Apart from its ornamental character and general quaintness, this valuable specimen is curious in several ways. The English and Latin version is not precisely identical, notably at the end. The use of the two terms "Custoda" and "Questor" for the Senior and Junior Wardens is unusual, as is also the curious expression "whom we greet by the number only known to us," which is probably one of the "mystical expressions" used in lodges in the last, and early present century. But the most noteworthy point is, the title of the lodge "formerly No. 44, now No. 36." In the Scottish Book of Constitutions of 1848 the number is given as No. 40, and the same occurs in the edition 1879—no former number being given—and the lodge is now also known as No. 40 which Bro. Murray Lyon, G. Sec., says, "is the only number here by which the lodge was known." In the 1879 Book of Constitutions No. 36 is "St. David, Edinburgh," and the former number 44 (now 39) is "St. John, Kilsyth."

I appealed to the courteous Secretary of No. 40, Bro. D. Wilson, for information, and after making enquiries he says; "Our lodge charter, granted by Grand Lodge to us, is dated 1740, and the Lodge is named *St. Thomas of Aberbrothock*, but no number is given, neither is there any number mentioned in the older minute books." The matter remains therefore a mystery, and the only solution appears to be that at some time previous to the issue of the 1848 list of lodges, there was some system of numbering, or re-numbering, of which no record is left in the books of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. If any Brother can solve this interesting puzzle, I should be greatly obliged.

FRED. J. W. CROWE, P.P.G.O. Devon.

TESTIMONIAL TO BRO. JAMES MOFFAT, P.M.

At the last meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire it was announced to the brethren that, in consequence of the ill-health of his wife, Bro. James Moffat, who, for many years had carried out the duties of Charity Representative, had felt constrained to resign his position. The news was received with much regret, for our brother is deservedly held in high estimation by his fellow members. This was shown in a cordial manner, and by the unanimous adoption of the following address, which was ordered to be engrossed on vellum:

"Bro. Moffat is a P.M. of the lodge, No. 74, and during his connection therewith has been mainly instrumental in bringing the large sum of £2200 towards the Funds of our central Masonic Institutions, having not only been indefatigable in his exertions to induce brethren to act as Stewards at the various Anniversary Festivals, but having qualified himself as Vice-President of all the Institutions, he has seldom, if ever, missed an election during this long period of service, and has conducted the whole of the arduous work in connection therewith, in collecting votes, and in successfully carrying the provincial cases at his own expense. He has been deservedly respected and popular with the various Secretaries of the Institutions, and with the many brethren with whom he has had dealings or met at the different elections, and in his retirement he carries the best wishes of one and all."

It can truthfully be said that our energetic brother has well earned the compliment which his brethren of Warwickshire have paid him, and we join with them in recording our appreciation of such good service with our best wishes for his future welfare and happiness.

The annual exhibition by the National Chrysanthemum Society was opened at the Royal Aquarium, Westminster, on Tuesday and remained open till Thursday. The contrast was very great between the brightness caused by the magnificent array of beautiful flowers within the hall and the gloom and mist without. The exhibits were arranged in sundry classes, and showed a high standard of excellence.

A performance of "The Daughter of the Regiment" was given by the Carl Rosa Opera Company at Balmoral on Tuesday, at which the Queen and the Royal Family were present, the members of the Household being privileged to attend, while the servants were allowed the opportunity of witnessing the opera.

MASONIC MEETINGS (Metropolitan)

For the week ending Saturday, November 19, 1892.

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

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12.

CRAFT LODGES.

108, London, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.
1328, Granite, Freemasons' Hall.
1426, Great City, Cannon-street Hotel.
1446, Mount Edgecumbe, Bridge House Hotel.
1607, Loyalty, London Tavern.
1686, Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1743, Perseverance, Anderton's Hotel.
1830, Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall.
1964, Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
2029, King Solomon, Mark Masons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

MARK LODGE.

234, Brixton, Anderton's Hotel.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14.

CRAFT LODGES.

5, St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall.
58, Felicity, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.
9, St. John's, Albion Tavern.
136, Good Report, Inns of Court Hotel.
193, Confidence, Anderton's Hotel.
1366, Highgate, Midland Grand Hotel.
1571, Leopold, Bridge House Hotel.
1670, Adelphi, Freemasons' Hall.
1789, Ubique, Criterion.
2243, Argonauts, Cromwell Hall, Putney Bridge-road.
2394, Galen, Freemasons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

720, Pannure, Horns Tavern.
862, Whittington, Anderton's Hotel.
MARK LODGES.
104, Macdonald, Mark Masons' Hall.
214, Menatschim, Criterion.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15.

Board of General Purposes, at 4.

CRAFT LODGES.

30, United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern.
73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel.
95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
102, Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall.
194, St. Paul's, Cannon-street Hotel.
435, Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall.
704, Camden, Anderton's Hotel.
857, St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1805, Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bromley.
2021, Queen's Westminster, Holborn Restaurant.
2022, Haven, Lyric Hall, Faling.
2408, Hampstead, Hampstead Conservatoire.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Clareton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E. at 8.
Upper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6.
Clarence and Avondale, Masonic Hall, Leytonstone E. at 8.
Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, at 7.
Hucier, The Old White Hart, High-street, Borough, at 8.
Clarence, 1A, Fitzroy-square, at 7.30.
Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.
House, Middleton Arms, corner of Queen's-road and Middle-ton-road, Dalston, E., at 8.
Jomatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, at 7.
East Surrey Lodge of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 8.
Solematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
Shield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-rd., Rotherhithe, 8.
Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, at 8.
Finsbury, The Goose and Gridiron, London House Yard, St. Paul's Churchyard, E.C., at 7.
Lawrence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, 2nd and 4th Tues., at 7.30.
Friars, The White Horse, 94, White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., E., at 7.30.
Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.
Joppa, Boundary Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C., at 7.30.