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

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BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Among the independent Grand Lodges established in British North America during the last 37 or 38 years, that of British Columbia is probably the youngest and has the smallest aggregate membership, but from the report of the proceedings at its 21st annual communication in June last, it is evidently very far from being the least active and energetic. It has on its register 860 subscribing members as compared with 726 during the previous year, its General Fund has a considerable balance on the right side of the account, and the Charity Fund amounts to but little short of \$5600. Its present condition, therefore, is eminently satisfactory, and no doubt as the colony becomes more populous, the Craft will be still more numerous. As for the work done by the Grand Master during his year of office, as described in the address which he delivered before the brethren, it makes quite a brave show. Having announced that charters had been issued to three lodges, Bro. MARCUS WOLFE passed on to the question of "Uniformity of Masonic clothing," in respect of which he mentioned that one of the private lodges had denied the right of Grand Lodge to alter their clothing or jewels, basing their refusal to conform to the present law on the Article in the first edition of the Book of Constitutions, which provided that "lodges in this jurisdiction already supplied in this respect may continue the adoption and use of the same as long as they so desire." With this exception, as to which we consider the Grand Master is right in pointing out that the present law must be obeyed, all the lodges appear to have adopted readily the provisions of the law as revised. Another lodge is also cited as having insisted on appointing instead of electing its Secretary, and on the same ground, namely, that it claimed to "act thus in accordance with the provision contained in the original edition of the Constitutions." In this, however, as in the former case, we hold that the Grand Master was right in insisting on the observance of the law as it is now, and not as it was when the Grand Lodge was constituted, the first draft of the Constitutions being necessarily provisional in matters of detail. Passing over the events in which the Grand Master took part, and the visits he appears to have paid to sundry of the lodges, we come to the decisions which he considered of sufficient interest and importance to be referred to particularly in his address. As regards the first of these, Bro. WOLFE decided that the general business of a lodge must be conducted in the Third Degree, not in the First, on the ground that "the whole spirit and tenor of Masonic custom has been that the business of a lodge should be conducted in the Third Degree, the members of which constitute the main body at the time." While we do not object to Bro. WOLFE having decided in this fashion, we demur to his statement that his decision is based on the "whole spirit and tenor of Masonic custom." The Grand Lodge of England may be supposed to know something about "the spirit and tenor of Masonic custom," and under its jurisdiction the lodges transact their business in the First, not the Third, Degree. But then we look upon Entered Apprentices as Craft members, whereas, in his second decision, Bro. WOLFE lays it down absolutely that "an Entered Apprentice is not a member of the lodge until he has attained the Master Mason's Degree and signed the By-laws." Of course, in deciding upon these points, the Grand Master of Columbia must be guided by the provisions of the Columbian Book of Constitutions; but it is too much to expect that we shall acquiesce in his statement when, in reference to the membership or non-membership of an Entered Apprentice, he goes on to say—"notwithstanding lodges of the English and Canadian work, transact business (other than Degree work) in a lodge opened in the First Degree (even within our own jurisdiction), yet in my opinion it is contrary to Masonic jurisprudence, general usage, established custom, and, above all, contrary to our Constitutions." We respectfully point out that English "Masonic jurisprudence, general usage, and established custom" cannot be altogether eliminated from the consideration of such a question as this. The Grand Lodge of England is the parent of a very large proportion of the Grand Lodges now established, and though the latter are perfectly justified in adopting Constitutions which accord with their own opinions as to the manner in which they should be governed, it is a sweeping assertion, which is not justified by facts, to say in effect that our Masonic Jurisprudence, usages, and customs are of no account whatever. Of the other decisions specified by Bro. WOLFE there is only one to which reference need be made. He was asked if "the loss of toes on the right foot incapacitated an applicant for membership," and, in reply, he decided "that when the deformity of the candidate is not such as to prevent him from being instructed in the arts and mysteries of Freemasonry, and does not amount to an ability honestly to acquire the means of subsistence, the admission will not be an infringement upon the ancient landmarks, but will be perfectly

consistent with the spirit of our institution, and you will be permitted to initiate the candidate accordingly."

Among the many recommendations and suggestions contained in the latter part of his address we note that he advises the brethren "to familiarise themselves with the vast amount of useful Masonic knowledge by reading the standard works and subscribing to one or more of the several valuable publications (notably among them is the *Voice of Masonry*, of Chicago), which are replete with lectures, orations, and subjects of both useful and practical importance." He also lays stress on the importance of introducing "the social feature to a greater extent into our lodge meetings," which he explains to mean not "elaborate banquets or expensive entertainments," but "the social gatherings of brethren, interchange of visits between lodges," with the occasional invitation of wives and families, literary exercises, &c., &c. On these matters, as well as on the establishment of a Masonic Home, which Bro. WOLFE considers ought not to be pressed forward until the body of Masons in the Colony is more numerous than at present—we have nothing to say, as these are matters which can only be determined by local considerations. But whatever our opinion may be as to the decisions and recommendations it contains, we readily allow that the address is conceived in an excellent spirit, and we trust will be attended with beneficial results to our Columbian brethren.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

The Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, was held on Wednesday evening, the 7th instant, at Freemasons' Hall. The M.W. Pro Grand Master, Rt. Hon. the Earl of Lathom, presided, and he was supported by the R.W. Dep. G.M., the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe; R.W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M. Hants and the Isle of Wight, acting as P.G.M.; Bros. Col. Noel Money, C.B., P.G.M. Surrey; H. D. Sandeman, P.D.G.M. Bengal; Lieut.-Col. Aubrey Saunders, P.D.G.M. Madras; Sir John B. Monckton, P.S.G.W.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap.; Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter), G.D. of C.; Rev. H. R. Cooper Smith, G. Chap.; Rev. J. A. Lloyd, P.G. Chap.; Rev. H. Lansdell, P.G. Chap.; Capt. J. D. Murray, G. Treas.; Richard Eve, P.G. Treas.; George Everett, P.G. Treas.; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg.; Thomas Fenn, Pres. Bd. Gen. Purps.; Edward Letchworth, G. Sec.; Robert Grey, Pres. Bd. Ben.; the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, P.G.W.; Admiral Sir E. Inglefield, P.G.W.; Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; Peter de Lande Long, P.G.D.; Henry Smith, P.G.D.; W. F. Smithson, P.G.D.; R. C. Sudlow, P.G. Std. Br.; W. P. Brown, G. Std. Br.; E. Cutler, Q.C., G. Org.; Dr. Strong, A.G.D.C.; James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; A. H. Pendlebury, Asst. G. Sec.; and a large number of other Grand and Past Grand Officers.

After the minutes of the Quarterly Communication of September 7th had been read and confirmed, the scrutineers of balloting cards for the election of members of the Board of Benevolence were selected and obligated, and having collected the cards, they retired.

The Earl of LATHOM then said: Brethren it is with deep regret that I have to inform you that since last meeting of Grand Lodge a well-known brother has passed away from us, viz. Bro. Ernest Emil Wendt, who for more than twenty-two years has held the office of Grand Secretary for German Correspondence.

Bro. T. L. WILKINSON next said: I have now the honour to nominate his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales for re-election as our M.W. Grand Master for the ensuing year. (Applause). Brethren, it would be useless, and indeed it is happy for me that it is useless to add any observations to the formal nomination I have to make. There can be no doubt whatever that the very great services of his Royal Highness to the Craft are well known; there can be no doubt whatever that the loyalty, the fraternity—I might almost say affection—with which his name is regarded by the Craft are widely known, and need not be repeated; his worth is known throughout the civilised world, wherever the English language is heard, and from the rising to the setting sun. I therefore beg to nominate his Royal Highness for Grand Master. (Cheers).

Bro. DAVIES nominated as Grand Treasurer, Bro. Samuel Cochrane, a brother who had done great service to Freemasonry in general, a Past Master of Fidelity, No. 3, of Victoria Lodge, No. 1056, a founder and the first Master of the Duke of Fife Lodge, No. 2345, who had been a considerable time a member of the Board of General Purposes, also a Vice-President of some of the Masonic Charities. He therefore submitted that Bro. Samuel Cochrane, P.M., was a fit and proper person to occupy the honourable and dignified position of Grand Treasurer of England. (Applause).

There was no other nomination.

The Earl of LATHOM said the M.W. Grand Master had been pleased to re-appoint Bro. Robert Grey, President of the Board of Benevolence. (Cheers).

Bro. ROBERT GREY then advanced to the throne, and was re-invested by the Earl of Lathom, who shook him warmly by the hand.

The Earl of LATHOM announced that Bro. James Brett had again been chosen Senior Vice-President, and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, Junior Vice-President of the Board of Benevolence.

On the motion of Bro. ROBERT GREY, seconded by Bro. JAMES BRETT the following grants recommended by Board of Benevolence were confirmed:

The widow of a brother of the Highgate Lodge, No. 1366, London	£50 0 0
A brother of the Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192, London ...	50 0 0
A brother of the Farringdon Without Lodge, No. 1745, London	75 0 0
A brother of the Lodge of Justice, No. 147, Deptford ...	50 0 0
A brother of the lodge of Unity and Prudence, late No. 545, Geelong, Victoria	50 0 0
A brother of the United Pilgrims Lodge, No. 507, Southwark ...	50 0 0
A brother of the Salisbury Lodge, No. 435, London ...	50 0 0
A brother of the Merchant Navy Lodge, No. 781, London ...	50 0 0
The widow of a Past Grand Pursuivant	100 0 0

And a resolution of a vote of thanks to the President, Bro. Robert Grey, for the courteous manner in which he has during the past year presided over the meetings of the Board.

The following report of the Board of General Purposes was taken as read and received, and ordered to be entered on the minutes:

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The proposition of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, respecting the appointment of six additional Grand Officers, not having been accepted by Grand Lodge at the last Quarterly Communication, the President of the Board laid a report of the proceedings before the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, and requested his instructions.

The Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, believing that Grand Lodge must have been acting under some misapprehension, desired the Board to submit the proposition again to Grand Lodge, with some modifications which his lordship believes will be generally acceptable.

The proposition which the Board now recommend for adoption is as follows:

"That an addition be made to the Grand Officers appointed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master by the appointment of a *Deputy Grand Registrar*, to rank immediately after the Grand Registrar, *two additional Grand Deacons*, *two additional Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies*, and a *Deputy Grand Sword Bearer*, and that the same take effect on and after the Grand Festival of 1893."

"That in Provinces and Districts numbering 40 lodges and upwards, the Provincial and District Grand Masters shall be empowered to appoint annually *two additional Provincial or District Asst. Grand Directors of Ceremonies*. In Provinces and Districts numbering 70 lodges and upwards, the Provincial and District Grand Masters shall be empowered to appoint *two additional Provincial or District Grand Deacons*, and *two additional Provincial or District Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies*. In Provinces and Districts numbering 100 lodges and upwards, the Provincial and District Grand Masters shall be empowered to appoint a *Provincial or District Deputy Grand Registrar* to take rank immediately after the Provincial or District Grand Registrar, *two additional Provincial or District Grand Deacons*, *two additional Provincial or District Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies*, and a *Provincial or District Deputy Grand Sword Bearer*, and that the Provincial and District Grand Masters be empowered to appoint such additional Provincial or District Grand Officers at the first meeting for the annual appointment of officers for the several Provincial and District Grand Lodges after the confirmation of the Minutes of Grand Lodge."

The amount of £25 per annum hitherto granted towards the expenses of the library being found insufficient, the Board recommend Grand Lodge to increase the yearly grant to £50.

(Signed) THOMAS FENN, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
15th November, 1892.

To the Report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 11th day of November instant, showing a balance in the Bank of England (Western Branch) of £6862 8s. 9d., and balance of annual allowance for library £9 17s. 6d., and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £100, and for servants' wages £100.

Bro. THOMAS FENN, President of the Board, then said: M.W. Pro Grand Master,—Before the resolution arising out of the first part of the report is put to Grand Lodge, I beg permission to refer to what took place at the last Quarterly Communication, as there are many present this evening who were not here on that occasion. In the first place, I feel it my duty to defend my Board from the charge of misrepresentation in their report made against them by the mover of the amendment. The brother I allude to said "the proposition is stated to be made at the recommendation of the Grand Master, but it is really from the Board of General Purposes, and I do not see why we should be forced to swallow up all the Board of General Purposes recommends." No one knows better than yourself, M.W. Pro Grand Master, that there was no foundation for this assertion, and that the brother was not justified in making it, and in such positive terms, as might lead Grand Lodge to suppose he was speaking from his own personal knowledge. The real fact is—as all my Board who are present here can testify—that the proposal came before them exactly as stated in the report, namely, in the form of a letter from your lordship, addressed to me as their President. This was absolutely the first time the Board had heard of it, and believing that the appointment of six additional Grand Officers could not but give general satisfaction, they, without hesitation, agreed to recommend it. Had the amendment carried at the last Grand Lodge been put and carried as a substantive motion, there would have been only five additional appointments instead of six. Believing that this could not have been the intention of Grand Lodge in supporting the amendment, and seeing that the proposed arrangement for the additional appointments in provinces and districts could not then be carried out, I obtained permission of Grand Lodge to withdraw the motion altogether in order that I might have an opportunity of taking your instructions. Before that opportunity arrived a meeting of the Board took place, and the members—most of whom are representative brethren—having, I suppose, in the meantime been interviewed by their constituents, were almost unanimous in saying, on the part of those they represented, that they were not in favour of the proposed appointment of Grand Chancellor. I wish Grand Lodge to know that, on informing you, M.W. Pro Grand Master, of

this expression of opinion on the part of the Board, you, with your accustomed courtesy and readiness to accommodate your own views to those of Grand Lodge, at once withdrew the designation of Grand Chancellor as one of the proposed appointments. As you are happily present in the chair this evening, I venture to think it would, under all the circumstances, be more fitting and more agreeable to Grand Lodge that the resolution should be proposed from the chair, and, if I may be permitted, I shall be pleased to second it, as representing the Board over which I have the honour to preside.

The Earl of LATHOM: Brethren,—let me first express my very deep regret at not being able to be with you at the last Quarterly Communication. It was quite unavoidable, I could not possibly be here. Allow me to say that I entirely endorse every word that has fallen from Bro. Fenn's lips. The idea of increasing the number of Grand Officers in Grand Lodge and in Provincial and District Grand Lodges originated with myself. I laid the proposition before the M.W. Grand Master. We went through it and discussed it, and it was with His Royal Highness' consent and approval that I wrote the letter I did to the Board of General Purposes. Brethren, as to the title of Grand Chancellor I was not particularly enamoured of it, and I did not care what the name was so long as we got the officers. I wanted the officers, and I may say, though it is rather egotistical on my part, my reason is that in some of the provinces the number of worthy Masons who deserve office is so great that it is impossible to give that proper recognition to those who deserve it. In my own Province of West Lancashire there are 105 lodges, and as the offices now stand it takes eight years to come round to each lodge to select a Provincial Grand Officer. That is rather hard when in some provinces it comes round to every lodge twice in every year. I do not think that is fair. I also think it is fair play that brethren ought to have a chance of Grand Office in Grand Lodge as well as in the Provinces. (Applause.) I have nothing more to say except that I bring forward this motion with the full concurrence and approbation of the Grand Master, and I hope Grand Lodge will pass it unanimously. I beg to move the resolution as it stands on the paper. (Cheers.)

Bro. THOMAS FENN: M.W. Grand Master, I have very great pleasure in seconding it.

Bro. W. F. LAMONBY said: I trust I may be permitted to tender my humble support to the resolutions now before Grand Lodge, especially that part of them which refers to the creation of a Deputy Grand Registrar. As a present member of the Colonial Board, and one who spent 10 very active years amidst Australian Masonry, I may be presumed to have some knowledge of the many anxieties, responsibilities, and worries placed upon the shoulders of our able and self-denying Grand Registrar in connection with the foundation of Colonial Grand Lodges. There are possibly other Grand Lodges looming in the dim, and, perhaps, not very far distant future, and I think the resolution to create a Deputy Grand Registrar is a step in the right direction, and as it is popularly supposed, there is wisdom in the multiplicity of counsel, there cannot possibly be two opinions as to the propriety of the appointment of a Deputy Grand Registrar. I have much pleasure, and indeed consider myself highly honoured by being permitted to support these resolutions, and in their entirety. (Cheers.)

The Earl of MOUNT EDGECUMBE, D.G.M., asked to be allowed to say a few words. At last Quarterly Communication, owing to the absence of the Earl of Lathom, he was placed unexpectedly in the chair, when he had not had an opportunity of communicating with the Earl of Lathom or the Grand Master on this subject. Therefore he felt it was not in his power to second Bro. Fenn in support of his proposal. He felt that it would be most distasteful to his Royal Highness the Grand Master if he were to say one word which might be implied as an attempt to use his Royal Highness's name as a lever to move Grand Lodge an inch against its will. If any words fell from him that night be interpreted as calling on Grand Lodge to swallow anything because it was his Royal Highness's suggestion it was unintentional, because he felt after an amendment had been moved it would be inconvenient—almost unseemly—that the motion should go in a mutilated form; therefore, although the amendment was carried the amended resolution was not put, and Bro. Fenn was permitted to withdraw the motion. He trusted that in its present form it would receive the unanimous support of Grand Lodge.

Bro. RICHARD EVE, P.G.T., said: Some observations had been made concerning himself by the President of the Board of General Purposes, which called for a few words in reply. The President of the Board of General Purposes intimated to Grand Lodge that he (Bro. Eve) said what was untrue in making the statements he did when he described as a proposition of the Board the proposal that was then made. He made at the last meeting no statement as the President had put it that night. He did not say that the proposition had not emanated from the Grand Master. He said it was from a very high source, but he looked upon it as a proposition, and it was nothing else than a proposition of the Board of General Purposes, and as such he did not like to hear any brother attacked as he had been that night. It was right that a brother should oppose a recommendation even though emanating from the Board of General Purposes, even though it was on the recommendation of the Grand Master, if he thought it was wrong he ought to oppose it, and express his feeling on it. He did not intend then to oppose the proposition, but as he was on his feet he wished to know how they were to pass that as a whole, when at last Grand Lodge it was proposed to pass it in different sections.

Bro. PHILBRICK, Q.C., G.R., said Bro. Eve was quite mistaken, as there was no such resolution carried at the last Grand Lodge. Bro. Eve's amendment no doubt was carried as an amendment, but not as a substantive motion. Bro. Fenn's motion to agree with the recommendations of the Board of General Purposes being meanwhile by leave withdrawn.

Bro. EVE said of course Grand Lodge took the ruling from the Grand Registrar; he was an eminent legal authority, far higher than himself (Bro. Eve), but he might say it was a resolution and an amendment of Grand Lodge. Notwithstanding the ruling of the Grand Registrar, he must say it was not competent when an amendment was actually voted upon to withdraw the proposition.

Bro. Sir J. B. MONCKTON, P.G.W., said the minutes of the last Grand Lodge had been read and confirmed, and that settled the matter.

Bro. EVE observed that the amendment to the resolution was confirmed. He did not wish to stand in the way of this resolution. He was now quite willing to give his support to the resolution.

The recommendations were adopted unanimously.

Bro. FENN then proposed, and Bro. POCOCK, M.D., seconded the last recommendation in the report, to increase the allowance for Grand Library from £25 to £50 a year, which was carried.

Grand Lodge was then closed in ample form.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTH WALES (WESTERN DIVISION).

On Wednesday, the 23rd ult., the annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of North Wales (Western Division), was held at Neyland, when the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Lord Kensington, dedicated the new Masonic Hall at that place. This new hall has been erected at a cost of £400 on land belonging to Sir Charles Philipps, of Picton Castle, and will fill a want long felt by the brethren in that town. The building is situated on the main road leading from Neyland to Llanstadwell, and if the exterior of the structure is not of an imposing appearance, the internal arrangements and decorations are all that can be desired, and reflect the greatest credit upon those charged with the duty of seeing the work efficiently carried out.

The attendance of brethren from all the lodges in the province was large, and there was also a considerable gathering of Past and Present Officers of Prov. Grand Lodge, there being altogether about 130 brethren present. The Prov. Grand Master was accompanied by his Deputy, Bro. W. Lyte Stradling, and the Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened, the brethren being in their respective stations, the opening hymn, "Hail, Eternal, by whose aid," was sung.

The Prov. GRAND MASTER then addressed the Provincial Grand Lodge explaining the objects for which they had met, the necessity that existed for the erection of the building, and the effect it was likely to have upon the future of Masonry in the district.

The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, the introductory prayer being given by the P.G. Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. Stewart Pattison, P.M. 290. The anthem followed "Behold how good and joyful a thing it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." This, as well as the other musical parts of the ceremony, was capitally rendered by a choir under the direction of Bro. T. Hancock, with orchestral accompaniment.

The Prov. Grand Master, with the other assisting brethren, then proceeded round the lodge, and having dedicated the same, the Prov. Grand Chaplain offered the dedicatory prayer. Bro. the Rev. G. Huntington, P.P.G.C., then delivered an address on Masonry. The anthem, "I have surely built Thee an house to dwell in," was then given, and a final benediction from the chair brought the ceremony to a close.

The usual business in connection with the annual Prov. Grand Lodge was then proceeded with, the roll call of the lodges being responded to by the brethren.

The minutes of the last Prov. Grand Lodge were read and confirmed, and the Grand Treasurer's account for the year received and passed.

Bro. Dr. Hearder was re-elected Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year, after which the Prov. Grand Master invested his officers as follows:

Bro. F. E. Remfry, 1177	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" S. B. Sketch, 990	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. Stewart Pattison, 990	...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. W. Ll. Rees, 476	...	...
" Geo. J. Hearder, 476	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" R. D. Gilbertson, 1748	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" John James, 464	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" John Prosser, 464	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" D. Williams Rees, 671	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" Charles Jones, 476	...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" R. G. Smith, 1072	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" John Leech, 1177	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" Richard Thomas, 2001	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" David Thomas, 366	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" W. Milne, 378	...	...
" D. D. Mayo, 990	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. Ll. Thomas, 671	...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" Thomas Rogers, 464	...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" J. F. Hancock, 990	...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" O. L. Roberts, 1072	...	...
" G. H. Way, 378	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler
" Richard Miller, 1748	...	...
" E. J. Biddlecombe, 366	...	...
" G. Bowen, 464	...	...

The report of Prov. Grand Lodge Committee, held at Carmarthen, on the 12th October, was read and adopted, and a sum of 20 guineas voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls for 1892-3, the lodge adopting two girls as candidates by the province for election to that Institution. Bro. Aaron Stone, P.M. 671, was unanimously re-elected Charity Commissioner for the ensuing year, and a hearty vote of thanks was awarded him for past services.

Prov. Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren afterwards sat down to a banquet at the Great Western Hotel.

CONSECRATION OF THE GRACEDIEU LODGE, No. 2428, AT COALVILLE.

Closely following upon the recent consecration of the Lodge of Research, No. 2429, in the Province of Leicestershire and Rutland, the brethren were called together to witness the establishment of still another addition to the roll of Leicestershire lodges, this time at the mining and manufacturing centre of Coalville. The new lodge—Gracedieu—takes its name from the Abbey formerly existing in the neighbourhood, the interesting ruins of which building still remain, and the brethren have adopted, at the heading of their very artistic summons, a pleasing view of the chief portion remaining of that building.

For the purposes of their meetings an exceedingly commodious and convenient Masonic Hall has been erected, immediately adjoining the Railway Hotel, and there on the 16th ult. the brethren assembled from all quarters in goodly numbers to witness the ceremony of consecration.

The P.G.M., Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl Ferrers, having been pleased to consent to undertake the ceremony, attended with his Provincial Grand Officers, who had been specially summoned for the purpose of the meeting. The lodge was opened with the necessary formalities, and after the petition and warrant had been read, and the approval of the founders given to the officers named to preside over them, the senior Prov. Grand Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. H. W. Fitch, M.A., delivered the following oration:

Right Worshipful Sir, Worshipful Master, and Brethren,—It can hardly fail to be a matter of sincere satisfaction to the members of our Brotherhood that the growth and development of our ancient Craft is so marked in this province at the present time. Indeed, it is but three weeks to-day since the Lodge of Research was con-

secrated, and now we are commanded to assemble again to witness the solemn consecration of the Lodge of Gracedieu. And since every man who is in earnest about any good object cannot but wish it extended as widely as possible, so we, as loyal members of this province, believing that the more our Order is extended the better it will be for Society, may surely accept the omen contained in this beautiful name, and find in Gracedieu the expression of our thanks to God. For the very name reminds us of one great essential part of Freemasonry, belief in the Fatherhood of God, whom we address in one of our solemn prayers—"Almighty Father, Architect and Ruler of the Universe." Masonry, as we well know, is a system of morality, but it is unlike the old philosophical system of the Greeks. Masonry occupies itself with the study and pursuit of moral and social virtues, but does not engage in speculation or the nature and origin of things. The very first verse of the V. of the S.L., ever in its place in every Masonic lodge, is enough to set the Mason's mind at rest. "In the beginning God created the world," and we worship him as T.G.A.O.T.U. No lodge is opened but his name is invoked, and when lodge is closed His name receives our thanks. Trusting in that name, the candidate approaches his ideal, for where it is invoked we trust no danger can ensue. The sense of God's Fatherhood give the Mason courage in his hour of trial, but it also teaches him caution. He is never to forget that wherever we are or whatever we do may be doing the G.A.O.T.U. is with us, and his Allseeing eye observes us, and, therefore, surely the Mason should have a nervous and trembling anxiety to do his duty according to his rank and condition.

No matter what the object of a life,
Great things or small, the making thrive a shop,
Or seeing that an Empire take no harm.

I have read, brethren, of an operative Mason, an ancient Greek sculptor, who was carving an image in a lofty niche of a great temple, where but half of it could possibly be seen, and when one who watched him asked why he took such pains to finish it, he replied—"The Gods see behind and before." Such is the spirit Masonry would have us apply to our morals, and to courage and caution add fidelity. Indeed, there is no moral or social virtue the exercise of which is not demanded by us of our Masonic obligation. But upon this doctrine of the Fatherhood of God rests another great Masonic principle—the brotherhood of man. It follows among Masons as a logical necessity, and therefore it is our time-honoured custom to greet one another by the name of Brother. Masonry teaches us to bear one another's burdens. Who can forget in how strange and striking a manner the chiefest virtue was inculcated at his initiation? And at a Masonic meal when we ask God to bless our food we pray that He may not be unmindful of the wants of others. Time would fail me were I to speak at length of the vast systematic and discriminate Charity which has sprung from our great reality of Brotherhood. Even men who view us with disfavour have been forced to admit that we are the greatest charitable organisation in the world. Our Order is like a city on a hill, it cannot be hid. Its deeds are known and read of all men. But there is one more principle of Masonry which I would briefly mention, i.e., obedience to lawful authority. The Mason is taught never to countenance any act tending to subvert society. He must pay due obedience to the laws of the land in which he may reside, and never forget his allegiance to the Sovereign of his native country. He ought therefore to be a peace-loving, orderly citizen. The building of King Solomon's Temple should be a type of his life. For there all the stones were known in the quarries, all the timbers prepared far away in the Forest of Lebanon, then carried on floats to Joppa, and noiselessly adjusted on the Hill of Sion, so that in the preparation of that wonderous building—

No hammer fell, no ponderous axes rung,
Like some tall palm, the mystic fabric sprung.

So is it with the temple that Masons ought to build within themselves. In quietness and confidence should be their strength, till God prepares their path to His Eternal Temple. For in the noble words of our lately dead poet—

Self reverence, self knowledge, self control,
These three alone lead life to sovereign power.
Yet not for power, power of herself
Would come unasked for, but to live by law,
Acting the law we live by without fear,
And because right is right to follow right,
Were wisdom in the scorn of consequence.

Therefore, brethren, the great principle of the Fatherhood of God tends to make them charitable, and obedience to authority renders them peaceable. And in these times, when the very existence of God is denied by thousands of the frail creatures of his providence, when there is an evil tendency abroad to disobey law, because it is law, is it not well that the grand old principles which I have so feebly set before you should be venerated more and more amongst us. Let us therefore, brethren, yield to God our hearty thanks for this flowing tide of Freemasonry that is breaking in amongst us. May the Gracedieu Lodge, consecrated to-day in this place, accrue to the benefit of mankind and the honour of God's holy name. May He endue its officers with wisdom, and all its members with the spirit of His holy fear, and cement and adorn it with every moral and social virtue.

After the oration, which was listened to with much interest and attention, the Prov. Grand Master proceeded in a masterly manner to constitute and consecrate the new lodge.

The musical portion of the ceremony, which added greatly to the success of the day's proceedings, was most ably conducted by Bro. T. B. Laxton, P.P.G.O., Prov. S.G.D.

By direction of the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. S. S. Partridge, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, then took the chair, and installed as first V.M. Bro. the Hon. Paulyn Francis Cuthbert Rawdon Hastings, I.P.M. 779, who appointed and invested the following as his officers: Bros. W. A. Musson, P.P.J.G.W., S.W.; R. Porter-Keates, J.W.; G. Bullen, P.P.A.G.D.C., Treas.; J. Wootton, Sec.; J. Furner, S.D.; J. Colley Burkitt, M.D., J.D.; G. D. Orchard, W.M. 779, D.C.; G. Ormsby Burkitt, M.D., I.G.; L. Houghton, M.D., Steward; and E. Louch, Tyler.

The proceedings of the day terminated with a banquet excellently provided by Mr. Sheffield, the worthy host of the Railway Hotel.

CONSECRATION OF THE PENTALPIA CHAPTER, No. 974, BRADFORD.

The consecration of this chapter took place at the Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford, on Tuesday, the 25th October, when there were present—Comps. Edward Letchworth, P.Z. 2, Grand Scribe E. of England, as Grand Superintendent; T. W. Embleton, P.Z. 1513, Prov. G.H.; Wm. Hy. Jessup, P.Z. 521, Prov. G.J.; Henry Smith, P.Z. 302, Prov. G.S.E.; John Wm. Balme, P.Z. 61, Prov. G.S.N.; H. Oxley, P.Z. 495, as Prov. G. Treas.; Isaac Kaberry, P.Z. 495, Prov. G. Reg.; John Seed, P.Z. 448, Prov. G.P. Soj.; and many others.

The Principals *pro tem.* and other Principals, Present and Past, entered and opened the chapter. Apologies for absence were read from the following: Comps. Fred. Cleaves, P.Z. 904, P.P.G. Reg.; George Althorp, P.Z. 600, P.P.G.S.; C. Crabtree, P.Z. 600, P.P.G.P.S.; B. Broughton, P.Z. 302, P.P.G.J.; Ensor Drury, P.Z. 139, P.P.G.H.; the Rev. F. C. Smyth, D.D., P.Z. 2069, P.P.G.H.; W. H. Brittain, J.P., P.Z. 139; John Cass, P.Z. 302; and W. J. Waugh.

The CONSECRATING PRINCIPAL then addressed the companions on the nature of the meeting, and called upon the Director of Ceremonies to state the wishes of the companions, and he having done so,

The REGISTRAR addressed the Principals.

The CONSECRATING PRINCIPAL replied, and directed the Registrar to read the petition and charter.

The remainder of the ceremony having been performed as set forth in the programme, and the oration having been delivered by Comp. Mason, P.Z. 304, P.P.G.H., the chapter was duly constituted.

Comp. J. L. Atherton, M.E.Z. 387, P.Z. 600, P.P.G.H., then installed Comps. W. C. Lupton, P.Z. 302, P.P.G.S.N., Z.; Alfred Stott, P.Z. 275, H.; and Robert Newton Rhodes, 302, J. And the M.E.Z. afterwards appointed and invested his officers as follows: Comps. Charles Maurice Wilson, S.E.; Tom Ibbetson, S.N.; Edward Linck, Treas.; C. Wm. Osbrey Smith, P.S.; Isaac Mossop, 1st A.S.; Claude Taylor, 2nd A.S.; Simeon Whiteley, Org.; Walter Dickenson and Edgar H. Barraclough, Stwds.; and George Beanland Janitor.

Comp. ATHERTON gave the third address.

The following resolution, proposed by Comp. LUPTON, Z., and seconded by Comp. STOTT, H., was unanimously carried: "That a most hearty vote of thanks is due and is hereby accorded to Comp. Edward Letchworth, Grand Scribe E., for his able services so kindly rendered in the consecration of the Pentalpha Chapter, No. 974."

Comp. LETCHWORTH, in replying, expressed the pleasure it had afforded him to meet his West Yorkshire companions and be of some small service to them.

The M.E.Z. proposed, and Comp. ALFRED STOTT, P.Z. 275, seconded, and it was resolved that the following companions be elected honorary members, viz.: Comps. J. L. Atherton, M.E.Z. 387; J. W. Monckman, P.Z. 600; Simeon Whiteley, 302; and Geo. Beanland, Janitor 302.

"Hearty good wishes" were given for the success of the new chapter by every one present, after which the chapter was closed.

The companions afterwards dined together, the M.E.Z. presiding.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and several companions added to the pleasure of the evening by ably rendering several songs, &c.

CONSECRATION OF THE SHURMUR CHAPTER, No. 2374.

It was but natural that in so prosperous a lodge as the William Shurmur Lodge—which now numbers nearly 200 members on its roll and has, during a brief existence of two years, voted 600 guineas to the Masonic Institutions—a desire should be evinced to have a Royal Arch Chapter attached. A strong body of founders was formed with this object, and the petition having been granted by H.R.H. the M.E. Grand First Principal, the consecration ceremony took place under very favourable auspices at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, Essex, on Thursday, the 1st inst.

The founders were fortunate in securing the services of the distinguished companion after whom the lodge and chapter are named as the M.E.Z. designate, and there is, therefore, every reason to believe that under his guidance the chapter will have a brilliant and useful career. A good start was made by a phenomenal list of candidates being proposed for exaltation, and the charitable work carried out in the mother lodge was continued by voting a sum of 20 guineas—afterwards supplemented to over 100 guineas—to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, a fact almost without precedent on the inaugural night of a Royal Arch chapter.

About 100 Royal Arch Masons were present to witness the consecration ceremony, which was performed by Comp. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg., G. Supt., who was assisted by Comps. Rowland Plumbe, Prov. G.H.; F. A. White, Prov. G.J.; T. J. Ralling, P.G.S.B., Prov. G.S.E.; A. Lucking, A.G.D.C., Prov. G.D.C.; and H. P. Hobson, Prov. G.S.N.

The following founders were present: Comps. Wm. Shurmur, P.Z., M.E.Z. designate; Geo. Graveley, P.Z., H. designate; W. Ernest Dring, J. designate; D. H. McGowan, P.Z.; J. Pinder, P.Z.; N. Fortescue, James Speller, W. Stopher Wright, C. McColla, C. Horst, B. Nicholson, B. Johnson, G. P. Pointer, W. C. Mann, J. Holland, D. P. Holness, P.Z.; T. D. Birch, P.Z.; and S. C. Kaufman.

The chapter was opened, and

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT addressed the companions on the nature of the meeting. Having referred to the progress of Royal Arch Masonry in the Province of Essex, and the success which had attended the William Shurmur Lodge, he expressed the pleasure it afforded him to be present that day for the purpose of consecrating the Shurmur Chapter. He was satisfied that under the guidance of the M.E.Z. designate a wise care would be exercised in selecting good and worthy candidates, and in keeping strictly to the words contained in one of the charges as to the worth of all those recommended to a participation of this—the highest form of Masonry. On behalf of the province he expressed a fervent hope that the chapter would be an ornament and credit to Royal Arch Masonry, and an accession of strength to the Order in the Province of Essex.

The ceremony was proceeded with in the usual manner, and a brief oration on the nature and principles of the Order was given by Comp. S. WHITE, Prov. G.J. The chapter was then dedicated and constituted.

Comp. W. Shurmur, P.Z., was inducted into the chair of M.E.Z., and afterwards installed Comps. Geo. Graveley, H. designate, and W. E. Dring, J. designate, into their respective chairs in the presence of 53 Installed Principals. The following officers were elected and invested: Comps. D. H. McGowan, P.Z., acting I.P.Z.; James Pinder, P.Z., S.E.; J. Byford, jun., S.N.; N. Fortescue, Treas.; James Speller, P.S.; W. Stopher Wright, 1st A.S.; C. McColla, 2nd A.S.; C. Horst, D.C.; B. Nicholson, A.D.C.; B. Johnson, G. P. Pointer, and W. C. Mann, Stewards; Dr. J. F. Haskins, Prov. G. Org., Org.; and John Ives, Janitor.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Consecrating Officers, and they were each presented with a founder's jewel as a souvenir of the occasion.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT acknowledged the gift, and said it had been a labour of love for them to be present.

On the proposition of Comp. N. FORTESCUE, Treasurer, a sum of 20 guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to be placed on the list of the M.E.Z. who was appointed as Steward to represent the chapter.

The officers were elected a Committee to frame the by-laws, and 32 candidates were proposed for exaltation and five companions for joining.

The chapter was then closed.

After a well-served banquet, the usual toasts received hearty recognition.

Comp. E. J. BARON, P.G.S.B., responded for "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," and said that looking back on the 25 years during which he had been a Grand Officer, he had seen a most wonderful progress in Royal Arch Masonry, not only in Essex but throughout the Kingdom, and they must attribute that very largely to the Grand First Principal of the Order. He could remember when there were but four chapters in Essex. As regards the Grand Officers, they always attended Grand Chapter in sufficiently large numbers to discharge their duties, and they thanked the companions for the kind compliments always paid them at other meetings.

"The Grand Superintendent of Essex, Comp. Frederick A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg.," was next proposed by Comp. Wm. SHURMUR, M.E.Z., who said that the honoured name of Philbrick was everywhere held in the highest esteem and regard. A recent proof was the sincere expressions of sympathy tendered to him and his family during their trial and affliction. The founders of the Shurmur Chapter were sincerely grateful to their Grand Superintendent for having recommended his Royal Highness to grant them a charter of constitution, and the exquisite manner in which their worthy chief had carried that charter into effect by consecrating the chapter was beyond all praise. It was a proof that his heart was in his work. They believed that the Grand Superintendent never so thoroughly enjoyed himself as when acting in the discharge of Masonic work, especially in the Royal Arch Degree in the province over which he presided with so much grace and dignity.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT, in reply, said he hardly knew how to thank them for the kindness and warmth of his reception. Rightly had the M.E.Z. said that his heart was in Freemasonry, and especially in the Royal Arch Degree in the Province of Essex, for there his sympathies were most keenly bound up. That night he thought was a memorable one in the annals of the Craft in Essex. It marked the creation of this new chapter under distinguished auspices, and he would be a very poor prophet indeed for a sporting penny paper if he could not pick the winner with his eyes blindfold, and he could assure them they would all participate in the pleasing result if they endorsed his choice much more than if they were trying for the missing word. It was a peculiar pleasure and great pride to one, circumstanced as he was, to see an addition to their ranks at once so numerous, so strong in the quality of the companions, and everything in it so thoroughly Masonic that the very first act of the Treasurer was to spend his funds in benevolence. There was, moreover, an unexampled strong list of candidates for exaltation and joining, and a very distinguished career should be before the chapter. As one got older and saw how matters went in the world, one felt that a lodge which had attained unexampled success and prosperity found its legitimate fulfilment in a chapter. Those who read that comparatively broad sentence in the Book of Constitutions found that pure and ancient Masonry as understood by the Grand Lodge comprised Three Degrees and the Holy Royal Arch, and he held, and always should hold, that no Mason thoroughly understood the full extent of that which lay before him unless he proceeded to the Degree of the Royal Arch. He then understands that which a Mason can steadfastly keep before him as missing in the other Degrees, and he is acquainted with the whole of that great Masonic tradition which, while it embodies a history of interest, not merely of events of antiquity, but that which possessed many items and elements which appealed to all as one of those traditions in which existed those words of loving truth of which they were the exponents in their time, and the dictators to those who came after. It was in this particular respect that the Royal Arch was the crown and the development of the full career of a Master Mason. It was, therefore, with the greatest pleasure that he found that in the Shurmur Lodge, the success of which was undoubted and the prosperity unexampled, they were desirous of having a Royal Arch chapter attached, and he was only too glad to recommend it to his Royal Highness, and to see that that recommendation had the desired result. He congratulated the founders, and could do so upon the merits of the petition and the support attained, for the best of institutions depended in some degree upon those who administered them. He, therefore, congratulated not only the M.E.Z. and founders, but also the Province on this occasion of strength. There was but one thing that made him doubtful. They numbered nine, the number of the muses, and one of the numbers the "ancient" magicians were pleased to charm with, and he had heard that night of something that would break even number 10. He was not quite sure that one should put trust in numbers, but he would put his trust rather in what he might see in the increase of numbers, and as long as they possessed element of strength and guarantees of stability, then the more numbers the better. Unless numbers meant real strength, and put backbone into the Order, they really meant weakness. He had the great privilege of saying, as the Grand Superintendent of the province, that there was not a weakly chapter on the roll of Essex. He thought that in the latest addition the backbone was a very strong one. He thanked them for the kindness of his reception, which was always kind amongst his Essex brethren, and let him say how lovingly he thought, in some hours of trouble, of the kind feeling which was extended to him by all of them, and the many that communicated to him, and the many who, with equal consideration, did not, how to all he was grateful for sympathy shown in an almost unprecedented calamity that fell on his family. They would forgive him if he said a word which some communications made to him seemed to make desirable to tell them, and take them into confidence on a private matter. Some of the companions had mentioned their desire to hear about the poor child. He was sorry he could not say so much as he could wish, but although under the blessing of Providence not absolutely left untouched the power of speech, they had great hopes that in the course of a day or two when the pressure on the brain was relieved, there would be complete restoration. Having told them, he would add his deepest thanks for the kind sympathy they had all shown. In conclusion, he would say that as one of their cardinal principles had been well anticipated by the founders that evening, he trusted it was not merely the beginning, but would go through the career of the Shurmur Chapter. On the part of the province he wished them all God speed in their good undertaking, and as presiding over them for the moment he would say how delighted he was to see that accession to their ranks, and with all heartiness conveyed the wishes of the province towards them.

Comp. J. TURNER, P.P.G.J., acknowledged "The Provincial Grand Officers," and said he felt the duties they had to perform were very limited, as they were under the care of the Grand Superintendent, who always saw they did their work properly. They thanked the chapter for the magnificent reception given them, and felt it an honour to be present.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT then said that when all the companions present were Consecrating Officers they would learn there was one privilege

that pertained to the office—that of proposing the health of the W.M. or Principals of the lodge or chapter they consecrated. They all knew how well Comp. Shurmur had worked and with what excellent results. He would not say that evening was the crowning proof, but Comp. Shurmur would have a very difficult task to pick an occasion on which all were more anxious to do him honour than the present. He believed that the petitioners who had elected him as their head, and the companions who had ranged themselves under Comp. Shurmur as their First Principal, had not risked very much. They knew that the chapter was bound to go under such efficient management. He had much pleasure in proposing "The Principals."

Comp. WM. SHURMUR, M.E.Z., in response, said the Principals were extremely grateful for the very cordial reception given the toast proposed in such eloquent and complimentary terms by their worthy chief. It would ever be their constant aim to make this chapter worthy of the province and worthy of the Grand Superintendent. They were delighted that 20 guineas had been generously voted to the Boys' School, but this reminded him that there was a drop of bitterness in the cup, for one of their founders had died and left a large family. He hoped the Provincial Charity Committee would take the matter up, but if not they would see it did not go far short.

Comps. GRAVELEY, H., and DRING, J., also responded.

"The Visitors" and "The Officers" were given, after which the Janitor's toast closed a successful and pleasant meeting.

The Celia Quartet contributed several excellent musical selections during the evening.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. Lord Euston, Sir Augustus Harris, Hamon Le Strange, Thomas Fenn, Edward Letchworth, Frank Richardson, C. F. Matier, J. Derby Allcroft, D. P. Cama, A. Barfield, Geo. Everett, Saml. Cochrane, G. E. Fairchild, T. Hastings Miller, Robert Berridge, Geo. Ward Very, J. McLeod, Chas. H. Driver, Geo. Reed, W. Peter Brown, Andrew Miller, F. Ernest Pocock, and Jabez Hogg.

MARK GRAND LODGE.

The Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown was held on Tuesday evening, at Mark Masons' Hall. The Marquess of Hertford, Pro Grand Master, presided. Bro. Sir Lionel Darell acted as S.G.W., and Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson, J.G.W. Among the numerous other brethren present were Bros. the Earl of Yarborough, Sir Stafford Northcote, Col. Noel Money, C.B., Col. A. B. Cook, Major Woodall, the Hon. T. Orde-Powlett, Donald McLeod, Burma; C. H. Driver, Jack Sutcliffe, Richard Eve, Gordon Miller, Frank Richardson, C. F. Matier, G. Sec.; and R. Loveland Loveland, President of the General Board.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the Quarterly Communication of September 6th, the following report of the General Board was taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes, on the motion of Bro. LOVELAND, seconded by Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON:

During the three months ending 30th September, there have been issued: Mark Certificates, 273; total number registered, 30,168. Warrants for new lodges, viz.:

- No. 447, Clarence, Liverpool.
- " 448, Hampton Court, Hampton Court.
- " 449, Mid Sussex, Horsham.

Royal Ark Mariner Certificates, 47; total number registered, 3717.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W. the Grand Master, has been pleased to re-appoint R.W. Bro. Sir C. B. Graves-Sawle, Bart., Provincial Grand Master for Cornwall for a further term of three years.

R.W. Bro. Charles Letch Mason, Provincial Grand Master for West Yorkshire for a further period of three years.

The V.W. Bro. L. G. Gordon Robbins, P.G.O., having requested the opinion of the Board as to the disposal of the funds and property in his custody, as Prov. Grand Treasurer of the late Province of Middlesex and Surrey, the Board have fully considered the matter, and recommend to Grand Lodge that Bro. Gordon Robbins be and is hereby authorised and empowered to hand the same, after payment of all liabilities, to the Grand Treasurer for the time being, to hold until such time as the new Provinces or Grand Lodge shall decide what shall be done with the same, and they ask Grand Lodge to resolve that the receipt of the Grand Treasurer for the time being, shall be a full and sufficient discharge to Bro. Gordon Robbins.

The Board also recommend to Grand Lodge, that a meeting be summoned of the Executive Committee of the late Province of Middlesex and Surrey, and of the Executive Committees of the present provinces respectively of Middlesex and Surrey, to take into consideration the disposal of such funds and property, and that the resolutions of such meeting be reported to next Grand Lodge, to enable the Grand Treasurer for the time being to act thereon.

FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

The Sub-Committee on education have carefully considered the annual reports of the Head Masters and Mistresses of the schools at which the various pupils on the Fund are being educated, and have awarded the silver medal for proficiency in studies and general excellence, to Elizabeth Prince, educated at the St. Mary's Lower Middle School, Abbots Bromley, Rugely, and Ernest Richard Graham, educated at the High School, Oxford.

The Board have elected on the Educational Fund without a poll—Charles E. Hills, Cambridge, and John Garrett Bussell, Newark.

The following cases have been relieved:

- Bro. R. H., Lodge No. 334 £10 0 0
- Mrs. S. A. L., widow of a brother of No. 22 5 0 0
- Mrs. M. E., widow of a brother of No. 34 5 0 0
- Bro. A. H. N., Lodge Northumberland and Berwick (T.I.) 5 0 0

The Board recommend the sum of £20 to Mrs. L. M. B., widow of Bro. W. A. B., No. 224.

R. LOVELAND LOVELAND, President.
FRANK RICHARDSON, Vice-President.
C. FITZGERALD MATIER, G. Secretary.

Bro. LOVELAND, in moving the first recommendation—"That the Provincial Grand Treasurer of the late Province of Middlesex and Surrey be authorised to hand the funds and property to the Grand Treasurer," said the motion rose out of the M.W.G.M. having used his prerogative of separating the joint Province of Middlesex and Surrey, and making them

into two distinct provinces. The late Prov. Grand Treasurer, Bro. Gordon Robbins, then found himself in the peculiar position of having funds in his hands, but nobody to whom he could hand the funds. Therefore, he wrote to the General Board asking their opinion as to what he was to do with the funds. The General Board entertained the application and formed a Board of Consultation to report on it. That Board reported, and the report came back to the General Board, and as a result, the General Board now recommended that the Provincial Grand Treasurer of the late Province of Middlesex and Surrey be, and is hereby authorised to hand the funds and property, after paying all liabilities, to the Grand Treasurer for the time being of Grand Lodge, and that the receipt of the Grand Treasurer for the time being shall be a full and sufficient discharge to the Prov. Grand Treasurer.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, Grand Registrar, in seconding the motion, said there was nothing he could add to what the President of the General Board had mentioned.

The motion was carried.

Bro. LOVELAND next moved—"That a meeting of the several executive Committees be summoned to take into consideration the disposal of such Funds and Property." It was within his knowledge that the Provincial Grand Masters of Middlesex and Surrey had each appointed a Committee to take this subject into consideration, and see what proportion they might hand over to the provinces.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON seconded. It was generally intended that the lodges now in the London district should form part of the Committee, so that the Committee would really consist of three bodies.

The motion was carried, and the other recommendations having been accepted, the report was adopted.

Bro. EUGENE MONTEUUIS then said: M.W. Pro Grand Master in the chair, it is with very great diffidence, but at the same time with very great pleasure, that I rise to nominate his Royal Highness, our Most Worshipful Grand Master, for re-election as our Grand Master for the next year. I think the mention of his name is quite sufficient, and it need no words of mine to recommend it. (Cheers.)

Bro. GORDON MILLER, P.G.T., said that in the absence of the Grand Treasurer, he begged to nominate Bro. Frederick Mead, P.G.T., of Middlesex, Vice-President of the Board, who had served five Stewardships, Past Grand Sword Bearer, as Grand Treasurer. Many brethren had had the advantage of knowing what a thoroughly good Mason Bro. Mead was, and he therefore had great pleasure in nominating him.

The Marquess of HERTFORD, before closing Grand Lodge, called attention to a slight difference that had been adopted in the opening of Grand Lodge, and also of the closing. The General Board put this slight alteration before him, and he agreed in thinking it was quite as well that Grand Mark Lodge should, as far as possible, assimilate its proceedings to the proceedings of United Grand Lodge. The alterations were very slight, but he thought they made the proceedings a little more in form.

Grand Mark Lodge was then closed.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF LINCOLNSHIRE.

INSTALLATION OF BRO. THE EARL OF YARBOROUGH AS PROV. GRAND MASTER.

A Provincial Grand Mark Lodge, under the auspices of the Sutcliffe Lodge, No. 188, was held in the Masonic Hall, Grimsby, on Monday, the 14th ult., the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Jack Sutcliffe, presiding. The occasion was the installation of the Right Hon. the Earl of Yarborough as Prov. Grand Master by the Earl of Euston, Deputy Grand Master, and a number of distinguished brethren had assembled to witness the ceremony.

Amongst those present were Bros. the Earl of Euston, Deputy G.M.; Colonel Cooke, President of the Board of General Purposes; Viscount Dungarvan; C. F. Matier, G. Sec.; Frank Richardson, G.D.C.; Anderson Bates, Deputy Prov. Grand Master; W. Mason, P.S.G.W.; Mortimer, P.J.G.W., acting as P.G.D.C.; Rev. E. M. Wergall, acting as P.G.C.; G. A. Gamble, as P.A.G.D.C.; and other Prov. Grand Officers, besides about 100 brethren from different lodges in the province.

The business of the Provincial Grand Lodge having been concluded, Bro. the Earl of Euston, as Deputy Grand Master, entered with the Grand Officers, and was escorted to the chair. The patent of Lord Yarborough's appointment from the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., having been received, the Grand Director of Ceremonies and Bros. E. P. Dalton, W.M. 177; W. Mason, W.M. 172; W. R. F. Morton, 188; John Davis, 326; A. Wykes, Urania Lodge; and Rev. E. M. Weigall, 387, retired, formed procession, and introduced the Provincial Grand Master designate, the Earl of Yarborough, who was duly addressed, installed, and saluted.

The Provincial Grand Master appointed Bro. R. Cotton Carline Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and invested his officers as follows:

Bro. Rev. E. M. Wiegall	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" E. Percy Dalton	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" James B. Morton	...	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" Walter Beard	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" G. S. Woodward	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" Rev. H. Fawcett	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" W. W. Smith	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" A. Wykes	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" W. R. F. Morton	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" George Lister	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" R. C. Pearson	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" W. Mortimer	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Edwin Carter	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" C. Fox	...	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" H. W. Hibzen	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" Taylor Sharpe	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Joseph Dodds	Prov. G. Org.
" J. Fletcher	Prov. G.I.G.
" Rigal	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" Hartley	
" W. Hill	
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1892.

Masonic Notes.

There was an unusually large attendance at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge on Wednesday, and though there were a few verbal exchanges between those who took part in the discussion over the proposed new Grand Officers at the September meeting, there were few real divergences of opinion, and the business of the evening was dispatched successfully.

Thus, subject only to confirmation in March next, the number of Grand officers to be annually appointed by the Grand Master has been very substantially increased, and his Royal Highness, at the Grand Festival in April, 1893, will find himself in a position to appoint, firstly, a Dep. Grand Registrar—the two additional Grand Deacons making in all six of that rank—two additional Asst. Grand Director of Ceremonies, raising the number of Asst. Directors of Ceremonies to three; and a Dep. Grand Swd. Br. This is good news for those who aspire to have conferred upon them some day the Purple of Grand Lodge.

There is also, as in the case of the larger provinces and districts, a substantial addition to the roll of Provincial and District Grand Officers, and henceforth

the two Lancashires and other provinces and districts which may in time muster 100 lodges will have the same number of Provincial Grand and District Grand Officers as the Grand Lodge has Grand Officers; while others of less account numerically will have additional Provincial Grand and District Grand Officers, but not to the same extent as the Lancashires.

We echo most sincerely the regret expressed by the Pro Grand Master in Grand Lodge when announcing the mournful news that Bro. Dr. E. E. Wendt had died in the interval between the September Communication and that on Wednesday. Indeed, our late respected brother died only a few days ago, and, as he had held the important post of Grand Secretary for German Correspondence for upwards of 20 years, and was known as a most kindly and genial Mason, his loss will be greatly and generally felt. We offer the expression of our sympathy with the family and friends of our late brother.

We congratulate Bro. S. Cochrane, P.M. 3, on his nomination and virtual election as Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year. He has been doing some very good work of late, and the honour which will be formally bestowed upon him in April next is undoubtedly well deserved.

In one of our notes last week we announced that Bro. J. W. Martin, Provincial Grand Secretary of Berkshire, had recently been installed W.M. of the Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101, Reading. The information which had been furnished to us was not as clear as it might have been, and we appear to have jumped hastily to the conclusion that the version as we gave it was right. Hence, we retract so much of our note as made Bro. Martin W.M. of a lodge of which he is not even a member. But the remarks it contained as to Bro. Martin's ability as Provincial Grand Secretary and his geniality and courtesy must remain, as they correctly represent the qualities which his Berkshire and other brethren ascribe to him, and which indeed are his naturally.

A painfully tragic event took place at the Regent's Park Lodge, held at the York and Albany Hotel, on Saturday last. The W.M., Bro. W. J. Hall, on entering the room was noticed to turn pale and was advised to take some brandy, which was fetched from the hotel. After taking it, and while about to take his seat, he suddenly reeled and fell with his face to the floor. It was at first thought that he had only fainted, but when Dr. Henderson (who lives two or three doors off) arrived a few minutes later, he pronounced life to be extinct, through sudden failure of the heart's action. Bro. Hall, who was 43 years of age, was senior partner in the firm of Hall and Passingham, of 50, Grafton-street, Tottenham-court-road. We tender to the family of the deceased our sincerest sympathy.

On Thursday, the 1st instant, the members of the ancient Dumfries Kilwinning Lodge, No. 53, Dumfries, elected Bro. James Smith, the local Masonic historian, and Bro. W. J. Hughan, of Torquay, as honorary members of the lodge, in appreciation of their valuable services on its behalf. This has put the finishing touch to the publication of the history of the lodge by Bro. Smith, Bro. Hughan having written an able introduction on the "Old Charges," and we congratulate the brethren thus honoured, and the lodge thus complimented by their acceptance.

Bro. Hughan delivered a lecture on "Old, Curious, and Modern Bibles," last week before the members of the "Mutual Improvement Society," in connection with Ellacombe Church, Torquay. Our ever-active brother spoke for an hour and a half without notes of any kind, and seemed practically inexhaustible on the subject. The *Torquay Times* in reporting this meeting of the Society—the largest in the neighbourhood—declares Mr. W. J. Hughan to be "a Bibliographer of whom Torquay may well be proud." His services on the occasion were secured by Bro. T. H. Wills, P.M. 1402, who is one of the Committee of the Society.

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Reviews.

LONDON. By WALTER BESANT, author of "All Sorts and Conditions of Men," "Fifty Years Ago," &c. London: Chatto and Windus, Piccadilly, 1892. 18s.

"London," by Walter Besant, is a very short title, but it is both comprehensive and suggestive, and a perusal of this handsomely got-up volume is both satisfying and most instructive. Bro. Besant, P.M. 1159, also founder and Treasurer of the famous Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, London, one of the greatest living novelists, has proved in his new work on "London," just issued by his well known publishers, Messrs. Chatto and Windus, that he can write history as gracefully and interestingly as fiction, and has done for the "Great City," notwithstanding the volumes upon volumes that have appeared on the subject of late years, a service hitherto much needed but never performed. Some sumptuous books have appeared in our own day relative to London and Londoners, but they do not bring the City, in all its activities and pursuits during past centuries vividly before us, so as to enable us to realise what it was, side by side, with what it is. All the pictures seem to be afar off, and the sketches feel cold and lifeless, artistic beyond question, but not made homelike and realistic through masterly descriptions and scrupulously accurate particulars of old times graphically depicted and illustrated. Bro. Besant's aim has been to exhibit London and its people from age to age, beginning with the period when "the Roman legions finally withdrew and the Britons were left thoroughly awakened to the fact that if they could not fight they must perish," through Saxon and Norman rulers, Plantagenet and Tudor, Stuart and Hanover, down to the end of last century, giving interesting details covering many hundreds of years, respecting our forefathers, "their daily life in the streets, in the shops, in the churches, and in the houses; the merchant on the quays and on 'Change, the shopkeeper of Cheapside, the priests, and the monks, and the friars, the laughter and singing of those who feast and drink, the ringing of the bells, the river with its boats and barges, the cheerful sound of pipe and tabor, the stage with its tumblers and its rope dancers, the 'prentices with their clubs, and the evening dance in the streets," &c., and it is but the barest justice to state the distinguished author has succeeded. Such "instantaneous photographs, however, showing the streets, the buildings, and the citizens at work and at play" have never before been attempted, or, at all events, not in a readable, connected, and attractive form. The scores of illustrations and the text are mutually helpful, and enable the reader all the more vividly to see with the aid of Bro. Besant's trained eyes the sights he sees, the sounds he hears, and the varied experiences he enjoys. He found a rich mine in Riley's "Extracts from the City Records" during the 14th and 15th centuries, and as regards the Tudor period, "one might as well be writing of the city life of this day, so copious were the materials" awaiting his skilful treatment. As respects later times, Bro. Besant has been fortunate enough to come across some valuable tracts, which throw a flood of light on the life of the City some 250 ago. We especially like the chapter devoted to the customs which characterised the times of George the Second, but, as all the volume is so well and faithfully written, it is not easy or desirable to make any particular selection, and for the same reason we shall have to leave the excellent illustrations with simply a warm word of commendation. We have no hesitation in describing "London," by Walter Besant, as the best work of the kind extant, deserving of a very large circulation (which doubtless it will have), and one of the books of the season. For a Christmas present and Christmas reading it will indeed be welcome, and all will agree, who secure such a prize for themselves, that Mr. Besant has never written a better or more useful volume. In a word, Walter Besant's "London" has done for the Metropolis what Charles Dickens did for Christmas-tide, and, like the "Christmas Carol," it has come to stay.

Another of Bro. V. P. Freeman's excellent reports of the Province of Sussex has just been issued from the press, and will prove most welcome to the members of that well organised body. Two meetings are duly detailed, viz., the "Special" of the 5th February, and the "Annual" of the 27th October, the latter having been presided over by the M.W. Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Strathearn, P.G.M., Prov. G.M. Bro. Freeman, as Prov. G. Sec., furnishes a great deal of instructive matter, statistical, financial, and general in his reports, from which we note that there are 27 lodges with 1313 members. Though there were 77 initiations during the year, the net increase is but two. The average per lodge, however, is nearly 50 members. The receipts for the year were nearly £200, and the available balance is now over £160. Over £260 were contributed to the central Masonic Charities, and the funds are in a most healthy state.



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METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Faith Lodge (No. 141).—This lodge held a meeting at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 29th ult. Amongst those in attendance were Bros. J. Cockram Taylor, W.M.; Trott, S.W.; White, J.W.; W. Carter, P.M.; Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M.; Sec.; R. T. Godfrey, S.D.; Gluckstein, I.G.; Welch, I.P.M.; G. Rumball, P.M.; Capt. Walls, P.M.; W. J. Hakim, P.M.; C. G. Wetziar, P.M.; and Langdale, P.M. Amongst the numerous visitors were Bros. Goffin, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Body, 72; Martin, and H. Wallack.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. E. Chappell was passed to the Second Degree. The ballot was then taken on behalf of Mr. Jas. Reichenberg, and it being unanimous he was duly initiated. Bro. A. Whittaker Fawkes, 2381, was unanimously balloted for as a joining member. It was the W.M.'s first meeting since his installation, and he is to be congratulated upon the manner in which he performed the ceremonies of passing and initiation, and carried out the general business of

the lodge. Before the lodge was closed a notice of motion was given to increase the annual subscription of the members. Refreshment followed labour.

The W.M. gave the toasts pertinently but briefly. The I.P.M. proposed "The Health of the W.M." He said that at the last meeting he could not refer to Bro. Taylor's working, because the Master had only just been installed, and, therefore, had had no opportunity of showing his skill. They had all seen, however, how well the W.M. had performed two of the Craft ceremonies that evening, and he (the I.P.M.) believed that Bro. Taylor would carry out the raising in the Third Degree equally as well.

This toast having been warmly drunk, the W.M. briefly responded.

"The Initiate" followed.

Bro. Reichenberg having replied, the toast of "The Visitors" came next in order.

Bro. Goffin made a most eloquent and exhaustive response as to the working and hospitality of the lodge. In the course of his well-delivered and carefully-worded speech, he gave the initiate in abstract the principles of the ancient and beautiful charge to the Entered Apprentice, but clothed in his own imagery.

Bro. Walls acknowledged "The Health of the Past Masters;" Bros. W. Carter, P.M., and W. Stuart, P.M., the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary;" and "The Health of the Officers" was coupled with the respected names of Bros. Trott, White, Godfrey, and Gluckstein.

During the proceedings Bros. Sharpley, Langdale, Fawkes, and others added greatly to the enjoyment of the brethren by their vocalisation.

Lion and Lamb Lodge (No. 192).—A meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 1st inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel. Present: Bros. Isaac M. Mower, W.M.; Fred. Hughes, S.W.; T. W. Fisher, acting J.W.; Henry Legge, P.M.; Treas.; T. Cohu, P.M., acting Sec.; Robert Sarson, J.D.; G. R. Hunter, I.G.; C. Couchman, Tyler; G. F. J. Goodes, I.P.M.; George Kenning, P.M.; R. J. Dart, Russell Hocknell, and Holmes. Bro. Ramm was a visitor.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and Bro. Holmes was passed to the Second Degree.

The brethren afterwards dined together under the gavel of the W.M.

Sphinx Lodge (No. 1329).—The installation meeting of this highly distinguished South London Lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, on Saturday, the 19th ult., when there were present Bros. Jas. Neave Turney, W.M.; Chas. Wilson, P.M., S.W.; J. A. Thornhill, J.W.; Rob. Elgar, Sec.; C. D. Gross, S.D.; W. G. Bradley, J.D.; G. Allen, I.G.; R. Pitt, Org.; C. Gooding and B. T. Whitehead, Stwds.; G. Harrison, Tyler; D. D. Mercer, P.M., P.G.T.; R. J. Voisey, P.M.; J. Hernaman, P.M.; G. W. Marsden jun., P.M.; Percival A. Nairne, P.M.; G.D.; B. R. Bryant, P.M.; H. P. Grellett, P.M.; B. Lyon, P.M.; G. S. Mansell, P.M.; Dr. E. Webb, P.M.; W. L. Snell, A. J. Morris, J. W. Selby, H. A. Phillips, R. F. Macdonald, V. M. Mallinson, W. H. Webb, W. Y. Andrews, W. Barton, E. C. Jones, W. E. Allard, W. Andrews, W. D. Edwards, C. D. Moore, N. P. Mallinson, F. H. Villanueva, J. C. Reynolds, G. H. Young, E. Hora, E. Burr, T. Bain, C. T. Cottle, W. G. Vaughan, T. Arnold, W. Savage, C. E. Head, C. Wheeler, J. Jarvis, A. B. Dexter, A. E. Moore, Dr. T. A. Dagg, H. Chabot, and William Allard. The visitors were Bros. R. S. Taylor, J.W. 1929; T. H. Salmon, 1475; T. J. Pope, P.M. 1305; T. Gay, J.D. 1901; A. Rogers, 2182; W. A. Colyer, P.M. 103; J. Loader, P.M. 1622; W. J. Cannon, P.M. 1539; W. Woolf, J.D. 766; L. C. Shipton, P.M. 1922; T. E. Webb, P.M. 503; W. R. Russell, P.M. 72; G. H. Renton, W.M. 182; J. Addington, P.M. 217; E. J. Field, 1362; R. J. Vincent, J.W. 1641; W. Simmonds, 1922; F. Bland, 1672; A. Harvey, W.M. 1963; J. Nowakowski, 534; W. J. Lee, S.W. 1777; H. Ansell, W.M. 1305; F. Hilton, P.M. 1622; T. Nettleship, I.G. 1641; W. H. Mulley, P.M. 256; A. Andrews, 534; C. H. Stone, S.W. 507; T. Galloway, 1598; V. T. Murché, P.M. 1963; G. Gill, P.M. 1963; T. Penney, P.M. 1679; J. M. Cottrell, P.M. 15; T. Luscombe, W.M. 1818; J. Tomkins, P.M. 1609; A. C. Bradley, P.M. 1216; J. F. Haden, W.M. elect 766; E. Gauntlett, P.M. 1901; E. W. Ellis, I.P.M. 1314; Goddard Clarke, 1622; W. G. Buswell, S.D. 2417; J. Watson, Treas. 1641; D. Rose, P.M. 73; T. Grumman, P.M. and Sec. 1559; W. G. Sayer, P.M. 1475; C. Furger, S.D. 1969; W. Cock, P.M. 1597; F. Matthews, P.M. 1766; C. S. Payne, P.M. 1699; and A. G. Morris.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. D. Hora and E. Burr were passed in a highly complimentary manner. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted, which showed a substantial balance in the hands of the Treasurer. Bro. C. Wilson, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. D. D. Mercer, P.G.P., to the W.M. to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, which was performed in an exemplary manner in a Board of 32 Installed Masters. The newly-installed W.M. then invested his officers in a most commendable and highly effective manner as follows: Bros. J. A. Thornhill, S.W.; C. A. Gross, J.W.; Robt. Elgar, Sec.; J. G. Reynolds, Treas.; W. G. Bradley, S.D.; G. D. Allen, J.D.; P. A. Nairne, G.D.; D. of C.; H. Chabot, I.G.; B. T. Whitehead, A.D.C.; C. Gooding and H. A. Phillips, Stewards; R. Pitt, Org.; and G. Harrison, Tyler. The addresses were ably rendered by Bro. J. N. Turney, I.P.M. In complimentary terms the W.M. next presented the I.P.M. with a jewel and collar in recognition of faithful and efficient services rendered to the lodge during the past year. A ballot was next taken for Mr. Wm. Allard, which proving unanimous, he was afterwards initiated. In the name of the Treasurer, the proposition for 10 guineas to be voted to the widow of a late brother was unanimously carried, and a petition to the Board of Benevolence was signed on her behalf. Expressions of sympathy were expressed to Bro. Reynolds, Treas., in his long illness, and Bro. Elgar, Sec., was advised to inform him of the good wishes of the brethren.

The business of the lodge ended, the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet provided by Mrs. Venables, the proprietress, in her usual superb style.

After which the W.M. gave the loyal and Masonic toasts in a truly Masonic spirit.

The toast of "The Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Pro Grand Master; the Right Hon. the Earl of

Mount Edgcombe, Dep. Grand Master; and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past" followed, the W.M. remarking that these excellent officers ably controlled and directed the work in Masonry. He was happy to state that two Grand Officers were present that evening who were both members of the Sphinx Lodge. He felt that in recognising the eminent services of Bros. Nairne, G.D., and D. D. Mercer, P.G.P., Grand Lodge had conferred a great honour on the Sphinx Lodge, and for which the brethren highly appreciated that recognition.

In reply, Bro. P. Nairne, G.D., said he rose to discharge this honourable duty and thank the brethren for so cordially drinking to the health of the ruling officers. He, as a subordinate member, was delighted that the honour of Grand Lodge had been conferred upon him, which redounded to the credit of the lodge, the reputation of which was being widely acknowledged. He most cordially thanked the brethren for such kind allusions to himself by the W.M.

Bro. D. D. Mercer replied, and said it gave him the greatest possible pleasure to reply for the Past Grand Officers, for no better body of men and Masons ever existed as was evidenced by the position of the Craft that day. The present Grand Officers were carrying on the duties in the same excellent manner. He most heartily thanked the brethren for coupling his name with the toast.

Bro. J. Turney, I.P.M., then said he had been entrusted to present the next toast—that of "The W.M." He heartily congratulated the lodge on having such a Master. They all knew his capabilities, Masonic zeal, and reputation, and the government of the lodge could not be in better hands. He wished the W.M. good health and a prosperous year of office.

The toast was drunk most cordially.

In reply Bro. Wilson, W.M., heartily thanked the I.P.M. for speaking so kindly and in such flattering terms of him, and also for his kind wishes. He would say some five years ago he felt great trepidation when first installed into the chair of K.S., and he must say only about five hours ago when installed into the chair of this his mother lodge he had the same feeling come over him as then, but when one feels and knows he has the love and esteem of the brethren he takes comfort and all feelings of self assertion fall away. He would say let him not boast who puts the armour on, but rather he who puts it off. The brethren would not find him perfect, but he would promise to do his very utmost for the welfare of the Sphinx Lodge. He highly appreciated their kind expressions and most heartily thanked them.

The Worshipful Master next gave the toast of "The Installing Master," Bro. J. N. Turney, remarking that his working had not been surpassed in the lodge. He had carried out the duties for the past year in the most exemplary manner, with great exactness, propriety, and decorum. He had great pleasure in presenting the toast and hoped that the Past Master's jewel with which he had been unanimously voted by the brethren he might continue to wear for many years and look upon it as a token of their love and esteem. He wished him long life and health.

Bro. Turney, in reply, said he was quite at a loss for adequate words to respond for such kind expressions that had fallen from the W.M. He might say that when he was elected to the chair to look forward seemed almost overwhelming, but to look back was a great pleasure. He had had such excellent support from all the officers which had spurred him onwards, and had enabled him to discharge his duties so satisfactorily. It had been to him a great honour to fill the position of W.M. of the Sphinx Lodge.

The toast of "The Initiate" received at the hands of the W.M. a cordial greeting, who remarked he had come well recommended, and impressed upon him the Masonic virtues which, if he cultivated them, would enable him to walk most successfully through life.

Bro. Allard very suitably replied.

The Worshipful Master next gave the toast of "The Visitors," who remarked there were 48 present, and the brethren of the lodge gave them a most hearty welcome.

This was very suitably responded to by Bros. Taylor, Field, Harvey, Ansell, and Renton.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was given and received with great heartiness, and replied to most suitably by Bro. Dr. Webb.

The Worshipful Master next gave the toast of "The Officers," most highly eulogising that of the Secretary, Bro. Elgar, and the Treasurer, Bro. Reynolds, complimenting the rest on their efficient working.

In response, Bro. Elgar, Secretary, most heartily thanked the brethren for such a cordial reception. He deeply regretted the absence of the Treasurer, and trusted he might speedily recover. He would endeavour to carry out his duties to the best of his ability.

Bro. J. W. Thornhill, S.W., suitably replied.

The Tyler's toast closed a most eventful meeting.

A splendid programme of music was provided by Bro. R. J. Pitt, Org., the artistes being Miss Edith Winn, Madame Lena Seymour (both ladies being loudly encored), Messrs. Percy Richards, Robert Grice, J. H. Pitt, violin, and Bro. Gooding. Bro. R. J. Pitt, ably presided at the piano.

Farringdon Without Lodge (No. 1745).—

This very prosperous civic lodge met for the dispatch of business at the Viaduct Hotel, Holborn, on the 28th ult., when there were present, among others, Bros. Capt. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., W.M.; N. P. Lardner, S.W.; Herbert, J.W.; H. J. Lardner, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; Treas.; W. H. Jackson, P.M., Sec.; C. Bachhoffer, S.D.; J. M. Murphy, D.C.; E. Brown, A.D.C.; Nelson Prower, M.A., I.P.M.; James, Strugnell, P.M.; J. Young, P.M.; T. Simpson, P.M.; E. Schultz, P.M.; and Dr. Hinton, M.A., Asst. Org. Amongst the visitors were Bros. W. Thomas, W.M.; F. W. Driver, M.A., P.M.; H. H. Shirley, M.A., P.M.; T. O. Harding, M.A.; Rev. P. Ashby, M.A.; Erskine, Purvis, and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Messrs. G. R. Croke Stoddart, A. Wellesley Smith, and H. G. Hunt, and it being unanimous, the first two named gentlemen were duly initiated. It was proposed by the W.M., and seconded by Bro. J. Young, P.M., and unanimously carried—"That the sum of five guineas be voted to the R.M.B.I., per Bro. H. J. Lardner, P.M., Steward, 1893." The lodge having a few weeks since, per the Treasurer, presented Bro. James Strugnell, P.M., with a handsome souvenir on the occasion of his silver wedding, the W.M. formally announced the fact to the members. The recipient, in reply to the Master's sober-

vations, made a terse, but emotional speech. Bro. Joseph Young reported that a distressed brother of the lodge had been voted the handsome sum of £75 by the Board of Benevolence. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. George Everett, P.G. Treas.; E. M. Lott, Mus. Doc.; P.G. Org.; G. Herbert, P.M.; and others. Before the lodge was closed, it was proposed by Bro. T. Simpson, P.M., and seconded by Bro. H. J. Lardner, P.M.—“That Mr. George Walter, C.C., be initiated at the next meeting.”

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet.

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

Some very eloquent speeches were made by Bros. N. Prower, M.A., I.P.M.; William Thomas, H. H. Shirley, M.A.; T. O. Harding, M.A.; and the Rev. P. Ashby, M.A.

The enjoyment of the brethren was considerably enhanced by the instrumental and vocal abilities of Bros. Dr. Hinton Mus. Doc.; J. Young, E. Shultz, G. Herbert, Haden, N. P. Lardner, and J. M. Murphy. Bro. F. W. Driver recited a beautiful piece of versification of his own composition. The brethren separated at an early hour.

Lodge La France (No. 2060).—For once the lodge broke through its rule of doing only the installation ceremony, at the November meeting, for the W.M., Bro. Sauvé, was anxious to confer the Third Degree on Bro. Rolez (whom he had initiated) so as to leave the chair with a clean board.

The lodge having been duly opened, and the usual routine gone through, the Treasurer, Bro. Bué, presented his report, which was duly vouched for by the Auditors. So well have the finances of this prosperous lodge been managed, that although a young lodge, it can, after having cleared all liabilities, boast of a balance of over £100 to the good. This, notwithstanding the fact that it has already qualified as Life Governor of all three Institutions, to each of which it sends in turn a Steward every year, with a regular subscription of £5 5s. (besides regular subscriptions to the different French Charities in London). The W.M. having well done his duty towards Bro. Rolez, requested Bro. St. Clair, P.M., to take the chair, and this eminent ritualist proceeded with the traditional history and the rest of the work in the Degree in his well-known perfect style. During this time the brethren had been gradually coming in, so that when Bro. St. Clair began the ceremony of installation, the pretty Masonic temple of the Café Royal was full to overflowing.

Among the distinguished brethren present we noticed Bros. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg.; T. Fenn, P.B.G.P.; E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; F. Richardson, P.G.D.; R. H. Thrupp, D.P.G.M. Middx.; P.A.G.D.C.; F. Mead and E. Monteunis, P.G.S.B.'s; H. Bué, P.G. Std. Br.; W. Ebbetts and Gordon Smith, P.G.S.; F. E. Pocock, Vice-Pres. B.G.P.; J. M. McLeod, P.P.S.G.W. Derbyshire, Sec. R.M.I.B.; M. P. Tuck, P.G. Std. Br. Essex; Dr. B. W. Richardson, P.M. 2076; H. J. Cubitt, W.M. 2020; Dr. Lloyd, I.P.M. 2398; L. Verdier, 590; Harold Burke, 2190; Tito Mattei, 1637; and others.

Bro. St. Clair, as Installing Master, requested Bro. T. Fenn, P.B.G.P., “Membre d'honneur,” to take the chair of S.W.; Bro. H. Bué, P.G. Std. Br., Treas., to take that of J.W.; and asked Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., “Membre d'honneur” to act as D.C. The W.M. elect, Bro. E. J. N. Pouard, was then presented by Bro. E. Monteunis, P.M., P.G.S.B., Sec., and the installation was performed throughout in a most impressive and perfect manner by Bro. St. Clair. Bro. T. Fenn completed the ceremony by giving the addresses in faultless style, and certainly his co-operation helps to give great *éclat* to the proceedings; both the new Master and the members of the lodge fully appreciating the honour conferred, that so distinguished a Mason should take part in the work of the lodge. The officers were appointed as follows: Bros. A. Sauvé, I.P.M.; H. Testard, S.W.; J. Oppenheim, J.W.; H. Bué, Treas.; P. Monteunis, Sec.; P. Saillard, S.D.; G. Metzger, J.D.; N. Ruffin, I.G.; E. St. Clair, D.C.; E. Beranger and J. Bouyoud, Stewards; L. Walter, Org.; and G. F. Mitchell, Tyler. The usual business was then transacted; but we may mention that the lodge further proved the charitable disposition already spoken of previously by voting £10 10s. to the widow of a deceased brother. (This amount was further made up to 20 guineas by a collection at the banquet table.) Bro. St. Clair was elected “Commissaire aux Charités” for the ensuing year, and the usual grant of £5 5s. was placed at his disposal by the lodge. Bro. St. Clair intimated that as he was already Vice-President of the Girls' Institution, and of the Old People, he intended to become the same for the Boys, and hoped the brethren would help him to their utmost. The usual subscriptions were also voted to the French Charities.

After such good work the brethren adjourned with light hearts to the banqueting hall, where Bro. Delacoste, the genial manager of the Café Royal, had provided a most delicate menu, which was admirably served throughout, and appreciated accordingly.

After the removal of the cloth the usual “Santes d'obligation” were duly proposed by the W.M., and if there is one thing that is pleasing to an Englishman at these meetings it is to see the loyalty with which the toast of “The Queen and the Craft” and that of “H.R.H. the Grand Master” are received in this lodge. However, there is a toast special to the La France Lodge, which seems to stir up the blood of the members, it is that of “La France et son représentant, Monsieur Prést Carnot,” and so strong is the feeling that it becomes contagious, and sturdy Conservative Britons join in singing the Marseillaise like the veriest Radicals.

Bro. St. Clair, having been requested by the W.M. to propose “The Health of the Grand Officers,” said it was undeniable that a large share of the success of the lodge was mainly due to the kind patronage of the Grand Officers of England, who, from the first, had volunteered their advice and their services, and had stimulated by their presence the Masonic ardour of the members. Very few lodges indeed could boast of such an array of Grand Officers of England, even on installation nights, and the members fully appreciated the compliment. Passing lightly over the names of those Grand Officers who happened to be either members or honorary members of the lodge, he coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., Deputy P.G.M. Essex, G. Reg.; he added also that as this was the first occasion on which Bro. Letchworth, P.G.D., visited the lodge as Grand Secretary, he trusted that this

distinguished brother would also address a few words to the brethren.

The toast having been enthusiastically received, Bro. Philbrick, G. Reg., returned thanks for the Grand Officers. He said he had often visited the Lodge La France, but felt a certain sadness at the thought that on this same occasion, only 12 months back, that good friend of the lodge, the late Grand Secretary, was sitting next to him at that very table. On the other hand he was proud to think that the Grand Officers numbered among themselves brethren who, like Bro. Fenn, were so well able to join in the work of this lodge, and as a body they were willing to be judged through the Grand Officers, members of the Lodge La France, Bros. Monteunis and Bué.

Bro. Letchworth, also returning thanks, said he felt he had been asked to reply because he came among them as the successor of that model among Masons, the late Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, who had always taken such deep interest in the La France Lodge. He (Bro. Letchworth) had several times visited the lodge, he had spent many happy moments with the brethren and looked forward to being able to be with them again on many occasions. He congratulated the lodge on its marvellous efficiency and expressed the hope that the honours already bestowed on two of its members might be further extended to a third worthy brother.

Bro. A. Sauvé, I.P.M., then rose to propose “The Health of the W.M.,” who had been one of the most industrious and hard working officers, and who he was satisfied would fill the chair in which he had been installed that evening. He was quite sure that Bro. Pouard would be equal to any work that was required of him, and while drinking his health would wish him a very successful year of office.

Bro. E. J. N. Pouard, W.M., in returning thanks, said he was much obliged to the I.P.M. for the kind words he had said of him, and his great endeavour would be to act up to them, so that he might give satisfaction to the brethren who had elected him to such an honourable post. He begged to thank them one and all.

The Worshipful Master next proposed “The Health of the Visitors.” He had heard many of his predecessors in the chair emphasising the great desire of the lodge to extend its hospitality as much as possible, and the magnificent gathering around him proved that they were right. He trusted it would long continue to be so, and gave to all the visitors present a hearty and fraternal welcome. It was impossible to read out all the names, and he would couple with the toast the names of Bros. Dr. Pocock, Vice-Pres. B.G.P.; J. M. McLeod, P.P.G.W., Sec. R.M.I.B.; and Verdier, S.W. of La Césarée Lodge, in which lodge the work was also conducted in French.

Bro. Dr. Pocock, Vice-Pres. B.G.P., replying for the visitors, said he was very proud to find his chief, Bro. Fenn, working so beautifully in a foreign language. The work witnessed upstairs was really beautiful, and although his (Bro. Pocock's) knowledge of French was not all that might be desired, still he had been able to follow the ceremony throughout, and was pleased to find the emulation working so well translated and adhered to. He congratulated the lodge on its marked success, and thanked the brethren for the splendid hospitality extended to the visitors.

Bro. J. M. McLeod, P.P.G.W. Derbyshire, Secretary R.M.I.B., said he was well aware that his name had been mentioned, more especially as the representative of one of the Masonic Institutions. He had been happy to see the charitable and brotherly feeling existing in the lodge by what had happened upstairs, and he sincerely hoped that the brethren would support their elected “Commissaire aux Charités,” Bro. St. Clair, more especially so as he understood it was the “Boys'” turn with the lodge next year.

Bro. Verdier, S.W. 590, said he had been simply amazed with the splendid work he witnessed upstairs. He had often heard of the La France Lodge and of its good work. In his own lodge in Jersey they also worked in French, and they would strive to imitate the splendid example set them. They had adopted the La France ritual, but it would take some time before they could work anything like what he had seen this evening.

Bro. Monteunis, P.G.S.B., then rose and said: Brethren, the W.M. has entrusted me with the next toast, which is that of “The Installing Master.” I do so with all the more pleasure that Bro. St. Clair is a great friend of mine, and that I have no need to sing his praises, as he is so well known to you all. With all his friends, Bro. St. Clair is a great favourite, and in the French colony we find him one of the leading spirits of the “Société Nationale Française,” ever ready to help to the welfare of his compatriots, and even at the present time working hard for the happy continuation of our French club. Now, what about him as a Freemason? A more successful and useful career seldom falls to the lot of a brother. He is the first initiate of this lodge, and we are justly proud of him. During the two years he presided over us finer and more perfect work could not have been witnessed, and we could not have wished for a more genial Master. Since he has left the chair he has constantly helped the succeeding Masters, and looked after the welfare of all, and the founders, after years of hard work, have been happy to find a brother so willing to bear a great part of the responsibility of the management of the lodge. I am also proud to have brought him into my mother lodge, that fine old English lodge, the Tuscan, No. 14, in which he is gradually working his way up. In fact, I expect that in a few months his name will be submitted for approval to the M.W. Grand Master as Grand Steward of England. Brethren, I hardly think that Bro. St. Clair's Masonic successes will end there, and I ask you to drink his health, wishing him all the future honours he has so well deserved to obtain.

Bro. St. Clair, P.M., who, on rising, was received with great cheers, said: W.M. and Brethren, I thank you one and all for the very hearty reception you have given me. I must admit that when Bro. Monteunis began his speech I thought I would get off lightly, but he has managed to heap upon me an amount of compliments which I cannot possibly deserve. However, this I can say, I am very proud to be the first initiate of this lodge. I have always tried to uphold its prestige to the best of my ability, and I certainly intend to continue doing so. Before sitting down I wish to express my sincere thanks to Bro. Fenn for the great help he has given me, and it is useless to disguise that his co-operation has been one of the main causes of the success of this meeting, and a great attraction and pleasure to all. I must not forget our Director of Ceremonies for the occasion, Bro. Frank Richardson, whose kindness and goodwill towards us we all greatly appreciate.

When the cheers that followed when Bro. St. Clair took his seat had somewhat subsided, the Worshipful Master rose to propose “The Health of the Past Masters, and particularly that of the I.P.M.” After referring to the good services rendered by the Past Master and to those still rendered by the civil officers, he paid a well deserved compliment to Bro. Sauvé, the I.P.M., for the manner in which he had fulfilled his duties to the lodge during the past year, which had been a very busy year, with two emergency meetings and a final raising that very evening. Bro. Sauvé had done his work thoroughly and well deserved the jewel which had been voted to him and which it was now his very great pleasure to pin on his breast.

Bro. Sauvé, I.P.M., returned thanks in a few appropriate and heartfelt words.

The toast of “The Officers” was duly proposed and honoured, as well as that of “The Maçons pauvres et Malheureux,” which are remembered in this lodge by deeds as well as by words, and so terminated another most successful meeting of the Lodge La France.

Besides the brethren already mentioned we noticed among the list of visitors the following names: Bros. S. F. Staples, P.M. 2020; D. Bowley, Sir Thomas White Lodge; D. P. Heywood, Easterford Lodge; G. Berkeley, 108; R. W. Duncan, 917; W. Bellamy, 1627; Alex. Baume, 180; E. Daoust, 1627; Henry Peck, 1381; John Jackson, 1839; C. A. Herre, 1620; J. Hutchings, I.P.M. 1425; F. Dunn, P.M. 72; J. Castel, 1260; L. Eynac, l'Industrie Lodge; M. J. Jessop, P.M. 2265; R. Loney Sweet, 1107; M. S. Rubinstein, 1642; H. R. Leach, 1894; W. C. Bradley 1950; and others. Members: Bros. J. J. dela J. Coucha, J. Rolez, L. Mallet, G. Piguet, E. Lantéri, C. Champauhaac, L. Lehmann, L. Noel, F. Bohers, A. Aret, Périaux, M. Biais, J. Chomette, A. Esclaugon, V. Benoist, and E. Delacoste.

Borough of Greenwich Lodge (No. 2332).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Wednesday, the 23rd ult., at the Masonic Rooms, King William the Fourth Hotel, East Greenwich. Bro. George Burney's handsome establishment. Bro. Boord, M.P., and first Past Master, being unable to attend through having to be present at a meeting of his constituents on important local matters was a disappointment.

The lodge was opened by Bro. George P. Carter, W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed. Bro. W. J. Newell, P.M. 73, J.W. 1155, was unanimously received as a joining member. The ballot was then taken for Mr. W. J. Sutton, and proving unanimous, that gentleman was initiated. Bro. James G. Thomas, P.M., S.W., and W.M. elect, was then presented to the W.M. to receive at his hands the benefits of installation, and with the usual ceremony he was placed in the chair of K.S. and saluted. He appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Carter, I.P.M.; A. H. Oakley, S.W.; Thos. P. Newton, J.W.; S. J. Gore, P.M., P.P.G.P. Kent, Treas.; W. J. Huntley, Sec.; W. H. Burney, S.D.; J. Brown, J.D.; A. H. Bateman, P.M., &c., D.C.; J. Harper, I.G.; E. Burall and H. M. C. McCann, Stwds.; and E. Spinks, Tyler.

Bro. Carter then gave the addresses and concluded a splendidly worked ceremony, for the manner of which he was congratulated by all present, and he was presented with a handsome and valuable Past Master's jewel, inscribed with the thanks of the lodge, for services rendered during his year of office, and it was unanimously resolved “That a vote of thanks be recorded in the minutes of the lodge for the perfect manner in which he had carried out the duties of Installing Officer that day.”

Bro. Carter having briefly returned thanks, several propositions of initiates were taken, and after the visitors had tendered “Hearty good wishes,” the lodge was closed. The banquet was served in the grand hall of the hotel, and was deserving of the genius of Bro. George, being perfect in its inception, and *recherche* in its details.

Among the other brethren present were: Bros. H. Roberts, P.M.; W. Kipps, P.M. (Hon.); and P.P.G.D. Kent; G. Burney, P.M.; B. Banks, P.M.; E. W. Carpenter, J. W. Rozier, T. Groom, E. W. Higgs, T. Law, J. T. Allmond, C. Bone, W. Wiltshire, G. Burney, jun., E. C. Relph, D. McCall, C. Hill, W. G. Watts, G. B. Andrews, J. Virgo, F. Burney, R. Penney, A. Baigent, J. C. Davies, W. Grimes, T. E. Tallent, J. H. Foster, W. H. Burney, T. J. Simpson, H. W. Phillips, J. Harper, A. W. Hannaford, R. D. Simpson, E. Jarrard, and T. James, all of the lodge.

Among the visitors were: Bros. Dr. W. Burney, P.M. 140; E. Syder, P.M. 79; G. Howes, P.M. 1023; G. W. Sly, P.M. 79; G. Bolton, W.M. 1155; C. Pook, J.W. 2343; E. C. Lewis, 2374; C. Thomas, 1598; T. White, 912; F. C. Hadley, 2345; E. C. Cockton, 1446; G. H. Cole, 1089; R. J. Amos, 871; W. Welton, 871; W. Arter, 1572; T. Fisher, 37; W. Stevens, 2348; S. Birkovitch, 2432; J. Justice, 79; A. Watkins, 2348; G. Pooley, 140; and C. Jolly, P.M. and Sec. 1472 and 2184.

The W.M. having put the usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts, in one of which he adverted to the Masonic motto of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, “Loyalty and Charity,” and which Bro. Thomas said were decidedly his own.

Bro. Carter proposed the toast of “The Worshipful Master.” He said it was a proud moment for him to be in the position to propose the toast, and more proud to know that the subject of his toast was the estimable brother who that day had been placed in the chair of that lodge as its head. Bro. Thomas was well known to them all as a good Mason. He came from a neighbouring town, the town of Deptford, where he was known and respected, and they would find that they had a good worker and just man as their ruler and governor.

The toast having been drunk amid hearty applause, Bro. Thomas, in response, briefly said that he thanked them most cordially for their kind reception of the toast. He had always in Freemasonry endeavoured to do his duty in whatever office he might have been placed, and had the welfare of the Borough of Greenwich Lodge at heart. Nothing should be wanting on his part to add to its prestige, and increase its usefulness and prosperity. He then proposed the toast of “The Installing Officer,” and said that 10 years ago, in that part of the Metropolis at least, very few Past Masters installed their successor, and certain brethren were brought from other places to perform the ceremony. Now he was glad to say it was usual for every outgoing Master to install his successor, a rule he trusted would always be observed in that lodge. He spoke highly of the splendid working of Bro. Carter, and asked them to do all honour to the toast.

Bro. Carter, in returning thanks, said it was a fact that he had just stepped out of the chair in which he was placed 12 months ago, and hardly realised his present position. But there was one feeling uppermost in his mind, and that was at once to thank them from his heart for their kind and unvaried kindness to him during his year of office. He thanked them for helping him to take up as Steward the handsome sum of £270 guineas, 50 guineas of which was given from the lodge, and also for presenting him with a jewel which he should ever prize as one of the treasures of his life. When he left home that morning his child wished him every success, and he trusted that not only his child, but every one present, their children and their children's children, would remember with joy and rejoicing the events of that auspicious occasion.

"The Initiate" having been toasted, "The Visitors" was the next toast, and Bro. Fisher spoke highly of the work of the W.M. in both the initiation and installation ceremonies.

Bro. Syder said he had been at every installation of the lodge, and took great interest in it, as it was the sister lodge to his own. He fully concurred with the W.M. that it was the duty of every I.P.M. to install his successor, and he congratulated the W.M. upon the excellent officers he had, and prophesied for him a good and successful year of office.

Bro. Bolton congratulated the I.P.M. upon the excellence of his working of the ceremonies, and hoped to have the pleasure and honour of another invitation at an early date.

Bro. Roberts responded for "The Past Masters" in a forcible and eloquent speech, and Bros. Oakley and Newton for "The Officers." Some excellent singing by Bros. Sly, Carpenter, Cockton, and Bell added an additional charm to a pleasant and memorable function.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BATLEY.

Scarborough Lodge (No. 1214).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at Bank Chambers on Tuesday, the 29th ult. Bro. Arthur Jubb, W.M., was supported by Bros. Rev. J. H. Evans, M.A., P.P.G.C., S.W.; John H. Bromley, J.W.; Thos. Cantrill, P.M., Sec.; Rev. W. Wilkinson, S.D., Chap.; James Oldroyd, P.M., J.D.; Walter Critchley, P.M., I.G.; Taylor Ineson, Tyler; J. Kenworthy Blakey, I.P.M.; and John R. Fawcett, P.M. Visitors: Bros. C. F. Forshaw, 2417; James Davis, 1545; G. C. Gamble, S. of W. 600; and John T. Last, Treas. 2321.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous monthly meeting were read and confirmed, after which the ballot was taken for Bros. Forshaw, 2417, and Davis, 1545, who were duly elected joining members. Bro. Rev. J. H. Evans, M.A., P.P.G. Chap., was elected W.M.; Bro. Edmund Hemingway, J.P., P.M., Treas.; and Bro. Taylor Ineson, Tyler for the ensuing year.

A proposition was received for a joining member, and after "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment.

After the usual loyal toasts had been duly honoured, Bro. John Fawcett, P.M., proposed "The Joining Brethren," which was acknowledged by Bros. Forshaw and Davis, both of whom thanked the brethren for the honour done in electing them to the membership of the lodge, and stated that it would be their pleasure to do what they could for the prosperity of the lodge.

"The Visiting Brethren" was proposed by Bro. W. Critchley, J.P., P.M., who expressed the pleasure it gave the lodge to entertain visitors.

Bro. Last, 2321, in responding, thanked the brethren for the hospitable manner the visitors had been received. It had afforded him much pleasure to pay this his first visit to the lodge, of which several of his friends were members, and he was pleased to learn of the Masonic advancement that was in store for them.

Bro. Gamble also responded, and thanked the brethren for the kind manner in which he, a perfect stranger to them all, had been received and entertained.

The Tyler's toast closed a pleasant meeting.

BRADFORD.

Acacia Lodge (No. 2321).—An emergency meeting was held on Thursday, the 17th ult., when there were present Bros. John Niven, W.M.; E. Pearson Peterson, I.P.M.; S. A. Auty, P.M., Chap.; Alfred Stephenson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; Joseph Wilson, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; S. A. Bailey, P.M.; G. Althorp, P.M., P.P.G.P.; John Thornton, S.W.; Alfred J. Boyle, J.W.; J. B. Fearnley, Sec.; John T. Last, Treas.; C. H. Ellis, S.D.; S. Robinson, J.D.; R. S. Hird, as I.G.; John Morton, Henry Holmes, Tyler; C. Wood, J. Harland, and R. Harland. Visitors: Bros. F. W. Turner, P.M. 408, P.P.G.P., and F. Conchar, 1648.

The Third Degree was conferred on Bros. Richard Harland and John Harland, the former by Bro. Stephenson, P.P.G.D.C., and the latter by Bro. Bailey, P.M. Bro. Last, Treas., explained the working tools to the candidates, and the charge was given by the W.M. After "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

CROWLE.

Isle of Axholme Lodge (No. 1482).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 29th ult., at the Masonic Rooms. Present: Bros. R. N. Brunyee, W.M.; J. M. Behrendt, I.P.M.; R. Wood, P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; T. Stanforth, P.P.G.P., Stwd.; W. Chamberlain, D.C.; J. Constable, P.G. Stwd., Chap.; T. C. Horobin, P.P.J.G.D.; W. Burtonshaw, P.G.P.; J. F. Watson, Treas.; C. Fox, S.W.; J. Faulkner, J.W.; H. L. Burtonshaw, S.D.; W. Pickering, J.D.; W. W. Scholey, I.G.; R. Wressell, Stwd.; T. Oates, J. Birch, and G. Naylor, Tyler.

Bro. Birch having satisfactorily answered the usual questions was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., the W.M. being assisted in the ceremony by Bros. Constable and Behrendt. Bro. Stanforth was congratulated on his installation at Gainsboro' as M.E.Z. of All Saints' Chapter, and a conversation was fixed for January 2nd, and a committee appointed accordingly.

After lodge the brethren spent a very happy and pleasant evening.

FARINGDON.

Vale of White Horse Lodge (No. 1770).—On Thursday, the 24th ult., there was a large assembly of brethren at the lodge room at the Savings' Bank to take part in the installation of Bro. Dr. Coniston Spackman to the W.M.'s chair. Bro. Spackman being so well known at Swindon, a large contingent from the Swindon lodges went over to take part and assist in the ceremony, these including Bros. H. J. Birch, P.M. 511, 1295, P.Z. 19, P.P.S.G.W. Wilts; W. L. Martin, P.M. 355; C. Bishop, W.M. 355; A. Plummer, P.M., P.P.J.G.W. Wilts; H. Kemble, P.M., P.P.G.D. Wilts; F. C. Kent P.M. 1295; Thos. Turner, P.M. 1259; John Green, P.M. 355; S. Snell, I.P.M. 355, P.P.G. Stwd.; F. G. Wride, D.C. 355; J. A. Y. Matthews, 355; W. E. Morris, 1295; F. E. Streeten, 355; E. Bishop, 355; and E. H. Pritchett, 355. There were also present Bros. J. T. Morland, Deputy P.G.M. in charge; J. W. Martin, 414, P.G. Sec.; G. H. S. Milward, P.M.; W. Collins Sell, P.M., P.P.A.G.S.; C. Luker, and G. J. Dyke.

As evidence of the popularity of the new Master, no less than eight of the 13 Past Masters of the lodge were present to do him honour, in addition to the brethren from Swindon lodges. The installation service was carried out by Bro. H. J. Birch in a masterly manner, and at its close the W.M. invested the following as his officers—Bros. W. Crosland, S.W.; J. Robertson, J.W.; R. Pocock, Treas.; W. C. Sell, Sec.; J. T. Hutson, S.D.; A. E. Clark, J.D.; W. R. Cook, I.G.; and J. White, Tyler.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the brethren adjourned for refreshment to the Crown Hotel, where a *recherche* banquet was laid by Miss George, the Stewards being Bros. G. J. Dyke and R. Pocock. About 40 brethren were present, and the usual toasts were proposed and responded to.

In proposing the toast of "The Grand Officers of England," the W.M., Bro. Spackman, spoke of the honour conferred on his lodge by the attendance of Bro. J. T. Morland, who had never spared time or trouble to be with them whenever he was wanted, and who had carried out the duties of D.P.G.M. of Berks since the death of the Duke of Clarence in a manner satisfactory to all.

Bro. Morland, in reply, expressed satisfaction at seeing excellent work done in the lodge, contrasting the present state of things with those when he first visited it. The number of members was not large, but they had an excellent list of Past Masters. When he was at the Grand Lodge the previous evening he tried to obtain information as to who their Prov. Grand Master was likely to be, but could get no satisfactory reply.

In responding to the toast of "The Prov. Grand Officers of Berks," Bro. J. W. Martin, P.G. Sec., placed all the credit of the present successful state of things to the D.P.G.M., whose work he spoke of in eulogistic terms. All the lodges in the province had done well, both as regards members and in their work for Charities. The sum received for the latter amounted to £1400, in addition to what had been contributed to old folk. Since the new Province of Berks had been formed they had got in their first boy, first girl, and first two old people to the Masonic Institutions. He urged upon all to work together and combine when they had a candidate they wished to push forward, and not go in for individual cases. All the lodges were doing their work successfully, and he could not help paying a tribute to the excellent manner in which the installation had been carried out that evening by an officer from a neighbouring province. He wished the new Master, with the team of juniors he had, a prosperous year of office.

The next toast was that of "The Masonic Charities," and as Charity Steward, Bro. G. J. Dyke, P.M., P.P.A.G. Purst, responded, and gave statistics of work done. The 31 members of the lodge had enabled him to take up within a few shillings of £80 to the annual Festival. As an answer to what was so often said of Freemasonry, viz., that it was simply an Institution for eating and drinking, he quoted figures to show that during the present year upwards of £90,000 had been contributed to the three Masonic Institutions, viz., the Benevolent, the Boys' School, and the Girls' School, besides over £70,000 to a special fund.

The other toasts were of a complimentary character, Bro. C. E. Belcher speaking very highly of the W.M.

The harmony of the evening was largely contributed to by songs and banjo performances by Bro. Ellis H. Pritchett; whistling solos by Bro. F. C. Kent; and songs by Bros. F. E. Streeten, T. Turner, W. Crosland, C. Bishop, E. Bishop, and W. R. Cook.

ST. SAVIOURGATE.

Albert Victor Lodge (No. 2328).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place in the Freemasons' Hall on Tuesday, the 22nd ult. The lodge was opened by Bro. H. L. Swift, W.M., and Mr. W. C. Oldfield, a candidate, was initiated. The chair was then taken by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M., and Bro. C. E. L. Wright, the W.M. elect, was presented and installed, the Wardens' chairs during the ceremony being respectively occupied by Bros. Shonksmith, W.M. 1611, and C. M. Forbes, P.M. 236. The officers were appointed and invested as follows: Bros. J. E. Jones, S.W.; F. Shaun, B.A., J.W.; Rev. E. Bulmer, M.A., Chap.; W. Lawton, P.M., Treas.; Chas. Turner, Sec.; Lieut.-Col. Russell, S.D.; Capt. T. H. Lindberg, J.D.; J. P. Carr, D.C.; C. E. Wood, I.G.; C. G. Padel, P.M., Org.; and J. R. Parker, Tyler. The Liboracum Lodge Quartette kindly attended and sang the musical portion of the ceremonies.

An excellent banquet was afterwards served, at which nearly all the members of the lodge were present, including the Dean of York, P.M.

Amongst the guests were Bros. W. H. Cowper, P.M.; R. W. C. E. Puxley, J. Todd, P.M., Dr. Hitchcock, P. Pearson, the Masters and Wardens of the three sister lodges in York, and others.

The Orpheus Quartette gave a delightful selection of music during the after proceedings.

The toast list was charmingly designed, at the instigation of the W.M., and printed by Bro. George Kenning, and was quite a work of art.

The Venerable Bishop Wordsworth, of St. Andrew's, who has just died at the advanced age of 87 years, was not only a distinguished classical scholar, but also a great athlete, who rowed for Oxford in the first University Boat-race in 1829, and played in the Dark Blue eleven against Cambridge the same year. Oxford won in both cases.

DARLINGTON.

Marquess of Ripon Lodge (No. 1379).—The annual festival of St. John the Evangelist was celebrated on Thursday, the 1st inst., the chair being occupied by Bro. Dr. Lawrence, W.M. The lodge being opened and the minutes read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for two candidates, who were unanimously accepted. Bro. Dr. Hill Drury having taken the chair, Bro. Ensor, B.A., S.W., was presented to him for installation, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Hill Drury in his well known, painstaking, and careful manner. The W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. J. Lawrence, M.D., I.P.M.; T. Watson, S.W.; I. M. Layfield, J.W.; Rev. R. A. Waters, M.A., Chap.; J. Forster, M.A., Treas.; W. Walby, Sec.; H. Walby, S.D.; W. N. Cochrane, B.A., J.D.; T. M. Barron, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., D. of C.; F. Tovey, P.M., P.P.G.O., Org.; A. J. Gardner, M.B., I.G.; H. Williams and G. Middlemiss, M.D., Stwds.; and T. Prince, Tyler.

Alms were then collected, and hearty congratulations having been given by the visiting brethren, an adjournment to the Fleece Hotel was made, where an excellent banquet was served and a most enjoyable evening spent.

Royal Arch.

Duke of Cornwall Chapter (No. 1839).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held on Friday, the 25th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, the following companions and visitors being present: Comps. J. W. Dewsnap, P.Z.; Alfred H. Jakins, M.E.Z. elect; H. Cox, H. elect; E. Howes, J. elect; T. R. Ayres, Treas.; M. Mendelssohn, S.E.; Almond, P.S.; J. F. Perrins, 1st A.S.; Brown, 2nd A.S.; F. Humphreys, Org.; J. Culver, L. Wolff, J. S. Castiglione, Hilton, P.Z., and Edwin Styles.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Comp. Hilton, P.Z., impressively installed Comps. Alfred H. Jakins, as M.E.Z.; H. Cox, as H.; and E. Howes, as J. The following officers were invested: Comps. M. Mendelssohn, S.E.; R. Ayres, Treasurer; Almond, S.N.; J. F. Perrins, P.S.; Brown, 1st A.S.; T. M. Wright, 2nd A.S.; F. Humphreys, Org.; and Bowler, Janitor. Bro. J. H. Boeken, 2264, was then exalted by the M.E.Z. The presentation of a P.Z.'s jewel to Comp. A. J. Dixie, P.Z., was postponed until the next convocation owing to his absence. A vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Officer.

The companions then adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, and spent an enjoyable evening, Comp. Styles and four children of Comp. Mendelssohn contributing, by vocal and instrumental music, towards this.

From all appearances the M.E.Z. will have a most successful year of office, as for the January meeting four exaltees are expected.

Mark Masonry.

BELVEDERE.

Saye and Sele Lodge (No. 309).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, on Wednesday, the 30th ult. The W.M., Bro. C. W. Blaxland, presided. The W.M. elect, Bro. Charles Jolly, P.M., was presented, and ably installed into his office by the retiring W.M. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. Thomas, S.W.; Greig, J.W.; Dr. A. S. Greenway, M.O.; Robinson, P.M., Treas.; Bateman, P.M., Sec.; Messer, J.D.; and Gale, Tyler. The Past Master's jewel of the lodge was presented to the I.P.M. by the W.M. in token of the satisfaction of the brethren at the way he had performed the duties of his office.

A banquet was subsequently held, at which the W.M. presided in his well-known genial manner.

MANCHESTER.

St. Andrew's Lodge (No. 34).—Owing to the great press of business, an emergency meeting was held on Saturday, the 3rd inst. There were four candidates advanced, the ceremony being performed by Bro. J. Truelove Richardson, P.P.G.I. of W. There were present Bros. C. E. Iowell, P.G.S.O., W.M.; G. S. Smith, S.W.; Geo. Alfred Myers, J.W.; J. T. Richardson, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; J. M. Sinclair, P.M., P.P.G.M.O., Treas.; Saml. Kelly, P.M., P.G.S. Eng. Chap.; H. C. Millard, P.M., P.P.G.M.O.; A. K. Boothroyd, M.O.; J. M. Veal, S.O.; Fred. Stretch, J.O.; John Walker, Sec.; J. Laurisch, S.D.; J. Lawrenson, J.D.; Chas. Shaw, Org.; J. Hardwick-Marsh, acting I.G.; E. Roberts, James Ormrod, James Sharples, E. A. Locke, and A. L. Boothroyd. Visitors: Bros. A. H. Jefferies, P.M., P.G.D., and J. D. Murray, P.M., P.G.D.

SALISBURY.

Elias de Derham Lodge (No. 443).—On Thursday, the 1st inst., there was a meeting at the Masonic Hall, held by dispensation, for the purpose of advancing candidates. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. the Earl of Radnor, W.M. designate, the chair was filled by Bro. the Rev. F. W. Macdonald, G. Chap., who is a P.M. of 177, and the S.W. designate of the new lodge. Although as many as 10 candidates were advanced, the ceremony was carried through without a hitch, and the acting W.M. must be congratulated not only upon having been so fortunate as to occupy the chair on a very interesting occasion, but also upon the very able way in which he discharged his duties. Several members of the Mark Degree resident in or near Salisbury attended the lodge, including Bros. G. M. Wilson, J.W. designate; E. G. J. Rumbold, R. Dear, E. A. B. Elers, J. K. Read, and F. Griffin. The visitors included Bros. B. H. Watts, P.P.S.G.W. Somersetshire; J. Chandler, Prov. G. Stwd. Somersetshire; and Harry Bevir, W.M. 401.

Bros. Watts and Chandler discharged the duties of Deacons, and Bro. Bevir filled the S.W.'s chair.

After the lodge was closed the brethren sat down to supper, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

The next merry meeting is looked forward to with considerable expectation, as the consecration of the new lodge by Bro. the Earl of Euston, Deputy Grand Master, takes place at Salisbury on the 14th instant. It is understood that the Deputy Grand Master will be accompanied by Bros. Col. Cook, Prov. G.M. Middx.; C. F. Matier,

P.G.W., G. Sec.; Rev. J. A. Lloyd, P.G. Chap.; R. W. Berridge, P.G.W., G.D.C.; and Frank Richardson, P.G.W., G. Reg. Lord Radnor will be installed as first W.M. of the lodge, and later in the day the Prov. Grand Lodge of Wiltshire will meet, and Lord Radnor will be installed as Prov. Grand Master.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).—A meeting of this chapter was held on Friday, the 2nd inst., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. W. H. Dean, P.Z. 77, P.P.G.R. Dorset, M.E.Z.; W. Hillier, 834, H.; M. Spiegel, M.E.Z. 1256, J.; John Davies, M.E.Z. 733, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; J. C. Tilt, N. 862, S.N.; J. Cruttenden, 779, P.S.; Jos. Bailey, M.E.Z. 1602, 1st A.S.; G. Gregory, P.S. 862, 2nd A.S.; W. J. Ferguson, P.Z. 1056; G. Murch, P.Z. 783; W. E. Jameson, 176; J. F. Perrins, P.S. 1838; H. Armfield, 1642; and S. Cochrane, P.S. 3.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Ferguson being the candidate. The officers were elected for the ensuing twelve months: Comps. H. Dehane, S.E.; John Davies, M.E.Z. 733, Treas.; and as Committee of Preceptors Comps. Dehane, S. Cochrane, and G. Gregory, all of whom acknowledged the compliment. Comp. Cochrane, on behalf of the chapter, handed an illuminated vellum to Comp. W. H. Dean, P.Z. 77, P.P.G.R. Dorset, on his retiring from the Committee and leaving for the West of England, who acknowledged it in suitable terms. After the M.E.Z. had risen the usual number of times, "Hearty good wishes" were accorded, and the chapter closed.

Royal Ark Mariners.

MANCHESTER.

United Manchester Lodge (No. 34).—A meeting was held on the 3rd instant, at Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street. There were present Bros. Col. J. L. Aspland, W.C.N.; J. T. Richardson, S.; G. S. Smith, J.; C. E. Towell, C.; A. K. Boothroyd, J. M. Sinclair, Treas.; A. C. Miller, James Sharples, S. Kelly, A. Louis Boothroyd, Julius Laurisch, and James Ormrod. Visitors: Bros. J. D. Murray, A. H. Jefferis, J. Hardwicke-Marsh, G. Alfred Myers, J. M. Veal, and F. Stretch.

There were four candidates for elevation, the ceremonies being performed by Bros. J. L. Aspland and J. D. Murray. It was a most successful meeting, and we hope to see more interest taken in these beautiful Degrees in the future.

Allied Masonic Degrees.

MANCHESTER.

Matier Council (T.I.).—This council was held on Saturday, the 3rd instant, at Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street. There were present Bros. J. M. Sinclair, W.M.; J. T. Richardson, S. Kelly, C. E. Towell, G. S. Smith, H. C. Miller, A. K. Boothroyd, A. L. Boothroyd, J. Laurisch, James Ormrod, James Sharples, Col. J. L. Aspland, W. Cartwright, and E. Roberts. Visitors: Bros. A. H. Jefferis, J. D. Murray, J. Hardwicke-Marsh, Geo. Alfred Myers, F. Stretch, J. M. Veal, and others.

Four brethren were admitted, the ceremonies being performed by Bros. J. D. Murray and A. H. Jefferis. Bro. W. Cartwright was installed into the chair by Bro. J. D. Murray, and afterwards the W.M. appointed his officers for the ensuing year, and they were invested accordingly.

Ireland.

INNISKILLEN.

Tyrone and Fermanagh Preceptory. This preceptory met at the Town Hall, on Wednesday, the 30th, ult., when the usual quarterly business was transacted, and the following sir knights elected for the ensuing year: Sir Knights A. Anderson, Eminent Preceptor; C. E. Irvine, Constable; R. A. Miller, Marshal; J. L. Carson, Chaplain; J. C. Roulston, Std. Br.; W. King-Edwards, Sub-Marshal; W. Ritchie, Captain of Guard; W. F. Jones, Treasurer; and Wm. Purdon, Registrar. Comp. Wm. Irvine, having been properly presented, was impressively inducted to full knighthood by Eminent Preceptor O. Ternan, assisted by Sir Knight W. F. Jones.

This concluded the business, and the sir knights adjourned to a pleasant and social supper.

Scotland.

POLLOKSHIELDS.

Pollok Lodge (No. 772).—The annual meeting for election and of office bearers of this lodge took place in the Burgh Buildings, Maxwell Park, on Tuesday evening, the 29th ult. Bro. D. R. Clark, M.A., R.W.M., assisted by Bro. M. H. Shaw-Stewart and office-bearers, opened the lodge, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Four candidates were nominated for initiation at the next meeting. The brethren nominated unanimously for the various offices were declared duly elected—Bros. Wm. Stewart, R.W.M.; John Cameron, D.M.; J. W. Ruddock, S.M.; Wm. McQueen Barr, S.W.; Wm. S. Hunter, J.W.; Rev. T. W. B. Niven, Chap.; W. Hill, Sec.; A. Boyd, Treas.; S. Harte, B.B.; J. P. Laidlaw, S.D.; John Craig, J.D.; W. F. McGibon, Architect; R. T. Neilson, J.; A. Heap, D. of M.; P. Pringle, Marshal; J. N. Paton, S.B.; J. Hight, Stwd.; D. Murray, I.G.; and N. McKinlay, O.G. These brethren were installed into their several offices by Bro. M. H. Shaw-Stewart, M.P., Prov. G.M. of Stirlingshire, who was very happy though forcible in the

remarks he addressed to each regarding the performance of their duties. The balance sheets of the lodge show it to be in a very sound financial position.

This concluded the business of the meeting, and the lodge was closed. The brethren adjourned to the banqueting hall, where the chair was taken by Bro. Wm. Stewart. The banquet was admirably served.

The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given and responded to.

"The Health of Bro. M. H. Shaw-Stewart" was toasted with all the honours.

Bro. J. W. Ruddock then proposed "The Health of the I.P.M.," reminding the brethren that it was mainly owing to Bro. Clark's energies that the lodge was founded, and now in its prosperous condition. He also handed Bro. Clark a Past Master's gold jewel, subscribed for by the members, in appreciation of his many good qualities.

Bro. Clark made a suitable reply in his usual eloquent language.

Bro. W. S. Hunter proposed the toast of "The Three Grand Lodges—England, Ireland, and Scotland"—speaking at length on the Charities connected therewith, and closing his remarks with the couplet—

"In Faith and Hope the world will disagree,
But all mankind's concerned in Charity."

The other toasts included "The Prov. Grand Lodges of Renfrewshire East," "The Pollok Lodge," "The Newly-Installed Master," and "The Guests."

Cryptic Masonry.

Grand Masters' Council (No. 1).—A numerous attended meeting of this old council was held at the Grand Mark Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 25th ult. Among those present were Comps. B. R. Bryant, T.I.M., Grand Lecturer; G. Graveley, P.T.I.M., Treas., acting P.D.M.; Edwin Storr, D.M.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.T.I.M., P.G.D.M., Recorder; H. H. Shirley, M.A., C. of Guard; A. McDowall, 1st Marshal; Nelson Prover, M.A., P.G. Marshal; Lieut.-Col. C. E. Vansittart, R.A.; E. H. Ezard, M.D.; G. Briggs, R. E. H. Goffin, J. T. Rowe, J. Smith, C. Slater, H. Higgins, J. Moore Smith, B. Stewart, and W. H. Toye. Comps. J. R. Green, T. O. Harding, M.A., and James Castello, were visitors.

The minutes of the previous council having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken upon behalf of Comps. the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., and A. W. Humphreys, and it being unanimous they were duly admitted, received, and greeted, the ceremony being admirably performed by the Thrice Illustrious Master, ably assisted by Comps. G. Graveley and H. H. Shirley. Apologies for non-attendance, principally through illness, were received from Comps. G. Lambert, P.G.D.M.; Baron de Ferrieres, P.G.D.M.; Alfred Williams, P.G.C.W.; Rev. Dr. Lemon, D.D., P.G. Chap.; R. Roy, M.A., C. of G.; Major W. B. Williamson, J.P., 3rd Marshal; D. P. Cama, Dr. Pocock, S. H. Parkhouse, J. N. Frye, Major Penrose Dunbar, Thomas Cubitt, P.T.I.M.; and others. A vote of sympathy was passed to Comp. T. Cubitt, who has been confined to the house by severe indisposition during the past 12 months.

The Council was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant to dine. The Thrice Illustrious Master presided most ably and genially, and some excellent speeches were made by several of the companions. The proceedings terminated at an early hour.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The girls of the Freemasons' School at Clapham gave the liveliest satisfaction to a large gathering of friends of the Institution on Saturday afternoon, by the admirable manner in which, under Miss Davis and the members of her staff, they went through a lengthy and excellently performed programme of calisthenics and marching, and Indian club exercises, interspersed and agreeably varied by instrumental music and the singing of Christmas carols, under the vocal instructress, Mrs. Rowarth. The appearance and bearing of the children, and the condition of the school rooms and dormitories which were minutely inspected, and for which Miss Buck, the Matron, is responsible, were eminently satisfactory. The health of the girls is as good as it has been throughout the year. The remainder of the half-year will be devoted to the serious business of the College of Preceptors and Cambridge Local Examinations. The Chairman, Bro. Ralph Clutton, and most of the House Committee, and Bro. Hedges, the Secretary, were present on the above occasion.

SIXTH ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE LEOPOLD LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1571.

This lodge held its sixth annual supper at the lodge rooms, the City Arms' Restaurant, St. Mary Axe, E.C., on Thursday, the 24th ult.

The lodge was opened for the purpose of hearing the Secretary's report of the progress of the lodge, and a record of its work during the year. The following were present: Bros. Morgan, W.M.; Carey, P.M., S.W.; Johns, J.W.; Duffield, P.M., Preceptor; Pitt, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; Colley, Hon. Treas. and Sec.; Williams, Asst. Sec.; Ginden, S.D.; Meadows, J.D.; Watts, I.G.; W. Smith, Tyler; Kent, P.M.; Dormer, P.M.; Gregory, Davis, Warner, Marshall, Leach, J. Hall (all of the mother lodge), Stevens, and Reid, 879; R. D. Smith, P.M. 27; Beasley, P.M. 1524; Bradley, 1209; Halford, P.M.; Large, P.M. 1607; Seagrave, Petley, and Haddrill, 1672; Wade, 1348; Carlton, 2184; Lemon, P.M.; Rodgers, Georgetown, and others.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, the W.M. called upon the Secretary for his report of the year's work

in the lodge, and this having been read showed the progress of the lodge during the past year and its present condition. The Auditors then read their report as to the finances of the lodge, and these reports having been adopted, it was proposed by Bro. Colley, P.M., Sec. of the mother lodge, seconded by Bro. Meadows, and carried unanimously, that a vote of thanks be accorded to Bro. Colley, to be recorded on the minutes, for his services to the lodge during the past year as Secretary, and also for the able report just read. This was briefly acknowledged by Bro. Colley, and a vote of thanks was accorded to the auditors for their services.

The Worshipful Master then rose for the first time and several brethren became joining members, and returned thanks. Upon the W.M. rising for the second time, it was announced that the officers for the next week were appointed, and on the third rising, the W.M. received the congratulations of all present, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to hold their 6th annual supper, and were joined by various other brethren. Bro. Morgan, W.M. of the mother lodge, presided, supported by Bros. Colley, S.W., and Johns, J.W., of the mother lodge.

After a repast served in the usual manner by the proprietors of the City Arms Restaurant, the usual loyal and Craft toasts were honoured.

The toast of the evening—"Success to the Leopold Lodge of Instruction," coupled with the name of the Secretary, Bro. Colley, proposed by the WORSHIPFUL MASTER, was received by all present with enthusiasm.

Upon rising to respond, Bro. COLLEY received a hearty welcome, and in the course of his remarks took occasion to call the attention of the brethren to the necessity for every member endeavouring to become proficient in the various ceremonials connected with the Craft, and he also expressed the pleasure it gave him to be again present upon nearly completing his fifth year of office.

The toast of "The Preceptor, Bro. Duffield, P.M.," was also well received.

In replying, the PRECEPTOR expressed his willingness to do all he could for the lodge of instruction, and the Craft generally.

The toast of "The Deputy Preceptor, Bro. Pitt, P.M., and the Assistant Secretary, Bro. Williams," was responded to by those brethren.

"The Visitors" was replied to by Bros. HALFORD and HADDRIILL.

Bro. BEASLEY, P.M., proposed the toast of "The Sister Lodges of Instruction," coupling with it the name of Bro. Carr, P.M., Preceptor of the Loyalty Lodge of Instruction.

Bro. CARR responded.

The brethren then separated, having spent a most enjoyable evening.

A good programme was got through during the evening, Bro. Haddrill presiding at the piano, and Bros. Seagrave, Large, Halford, and Wade giving songs and recitations.

ANNUAL BANQUET OF THE LOGIC CLUB.

This club held its annual banquet at the Café Royal, on Thursday, the 1st inst., before some 80 members and visitors, and were able, under the genial chairmanship of its Preceptor, Bro. G. E. Fairchild, to secure a very pleasant evening. Those present included amongst the number Bros. J. Percy Fitzgerald, Cummings, Ths. Johnson, R. P. Stevens, Lawrence, Grenier, Chaplin, Dr. Holloway Elliott, Dr. Alder Wright, Barnett, Laws, Girder, Dr. Andrew Miller, Haynes, Fred. Burgess, Smith, Kent, Ingram, J. D. Beveridge, Alfred Moore, and others. Visitors: Bros. Dr. Lennox Browne, James Terry, Herne, Dr. Anderson, G. W. Anson, Irish, William Tinney, Charles Tinney, May Stevens, J. Le Hay, Curtis D'Alton, Collings, Cousins, Kay, Boden, Trueman, Howell, Pink, and many others.

The club, as explained by Bro. G. E. Fairchild, was founded some 10 years ago by the talented actor, the late Bro. John Maclean, the late Bro. George Buckland, the producer of an entertainment which held pleasant sway at the Polytechnic for a good many years, and the present and only Secretary of the Club, Bro. J. Percy Fitzgerald.

The idea of the founders was to enable those of their own particular profession to secure an opportunity of practising the Masonic ritual at a time convenient, and to endeavour to enlist the sympathies of these brethren in Art on behalf of the great Masonic Charities. It was a rare thing indeed years ago to see an actor or a musical man "in the chair of King Solomon," much less to see him figure as a Steward at any of the great Charity Festivals. Circumstances have now changed, and such names as James Fernandez, Alfred Bishop, Lestocq, Penley, S. Johnson, and numerous other members of the dramatic profession are to be found amongst the best exponents of the Masonic ritual and earnest workers in the Craft, and liberal supporter of its Charities. As we were told on Thursday night, the Club has, through its Charity organisation, during the last four or five years sent no less a sum than £1700; this of itself is doing good work, and, although we would not like to follow its Secretary so far when he says that where Grand Lodge has failed the Logic Club steps in, yet there is something in what he says that it has turned the attention of a numerous and important class who probably would not have had so early an opportunity of becoming good and useful Masons. In a few years lodges have sprung into ex-

istence whose founders and principal supporters are members of the professions to which we refer, and the probabilities are that some credit must be given for setting the ball rolling, which for the credit of Masonry may, we trust, continue to roll.

The CHAIRMAN, in proposing the toast of the evening, "Continued Prosperity to the Logic Club," in the course of his remarks observed that the ideas of the founders, although two out of the three had gone over to the great majority, had been faithfully kept, and the club was always at its good work. Bros. Maclean and Buckland were members of the Asaph Lodge, and produced by their earnestness a marked change upon its officers in the direction of efficiency and punctuality, and he was indeed glad to see the Logic Club was a fitting monument to their memory.

The toast was coupled with the name of the Secretary, Bro. J. Percy Fitzgerald, and drunk with enthusiasm.

In acknowledging the same, Bro. FITZGERALD gave a few interesting particulars of the work done during the year, and the number of meetings held, and in the course of his remarks observed that at the present moment there existed at least 10 members of the club who were Masters of lodges held in the London district.

The toast of "The Visitors" was coupled with the names of Bros. Lennox Browne, Vice-President of the Board of General Purposes, and G. W. Anson.

Bro. LENNOX BROWNE said it gave him more than pleasure to be present at the annual meetings of the Club, because, in addition to the splendid entertainment always provided, the proceedings were marked by a conviviality and surroundings that made it difficult indeed to discover a fault. On the Board of General Purposes he first had the pleasure of meeting the Chairman of that night, Bro. Fairchild, and he could now understand how it was that he was so perfect a master of detail. His knowledge of the Craft in general was due in great measure to his coming in contact with the many good members of that Club, who were men of experience in Masonic matters. He had the privilege of being a founder of an important London lodge, and had watched the progress of that lodge, particularly during the last two years, with a degree of satisfaction. His surprise was great when he discovered amongst the officers of that lodge two who were members of his own profession, that they suddenly became so proficient in the ritual, when from the worst of junior officers they became the best of Masters. (Hear, hear). He was glad of the cheer from that brother, who knew to whom he referred. In his capacity he had little opportunity of attending the Club as a member, but he hoped very soon to do so. He trusted its prosperity would continue.

Bro. G. W. ANSON also replied, and said that being his first visit, he was unable to follow the last speaker through his interesting particulars from actual experience, but so interesting a gathering as he had the privilege of being amongst that night would always serve to remind him of the Logic Club.

Bro. R. W. CUMMINGS next proposed "The Masonic Charities," and in doing so referred with pleasure to the presence amongst them of Bro. James Terry, and coupled the toast with his name.

In reply, Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I., said how much pleasure it gave him to come for the first time as a guest of this Club, although its members he seemed constantly to meet in other places, and those brethren had helped to swell considerably the amount collected at the last festival of the Institution he had the honour of representing, and which was the largest amount ever collected at any charity festival in the world. Long may the Logic Club continue its good and noble work.

Bro. SAM JOHNSON proposed "The Health of the Chairman" at a late hour, which was drunk with all honours.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bros. Charles Tinney and Frederick Burgess, and were contributed to by Bros. May, Gawthrop, Stevens, Master Albert Lee, John Le Hay, Mr. Allen Morris, Curtis D'Alton, Cousins, and many others.

Mr. COOL KENNEDY, of the Moor and Burgess Minstrels, delivered his well-known lecture, which was received with every evidence of delight.

The celebrated Trombone Quartet looked in on their way home from the London Symphony Concerts, and rendered their extraordinary performance on their much abused instrument, which was re-demanded.

FOURTH ANNUAL MASONIC BALL OF THE WEST HAM ABBEY LODGE, No. 2291.

The fourth annual Masonic ball in aid of the West Ham Hospital was held on Wednesday, the 30th ult., at the Stratford Town Hall, and proved to be even a greater success than its predecessors. The interior of the hall was tastefully decorated with flowering and foliage plants, fairy lamps, &c., kindly lent by Bro. G. Hay (Alderman and ex-Mayor of West Ham). A very efficient band was provided, under the direction of Bro. T. Bidgood, L.A.M. The patrons of the ball included H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge, the Duke of Westminster, Lord Brooke, Lord Claude J. Hamilton, Mr. Archibald Grove, M.P., and Mr. J. Theobald, M.P. The officers present included Bros. Edward Triggs, W.M. (P.M. 749); W. G. Norman, I.P.M.; J. Boulton, P.M. (farther of the lodge); C. W. Carrell, P.M.; Altovier, P.M.; A. Reed, S.W.; G. W. Kidd, J.W. (Mayor of West Ham); G. Hay, Treas.; F. C. D. Fenn, Sec.; R. Fielder, S.D.; G. Gwinn, J.D.; J. H. Pavitt, I.G.;

W. Jones, D.C.; H. Young and C. Mansfield, Stwds., all of whom entered heartily into the movement. The occasion was well supported by the members of other local lodges, including the W.M., Bro. Robert Tucker, and the I.P.M., Bro. A. R. Trew, P.P.G.D. Suffolk, from the Woodgrange Lodge. The Craft, Royal Arch, and Mark clothing was worn. There were 300 present, and the general support accorded to the effort will enable its promoters to make a substantial addition to the £255 which has already been received by the hospital as the total result of the three preceding gatherings. Much praise is due to Bro. Octavius E. Riche, S.D. 2409, Hon. Secretary Ball Committee, for the success of all arrangements.

THE SEVENTH ANNUAL BALL OF THE SKELMERSDALE LODGE, No. 1658.

The seventh annual ball in connection with the Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 1658, was given on Thursday, November 24th, by the brethren at the Brixton Hall, Acre-lane, and turned out—which it deserved to be—an unqualified success.

The ladies' reception was fixed for 8 p.m., and dancing commenced at 8.30. The guests and brethren mustered nearly 150 strong, which number sat down to a splendid banquet at 11 p.m., presided over by the genial W.M., Bro. A. B. Norman, supported by the P.M.'s of the lodge, including Bro. Hill, Treasurer; Boys, Secretary; Humphrey Cohen, E. Shrimpton, and others.

The toast of "The Queen and the Royal Family" was given by the CHAIRMAN, followed by the National Anthem.

"The Health of the Worshipful Master" was proposed by Bro. HUMPHREY COHEN, P.M., and was enthusiastically received.

The toast of "The Visitors" was proposed by the WORSHIPFUL MASTER, and ably responded to by Bro. HOWARD, P.M.

During the toasts Bro. Sam Redfern sang two songs, Bro. Simford, Org. 1655, also contributed, and Bro. Humphrey Cohen, P.M., recited a humorous piece—"The Four Tombstones."

Dancing was then resumed, and continued till 4 a.m., and brought a most successful gathering to a termination.

During the whole time all kinds of refreshments were served, and nothing could be desired to conduce to the comfort of all.

The arrangements were carried out by the Committee, consisting of Bros. Augustus Berry Norman, W.M.; J. Letchford, S.W.; S. F. Bygrave, J.W.; J. Cox, P.M.; J. D. Smith, P.M.; H. Cohen, P.M.; E. Shrimpton, P.M.; R. Walden, P.M.; R. Rowlands, S.D.; B. Cohen, J.D.; H. B. Buckeridge, I.G.; C. J. Smith, D.C.; S. F. Mackway, A.D.C.; E. M. Gibson and J. George, Stewards; E. D. Side, M.C.; W. Croxson, M. Syer, W. E. Delahaye, J. Farmer, A. E. Simpson, S. E. Rice, J. C. Bridge, James Hill, P.M., Treas.; and W. H. Boys, P.M., Sec.

Among the guests present with their ladies were Bros. A. Doig, P.M.; Shonfield, Hormsey, Payne Body, and others.

Owing to the Surrey Masonic Hall being, by mistake, let for the evening, the lodge had to go to Brixton Hall.

Obituary.

BRO. LIEUT.-COL. THOMAS HENRY LLOYD.

It is with sincere regret that we note the death of our esteemed Bro. Lieut.-Col. Thomas Henry Lloyd, which sad event took place at Upper Norwood on the 29th ult., after a protracted and painful illness, which was the immediate cause of his retirement from the Royal Artillery a short time before his decease. Bro. Lloyd's first connection with Freemasonry began on the 11th February, 1884, when he was initiated in the Ubique Lodge, No. 1799, which lodge was then in its infancy, he being the eleventh candidate initiated into Freemasonry in it. Shortly after this, Bro. Lloyd was transferred to India, where he was appointed to the head-quarter staff of the Commander-in-Chief of the Bombay Presidency at Poona, where he made his mark in Freemasonry. He was installed W.M. of the Orion Lodge, No. 415, at Bombay, on the 18th July, 1888, and it is believed that he also became Master of a lodge at Poona, as well as First Principal of a Royal Arch chapter. His brother, Colonel F. T. Lloyd, C.B., who now commands the Royal Artillery in the South-Eastern District at Dover, and who is also a member of the Ubique Lodge, in writing to the Secretary of the lodge regarding his brother's death, says: "It is with much regret that I have to announce to the Worshipful Master, officers, and brethren of the Ubique Lodge, the death, on the 29th November, of my brother, Lieut.-Col. T. H. Lloyd, Royal Artillery, who was, I believe, connected with the lodge from its first opening, and has, to my own knowledge, never failed to retain the keenest feelings of interest in Freemasonry generally, and in the welfare of the Ubique Lodge in particular."

Lord Mayor Knill presided at the annual distribution of prizes to the 3rd London Rifle Volunteers, which took place in the Guildhall on Saturday evening last, the awards being presented to the successful competitors by the Lady Mayoress, to whom a vote of thanks for her kindness was voted by acclamation and acknowledged by his lordship.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10.

CRAFT LODGES.

108, London, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.
176, Caveac, Albion Tavern.
1426, The Great City, Cannon-street Hotel.
1612, West Middlesex, Municipal Buildings, Ealing.
1671, Mizpah, Albion Tavern.
1918, Gallery, Anderson's Hotel.
1964, Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
2369, Cornish, Mark Masons' Hall.
2384, Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Lower Mitcham.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
hiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King-st., Hammersmith, at 7.30.
Juke of Connaught, Navarino Tavern, Navarino-road, Dalston, at 8.
sccleston, Bro. Dickie's, 13, Cambridge-street, Pimlico, at 7.
Rinsbury 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.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12.

CRAFT LODGES.

5, St. George's, Freemasons' Hall.
29, St. Albans, Albion Tavern.
50, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.
90, St. John's, Albion Tavern.
130, Good Report, Inns of Court Hotel.
193, Confidence, Anderson's Hotel.
957, Leigh, Freemason's Hall.
1305, St. Marylebone, Criterion.
1571, Leopold, Bridge House Hotel.
1600, Adelphi, Freemasons' Hall.
1972, Earl of Lathom, Surrey Masonic Hall.
2030, The Abbey, Town Hall, Westminster.
2391, 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.
Journ, Eagle Hotel, Snarebrook, at 8.
Cripplegate, Goldsmiths' Arms, Gutter-lane, at 6.30.
Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Atlantic-road, Brixton, at 8.
Eleonor, Rose and Crown, High Cross, Tottenham, at 8.
Lyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terr., Bishop's-rd., Paddington, at 8.
Kin island, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.
Marques 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, 4.
Upton, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E., at 8.
Walthamsow, 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.
Joric 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.

22, Mount Sinai, Guildhall Tavern.
58, Felicity, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
1118, University, Freemasons' Hall.
1181, Ubique, Criterion.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13.

CRAFT LODGES.

96, Burlington, Albion Tavern.
180, St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall.
198, Percy, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
211, St. Michael's, Albion Tavern.
224, United Strength, Guildhall Tavern.
235, Nine Muses, Grand Hotel, Charing Cross.
548, Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.
844, Ranelagh, Criterion.
133, Doric, Anderson's Hotel.
196, Urban, Freemasons' Hall.
1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
1604, Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall.
1967, Wa deck, Freemasons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Brixton, 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.
Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-street, Borough, at 8.
Clarence, 14, Fitzroy-square, at 7.30.