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A MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION FOR CHESHIRE.

Cheshire occupies a prominent position among the Provinces which of late years have established local institutions for the benefit of their poorer members and their children, or for the widows and orphans of deceased brethren. It must be nearly, if not quite, 30 years since the Cheshire Masonic Educational Institute was founded, and the good that it has done since is beyond all praise. Scores of children have by its means received such a training in the better class of schools situated in the neighbourhood of their homes as has enabled them to go forth into the world with every prospect of being able to earn an honourable livelihood; while the continuance, if not the permanence, of the Institute may be looked upon as assured by reason of the very substantial amount of capital which has been invested in its behalf, and the generous measure of support it receives annually from the brethren in the shape of donations and subscriptions. The existence of this Institute may possibly have had the effect of diminishing the amount contributed by the Province towards our Central Charities. Indeed, it would be strange had it been otherwise. Charity begins at home, and our Cheshire brethren are fully justified in looking, first of all, after the children of their own poor or deceased members, and then presenting what there may remain, after satisfying their own necessities, for the benefit of the general body. Something, however, has more recently influenced them—it may have been their own innate generosity, or they may have been prompted by the urgent advice of their respected Prov. Grand Master—to raise goodlier sums for the general Masonic Institutions, the Boys' School in 1891 and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at its Jubilee in February last having been the fortunate recipients of such amounts as we had never previously had the opportunity of associating with their Province. But Cheshire does not appear to be quite satisfied that these further efforts are all it is capable of making; and acting, we suppose, on the principle that no duty is ever thoroughly fulfilled while anything which may or will enhance its value remains undone, it has now resolved on establishing its own Benevolent Institution for the purpose of providing permanent relief for its aged members and their widows. Early in October a meeting of the Provincial Charity Council was held at the Chambers of Bro. RICHARD NEWHOUSE, Prov. G. Sec., when it was resolved to adopt certain recommendations to be submitted to the Committee of Benevolence, which was to be held at Crewe on the 30th ult., and in the meantime, in order that the brethren generally throughout the Province might have an opportunity of considering the proposals, the Report was printed and circulated and we are pleased to learn has had a most favourable reception. These proposals are to the effect that during next year a sum of not less than £1000 shall be raised for the purpose of establishing a Provincial Benevolent Fund. When this sum has been obtained, steps shall at once be taken to place the Fund on a working basis, and provide for at least two Annuities, the sum raised being invested in Consols or other trustworthy securities. It is intended that the Annuities shall be one half of those granted by the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. That is to say, £20 for men and £16 for widows; that they shall be confined to worthy, aged and indigent Cheshire Freemasons and their widows; that they shall be either preliminary or subsidiary to those of the Central Institution; and that they shall cease and determine whenever the local Annuitants are elected to the benefits of the more important Charity. It is further proposed that, as regards its management, "a similar relationship to that which exists between the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and the Grand Lodge of England shall subsist between the proposed Institution and the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cheshire, viz., that whilst the Institution will, as regards its funds and management, be outside the purview of Provincial Grand Lodge, yet that its establishment, its working, and its well-being generally, shall be by its By-laws subject to the fostering care of Provincial Grand Lodge, to which it shall report annually, and that, so far as may be practicable, its management, if not altogether identified with, yet should be under the wing of, the Provincial Committee of Benevolence, which is so thoroughly representative of the entire Province, and which has done such excellent work since its re-organisation." The further recommendations include one for the appointment of the present Charity Council as a Provisional Committee, and others for the granting of privileges in the shape of votes to donors and subscribers, according to the amounts given or subscribed; the holding of an annual Festival in aid of the proposed Institution; the conferring of certain privileges on brethren who offer their services as Stewards; and the appointment of the Prov. G. Master, Bro. Lord EGERTON of TATTON; the Dep. Prov. G. Master, Bro. Sir HORATIO LLOYD; with Bros. the Hon. ALAN DE TATTON EGERTON,

M.P., P.P.G.W.; JAMES SALMON, J.P., P.P.G.W.; and JOHN CLAYTON, P.P.G.W., as Trustees.

That such a scheme as this, carried out on the lines indicated, will be of incalculable benefit to the Province of Cheshire we see no reason whatever to doubt. Other Provinces—notably that of West Lancashire—have their Annuity Funds, which have been of material service to the poor local brethren since they were founded, whether they were preliminary or subsidiary to the central Charity in London or not. Seeing the number of candidates who offer themselves for the benefits of the latter, a considerable time must elapse, save in the case of those who are fortunate enough to have strong interest to back their claims, before they can hope to be elected Annuitants. By means of this Provincial Fund, however, Cheshire will be able to assist those of its poor members and widows who may be qualified and accepted as candidates for the general Charity, while they are waiting to be elected, and for this reason it is we are rejoiced to hear that the scheme, so far as it has been considered by our Cheshire brethren, has experienced a most favourable reception, the Provincial Grand Master and other members of the Province having already responded so generously, that before the year is out the Provisional Committee of the Fund will have in hand not £1000, but nearly £2000, with which to give effect to the proposal. We trust this may be looked upon as a good augury for the permanence of the intended Fund, and that in the course of a few years Cheshire will be in a position to point to a Benevolent Fund as firmly established in the good opinion of the brethren and as competent to fulfil its task as the present Cheshire Educational Institute.

NATIONAL GREAT PRIORY.

A meeting of the National Great Priory of the United Orders of the Temple and Malta in England and Wales was held at Mark Masons' Hall on Friday, the 9th inst. Present: The V.E. Great Sub Prior, the Earl of Euston on the throne; the V.E. Provincial Prior for East Anglia Sir Knight Capt. Philips; the V.E. Prov. Prior for Devonshire, Sir Knight the Rev. T. W. Lemon, D.D.; the V.E. P.P.G. Commander of Essex, Sir Knight Col. Somerville Burney. National Great Officers: Sir Knights the Rev. H. G. Morse, Prelate; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Chancellor; the Rev. R. N. Sanderson, as Constable; Frank Richardson, Marshall; Ralph Clutton, Treas.; R. H. Thrupp, Reg., and many other officers, past officers, and sir knights.

The Great Prior, having taken his seat on the throne, opened National Great Priory in ample form.

The Registrar called the muster roll.

Sir Knights Major-General Hay and Captain Elwes were presented and instructed as Vice-Chancellor and Herald respectively.

The minutes of the meeting of National Great Priory on the 13th May, 1892, having been read and approved, V.E. Sir Knight Col. Gerard Noel Money, C.B., was introduced, accompanied by his Banner Bearer and Sword Bearer, and did homage on his appointment as Provincial Prior of Kent and Surrey.

The report of the council was taken as read.

On the motion of V.E. Sir Knight Col. BURNEY, the proposal for the amalgamation of the Kemeys Tynte and Temple Cressing Preceptories to form one Preceptory under the title of "The United Preceptories of Kemeys Tynte and Temple Cressing" was sanctioned.

Sir Knight PHILBRICK, Q.C., Chancellor, then moved the grant of a pension of £100 a year to E. Sir Knight W. Tinkler, late Vice-Chancellor. He said that the late Vice-Chancellor had been for a considerable time in failing health, but in spite of much physical suffering had manfully struggled to carry on the duties of his office. At last the time had come when it was necessary to relieve him of his duties and of this Sir Knight Tinkler had been the first to recognise the necessity. The Great Prior's Council considered that Sir Knight Tinkler's long and faithful services to the Order deserved special recognition, and had therefore recommended to Great Priory that a pension of £100 a year be granted to him to continue during pleasure. He (the Chancellor) had become aware that some of the sir knights would have preferred that the pension should have been a permanent one, but pensions could only be granted during pleasure. The Council were as anxious as any sir knight present could be to make a suitable provision for one who had served the Order so long and well, and they considered their recommendation of a pension during pleasure was practically making a provision for life.

The G. Registrar, Sir Knight THRUPP, in seconding the motion, said that he had known Sir Knight Tinkler well, that in his official capacity he had had a great deal to do with him, and he desired to speak in the highest terms of the late Vice-Chancellor's devotion to the interests of the Order.

The V.E. GREAT SUB-PRIOR, in putting the motion, said that a pension during pleasure was practically a pension for life, for he was sure no Knight Templar would ever think of proposing to withdraw his pension from one who had served the Order so long and so well as Sir Knight Tinkler had done.

The motion was then put, and carried unanimously.

After the report of the Council was received and adopted, the Almoner collected the alms, and the Great Sub-Prior then closed the Great Priory.

A Priory of the Order of Malta under the banner of Mount Calvary Preceptory was afterwards opened.

The V.E. Sir Knight Capt. Philips, Prov. Prior of East Anglia, occupied the throne; E. Sir Knight R. Loveland Loveland, J.P., as G. Prior. Eight members of the Order of the Temple were then admitted into the Order of Malta. The Priory was then closed.

The V.E. Great Sub-Prior, the Earl of Euston, afterwards presided at the banquet, at the Freemasons' Tavern, supported by the V.E. Prov. Priors of East Anglia and Devonshire, the V.E.P. Grand Commander of Essex, and many officers, present and past, and other knights.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Nottinghamshire was held at the Masonic Hall, Nottingham, on Thursday, the 8th inst., when there were present Bros. Lieut.-Col. Wm. Newton, D.P.G.M., Acting Prov. Grand Master; John Comyn, P.P.G.W., Acting Deputy Prov. Grand Master; and a large number of officers and brethren.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened, and the Acting Prov. Grand Master and Acting Deputy Prov. Grand Master were saluted. The circular convening the Provincial Grand Lodge was taken as read, and the roll of Provincial Grand Officers, of W.M.'s, and Wardens of lodges of the province was called. The minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Newark, on June 9th, were read and confirmed. The Prov. G. Treasurers report and the report of the General Purpose Committee were received and passed.

Bro. R. C. WILLS, P.J.G.W., moved, and Bro. the Rev. T. FARMER seconded—"That the General Purpose Committee be requested to reconsider the grant of £15 to the Newton Lodge towards the entertainment of Provincial Grand Lodge at Newark, with a view to increase the amount to the sum of £20, on account of the great expense of the entertainment."—Carried.

The report of the Benevolent and Educational Committee was also received and passed.

After the reports of the Worshipful Masters of the lodges of the province were read and presented, the Provincial Grand Secretary read his annual report of the state of Masonry in the province.

The ACTING PROV. GRAND MASTER delivered the following address: We may congratulate our Institution upon the satisfactory reports which have been received from the several lodges arranged under our banner. Our members have not diminished, our finances are healthy, and peace and harmony are reported as existing in every part of the province. We are not living in times of prosperity or when our commercial business is flourishing, and, as a consequence, we might naturally have expected that we should have shared in the general depression, affected in some way or other, but our Institution is established upon such a firm foundation that it is not affected by the variations and fluctuations of every-day life, and it should be the pride and aim of every brother to keep intact the principles of our Order, and elevate the tone of our Society, and makes it the envy of kindred Institutions. Let me here remark that the prosperity and tone of every lodge depends in a great measure upon the ability and ruling of its Master. To become Master of his lodge is the legitimate object of every young brother who takes any interest in our Society. It is reasonable to presume that any man of ordinary understanding who has gone through the subordinate offices, will, by the time he reaches the chair, be able to perform his part in the ceremonies of the lodge with accuracy and propriety, but we have a right to expect from the Master more than the getting by rote, a few phrases. He should possess, and should be able to impart some knowledge of the meaning and origin of ceremonies, which, unless explained, may seem frivolous or tedious formalities—men of high intellectual acquirements are daily joining our Society, anxious, not merely to share its benefits, but to be instructed in the boasted philosophy, "which is veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols"—surely, then, it is worth while to know somewhat of a subject which engages the attention of so many estimable and intelligent persons, and to impart to them some knowledge of our art. The Master's authority in his own lodge is absolute, controlled only by the Book of Constitutions and the by-laws of the lodge; so also is his responsibility equally great, and the peace and harmony as well as the dignity of his lodge are in his keeping. He has also to defend the landmarks of the Order against encroachments. He should be clear-eyed and clear-minded to observe, slow to decide, but resolute to maintain. In the selection of his officers he, too, should observe the strictest impartiality, nor should he appoint any who will not pledge themselves to be constant in attendance, zealous in duty, and strenuous to support him in his authority. He should resolutely reject all in whose favour the tongue of good report has not been heard. He should accept none from a distance, or from another province without the most satisfactory reasons why they have not been received into one or another of the lodges most convenient to their residences, as without such satisfactory reasons it may fairly be concluded that they have sought admission into those lodges, and sought it in vain, because they were better known than esteemed. A lodge thus guarded and purified will reflect more credit on its Master, even if his caution has rejected every candidate during his year of office, than will attach to one who, to feed his own importance, or to swell the muster roll of his lodge,

admits indiscriminately all who offer themselves. Better that your lodges should not open their portals to a single candidate than that any should be admitted into the Order, who, by their misconduct, would reflect discredit on our choice and on the Craft at large. If rivalry there is to be, let it consist not in the number of your novices, but in the formation of your lives on a pure Masonic model, practising every moral and social virtue. In recruiting our ranks therefore let us aim at quality, rather than quantity, and the stability of our Order. Nor let us be impatient for results, but let each in his generation do what is just, good, and generous.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER nominated Bros. John Comyn, R. Fitzhugh, and H. R. Hatherly, P.P.S.G.W.'s, to represent Provincial Grand Lodge on the Committee of General Purposes.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER nominated Bro. C. B. Truman, P.P. S.G.W., to represent Provincial Grand Lodge on the Benevolent and Educational Committee.

On the motion of Bro. E. M. KIDD, P.P.G.T., seconded by Bro. A. PAGE, P.P.G.R., and supported by Bro. J. T. SPALDING, P.P.G.W., Bro. W. F. Bromley, P.P.A.G.D.C., was elected Prov. Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The Provincial Grand Officers were appointed and invested for the ensuing year as follows:

Bro. E. M. Kidd, P.P.G.T. ...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" A. H. Bonser, P.P.G.O. ...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. H. W. W. Ffoulkes, P.P.G.C. ...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. H. T. Hayman ...	...
" W. F. Bromley, P.P.A.G.D.C. ...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" S. Pegler ...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Arthur Stubbs, P.P.G.W. ...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" John Townrow, P.P.G.D.C. ...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" W. E. Hartshorn, P.G. Stwd. ...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" G. S. Fish, P.G. Stwd. ...	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" G. W. Dominy, P.G. Stwd. ...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" F. C. Parker, P.P.G.P. ...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" William Sibley, P.P.G.P. ...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" W. H. Farmer, P.G. Stwd. ...	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" E. N. Elborne ...	...
" George Essex, P.P.G.C. ...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. P. W. Marx, P.P.G.D. of C. ...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" S. Ironmonger, P.G. Stwd. ...	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" John Linney ...	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" George Clarke ...	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" John Allsop ...	...
" R. B. E. Ogle ...	...
" T. F. Walker ...	...
" R. C. Brown ...	...
" H. Bonser ...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" John James Turner ...	...
" James Dooley ...	...

An invitation to hold the summer meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge at Mansfield, was received from the Forest Lodge, No. 1852.

There being no further business, Provincial Grand Lodge was closed.

CONSECRATION OF THE MID-SUSSEX MARK LODGE, No. 449.

On Monday, the 5th instant, the Mark brethren of Sussex were called together in Prov. Grand Lodge to assist in the consecration of the Mid-Sussex Mark Lodge, No. 449, at the Assembly Rooms of the King's Head Hotel, Horsham. In the unavoidable absence of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, Prov. Grand Master, this duty devolved upon Bro. the Very Rev. Dean Currie, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, who conducted the ceremony in a most impressive manner. He was assisted by the following Prov. Grand Officers: Bros. C. J. Buckwell, S.W.; J. Adames, J.W.; C. W. Hudson, I.P.M.; Rev. J. Puttick, Chaplain; W. Gill, M.O.; E. Smith, S.O.; R. Weston, J.O.; J. Farncomb, Treasurer; V. P. Freeman, Secretary; W. Wright, S.D.; E. Histed, J.D.; F. S. Cully, I.G.; and Hall, Hughes, and Howell, Tylers.

There was also a large number of distinguished brethren present to do honour to the occasion, and to see the Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. Wright, installed into the chair of A., amongst whom may be mentioned Bros. Berridge, P.G.W., G.D. of C.; Lamette, P.M. 75, G. Steward; Hillman, Prov. G. Standard Bearer; Benny, Prov. G.S.B.; Lloyd, W. C. Blaker, Sawyer, Mus. Bac. Oxon, Prov. G. Organist; Buchanan, Wilson, Potter, and others.

Several brethren were advanced, after which the lodge was consecrated in excellent Masonic form, the Provincial Grand Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. J. PUTTICK, giving a very interesting oration.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master then installed Bro. Wright as W.M., who proceeded to appoint and invest his officers as follows: Bros. W. H. Brown, S.W.; E. Smith, J.W.; J. C. Buckwell, I.P.M.; Sabey, M.O.; Simpson, S.O.; H. Smith, J.O.; W. H. H. Lintoll, Treasurer; S. A. Pocock, Secretary; J. F. A. Cotching, Registrar of Marks; Grist, S.D.; Thornton, J.D.; Roberts, D.C.; Reading, I.G.; and Randall, Tyler.

The addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and Overseers were given by Bro. Buckwell, and that to the brethren by the Installing Officer in an equally impressive manner.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the founders and their guests dined together under the presidency of the W.M. of the new lodge. The customary toasts were given and responded to, and occasion was taken to present the senior Provincial Grand Officers with founders' jewels, in silver of chaste and elegant design, made specially to mark the occasion, and worn by each founder as soon as the lodge was consecrated.

The after-dinner proceedings had to be considerably curtailed to enable the visitors to leave by train.

The lodge was furnished and the founders' jewels manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

THE DEGREES OF ANCIENT (PRE 1717) FREEMASONRY.

An exceedingly interesting lecture under the above title was delivered by W. Bro. G. W. SPETH, P.M. 183, a founder and present Secretary of the well-known Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, at the regular meeting of The Great City Lodge, No. 1426, at the Cannon-street Hotel, London, on Saturday, the 10th inst. By a careful dissection and comparison of the evidence extant, such as the old Manuscript Constitutions, extracts from the 17th century writers and diarists, the earliest Book of Constitutions, and old Rituals, the lecturer drew conclusions as to the number and nature of the Degrees and Ceremonies of Freemasonry previous to the Revival in 1717. That ceremonies of some sort in connection with the ancient Guilds of Operative Masonry were practised by those from whom the Speculative or Freemasons of the present day are descended he proved beyond a doubt, but whether those ceremonies were compressed into what we should now term a "Degree," or were extended throughout two or more grades of progress is admittedly still a subject for further investigation. The result of his own research led him to the conclusion that there were two stages only—those of the Master Mason, first, and

the Fellow Craft, or "Fellow of the Guild" as the final proof of proficiency, and of the necessary qualification and the necessary qualification in operative workmanship or *craft*. What the nature of those stages or degrees probably were, Bro. Speth admirably illustrated, and pointed out their connection the one with the other, and with the subsequent system of Speculative Freemasonry, by a lucid and logical exposition of ancient "Chamber" secrets and modern "Lodge" ritual. These we are, of course, prohibited from alluding to further than to remark that the lecturer's remarks were comprehensive and convincing, and were fully understood by his audience. The lecture is one of considerable interest. It engaged the earnest attention of the brethren during the hour and a half placed at Bro. Speth's disposal, and at its conclusion a hearty burst of applause testified to the gratification his discourse had afforded them.

After a few remarks from the W.M., Bro. D. T. KEENE, Bro. J. K. GWYN, J.W., moved "That the best thanks of the members of the Great City Lodge, and its visitors present on this occasion be given to W. Bro. Speth for the interesting and most instructive lecture delivered by him, and that the same be recorded on the minutes."

This was seconded by Bro. JAMES STEVENS, P.M., Sec., and carried by acclamation.

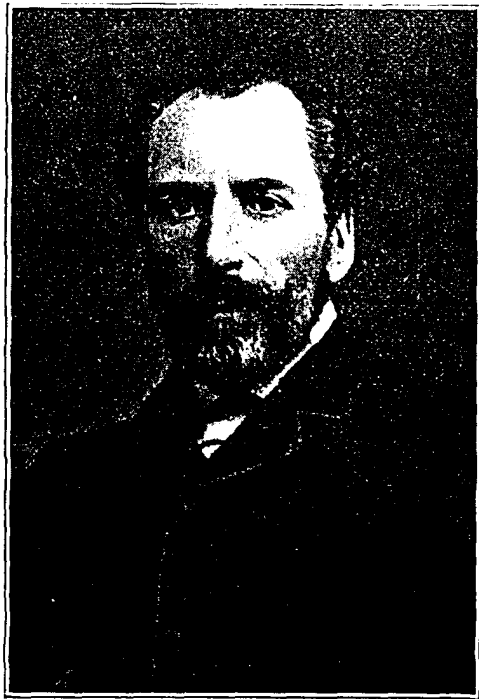
Bro. SPETH responded, and kindly offered to give another lecture to the lodge, if requested, at some future convenient opportunity.

Amongst the several members of other lodges who were present in response to the announcement that Master Masons might attend were Bros. Col. J. Mead, W.M. 785; Walter Hancock, W.M. 2101; F. W. Potter, P.M. 2241; R. W. Forge, P.M. 1793, Prov. G.D.C. Middx.; Stephen Richardson, P.M. 183; F. Jacob, P.M., S.W. 1851; C. W. Noehmer, P.M. 507; and others.

After the lodge had been closed, the members and their visitors dined together, Bro. Speth occupying the post of honour on the right of the W.M., and meeting with a hearty reception from all present.

In response to the toast of "The Visitors," the brethren were favoured by an admirable address from the W.M. of the Anglo-American Lodge, Bro. HANCOCK, who expressed his high appreciation of the instructive and interesting lecture he had heard, and greatly commended the lodge for providing, through so able a lecturer as Bro. Speth, such an opportunity for acquiring knowledge of the past and present connection of Craft Freemasonry. He hoped that many more such pleasant evenings might be in store for him and others through the instrumentality of The Great City Lodge.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.



BRO. E. EDWARD GEFLOWSKI,

W.M. of the Polish National Lodge, No. 534, was initiated in the Mariners' Lodge, No. 249, Liverpool, in 1864, but took no active part in its working, as he left Liverpool for Rome soon after he was raised, and thence to India. On his return to England he joined the Polish National Lodge, No. 534, in 1886, and after filling the various offices, was installed W.M. in May last. He was exalted in the chapter attached to the lodge also in 1886. Bro. Geflowski's reputation as a sculptor can be best estimated by the fact that he has been entrusted with commissions for the Jubilee Bust of the Queen in the Kensington Town Hall, also a marble bust from life of Bro. Lord Roberts for the Merchant Taylor's Hall, and other important works.

Our Portrait Gallery of Worshipful Masters.



BRO. RICHARD WAKE,
of Victoria-street, Westminster,

whose installation as W.M. of the Pimlico Lodge, No. 1772, is reported in another column, was initiated in 1870, being proposed by Bro. Jno. Newton, P.M., seconded by Bro. Atkins, in the Sincerity Lodge, No. 174. He joined the Pimlico Lodge in April, 1887, in which he filled all the principal offices.



BRO. GEORGE FLINT,

W.M. Great Northern Lodge, No. 1287, was initiated in 1882, and, after filling various offices, was installed W.M. in January last. Bro. Flint was exalted in the Prince Frederick William Chapter, No. 753, and was one of the founders of the Queen's Westminster Chapter, No. 2021. He is also a member of the well-known Canongate Kilwinning Lodge, No. 2, Edinburgh, and is a Life Governor of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Our brother is also well known outside Masonry, having served 21 years as a Volunteer in the 1st Middlesex Engineers, 1st Surrey Rifles, and finally in the Queen's Westminster Rifles, from which he retired in 1889.

Scotland.

ABERDEEN.

Saltoun Lodge (No. 761).—The brethren of this lodge met on Tuesday, the 6th inst., in the Imperial Hotel, when the following brethren were present: Bros. Captain Lachlan Forbes, Alexander Wilson, P.M.; J. H. Forshaw, P.M.; P. Crombie, P.M.; W. Morrison, S.W.; J. N. Sellar, J.W.; James Saint, Sec.; J. W. Milne, Treas.; John Rust, S.D.; Charles Milne, J.D.; R. B. Bateman, P.M. (E.C.), Org.; Horace Fildes, I.G.; J. H. Butchart, Jas. Spence, J. H. Chinn, W. Dumolo, and A. Bayspoole. Visitors: Bros. John Whitehead, P.M., P.Z., G. Stwd. (E.C. and S.C.) 1425, 2319; G. Mair Hood, 668; J. D. Campbell, 110; Charles F. Forshaw, L.L.D., 2417, 1214, (E.C.); G. Forbes, 183 (California); A. Bartley, 93; Frank Whitehead, 110; and W. Osborne, 1789. The ceremony of installing Bro. Capt. Forbes as R.W.M., was performed in able manner by Bro. Edward Savage, P.P.D.G.M., who also installed the office-bearers for the ensuing year. Bro. Chas. F. Forshaw was elected an honorary member of the lodge.

The lodge was closed, after which the brethren adjourned for refreshment. The menu card was an elegant one, and a unique feature was the original and appropriate verses, composed by Bro. Dr. Forshaw, introducing the various dishes.

The toast list was as follows: "The Queen and the Craft," proposed by Bro. Capt. L. Forbes; "The Prince of Wales, Patron of the Grand Lodge of Scotland," by Bro. Capt. L. Forbes; "The Grand Lodge of Scotland," by Bro. Capt. L. Forbes; "The Grand Lodges of England and Ireland" by Bro. Capt. L. Forbes, replied to by Bros. Whitehead and Dumolo; "The Provincial Grand Lodge of Aberdeen," proposed by Bro. Capt. L. Forbes, and replied

to by Bro. J. H. Forshaw; "The Sister Lodges," proposed by Bro. Capt. G. Forbes, replied to by Bro. Spence; "The Right Worshipful Master," proposed by Bro. Wilson, and replied to by Bro. Capt. Forbes; "The Immediate Past Master," proposed by Bro. P. Crombie, and replied to by Bro. Wilson; "The Installing Master," replied to by Bro. J. H. Forshaw; "The Visitors," proposed by Captain Forbes and replied to by Bro. Dr. Forshaw.

The other toasts were: "The Saltoun Lodge Officers," the Tyler's toast, and "Auld Lang Syne."

Songs were contributed by Bros. Cooper, Sellar, Murison, Whitehead, Crombie, Brown, Smith, and Dumolo. Recitations were given by Bros. Wilson and Dr. Forshaw. Bro. Bateman officiated at the piano. A most enjoyable evening was spent.

PROVINCIAL CHARITY COMMITTEE OF SURREY.

The first meeting of this newly-constituted body was held on the 7th inst., at the Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street. In the absence of the Prov. G.M. and the D.P.G.M., Bro. Hobbs was elected Chairman, and the other members of the Committee present were Bros. Lancaster, 2317; Edgell, 889; Sheppard, 2246; Miles, 2234; Scott, 452; Burgess, 1556; Hall, 2095; Adams, 2096; Jackson, 1564; Alfred Lambert, 1556; and J. D. Langton, Sec.

It was decided that Secretaries of lodges and S.E.'s of chapters should be members of the Committee until their lodges or chapters had held a meeting, and had an opportunity of electing a Charity Representative.

A Sub-Committee, consisting of Bros. Hobbs, Lancaster, Hall, and Langton, was appointed to draft the by-laws of the Committee.

It was unanimously resolved that the Committee should support the case of Laura Lendrim, daughter of the late Sergeant-Major W. J. Lendrim, V.C., a candidate for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

The next meeting of the Committee will be held at Mark Masons' Hall on Wednesday, January 11th, at four o'clock.

Knights Templar.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES.

Mount Grace Preceptory (No. 118).

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The Crown Prince of Roumania, to whom the Princess Marie of Edinburgh has been betrothed, was met on landing at Dover by Col. the Hon. J. Colville on behalf of the Duke of Edinburgh and the Councillor of the Roumanian Legation, and at Charing Cross by the Roumanian Minister. The Prince has since visited the Queen at Windsor. The marriage will take place early next month.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1892.

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pamphlet for the current year contains a very lucid account of what has happened during the past 12 months, and it is evident from the particulars furnished at the annual meetings that the Craft is in a highly prosperous condition in the County Palatine. The Treasurer's statement showed a balance in hand at the close of the account of over £350. The report of the Charities' Committee was also satisfactory, there being 19 children on the Educational Fund, who are being educated at a total annual cost of about £150. The capital account of this fund amounts now to over £1400, being the total of donations since its establishment, the total subscriptions for the same period being a few pounds short of £850. The balance at close of account was £212.

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The Prov. G. Master's address is also worthy of a careful perusal. Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson has evidently a very high sense of the duties and responsibilities devolving on him, and there is nothing happening in the Province which, as far as we can judge, is permitted to escape his attention. Under such a chief, supported as he is by such a Deputy as Bro. the Rev. Canon Tristram, it follows that the standard of excellence must needs rank high, so that the lodges are in good strength and discharge their duties in an exemplary manner. And what we have said with reference to the Craft is equally true in the case of R.A. Masonry. All is prosperous because everybody does what is required. We trust that future reports will be equally satisfactory.

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The Mark brethren in Wiltshire appear to have had a very successful field-day at Salisbury on Wednesday, a new Mark lodge having been consecrated and a Prov. Grand Mark Master, in the person of Bro. the Earl of Radnor, having been installed in office by Bro. the Earl of Euston, Deputy P.G.M., assisted by Bros. Col. A. B. Cook, P.G.M.M. Middx.; Frank Richardson, G. Registrar; and C. F. Matier, P.G.W., Grand Secretary. The ceremonies were most impressively carried out, and the rejoicings over the new lodge and the new Prov. Grand Master were marked by more than the usual enthusiasm.

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The proceedings at the annual Grand Conclave of Grand Commandery of New York, which was held in the city of Oswego on the 13th and 14th September, with the accompanying reports and particulars, make a goodly volume of upwards of 200 pages, to which the two very finely executed engravings of Sir Knight G. F. Loder, I.P.G. Commander, and Sir Knight Robert Macoy, the veteran Grand Recorder of the Commandery, furnish an excellent frontispiece. We gather from the statistics that Templar Masonry is in a very flourishing condition in the Empire State, while the report on foreign correspondence is replete, as usual, with useful information relating to the various Templar Bodies in the United States.

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In the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Washington it is held that "the territorial jurisdiction of a lodge must be determined from an air line equidistant between it and all neighbouring lodges. Provided that lodges outside of the corporate limits of cities or towns shall not receive a petition for the Degrees of Masonry from a person whose residence is within the said corporate limits without the consent of the lodge having territorial jurisdiction over him." If they go much further with this kind of legislation in the United States, the only thing not contained in American Freemasonry will be freedom to live and move and have our being.

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The celebrated "Stanley MS." has been secured by the indefatigable Honorary Librarian of the "West Yorkshire Masonic Museum and Library," presumably for that collection. If so, we congratulate that Province and tender our sympathy to other bodies accordingly.

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This copy of the "Old Charges" is a valuable one, not only because it bears the year of transcription (1677), but it contains, by a later hand, an extraordinary addition, both unique and curious, which is an immense attraction to the document, and renders the version proportionately important and special. Even from a monetary point of view, its value is not a trifle, as we understand Bro. Hughan valued it from 25 to 30 guineas, and certainly not at all too much, if the additional matter turns out to be of the early period assigned to it by Bro. G. W. Speth, who was the first to make it known.

Correspondence.

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

A QUERY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In a pamphlet by the late Charles Bradlaugh, entitled, "What Freemasonry Is," he wrote: "I have been present in a New England lodge at the same time with the coloured King of the Hawaiian Islands, and with Joshua Smith, born a slave, and afterwards Senator of the State of Massachusetts."

Can anyone inform me where and when "Charles Bradlaugh" was initiated, and to what lodge he belonged?—Yours fraternally,

H. WHYMPER,

Park Lodge, Rawul Pindee, East India,
18th November.

HISTORY OF THE OLD LODGE OF DUMFRIES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have read with much interest Bro. Smith's "History of the Old Lodge of Dumfries" (Kilwinning, No. 53)—a most valuable contribution to the hitherto partially hidden records of Scottish Masonry. Reference in its pages here and there to the name of Bro. William Millar, Prov. Grand Master of Dumfriesshire, during the early part of the present century, brings to mind a singular incident, in which the Operative Lodge, Dumfries, then No. 138, and now No. 140, was concerned. The particulars I gathered 14 or 15 years ago from the records of the extinct Lodge of Harmony, in Carlisle, in the possession of Bro. J. A. Wheatley, P.P.J.G.W., Cumberland and Westmorland, and presently Mayor of the Border City. The incident I am referring to embraces none other than the fact that the warrant of the Operative Lodge crossed the Borders for the purpose of making Masons in the City of Carlisle. It was in the year 1825 when a number of Scotch stonemasons were employed in the erection of the county gaol. These artisans were desirous of being made Freemasons; but the story is best told in the official correspondence which passed between the chiefs of the Provinces of Dumfriesshire and Cumberland:

(I.)

"Nunfield Cottage, Dumfries, Jan. 26th, 1825.
"My Dear Sir,—The Master of the Journeymen Masons' Lodge, of this place, has informed me of his intention to visit Carlisle, and, at the request of many of his brethren, at present visiting in that city, to hold a lodge for the purpose of initiating several of his countrymen (Operative Masons), and who are anxious to become members of the Craft. I have thought it right and respectful to communicate this circumstance to you, and, as the greatest harmony most happily exists amongst the enlightened on both sides of the Border, I have every reason to hope that you will afford your countenance and protection to the bearer of the letter and his Masonic brethren now in your province.—I have the honour to be, dear sir, very faithfully, your most obedient and fraternal servant,
"W. MILLAR, P.G.M., Dumfriesshire."

"G. Blamire, Esquire, P.G.M. Cumberland."

(II.)

"By George Blamire, P.G.M., of Manual, Instrumental, and Scientific Masonry for Cumberland.—To all whom it may concern.—Know ye,—that upon the recommendation of William Millar, Esquire, P.G.M. of Dumfriesshire, and upon the petition of the Master of the Operative Freemasons' Lodge, No. 138, Dumfries, to hold and open a lodge in the city of Carlisle, it is the will and pleasure of George Blamire, Esquire, that the undermentioned brethren open a lodge at Thomas Hilton's, innkeeper, known by the name or sign of the Green Dragon, Scotch-street, on Friday, the 28th day of January, and Saturday, the 29th day of the same month, at seven o'clock in the evening, for the purposes mentioned in the said petition—John Thomson, W.M.; William Coupland, S.W.; and Geo. Carr, J.W.—which lodge is to be open one hour, or as long as business may require.—Dated at Carlisle, this 28th day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-five, and of Masonry five thousand eight hundred and twenty-five. By order of GEORGE BLAMIRE, Esquire, P.G.M."

"Christ. J. Spencer, P.G. Secretary."

Subsequently a letter was forwarded by "John Thomson, R.W.M. of the Operative Freemasons here, No. 138," conveying the warmest thanks of the office-bearers and brethren, for the "very kind and attentive friendship" shown to a deputation of their body whilst on a visit to Carlisle, and for their exertions in assisting them (the Operatives) in opening and holding a lodge in Carlisle.

Now, apart from the international character of this interesting occurrence, must be noted the combination of the operative and speculative element, the very last of its kind, it may reasonably be assumed, in the records of English Masonry.—Fraternally yours,

W. F. LAMONBY.

Reviews.

TRANSACTIONS OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER, PROVINCE OF DURHAM, 1892.

This neat pamphlet, from the press of Bro. John Bailey, Darlington, gives full particulars of special provincial meetings held on 21st January, 1892, and those of November 27th and 17th December, 1891 (for consecration of Nos. 2415 and 2418 respectively), as well as the annual Provincial Grand Lodge of the 27th September last, and that of the Provincial Grand Chapter which assembled on 13th July, 1892. These reports are models of their kind, and have all been carefully prepared by Bro. Robert Hudson, the indefatigable Prov. G. Sec. and Grand Scribe E. for Durham. They must be invaluable to members of this large and active province, now numbering 35 lodges, and having a roll of over 2500 members. There are 12 chapters and about 400 subscribing companions. These figures indicate less prosperity in Royal Arch Masonry in proportion, and leaves room for improvement.

THE ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS OF THE PROVINCE OF SUSSEX, A.D. 1892.

This little gem of a manual has been compiled by Lieut.-General C. W. Randolph, the esteemed Grand Superintendent, who has presented a copy to all the companions in Sussex, just as that Companion did with the first edition, issued in 1890. The labour of the compilation must have been considerable, for the roll of Provincial Grand Officers is given from the year 1881, and two capital tables are printed, exhibiting the places and days of meeting of the nine chapters, and full statistics of the province. Under each chapter the names of all the members are given, with their addresses, rank, &c., and an alphabetical index of all these names, 256 in number, is also printed, with references to the pages where they are to be found. Surely the companions in Sussex are to be congratulated on having such a zealous and able Grand Superintendent. The manual has been nicely printed and most artistically bound by Messrs. Farncombe and Co., of Lewes and Eastbourne.

MASONIC ANNUAL, DISTRICT OF NORTHERN CHINA. Shanghai, August, 1892.

The editor of this very useful and complete Masonic directory is Bro. F. M. Gratton, P.M. 590, &c., and, as it is the first year of publication, it is to be hoped that the annual will be as well supported as its merits deserve. Excellent photographs of the R.W. Bros. Cornelius Thorne, Past District Grand Master, and John Irwin Miller, the present respected District Grand Master, adorn its pages, and doubtless will be much appreciated by the members. There are four English lodges, one Scottish, and one American lodge in Shanghai, and one Royal Arch chapter of each Constitution, besides a preceptory, E.C., a Rose Croix chapter (Scotland) and Consistory, 30°, and Royal Order of Scotland. The last-mentioned was formed in 1865. Many of the particulars afforded of Freemasonry in Shanghai are most interesting and valuable, and all the more so, because they are not generally obtainable. An excellent obituary is given of the late Bro. C. M. Donaldson, Prov. Grand Master under the Scottish Constitution, and the "General Masonic Notes" will prove very helpful. This "Masonic Annual" is a new departure that should take well, and be warmly supported by the brethren under the genial rule of the R.W. Bro. J. I. Miller.

FAIRBAIRN'S BOOK OF CRESTS OF THE FAMILIES OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND. A New Edition, in Two Volumes. Edinburgh: T. C. and E. C. Jack, Grange Publishing Works, 1892. 42s.

These grand quarto tomes are an immense credit to all concerned, and have been so radically altered by Mr. Arthur Charles Fox-Davies that they may be accepted as entirely new works. The first edition by Fairbairn was published in 1860, but, knowing both, we unhesitatingly state that, valuable as was the original edition, the present publication is far ahead of it in all respects. In the first place, the volumes are about twice the size of the former, and there are over 40,000 entries of surnames of families, &c., bearing crests with full blazons, mottoes, numerous addresses, and other particulars. The second volume, devoted to the engravings, contains some 3000 crests arranged generically, and printed on a tint. The number of plates monopolized by the "King of Beasts" is 21, with exactly 231 representations of that animal. Each plate is numbered, and the several crests are also particularised, so that the ably-arranged key to these most artistic illustrations is the means of facilitating reference to them and to the text of the first volume, which considerably aids the enquirer in his search for desired information. We have subjected the magnificent work to several rigid and severe tests, but with the most satisfactory results, and, indeed, have the notion that it is as near perfection as it is ever likely to attain as an authoritative collection of crests and mottoes. Evidently a determined search of the original edition has been made by Mr. Fox-Davies, for crests which have no other authority than heraldic stationers, who are willing to find armorial bearings for all applicants who are ready with the necessary fees. The editor claims that not even in one solitary instance has a crest been passed without due enquiry and proof of authenticity. The preface is excellent reading, and proves how careful and persistent have been the labours of Mr. Fox-Davies during the compilation of these massive volumes, and who, not content with the heavy work of the text proper, has furnished nearly 100 triple-column pages of mottoes, alphabetically arranged, with translations when needful and the families they distinguish. A dictionary of heraldic terms and subjects is also a great boon. We sincerely congratulate Messrs. Jack Brothers on the publication of these handsome and important volumes, which are without rivals or equals. As a firm, their name and fame are well known to the Craft as the publishers of Bro. Gould's invaluable "History of Freemasonry," and we trust their enterprise and conspicuous ability will meet with their due reward.

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Dublin entertained Mr. Morley, M.P., the Chief Secretary for Ireland, at dinner at the Mansion House on Monday evening. The guests present on the occasion were numerous.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Trinity College Lodge (No. 1765).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at 13, Mandeville-place, W., on Thursday, the 1st inst., under the presidency of Bro. J. B. Sargeant, P.M., supported by B. Os. E. Burritt, P.M.; Lane, P.M.; Aubrey Howard, P.M.; F. W. Plant Martin, P.M.; C. J. Ozanne, S.W.; S. J. Wilford, J.W.; J. A. Hammond, P.M., Treas.; J. W. Mills, Sec.; J. Bennett, acting S.D.; H. V. Geary, J.D.; J. S. Eidmans, I.G.; G. Harrison, Tyler; G. Callingham, W. L. Cotton, C. J. Cornerford, B. S. Reed, H. E. Robertson, W. S. Holder, F. Robinson, R. H. Sladdin, Van der Heyden, E. C. M. Fischel, and others. The visitors included among them Bros. Snowdon Kirk, P.M. 1716; D. Grinstead, 1672, P.S.G.D. Kent; C. J. Jones, 1472; C. W. Brander, P.M. 1563; J. W. Hartley, P.M. and Sec. 1986; M. M. Taylor, 1563; J. G. Twiney, J. E. Shand, P.M. 1563 and 2020; W. F. Lord, W.M. 2168; M. Bleick, 2374; and others.

The lodge being opened, the minutes were read and confirmed, and the auditors' report presented. Bro. Cornerford was then raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. Bro. C. J. Ozanne, S.W. and W.M. elect, was presented, and a Board of Installed Masters formed, and he was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year. After being saluted he invested the following as officers: Bros. S. J. Wilford, S.W.; E. Burritt Lane, P.M., Treas.; J. Mills, Sec.; H. V. Geary, S.D.; J. Bennett, J.D.; F. W. Plant Martin, P.M., D.C.; R. H. Sladdin, Org.; H. Robinson, I.G.; F. Robinson, Stwd.; and Geo. Harrison, Tyler. The Installing Officer, Bro. J. A. Hammond, then addressed the W.M., Wardens, and the brethren generally on their respective duties. He worked the ceremony in a manner highly satisfactory to the brethren.

The remaining business having been transacted the lodge was duly closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

The loyal toasts and those of the Grand Officers having been duly honored, that of the "Installing Officer" was briefly acknowledged by Bro. Hammond, as was also that of "The W.M." by Bro. Ozanne.

For "The Visitors," Bro. Snowdon Kirk expressed his pleasure at being present both at the working of the lodge and the hospitalities of the evening; Bros. Grinstead and Hatch also added a few words.

The W.M. in proposing "The Past Masters," presented a handsome Past Master's jewel to Bro. Sargeant, I.P.M. Bros. Geary and Bennett having briefly replied, the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

Pimlico Lodge (No. 1772).—The installation meeting of this well known lodge was held at the Town Hall, Westminster, on the 1st inst., which was well attended both by members and visitors, the latter numbering 38. There were present Bros. W. H. Rivers, W.M.; R. Wake, S.W.; A. J. Ingram, J.W.; F. Whiting, P.M., Sec.; G. Sinclair, S.D.; R. Warner, J.D.; F. Higham, Org.; Wm. Oliver, I.G.; L. R. Morgenthau, G. Whiting, P.M.; J. Hunt, P.M.; W. A. Rhodes, J. L. Harvey, F. Napoli, E. Cain, E. De Vere, Thos. Holmes, A. Weatherly, J. Eginton, A. Carey, F. Harvey, G. E. English, G. Harris, T. Bowler, Tyler, and others. Visitors: Bros. F. Binckes, P.G.S.B.; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; John Bishop, 1744; T. H. Clapp, 15; A. Clapp, 15; G. J. Taylor, 180; A. Donaldson, 1441; R. Shaw, P.M. 1687; E. Bock Pylades, 1609; A. F. Lovejoy, J. W. Cain, W.M. 179; R. Burleton, P.M. 860; C. J. James, 1922; W. Kirby, 860; D. B. Hart, 62; A. Abraham, 205; J. Chappell, 1511; John Newton, P.M. 174; H. Warner, 2265; J. D. Phillips, 604; A. S. Probyn, P.M. 11; Jackey Jackson, 2265; A. J. Curtis, 862; W. J. Forscutt, P.M. 144; W. M. Sherring, 1681; T. Dunkley, P.M. 201; W. H. Weeks, 1585; C. Sweeting, 700; Jno. N. Hare, 1987; T. B. Dodson, 860; J. T. Davies, 2426; J. F. Smith, 860; G. W. Erard, 172; J. Warren, 1722; R. T. West, 1744; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read, the ballot was then taken on behalf of Mr. Wm. Hancock, which was unanimous. The W.M. then passed Bros. Fred Harvey, Carey, Jno. L. Harvey, and Napoli. Bro. T. A. Soar, 2308, was unanimously elected a joining member. The W.M. elect, Bro. Richard Wake, was presented and installed into the chair by Bro. F. Whiting, P.M., in an impressive manner. The following brethren were appointed and invested officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Ingram, S.W.; Sinclair, J.W.; Hunt, P.M., Treas.; F. Whiting, P.M., Sec.; Warner, S.D.; Oliver, J.D.; De Vere, I.G.; Higham, Org. and Stwd.; and Morgenthau, Stwd. The usual addresses were ably rendered by Bro. F. Whiting, and the new W.M. initiated Mr. Wm. Hancock in a way which made it evident that the brethren had made an excellent choice in their W.M. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M., Bro. W. H. Rivers, and acknowledged by him in suitable terms. Two gentlemen were proposed for initiation, and the large number of six joining members for the next meeting.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to Clout's Restaurant, where a sumptuous banquet, which was prepared in excellent style by Bro. Clout, and admirably served, gave every satisfaction.

The W.M. gave the loyal and Masonic toasts with a few appropriate remarks.

In responding for "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," Bro. Binckes stated that to respond to the toast, which had been so well received, was a matter of great difficulty to find new ideas to reply. It was years since he had had the pleasure of being at the lodge, which seemed to be in a prosperous condition. He paid a great tribute to the present Grand Officers, who had done everything for Freemasonry, and, in conclusion, he congratulated the W.M. on the good working they had witnessed that night.

Bro. C. F. Hogard also replied in suitable terms, remarking that he was a junior in office compared to the veteran, Bro. Binckes.

Bro. W. H. Rivers, in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said that all the brethren were proud of Bro. Wake who was well known as the resuscitator of the lodge, and he heartily wished him a prosperous and happy year of office.

The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm, and Bro. Wake, on rising to respond, received quite an ovation. He thanked the brethren for his very flattering reception. He could not express what he felt at that moment. It was a pleasure and a great honour to be their W.M. He could not help thinking that he must have done well or he would not have been placed in the chair of K.S. It would, he hoped, make him a better man. At the time he joined the lodge it was not very prosperous and he thought he would do his best to assist in raising it to a more thriving condition, and, judging from the initiates that had been received, he thought the result would be that the Pimlico Lodge would be one of the finest in London.

In giving the toast of "The Initiate," the W.M. observed that he had known him for many years, and would, he thought, make a good member.

Bro. Hancock suitably replied. He hoped to do his best for the lodge, but if he could not advance the Craft, he would not disgrace it.

The W.M., in proposing "The Installing Master and the Past Masters," paid a tribute to the work done by Bro. F. Whiting that night, and observed that the lodge did not muster many Past Masters; but what they lacked in quantity they made up in quality, and they were proud of them, as he ventured to think that no lodge had better.

Bros. Whiting, Warren, and White replied in a few well-chosen remarks.

Bro. Dr. Hunt also replied. As a founder of the lodge, he was sure that their prosperity was due to the W.M., he having raised it to its present position. He (the W.M.) was one who was always ready to help a brother in distress, and was a Mason and a gentleman. As a matter of fact, they were better known as "Wake's" Lodge than the Pimlico Lodge.

Bro. Rivers also replied, remarking that had it not been for the W.M. the lodge would have been knocked on the head long since. He (the W.M.) with Bro. Sinclair had done good service in introducing so many new members.

The W.M. gave the toast of "The Visitors." They had some distinguished and important ones present that evening, some of whom were the oldest friends he had in the world, and he was honoured by the presence of Bro. Newton, who first introduced him into Masonry. He gave them all a hearty welcome.

Bro. Newton, in reply, stated that the lodge was fortunate in having so able a W.M., and it was wonderful how one so full of business as Bro. Wake could undertake the responsible duties of his exalted office.

At the pressing request from the brethren, Bro. Binckes also replied, eulogising the well known hospitality of the lodge.

Bro. Probyn also replied, remarking that the W.M. was favoured with having such efficient officers to assist him.

The next toast was "The Officers," the Worshipful Master stating that they deserved great credit for their punctual attendance and who he felt sure would all hereafter give a good account of themselves.

The toast was responded to by all the officers.

The Worshipful Master gave the toast of "The Masonic Press," coupled with the name of our representative, who responded.

The Tyler's toast brought a very happy and pleasant evening to a close.

The following brethren contributed songs and recitations: Bros. Oliver, Carey, Warner, Dodson, Rivers, Fred Harvey, Hunt, and Hancock.

The W.M. is to be congratulated on the great success of the meeting.

Brixton Lodge (No. 1949).—The usual election meeting of this lodge was held at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, on the 3rd inst. Bro. A. Jones, W.M., presided, and was assisted by Bros. J. Bott, S.W.; J. J. Newland, J.W.; R. Poore, P.M., Treas.; H. Lovegrove, Sec.; and a large number of members and visitors. The by-laws were read, and Bro. John Bott was unanimously elected W.M. Bro. R. Poore was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. R. Potter, Tyler.

United Northern Counties Lodge (No. 2128).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Inns of Court Hotel, on the 6th inst., Bro. H. J. Giller, W.M., presiding. There was a very large attendance of members, and many distinguished brethren were among the visitors. Bros. the Earl of Lathom, Pro G.M.; Edward Terry, P.G.T.; Henry Smith, D.P.G.M. West Yorkshire; W. F. Smithson, P.G.T.; and others were in the list. Bro. G. J. Wood, P.M., P.P.G.P. Derbyshire, at the request of the W.M., assumed the chair, and installed Bro. Frank Wright, S.W. and W.M. elect, as W.M. of the lodge for the ensuing year. The following brethren received the collars of office: Bros. H. J. Giller, I.P.M.; Cuthbert R. Lee, S.W.; R. Porter Keates, J.W.; Rev. H. A. Hebb, M.A., P.M., P.P.G. Chap. Devon, Chap.; W. B. Hextall, P.M., P.P.G.W. Derbyshire, Treas.; W. Masters, P.M., Sec.; G. J. Wood, P.M., P.P.G.P. Derbyshire, D.C.; R. Davison, S.D.; E. Leonard, J.D.; E. C. Rice Oxley, I.G.; Wilfrid Davies, Org.; H. L. Bating and W. E. Porter, Stwds.; and H. Evenden, P.M., Tyler. A valuable Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. H. J. Giller, I.P.M. The M.W. Pro G. Master was most heartily greeted, and he acknowledged the brethren's cordiality by sincerely thanking them, and expressing the extreme gratification he had in again visiting the United Northern Counties Lodge.

A banquet on the usual hospitable scale followed the working of the lodge, and the toasts, and a liberal supply of vocal music followed, the latter being performed under the direction of Bro. Wilfrid Davies, by the Quartette Party, consisting of Messrs. Charles Gaze, J. L. Haddon, Horace Ward, and Holden Walker.

Bro. W. H. Bullock, P.M., proposed the toast of "The M.W. Pro Grand Master," and said that he accepted that duty imposed upon him by the W.M. with a great deal of pleasure, because it was a toast which he now proposed for the second time in Lord Lathom's presence at an installation meeting of the United Northern Counties Lodge. On the former occasion that he did so Lord Lathom attended when he (Bro. Bullock) was installed, and he did him that honour because he was one of Lord Lathom's Masonic children, coming from his lordship's province. That pro-

vince was one of the largest and most important provinces under the English Constitution. Lord Lathom was greatly beloved; in his lordship they had a real ruler of men. The brethren who had seen him in Grand Lodge, occupying the position delegated to him by the Grand Master, felt that the office was worthily filled. It was impossible to have a better or more distinguished brother to fill the post. He hoped that the present was not the only occasion that their noble brother would visit their lodge. His presence proved the universality of the science which in the lectures they were taught made them on the square pavement all equal.

The Earl of Lathom, in acknowledging the toast, said that when he attended that lodge before he was Deputy Grand Master; that was two years ago. Since then it had pleased the Prince of Wales to make him Pro Grand Master. That honour, he could assure the brethren, he had felt from the bottom of his heart, and it had afforded him great pleasure to feel that that appointment had given satisfaction in Masonry. His connection with Masonry was a long one. He was now in his 36th year of Masonry, and he could say honestly that he had never for one moment regretted joining it. Masonry had done very great things in the past, but he expected far greater things of it in the future. It seemed to him that throughout the length and breadth of the country that more care was taken in the selection of candidates for the Order—that men were not passed into that body who were not able and willing to support themselves and others. Masonry was not a great benevolent or provident institution to take anyone who subscribed to it to receive benefits hereafter. That was a thing of the past. There was a time when it was becoming a scandal in some provinces, that men were found joining, paying their dues, and then resigning, and immediately coming on the Charities. That, thank God, was over. The Freemasons of England now knew that their duty was to help others. That had been shown nobly the last few years by the way the brethren had come forward to support the Charities. He had spoken with foreigners about it, and they could not understand it. Foreigners looked upon Masons as a political body. When he explained it they could not comprehend it. It was unknown anywhere out of England in the same way as it was practised here. Even in America they had no true Masonic Benevolent Institutions like ours. Here they were on the right tack, and were doing good. It was a great pleasure to him to be in that lodge once more, and feel himself welcome among the brethren of the Northern Counties Lodge. It was quite true that he had the honour of ruling over one of the great Provinces of Lancashire. The number of lodges, he believed, was highest in East Lancashire, but in West Lancashire they did not yield to them in the number of brethren. He thought they had a 1000 more brethren in West Lancashire. They were very proud of themselves there. He was very proud to have his health proposed by a West Lancashire brother.

Bro. Thomas Bateman Fox, P.M., proposed "The Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. Edward Terry, P.G.T., in reply, said that since his return from the provinces he had addressed so many meetings in the character of respondent—although he held, he hoped, a tolerably high character in his domestic circle—he was afraid if that continued much longer he would become notorious. He felt the necessity of banishing his blushes, but no one could help blushing after the many kind things Bro. Bateman Fox had said. He was there in a dual capacity; although he was present, he was Past. He could only say that during the time he was a Grand Officer he was a tolerably active member of Grand Lodge, and he found the brethren there were as ready as he was to do their duty to the rest of the Craft, and performed it from sheer love of doing their duty. He was very pleased at the probable accession to Grand Office by the extension of Grand Officers, because that was to his mind the way to encourage the *esprit de corps*. He hoped the worthiest men would get the highest places; that was the feeling of the Grand Officers.

Bro. E. Letchworth, G. Sec., also replied in answer to numerous calls. He said that during the last nine months he had had a great opportunity of estimating the character of those with whom for many years he had had the honour of being associated, and he conscientiously said the Grand Officers of England, Present and Past, were animated by one desire—to promote by every means in their power the advancement of the Order. Bro. Fox had alluded in kind terms to a very pleasant visit he (Bro. Letchworth) had had to West Yorkshire. That visit succeeded a no less distinguished visit to Derbyshire, for which he was indebted to the Pro Grand Master. He was most deeply impressed by the warm and kind Masonic reception they gave him on that occasion, and by the thorough Masonic feeling he found existing in the northern provinces. He thought it was a very happy idea to found this United Northern Counties Lodge, as it could not fail to bring into closer union brethren of the north and brethren to the south of the Trent. His feelings were slightly tinged with sadness by the absence that night of Bro. Cumberland, one of the founders and the first Master of the lodge. The brethren all deplored his absence, and the cause of it, but hoped he would soon be restored to health. He could not forget that he (Bro. Letchworth) was Master of the Lodge of Antiquity when it recommended the petition for the United Northern Counties Lodge, by virtue of which position, and as one of the Consecrating Officers, the honour was conferred on him of an honorary membership.

Bro. W. Masters, P.M., Sec., proposed "The Prov. Grand Masters of the Northern Counties."

Bro. Henry Smith, Deputy Prov. G.M. West Yorkshire, responded, and said that Bro. Few, although confined at home by illness took as active a part in Masonry as ever he did. He acknowledged that he had worked very hard, and he was particularly obliged to Bro. Masters for mentioning it. He had done so for 40 years in his province. Every year he had enjoyed being a Mason more than the preceding year. He hoped to continue a little longer; that Masonry would be intensified throughout the land, and that the United Northern Counties Lodge would spread. Referring to the Grand Secretary's visit to West Yorkshire he said all the brethren of that province could testify to the good name he left behind him; his presence among them did an immense amount of good.

Bro. W. F. Smithson, P.G.D., proposed "The Masonic Charities," which he said ought to be placed first and foremost in the toast list in order to enlist the sympathies of the brethren around the Masonic table. He was sorry the Secretaries of the three Masonic Charities were absent, but they had been invited. It was part and parcel of a Masons'

creed—benevolence, relief, and truth, and when they said they had benevolent actions and good deeds to perform, let them perform them in the best possible way. They had under their rule and their own guidance if they were subscribers, three Institutions, and at the head of those Institutions they had men of ability to bring them to a successful issue. During the past few years there had been a considerable increase in the number of those requiring relief. The Girls' Institution had 260 girls in it; it was an excellent Institution. Four years ago it got £60,000, and the brethren built a centenary hall which the Prince and Princess of Wales, with two of their daughters, attended to open. The Institution was doing a vast amount of good, but it took £12,000 a year to support. With respect to the Boys' Institution it had passed through the old management, and was now under a management in which provincial as well as London brethren took part. It was under the head mastership of Bro. the Rev. H. Webb; it had 260 boys in it, and a better home for boys there was not in England. That also required £12,000 a year to keep up. Then there was the Benevolent Institution, which this year celebrated its jubilee, and, up to the present time, had received this year more than £70,000. It had 218 old men with £40 a year each on its books, and 258 widows with £32 a year each, and 23 widows receiving half their late husbands' annuities. In that way over £17,000 was spent. He appealed to the brethren, as he always had done, not to support one Institution more than the others—take each according to its merits; they were all deserving of sympathy and support. Let them not give grudgingly. He wished he could see each Institution with a backbone of £100,000. The Benevolent Institution had £125,000 to its credit now; the Girls' Institution had £67,270 invested; the Boys' had £17,000 two-and-a-half years ago, it had now £31,000 invested. He looked on that as a great step forward.

Bro. Rev. H. Hebb responded, and, after thanking the Northern brethren for the strength with which they had subscribed to all the Charities, said he often thought brethren might do something more, and higher, than give their money, and that was to see that their money was thoroughly well spent, that the education given to the boys and girls was the highest and best, and was in touch with all that was progressive in Masonry. It must be progressive, or it was worth nothing at all. There was one way the brethren might help the Schools a great deal, by sending, as members of the Board of Management, the best educated, the highest placed, and the noblest and most progressive men who could be found. Soon after he was appointed as Head Master he went to see Miss Davis, the Head Governess of the Girls' School, and he came away with a feeling of something like misery, feeling how infinitely the Girls' School was above the Boys' School in all respects. He felt that there was an atmosphere in the Girls' School that there was not in the Boys' School. There were amongst the members of the Board of Management of the Boys' School members of the United Northern Counties Lodge; some of them were visitors, but one and all were men whose position, education, sincerity, and thoroughness in all that they took up were beyond any reproach. With their help the School would be able to do a great deal. Soon after he was appointed, a member of the Board of Management—a West Yorkshire man, whose name was a household word with every member of that lodge—said to him, "We want the very best that can be done with these boys. We do not want this to be in any sense a charity school. Masons give their money without looking, with the best motives, and the boys are to go out in the world with the feeling that they belong to a great public school." He thought they were in the right way to realise that. They had not realised that object yet. Nothing was permanent which did not take work and time. But Masons were now in the way to put their boys in the world—God-fearing boys, well-meaning boys, whose hearts were in the right place, who, so far from looking at the School as a charity school, would look back with pride on the place they had been educated in, and who would have it as their noblest boast that they were brought up in the Masonic Boys' School, and were not ashamed of it. Sometimes, and in high places, that was apt to be forgotten, but that was the goal aimed at. He was glad to say that West Yorkshire and West Lancashire men had been the very backbone of what had been done for the Charities.

The Earl of Lathom proposed "The W.M.," who had the good wishes of all the brethren. It was, perhaps, one of the most difficult positions in life a man could be placed in when he was put in the chair of a lodge, for he was subject to the criticisms of all the members of the lodge as to how he should conduct himself or the business of the lodge. But that night the W.M. had shown great aptitude, and it was a good omen of how he would rule the lodge. He congratulated the lodge, and he congratulated Bro. Wright on succeeding such other good Masters. He was quite certain Bro. Wright would be ably seconded and backed up by the brethren of the lodge.

The Worshipful Master replied. He did not know how he would go through his year of office, but he was aware that he had got officers about him on whom he would have to depend in carrying out the ritual. He was only a very young Mason, but in his present position he could tell the brethren he would do his best to perform his duties properly.

Bros. Alfred Wood and Malcolm replied to the toast of "The Visitors."

Bro. Giller, I.P.M., responded to the toast of "The I.P.M. and Past Masters," and thanked the brethren for his Past Master's jewel. He was initiated, he said, in 1863. His veneration for the United Northern Counties Lodge exceeded any he had felt in his life for other lodges, though he had been a member of several. At present he was a member of three.

"The Officers" and the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings of a most pleasant evening.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

CROYDON.

George Price Lodge (No. 2096).—The first regular meeting of this lodge during the Mastership of Bro. Frank W. Leaver was held in the Small Public Hall on Saturday, the 3rd inst. The W.M. was supported by the following: Bros. C. Holden, S.W.; E. C. Leaver, J.W.; F. T. Ridpath, P.M., Treasurer; J. D. Langton, P.M., Secretary; J. Wayte, M.D., S.D.; W. D. Hayward,

J.D.; N. C. Crew, D.C.; F. Cambridge, P.M., Org.; J. Jones, I.G.; W. G. Goode, P.M., and G. Pearson, Stwds.; W. Lane, Tyler; J. H. Price, I.P.M.; J. S. Fraser, P.M.; Hinton Whitford, Ridpath, Sheldon, Fielder, and Gresham. The visitors were Bros. Saul Matthews, 1319; Chapman, 1380; W. H. Gates, 463; S. T. Notley, 1150; E. D. F. Reymers, 1891; and E. S. Berry, 1321.

After the lodge had been opened, and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed, a ballot was taken for Mr. William Foster Gresham, and he having been unanimously elected, was initiated. The W.M. is to be congratulated on the excellent manner in which he, for the first time, performed this ceremony. Bro. Ridpath gave the charge. Bro. Goode, P.M., spoke with reference to the meetings of the lodge. He said it was to be regretted that there was no meeting of the lodge between the installation meeting in June and the meeting in December, six months, and he suggested that the lodge should meet in October in place of the March meeting, and thus the lodge would hold its five meetings bi-monthly, omitting August. Bro. Goode then gave notice of motion embodying these suggested alterations. After further business, the lodge was closed.

The W.M. afterwards presided at the banquet, and proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

An excellent programme of music was provided, under the direction of Bro. F. Cambridge, P.M., P.P.G. Org., Organist.

DIDSBURY.

Doric Lodge (No. 2359).—The regular meeting was held at the Didsbury Hotel on Saturday, the 10th inst. On account of the great pressure of work, the W.M. called the lodge at an early hour. There were four initiations, two passings, and four raisings, all the candidates being present. This might seem irksome, but such arrangements had been made as to make the ceremonies as varied as possible, Bros. F. Stretch, W.M.; C. E. Towell, P.M.; G. A. Myers, P.M.; and Smith, P.M., dividing the work, Bro. G. A. Myers presenting the working tools in the respective Degrees. Bro. A. K. Boothroyd, J.W., again excelled himself by delivering the charge. Bro. W. Sharples very satisfactorily performed the office as J.D., and Bro. James Sharples acted as I.G. in a most perfect manner.

After the visitors had expressed their "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed by the W.M., and subsequently the brethren partook of a splendid repast, most tastefully arranged by Mrs. Stretch.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and a very pleasant evening was spent with songs, recitations, thought-reading, conjuring, &c.

The following brethren were present: Bros. F. Stretch, W.M.; C. E. Towell, I.P.M.; G. A. Myers, P.M., S.W.; A. K. Boothroyd, J.W.; J. M. Veal, Treas.; John Walker, Sec.; G. S. Smith, P.M., D.C.; Joseph Ward, I.G.; N. F. Clegg, Org.; J. Moore, W. Barker, F. B. Passmore, H. G. Ward, F. B. Ratchford, R. H. Sayers, H. Shuter, A. R. Brett, J. Laurisch, W. H. Wilkinson, J. J. Booth, J. Lawrence, J. Smith, J. Jepson, J. Moore, J. Ratchford, F. Myers, J. Dearnley, C. Worstencroft, E. W. Rowsell, H. A. Kay, and G. Metcalf. Visitors: Bros. Chas. Shaw, 1147; T. T. Shann, 2109; A. H. Mountain, 2211; and Hedley Jones, 1730.

DONCASTER.

St. George's Lodge (No. 242).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 9th inst., in the St. George's Rooms, when there were present Bros. F. Webb, W.M.; C. M. Hartley, Treas.; F. J. Forth, Sec.; J. Fitzgerald, I.P.M.; H. T. Bellerby, P.M.; F. Raud, P.P.S.G.D.; F. D. Walker, P.P.J.G.D.; C. Goldthorpe, P.M.; W. Fretwell, P.M.; W. G. Wilkie, P.M.; E. Newsum, S.W.; W. Blake, J.W.; H. J. Pawson, S.D.; T. Foster, J.D.; F. Buckland, I.G.; H. C. White, Org.; S. Lester and H. T. Turner, Stwds.; J. Hanson, G. Smith, C. H. Woodhouse, C. Hopkinson, J. Denison, J. Hirst and W. Mason, Tylers; and others.

The minutes of the last regular lodge were read and confirmed, containing a vote of condolence to the widow of the late Bro. Teasdale. Dr. H. A. Lowndes, who had been duly proposed and successfully ballotted for, was then initiated into Freemasonry by the W.M. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the ante-room, where light refreshment was partaken of, with the usual Masonic toasts.

HULL.

Kingston Lodge (No. 1010).—The annual festival of the above lodge took place on the 8th inst., in the presence of a goodly gathering of brethren from the mother and sister lodges in Hull and district. Letters of apology for non-attendance were received, amongst others, from Bros. the Right Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, D.P.G.M.; M. C. Peck, P.G. Std. Br. England, P.G. Sec.; W. Reynolds, P.G. Treas.; the Right Hon. the Earl of Londesborough, W. J. Hughson, P.G.D. England (Hon. Member); and other distinguished brethren of the Fraternity. The occasion was a most important and interesting one, owing to the fact principally that the unanimous choice had again been bestowed upon the retiring Master—Bro. Herbert Woodhouse, LL.D.—who had conducted his arduous duties in a manner which had met with the hearty approbation of his colleagues, and he acceded, although reluctantly, to the kind and flattering renewal of their confidence. We understand that it is about 23 years since one of the brethren had been invited to occupy the chair of K.S. for two years in succession, and this, no doubt, enhanced the appreciation of the choice of the members.

The ceremony of re-installation was feelingly rendered by Bro. F. Fullerton, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., but was somewhat curtailed, partly owing to the fact that the ritual had been previously gone through by Bro. Woodhouse, and partly because there were other Degrees to be bestowed upon candidates. The following brethren were then presented and duly appointed to the following offices: Bros. F. S. Brodrick, I.P.M.; J. Wright Mason, M.B., S.W.; R. Barton, J.W.; John Bilson, P.M., Chap.; F. Fullerton, P.M., Treas.; J. Carhill Savill, Sec.; R. Carson, S.D.; C. Judge, J.D.; W. J. Close, D.C.; F. Bentley, Mus. Bac. Oxon, Org.; W. F. Harris, Librarian; H. S. Padman, T. L. Locking and S. Owen, Stewards; and F. J. Lambert, Tyler.

The brethren subsequently assembled in the banquet-room, where a *recherche* repast was served, and on the cloths being removed the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The Worshipful Master

presided, and was supported by Bros. Alderman Seaton, J.P., P.P.G.W.; F. S. Brodrick, I.P.M.; H. Fawcett Pudsey, P.M.; F. Fullerton, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; J. Bilson, P.M.; J. G. Smithson, P.M.; E. J. Fullerton, P.M.; J. T. Towler, W.M.; G. F. Wells, S.W., and J. E. Walker, J.W. 250; J. Wilebore, S.W., and T. Morrill, J.W., of 57; R. W. Cooper, W.M. 1605; Geo. Leigh, W.M. 2134; Joel Edgar, W.M., and T. Woods, S.W., 294; R. R. Hawley, P.M., and F. Wilson, of 250; James Sugden, P.M. 1379; Councillor H. H. Briggs, George Lamb, A. E. White, C.E., and others. Several letters of regret were received from distinguished Masons, who were unable to be present.

After "The Queen and the Craft," and "The Grand Master—the Prince of Wales," and "The Provincial Grand Master," had been received, the Worshipful Master, in grateful terms, alluded to the presence of Bro. J. L. Seaton, P.P.G.W., and after referring to the distinguished services that worthy brother had long continued to render to Freemasonry, and to the town in general, he called upon the brethren to drink to "The Health of Bro. Seaton"—a toast which was received with enthusiasm.

Bro. Alderman J. L. Seaton, P.M., who was apparently touched by this unexpected enthusiastic reception, acknowledged the toast in feeling terms. He said that that interesting evening's proceedings took his mind back to the pioneers of the lodge, when he and others founded the Kingston in order that it should be a credit to themselves and an honour to the Craft. He was glad that their realisations had been achieved. After an eloquent reference to the noble tenets of Freemasonry, which he said were the admiration of the human race, he quoted from Bro. Henry Irving's speech the other evening, when he said, illustrative of his own feelings, and quoting from Shakespeare—

"My bones are marrowless, and my blood cold."

Although now considerably advanced in years—indeed, in the "sere and yellow leaf"—yet he was not inclined to adapt Bro. Irving's inference as indicative of his (the speaker's) feelings. On the contrary, he felt a joyousness in his heart when he was the recipient of their kind words and generous reception, accorded to him as one of their oldest honorary members.

Bro. Colonel H. Fawcett Pudsey, P.M., proposed "The Worshipful Master, Bro. H. Woodhouse." He said it gave him the greatest possible pleasure in proposing the toast of the evening. Bro. Dr. Woodhouse had been unanimously re-elected, and they, his brethren, of the Kingston Lodge, wished to render him an honour due to the occasion. The Worshipful Master was not only distinguished in Masonry, but his abilities were well known throughout the town in the various honourable positions that he had occupied; he had achieved distinction at his university, and honours in professional career. They wished to testify their appreciation of his services to the lodge, and, in proposing his health, his brethren wished him long life and every happiness.

Bro. H. Woodhouse, LL.D., who was accorded a most hearty reception, said he regarded his re-election as a very high compliment, and although he would have preferred to have joined the ranks of the Past Masters, yet he was deeply sensible of their kindness in the renewal of the expression of their confidence in him. The past year was one upon which they could look back with some degree of satisfaction—although tinged with bereavement. The Kingston Lodge might justly pride itself in being a loyal, active, and prosperous lodge, an honour to its founders, and a credit and ornament to the Craft. Reverting to the tenets of the Order, he asked—Had Freemasonry a practical application to our daily life? He maintained that it essentially had. It was intended to help man in his daily life, and the true Masonic career should run, as it were, in parallel lines. Masonry asserted great principles; its desire was that men should live in perfect unity and concord. There were no enemies in true Masonic life. Men might differ in politics, on questions of capital and labour, but in the lodge-room those differences were sunk. The principles of the Fraternity would bring together employed and employer, and strikes and riots would be unknown. The rights of both would be recognised, and a spirit of fairness on both sides would conduce to harmony and agreement. In a word, every man would have rendered to him his "just due" for his labour. In Masonry, moreover, they had typified the dignity of labour and its utility. Their talents were to be employed not only for themselves, but for others who are dependent on us, and we on them. It was thus that society was held together, and if the dictates of Freemasonry were unswervingly obeyed a perfect life would be the result, and happiness for the community in this world be attained, with a sure and certain hope of an entrance to the Sublime Abode of the Supreme Ruler of the Universe. The speaker, having expressed his thanks to his retiring officers, resumed his seat.

Other toasts followed, and the evening's pleasant proceedings were interspersed with harmony.

LOWER BROUGHTON.

St. Thomas Lodge (No. 992).—The installation meeting was held on Wednesday, the 7th inst., at the Griffin Hotel, when there were present Bros. W. H. Southern, W.M.; W. Hawkins, S.W.; Wm. Craig Royle, J.W.; J. Hancock, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; J. W. Millward, P.M., Sec.; T. W. McGill, S.D.; W. Marsden, J.D.; W. Rothwell, I.G.; J. H. Lamb, I.P.M.; J. Johnson, P.M.; S. Moore, P.M.; T. Southern, P.P. G.D.C.; J. J. Meakin, P.P.J.G.W.; H. Y. Rutter, P.M.; C. H. Wheeler, P.M., Tyler; J. J. H. Ormerod, P.M.; W. Clark, A. Percival, Geo. Owen, A. W. Kearsley, W. Will Marlin, John Faulkner, and T. M. Johnson. The following visitors were also present: Bros. J. Jackson, G. H. Barnes, E. Meggitt, W.M.; T. Bradbury, Peter Jackson, P.M.; W. M. Booth, P.P.G.D.C.; M. Stafford, P.M., P.G.S.; R. C. Tonge, C. Harvey, W. J. Melling, P.M.; W. Dumville, P.M.; W. F. Farrington, P.M.; J. Williams, P.M.; C. Owen, W. Barnes Russell, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; T. Lawton, W.M.; E. Webb, W.M. 1134; C. Turner, P.M.; and G. S. Smith, P.M.

The lodge was opened by Bro. W. H. Southern, W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for a gentleman, which, proving favourable, he was initiated by the W.M., took J. W. Millward, P.M., Sec., by request of the W.M., the chair in order to install Bro. W. Hawkins, S.W., W.M., and elect, who was presented by Bro. J. H. Lamb, P.M., and the ceremony carried out in a most masterly manner, Bro.

Lamb presenting the tools. The officers for the ensuing year were invested in the following order, and were addressed by Bro. J. Hancock, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.: Bros. W. H. Southern, I.P.M.; W. Craig Royle, S.W.; T. W. McGill, J.W.; J. Hancock, P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; J. W. Millward, P.M., Sec.; Thos. Southern, P.P.G.D.C.; D.C.; T. M. Johnson, S.D.; A. W. Kearsley, J.D.; W. Martin, I.G.; J. Mumby, A. B. Wightman, and W. L. Clark, Stewards; and W. Riddell, P.M., Tyler. Bro. Moore addressed the Wardens, and Bro. J. J. Meakin, P.P.J.G.W., addressed the brethren.

After "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed by the large number of visitors present, the lodge was closed by the W.M.

Subsequently a banquet was held, prepared by Bro. Ollier, P.M., which, as usual, was of an unique description. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received.

The pleasure of the evening was greatly enhanced by the delightful vocal music rendered by Bros. Charles Turner, P.M.; Mark Stafford, P.M., P.P.G.S.; W. Dumville, P.M.; and W. Booth, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.

PENDLETON.

Albert Victor Lodge (No. 1773).—The installation of Worshipful Master, in succession to Bro. John L. Smith, and Festival of St. John the Evangelist, were held at the Town Hall, on Friday, the 18th ult., when there were present Bros. John L. Smith, W.M.; E. Holland, I.P.M.; Thos. Threlfall, S.W.; Thos. T. Sefton, J.W.; Saml. Statham, P.M., P.P.G.T., Chap.; R. H. Berry, Treas.; Wm. Mosley, Sec.; Jas. Clough, S.D.; Wm. Hardcastle, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; D.C.; Thos. Wm. Brown, I.G.; J. Lambert, W. T. Blease, and W. Allen Smith, Stwds.; J. Harrop, P.M., P.P.G.D.; R. Duxbury, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; F. Townson, C. Oldham, E. Winterbottom, Thos. Kay, S. Moore, E. Roberts, R. Hilton, P.M.; R. Winstanley, P.M.; Jno. Walker, P.M.; J. Handley, P.M.; W. H. Barrett, P.M.; and W. H. Laudless, P.M. Visitors: Bros. Jas. W. Abbott, P.M. 1030, P.P.G.D.C.; T. Southern, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Jno. Blackwell, 852; E. Webb, 1134; H. Southern, 992; E. Meggitt, Chas. Turner, 1011, 2156; J. Fletcher, 350; Jno. Ramsbottom, 325; Geo. S. Smith, 2359; J. W. Almond, 1773; A. H. Duffin, 1134; J. H. Wells, 2109; Jas. Robinson, S.W. 1219; Robt. Johnson, 2156; J. A. Mosley, 1012; J. West, 935; B. H. Merritt, 113; J. Williamson, 1077; Thos. Bradbury, 852; P. Jones, 2216; D. Galloway, 935; and Jas. Kitchen, 1773.

Bro. William Hardcastle, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., D.C., was the Installing Master, he being assisted by Bro. Jno. L. Smith, W.M., who presented the W.M. elect; Bro. C. Oldham, P.M., explained the working tools; Bro. J. Harrop, P.M., P.P.G.D., delivered the address to the Worshipful Master; Bro. R. Duxbury, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., invested the officers; Bro. Thomas Kay, P.M., addressed the Wardens, and Bro. S. Statham, P.M., P.P.G.T., rendered the addresses to the brethren generally. At the close of the installation ceremony, in which, as will be seen, most of the prominent members of the lodge seemed to have held a working partnership, the newly-appointed W.M., in his turn, appointed the following officers, who were accordingly invested: Bros. J. L. Smith, I.P.M.; T. T. Sefton, S.W.; Wm. Mosley, J.W.; S. Statham, Chap.; R. H. Berry, Treas.; J. Clough, Sec.; Wm. Hardcastle, D.C.; Jos. Clarkson, S.D.; Thos. M. Brown, J.D.; Wm. Lambert, I.G.; Wm. Thos. Blease, Wm. Bransby, and Wm. Allen Smith, Stewards; and E. Roberts, P.M., Tyler. There was not a drawback in the whole ceremony, which was performed by the respective officers in such a masterly manner, as indicated very careful study on their part. The general business of the evening having been disposed of, and "Hearty good wishes" expressed by visiting brethren, Bro. Threlfall, W.M., duly closed the lodge.

The moment Bro. Threlfall assumed the reins of his new position his actions proclaimed the latent grit within him, and the commendable promptitude with which he closed down, evinced to the brethren present that the Albert Victor Lodge possesses a Worshipful Master who is equal to any emergency, and who can, if needful, guide its members carefully over any rough boulders which may intercept their Masonic progress.

The dinner, which commenced the Festival of St. John, was held in one of the large rooms of the hall, after which the brethren adjourned to the lodge room, where the proceedings of the festive board were brightened by songs and sketches from the following, viz.: Bros. Charles Turner, P.M.; E. Roberts, P.M.; James Robinson, S.W.; P. Jones, R. H. Merritt, Mark, Thos. Bradbury, and others.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been disposed of, the first personal toast of the evening was that of "The Worshipful Master," proposed by Bro. J. L. Smith, I.P.M., who, in terse, but appropriate, terms, said: Provincial officers and brethren, during my Mastership, amongst the several pleasing duties which I have had to perform, none have been more pleasing or gratifying to myself than the one I am honoured and privileged to perform at its close. Since my coming amongst you there has sprung up a strong, and, I trust and believe, a lasting friendship between the W.M. and myself, and it affords me unspeakable pleasure to see him this evening numbered amongst the rulers of the Craft. Our friendship dates from the lodge picnic to Chester, since which time I have been the recipient of very many disinterested acts of kindness at the hands of our W.M. During the year that is past I have felt somewhat like an usurper in the chair, our worthy brother, whom we have just installed, being my senior; but this feeling is now removed, and we meet on one level as Installed Masters. We all know how well our W.M. has attended to his Masonic duties in the past, and should the Great Architect grant him health and strength, things point unmistakably to a prosperous and harmonious year. I would say much more in praise of our W.M. had I the eloquence of a Salisbury or Gladstone, but, lacking this, I shall conclude by calling upon you to drink right heartily "The Health of Bro. Threlfall, our W.M."

Bro. Thos. Threlfall, W.M., in replying, thanked the I.P.M. for his good wishes and brotherly feelings, and also the brethren present for the way in which they had accepted Bro. Smith's remarks. He felt proud of the position which he had that evening attained, which he was justified in considering a very laudable feeling, for had he been deemed unworthy to occupy the chair of K.S., the ceremony of that day, so far as he was concerned, would not have taken place, and to justify their choice and confidence in him he

would endeavour to maintain the reputation of his position. The lodge possessed many brethren whom he characterised as worthy examples to follow, and he enumerated several, amongst others being Bro. Kitchen, who had proposed him; Bro. Moore, who had initiated him; Bro. Winterbottom, who had performed the ceremony of passing; Bro. Harrop, who had raised him; and many Past Masters who had taken part in the ceremony. So impressed was he at these early periods of his Masonic history that he often regretted he had not joined the Craft before. It was only latterly that he had had any ambition to occupy the position of W.M., fearing that its duties would too surely test his abilities, but once having put his foot upon the rung of the ladder of office he had steadily advanced, and rapidly acquired sufficient confidence to venture in that direction. Bro. Threlfall highly complimented the officers by whom he was supported, and said that he had not the least doubt they would be equal to any calls made upon them, and when they came to the final stage of their career, would carry out the traditions of Freemasonry with satisfaction to the lodge and with credit to themselves.

The W.M. had very little time to consider his next remarks, for almost immediately after the rendering of a song, which generally fills the lacuna between two speeches, he was called upon to propose "The Health of the Immediate Past Master." Bro. Threlfall said that the toast he was about to propose might be considered the important one of the evening, inasmuch as it was a sort of thankoffering for services rendered in a most efficient and satisfactory manner, for Bro. Smith had filled the chair so creditably, and the officers and brethren had such confidence in him, that the lodge meetings were eagerly looked forward to. Bro. Smith was also popular at the festive board, the conviviality of which he always enhanced. He remembered Bro. Smith to have made a remark whilst performing for Bro. Holland, P.M., the corresponding duty which now devolved upon himself. It was to the effect that he (Bro. Smith) was the youngest W.M. who had up to that time been appointed in the lodge, and Bro. Threlfall pointed out the fact that in their late W.M. the brethren had now the youngest Past Master connected with the Albert Victor Lodge. After reverting in eloquent terms to the manner in which Bro. Smith had performed his various duties, Bro. Threlfall, on behalf of the lodge, presented him with a Past Master's jewel.

Bro. Smith, I.P.M., in responding, thanked them for their gift, and expressed himself as satisfied that he had yielded up his office, remarking that a great responsibility had been removed from his shoulders.

The toast of "The Installing Master" was very gracefully proposed by Bro. E. Holland, P.M., who paid an excellent tribute to Bro. Hardcastle, and characterised his work of that day as having been beautifully done.

Bro. Hardcastle, in reply, rather deprecated his own efforts, and said that he felt he had not done justice to the work allotted to him, although at the same time no brother present had been more eager, more anxious, and more wishful than himself that all should be done well. He reverted to the brilliant assembly which had witnessed the installation, and hoped the coming year might be as brilliant, successful, and bright as the W.M. could desire.

Bro. F. Townson, P.M., proposed the toast of "The Masonic Charities." He said that he was proud to be the Charity Representative of a lodge which, though comparatively small in numbers, was large in generosity, as was evinced by the brethren of the Albert Victor Lodge during the past year. Beneficence and benevolence were words often heard in a Masonic lodge, but whilst one signified "feeling," the other meant "giving." Beneficence and benevolence must go hand in hand.

"Tis not enough that we with sorrow sigh,
That we in sympathy with sufferers feel;
Nor hear a grief without a wish to heal;
But seeks the duty, nay, prevents the need.
Her utmost aid to every ill applies,
And plants relief for coming distress."

Bro. Townson mentioned several of the Masonic Charities which had been so generously provided by the Craft, reverting more particularly to that of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. This Institution, he said, appealed to him most strongly, because it applied to the time when the applicants for the Charity had passed

"The noon of life, when shadows lengthen,
When wasting age, and wearying strife,
Have sapped the leaning walls of life;
When the last tottering pillars fall,
And darkness gathers over all."

Bro. Townson said that Freemasonry was a great and a glorious institution, and would stand the test of time, not because Princes have been promoters of the Art; not because of the large numbers under its banner; or because its branches were spread over the four quarters of the globe; but because the Craft had made mankind its business.

Bro. S. Statham, P.M., P.P.G.T., proposed the toast of "The Visiting Brethren" in a speech of extraordinary ability and force, the following being an abstract of the same. He said that he was extremely thankful to be present on another of these interesting occasions, and sincerely joined in all the hearty congratulations of the brethren to their newly-installed W.M. (whom all so much loved and esteemed), and also the newly-invested officers. He confidently wished they might have a happy and prosperous year, and it they exceeded in ability their predecessors, then the Albert Victor Lodge would indeed have good reason to be proud of them. It was exceedingly gratifying to know that there was such an excellent Masonic feeling pervading the lodge, each brother seeming to entertain the warmest fraternal regard and esteem for his brethren around. He congratulated the W.M. on being honoured with such a numerous and brilliant company of worthy and distinguished visitors, and, in complimentary terms, assured them a hearty welcome and fraternal good wishes from every member.

In concluding a lengthy and interesting speech, Bro. Statham said: We cannot too highly value the virtues of our noble Craft; the three grand principles upon which the glorious institution of Masonry is founded are—brotherly love, relief, and truth; a blessed Fraternity, consecrated by faith, supported by hope, and cemented by Charity. These principles are immutable and eternal as the Great Architect Himself. These are the brilliants that lustre her coronet and adorn her with an imperial beauty. In the past they have been her safeguard, in the present they are her strength, and in the future they will be her glory. And what, I would ask, is the aim of Freemasonry,

but to give these principles a practical embodiment? They are to be incarnated in every brother of the Craft. Do not our noble Masonic Charities recognise this? Are they not making these principles into influential living powers? Brethren,—The Shibleth of Masonry to-day is not so much words, words, words; but deeds, deeds, deeds—living, noble, and eternal deeds! Then let us strive to practise these principles, worthily wear the symbols we have received, and hand them down to posterity, bright and untarnished. But, if we would do this, we must feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the sick, and at all points strictly adhere to the holy teachings of Masonry. Let every brother lift his eyes to the bright morning star, the emblem of peace, and the source of light. Let him so live as to secure for himself a residence in "Those blessed and immortal mansions whence all goodness emanates." Speak gently, act humanely, commiserate the destitute, fling wide the doors of hospitality, waft around you the soft, balmy breezes of charity, for they may fan some burning brow, they may ease some aching heart, they may lift the sombre cloud away from some dark home, they may save some poor brother from being shipwrecked on the treacherous sands of difficulty, or the bleak rocks of misfortune and despair, they may dry up some scalding tears, and bind up some bleeding spirit that shall rise up to call you blessed when the monumental stone shall cover your mouldering dust. And having performed our allotted tasks with fidelity and obedience, when the last summons shall have come, when—

"The signs in the west shall bid us prepare

To gather up our working tools, and be tried upon the square,"

and when we shall stand before the Grand Master of the Lodge Omega, then brethren we may hope to hear Him say to us, "Well done thou good and faithful servant!"

The remaining toasts were "The Past Masters of the Albert Victor Lodge," proposed by Bro. T. T. Sefton, S.W., and responded to by Bro. E. Winterbottom, P.M.; "The Newly-Invested Officers," proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bro. Blease; "Prosperity to the Albert Victor Lodge," proposed by Bro. B. H. Berry, and responded to by Bro. Thos. Kay, P.M. The latter said that he had the prosperity of the lodge at heart, and would give place to no brother in regularity of attendance, he not having missed two meetings since its formation.

"The Senior Warden's" and Tyler's toasts brought a very enjoyable evening to a close.

SALFORD.

Newall Lodge (No. 1134).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 6th inst., at Adelphi House. There were present: Bros. E. Webb, W.M.; B. Eckersley, S.W.; C. Driver, J.W.; J. Holroyd, P.M., P.P.G.S., Treas.; John Waring, P.M., Sec.; G. S. Smith, P.M.; H. Waterhouse, S.D.; J. Ogden, J.D.; A. H. Duffin, P.M.; R. W. Martin, Jas. Green, J. P. Grant, Atkinson, Brown, and A. K. Boothroyd.

There was no business before the lodge, but Bro. E. Webb, W.M., gave an exposition of opening and closing in the Three Degrees, which was a great success, and splendidly done.

STOCKPORT.

Unanimity Lodge (No. 287).—The installation meeting was held at the White Lion Hotel on Wednesday, the 7th inst. Bro. Henry Smith, W.M., presided, and opened the lodge, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. H. Ainsworth, which proving favourable, he was initiated by the W.M. At the termination of the ceremony, by the request of the W.M., Bro. W. Lancaster, P.M., took the chair as Installing Master, and appointed as his Installing Officers Bros. G. McClelland, P.M., P.P.G.D., as S.W., and R. C. Blakehurst, P.M., as J.W. Bro. Geo. Roberts, S.W., W.M., was presented by Bro. Leigh, P.M., P.G.P., and he was duly installed into the chair of K.S. in a most masterly manner. Bro. James Cookson, P.P.G.T., presented the working tools in the respective Degrees in a most flowing and eloquent manner. Bro. Chas. Dawson also took part in the proceedings. The following brethren were invested as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Geo. Roberts, W.M.; Henry Smith, P.P.G.D., I.P.M.; Rev. Arthur Symonds, P.P.G. Chap., S.W.; J. W. Howard, J.W.; Chas. Booth, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; James Cookson, P.M., P.P.G.T., Sec.; J. T. Hudson, P.P.G.S., S.D.; Frank G. Brooke, J.D.; John Leigh, P.M., P.G.P., D.C.; Chas. Dawson, P.M., Org.; Jas. Alfred Cookson, I.G.; and A. J. Hewett, L. Jagger, and Joshua Preston, Stewards. Bro. T. E. Rigby, P.M., was elected Charity Representative. The sum of two guineas was voted from the funds of the lodge towards expenses of election of a brother to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. A very valuable and handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Hy. Smith, I.P.M., in token of the esteem in which he was held by the brethren. Upon the motion of Bro. T. E. Rigby, P.M., the zealous Charity Representative, 10 guineas was voted to the proposed new institution, to be named the Cheshire Masonic Benevolent Institution. In the course of the evening it was announced by Bro. Rigby that the amount subscribed to the above institution from members of the lodge was considerably over 100 guineas. With such enormous efforts being made by the Cheshire lodges, the success of the proposed institution must be assured.

Subsequently a banquet was held, under the gavel of the W.M. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and replied to.

Bro. Edmondson presided at the organ, and acted as accompanist, and songs were contributed by Bros. J. E. Rigby, P.M.; H. Smith, P.M.; J. Ellis, and Herbert Finch, P.P.G. Reg.

Letters of apology were received from Bros. Lord Egerton, John Chadwick, P.G. Sec., C. R. Cresswell, G. Wild, and J. T. Thorpe.

Among those present were Bros. Henry Smith, W.M.; Geo. Roberts, P.P.G.S., S.W.; Arthur Symonds, P.P.G.C., J.W.; James Cookson, P.M., P.P.G.T., Sec.; J. H. Howard, S.D.; James T. Hudson, P.P.G.S., J.D.; John Leigh, P.M., P.P.G.P., D.C.; T. G. Brooke, I.G.; John Clarke, Tyler; W. W. Lancaster, I.P.M.; Thos. E. Rigby, P.M., Charity Representative; G. McClelland, P.M., P.P.G.D.; Chas. Dawson, P.M.; R. Blakehurst, P.M.; L. Jagger, J. Preston, J. A. Cookson, A. J. Hewett, J. Hazledine, and H. Ainsworth. Visitors: Bros. R. Newhouse, P.G. Sec.; H. Finch, P.G. Reg.; H. G.

Small, P.G.D.C.; J. H. Foster, P.G.P.; Colonel Wilkinson, P.P.G.W.; C. H. Andrews, W.M.; W. H. Harrison, S.W.; H. Lomas, I.P.M.; E. Edmondson, Thos. Senior, S. D. Hayes, J. A. Nichols, J. Hudson, W.M.; and G. S. Smith, P.M.

The jewel was designed and manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

TEDDINGTON.

Sir Charles Bright Lodge (No. 1793).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Clarence Hotel, on the 30th ult. Amongst those present were Bros. W. Middleweek, W.M.; Windeatt, S.W.; Müller, J.W.; R. W. Forge, P.M.; P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; C. Warner, P.M.; P.P.A.G.D.C., Sec.; F. L. Chandler, P.M. 1056, P.P.G.P., S.D.; Ruffe, J.D.; Playford, I.G.; Capt. Walls, P.M.; P.P.G.W., and F. Middleweek, Stwds.; Finch, P.M.; P.P.G.S. of W.; A. J. R. Simmonds, P.M.; and J. Barnes, I.P.M.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Toghill was impressively raised to the Third Degree. Apologies for non-attendance having been received, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

Upon the removal of the cloth, the W.M. gave the customary toasts.

Bro. R. Forge responded for "The Provincial Grand Officers" in a neat speech.

The I.P.M. gave "The W.M." In the course of his brief remarks he congratulated the W.M. upon the able manner in which he had carried out the Third Degree that evening. He hoped that the W.M. would have an opportunity of showing his proficiency in the four ceremonies of the Craft before he vacated the chair.

Bro. Middleweek, in reply, expressed his thanks to the I.P.M. for the kind manner in which he had proposed the toast. He regretted exceedingly that no candidate had been proposed for initiation that evening. He, however, wished that the lodge would be strengthened by the admission of new members before the time arrived for him to surrender his position to his successor.

Bro. J. Barnes responded on behalf of "The Past Masters" in a humorous vein.

Bros. R. W. Forge, E. Warner, Windeatt, and Müller acknowledged the toast of "The Treasurer, Secretary and Officers."

Bro. F. L. Chandler, P.M., with the W. Master's permission, proposed, in a very kind and sympathetic manner, the health of one of the members of the lodge who had been very unwell for some time. The proceedings then terminated.

During the evening Bros. Ruffe, Packinton, T. Middleweek, and A. Hall instrumentally and vocally entertained the brethren. The next meeting of the lodge will be held on the last Wednesday in January.

THIRSK.

Falcon Lodge (No. 1416).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 8th inst., in the Freemasons' Hall. There were a goodly assemblage of brethren, and the W.M., Bro. W. W. Hall, was inducted into the chair by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.C.S.B. Eng. The W.M. appointed his officers as follows: Bros. A. W. Cass, S.W.; F. C. Rudd, J.W.; Rev. E. Richardson, I.P.M., Chap.; W. Colman, P.M., Treas.; J. T. Ferndale, Sec.; G. W. Kemp, S.D.; G. E. Myers, J.D.; H. Longford, P.M., D.C.; T. S. Green, I.G.; T. H. Hall, Org.; C. H. Greensides, P.M., and H. Smith, P.M., Stwds.; and J. S. Farmery, Tyler. There were 21 Installed Masters present at the Board.

After the close of the meeting the brethren assembled at the Fleece Hotel, where an admirable banquet was served by Bro. Hall.

The Treasurer's report showed the lodge to be in an excellent financial position.

THORNE.

St. Nicholas Lodge (No. 2259).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday night, the 7th inst., when the W.M., Bro. Constable, was supported by the following officers: G. Kenyon, S.W.; W. Martin, J.W.; A. L. Peace, Treas.; W. P. Robotham, Sec.; J. H. Bletcher, P.M.; A. Goodhind, S.D.; T. Barber, J.D.; B. Meshill, I.G.; T. Livingstone, Stwd.; F. Pine, Tyler, and others.

Bro. A. L. Peace gave a very interesting and instructive lecture on the first tracing board, and Bro. A. Goodhind gave a similar lecture on the second tracing board. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to each.

URMSTON.

Urmston Lodge (No. 1730).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 12th inst., at the Victoria Hotel, when there were present Bros. R. Swindells, W.M.; J. Hardwicke-Marsh, S.W.; W. H. Jolliffe, J.W.; E. L. Littler, P.M.; P.P.G. Purst., Treas.; G. R. Lloyd, P.M., Sec.; F. Stretch, S.D.; J. Walton, jun., J.D.; W. Bowers, D.C.; G. G. Mends, I.G.; R. W. Fowler, W. H. Hughes, G. Stott, T. French, and W. Hallard, Stewards; N. Jones, Tyler; J. Bowers, I.P.M.; J. Slyman, P.M.; P.P.S.G.D.; Peter Heaton, P.M.; P.P.G.S.; E. Gittins, J. Walton, P.M.; James Ormrod, James Plowman, A. Stott, H. H. Jones, J. S. Whitley, F. Moles, and A. Hawkins. Visitors: Bros. F. S. Bedford, W.M. 1387; A. Woods, 1283; Fred Morgan, 2359; and S. Diggle, 1077.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed, after which Bro. Hawkins was passed to the Degree of F.C. by the W.M. in a most impressive manner, the working tools being delivered by Bro. J. Hardwicke-Marsh, S.W. The next business being the election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing year, Bro. J. Hardwicke-Marsh, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. E. L. Littler, P.M., P.P.G.P., was also unanimously elected Treasurer; and Bro. N. Jones as Tyler. Bros. G. A. Myers, P.M., and E. Gittins were appointed Auditors. Bros. R. Swindells, W.M.; J. Hardwicke-Marsh, S.W.; G. A. Myers, P.M.; J. Bowers, I.P.M.; and W. Hallard were appointed as a Committee to make arrangements for the Festival of St. John, January 9th. The Secretary presented a splendid balance from the annual ball, which took place at Urmston on the 2nd inst., which will be devoted to the Masonic Charities.

"Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visiting

brethren, after which the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshments.

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

Bros. F. Stretch, Peter Heaton, W. Hallard, F. Morgan, W. Bowers, E. L. Littler, and J. Hardwicke-Marsh added greatly to the evening's enjoyment with songs and recitations.

The Tyler's toast closed a very pleasant evening.

Royal Arch.

Royal Jubilee Chapter (No. 72).—The installation meeting of this old chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Thursday, the 8th inst. Bro. Bate was duly exalted, and Comps. E. W. Lewink, N. Turner, and W. Turner Bates were installed as the Principals by Comp. E. Walker, P.Z. The other officers appointed were Comps. F. Dunn, Treas.; H. Lovegrove, S.E.; E. H. Dove, S.N.; J. Reid, P.S.; Lightfoot and Brydges, Asst. Sojs.; Bate, Stwd.; and R. Potter, Tyler.

Kennington Chapter (No. 1381).—This prosperous transpontine chapter held a meeting at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, on the 10th inst., when there were in attendance, amongst others, Comps. Dowling, M.E.Z.; Austin, H.; Sims, J.; Henry Higgins, P.Z.; P.P.G.D.C., S.E.; Smith, S.N.; George Everett, P.Z.; P.G. Treas., Treas.; Dennis, P.S.; Colwell, 2nd A.S.; Salter, I.P.Z.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S.; and George Gardner, P.Z. Comp. Arter, Org. 1572, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been duly read and confirmed, it was resolved unanimously "That in future the chapter meetings shall be held on the second Thursday in the months of February, May, October, and December, instead of the first Thursday in the months of February, April, October, and December." Some formal business having been transacted, apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. C. H. Köhler, P.Z.; H. J. Lardner, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br.; E. Ayling, P.Z.; and others.

Refreshment followed labour, when the M.E.Z. presided most genially.

In responding for "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," Comp. George Everett, after speaking in high terms of the Three Grand Principals of the Order and subordinate officers, said he trusted that all members of the chapter having the right to attend the next Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge would do so, in order to support the motion of the Pro Grand Master, Lord Lathom, as to the increase of six new Grand Officers. He felt sure that the motion in its modified form would receive unanimous approval.

Comps. Salter, Higgins, and Gardner responded at length on behalf of "The Past Principals," and Comps. Smith, Dennis, and Colwell for "The Officers."

During the intervals Comps. Arter, Everett, Lundie, Gardner, and others, rendered the proceedings entertaining and agreeable by their instrumental and vocal abilities.

BIRKENHEAD.

Fidelity Chapter (No. 477).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held on Tuesday, the 6th inst., at the Masonic Chambers, when there was a very large assembly of members and visitors, including Comps. George F. Bird, P.P.A.G.D.C., M.E.Z.; Joseph Clarke, H.; J. Wooley, J.; John Morris, P.P.A.G.S., I.P.Z.; S. Jones, P.Z., P.P.G.H., S.E.; James Clarke, P.Z.; W. Hopkinson, Treas.; R. G. Hawkins, A.S.; R. Parry, A.S.; G. Poole-Poole, J. Robinson, George Lloyd, C. H. Berry, and James Watson. Visitors: Comps. T. C. Thorburn, P.Z., P.P.G.H.; F. K. Stevenson, P.Z., P.P.G.J.; Lilly Ellis, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B.; G. H. Brown, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C.; P. Sword, 241; W. Armstrong, P.Z., M.E.Z. 605; Richard Powell, 605; John Frazer, 605; and others.

The ceremony of installation was most ably rendered by Comp. Morris, I.P.Z., who inducted the newly-appointed Principals as follows: Comps. Joseph Clarke, M.E.Z.; J. Wooley, H.; and R. G. Hawkins, J.; and the officers invested were Comps. S. Jones, P.Z., S.E. (16th time); J. Warren, S.N.; W. Hopkinson, Treas. (re-elected); R. Parry, P.S.; G. Poole-Poole, 1st A.S.; and J. Robinson, 2nd A.S.

After passing the Treasurer's statement, which showed the chapter had a most substantial balance in hand, the convocation was closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquetting room, where an excellent repast was served by Comp. C. H. Berry.

The usual patriotic and Masonic toasts were given by the M.E.Z., and duly responded to, while the singing of Comps. Morris, Parry, and G. Poole-Poole was much appreciated.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

HIGH CROSS LODGE (No. 754).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 1st inst., at the Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, when there were present Bros. J. M. Dexter, W.M.; A. Reeves, S.W.; J. Broughton, J.W.; W. Binnie, P.M.; Preceptor; B. Stocker, Sec.; J. M. Barnes, S.D.; T. Lewis, J.D.; F. Sear, I.G.; E. J. Everdell, P.M.; J. H. Roach, F. Ruthven, and W. Reynolds.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Bro. Roach being candidate. The W.M. gave the charge in a very effective manner. After the usual preliminaries, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Ruthven being candidate. The lodge was closed in the First Degree. Bro. A. Reeves, S.W., was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

BLACKHEATH LODGE (No. 1320).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Milkwood Hotel, Milkwood-road, Loughborough Junction, on Monday, the 12th inst., when there were present Bros. Barr, W.M.; Turner, S.W.; Dawson, J.W.; F. Hilton, P.M., Pre-

ceptor; T. R. Cass, Treas.; C. H. Stone, Sec.; E. A. Rice, Asst. Sec.; Pack, S.D.; T. H. Salmon, J.D.; G. Thompson, I.G.; Hobley, Kimpton, Shelvey, Hooper, Sly, Porter, Telling, Lord, Niblett, Fynes, Hill, J. Lyell, and H. G. Martin, P.M.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Lord having offered himself as a candidate, answered the usual questions, was entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Lord was passed to the Degree of F.C. The 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture were rehearsed by Bro. F. Hilton, P.M., Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was closed to the First Degree. Bro. Lyell, 2345, was elected a joining member. Bro. Turner, S.W., was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was then closed in due form.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 12th inst., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. W. Hillier, W.M.; H. Barnett, S.W.; Major E. J. Reed, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; A. L. Butters, S.D.; T. Middleweek, J.D.; A. Edy, I.G.; J. Bartlett, W.M. 2637, Stwd.; G. Goss-hawk, Tyler; W. J. Ferguson, P.M. 177, Deputy Preceptor; W. J. Lovegrove, P.M. 1938, P.P.G.S. of W. Salop; J. W. Curtis, P.M. 733; J. Mason, A. Crossingham, B. R. Thomas, T. Grant, G. Weaver, H. Campbell, H. Windeat, G. Urquart Milne, W. Chapple, R. Andrews, and M. Rosenberg.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and after the usual preliminaries, the ceremonies of passing and raising were rehearsed, Bros. Mason and Weaver being the candidates respectively. The lodge was resumed as occasion required, and called off and on. Bro. Barnett was elected W.M. for next meeting—officers to be in rotation. A sincere vote of condolence was passed with the widow of the late Bro. J. V. Woodman, who died after only a couple of days' illness. The W.M. having risen the usual number of times, "Hearty good wishes" were accorded, and the lodge closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 13th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. G. T. Peall, W.M.; R. P. Upton, S.W.; D. M. Forbes, J.W.; W. Hancock, Preceptor; J. Petch, P.P.G.S.B. Herts, Treas.; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; C. H. Stevenson, S.D.; D. C. Ritchie, J.D.; J. Amand, I.G.; C. T. Barlow, J. J. Sandeman, J. Duncan, H. Jenkins, G. T. Chretien, R. W. Nicole, J. W. Clarke, H. J. Kembell, jun., W. Rapley, E. Hobbs, Ravenscroft, R. Loomes, E. C. Kelsby, A. Oliver, Milton Smith, T. E. Newman, H. J. Kembell, sen., H. B. Harding, and E. J. Harrison.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Barlow being the candidate. Bro. Upton was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed the officers in rotation. A cordial vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to the W.M. for his services in the chair for the first time in this lodge. An interesting event then took place, a presentation being made to the Secretary, Bro. C. M. Coxon. The lodge was then closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 10th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, W., when there were present Bros. Hide, W.M.; Cummings, P.M., S.W.; Powell, J.W.; A. Williams, P.M., Preceptor; M. Spiegel, P.M., Sec.; Stafford, S.D.; Hillier, J.D.; Pinchbeck, I.G.; J. Sims, P.M.; F. Craggs, P.M.; Stuart Baker, P.M.; S. Cochrane, P.M.; Whiteley, Bone, and Fox. Bro. Aire was a visitor.

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Whiteley being the candidate. The 1st and 2nd Sections of this Lecture was worked by the Preceptor. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. Aire was elected a joining member, which was proposed by Bro. Craggs, P.M., and seconded by Bro. Cochrane, P.M. The Preceptor, Bro. A. Williams, then rose to congratulate Bro. S. Cochrane, P.M., on his nomination as Grand Treasurer, and as no opposition is coming forward, he is to be considered the Grand Treasurer of England, an honour which the whole of the Craft confers. It is therefore the greatest honour which could be bestowed on any Freemason. Bro. Cochrane replied, and thanked the brethren for their support and good wishes.

HARLESDEN.—ST. JOHN'S LODGE (No. 167).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 8th inst., at the Court House. Present: Bros. W. J. Lovegrove, P.M. 1988, P.P.G.S., W.M.; J. Rae, S.W.; W. C. Tebbitt, J.W.; C. Penny, Treas. and I.G.; W. Roche Plaford, acting as Sec.; L. A. Bourquin, S.D.; J. Rawle, J.D.; F. S. Priest, and T. F. Shaw.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Shaw having offered himself as a candidate to be passed to the Second Degree, the usual questions were put and answered, after which he was entrusted and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Bourquin having offered himself as the candidate to be raised, the usual questions were put and answered, after which he was entrusted and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Bourquin was raised in due form. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and the Senior Warden, Bro. Rae, was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time, and it was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that Bro. W. Roche Plaford be elected to fill the office of Secretary to the lodge. After a few remarks from Bro. Plaford, accepting that office, the lodge was closed in due form.

MANCHESTER.—MANCHESTER LODGE (No. 581).—This very popular and useful lodge held its first meeting of the present month on Thursday, the 8th inst., at the Old Boar's Head, Withy Grove. There were present Bros. Henworthy, W.M.; Schofield, S.W.; Lingard, J.W.; Entwistle, S.D.; Lee, J.D.; S. Bamford (candidate); G. Higham, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; Loebell, Beaver, Dean, Pickford, Mills, G. Parker, Armitage, Cooper, Vickers, A.

Ashworth, Connor, Lindop, Roberts, Sleight, Battersby, Peel, Cuthbert, and Shorrocks.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. It had been expected that a passing would also have been taken, but the latter ceremony was not attempted on account of the election of officers for the ensuing year, and arrangements for the Festival of St. John. At the next meeting it is possible that the omitted ceremony, as also a raising will be performed. The whole of the officers were re-elected: Bros. H. H. Warburton, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., as Preceptor; A. Hebden, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., as Secretary; and G. T. Lenard, as Treasurer. A pleasing feature of the evening's work was the balloting for eight joining members, four of whom were in attendance at the meeting.

ANDREW CHAPTER (No. 834).—A meeting of this chapter was held at the Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., on Wednesday, the 7th inst., when there were present Comps. Spiegel, M.E.Z.; John Cruttenden, W.; H. P. Gilbert, J.; James Sims, P.Z.; Treas.; John Davies, M.E.Z., S.N.; F. Craggs, S.E.; E. Austin, P.S.; J. J. Cante, P.Z.; John Brown, Edward Fox, W. Hillier, A. Williams, and F. R. Martin.

The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of three previous meetings were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Cante acting as exalte. Comps. Williams and Martin were elected joining members. Comp. Gilbert gave notice of motion "That the officers of the chapter be elected on Wednesday, the 21st inst." The convocation was then closed.

HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).—A meeting of this chapter was held on Friday, the 9th inst., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. J. C. Tilt, S.N. 862, M.E.Z.; W. Hillier, 834, H.; J. Cruttenden, 779, J.; J. Davies, 733, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; John Davies, M.E.Z. 733, S.N.; G. Gregory, P.S. 862, P.S.; G. March, P.Z. 733; and Jos. Bailey, M.E.Z. 1602.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Bailey being the candidate. The Committee presented their annual statement of accounts, which were considered highly satisfactory, and ordered to be entered on the minutes, and a vote of thanks passed to them, also to Comp. Dehane, who expressed his thanks, and stated that during the few years the chapter had been established, there had been no less than 2413 attendances and a considerable increase this year. The officers were elected for the ensuing two weeks. Comp. Hillier, M.E.Z., read communications from Comps. W. H. Dean, Woodbridge, Biggs, and T. C. Edmonds. After the usual risings, and "Hearty good wishes" were accorded, and the chapter was closed.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, on Friday, the 9th inst., when there were present Comps. Phillips, M.E.Z.; F. Hilton, P.Z.; Preceptor, H.; C. H. Stone, S.E.; J. Salmon, S.N.; Dawson, P.S.; G. Thompson, Hayes, Rice, Bates, Towers, and Dr. Smith.

The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. F. Bates personating the candidate. The M.E.Z. rose the usual number of times. Comps. F. Bates, 72, and C. J. Hayes, 1215, were elected joining members. Comp. F. Hill, P.Z., Preceptor, was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting, when the ceremony of installation will be rehearsed.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of Management held their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday. Bro. R. Turtle Pigott, P.G.A.D.C., presided, and there were present Bros. H. J. Strong, A.G.D.C.; James Brett, P.G.P.; T. B. Daniell; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; Robert D. Cummings, Charles Lacey, C. H. Webb, S. Cochrane, S. C. Haslip, H. Y. Thompson, Hugh Cotter, J. Newton, the Rev. J. N. Palmer, P.G. Chap.; R. Greggs, J. Barnett, Charles Kempton, W. J. Murlis, A. Durrant, J. Harrison, J. Boulton, W. Belchamber, E. Terry, P.G. Treas.; W. H. Hubbert, R. P. Stevens; and James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and verified, the Secretary reported the deaths of four male and one widow annuitants and one approved widow candidate. The Warden's Report for the past month was read. Letters were read from Bro. Cama, P.G. Treas., enclosing cheque for 60 guineas, to be divided between the two highest unsuccessful candidates at the next election as a Christmas gift, and from Bro. J. L. Mather, P.A.G.D.C., saying he had sent six brace of pheasants for the residents at Croydon. The illuminated address on vellum, very handsomely bound in album form, which had been voted to Bro. Dr. Strong, A.G.D.C., in recognition of his services as Hon. Surgeon to the inmates of the Asylum at Croydon, and on his appointment as Hon. Consulting Physician, was presented by the Chairman in a brief complimentary speech, and suitably acknowledged by the recipient.

The Committee then took into their consideration the petitions of 10 men and four widows, with the result that all were accepted, with the exception of one male deferred and one male rejected. The names of the approved candidates were accordingly ordered to be placed on the lists for the election in May, 1893, and the Committee adjourned, with the usual compliment to the Chairman.

The Duke and Duchess of Teck, accompanied by the Princess Victoria and Prince Adolphus of Teck, has been on a visit to the Duke and Duchess of Westminster at Eaton Hall. There has been some good covert shooting, and the Duke and his guests have taken part in sundry public functions in the neighbourhood.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS.

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.

The Great Western Railway Company issue tickets of all classes at the following City and West-end offices: 193 and 407, Oxford-street; 23, New Oxford-street; Holborn Circus; 29, Charing Cross; 17, Brompton-road; 5, Arthur-street East, London Bridge; 82, Queen Victoria-street; 269, Strand; 43 and 44, Crutched Friars; 26, Regent-street; 67, Gresham-street; 4, Cheapside; and the L.B. and S.C. Company's Booking Office (under Grand Hotel), Trafalgar-square. This arrangement cannot fail to be a boon to those travellers who desire to avoid the trouble of obtaining a ticket at a crowded railway station. The Booking Office at the Paddington Station will also be open for the issue of tickets the whole of each day during the week preceding Christmas Day. Ordinary tickets obtained in London between December 19th and 24th will be available for use on any day between and including those days. Cheap Third-class tickets at reduced fares will be issued from London to the Yeovil and Weymouth districts, to stations in the West of England, and to GUERNSEY and JERSEY. Similar tickets will also be issued from those districts to London (except the Channel Islands). In order to meet the extraordinary demands upon the Company's resources occasioned by the enormous parcels traffic, despatched both from and to London at Christmas, special fast trains, carrying parcels only, and calling at the principal intermediate stations, will run between London and Plymouth, Birkenhead, Worcester, and New Milford. On Saturday, December 24th the 1.15 and 5.0 p.m. trains from Paddington to Plymouth will be extended to Falmouth and Penzance; and the 6.20 p.m. train from Paddington to Bristol will run to Exeter. A special train will leave Paddington at 10.0 p.m. for New Milford, and will call at the same stations as the 9.15 p.m. ordinary train, and a special express to the West of England will depart at 11.50 (Midnight). The usual Sunday service of trains will be run on Christmas Day, but for the convenience of persons who are unable to leave town before the morning of Christmas Day, the 5.30 a.m. train from Paddington will run as on week days to Oxford, Bristol, Weston-super-Mare, Worcester, Banbury, Leamington, Birmingham, Dudley, and Wolverhampton.

LONDON AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY.

The London and North-Western Railway Company announce that the ticket offices at Euston, Broad-street, Kensington, and Willesden Junction will be open throughout the day, from Monday, December 19th, to Saturday, December 24th (Sunday excepted), so that passengers wishing to obtain tickets for any destination on the London and North-Western Railway can do so at any time of the day prior to the starting of the trains. The tickets will be dated to suit the convenience of passengers. Tickets for all the principal stations on the London and North-Western system and its connections can be obtained at any time (Sundays and Bank Holidays excepted) at the following Town Receiving Offices of the Company: 15, Queen-street, E.C.; Spread Eagle, 3, Whittington Avenue, Leadenhall Market, E.C.; Swan-with-Two-Necks, 65, Gresham-street, E.C.; 13, Eastcheap; Cross Keys, 1, Wood-street, Cheapside, E.C.; 22, Aldersgate-street, E.C.; 65, Aldgate, E.; 30, West Smithfield, E.C.; 8 and 9, Clerkenwell Green, E.C.; Bolt-in-Tun, 64, Fleet-street, E.C.; 116, Holborn, E.C.; George and Blue Boar, 285, High Holborn, W.C.; 43, New Oxford-street, W.C.; Universal Office, Spread Eagle, Piccadilly Circus, W.; 34, Parliament-street, Westminster; Golden Cross, Charing Cross, W.C.; Hotel Windsor, Victoria-street, S.W.; 231, Edgware-road, W.; Atlas Office, 167, Tottenham Court-road, W.C.; 70, St. Martin's-lane, W.C.; 3, James-street, Covent Garden, W.C.; Lion, 108, New Bond-street, W.; 496, Oxford-street, W.; Griffin's Green Man and Still, 241, Oxford-street, W.; 33, Hereford-road, Bayswater, W.; Knightsbridge, 34, Albert Gate, S.W.; Kensington, 33, High-street, W.; 117, High-street, Borough, S.E.; 233 and 234, Blackfriars-road, S.E.; Surrey Railway Office, 138, Newington-Causeway, S.E.; 194, Westminster Bridge-road, S.E.; Islington, "Angel," 5, Pentonville-road, N.; London Brighton and South Coast Company's Office, 8, Grand Hotel Buildings, Charing Cross; at Messrs Gaze and Son's Offices, 142, Strand, W.C.; 4, Northumberland-avenue, W.; and 18, Westbourne-grove, W.; and at the Army and Navy Co-operative Society's Stores, 105, Victoria-street, Westminster, S.W. The ordinary service of express and mail trains will be supplemented by additional express trains as named below: On Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24th, a special train will leave Willesden Junction at 2.45 p.m. for Bletchley, Wolverton, Northampton, Rugby, principal stations on the Trent Valley Line, and Stafford, in advance of the 2.45 p.m. ordinary train from London (Euston). The 4.30 p.m. Euston to Birmingham, will be divided, the first portion, which will run express to Coventry and Birmingham, will leave Euston at 4.25 p.m.; the second portion of the train will leave Euston at 4.30 p.m. as usual, and convey passengers for Northampton, Market Harborough, Wellingboro', Rugby, Coventry, Birmingham, Walsall, Dudley, and Wolverhampton. The 7.0 p.m. Euston to Birmingham, will be divided, the first portion, which will run express to Coventry and Birmingham, will leave Euston at 6.55 p.m.; the second portion of the train will leave Euston at 7.0 p.m., and convey passengers for Bletchley, Northampton, Rugby, Coventry, Birmingham, Dudley, Wolverhampton, and Walsall. The night Irish mail, due to leave Euston 8.20 p.m., will not leave until 9.5 p.m. Passengers for Birmingham, Liverpool, and Manchester, for Holyhead and Ireland, will leave at the usual hours, and will be taken forward to Holyhead in advance of the London train. The mail packet for Kingston will not leave Holyhead until the passengers from London are on board. The 12.0 night train from London (Euston), due at Warrington at 5.15 a.m. on Christmas Day, will be extended from Warrington to Carlisle, as on week days, and will, by special arrangement, take passengers for Kendal and Windermere. On Christmas Day the usual Sunday services of trains will be run. On Bank Holiday, Monday, December 26th, the express trains leaving London (Euston) at 12.0 noon and 4.0 p.m. will not be run, passengers will be conveyed by the 12.10 p.m. and 4.10 p.m. trains respectively. The 4.30 p.m. London (Euston) to

Birmingham and Wolverhampton will also be discontinued, and passengers will be conveyed by the 5.0 p.m. train, except those for Market Harborough, Melton Mowbray, Nottingham, the G.N. Line, Wellingboro', Thrapston, &c., who will travel by the 3.15 p.m. train from Euston. Numerous residential trains will not run, particulars of which can be ascertained on reference to the company's local notices. The up and down dining saloons between London, Liverpool, and Manchester will not be run on Bank Holiday, but those between London and Glasgow will be run as usual.

GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY.

The Great Northern Railway Company announce that on Fridays, December 23rd and 30th, cheap excursions will leave London (Victoria, L.C. and D., Moorgate, King's Cross, &c.), for Newcastle, Berwick, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Stirling, Perth, Dundee, Montrose, Aberdeen, and other stations in Scotland. Passengers by the excursion on 23rd return on Monday, 26th, or Saturday, 31st December, and those by the excursion on 30th December return on Wednesday, 4th, or on Friday, 6th January. Tickets at a single fare for the double journey will also be issued by these excursions to places named, available for return on any day within eight days, including days of issue and return. December 24th, additional trains will be run to meet the requirements of traffic. The 8.0 and 10.45 p.m. expresses from King's Cross will be run to York, Newcastle, Edinburgh, and other places as advertised in November time tables. The 8.0 p.m. express will be due in Edinburgh at 4.25 a.m., and the 10.40 p.m. express at 10.15 a.m. on December 25th. A special express will leave London (King's Cross) at 12.0 midnight on December 24th for Welwyn, Stevenage, Hitchin, Biggleswade, Sandy, St. Neots, Huntingdon, Peterboro', Spalding, Boston, Grimsby, Grantham, Lincoln, Nottingham, Newark, Retford, Doncaster, Wakefield, Leeds, Bradford, Halifax, Selby, York, Darlington, Newcastle, and Berwick. Christmas Day the trains will run as on Sundays. A special express, conveying parcels only, will leave London (King's Cross) at 9.55 p.m. on December 21st, 22nd, and 23rd, for Lynn, Norwich, Yarmouth, Nottingham, Melton Mowbray, Leicester, Derby, Burton, Lincoln, Sheffield, Manchester, Liverpool, Wakefield, Leeds, Bradford, Keighley, Halifax, York, Hull, Newcastle, and all places in the North of England and Scotland. To prevent inconvenience from crowding at the Company's principal terminal station, King's Cross, tickets, dated in advance, will be issued at King's Cross (G.N.R.), Victoria (L.C. and D.R.), Ludgate Hill, Moorgate, Aldersgate, Farringdon, and Finsbury Park Stations, and at the following ticket offices: 90, Tottenham Court-road; 285, Oxford-street; "Star" Office, 138, Victoria-street, Piccadilly, S.W.; 139 and 141, Brompton-road, S.W.; Albert Gate Office, 1, William-street, Lowndes Square, W.; 169, Edgware-road; Royal Oak Office, 6, Porchester-road, Westbourne Grove; Cambridge Circus, Shaftesbury Avenue; 328, Strand; "Bee Hive," Whitecross-street; 43 and 44, Crutched Friars; 80, Bishopsgate-street Without; Charles-street, Farringdon-street; 230, Essex-road, Islington; 264, High Holborn; 16, Fish-street Hill; 95, High-street, Boro'; 190A, Westminster Bridge-road; 44, Bread-street, Cannon-street; 1, Whittington Avenue, Leadenhall-street; 3, King Edward-street, Newgate-street; 22, Wood-street; 217, Old-street; 7, Beresford Square, South Woolwich; Royal Victoria and Albert Docks (G. N. Co.'s Offices); at the Offices of Messrs. Swan and Leach, 3, Charing Cross, and 32, Piccadilly Circus; at the Army and Navy Stores, 105, Victoria-street, S.W.; and of William Whiteley, 151, Queen's-road, Bayswater.

MIDLAND RAILWAY COMPANY.

The Midland Railway Company advertise that, to prevent inconvenience and crowding, the booking offices at St. Pancras and Moorgate-street Stations will be open for the issue of tickets all day on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, December 22nd, 23rd, and 24th, and tickets to all principal stations on the Midland Railway can be obtained beforehand at their offices, 455, West Strand; 267, Strand; 189, Victoria-street; 5, Charing Cross (corner of Northumberland-avenue); 10A, New Bond-street; 1, Shaftesbury-avenue, Piccadilly Circus; 38, Cranbourne-street; 101, High Holborn; 13, Park-side, Knightsbridge; Gloucester Office, 495, Oxford-street; 272, Regent's Circus, Oxford-street; 170, Queen's-road, Bayswater; 109, Tottenham Court-road; 9, Sloane-square; 33, Cannon-street; 13, Aldersgate-street; 10, Commercial-road; Four Swans, 36, Camomile-street; 122, Mare-street, Hackney; Cook's Tourist Offices: Ludgate Circus; 99, Gracechurch-street; 33, Piccadilly; 82, Oxford-street; at L. B. and S. Co.'s Offices, 28, Regent's Circus, Piccadilly, and 8, Grand Hotel Buildings, Trafalgar-square; and at "Red Cap," 6, Camden-road; "Empire" Office, 30, Silver-street, Notting Hill Gate; and Myer's Office, 1A, Pentonville-road. The tickets obtained at these offices will be available from St. Pancras Station, and will be issued at the same fares as charged at that station, and dated to suit the convenience of passengers. Cheap excursion trains will be run from London (St. Pancras) to Carlisle, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Dundee, Aberdeen, &c., and from principal provincial stations to Carlisle, Edinburgh, Glasgow, &c., on December 23rd, for three or eight days, and on December 30th for five or seven days, by which return tickets will be issued at a single fare for the double journey. The single fare tickets issued on December 23rd will be available for returning on any day up to and including December 31st, and single fare tickets taken on December 30th, will be available for returning any day up to and including January 6th, 1893. Cheap excursion tickets will be issued from London (St. Pancras), and principal provincial stations on Friday, December 23rd, to Belfast, Londonderry, and Portrush, via Barrow, available for 16 days, and on Saturday, December 24th, to Londonderry, via Morecambe, available for returning December 29th, or January 2nd or 5th. On Christmas Eve the pressure of traffic will be relieved by the running of duplicate trains from St. Pancras as circumstances may require.

The Marquis of Salisbury has granted to all his Staffordshire agricultural tenants a remission of 20 per cent. on the half-year's rent.



At 33, Golden Square, this (Friday) evening the installation of the old Rose Croix Chapter, the Invicta, will be held, when Ill. Bro. Henry Lovegrove, 30°, who has been for many years a member of the chapter, will be installed as M.W.S.

St. Anne's Lodge, East Loos, on Wednesday, the 7th inst., unanimously elected Bro. S. Trehane, W.M.; Bro. J. Crossman, Treasurer; and Bro. James Oliver, Tyler; and arranged to hold the installation meeting and banquet on January 4th.

The Duchess Dowager of Marlborough and Lady Randolph Churchill are residing at Branksome Dene, near Bournemouth, which has been placed at their disposal by Lord Wimborne. Lady Randolph is very much better, but at present she is unable to walk.

The Prince of Wales and the Duke of York attended divine service in St. George's Chapel, Windsor, on Tuesday afternoon, and afterwards visited Eton College, over which they were conducted by Dr. Warre, the Head Master.

M. B. Foster and Sons (Limited), have just received advice that their "Bugle Brand" ale and "Bugle Brand" stout, have each been awarded a gold medal at the Kimberley Exhibition, South Africa, they being the only British bottlers who have received this distinction.

The Duke of Cambridge presided at the annual dinner of the 4th Battalion Suffolk Regiment, which was held at the Grand Hotel on Saturday last. There was a large party of officers present, including Col. Viscount Downe and Col. FitzGeorge, in attendance on his Royal Highness.

The important position of District Surveyor of Shore ditch and Norton Folgate, which has been vacant through the resignation of Mr. Charles Fowler, has been conferred upon Bro. Henry Lovegrove, of 26, Budge Row, E.C., District Surveyor of South Islington, who retains his former appointment.

At Cambridge, Bro. H. F. Greef, S.W., has been elected W.M. of the Lodge of the Three Grand Principles, No. 441, and Bro. W. B. Redfern, S.W., has been elected W.M. of the Scientific Lodge, No. 88. In both cases the vote was unanimous. The installations will be on the first and second Mondays in January, respectively.

The returns of the Registrar-General of Births, Deaths, and Marriages show that the health of London remains good, notwithstanding the variable weather, the death rate per 1000 for last week being 17.7. We are glad also to learn that scarlet fever is decreasing, the number of fatal cases being very much below the average.

The Leeds Smithfield Club Cattle Show was opened on Tuesday by the Mayor, and to judge from the exhibits, it promises to be one of the best ever held. The number of entries is larger than it has ever been before, while among the exhibitors who have been successful in winning prizes are the Prince of Wales, Bro. the Marquis of Zetland, the Marquis of Londonderry, Bro. the Earl of Durham, Bro. the Earl of Lonsborough, and Sir J. C. Cowell.

The Wiltshire County Ball, which was held at Salisbury on Tuesday, proved a great success. The scene of the gathering was the County Hall, in which representatives of all the principal county families were assembled. Among those present were Bro. the Earl and Countess of Radnor and party from Longleat Castle, and the Earl and Countess of Pembroke's party from Wilton House, prominent among whom were Bro. Lord and Lady Skelmersdale. General regret was felt at the absence, through illness, of Viscount Folkestone, M.P., who is spending the winter at Algiers.

Wednesday being the anniversary of the death of Prince Consort, in 1861, and of the Princess Alice, Grand Duchess of Hesse and Darmstadt, the Queen and the members of the Royal Family in England attended a memorial service in the Royal Mausoleum, those present, including the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke of York, the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, the Duchess of Albany, and Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg. The service was of the usual character, and later in the day the members of the Queen's household were allowed to visit the mausoleum.

The annual supper of the Royal York Lodge of Instruction, held on Wednesday evening, the 7th inst., at the St. James's Restaurant, Brighton, under the presidency of Bro. A. Stanley Cooke, W.M. 315, P.G.O., was marked by the presentation of a gold bar and Past Master's jewel to Bro. J. Newbery, P.P.J.G.D. Berks, who has ably officiated as Preceptor to the lodge. In making the presentation the W.M. spoke of the flourishing condition of the lodge, and said he knew of no other that surpassed it in numerical strength. He acknowledged the efficiency and courtesy with which Bro. Newbery had discharged his duties, and expressed the pleasure it gave him to act for the brethren of the lodge in making the presentation. The gift was suitably acknowledged by Bro. Newbery.

A few copies of Bro. Alexander Graham's valuable "History of Freemasonry in the Province of Shropshire," with an interesting introduction by Bro. W. J. Hughan, are now for sale, the members of the province having been supplied with the number required. These the author has agreed to offer at half-a-guinea each, post free, so that Masonic libraries and Masonic students may become subscribers to the work, and thus secure copies of a volume, which it is anticipated will soon be at a premium. As the book extends to considerably over 200 pages, and is tastefully bound in cloth, the small sum fixed can scarcely cover the cost of production. It is undoubtedly one of the best histories ever written. Application for copies must be made to Bro. Alexander Graham, Dogpole Chambers, Shrewsbury.

A GOOD PLAN.—The Eleventh Annual Edition of Explanatory Book, sent free, gives valuable and reliable information how to operate successfully in Stocks and Shares and obtain handsome profits.—Address, Geo. Evans and Co., Stockbrokers, 11, Poultry, London, E.C.

Mr. H. Parry Gilbey, founder of the well-known firm of wine merchants, whose head-quarters are located at what used to be the Pantheon, Oxford-street, died very suddenly from a stroke of paralysis on Monday at the age of 68 years.

The Princess of Wales, accompanied by the Duke of York and the Princesses Victoria and Maud, left Sandringham for Marlborough House. In the evening the Prince and Princess and their son and two daughters left London for Windsor on a visit to the Queen.

LODGE LA FRANCE. In our last report of this lodge we spoke of Bro. E. St. Clair as being Vice-President of the Masonic Institutions. We should have said "Vice-Patron," as our worthy brother has qualified as such to all three Charities.

Sir Bernard Burke, Ulster King-of-Arms, compiler of the well-known Peerage which bears his name, and author of many works on heraldic, historical, and antiquarian subjects, died at Dublin Castle on Tuesday, in the 78th year of his age. He was appointed to the office in which he so greatly distinguished himself as far back as the year 1853.

The usual warrants for the issue of doe venison from the Royal Parks to the officials of the London Corporation have been made out and sent to the City Remembrancer. The Lord Mayor receives four does, the Sheriffs three each, and the Recorder, Town Clerk, Common Serjeant, Chamberlain, and Remembrancer one each.

"The Record Press," Limited, 376, Strand, London, W.C., will shortly issue, and simultaneously in the United States, "On Sledge and Horseback to Outcast Siberian Lepers," by Miss Kate Marsden, which promises to be one of the most interesting and graphic books of the season. It is dedicated, by special permission, to her Majesty the Queen, and is illustrated with original drawings, sketches, &c.

Bro. General Lord Roberts, V.C., Commander-in-Chief in India, completed 41 years of military service on Monday, having received his first commission as second lieutenant in the Bengal Artillery on the 12th December, 1851, when he was 19 years of age. His lordship has taken part in most of the wars in India which have taken place since then, and gained his Victoria Cross during the Mutiny campaigns.

Princess Christian and her daughter, the Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein, took part in a concert given at the St. Paul's Mission House, Walworth, on Monday, under the direction of the Vicar. The Princess, having played Herzogenberg's "Wreath" and Schumann's "Narsbaum," she and her daughter gave as a duet Rubenstein's "Wedding March" and D'Ouville's "Hunting Chorus," the applause with which the several pieces were received being very enthusiastic.

The Lodge of Hope, which celebrated the installation of its Worshipful Master on Monday, is not only the oldest lodge in this district, but it has with one exception the largest voting power for the Masonic Charities of any lodge in West Yorkshire. The lodge holds between 1100 and 1200 votes in perpetuity. It lost 143 votes through the late Ald. Thos. Hill. Next year the lodge centenary will be celebrated, and the occasion will naturally be signalled by great doings.—Bradford Weekly Telegraph, Dec. 10th.

The Queen has intimated her intention of presenting a donation of about £4000 to be utilised in some permanent form in connection with Victoria University. On Tuesday, Earl Spencer, is Chancellor, opened a new wing of University College, Liverpool, and at the banquet which followed Mr. Bryce conveyed a message from her Majesty, expressing her satisfaction with what had been achieved and her intention, as Duchess of Lancaster, of making the presentation as stated.

The distribution of prizes to the successful students connected with the City and Guilds of London Institute for the Advancement of Technical Education took place in Merchant Taylors' Hall, Threadneedle-street, on Monday evening, among those present on the platform being Lord Mayor Knill, Sir Ferdinand Bonnewell, Bro. Sir Frederick Abel, Mr. J. R. Diggle, Chairman of the London School Board, and Dr. William Anderson, Director of Ordnance Factories, who presided.

The fifth annual concert and ball in connection with the Everton Lodge, No. 823, was held on the 8th inst., in the Assembly Rooms, Hardman-street, Liverpool, in aid of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution. Bro. E. Kite, W.M., presided over a very considerable gathering, and the evening proved a great success. During the first part a musical programme was rendered by Madame Herbert, Miss Lilian Mercer, Bros. K. Brown, Redhead, C. Porter, and Smith, Mr. W. H. Atkinson, and Masters Barris and Lumb. Dancing followed the concert, the M.C. being Bro. H. M. Molyneux.

MASONIC WORK.—"History of the Old Lodge of Dumfries, now denominated Dumfries Kilwinning, No. 53." By James Smith, R.W.M. St. Michael's, Kilwinning, No. 63, &c. With an introduction on the ancient M.S. charges, the property of the lodge, by W. J. Hughan, Past Senior Grand Deacon, England, &c. (George Kenning, London). While the general public can scarcely be expected to take very great interest in the transactions of a local lodge, even though it be the oldest in the Southern district, and dates back—according to a not very well-established, it is true—to the year 1515, it may be assumed that the "brethren," not only in Nutsdale, but throughout the country, will be interested in what Mr. Smith has to record. They will find that he has been unwearied in his researches, and that he has put the results of them into a clear and valuable narrative. In an introduction Mr. Hughan gives an account of some old and, to Freemasons, interesting "charges" in the possession of the lodge.—Glasgow Herald.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—For the cure of debility, bile, liver, and stomach complaints. His inappreciable medicine is so well known in every part of the world, and the cures performed by its use are so wonderful, that it now stands pre-eminent above all other remedies, more particularly for the cure of bilious and liver complaints, disorders of the stomach, dropsy, and debilitated constitution. In these diseases the beneficial effects of the Pills are so permanent that the whole system is renewed, the organs of digestion strengthened, and a free respiration promoted. They expel from the secretory organs and the circulation the morbid matter which produces inflammation, pain, fever, debility, and physical decay: thus annihilating, by their purifying properties, the violence of the most painful and devastating disease.

Bro. Francis H. Scroggie sends us the following: "If the Rev. Bro. Smithson, apply to any regular lodges, or lodges of instruction for relief, it is requested before so doing they communicate with the Secretary, Ivy Lodge of Instruction, Railway Hotel, Battersea Rise, S.W."

Princess Victoria Mary of Teck has consented to become Patroness of the Macready Seaside Holiday Institute at Hastings, which will be opened expressly for the members of the Theatrical Mission, Covent Garden, at the commencement of the new year.

On Wednesday, the 21st inst., Bro. Chas. Sellers, Panmure Lodge of Instruction, will deliver a lecture at the Balham Hotel, at 7.30, upon the ancient origin of Freemasonry. The Secretary desires us to intimate that the lodge will do its best to accommodate any brother who would make it his pleasure to attend on that evening.

Bro. the Earl of Radnor was installed on Wednesday, at Salisbury, as Provincial Grand Master of Mark Masons for Wiltshire. The ceremonies, which included the consecration of a new Mark lodge for Salisbury, were performed by the Earl of Euston, Deputy Grand Master, assisted by Bros. Col. A. B. Cook, Prov. G.M. Middlesex; Frank Richardson, G. Registrar; and C. F. Matier, G. Secretary.

By command of the Queen, several of Normann's Norwegian Fjord paintings were sent to Windsor Castle this week for her Majesty's inspection. Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise has bought "A Summer Evening at Lofoten," by the same artist. Her Majesty has been pleased to purchase two water-colour figure studies by Alice Maud Langford, Queen's Scholar of the Royal Female School of Art for this year.

There was a large attendance of brethren at the meeting of St. Kew Lodge, No. 1222, Weston-super-Mare, on Tuesday evening, the 6th inst. The S.W., Bro. J. P. Capell, was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and his installation will take place in January. Bro. H. B. Ifarington, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. C. Cornelius re-appointed Tyler. A Committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements for giving the Old Folks' Treat on Friday, the 30th instant. The retiring W.M. is Bro. Sebastian J. Sellick.

We have received the following, which may be of use to some of our readers who hear "strange noises"—"40, Adolphus-street, Deptford, S.E., Kent. To landlords, house agents, and those whom it may concern. Walter F. Brooke (of Maskelyne and Cooke's entertainment, London) will be pleased to investigate and report upon any reputed haunted house, ascertaining the cause of, and putting a stop to, all seemingly unaccountable shrieks, cries, groans, spirit-rappings, &c., at the shortest notice. Several so-called ghosts (caught in the act) for sale from 3d. upwards. All communications treated with utmost secrecy; address as above."

The following is a list of the engagements for the Christmas Holidays at the Tivoli, Strand, which is certainly a brilliant programme—Mr. Albert Chevalier, Miss Bessie Bellwood, Mr. James Fawn, Miss Alma Stanley, Mr. Howard Reynolds, Miss Ada Lundberg, Mr. F. H. Celi, Miss Marie Leyton, Mr. Dutch Daly, Miss Minnie Cunningham, Mr. G. W. Kenway, The Sisters Lilley, Carl Hertz, Mr. Chas. Godfrey, Miss Kate James, The Two Macs, Miss Marie Collins, Brown, Newland, and Leclercq, Miss Jenny Valmore, Mr. G. W. Hunter, Miss Marie Le Blanc, Mr. Sam Redfern, Miss Flo Hastings, Lieutenant Cole, The Brothers Horn, Western and Martyn, and Auguste Van Biene, the celebrated violinist.

A Captain Goade, of the Belgian Army, was recently walking over the ground on which the battle of Fontenoy was fought in 1745, when he espied a seal, on which was engraved an effigy of the Duke of Cumberland. The Captain had the relic cleaned and forwarded it to the Belgian Consul-General in London for the purpose of presentation to the Queen. Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to accept the relic which has thus been found after having been hidden in the ground for little short of 150 years. The seal was picked up between Fontenoy and Ramecroix, where the French and English guards encountered each other during the battle.

Speaking after a dinner given at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, to celebrate the consecration of the Shurmur Royal Arch Chapter, Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg., thanked the large body of friends for the kind feeling they had extended to him and his family in the almost unprecedented calamity which had fallen on them in the attack made on his daughter at Bickley on August 3rd. He added that it had been mentioned to him that there had been no accounts in the newspapers lately about his child. He was sorry he could not say as much as he would wish to say; but although, under the blessing of Providence, his daughter's intellect was left absolutely untouched, the power of speech had, unfortunately, been affected. The family, however, had great hopes that, in the course of a day or two, when the pressure upon the brain was removed, there would be complete restoration.

MANCHESTER MASONIC CYCLING CLUB.—The above club which was formed in April last to bring together brethren of the Craft who are also brethren of the wheel, held a social at their headquarters, the Balmoral Restaurant, Deansgate, Manchester, on Wednesday, the 7th inst., when a number of the members and Masonic brethren spent a very enjoyable evening. Bro. H. C. R. Goldman ably filled the chair, and the principal item on the programme was a nine-light lantern show given by Bros. R. J. H. Sayers and S. Diggle, the subjects being the prize slides of cycling subjects kindly lent by the Editor of Photography, and number of views taken by the members when touring and yachting on the Norfolk broads. The following brethren contributed to the harmony of the meeting: Bros. R. Wainwright, W. H. Moss, H. C. R. Goldman, A. E. Grey, W. Garside, S. Boswell, T. Hammett, and others. The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bro. G. A. Myers, P.M. 1730.

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