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THE APPROACHING FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

With the commencement of the new year, we find ourselves once again confronted with the approach of the Festival which is annually held in behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and the question which is—and for many weeks past has been—exercising the minds of all who are interested in the welfare of this most important Charity is—Will the result be at all commensurate with its requirements? Of course, after the tremendous efforts that were made last year in order to insure the success of the Jubilee, and the splendid total of donations and subscriptions which resulted from those efforts, we cannot in reason expect that anything like an average return will be obtained. If we look to what London did in February, 1892, we find that a very large majority of its lodges confederated together and raised £31,650, a sum which, in itself, is more than twice the total of a highly successful Festival; while, if we give our attention to what the Provinces accomplished during the same month, we find the total of their contributions reached £37,350, or a few hundreds more than was obtained at the two exceptionally productive Festivals held in 1885, under the presidency of Bro. Sir M. E. HICKS-BEACH, Bart., M.P., and the year of the Queen's Jubilee (1887), under that of Bro. W. W. B. BEACH, M.P. Of these 46 Provinces only one was an absentee, while of those which took part in the celebration, there were only some half-dozen which contributed less than £100, the smallness of the amount being in nearly every instance, either easy of explanation or requiring none. The bulk gave £500, £1000, £2000, or even more, where in ordinary years their Returns were on a far more limited scale. Therefore, whether we look to London, from which a total of some few thousands of pounds is invariably forthcoming, or to the Provinces, which exerted themselves so nobly, we are face to face with this difficulty, that everybody contributed so much to the Jubilee that, having regard to the claims of the Schools, there remains little or nothing to be contributed at the gathering which will be held next month in aid of our Benevolent Institution. But the year's expenditure must be met. There are 430 annuitants on the establishment, among whom the Charity stands committed to distribute about £15,300 annually and in addition there are between 20 and 30 widows, to whom are paid for a limited number of years, the half of their late husbands' annuities, and for whom a further £500 must be found. Lastly, there are the expenses of management and the maintenance of the Asylum at Croydon, which together absorb a further £2500. Thus the total required for the year is in excess of £18,000, towards which there is now a permanent income of about £5500, of which Grand Lodge contributes £1600 and Grand Chapter £150, the balance consisting of the dividends payable annually in respect of the invested capital. Thus there is a deficit, which must be made good annually, amounting to about £12,500, and the point which so nearly concerns us now is whether there is any likelihood of so large an amount, or a substantial proportion of so large an amount, being raised at the Festival, which will be celebrated in Freemasons' Tavern, on Wednesday, the 22nd February. We are afraid the out-look is the very reverse of encouraging. Up to the present moment, the efforts of Bro. TERRY to obtain the services of some distinguished brother as Chairman have proved unavailing. It is only natural that a Prov. G. Master should hesitate about accepting what is in fact a very great responsibility, when he knows how great an inroad was made last year on the spare resources at the disposal of the lodges and brethren under his charge, while it is equally natural that the members of a Province—as far as they have any voice in such a matter—should prefer that their chief should undertake such a responsibility when they know they are in a position to give him effective support. Of course, there are many other distinguished brethren, either Present or Past Grand Officers, to whom a Committee of Management and its Secretary are justified in looking for help in such discouraging circumstances, nor, as a rule, do they look in vain. There have been several Festivals of late years at which the chair has been taken by a Grand Warden or a Grand Treasurer; but on these occasions there has been a sort of tacit understanding, or, at all events, a well-founded hope, that some special effort would be made to compensate for the absence of a "Chairman's Province." But where can we look for such a Chairman now, and on what foundation establish such a hope, when London is in the same plight as the Provinces? However, Bro. TERRY is not the man to despair of ultimately accomplishing his purpose, and it may be that at the very last moment he will find one who is ready to undertake the rôle, which last year's brilliant success has rendered it so difficult to fill.

The efforts of a Chairman, however, are not likely to be successful, even under the most favourable conditions, unless he has a strong Board of Stewards

to support his advocacy. But the circumstances which have rendered it so difficult for Bro. TERRY to secure a Chairman have had a similarly unfavourable effect on his efforts to enlist the services of brethren as Stewards. Brethren prefer undertaking this office when there is a fair chance of their obtaining something like substantial lists of donations and subscriptions, but their prospects in this respect are not particularly encouraging, especially as the Stewards for the School Festivals are already on the look-out to raise all the guineas they can lay their hands upon, in order to compensate the Institutions for which they are working for the comparative smallness and paucity of the contributions which they received in 1892. Hence it is that within six weeks of the day fixed for the celebration, Bro. TERRY finds himself with a Board composed only of some 125 brethren. Here again, therefore, the outlook is the reverse of encouraging, and we trust that in the brief interval that remains we shall hear of many more brethren volunteering for this duty.

There is, perhaps, one other consideration which must not be lost sight of. We are desirous of seeing a Return next month which will approximate somewhat towards the Returns it has been our duty to report in ordinary years, not merely because it is desirable there should be as nearly as possible an equilibrium between the income and expenditure of the Institution during this as during every other year, but because the list of applicants for admission to the benefits of the Charity seems well nigh interminable. Notwithstanding the formidable number of fresh annuities, especially on the Widows' Fund, which have been created during recent years, the result of Wednesday's meeting of the Committee of Management shows that the list of approved candidates for the election in May next contain no less than 118 names, of whom 61 are men and 57 widows. Of these 28 men and 38 widows remain from last year's election, the remaining 33 men and 19 widows having sent in their petitions and been accepted since the corresponding period of 1892. But since the annual meeting in May last, the Secretary has reported 21 deaths, namely, 12 men and 9 widows, and three men and three widows have in the ordinary course of things been told off to fill as many vacancies. Therefore, so far as our present knowledge goes, there are only 9 vacancies on the Male Fund and 6 on the Widows' Fund, exclusive of the three deferred annuities in each case, available for competition among the approved candidates. No doubt other vacancies will occur between now and the general meeting in May next; but in any circumstances the number of competitors will be hugely in excess of the number of annuities which will be competed for, and then we shall find ourselves gradually reverting to the difficulties of a few years since—difficulties which have been only very slightly reduced by the amendment of the Regulations relating to candidates which took place in 1890. However, let us hope for the best—that the Chairman will be forthcoming, that the Board of Stewards will be stronger than it is at present, and that after all, the proceeds of the Festival will not compare so unfavourably with those of ordinary years.

THE GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

Bro. G. W. Speth has contributed the following article to the *Rough Ashlar*, which is published in Richmond, U.S.A. It is mainly intended for our American brethren, but we venture to think, as we stated last week, that much of it will be found interesting, if not altogether new, to our English readers:—

You have done me the honour to ask me to describe for the readers of your excellent paper a meeting of the Grand Lodge of England. Seeing how differently our Grand Lodge is constituted from those of the U.S.A., I have thought it well to exceed my instructions, and include within the scope of this letter a description of our Constitution and modes of procedure. You will find much probably which may appear to you defective and open to amendment; but it will be well to remember that circumstances alter cases, and that an organisation which would be highly suited to your country and surroundings might be very undesirable in ours, and *vice versa*. I shall, therefore, avoid instituting any comparisons, and merely do my best to inform my brethren on your side of the actual facts as they apply to our own Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge is made up as follows—

1. *Lodge Representatives*. I place these first and foremost, as constituting the basis and foundation of the whole structure, from whom all right and power, majesty, and strength ultimately derive their origin. They are the Master and Wardens of each lodge throughout the jurisdiction. These may be said to form part of Grand Lodge *ex-officiis*, and cannot depute their powers; if they do not attend the meetings their lodge remains unrepresented. But they are in no sense delegates; it is not competent for a lodge to instruct its Master how to vote on any occasion, he exercises his own judgment, as do his Wardens, and they may possibly vote different ways.

2. *Past Masters.* These attend Grand Lodge in virtue of their rank as "Rulers in the Craft." They represent themselves only, or rather we might say that they represent the ripened wisdom of experience. A Master during his year of office attends as a representative of his lodge; for the rest of his life he attends as a Past Master, provided he continue a subscribing member of an English lodge. Failure to subscribe to a lodge for one year forfeits his right to sit in Grand Lodge, but not his rank as a Past Master. Were all Past Masters to attend, Grand Lodge would, of course, become unmanageable in numbers. But this is far from being the case, and the constant attendance of many of them supplies a continuity of policy which might otherwise be wanting, and a very welcome experience.

3. *The Grand Stewards.* There are 18 lodges, each of which has the privilege of nominating one of its members to serve the office of Grand Steward for the year. Grand Stewards are permitted to edge their aprons with crimson, and wear collars of the same colour; thereby differing from the sky-blue of the Craftsmen in general or the royal blue of the Grand Officers. The office is much sought after, although it entails a good deal of expense, the Grand Stewards being the organisers practically of all Grand Lodge Festivals, and having to make good out of their pockets any deficiency in the receipts as compared with the expenses. As Grand Stewards of the year they are officers of Grand Lodge, but as Past Grand Stewards they are not Past Grand Officers, and even cease to possess the privilege of attending Grand Lodge, unless they are entitled to do so by virtue of some other qualification. They continue, however, to wear the red apron, and the 18 privileged lodges are thence called red-apron lodges. The Stewards, Past and Present, also have a special lodge of their own, the Grand Stewards' Lodge, which is placed at the head of all the lodges, without a number. It is of course purely a social lodge, the very nature of its constitution precluding the possibility of the ordinary work of Masonry.

4. *The Grand Officers.* These may be sub-divided into the elective and the appointed. The elected are only two, the Grand Master and the Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Master is nominated at the Quarterly Communication in December and elected in March. He is installed at the Grand Festival in April. This nomination and election occur every year, although the Grand Master is usually re-elected from year to year until he sees fit to resign. There would appear to be no prescribed qualification in our present constitution, and for all that is laid down he might be an Entered Apprentice; but in our first Book of Constitutions it was provided that he must be of the highest rank then acknowledged, *i.e.*, a Fellow Craft, or what we should now call a Master Mason. His prerogatives are practically confined to granting warrants for new lodges and appointing his officers; he has no right to decide points of law, even provisionally; neither can he make Masons at sight, or dispense with any single form or ceremony. His powers of dispensation do not go beyond certain limits defined in our statutes; such as govern the age of a candidate, the wearing of Masonic clothing, and matters of etiquette. His powers are as strictly limited by law and usage as those of the Monarch of the Realm, to which they are very analogous.

The Grand Treasurer is nominated, elected, and invested in the same way and on the same dates as the W.M. His duties are now purely nominal, but formerly, when the Grand Treasurer was a member of the banking firm with whom the Grand Lodge kept its accounts, he used to be similarly re-elected for quite a series of years. A few years ago, however, when the practice last described came to an end, a party arose in Grand Lodge which maintained that as the collar of Grand Treasurer was the only one practically in the gift of the Craft, the power of conferring it should be exercised every year. The consequence is that since 1883 we have had a succession of Grand Treasurers. The theory above enunciated is unassailable; but the practice has led, as was foreseen, to lobbying, log-rolling, wire-pulling, canvassing, &c., and it may be doubted whether the selection has always been justified by Masonic service; so that the new departure is viewed with anything but delight by the large majority of the Brotherhood, who are, however, powerless to revert to the old custom of getting a good man and keeping him. So we rejoice that the elective process can only be applied to one Grand Officer, and the experience we have gained will act as a strong deterrent should it ever be proposed to extend the system of election.

The other Officers of Grand Lodge are all appointed at the Grand Festival by the Grand Master. They rank as follows, always remembering that the past officers of any denomination take precedence immediately after the actual holders of the office: the Pro Grand Master (only appointed if the Grand Master be a Prince of the Blood), the Deputy Grand Master, two Grand Wardens, two Grand Chaplains, Grand Treasurer (elected), Grand Registrar, President of the Board of General Purposes, Grand Secretary, Grand Secretary for German Correspondence, President of the Board of Benevolence, four Grand Deacons, Grand Superintendent of Works, Grand Director of Ceremonies, Deputy ditto, Assistant ditto, Grand Sword Bearer, two Grand Standard Bearers, Grand Organist, Assistant Grand Secretary, Grand Pursuivant, Assistant ditto, and Grand Tyler. The majority of these officers have no duties to perform outside the actual meetings of Grand Lodge, and hold office simply for the year. A slight exception may be instanced in the Assistant Grand Pursuivant, who usually succeeds the Grand Pursuivant in the following year. The Pro and Deputy Grand Masters are generally permanent officers, and the Grand Registrar also holds his post for a series of years. He is the legal adviser of Grand Lodge, usually a distinguished Q.C. He explains to the brethren assembled the bearings of the case in all appeals, and moves that Grand Lodge take a certain course of action thereupon. In cases of doubt his opinion may be asked and given, but can only be held as a guide until the opinion of Grand Lodge is taken, when it may be approved or reversed. Of itself it has no binding force whatever, but to the credit of the holders of the office of Grand Registrar it is very seldom that their decisions are seriously impugned. The Grand Secretary is, of course, a permanent officer, as is also the Grand Tyler. The Grand Secretary's salary has recently been raised to £1000 per annum. The Presidents of the Boards of General Purposes and Benevolence also holds their appointments for a succession of years, but it is only lately that they have been granted the rank and precedence of Grand Officers. The Grand Superintendent of Works is usually an architect. The Grand Director of Ceremonies holds his position permanently, *i.e.*, is re-appointed every year; his deputies change yearly. The Assistant Grand Secretary has always been the head clerk in the office of the Grand Secretary, though the appointment is not made as a matter of course, but only after long service rendered as the chief of the Secretarial staff.

There does not seem to be the least limit to the discretion of the Grand Master in his choice of Grand Officers; the initiate of yesterday is equally eligible with the veteran Past Master. That under these circumstances

some brethren attain to high rank early, whose merits and claims are no very obvious to the generality of the Craft, cannot be denied; but on the whole we feel that there is not very much to complain of, and what little there is, is not to be compared to the evils which would inevitably attend the only alternative, *viz.*, popular election.

5. *The Past Grand Officers.* These are the last constituents of Grand Lodge. They sit in that assembly in virtue of their Past rank. As already explained, the Past Grand Stewards are not Past Grand Officers as such. The Book of Constitutions does not appear to provide any continuous qualification for the Past Grand Officer as it does for the Past Master. A Past Grand Officer might cease to subscribe to any lodge to-morrow, and yet, so far as is provided for, he would remain a Past Grand Officer, and retain his seat and vote in Grand Lodge to the end of his life.

American brothers have often expressed to me their surprise that four short sittings of about two hours each every year should enable Grand Lodge to get through the enormous amount of work which upwards of 2000 lodges in every part of the world must entail. This is in great measure due to the various Boards which prepare all the work beforehand, and send it up in the shape of reports; and in a lesser degree to the nature of Englishmen, who rather shun public speaking than otherwise, so that unless there be really something to object to in the reports, they are taken as read (having been previously printed and distributed), formally moved, and adopted without any unnecessary talking. The Boards of Grand Lodge will therefore claim our next attention. They are:

1. *The Board of General Purposes*, consisting of the Grand Master, his Deputies, the Grand Wardens of the year, a President, and 24 members. The President and 10 of these members are appointed annually in June by the Grand Master, and the remaining 14 are elected on the same day by Grand Lodge. They must be Masters or Past Masters; the names of all nominated are printed on slips and distributed, ticked off during the sitting, collected by the scrutineers, and the result announced. The election gives rise to very little canvassing, and is easily carried out. The duties of the Board are very multifarious. It meets once a month, and oftener if necessary. It has power to inspect the books of both Grand Lodge and private lodges; has the care of the buildings and property of Grand Lodge; directs all important correspondence; oversees the finances of Grand Lodge; and prepares the accounts for audit; adjudicates on Masonic complaints of lodges or individuals, either of whom it may suspend, subject to appeal, but not erase or expel, which it can only advise Grand Lodge to do in a report on the matter; and generally has to take cognisance of all matters relating to the Craft.

2. *The Colonial Board* is a Board of General Purposes in miniature, entrusted with like duties in all matters concerning the lodges in the Colonies. It consists of 10 Masters or Past Masters, seven of whom are elected by Grand Lodge (as before described), and three appointed by the Grand Master, who also appoints from the Board so constituted the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

3. *The Board of Benevolence.* This consists of a President, who is appointed by the Grand Master; of two Vice-Presidents, who are elected by Grand Lodge; of all the Present and Past Grand Officers; all actual Masters of lodges; and 12 Past Masters, who are elected by Grand Lodge in December. A Master unable to attend may be replaced by a Past Master of the same lodge. The Board meets once a month, and does some very hard work, its sittings often lasting four or five hours. It grants relief to brothers of our own and every recognised jurisdiction, certain formalities having been fulfilled. This relief is understood to be only temporary, and for purposes of emergency, and every case is thoroughly gone into. There often are as many as 50 on the agenda paper. The sums granted vary from £5 to £200. Any sum up to £20, if granted, is paid at once or the next day; if £40 is granted, the grant must be submitted to the Grand Master and approved by him; anything over this must be laid before Grand Lodge. A grant of £50 thus approved by Grand Lodge is payable at once; over this sum, it has to be confirmed at next Communication. The Board of Benevolence usually disburses some £12,000 in this way yearly.

4. *The General Committee.* It consists of the President of the Board of Benevolence, the Present and Past Grand Officers, and the Master of every lodge, and it meets a fortnight before the Quarterly Communications. If a Master be unable to attend, a Past Master of the same lodge may take his place. This Committee draws up the agenda paper; all reports from the different Boards are sent into it; all notices of motion for the next Communication must be submitted to it; it may decide that any such notice is scandalous or irregular, but must report the same to Grand Lodge; all nominations for the various Boards must be handed to this Committee. In one word it gathers up all the business of the past three months, and prepares it for Grand Lodge to take action upon. The agenda paper is then sent with a summons to attend Grand Lodge to every lodge in the jurisdiction, and thus every brother comes to the meeting knowing full well what there will be to do, and ready to cast his vote without wasting time in useless talk. Occasionally, of course, there will be amendments moved in Grand Lodge, and then a little discussion may take place; but it is usually confined to few speakers, and it is seldom that any brother rises to continue the debate unless he really have something to say which has not been said before. Loquacity is decidedly discouraged by us, and oratory is at a discount; we prefer to just have the question explained and vote and have done with it. I have often thought that our members of Parliament might take a very useful lesson from the procedure in our Grand Lodge. Thus it is that by means of our Committees, and thanks to the practical nature of us which dislikes talk for talk's sake, we get through such an amount of Masonic business in so short a time.

Grand Lodge meets four times a year, in its own premises in Great Queen-street, London. Freemasons' Hall is a large, handsome building, substantially built, practical, and comfortable in all its details, but not possessing any extraordinary architectural merit, or even very lavishly decorated; the large hall used as a temple being the only apartment approaching magnificence. Entering from the street we find ourselves in a roomy, square entrance-hall, occupied by a porter in livery, and furnished with his chair, a table, and a large fireplace, in which, during cold weather, a regular English fire blazes cheerily. The porter's memory for faces must be phenomenal, as he seems to be able to recognise instantly every brother who passes in and out. Beyond him are swing doors opening on a long passage, to right of which are the Grand Secretary's offices, the Library, and the offices of the various Benevolent Institutions. At the end is a large Board room, where the several Committees of Grand Lodge meet and transact their business. All are solidly and comfortably furnished and decorated, but not lavishly. Returning to the entrance-hall, we

notice a glass case, filled with medals, old jewels, old decorated aprons, and other such curiosities. It is a small collection considering what it might be if attention had been given to this department earlier; but it contains some very choice exhibits, and will doubtless grow in time. We are now face to face with the Grand Staircase, comparatively plain, but of handsome proportions and material. It leads to two passages, one above the other, the doors in which admit us to suits of apartments used for lodge and chapter purposes. The decoration in all these is once more rather severe than otherwise, but they are comfortably furnished and well lighted with electricity. On the first floor we descended to the left down a few steps leading off the passage and find ourselves in the porchway or entrance to the temple. On Grand Lodge nights no private lodges are allowed to meet at the Hall, so that the whole premises are available.

I will now ask your readers to accompany me in spirit to the Hall on a Quarterly Communication night. As Grand Lodge is called for seven o'clock, and as punctuality is a great virtue, while there is much for us to do, we will follow the instructions of the Grand Secretary, and arrive about six p.m. We will also take care to don the conventional evening dress, and put a pair of white kid gloves in our pockets. Passing the porter unchallenged save by a nod of recognition for most of us, we mount the Grand Staircase as far as the first floor, and are confronted by a moveable sign-post, directing Grand Officers to the left, and others to the right. As we belong to the "others," we turn down the passage to the right, pass the entrance to the Temple, which is on our left, and at the end of the passage, last door to the right, find the tiring-room for the plain "sky-blue." It is a large room, with shelves and partitions all round to place coats and hats upon. This we do, and clothing ourselves in our aprons and collars, pass through to the next apartment, at the open doorway being confronted by a Pursuivant who scrutinizes us rapidly, but inoffensively, to assure himself that not only are we properly clothed, but innocent of jewels referring to Degrees unrecognised by the Craft. Properly clothed means that our collar must be that of a Warden, Worshipful Master, or Past Master, thus showing at a glance our presumed right to attend Grand Lodge. We shall see many brethren in dark blue aprons and collars, indicating that they are Provincial Grand Officers, though *as such* they have no right to attend Grand Lodge. A Provincial Grand Officer may wear his provincial regalia, but has no rank or precedence out of his own province. We shall see him therefore place, over his purple collar, the light blue collar of a Past Master, or lodge Warden if he happen to be one, and then only will he be allowed to pass the Pursuivant. We now find ourselves in a still larger room, with tables all round provided with sheets of paper and pens and ink. Behind these tables stand more Pursuivants and brothers appointed to assist them. Proceeding to one of these sheets of paper, with a friendly nod to the Pursuivant, if we happen to know him, but nothing more, because he has not time to talk except on business, we will sign our name, the number of our lodge, and our qualifying rank. If we are known, the Pursuivant then hands us a bone ticket, to admit us to Grand Lodge; if not, he compares our signature with the one registered in the books of Grand Lodge, which are there for inspection, and if satisfied, gives us the voucher. We are now through all our trials, and proceed to put on our gloves. We shall be sure to see many friends standing about the room, and it may suit us to have a few minutes chat with them, but not for long; first, because we must make room for others; secondly, because we are rather anxious to secure good seats in the temple. So in small parties of friends we leave the room by another door and once more find ourselves at the end of the long passage. Retracing our steps along this we descend the few stairs, now on our right, to the porch, and greet the Grand Tyler and his assistants. Tendering our "bone," we are allowed to enter the Temple, and are at the same time supplied with printed lists of nominations, if there are any elections to take place, or such other papers as may be necessary.

Now let us pause awhile and survey the scene. We are in a hall of ample and harmonious proportions, tastefully decorated and gilded, and in the niches all round the walls are life-size portraits of former Grand Masters and other distinguished Masons. Stretching along before us in the centre of the hall is a handsome carpet woven with the arms of the Freemasons in colours. This leads the eye straight to the dais at the east end, raised about a foot or so from the floor. In the centre front of this is the gilded throne of the Grand Master (if he is not presiding in person, a somewhat less handsome one is substituted), and on either hand the seats of the Pro and Deputy and Past Grand Masters. To our left, on the dais, we observe the seat and table of the Grand Secretary, and to the right the organ. Possibly the organ is playing, for as there is some time to wait, the Grand Organist, if he be a thoughtful brother, either comes early himself, or provides a substitute, and discourses sweet harmony to help the brethren pass the time. The dais is covered with blue velvet chairs for the Grand Officers, Present and Past; but as yet they are empty.

Standing as we are at the door, we perceive on our left hand, close by the entrance, and just clear of the gang-way, the chair and pedestal of the Grand Senior Warden, and in the middle distance, just to the right of the strip of carpet, those of the G. Junior Warden. To the left and right of the carpet rise, tier above tier, the light blue velvet benches for the accommodation of the unofficial members of Grand Lodge, the slope being sufficient to insure to everyone a good view of all the proceedings. For the purpose of seeing and being seen, there is no one place better than the other, but it is slightly more comfortable to secure a seat near one of the side gangways at the corner of a bench; and the hall being a large one, the nearer the dais, the less it becomes necessary to strain one's hearing. Hence many brethren like to arrive early. The first row of benches on either side of the gangway is reserved for Present and Past Grand Stewards, and we may observe that many are already in their places or talking to their friends. All the other seats are free to the first comer, so we will quietly choose such as appear to us to be desirable and sit down and await the arrival of the Grand Master and his officers.

Meanwhile the Grand Officers have been assembling and clothing elsewhere, in one of those rooms which we passed on our left hand at the top of the stairs. They also sign attendance-sheets, of which two sets are provided. There is also, I believe, a club called the Grand Officers' Mess, and it is reported that many of the Grand Officers meet at five o'clock and dine together before coming into Grand Lodge. When they do come, there is certainly a happy contented air about them, which would seem to justify the rumour. But you and I, my dear brother, are not yet Grand Officers, however much we may imagine that we deserve that honour, to which no doubt we shall arrive when our salient merits have forced themselves upon the observant eye of our Grand Master; so we will not attempt to pry into these mysteries, but content ourselves with the knowledge that the Grand Officers do somehow assemble, are always in a good humour, and get them-

selves by some means formed into a very solemn and dignified procession, which enters Grand Lodge to the strains of a march on the organ, and is seldom five minutes after time. So, as a stentorian voice has just been heard from the portals bidding us stand to order, we will rise and observe this procession as it enters.

First appear the Grand Stewards of the year, two and two, and behind them the other Grand Officers in their order of precedence, juniors first. Last of all comes the Grand Master or his substitute for the occasion. As soon as the foremost Grand Stewards have reached the dais, they open out and face inward and allow the rest of the procession to pass between their lines, each officer mounting the dais and taking his place. As they pass their own chairs, the Grand Wardens fall out and occupy them, and finally everybody being in place, the Grand Master sits down, and we all follow his example. The organ subsides, the doors are closed, and the Grand Master immediately rises and opens Grand Lodge with the ancient formula and customs. After which we all sit down again and prepare ourselves for business.

We need not listen to the Grand Secretary reading the minutes of the last communication; they have all been printed, and a report sent to every Worshipful Master, and therefore we know all about them. So we have once more time to take a view of the effect of the complete Grand Lodge. It is a really imposing picture which meets our eye. The large, handsome, well-lighted, tastefully decorated room; the fine portraits which look down at us from the wall; the compact mass of dark-blue and gold clothing on the dais in the east; the broad stripe of crimson carpet all down the centre; the double line of crimson clothing of the Grand Stewards who occupy the front benches; and behind them, tier upon tier, the light blue of the Craft. It will thus be seen that the colours are arranged in masses, and very effectively too. The *coup d'œil* to be obtained from the little gallery at the west end is really fine. But the minutes have been read, put and confirmed, and there is a rustle as we all look to our agenda papers to see what is the next business. Possibly it is a motion made on behalf of the Grand Master by the occupant of the Throne; as when lately H.R.H. moved through the Earl of Lathom, Pro Grand Master, that 300 guineas be voted to alleviate the distress caused by the fire at St. Johns, Newfoundland. All notices of motion emanating from the Grand Master have precedence of other business. Such a matter as this I have just mentioned is usually gracefully moved by the Grand Master in the chair, seconded in a very few words, and carried without debate, unanimously. Such is the fine tact of the Prince of Wales, that rarely indeed does he allow his name to be coupled with a motion which does not immediately meet with unanimous approval.

The report of the Board of Benevolence is then read. This is usually done by the President himself, Bro. Robert Grey, a general favourite with the Craft. It contains probably recommendations to Grand Lodge for several grants ranging from £50 to perhaps £150 or £200. It is seconded by some other member of the Board, but at this stage without comment. Perhaps it is passed and approved without remark made, but perhaps some brother rises to enquire what were the reasons which induced the Board to make so large a grant to Bro. Dash as £200, and to utter a word of warning against too generous a dispensing of the funds of Grand Lodge. The explanations asked for are then at once given, the enquirer expresses himself satisfied, or even, for such things have been known, moves the non-confirmation of this particular grant; and the question is put. It is not within my recollection that a grant recommended by the Board has ever been refused by the Grand Lodge; but the Board is confronted with so many pitiable cases that it is liable to exceed its current income and draw upon its reserve capital, and these little incidents are usually mild protests against too easily yielding to appeals which we all acknowledge are difficult to resist.

Then comes the report of the Board of General Purposes, which, being printed on the agenda paper is taken as read. It deals with the finances of the past quarter; reports any lapses from strict regularity which may have come under its notice, and the course pursued by the Board; and concludes with any motions which it may desire to make. These are explained by the President, Bro. Thomas Fenn, one of the best known Masons in England, and who, as formerly the leading worker and now the honoured "chief" of the famous Emulation Lodge of Instruction, has been before the Craft for a great many years. There may or there may not be some discussion on the report, and a case has very lately occurred where a recommendation of the Board was rejected; but it is seldom that the experienced members of this Board fail to accurately gauge the sentiment of the Craft.

Possibly there may then be a report from the Colonial Board, but this does not occur often. Next comes the turn of motions by individual brethren, but no motion may be made on the spur of the moment, so the Craft cannot be taken by surprise in any way. All notices of motion must have been given at the General Committee, and appear on the agenda, so we all know exactly what is coming.

And, lastly, should there be any appeal to Grand Lodge, now is the time when the Grand Registrar rises. The papers concerning such appeal are always on view for a specified time in the Grand Secretary's office, so, although the Grand Registrar now proceeds to give a succinct account of the whole matter, the Craft is not without the means of forming its own judgment. Having stated the facts, the Grand Registrar then proceeds to expound the law bearing thereupon, and finally moves either that the appeal be rejected or held good. He is usually seconded by the President of the Board of General Purposes. Either party to the suit is entitled to a hearing if he desire it, or any member of Grand Lodge is entitled to support or question the exposition of the Grand Registrar. But in the majority of cases the members are satisfied with the advice tendered to them by their legal adviser, and his motion is carried without opposition.

This concludes the business, and the Grand Master in the chair rises to close the lodge. The organ once more peals; the brethren rise; the Grand Master descends from the dais, and his officers follow him, in reverse order to the procession at their entrance—*i.e.*, seniors are now first; and the Grand Stewards close up the rear, and the brethren stream out after them. In a few moments the Temple is empty, and we are seeking our coats and hats in the robing-room, and putting our aprons and collars into their cases. Then gradually we disperse on our several ways, and the way of many leads them to the supper-room of the adjoining Freemasons' Tavern, where a chop or steak can be very comfortably disposed of in the intervals of conversation with some of the many friends one is sure to meet. It was in this supper-room, on one such occasion many years ago, that I first met our Bro. W. J. Hughan, and the acquaintance then formed has not been without a very lasting influence on my subsequent life.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 1893.

Masonic Notes.

The present week has been, on the one hand, one of sad remembrances to the Queen and her family, and, on the other, one of joy and gladness, and in both cases her Majesty and her children will find the feelings of her subjects everywhere throughout the extent of her vast empire in sympathy with her and them. To-morrow (Saturday) is the first anniversary of the death of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, who had only completed his 28th year. The circumstances amid which the event happened were mournful in the extreme. The Duke's wedding-day had been fixed; only a few days previously he had been in the enjoyment of his usual health; when on a sudden he took cold, and within a week he passed away, to the deep grief of his parents, her Majesty, his betrothed, and the whole nation. The memory of the great calamity must be very painful in the Royal circle at Sandringham, where the Prince and Princess of Wales have been staying in complete privacy for some time past.

On the other hand, there has been great rejoicing at Sigmaringen, where the Princess Marie, eldest daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, and a granddaughter of her Gracious Majesty, was married to

Prince Ferdinand, heir to the throne of Roumania, on Tuesday. The nuptials were attended by the King of Roumania, the Emperor William of Germany, the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, and the representatives of the Queen, the Prince and Princess of Wales, and other members of our Royal Family. The ceremony was twice solemnised—in the Roman Catholic Church, the bridegroom being of the Romish faith; and according to the rites of the Anglican Church, the bride being a Protestant. The town was filled with visitors of distinction, and all the arrangements for the event were carried out with marvellous success, and the hearty good wishes of the British people will have been uttered on all sides for the future happiness of the Prince and his fair young bride.

We remind our readers that the Quarterly General Court of the Boys' School will take place at Freemasons' Hall to-day (Friday) at 4 p.m. The principal business to be transacted, will concern the election which is held in April next—the declaration of the vacancies to be competed for, and the list of candidates to compete for them. As for the Girls' School Quarterly Court, which was held on Thursday, and of which a report will be found in another page, it will suffice if we state that the number of candidates—including the five remaining from October last—was settled at 32, while the declared number of vacancies is 21.

The 15th November last was quite a brilliant day, and will long be remembered as such in the annals of Toronto Masonry. A new lodge room was dedicated to the purposes of our Society by Bro. J. M. Gibson, Q.C., M.W.G.M., who was accompanied on his visit by Bros. J. Ross Robertson, Immediate Past G.M.; J. J. Mason, G. Sec.; Barker, S.G.W.; F. Manley, G. Reg.; A. H. S. Ardagh, S.G.D.; Charlton, G.S.B.; Rev. Walter Reid, G. Chap.; and others. On completing the ceremony of dedication, the Grand Master found himself under the necessity of leaving, and the new lodge which is named the Stanley, after Bro. Lord Stanley of Preston, Governor-General of Canada, was consecrated by Bro. J. Ross Robertson, P.G.M. The event, which caused quite a sensation in Masonic circles, passed off very successfully, the festive proceedings, with which the day was brought to a close, being in harmony with the events which had gone before.

The Grand Chapter of Minnesota has, according to the latest returns, 54 chapters on the roll, with an aggregate of subscribing members amounting to 4121. It appears to be in a healthy condition in the matter of means, and the chapters are faithful in the discharge of their duties. Comp. Isaac P. Durfee is the present G.H.P., while Comp. Thomas Montgomery remains at his post as Grand Secretary.

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.]

RULE 130 OF THE BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I can answer the query of "R. W. O." in your issue of the 31st Dec. respecting Rule 130 of the Book of Constitutions. I have it in the hand-writing of our late lamented Grand Secretary, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke. A Warden is eligible to be elected, although he has not at the time of his election served the office 12 calendar months. By the date of the installation he will have served a year. I have not the letter by me at the moment, but I could, if necessary, find it. To quote the late Grand Secretary's words from memory, he said "the day of election is really the day of selection, and a lodge year is not necessarily strictly 365 days."—I remain, your fraternally,

HENRY WRIGHT, P.M. 1827.

January 5th.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In reply to R.W.O.'s query, I beg to refer him to the decision of Grand Lodge, on the 7th March, 1888, in the "Appeal by Bro. Henry Alfred Michael, of the Emulation Lodge, No. 2071, Sydney, N.S.W., against a ruling of the District Grand Master of New South Wales, declaring that Brother Joseph James Allen, J.W., had been duly elected Worshipful Master of the said Lodge," *vide* printed reports of Grand Lodge, vol. 6, p. 331.—Yours fraternally,

GEO. W. G. BARNARD.

Masonic Notes and Queries.

1022] THE WARDEN QUALIFICATION.

There is no doubt in my mind but what Bro. Lamonby is quite correct in maintaining that a Warden who was *invested* (not simply *appointed*, as he must be present and take office, even if he does not attend afterwards) at the regular meeting, say in December, 1891, would be eligible to be elected at the 1892 November meeting following, for the "chair," and fit to be installed in due course. So far as that point is concerned, if the minute thereof be confirmed at the December regular meeting (1892), by that time the full period would be served and the real election completed. "Lex Scripta" evidently takes the same view, but "Argus" wishes the rule to be made more explicit, as under present circumstances it is not definite enough, and liable to be misunderstood. If "election" is understood to mean the final act of confirmation of the minute, the meaning of the word "served" is quite clear, but that interpretation of the Rule 130 is not to be found in our "Book of Constitutions," and certainly leaves the W.M. in doubt, unless he obtains light elsewhere.

W. J. HUGHAN.

Reviews.

THE HULL MASONIC CALENDAR FOR 1893.

This Calendar is a neat little production, of four pages, from the respected Press of Bros. M. C. Peck and Son, Market-place, and cannot fail to be exceedingly useful to brethren residing in the locality as well as to visitors. The days of all the meetings of all the Masonic bodies (nearly a score) in that *live centre* of the Craft, are duly exhibited in an ably arranged table, and on page 4 are particulars of all the Masonic meetings in the neighbourhood. The editor is Bro. Walter Reynolds, P.M. 230, &c., and both editor and publisher have done their parts exceedingly well.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Albion Lodge (No. 9).—This ancient lodge held its installation meeting at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 3rd inst. Bro. Geo. Pritchard, the retiring W.M., was, unfortunately, unable to be present, but the members present included Bros. W. Drew, P.M., J.W.; H. S. Friend, P.M., Treas.; L. W. Harvey, P.M., Sec.; G. Russell Boardmore, S.D.; George Cronin, J.D.; A. E. Iard, Org.; R. Stratton Gerrish, I.G.; S. Vallentine, P.M., P.G.P.; W. Poupert, P.M.; E. H. Bradley, P.M.; E. Waller, P.M.; Sydney H. Meyers, A. J. Harvey, F. C. Evans, J. R. Francis, G. Tennant, Walter Dennis, A. Firmin, and R. W. Evans. Visitors: Bros. S. V. Abraham, G. Purst.; J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B.; Jas. Stephens, W.M. 2420; E. White, P.M. 177; F. Hurdle, 15; D. Annan, 1804; G. V. Wood, 1608; C. E. Ferry, P.M. 65; S. R. Wood, P.M. 733; C. Lacey, 1963; A. T. Tacherne, P.M. 657; J. W. Gibbs, S.W. 1804; A. C. Wills, 1964; C. A. Serle, 1260; W. Smith, 1793; B. A. Groves, 172; J. Stedman, P.M. 172; Nelson Prower, P.M. 1743; F. Iard, 1017; J. Brandon, 23; Fred. Bevan, S.W. 1706; Geo. H. Foad, W.M. 1614; S. R. Walker, P.M.; Wm. Stiles, P.M.; W. A. Scurrah, P.P.G.S. of W. Middx.; W. W. Lee, W.M. 2381, J.W. 1897.

Lodge having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, Bro. Francis was passed to the Second Degree by Bro. Harvey, P.M., Sec. Bro. S. Vallentine, P.M., P.G.P., then assumed the chair, and impressively installed Bro. W. Drew, P.M., as W.M. for the ensuing year. The following officers were invested: Bros. G. Russell Beardmore, S.W.; G. Cronin, J.W.; H. F. Friend, P.M., Treas.; L. W. Harvey, P.M., Sec.; E. Stratton Gerrish, S.D.; Sidney H. Meyers, J.D.; W. H. Holroyd, P.M., D.C.; A. Iard, Org.; W. Dennis, I.G.; and J. Rawles, Tyler. Mr. R. Evans was duly approved by ballot, and was initiated into Freemasonry in an able manner by the W.M. Bro. Marsh, P.M., was unanimously elected an honorary member of the lodge. The W.M. announced his intention of adhering to the rule observed in this lodge of holding a ball, and asked the members to cordially support him in the undertaking.

Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet at Freemasons' Tavern.

The customary toasts were subsequently heartily honoured, under the presidency of the W.M., whose geniality conduced to an enjoyable evening.

Bro. S. V. Abrahams, Grand Purst., replying for "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," said their duties were well known to the members of that lodge because they took an interest in the working of Freemasonry. The Albion Lodge was not a new lodge, started perhaps for the aggrandisement of a few, but was one which the members could sincerely feel a degree of satisfaction in belonging to. The Grand Officers had no more pleasant duty than visiting such lodges as that, where an interest was taken in the Order, and the work so well carried out by one of their own rank. He could not venture to speak of the installation ceremony except to say that he had been 40 years a Mason, and had learnt a lesson that night that he hoped to profit by in the future.

Bro. S. Vallentine, G. Purst., also replied.

"The Health of the Worshipful Master" was then submitted by Bro. L. W. Harvey, P.M., Sec., who said he undertook the task with an immense amount of pleasure.

He could not help thinking of the strange circumstance that induced Bro. Drew to join the lodge, but that arose from his interest in Freemasonry, and the ready help he gave them when they were in want of accommodation for their lodge of instruction. They now had their reward in seeing him in the highest position to the lodge it was in their power to offer. It was not six years since the W.M. joined, but he had gone through various offices, and performed the work until he had been unanimously chosen to preside, and, speaking as an old Past Master, he could say the members had not made a better choice for many years. They had a true Englishman in their W.M., and the members would find it out during the next year, and would prove him to be a jolly good fellow and a good Mason, who worked well and impressively. Bro. Drew had that evening most appropriately introduced a friend into Masonry, and as there were two vacancies, owing to resignations, they hoped he would introduce others. The Past Masters greeted the W.M. well, gave him the right hand of fellowship, and would help him as much as they possibly could to make his year successful. The W.M. had the heartiest good wishes and good feelings of all the members, who would drink his health in bumpers.

Bro. W. Drew, P.M., W.M., thanked the Secretary very much for the eulogistic manner in which he had spoken of him and proposed the toast. He should endeavour to justify the Secretary's remarks in every particular. Ever since he joined the lodge he had been attached to it on account of the genuine brotherly feeling exhibited, and it was a perfect pleasure to be amongst such brethren. He found that the principles of Masonry were personified in it and hoped during his year to give them satisfaction in his capacity of W.M. His endeavours might not come up to their expectations, but he should do his best, and no man could do more. He should have some difficulty in following so estimable and so popular a Master as Bro. George Pritchard, who had just vacated the chair, and who, as he had explained in the lodge, was unfortunately prevented from attending that night. He hoped that with the assistance of the Past Masters, the officers, and the brethren, that lodge would go on as cheerfully and successfully as in the past.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Installing Master," and said he had never been more impressed with the ceremony of installation than he had been that evening. Most of the brethren had heard Bro. Vallentine lecture on Freemasonry, and he (the W.M.) possessed an interesting book written by Bro. Vallentine on the subject.

Bro. S. Vallentine, P.G.P., in reply, said he trusted he performed the ceremony more to the satisfaction of the brethren than he had to his own. It had always been his endeavour and boast to be as near perfection as possible, but in one part of the ceremony that evening he found himself weak. That gave him a warning of which he would speak. He was in a peculiar position in the lodge, being the father of it, although there were, perhaps, older Masons belonging to it. But there was one position he held which he believed to be perfectly unique, which was that he had for more than 30 years installed, without a break, every Master that had filled the chair of the lodge, and looking back he could see there were many things different in Masonry, and many things done that ought not to be done. For many years past he had endeavoured to impress upon them the duty of installing their successors, and year after year he had said he would not install another Master, but, like one of Lord Byron's heroines—

"Vowing she would never consent, consented."

The ceremony as he had given it was dying out, but he most earnestly asked them to do what they could to keep Freemasonry in its old purity.

Bro. R. Evans, responding for "The Initiate," said he was the subject of contending emotions. First of regret that he had not long since sought admission to this mystic and grand brotherhood. He had, however, been a busy man, and it was only for the regard and affection he felt for those friends who were Masons that he now sought admission. The second feeling was one of great satisfaction at having arrived at the position he enjoyed without any great harm, and that feeling was accentuated by the fact that he should be able to go home and not require those remedies which he had no doubt had been prepared by one waiting for him. But a far better and more serious feeling was one of wonderment, not unmingled with awe, that he was almost the youngest brother associated with an Order which had existed for centuries, and had exercised an enormous influence during many ages; a brotherhood which had emblazoned upon it those words—brotherly love, relief, and truth. The W.M. had known him a long time, and had now stood sponsor for him, and it would be his effort to make himself worthy of that sponsorship and worthy of his election to this lodge, and nothing should be wanted, so far as power allowed, to enable him to be a credit to this great brotherhood, and this particular lodge which had so kindly opened its doors—might he say its arms?—to its younger brother. He was expressing what was close to his heart, when he said he would, by the blessing of the Great Architect, be a good Mason hereafter.

Bros. Holroyd, P.M., and Waller, P.M., replied for Past Masters, and Bros. White, P.M. 177; Wood, W.M.; James Stephens, W.M. 2420; and W. W. Lee, W.M. 2381, acknowledged the toast of "The Visitors."

Bro. J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B., eloquently responded on behalf of "The Masonic Charities," and asked the members to support Bro. Holroyd in his Stewardship for the Boys' School.

"The Treasurer and Secretary" and "The Officers" followed, and the proceedings terminated with the Tyler's toast.

The musical arrangements were in the hands of Bro. A. Iard, ably assisted by Madame Isabel George, Bros. F. Bevan and G. Cronin, and Mr. Braxton Smith.

Lion and Lamb Lodge (No. 192).—An emergency meeting was held on Thursday, the 5th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel, E.C. Present: Bros. J. M. Mower, W.M.; F. Hughes, S.W.; J. Smith, J.W.; H. Legge, P.M., Treas.; T. Cohu, P.M., acting Sec.; T. W. Fisher, S.D.; R. Sarson, J.D.; G. F. J. Goodes, I.P.M.; J. G. Marsh, P.M.; George Kenning, P.M.; Holmes, R. A. Martyn, and Fred Dicks London.

Lodge having been opened, Bro. Holmes was raised to the Third Degree, after which Messrs. Reginald A. Martyn and Fred Dicks London, were initiated.

The brethren dined together under the genial presidency of the W.M.

La Tolerance Lodge (No. 538).—Among the many successful gatherings of the brethren which have graced the accession of new Worshipful Masters to office was the meeting of the members and visitors of Lodge La Tolerance held on the 5th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. The severity of the weather appeared in no way to diminish the ardour of the brethren to do honour to an occasion which must ever be memorable in the annals of the lodge for the excellent entertainment provided for those who attended. In the first place the outgoing W.M., Bro. Godfrey L. Lyons, passed, in a state which is to be highly commended, Bro. Thomas Steer, and equally well initiated Messrs. Frederick Jackson and Arthur Kitt Ledger, and in the performances was ably assisted by the Wardens and Deacons of the lodge. Secondly, there was an attendance of Past Masters which for its numbers is seldom equalled; and thirdly, an old Past Master, the Treasurer of the lodge, Bro. James Kench, P.G.P., who was requested to perform the installation of Bro. William Edward Wilby, S.W. and W.M. elect, threw himself into the ceremony with a zest that showed he had lost none of the wonted fire which characterised the days when he was an aspirant for the honour of being reckoned one of the best workers in Freemasonry. This work, together with the election of joining members, country members, and honorary members, occupied the brethren for three hours, but all of them enjoyed and appreciated the work. The new officers are Bros. Godfrey Louis Lyons, I.P.M.; S. G. Edridge, S.W.; Walter Hooker, J.W.; James Kench, P.M., P.G.P., Treas.; J. B. Sly, P.M., Sec.; J. J. Pittman, S.D.; J. S. L. Prior, J.D.; Thomas Henry Clear, I.G.; J. W. Elvin, P.M., D.C.; W. G. Fenn, P.M., and John Frederick Gooch, Stwds.; Theo. Ward, R.A.M., Org.; and A. Walkley, P.M., Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Godfrey Lyons.

Among the brethren present were the following: Bros. John Skinner, P.M.; James Kench, P.M.; James B. Sly, P.M.; J. W. Elvin, P.M.; W. G. Fenn, P.M.; Thos. Bicknell, P.M.; Edward Humphrey, P.M.; Thos. A. Tidy, T. H. Clear, Thos. Steer, Andrew J. Sutherland, John Cumming, Fred. Jackson, and Arthur Kitt Ledger. Visitors: Bros. E. Letchworth, Grand Sec.; Wm. Gunner, P.M., 720; Geo. Foad, W.M. 1614; B. C. Iron, P.M. 889; H. Massey, P.M. 1928; D. Belinfante, P.M. 435; R. T. Palmer, W.M. 1732; G. Reynolds, P.M. and Sec. 1614, Sec. 2191; Dr. Fred. Nicholls, P.P.G.D. Surrey; T. Y. Albert, P.M. 227; J. Lonsdale, P.M. 387, P.P.A.G.D.C. Middx.; John Paul, P.M. 1287; Fred. Cambridge, P.M. 1706, P.P.G.O.; G. J. Taylor, I.G. 180; Geo. Reddish, 1381; C. Forbes Drummond, 1695; John M. Newnam, I.G. 1556; A. J. Ward, 2202; Wm. B. Newby, 463; L. Courlander, 463; Frank T. West, 86 and 2690; John Burne, 2381; Chas. O. Burgess, D.C. 2191; Geo. Ridout, J.W. 1287; A. Schafer, 1351; James Rowe, 2191; Thomas Sewell, 65; F. M. Hall, 45; Arthur Hall, 45; H. M. Bedford, 1139; and Thos. Money, 178.

After the banquet which followed the working of the lodge, the usual toasts were proposed and honoured, and a beautiful programme of music was performed by Mrs. Wilby, G.S.M.; Miss Edith Gibbs, R.A.M.; Bro. G. L. Lyons, I.P.M.; Bro. J. J. Pittan, S.D.; Miss Bessie Greenhill, Miss Ida Winter, and Bro. C. Gammon, under the direction of Bro. Theo. Ward, R.A.M., Organist of the lodge.

The Worshipful Master, after giving the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," and "The M.W.G.M.," in proposing "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," said the brethren had had opportunities of testing the quality of the Grand Officers, as all those brethren had assisted in bringing up the immense funds which were subscribed to the Masonic Charities last year. They would all take as a great honour the presence of the Grand Secretary.

Bro. Letchworth, G. Sec., in acknowledging the toast, said it was difficult for him to say anything which the brethren had not heard over and over again. For many years he had been associated with the Grand Officers, but during the time he had been Grand Secretary he had been brought into closer contact with them, and he might say conscientiously that one and all were animated by a desire to promote by every means in their power the advancement of the Order. It was a great pleasure for him to make the acquaintance of that old and distinguished lodge, and he had been much impressed by the beautiful working he had seen in it.

Bro. Kench, P.G.P., said: W.M., I have had the honour in obedience to your command to acknowledge with thanks the toast of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," and I am glad to find, from the hearty response that was given to the toast that the Grand Officers' services to the Craft are so thoroughly appreciated. I have on many previous occasions, brethren, spoken of the zeal they at all times evince for the welfare of the Craft, and of the very able manner in which they discharge their duties in Grand Lodge. It is true those duties are not particularly heavy; still, there is no question that they are carried out with skill and ability. It is now some 14 years since the Grand Master was pleased to appoint me to office in Grand Lodge, and at that time, as most of you are doubtless aware, there were not so many Grand Officers annually appointed as there are at present. Since then, amongst other newly-created officers, we have had Grand Sword Bearers and Grand Standard Bearers, and I suppose next we shall have Grand Armour Bearers and Grand Mace Bearers. However, be that as it may, I suppose that whatever Grand Lodge may, in its wisdom, think proper to adopt in that direction, will trouble you no more than it will me. For, as I take it, it is not the rank and glitter and gay clothing of Masonry whereby we are attracted; those are only the accessories of our Order; but it is the doctrines she teaches, the virtues she inculcates, and the principles she instils in our minds, finding as they do a responsive echo in our breasts, and founded as they are on the sublime basis of religion and virtue, and brotherly love and truth; that cement and bind together the whole fabric of Freemasonry, and lead us to feel that if to some the idea of an universal brotherhood is but a myth, to us it is a living reality. And if we are true to the principles of our Order, to those principles so fully set forth in the charge to the newly-initiated in the First Degree, we have the consciousness of a Divine strength to enable us to live up to them. Holding as I do the conviction that no man's place in this world is accidental, that there is an appointed work for each of us to do, as well out of the lodge as in the lodge, I recognise the wisdom of the teaching of Masonry

in bidding us perform our allotted task whilst it is yet day; and as she points out to us the source from whence she derives all her teaching she bids us drink from the same stream; she tells us that whilst we are honestly endeavouring to regulate our life and actions by the Divine precepts we have a source of strength in the consciousness of a Divine appointment that in seasons of difficulty and depression is invaluable; for the promise that was made to Jacob of old holds good to each one of us to-night—"I am with thee and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest." I hope, W.M., you will pardon me if I am somewhat dilating on this subject, but I thought that inasmuch as we have this evening welcomed amongst us some new members it would not be entirely out of place if I endeavoured to show them what is the spirit of our teaching. And the point that I am urging is this—that no man's life is an accident; the G.A.O.T.U. has placed us where we are. His providence has guided us to this moment of our meeting here to-night. He has work, and definite work for each of us to do, and in the discharge of that work He strengthens and encourages us. Now this thought is very consoling; it gives great strength to us in the discharge of our duty, it enables us to go forward in our work with a cheerful alacrity, it cheers us in many a season of despondency, and makes us willing to repel many a temptation. And therefore I urge that whatever allurements are around us, and whatever our inherent weakness may be, God's strong hand is in reserve to enable us to do the work which He sent us here to do.

Oh, that each in the day of His coming may say,
"I have fought my way through,
I have finished the work Thou didst give me to do."
Oh, that each from his Lord may receive the glad word,
"Well and faithfully done,
Enter into My joy, and sit down on My throne."

Bro. Godfrey Lyons, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and said that, although there were many difficulties surrounding the Master's chair, he was sure that when 1893 was over the brethren would find that Bro. Wilby had mastered them. Bro. Wilby was known to him as a Mason of the very highest order as far as the ritual of the Craft was concerned, and there were many members of the lodge who shared this feeling.



THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

The W.M., in reply, said the difficulties Bro. Lyons had spoken of had already commenced, for he did not know how to reply to such kind words. It was not possible for him to excel Bro. Lyons, but if he could only imitate him he should satisfy himself, and he felt he should satisfy the brethren. He had learned a great deal in the past year—not, perhaps, in the ceremonial work—but how to conduct the lodge when there was really nothing grand to do. He had learned this from the Past Masters, and had taken the lesson to heart. As to the ceremonies, he had learned them in lodges of instruction, and his great study would be to copy the I.P.M. and other Past Master's Masters, and so keep up the high position of Lodge La Tolerance.

Bro. Godfrey Lyons, responding to the toast of "The I.P.M.," said that any effort he had made during his year of office had been more a pleasure to him than a duty. The remarks which the W.M. had made concerning him were totally, or almost totally undeserved. He thanked the brethren for the Past Master's jewel, and said he hoped to wear it on many occasions. He should endeavour as far as Masonry was concerned to act as a Mason up to the hilt.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Initiates," said it was no mean honour to become a Mason; it was something not to be lightly regarded; it was something to be proud of, and ought to be properly carried out, acted up to and studied. He wanted the initiates to attend lodges of instruction where they would learn more than they had learned that night, where they would see what was the origin of Masonry. He hoped they would make rapid progress, and that they would long be members of the lodge.

Both the initiates responded, after which the Charity-box was announced to have yielded £1 7s. 6d. Several visitors replied to the toast of "The Visitors." Bros. Humphrey, Skinner, Elvin, Smale, Bicknell, and Fenn acknowledged the toast of "The Past Masters." Bros. Kench and Sly responded to the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," and the officers having replied to their toast, Bro. Walkley gave the Tyler's toast, and the brethren separated.

The above portrait appeared in error in our issue of the 31st of December, when, as a matter of fact, Bro. Wilby was only W.M. elect; however, we have very great pleasure in rectifying the mistake by reproducing the portrait of our worthy brother in connection with the above report of his installation as Master.

Yarborough Lodge (No. 554).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 5th instant, at the London Tavern, Fenchurch-street, Bro. F. Whitworth, W.M., presiding. There was a large attendance of brethren, and many of the Past Masters of the lodge were present, including Bro. Barnes, who is more than 83 years of age. Bro. John G. Stevens, P.M., the W.M. elect, was installed into the chair of K.S., a chair which he filled in the lodge 25 years ago. The ceremony of installation was performed in most excellent style by Bro. G. Ward Verry, P.M., Secretary. Bro. Stevens appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. F. Whitworth, I.P.M.; J. L. Anderson, P.M., S.W.; A. E. Sallaway, J.W.; H. Cotter, P.M., Treas.; G. Ward Verry, P.M., Sec.; W. Murrin, P.M., S.D.; S. H. Latham, J.D.; W. Fawkes, I.G.; G. T. H. Seddon, P.M., Org. (for the 21st time); and Taylor, P.M., Tyler. Before the lodge was closed, the Worshipful Master presented the I.P.M. with a Past Master's jewel, and in doing so said that whatever it had been Bro. Whitworth's duty to do had been done with Masonic feeling, which had endeared him to the heart of every member of the Yarborough Lodge, and he hoped he would live many years to wear the jewel.

Bro. Whitworth having replied in suitable terms, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room.

Among the visitors present were Bros. James Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I.; F. R. W. Hedges, Sec. R.M.I.G.; J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B.; Henry W. Clark Trew, P.M.; Rogers, P.M.; Tucker, W.M. 2409; B. Foster, W. H. Latham, Charles Lacey, P.G.D. Herts; Tapley, P.M.; W. H. Lee, P.G.D. Middx.; H. Green, B. Cox, Bowman, B. Church, T. Otter, D. McKish, W. T. Massey, 160; and A. Court, 1539.

After the banquet the Worshipful Master gave "The Queen and the Craft," which was duly honoured, as was also the toast of "The Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M."

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The M.W. the Earl of Lathom, Pro Grand Master; the R.W. the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." He said the Earl of Lathom was a nobleman who had been thrice honoured, firstly by receiving the confidence of her Majesty, who had on one occasion appointed him her Lord Chamberlain; secondly, he was honoured by the Prince of Wales, who appointed him Pro Grand Master; and, thirdly, he was Provincial Grand Master of West Lancashire, over whose destiny he presided with dignity and urbanity. He was the best Provincial Grand Master they could have. The R.W. the Earl of Mount Edgumbe was a nobleman and gentleman who also deserved the encomiums of every Mason. He was at the head of another influential province, and it was his pleasure to preside over the Jubilee Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at Covent Garden. Both of the Grand Officers he had mentioned deserved their hearty encomiums. None of the Grand Officers, Present and Past, had been appointed to their respective offices without due enquiry into their character, and they must have had a status in the Order, without which they would not have been promoted. The words "Present and Past" struck him as a misnomer, as they had that night Past Grand Officers who were present there, and he coupled the names of Bros. Terry and Hedges with the toast.

Bro. Terry, as one of the Past Grand Officers present, thanked the W.M. very sincerely for the kind way in which he had put the toast before the brethren.

Bro. Hedges said he would content himself with joining Bro. Terry in expressing his warmest thanks to the brethren for the manner they had received the toast.

Bro. Whitworth, I.P.M., said it devolved upon him to give the next toast, that of "The Worshipful Master, Bro. John G. Stevens, P.M." In doing so he could say with confidence that the members of the Yarborough Lodge were one and all highly pleased to have Bro. Stevens again in the chair, although so long as 25 years had passed since he previously occupied it. They knew he would fill it with credit to himself and to the lodge, the whole of whose members trusted he would be spared for many years.

The toast having been cordially received,

The Worshipful Master responded. He thanked the brethren very gratefully for the hearty manner in which they had received the toast so ably given by Bro. Whitworth. It was true that it was 25 years since he had the proud honour of being Master of the Yarborough Lodge. He was initiated in it in 1868, and he arrived at the Master's chair in 1868. Since then time had turned over the leaf 25 times, and by their suffrages found him there again Worshipful Master. The Yarborough Lodge to him was the son of a mother, and in his Masonic career, which during 31 years had been rather an eventful one, it occupied the first place in his heart. Masonry had made for him many, many friends, and he saw there, with the largest amount of gratification, a brother whom he had the honour of being Deacon to 30 years ago. He should do his best for the lodge during his year of office, and he should rely on the help of the brethren. It would be his earnest endeavour and hope to bring the ship with a wet sheet and flowing sail into harbour at the end of his year.

The W.M. next submitted "The Past Masters." He said some of them were not present, but they wished them God speed, good health, and prosperity, and to the present ones they offered hearty good fellowship. Among the P.M.'s present were Bros. Whitworth, G. Ward Verry, Barnes, Taylor, Murrin, Wood, and Hawes, and he asked the brethren to drink to their health.

Bro. Whitworth said, in response, that he hoped he might be spared to become as useful in the ranks of the P.M.'s as he had been in the ranks of the officers of the lodge.

Bro. Verry also responded, and said the P.M.'s of a lodge were usually jocularly described as a lumber troupe, but he did not think that in the Yarborough Lodge the P.M.'s formed a lumber troupe, but on the contrary they were the working officers for the year 1893. The W.M. was the senior P.M. of the lodge, and he (Bro. Verry) was the second senior P.M., having been Master 20 years ago. He had been one of the heartiest working members of the

lodge, and he had been permitted to install the W.M., a ceremony which he hoped he had done to the satisfaction of the brethren. In whatever capacity he was appointed nothing should be wanting on his part to enhance the prosperity of the lodge.

Pro. Barnes also replied.

Bro. John G. Stevens, W.M., gave "The Masonic Institutions." He said the toast occupied only three words in print, but had it ever struck them what underlaid those three words? They met with many phases in their everyday life, and passed them by without thinking what they meant. One of the underlying principles of the toast was the amelioration of human suffering, the sustentation of children of Freemasons, and the salvation of poor old Freemasons and widows of Freemasons. There were three Institutions, one a school for the education of girls, the oldest in Freemasonry, measuring its length by 105 years; the next was the school for the education of sons of Freemasons with a good and respectable old age of 95 years; and the next was the Benevolent Institution for Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, which has been established for 50 years. What did those three Institutions do? He found in the Girls' School there were 263 children, in the Boys' 268, and in the Benevolent, 454 persons, making a total of 985 individuals. The Masonic Institutions meant that they were ameliorating the sufferings of 985 persons per annum. He was going up as a Steward for the Festival of the Institution for Aged Freemasons, and he hoped the brethren would give him a bumper list.

Bro. F. R. W. Hedges, Sec. R.M.I.G., said it was only to be anticipated that they would have selected the Benevolent Institution this year, and he congratulated the Yarborough Lodge on having so able a brother to represent them as Steward. He could only say that when the Benevolent Institution was over, if there was anything left the Girls' School would be grateful to receive any assistance they might render. The Institution, he could assure them, was never doing better work than now.

Bro. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B., having also appealed on behalf of the Institution he represented,

Bro. James Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I., said that when their W.M. had told them that they were ameliorating the sufferings of 985 persons, he lost sight that there were nearly three times that number, because there were the children who were relieved from contributing to their parents' support, and also the parents who were relieved from the education of the children, so that there were nearly 3000 persons who benefited by the existence of the Institutions. They had before their next election 110 candidates for 15 vacancies, although they took in 68 annuitants last year, when the Benevolent Institution at their jubilee had a magnificent result. Their invested money had never been drawn upon since it had been invested, and he hoped they should never have to trench upon it. He did not know who was to be his Chairman yet, but he hoped it might be the Junior Grand Warden of England, the Marquis of Granby. He hoped the Yarborough Lodge would send up a large list, and he appealed to every brother to hand over some metallic substance to their W.M.

The W.M. next gave "The Visitors," to which Bros. W. H. Lee, Trew, Tucker, and Tapley replied.

"The Officers" and Tyler's toasts closed the proceedings.

During the evening a choice selection of vocal and instrumental music was given by Bro. G. T. H. Seddon, P.M., Org., assisted by Bros. Weige, P.M., and Court.

Kennington Lodge (No. 1381).—This lodge met for the dispatch of business at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, on the 3rd inst., when there were present, among others, Bros. James Dennis, W.M.; Lundie, S.W.; Heard, J.W.; George Everett, P.M., P.G. Treas.; Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Millsom, J.D.; Colwell, I.G.; H. Higgins, P.M.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M.; R. La Feullade, P.M.; Foate, P.M.; W. W. Westley, P.M.; J. La Feullade, P.M.; and Hopkins, Hon. Org. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Clark, W.M. 865; W. Chapman, S.D. 619; and H. Brown, 1446.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. George Reddish was raised to the Third Degree, the ceremony being impressively performed. Bros. Lundie was unanimously elected W.M.; George Everett, Treasurer; and F. Reinardt, Tyler. The Audit Committee was elected, and directed to audit the accounts on the 16th inst. A Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to the W.M. The Treasurer gave a notice of motion, "That in future the January meeting be discontinued." A notice of motion was also given to increase the initiation and joining fees, on and after March, 1893.

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

The usual toasts followed.

In giving "The Health of the W.M.," the I.P.M. spoke in high terms of Bro. Dennis's working. He said that he personally thought that the Third Degree could not have been worked better than it had been that evening.

The Worshipful Master, in the course of his reply, said that he regretted that his year of office was nearly at an end, because he felt that he was, so far as the ceremonies were concerned, in good working order. During his year the brethren had had every comfort, and he was pleased to say that the funds were in quite as good a condition as when he took them over.

Bro. Clark responded on behalf of "The Visitors," and Bro. J. La Feullade for "The Past Masters."

In giving "The Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. extolled the Masonic merits and business qualifications of both those officers.

Bros. G. Everett and W. Stuart replied. The former said that he was proud of being a Past Grand Treasurer of England, but still prouder of being the present Treasurer of so good and prosperous a lodge as No. 1381.

Bro. Lundie responded for the toast of "The W.M. elect," and Bros. Heard and Colwell for "The Officers."

During the evening Bros. Hopkins, Davis, Lundie, and others, greatly entertained the brethren, instrumentally and vocally.

Quatuor Coronati Lodge (No. 2076).—This lodge met at Freemasons' Hall on Friday, the 6th inst., when there were present Bros. W. H. Rylands, P.G. Stwd., I.P.M., in the chair; Dr. W. W. Westcott, S.W.; Rev. J. C. Ball, J.W.; G. W. Speth, Sec.; E. Macbean, S.D.; R. F. Gould, P.G.D., D.C.; C. Purdon Clarke, Stwd.; S. T. Klein, W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B., and Dr. B. W. Richardson. Also the following members of the Correspondence Circle, viz.: Bros. E. Haward, Rev. C. H.

Malden, F. W. Driver, R. Young, E. J. Khory, H. J. Sturgeon, C. Lazenby, H. Ffrench Bromhead, Dr. E. H. Ezard, F. W. L. Levander, F. A. Powell, J. Bodenham, P.A.G.D.C., E. E. Wright, E. C. Armitage, Rob-Roy, Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., J. Kemsley, J. Leach Barrett, W. Master, Grand Steward; E. J. Barron, P.G.D.; C. B. Barnes, S. Richardson, E. T. Edwards, F. F. Giraud, Max. Mendelssohn, G. A. Knock, J. Glass, C. M. Brander, J. Robbins, G. Gregson, and C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br. Also the following visitors: Bros. Julius Mertey, Humboldt Lodge, Budapest; H. E. Coppem, 76; F. King, 429; H. Halliday, P.M. 2065; T. W. Leaver, C. A. Hardwick, P.M., H. Griffiths, and H. Taylor, of 1347; J. Schador, 65; J. Corrier, 2329; J. D. Phillips, 604; F. B. Phillips, 2269; and J. W. Corbell, 452.

Bros. the Rev. C. J. Ball, Edward Macbean, and C. P. Clarke, who had been unable to attend at the previous meeting, were duly invested as J.W., S.D., and I.G. respectively. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. The Grand Lodge of Virginia, and the following brethren were elected to membership in the Correspondence Circle:

Bros. J. Robbins, P.G.M. (Quincey, Illinois; W. J. C. Kenyon, 25, St. Paul, Minnesota; Young Jones, W.M. 10, and C. S. Powell, 10, Richmond, Virginia; R. T. W. Duke, P.G.D. Charlottesville, Virginia; Dr. W. F. de Fabeck, P.D.G. Stwd., and J. Steavenson, 150, both of Madras; R. T. Curtis, W.M. 478 (I.C.), Blenheim, and J. Archibald, P.M. 1372, Warwick, both in New Zealand; W. H. Kingsbury, 114, Ballarat, Victoria; C. F. O. Schultz, Winburg, and J. G. Brink, Jagersfontein, both in the Orange Free State; W. R. Kingston, 1923, Malta; A. Macdonald, P.M. 1754, and R. Finlay, 754 (S.C.); Dr. F. C. Crossle, P.G. Sec. Down Newry (I.C.); Major F. Muckleton-Allen, 1861; F. C. Galloway, 2417; J. Davis, 1214; G. C. Gamble, 1200; R. Jackson, P.M. 289; J. W. Woodall, J.P., P.G. Treas.; W. N. Cheeseman, P.P.G. D.C. North and East Yorks; F. G. Swinden, P.P.G.D. Warwickshire; G. Beech, P.G. Sec. Warwickshire; T. P. Stewart, P.G.D.C. Berks; C. E. Keyser, G.D.; E. P. Debenham, P.P.G.R. Herts; W. H. Reed, 382; C. B. Warre, P.P.G.D. Sussex; O. N. Wyatt, P.P.G.S. of W. Sussex; W. E. Morrison, P.P.G.W. Sussex; R. Pidcock, P.P.G.R. Sussex; C. H. Gibbs, 1949; Rev. H. R. Pring, 56; J. D. E. Tarr, P.M. 183; R. Angel, 183; C. M. Brander, P.M. 1563; J. W. Colmer, 1426; T. H. Boyd, 28 (S.C.); R. Evens, P.M. 1949; O. J. von Holtorp, P.P. G.D. Middlesex; J. Carey, 179; and R. Martin.

Bro. R. F. Gould said that a passing word might be permissible with regard to the most recent additions to the Outer Circle. There were 49 Grand Lodges in the United States, and under most of them some worthy brother was appointed annually to survey the proceedings of the other Grand Lodges, and to make such a summary of them as would be useful in the jurisdiction he was representing. These brethren were called the "Reporters on Foreign Correspondence," and they were ordinarily selected from among the Past Grand Masters of the States. One of the most learned members of the "Corps," was Bro. Dr. Joseph Robinson, P.G.M. Illinois, whose name headed the list that had just been presented, and he (Bro. Gould) thought it was a matter for congratulation whenever any member of the class of which Bro. Robinson was so distinguished an ornament, sought admission into their Correspondence Circle. The W.M. in the chair, after alluding in feeling terms to the recent death of Bro. W. Mathew Williams, J.D., called upon Bro. Dr. B. W. Richardson, F.R.S., who, in an eloquent and touching address, delivered an eulogium on the deceased, paying a high tribute to his worth as a writer, teacher, scientist, man, and Freemason. Bro. Gould having briefly expressed the appreciation and interest of the brethren, a few words were added by Bro. E. T. Edwards with respect to the scientific provision of the late Bro. Williams in the matter of electric lighting, and the Secretary was directed to communicate to the family of the deceased, the melancholy satisfaction it had afforded all the brethren present, to listen to the admirable address of Dr. Richardson. The Rev. C. H. Maldon then exhibited his model of the Tabernacle, the clearness of the description, and the beauty of the model itself being much admired. A paper on the Tabernacle was then read by the S.W., after which the W.M. expressed the thanks of the lodge to both lecturers, who briefly responded. Bro. Sturgeon exhibited a very handsome and ancient French Master Mason's apron.

There being no further business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant for refreshment.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

ALDEBURGH.

Adair Lodge (No. 936).—The installation of Bro. R. C. Mayhew as W.M. of the above lodge took place at the White Lion Hotel, on Friday, the 6th instant. Present: Bros. J. Waskett, W.M.; R. B. Wrightson, I.P.M.; R. C. Mayhew, S.W.; W. Barker, J.W.; E. Butcher, Secretary; J. B. E. G. Pettit, S.D.; H. Calver, J.D.; T. F. Nunn, P.M.; W. Pearson, P.M., P.P.G. D.C.; J. Taylor, P.M.; J. Woodcock, P.M.; F. G. Mayhew, J. A. Ribbans, H. Mayston, E. Stannards, G. H. Garrett, H. Driver, and others. The visitors included Bros. E. W. Jaquet, W.M. 2323; G. T. Miles, W.M. 1929; W. J. Roberts, P.M. 1452; J. Martin, P.M. 555; Walter Cocks, P.M. 555, P.P.J.G.D.; J. Whaley, P.M. 172; G. T. Pick, P.M. 959; N. Tracey, P.M. 376; R. Bullen, 2369; S. Sleigh, 376; M. P. Clark, 376; R. Reynolds, 555; W. Girling, 555; T. R. Worthington, 726; C. T. Turner, 1452; W. H. Carr; R. H. Barlow, 2323; and others.

Mr. Maurice H. Ling was initiated, Bro. Waskett very ably performing the initiation and installation ceremonies. Bro. Mayhew appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. Waskett, I.P.M.; W. Barker, S.W.; J. B. E. G. Pettit, J.W.; H. Sparrow, P.M., Treasurer; E. Butcher, Secretary; W. H. Hall, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., D.C.; H. Calver, S.D.; E. Stannards, J.D.; G. H. Garrett, I.G.; and G. Roper, Tyler.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment. An excellent banquet was provided by Bro. Driver.

The menu, toast list, &c., was printed on rough paper, with the badge of the lodge, stamped in colours on the cover. It was very striking, and a relief from the usual and so freely sprinkled with Masonic emblems.

The toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," having been received with due honour.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Health of the R.W. Lord Henniker, Provincial Grand Master." He congratulated the Province of Suffolk on having as its head one of the best known and most deservedly popular noblemen in the county. Lord Henniker was not merely ornamental, as there was not a more painstaking or hard-working Provincial Grand Master to be found, or one who tried to make himself so intimately connected with the details of work in the province.

Bro. Waskett, in proposing the toast of the evening, paid a high tribute to Bro. Mayhew's abilities as a Mason, &c., and "The W.M.'s Health" was drunk with the greatest enthusiasm.

In reply, Bro. Mayhew expressed his appreciation of the goodwill of the brethren so forcibly demonstrated, and assured them he would use his utmost endeavours to further the cause of Masonry, and to follow in the footsteps of those that preceded him.

In responding for "The Visitors," Bro. Jaquet complimented the lodge upon the work he had witnessed that evening performed by Bro. Waskett. He also congratulated the lodge on having elected Bro. Mayhew to occupy the chair of K.S. Bro. Mayhew and himself had been intimate friends for 25 years, and he felt that after such a length of time he was qualified to give an opinion concerning Bro. Mayhew's many excellent qualities. Doubtless there were some brethren in the room had known him longer, as Bro. Mayhew was reared in their midst, but he felt sure that they would all endorse what he was about to say, that Bro. Mayhew was a good man, a true friend, and that it was certain he would be a worthy successor of the many illustrious brethren who had preceded him in the chair of the Adair Lodge.

The other toasts of "The Past Masters," "The Initiate," "The Masonic Charities," and "The Officers of the Lodge" were duly honoured.

Between the toasts many of the brethren sang songs, and a most successful evening was brought to a conclusion with the Tyler's toast.

BATLEY.

Scarborough Lodge (No. 1214).—The brethren of this lodge on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., held the annual Festival of St. John the Evangelist, when Bro. the Rev. James H. Evans, M.A., P.P.G.C., was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. After the ceremony was completed, the W.M. invested and installed the officers as follows: Bros. John Francis Bromley, S.W.; the Rev. W. Wilkinson, J.W. and Chap.; E. Hemingway, J.P., P.P.G.T., Treasurer; T. Cantrill, Secretary; Charles F. Forshaw, LL.D., S.D.; James Davis, J.D.; George Cliff Gamble, I.G.; J. R. Fawcett, P.M., Charity Steward; and Taylor Ineson, Tyler. Bro. J. Kenworthy Blakey, P.M., F.G.S., was the Installing Master, assisted by Bro. J. R. Fawcett, who gave the addresses.

The customary banquet followed, and several songs and recitations were given in pleasing style by Bros. Turner, Gamble, and Dr. Forshaw, the latter of whom also recited an original sonnet to the newly-installed W.M.

BRIDGWATER.

Perpetual Friendship Lodge (No. 135).—On Monday afternoon, the 2nd instant, at the annual meeting of the members of this lodge, held at the Royal Clarence Hotel, Bro. David Burston, the S.W., was installed W.M. for the ensuing year as successor to Bro. W. T. Baker. There was a good muster of brethren, and the visitors included Bros. James Bond, P.M. 101; H. M. Kemmis, P.M. 291, P.P.G.S.B.; J. T. Dunsford, P.M. 291, P.A.G. Sec.; H. W. Chapman, I.G. 294; T. Fox Braithwaite, P.S.W. 119; and S. Sellick, W.M. 1222.

The installation ceremony was ably and impressively performed by the D.P.G.M., Bro. R. C. Else, P.G.D. England, and the W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. T. Baker, I.P.M.; A. B. Cottam, S.W.; A. Squibbs, J.W.; W. L. Leng, P.M., Chaplain; J. C. Hunt, P.M., Treasurer; J. B. Soper, P.M., Secretary; C. P. Clarke, S.D.; J. Kelway, J.D.; R. W. Buffett, P.M., D.C.; W. Belcher, I.G.; C. E. Hagon and W. H. Tamlyn, Stewards; and J. McGowan, Tyler.

The customary banquet followed, and Bro. Else, the D.P.G.M., in responding to one of the toasts, gave some statistical information relating to the several Masonic Charities, showing that during the year just ended there had been contributed the large sum of nearly £100,000.

CAMBRIDGE.

Scientific Lodge (No. 88).—The annual meeting of this old lodge, whose records go back to A.D. 1754, was held on Monday, the 9th inst., at the Lion Hotel, when the work was limited to the installation of the W.M. There was a capital attendance of brethren and visitors, the number in all reaching to 70, and no fewer than 28 Past Master or Masters were present at the Board of Installed Masters. The officers and brethren present at the opening of business were: Bros. W. P. Spalding, W.M.; Frank Piggott, I.P.M.; W. B. Redfarn, S.W.; C. H. Banham, J.W.; T. Nichols, P.M., Chap.; T. Hunnybun, P.M., Treas.; A. E. Chaplin, Sec.; J. L. Rutter, S.D.; B. W. Beales, jun., J.D.; J. H. Moyes, St. Br.; W. James, Org.; W. Sindall, I.G.; A. J. Dimmock, P.M.; E. Hills, P.M.; W. I. Pashler, P.M.; O. Papworth, P.M.; J. V. Pryor, P.M.; Col. R. Townley Caldwell, P.G.M.; E. M. Money, P.M. 23, P.G. Stwd.; W. Masters, P.M. 60, G. Stwd.; the Rev. T. B. Nichols, P.M. 1863, P.G.S.W. Northumberland; the Rev. L. R. Tuttielt, P.G. Chap.; J. Sheldrick, P.M. 441, P.G. Reg.; F. A. Hazeldine, W.M. 2093; H. E. Greef, W.M. 441; J. Grover, W.M. 809; W. B. Sheppard, W.M. 2107; J. W. Ingram, W.M. 373; A. Spalding, J.W. 376; J. Vail, P.M.; T. Watts, P.M.; J. Royston, I.P.M.; P. H. Young, S.W.; J. Catling, J.W.; J. F. Miller, and other brethren from the town and county.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the December lodge confirmed, a Charity matter was attended to, and the Auditors report of the Treasurer's accounts was presented. Bro. W. P. Spalding then proceeded to instal as W.M. for the ensuing year Bro. William Beales Redfarn, P.P.G. Purs., and he discharged the duties in a highly efficient manner. The newly-installed W.M. thereupon appointed and invested his officers as under: Bros.

W. P. Spalding, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks., I.P.M.; C. H. Banham, P.P.G. Supt. of Wks., S.W.; John L. Rutter, P.A.G.D.C., J.W.; T. Nichols, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Chap.; T. Hunnybun, P.M., P.J.G.D., Treas.; O. Papworth, P.M., P.G. Sec.; Sec. B. W. Beales, jun., S.D.; W. Sindall, P.G. Stwd., J.D.; F. Piggott, P.M., P.P. S.G.D., D.C.; C. W. Redin, Std. Br.; John Morley, Org.; John H. Moyes, I.G.; B. W. Beales, sen., P.P. G. Treas., Stwd.; and C. H. Ellis, P.G. Tyler, Tyler. At the close of the investiture, which the W.M. performed with an appropriate address to each officer; the charges to the W.M., the Wardens, and the brethren were impressively given by Bro. Frank Piggott, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. A. H. Moyes, D.P.G.M., through indisposition. The Prov. Grand Master then, on behalf of the lodge, presented a very handsome Past Masters jewel to Bro. W. P. Spalding, I.P.M., and gracefully alluded to the zeal which Bro. Spalding displayed in all Masonic matters, whether in hunting up some interesting but obscure point in Masonry, in the well-ruling and efficient working of a lodge, or in editing the Provincial Year Book. Bro. W. P. Spalding, in acknowledging the gift, said that it would ever remain one of his most highly-prized possessions, as it indicated the kindly good feeling and esteem of the brethren which he believed he enjoyed at the termination of his year of office.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a *recherche* banquet, over which Bro. Redfarn, W.M., presided in a most happy manner.

Bros. W. Masters and E. M. Money responded for "The Grand Officers."

The Provincial Grand Master, in responding to the toast of his health, congratulated the lodge upon the unanimity which appeared to prevail, upon the largeness of the company assembled to do honour to the newly-elected W.M., and to the excellence of their work, more particularly complimenting the Installing Master, whose work was most ably supplemented by Bro. Frank Piggott, whose impressive rendering of those beautiful charges at the installation ceremony would not soon be forgotten by those who had the privilege of hearing them. Alluding further to the work of the lodge during the past year, the P.G.M. was glad to hear that a Degree had been conferred on every lodge night; and perhaps this was all that was desired by a lodge which boasted of such remote antiquity, and which was so exclusive that it limited its brethren to its own number (No. 88). Competition for the vacancies must necessarily be keen, and admission into the lodge would perhaps be more difficult than into a lodge such as the Isaac Newton (University) Lodge, No. 859, which possibly limited its brethren to its own number.

"The Health of the D.P.G.M. and the Prov. Grand Officers," given by Bro. A. J. Dimmock, P.M., was acknowledged by Bros. Rev. L. R. Tuttielt, P.G. Chap., and J. Sheldrick, P.G.R.; and all the speakers expressed sincere regret at the enforced absence of Bro. A. H. Moyes, D.P.G.M., through ill-health, and wished him a speedy recovery.

Bro. W. P. Spalding, I.P.M., in submitting the toast of "The W.M.," remarked that the lodge had just conferred upon Bro. Redfarn the highest honour at their disposal, and in doing so had followed the example of the citizens of Cambridge, who had on more than one occasion elected Bro. Redfarn to the highest office in the borough—that of Mayor; and as the citizens of Cambridge had been justified in their expectations by the admirable manner in which Bro. Redfarn had fulfilled the office of Chief Magistrate, so would the brethren of the lodge (who had done honour to themselves by the wisdom of their choice) be justified in their anticipations that Bro. Redfarn would be as successful in the discharge of his Masonic as of his civic duties.

The Worshipful Master, in acknowledging the compliment, said he was quite aware of his own deficiencies, but having been honoured with the confidence of the lodge, he promised them with all sincerity that his best abilities should be devoted to the satisfactory discharge of the responsibilities of his new office.

The toast of "The Visiting Brethren" was responded to by Bros. Rev. T. B. Nichols, P.S.G.W. Northumberland; H. E. Greef, W.M. 441; and F. A. Hazeldine, W.M. 2093; whilst "The Health of the Officers of the Lodge" was suitably acknowledged by Bro. C. H. Banham, S.W.

The pleasure of the evening was much enhanced by the harmony contributed by Bros. T. B. Nichols, W. F. Miller, and other brethren.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

CHESTER.

Clarence Lodge (No. 2386).—The third installation of this lodge, which, it will be remembered, was founded two years ago to meet the wants of the military brethren of the head-quarters and military staff in Chester and neighbourhood, took place on Thursday evening, the 5th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Queen-street. In the presence of Bro. Sir Horatio Lloyd, D.P.G.M., and a large gathering of members, Bro. Francis Edward Cooper, Capt. R.A., A.D.C., G.O.C., N.W.D., was installed as Worshipful Master, the Installing Master being Bro. W. H. Finchett, P.P.S.G.D., who impressively rendered the various ceremonies. The W.M. invested the following brethren as officers: Bros. Major Ford, Brigade Major, Mersey, V.I. Brigade, late 84th Regiment, S.V.; Sergeant-Major McKay, J.W.; T. Hart Davis, Treas.; W. H. Finchett, P.M., Sec.; E. Carris, S.D.; Sergeant-Major J. Thomas, J.D.; W. Peers, P.M., D.C.; Colour-Sergeant A. C. H. Davies, I.G.; F. Fox, Org.; C. Edwards, Quartermaster 2nd V.B. Cheshire, Stwd.; and S. Smith, late 17th Foot, Tyler.

A *recherche* banquet was afterwards sat down to, among those present in addition to the brethren already mentioned, being Bros. J. Salmon, P.P.S.G.W.; Col. Charles S. Dean, W.M. 1289, P.P.J.G.D.; Herbert Ellis, P.M. 721, P.G. Org.; T. Knowles, P.M. 721, P.P.A.G.D.C.; H. Taylor, W.M. 425; M. Johnson, J.W. 425; G. F. Adams, 721; John C. Robinson, P.M. 2294, 1070, P.P.A.G.D.C. West Lancs.; and others.

During the evening the I.P.M., Bro. Thos. Litherland, was presented with a gold Past Master's jewel, with the Clarence coat of arms enamelled in heraldic colours.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

COCKERMOUTH.

Skiddaw Lodge (No. 1002).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., for the purpose of installing Bro. the Rev. James Anderson, P.P.G. Chap.,

P.A.G.S., as W.M. for the ensuing year. There was a good attendance of members and visitors. The lodge was opened by Bro. J. Hewson, W.M., P.P.G. Tyler, when Bro. Geo. Dalrymple, P.M., P.G. Sec. was invited to preside, and Bro. Thomas Atkinson, P.M., P.G.D.C., presented Bro. Anderson, and he was, in the presence of 23 Past Masters, duly installed W.M., and invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. Hewson, I.P.M.; Dr. Forsyth, S.W.; A. Entwistle, J.W.; T. Mason, P.M., P.P.G. Purst., Treas.; J. P. Bennett, Sec.; H. Bowman, S.D.; J. Brown, J.D.; H. Carruthers, P.M., I.G.; F. A. Cooper, P.M., Org.; and J. Hewson, Tyler. The following also signed the attendance roll: Bros. Colonel Sewell, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; P. de E. Collin, P.M. 962, P.P.S.G.W.; W. Shilton, P.M., P.P.G.D.; H. Peacock, P.M.; T. C. Burn, P.M.; J. Paterson, P.M. 962, P.P.J.G.W.; G. Starkey, P.M. 119, P.P.S.G.D.; D. H. Cook, P.P.G. Org.; J. S. Moffat, P.M. 872, P.P.G. Std. Br.; A. W. Johnston, W.M. elect 872; D. Atkinson, P.M.; G. W. Turney, Sec. 371; R. Leitch, 371; J. J. Little, W.M. 962, P.G. Stwd.; E. G. Mitchell, P.M. 371; J. Thompson, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; A. W. Turner, P.M.; G. Atkinson, C. Fothergill, R. Musgrave, J. Nicholson, J.W. 1400; W. Scott, J. Dixon, I.G. 962; J. Lewthwaite, P.M. 962; J. Purser, 962, and others.

Bro. Thos. Atkinson, P.G.D.C., addressed the W.M., and Bro. J. Paterson, P.P.J.G.W., addressed the Wardens and brethren.

"Hearty good wishes" was given by the visitors from 119, 371, 872, 962, 1400, 1600, and 2285, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren were invited to the Globe Hotel by the W.M., where an excellent banquet was served, which the host and hostess are noted for.

Bro. Anderson presided, supported by Bros. Col. Sewell and Collin.

The usual loyal toasts were duly honoured. Bros. Sewell and Collin replied on behalf of "Prov. Grand Lodge."

Bro. Dalrymple, Installing Master, proposed "The Health of the Newly-Installed Master, Bro. Anderson," and said although their reverend brother had not been a Freemason for many years, perhaps there was no one in the province had done more to further its interests for the time. He had been five times Provincial Grand Chaplain, had represented the province as a Steward to one of the Masonic Charities, and had his vote for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. He had received congratulations from the four points of the compass for his Masonic sermons and orations, copies having been deposited in the archives of the province, and as sure as there was a Rev. Jas. Anderson who left his Highland home in the early part of the 18th century and steered in the direction that gentlemen of his nationality delighted to steer, south, and assisted to found a Grand Lodge in the land of his adoption, so sure there is a Rev. James Anderson, the second, in the Worshipful Master of Skiddaw Lodge, No. 1002, that during his year of office would give evidence of ability that would be looked back upon with pride in years to come.

Bro. Anderson replied, and thanked the members of the lodge for the great honour they had conferred upon him, and he could assure them no effort would be spared to further the interests of the lodge during his Mastership, with the kind co-operation of his officers and members.

Bro. Atkinson, P.M., gave the toast of "The Visitors," and several replied.

During the evening congratulations were received by wire from Bro. W. F. Lamony, P.M., P.S.G.W., P.S.G.W. Victoria, and Bro. Rev. W. Cree, W.M. 339, P.G. Chap.

With a few capital songs, a most enjoyable evening was spent.

GUERNSEY.

Mariner's Lodge (No. 168).—The regular meeting of this, the oldest lodge of the Island, took place on the 4th inst., at the Masonic Temple. A goodly array of business had to be got through, so the indefatigable Secretary had judiciously called the meeting for 6 o'clock prompt—an early hour for this lodge. It was very easy to observe on arriving at the Masonic Temple that something unusual was about to take place, and it was very pleasing to us to find on enquiry that this was the installation of the W.M. elect. Bro. R. B. Rowcliffe, W.M., being seriously ill, was unable to attend, so the greater portion of the work devolved on the Senior Past Master, Bro. Reginald M. Smythson, who expeditiously initiated two candidates, and took the ballot for two joining members. Bro. Smythson then called upon Bro. A. C. Quick to occupy the chair, and to conduct the ceremony of installation.

The following Past Masters were present: Bros. Balfour Cockburn, P.D.S.G.W.; Lovell, P.M.; Le Page, P.M. 243; Robilliard, W.M. 243; Peck, P.M. 243; Weyson, P.M.; Foote, P.M.; Thorn, P.M.; John Stranger, P.M. 243; W. Stranger, P.M. 1809; T. Bichard, P.M. 1809; W. Newbury, P.M. 1809; T. Palmer, P.M. 1809; Le Huray, P.M. 243; Hamel, P.M. 84; Stickland, P.M. 84; De Jersey, P.M.; Brady, P.M. 1809; and Nicolle, P.M.

The S.W., Bro. Benest, W.M. elect, was presented, and the ceremony proceeded with, and carried out in Bro. Quick's, P.M., usual admirable and impressive manner. The following officers were then appointed and invested: Bros. Nicholls, S.W.; Marquand, J.W.; De Jersey, Treas. (12th year); Smythson, Sec. (15th year); Geraghty, S.D.; Mann, J.D.; Mellish, I.G.; Courtenay, D.C.; Jones, Org.; and Caines, Austin, and Weygang, Stewards. In conclusion, Bro. Smythson, P.M., gave the usual addresses.

Some minor details of business being dispatched, the lodge was closed, and the brethren repaired to the banqueting hall, where an excellent supper had been provided, and the evening was concluded in a most pleasing and harmonious manner.

LIVERPOOL.

Marlborough Lodge (No. 1620).—This lodge celebrated its 18th anniversary at the Derby Hall, Tuebrook, on the 4th inst., when there was a very large attendance of members and visitors. The W.M., Bro. John Stubbs, presided, supported by Bros. James Gresham, S.W.; W. Naylor, J.W.; Luke Bagnall, Treas.; Jas. Tarbuck, Sec.; F. T. Parry, S.D.; H. Peers, I.P.M.; J. Delamere, P.M.; W. Mackney, P.P.G.S.B.; John Henderson, P.M., D.C.; R. Armitage, J. Airey, P.M.; P. Ashbury, P.M.; and others. Among the visitors were Bros. J. Sharples, P.M. 724; T. W. Wood, Sec. 1756; J. G.

Hassell, W.M. 2290; J. C. Langley, W.M. 2114; F. T. Foulkes, P.M. 292; J. Ranken, I.P.M. 1356; R. W. Chatham, W.M. 1356; S. Fidler, P.M. 210; Jos. Shield, P.M. 1036; J. Bain, W.M. 2215; W. Savage, P.G.T.; C. Wadsworth, P.P.G.S.B.; R. Jardine, Sec. 2215; J. Roberts, W.M. 1713; and others.

The retiring W.M. effectively performed the installation ceremony, ably assisted by Bro. R. Armitage, P.G.R., and the following officers were invested: Bros. John Stubbs, I.P.M.; W. Naylor, S.W.; J. Tarbuck, J.W.; Luke Bagnall, Treas. (re-elected for 18th time); F. T. Parry, Sec.; R. Parry, S.D. (by proxy); J. Griffiths, J.D.; John Henderson, P.M., D.C. (re-elected); R. A. Sharp, I.G.; W. Hudson, Org.; H. Bagot, A. Beeston, H. Gale, and O. G. James, Stwds.; R. Neville was re-elected Tyler. The accounts of the lodge, which very satisfactory, were then passed. During the evening a very handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M., on behalf of the lodge, by the W.M., accompanied by a ruby and diamond ring for Mrs. Stubbs, subscribed for by the individual members.

The musical arrangements were well carried out by the Organist, Bro. W. Hudson.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

LOSTWITHIEL.

Restormel Lodge (No. 856).—This lodge celebrated the Festival of St. John on Wednesday, the 4th inst., when Bro. Wm. McLean, S.W., was installed W.M. by Bro. J. Doney, P.M., P.G.D.C., in a very impressive manner, the Board of Installed Masters, including Bros. I. Bassett, W. W. Bockerleg, W. Boxall, E. R. Brown, and R. Whetter, of 856; W. H. Probert, 797; I. T. Baker, 1151; I. Blight and W. H. Lake, of 496; and T. P. Tonkin and W. R. Brewer, of 330. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. E. R. Brown, I.P.M.; S. Rundle, S.W.; C. Haddy, J.W.; E. Drewe, Chap.; J. Hughill, Treas.; J. A. Beswarick, Sec.; E. V. Bryant, S.D.; N. Lean, J.D.; H. Blewett, I.G.; W. E. Hawken, D.C.; J. R. Martin and J. Rowe, Stewards; E. R. Brown, Stwd. of C.M.C.A.; J. Bassett, Stwd. of C.M.A. and B.F.; and C. E. Brown, Tyler.

Among the visiting brethren were Bros. W. Rowe, 1164; W. H. Bennett, 1151; C. H. Whitter, 496; R. L. Randall, 330; and A. Hawke and G. Goad, of 223.

The annual banquet followed at the Monmouth Hotel. A capital spread was provided by Bro. Rowe, and a pleasant evening spent.

PADIHAM.

Red Rose of Lancaster Lodge (No. 1504).—The annual installation festival of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 5th inst. In anticipation of an unusually large gathering, the meeting was held, by permission, in the Constitutional Club, instead of at the Starkie Arms Hotel. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. S. Stuttard, supported by Bros. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, P.M., Prov. G.M.; R. T. Sutcliffe, P.M., acting S.W.; J. E. Sherburn, J.W.; and the Rev. J. S. Doxey, P.D.G. Chap. Punjab, Chaplain; J. Gregson, P.M., Treas.; J. Pollard, P.M., S.D.; G. Grant, J.D.; A. Cran, I.G.; F. L. Riley, P.M.; C. Ainsworth, P.M.; Michael Ingham, J. W. Houlden, J. H. Ainsworth, F. W. Steele, and other members. Visitors: Bros. J. H. Sillitoe, P.G. Std. Br., P.P.G.W.; John Chadwick, P.G.S.B., P.G. Sec.; Jas. Newton, Secretary East Lancashire Systematic Institution; W. Houghton, 42; Geo. Townsend, 116; J. H. Lonsdale, W.M. 126; W. Richmond, P.M. 126; J. H. Halliwell, 369; R. Loynd, 401; W. Sutcliffe, P.M. 1064; R. W. Watson, 1064; J. S. Pullon, 1064; J. Whittaker, 1064; R. Rushton, P.M. 1145; W. Pickup, 1519; John Wolstenholme, W.M. 1519; W. Dent, W.M. 2193; and S. Davies, 2193.

After the confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, and other business had been transacted, Bro. J. H. Sillitoe assumed the chair, and in a most impressive manner installed Bro. J. E. Sherburn as W.M., the working tools in each Degree were delivered and explained by Bro. J. Pollard, P.M. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. G. Grant, S.W.; J. Pollard, J.W.; Rev. J. S. Doxey, Chap.; J. Gregson, P.M., Treasurer; C. Ainsworth, P.M., Secretary; W. Bracewell, S.D.; J. W. Houlden, J.D.; F. L. Riley, P.M., Director of Ceremonies; M. Ingham, Organist; Alexander Cran, I.G.; and J. H. Ainsworth, Tyler. Bro. Sillitoe completed the ceremony by delivering the addresses to the W.M., the Wardens, and brethren in such a manner as to win the applause of all present.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Starkie Arms, where an excellent banquet had been prepared by the host, Bro. John Robinson, and was presided over by the newly-installed W.M.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, after which Bro. Grant, S.W., in happy terms, proposed "The Health of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master," which was received with the utmost cordiality.

Bro. Col. Starkie replied in his usual genial and fluent style.

The toast of "The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," was proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bro. Chadwick.

"The Masonic Charities" was proposed by Bro. Jas. Newton, and responded to by Bro. Doxey, after which the Provincial Grand Master proposed "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Sillitoe," in most eulogistic terms, to which Bro. Sillitoe replied.

Other toasts followed, and the proceedings were enlivened with some excellent vocal music.

SOUTHALL.

Jersey Lodge (No. 2163).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 2nd inst., at the Railway Hotel, when there were present Bro. W. A. Cocks, W.M.; G. Harper, I.P.M.; C. Mead, S.W.; W. Freemantle, J.W.; A. J. Hanson, Treas.; J. Tidmarsh, P.M., P.G. Stwd., Sec.; C. C. Sanger, S.D.; A. L. Butters, J.D.; E. H. Moseley, I.G.; E. Purnell, D.C.; Russell G. Pontifex, and J. A. Webb, Stwds.; G. L. Duffin, Tyler; S. Meech, P.M.; J. H. A. Shury, W. A. Buckland, A. A. Hardy, F. W. Noakes, T. Payne, T. W. Jamieson, W. F. Sanger, and R. Hammond, Visitor. Bro. W. H. Wallden, 1339.

Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the installation meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Mr. William Henry Matthews, and, proving unanimous in his favour, he and Mr. Walter Roaks, who had

been previously elected, were initiated into the mysteries of the Order. The ceremony was performed in a manner which reflected the highest credit on the W.M. and the officers of the lodge. The W.M. delivered the charge. The Secretary reported having received from Grand Lodge a dispensation for Craft clothing to be worn at the fourth annual ball, which will be held in the Lyric Hall, Ealing, on the 20th inst. Communications from the Secretaries of each of the Institutions asking for support at the next festival were brought forward, when the W.M. announced his intention of going up as a Steward for the Boys in June next.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, over which the W.M. presided in his customary unassuming and genial manner.

The usual toasts were duly honoured, and that of "The Initiates" called forth excellent responses from Bros. Roaks and Matthews.

TROWBRIDGE.

Lodge of Concord (No. 632).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Monday afternoon, the 9th inst., under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. H. R. H. Chapman, and officers. Amongst the brethren present were Bros. H. White, S.W.; H. Mundy, J.W.; Rev. S. T. Wood, Chap.; W. J. Mann, Treas.; F. R. Garlick, Asst. Sec.; Geo. Snailum, S.D.; John Chapman, J.D.; W. R. Brown, D.C.; H. Millington, P.G.O.; A. J. G. Stancomb, I.G.; H. Gowing, Org.; James Huntley, Stwd.; H. Bishop, P.M.; J. H. Foley, P.M.; Alf. Parry, P.M.; James Pocock, P.M.; G. L. Palmer, P.M.; F. B. Norris, P.M.; G. W. Rose, H. Green, H. B. Norris, A. Cox, J. Lansdown, Ernest Williams, C. H. Ryles, Rev. E. Chamberlaine, J. H. Aplin, O. Leak, and others. Visitors: Bros. A. Oliver, 263; C. N. P. Phipps, P.M. 2227; James Sparks, 1271, P.J.G.W.; A. Scammell, I.P.M. 1271; J. Taylor, S.W. 1271; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and signed, and other routine business transacted, Bro. Chapman vacated the chair for the ensuing year. The ceremony being concluded, and the new W.M. saluted in the customary manner, the charges to the officers and brethren were impressively given by Bro. W. R. Brown. The W.M. then appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Mundy, S.W.; F. M. Garlick, J.W.; S. T. Wood, Chap.; W. J. Mann, Treas.; T. S. Hill, Sec.; G. Snailum, Asst. Sec.; J. Chapman, S.D.; R. H. Gowing, J.D.; W. R. Brown, D.C.; G. Stancomb, Org.; M. Millard, I.G.; Aplin and Green, Stwds.; and H. Bailey, Tyler. Bro. Millington presided at the organ. The business of the lodge being ended, a vote of £10 10s. was made to Bro. J. Sparks as Steward of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

The officers and brethren then adjourned to the George Hotel where the annual banquet was served by Miss Wade in a highly satisfactory manner.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been given the proceedings were enlivened by several songs by the brethren.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE.

Saint Kew Lodge (No. 1222).—A meeting of this lodge was held, on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., at the Masonic Hall. Bro. James Partridge Capell was formally installed into the chair of K.S. for the ensuing year in the presence of a large number of resident and visiting brethren. The ceremony of installation was efficiently undertaken by Bro. Sellick, I.P.M., in the presence of the D.P.G.M., Bro. R. C. Eise. Subsequently the W.M. distributed collars of office as follows: Bro. Sellick, Butt, S.W.; Blackmore, J.W.; the Rev. Morris, Chap.; W. E. Perrett, jun., Sec.; Ffarington, Treas.; Dr. Alford, D.C.; Cooper, S.D.; Dart, I.G.; Lovell, I.G.; Lalonde, Org.; Curtis and Young, Stewards; Cogle, Almoner; and Cornelius, Tyler.

At the conclusion of the labours of the lodge room, the brethren adjourned for refreshment, and partook of a *recherché* repast, served by Bro. E. G. Huntly.

The usual Masonic toast list was observed, and a most pleasant evening was spent.

Royal Arch.

Fidelity Chapter (No. 3).—The installation meeting of this chapter took place at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., on Friday, the 6th instant. Present: Comps. Walter E. Williams, M.E.Z.; C. E. Birch, H.; Wm. Radcliffe, J.; W. J. Collens, P.Z.; Scribe E.; Jno. H. Stevens, Scribe N.; C. W. Mapleton, D.C.; A. W. G. Weeks, P.Z.; A. Pearce, P.Z.; Wyndham Hart, J. J. Birch, J. C. Pratt, H. Nash, H. J. Lardner, J. Hemming, S. Cochrane, 1st A.S.; Capt. T. C. Walls, 2nd A.S.; F. McDougall, P.Z.; C. Greenwood, P.Z., Prov. G.S.E. Surrey. Visitors: Comps. Geo. Everett, P.G. Treas.; T. Fenn, P. Pres. Committee of General Purposes; J. J. Thomas, P.Z. 749; J. Banning, P.Z. 424, P.P.G.S.N. Durham; E. Bateman, P.Z. 180; G. Harlow, M.E.Z. 2147; J. M. Hodder, P.Z. 1742; F. W. Williams, M.E.Z. 1237; W. F. Wakeford May, 3; C. E. Keyser, G.S.B.; J. W. Hay, M.E.Z. 1194; Claud A. Hooper, 1742; W. J. Dyer, 1900; Sidney Clarke, P.Z. 913; W. E. Sampson; and W. W. Lee, S.N. 1524.

The chapter having been opened, the minutes were confirmed. Comps. C. E. Birch, M.E.Z. elect; W. Radcliffe, H. elect; and John B. Stevens, J. elect, were then impressively installed into their respective chairs, the ceremonies being performed by Comps. Pearce, P.Z.; Collens, P.Z.; and Weeks, P.Z. The following officers were invested: Comps. W. J. Collens, P.Z., S.E.; A. H. Larcome, S.N.; J. Hemming, P.Z., Treas.; S. Cochrane, P.S.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.Z., 1st A.S.; C. W. Mapleton, 2nd A.S.; H. J. Lardner, P.Z., D.C.; Wyndham Hart, Steward; and Goddard, Janitor. A sum of five guineas was voted to the R.M.B.I., and one guinea to each of the other Masonic Institutions.

The chapter was closed, and the companions afterwards enjoyed a well-served banquet at Freemasons' Tavern, under the genial presidency of Comp. C. E. Birch, M.E.Z.

The usual toasts were subsequently heartily honoured. Comp. T. Fenn, P.P.C.G.P., replying for "The Grand Officers," said he was personally gratified to attend that chapter for the first time. He seldom visited a chapter except for the purpose of installing the Principals, but it

was gratifying to him to hear the ceremony performed by others.

Comp. Geo. Everett, P.G. Treas., congratulated the chapter on the fact that it would soon possess a Grand officer of its own. Comp. Cochrane had been nominated without opposition for the Grand Treasurership, and it was gratifying to know that that companion had so many friends and supporters as to frighten all opponents out of the field.

Comp. C. E. Keyser, G.S.B., referring to the Masonic Charities, said he had been elected as President of the Board of Stewards for the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and he hoped the companions would come forward and give their support as they had done in the past.

Comp. Walter E. Williams, I.P.Z., then proposed "The Health of the M.E.Z.," and said that all who knew Comp. Birch must re-echo the feeling expressed in the Craft—"Happy have we been, happy may we part, and happy meet again," for no companion could ever meet their M.E.Z. without feeling that happy influence he always exercised over them. From the very first office Comp. Birch took in the chapter they all knew how popular he made himself, and that popularity had been a by-word. Comp. Birch now filled the chair of M.E.Z., and during his year of office they must all unite in wishing him a happy and prosperous year of office, and in hope that he would be spared for many years to study the welfare of the old Fidelity Chapter, which he, as one of the active member, feel very dear to his heart.

Comp. C. E. Birch, M.E.Z., returned thanks for the kind way in which the toast of his health had been proposed and unanimously received. He was extremely thankful and grateful for the proud position he now occupied in the old Fidelity Chapter. He was proud of it and felt it a great honour. When he first entered the chapter 10 years ago he was struck with the very nice and cordial way in which he was received and exalted by the late Comp. Chas. Greenwood, P.G.S.B., and the companions all seemed a happy family together. He was now in the proud position of presiding, and asked their suffrages and kind assistance during his year. He would do everything in his power for the chapter, and his zeal and interest in its welfare would not lessen. He again thanked them for the great honour done him by placing him in the chair and by drinking his health so kindly.

The M.E.Z. next gave "The Second and Third Principles," and said he looked to them to give him assistance during the coming year. Comp. Radcliffe, H., was well known and could perform all the ceremonies within a very few years after his exaltation, and Comp. Stevens, J., was a very good and hard working officer who would perform all his duties well.

Comp. W. Radcliffe, H., thanked the companions and said that as they had been kind enough in the past to elect him to various offices, he hoped his conduct in the future would justify them in their choice and that he might fairly enlist their suffrages for the position of M.E.Z. next year.

Comp. J. B. Stevens, J., also replied. Comp. Dr. Banning, P.Z., replying for "The Visitors," said how gratified he was to attend this chapter, for never before had he seen working so perfect and admirable, and such brotherly love and sympathy exhibited. He ought, perhaps, to mention that this was his first visit to a London chapter, although the fact did not affect the truth of his remarks. He thought the banquet compared most favourably with every one at which he had been present, and he thanked them for their hospitality.

Comps. Sidney Clarke, P.Z., Harlow, and Williams also responded.

The W.M. availed himself of the opportunity afforded by the toast of "The Past Principles" by presenting Comp. Williams, I.P.Z., with a handsome P.Z.'s jewel, in recognition of the great services rendered by him during his term of office.

Comp. Walter E. Williams, I.P.Z., said he fully appreciated the compliment paid him by presenting him with an outward and visible token of their esteem. He appreciated the great honour he had enjoyed of filling the chair, and still more the jewel presented to him. It would ever bind him to the chapter so long as he lived, and after that he hoped the chapter would go on and prosper as it had done the 10 years he had been connected with it.

Comp. Collens, P.Z., returned thanks for "The Scribe E. and Treasurer," after which the M.E.Z. proposed "The Officers," and said he was proud to say that the P.S. was the G. Treas. nominate, and congratulated him on his unanimous election.

Comp. S. Cochrane, P.S., replied, and "The Masonic Press" having been acknowledged by Comp. W. W. Lee, S.N. 1524, the Janitor's toast closed a very successful and pleasant meeting.

Under the direction of Bro. Arthur Strugnell, a charming selection of music was rendered. The artistes included Madame Edna Riga, and Bros. Chas. Chilly, Jas. Kift, and A. Strugnell.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 6th inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. A. Williams, P.M., W.M.; W. Hide, S.W.; W. Hinds, J.W.; Jas. Sims, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec. (*pro tem.*); R. H. Williams, P.M., &c., S.D.; G. E. Stafford, J.D.; R. Reid, I.G.; F. A. Barth, and others.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sections of the Lecture were worked by the W.M., assisted by the brethren. The 4th Section was worked by Bro. R. H. Williams, the questions being put by the Preceptor. Bro. Hide was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

BLACKHEATH LODGE (No. 1320).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Milkwood Hotel, Milkwood-road, Loughborough Junction, on Monday, the 9th inst., when there were present Bros. Telling, W.M.; Clarke, S.W.; Lord, J.W.; F. Hilton, P.M., Preceptor; T. R. Cass, Treas.; C. H. Stone, Sec.; Barr, S.D.; Rice, J.D.; Hill, I.G.; Kimpton, Sly, Pike, H. G. Martin, Targett, and Stunt.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro.

Kimpton being the candidate. Bro. Pike having offered himself as candidate to be raised, answered the usual questions, was entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Pike was raised in due form. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree, and dues were collected. Bro. Clarke was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 10th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, when there were present Bros. W. H. Dresden, W.M. 1602, W.M.; H. G. Danby, W.M. 1056, S.W.; W. Hillier, J.W.; R. H. Williams, P.M., &c., Deputy Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; G. A. Knight, S.D.; W. Thwaites, J.D.; J. J. Rumbal, I.G.; J. H. Neville, W. B. Neville, F. A. Barth, J. R. Hubbard, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. Surrey; Lewis Beale, and E. E. Gofowski, W.M. 534.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. J. H. Neville offered himself as a candidate for raising, and, having been examined and entrusted, the lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed in an excellent manner. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. W. B. Neville acting as candidate. Bro. Danby was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 7th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, W., when there were present Bros. Wimpey, W.M.; Maldon, S.W.; Dickey, J.W.; A. Williams, P.M., Preceptor; G. Gardner, P.M., Treas.; M. Spiegel, P.M., Sec.; Hillier, S.D.; Clark, J.D.; Hide, I.G.; Cumming, P.M.; Brown, P.M.; Powell, Read, and Hare. Bro. Ellis was a visitor.

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Waldon, the W.M. elect of the mother lodge, and rehearsed the ceremony of initiation. He vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Brown, P.M., who opened the lodge to the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the Second, rehearsed part of the installation ceremony, and placed Bro. Waldon in the chair, and invested his officers. The W.M. rose for the first, second, and third time, and the lodge was closed.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, on Friday, the 6th inst., when there were present Comps. Mcl. North, M.E.Z.; V. T. Murché, H.; H. G. Martin, J.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; C. H. Stone, S.E.; T. H. Salmon, S.N.; H. Chabôt, P.S.; J. Hill, E. A. Rice, W. Dawson, Thos. Grumman, L. Chabôt, G. H. Lewis, R. Davis, J. Pullen, G. Thompson, and Jas. Addington.

The chapter was regularly opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. L. Chabôt personating the candidate. Comp. Murché, H., was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting, when an installation ceremony will be rehearsed. "Hearty good wishes" were given, and the chapter was closed.

HARLESDEN.—St. JOHN'S LODGE (No. 167).—A meeting was held on December 22nd, at the Court House. Present: W. Roche Plaford, W.M.; W. J. Lovegrove, P.M. 1988, P.P.C.S., S.W.; F. S. Priest, J.W.; W. Hillier, Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec. (*pro tem.*); E. T. Ginder, S.D.; J. Rae, J.D.; C. Penny, I.G. and Treas.; Dowssett Smith, P.M.; Knight, Featherstone, Hussey, Tebbit, Jobson, Hooker, and Hayton.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Featherstone having offered himself as the candidate, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bro. Knight having offered himself as a candidate for passing, he was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the 2nd Section of the Lecture was worked very ably by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The W.M. rose for the first time. Bros. Hayton, 1962, and Hooker, 1707, were unanimously elected members. The S.W., Bro. Lovegrove, P.M., was elected W.M. at the next meeting. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

Red Cross of Rome and Constantine.

Premier Conclave.—This old conclave met at Mark Masons' Hall, on the 2nd inst. Amongst those present were Sir Knights C. Keyser, G.C., M.P.S.; Purrott, V.E.; Robinson, S.G.; Heard, P.M.W.S., acting I.G.; H. H. Shirley, G.C., P.M.W.S.; Captain Walls, P.G.I.G., P.M.W.S.; Dr. Mickley, P.G.I.G., P.M.W.S.; Nelson Prower, M.A., P.M.W.S.; J. J. Pakes, G. Graveley, the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, M.A., H. J. Lardner, G.C., P.M.W.S.; Phillips, and others. Sir Knights C. F. Hogard, G. Treas., and F. W. Driver, M.A., were visitors.

The minutes of the previous conclave were read and confirmed. Sir Knight J. Phillips, being in attendance, was duly installed as a K.H.S. and of St. John the Evangelist by Sir Knight H. H. Shirley. Sir Knight T. Cubitt, P.G. S.G., Treasurer, being very unwell, and unable to attend the meeting, Sir Knight Shirley was elected Treasurer (*pro tem.*). Sir Knight John Mason, P.M.P.S., P.G.I.G., Recorder, was also too indisposed to attend the conclave. Votes were passed to both of those sir knights. The Audit Committee was adjourned.

The conclave was then closed, and the sir knights dined at Freemasons' Tavern. The usual toasts received full justice.

Sir Knight C. F. Hogard responded for "The Grand Council." In the course of his speech, he said that the Order was progressing slowly but satisfactorily; the Metropolitan conclaves were working well.

"The Health of the M.P.S." was proposed by Sir Knight N. Prower, his remarks being, as usual, full of point and eloquence.

The M.P.S., in reply, regretted that no candidate had presented himself that evening to be inducted as a member of the first Rite. He was proud of the Premier Conclave,

for more reasons than one. Apart from the position it held in the Order, it numbered amongst its members several personal friends of his own, and many who had distinguished themselves in other grades of Masonry.

Sir Knight F. W. Driver, M.A., responded on behalf of "The Visitors," and recited a ballad of his own composition—"The Noble Soul"—the lines and theme being exceedingly pathetic and good.

"The Past Sovereigns" was responded to by Sir Knights Shirley and Lardner, and "The Officers" by Sir Knights Purrott and Robinson.

Allied Masonic Degrees.

LIVERPOOL.

Portal Council (No. 1).—A meeting of the above council was held at the Bear's Paw on Saturday, the 7th inst., Bro. J. D. Murray in the chair, assisted by Bros. J. H. Barrow, J. W. White, and J. C. Robinson, when the following brethren were admitted members: Bros. W. C. Erwin, P.M. 359; Thos. Adams, P.M. 268; John Fletcher, 359; E. R. Lathom, 65; Eli Brooks, 393; F. Deecker, 393; C. Fothergill, 359; W. McGauley, 359; and Wm. Platt, 268. After the various ceremonies, which were most efficiently performed by Bros. Murray and White, Bro. J. H. Barrow was duly elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bros. John C. Robinson was appointed S.W.; Wm. Platt, J.W.; and John Fletcher, Secretary, the Degrees worked being the St. Lawrence, Knight of Constantinople, Red Cross of Babylon, and High Priest.

BRO. HUGHAN'S "DEDICATION" ORATION.

Brethren who have been unable to obtain Bro. Hughan's oration, delivered by him at the dedication of the new Masonic Hall, Dawlish, in 1890, will be glad to hear that a *third* edition has been printed by Bro. F. W. Westcott, Frankfort-street, Plymouth, from whom copies may be had. Single copies 3d.; per dozen 2s. 6d.; or 15s. per 100, post free. Any balance, as the result of the sale, will be devoted, as before, to some Masonic Charity.

The co-operation of zealous brethren will be heartily welcomed in securing a still wider circulation of Bro. Hughan's oration, which is considered the best popular description and defence of Freemasonry, *in brief*, in the English language.

FREEMASONRY IN CEYLON.

On the 21st December, the writer had the pleasure of participating in an interesting evening at Colombo, the occasion being the installation of the W.M. and officers of the Sphinx Lodge, No. 107 (I.C.). The lodge met in their lodge room, at the Public Hall, where the furniture and appointments are complete and handsome, though, in deference to a heat of 85°, the lodge is not so carefully closed in, as in more temperate climates.

The attendance of brethren, who consist mostly of military men, was large, and the working of the lodge was strikingly earnest and precise. The installation ceremony was most impressively conducted by Bro. John Maitland, P.M., D.P.G.M. of Ceylon, who is evidently a prime factor in Masonry in the Island, and he was ably assisted by the retiring W.M., Bro. Capt. Hearn, to whose individual efforts the flourishing condition of the Sphinx Lodge is mainly due. The whole working of the lodge, from the W.M. downwards, was carried through in a particularly prompt and accurate manner, which greatly impressed a visitor from a lodge which prides itself on its orthodoxy and correctness.

The installation ceremony over, the brethren adjourned to the Galle Face Hotel, where they found prepared for them, by Mr. Williams, the manager of the establishment, a banquet, which in every respect was most excellent. The room in which it was held was completely festooned with flags, while the long table, with glittering crystal and plate, epergnes filled with tropical fruits, the cloth profusely and artistically decorated with the sacred lily of Buddha, relieved by traceries of delicate and many coloured leaves, and the whole brilliantly lighted by wax candles, made an expression of beauty and grace upon the visitor which will long last. On the verandah the splendid band of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, present by the *gratefully recognised permission of their Commanding Officer*, heralded the commencement of the banquet with the time-honoured tune of "The roast beef of Old England," and during its continuance played selections of delicate music.

The chair, of course, taken by the newly-elected W.M., Bro. Lieut. S. T. Smith, R.A., who by his geniality and tact, gave the brethren of his lodge all reason to be proud of their choice.

As to the dinner itself, it may merely be mentioned, for the benefit of those as yet ignorant of the cuisine of the Galle Face, that the cooking of the delicacies provided left nothing to be desired.

The banquet over, the evening passed pleasantly, merrily, and all too quickly, as the toast list, in which the visitor was favoured with a small part, was gone through with interludes of more music and glees from the band, and many a song from the brethren.

So passed one of the very pleasantest evenings experienced by the lucky visitor, who only wished that he could have more adequately thanked all those who so warmly extended to him the hand of fellowship.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held their regular meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday. Bro. C. E. Keyser, J.G.D., Patron, presided, and there were present Bros. E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; James Brett, P.G.P.; Henry Mason, John Barnett, Isaac Dixon, C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; A. Mullord, R. Griggs, J. Newton, W. H. Hubbert, T. B. Purchas, P.A.G.D.C.; C. Kempton, A. Durant, E. Terry, P.G. Treas.; S. V. Abraham, P.G.P.; Jabez Hogg, P.G.D.; Hugh Cotter, E. M. Money, C. H. Webb, J. P. Fitzgerald, V. F. S. d'Arcy Brennan, W. Belchamber, J. Harrison, Alfred Moore, John Laskin, Hugh H. Hobbs, and James Terry, P.G.S.B. (Secretary).

The minutes of the previous Committee having been read and verified, the Secretary reported the death of three male and three widow annuitants, of one widow half annuitant, who was a candidate, and of one male and one widow candidate. The Warden's report for the past month was read, as well as that of the Finance Committee. The applications of two widows of lately deceased annuitants for half their late husband's annuities were granted. The Committee then dealt with the petitions of 10 men—including the one deferred from the December meeting—and 7 widows, with the result that all the former and five of the latter were accepted, and their names ordered to be placed on the list of candidates for the election in May next, while those of the two remaining widows were deferred for further information.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

A Quarterly Court of Subscribers and Governors of this Institution was held on Thursday at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.D., Patron, in the chair. There were also present Bros. J. H. Matthews, James Brett, Wm. F. Smithson, H. Massey, George Adamson, A. C. Spaul, W. G. Kentish, W. H. Saunders, G. N. Money, James Moon, and F. R. W. Hedges (Secretary).

In the course of laying summaries of the House Committee's proceedings before the Court by Bro. Hedges, when the portion was arrived at which detailed the Committee's dealing with the boiler explosion which took place at the School, Bro. RICHARDSON said the boilers were at work again. When the explosion occurred the Committee considered the questions of boiler insurance and employers' liability. The boilers were now under the charge of a different engineer. The Committee very carefully examined the exploded boiler, and they found that the engineer in charge had screwed the safety valve tightly down, and that was how the explosion occurred.

Bro. HEDGES having reported the confirmation, on December 7th, 1892, of the resolution by Grand Lodge of September 7th, passed in accordance with the request of the General Court of the Girls' School of July 7th last,

Bro. RICHARDSON said the resolution of Grand Lodge was that the Sustentation Fund should be amalgamated with the General Fund. There was no sense in having the two funds, and it was bad book-keeping. The resolution was confirmed at last Grand Lodge, and he would now move that the Secretary take the proper steps to transfer the Sustentation Fund to the General Fund.

Bro. W. F. SMITHSON, P.G.D., seconded the motion, which was then put and carried.

Bro. J. H. MATTHEWS, P.D.G.D.C., said that unfortunately death had made sad ravages among the trustees of the General Fund, and it was necessary to fill up the vacancies. It had been intimated to him that the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, and one of the senior Provincial Grand Masters, Earl Amherst, would be pleased to act as trustees. He would wish to add Col. Peters, one of their old trustees. He would therefore formally move that the R.W.D.G.M., the Earl of Mount Edgumbe; the Earl Amherst, Provincial Grand Master for Kent; and Col. Peters, P.G. Swd. Br., be elected trustees of the General Fund.

The motion was carried, after having been seconded by Bro. SMITHSON.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON said the Institution had very good trustees, and he might further add that it was a very useful thing to have men of such high social position as trustees, as they exercised very great influence when matters arose affecting the Institution.

Bro. J. H. MATTHEWS, P.D.G.D.C., Patron, Chairman of the House Committee for the month, moved—"That, in consequence of vacancies caused by children elected in October not being of age to be received into the School, that the two next highest unsuccessful candidates be admitted, under Law 94, viz., Dorothea Whitaker and Winifred Coffey." Having read Law 94, he said the House Committee found there would be two beds empty for the next six months by two girls elected not being of the age for admission, if the Committee did not fill them up. It was not advisable that there should be empty beds, and as the two children he had referred to were not yet eight years of age, the best thing was to put in force this Law 94.

Bro. W. H. SAUNDERS seconded, and said he was

very glad the Committee had acted as stated by Bro. Matthews.

Bro. MATTHEWS said that as it might be asked what effect this would have on the candidates for election, he might tell the brethren that 19 would be elected in April out of 29.

The brethren then passed the following recommendation of the General Committee on December 29th, 1892—"That the five eligible candidates remaining from the last election, together with the 27 whose petitions have been this day approved, be placed upon the list of candidates for the April election, and that 21 vacancies be declared."

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON said it had now been definitely fixed that the 103th Anniversary Festival of the Institution should take place on Wednesday, May 17th, at which the Earl of Euston had kindly consented to preside. His lordship's province was very active in support of the Festival, and he had no doubt they would make a good return. He hoped that the result of the Festival would be large.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman and the Worshipful Brother's acknowledgment of same closed the proceedings.

Our Portrait Gallery of Worshipful Masters.



BRO. HENRY LOVEGROVE,

W.M. of the Hiram Lodge, No. 2416, founded by members of the Royal Institute of British Architects, has taken a very active part in Freemasonry for many years. He has served as W.M. of the Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507; the Royal Honour, No. 1777; the Brixton, No. 1949; and the Henry Levander, No. 2048, and in 1880 was Prov. Grand Superintendent of Works for Middlesex. He is a P.Z. of Nos. 72 and 1549; has been Prov. Grand Standard Bearer and Prov. Grand Treasurer of the Prov. Grand Chapter of Middlesex. He has served many Stewardships for the Charities; is Vice-President of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and Life Governor of both the Schools. In Mark Masonry Bro. Lovegrove has served as W.M. of Nos. 4 and 234, and has been Prov. Grand Inspector of Works and Prov. Senior Grand Warden of Middlesex and Surrey, and in 1881 was Grand Inspector of Works. In the Ancient and Accepted Rite he is P.M.W.S. and Treasurer of the Shadwell Clerke Chapter, and the present M.W.S. of the Victiva Chapter (his 14th installation), and has been admitted to the 30°, a Past Preceptor of the Order of the Temple, Past Grand Captain of the Guards, a P.C.N. of the Royal Ark Mariners; also a member of the Secret Monitor, Cryptic Degrees, Royal Order of Scotland, and the Order of Rosicrucians. Bro. Lovegrove has been District Surveyor of South Islington under the Building Act for some years, and has recently been promoted to the important district of Shoreditch, retaining his former appointment. He is a Fellow of the Surveyors' Institution, a member of the Royal Institute of British Architects, and Past Vice-President of the Architectural Association. He is a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Pattenmakers, and has a very fine collection of fancy poultry, of which he is reputed to be an excellent judge. He is author of an elaborate work published in serial form—"Practical Architecture."

Scotland.

GLASGOW.

Glasgow Kilwinning Lodge (No. 4).—The annual meeting for election and installation of office-bearers was held in the lodge, 14, Bishop-street, Anderston, on Wednesday, the 7th inst., when a goodly number of members and visitors were present. After the opening preliminaries, the election was proceeded with, and the following officers were duly installed by Bro. G. Glen, P.S.G.W.

Renfrewshire East: Bros. F. W. Larter, R.W.M.; C. C. Thomson, I.P.M.; Frank Donlon, S.M.; Gideon Duncan, S.W.; W. Morrison, J.W.; Andrew Black, Treasurer; Dugald Leitch, Secretary; A. McNair, Chap.; D. Adam, S.D.; T. Reed, J.D.; J. Moreau, B.B.; J. Gordon, A. Ferguson, and Wm. C. Loudon, Stewards; T. C. Campbell, P.G.S.; T. Hardy, Architect; John Newbigging, Jeweller; George Gillespie, D.C.; A. Patterson, D. of M.; A. B. Thornburn, Standard Bearer; T. G. Jamieson, T.B.F.; F. V. Rodriguez, I.G.; and T. Crichton, O.G.

After the installation, Bro. George Glen expressed the great pleasure he had felt in being able to accept the kind invitation of the lodge to come to install the new office-bearers, and earnestly impressed upon them the absolute necessity for them one and all giving their undivided and punctual attention to their various duties, as it was by this means alone that the continued prosperity of this ancient lodge could be maintained. Bro. F. W. Larter, in his reply, thanked Bro. Glen on his own behalf, and on behalf of the lodge, for his kindness in coming such a long distance to install the office-bearers, and complimented him on the excellent and impressive manner in which he had performed the ceremony.

The lodge was then passed from labour, and the remainder of the meeting was enjoyed with the excellent harmony peculiar to this lodge.

Among the visitors were Bros. J. McNaught Campbell, G.I.G.; David Fortune, R.W.M. 753; Jas. Lee, R.W.M. 609; W. M. Denholm, R.W.M. 553; W. McCrone, R.W.M. 408; W. A. Cairney, R.W.M. 175; J. Booth, H. J. Humphreys, W. Barclay, W. Kennedy, A. Henderson, R.W.M. 219; Rev. R. C. Johnstone, and other well-known brethren.

MASONIC MEETINGS (Metropolitan)

For the week ending Saturday, January 21, 1893.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 176, Caveac, Albion Tavern.
- 1328, Granite, Freemasons' Hall.
- 1426, The Great City, Cannon-street Hotel.
- 1686, Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall.
- 1743, Perseverance, Anderton's Hotel.
- 1837, Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall.
- 2019, King Solomon, Mark Masons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

- 1928, Gallery, Anderton's Hotel.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 1, Grand Masters, Freemasons' Tavern.
- 21, Emulation, Albion Tavern.
- 185, Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern.
- 720, Pamure, Balham Hotel.
- 862, Whittington, Freemasons' Hall.
- 921, City of London, Guildhall Tavern.
- 507, Royal Albert, Freemasons' H. H.
- 1537, St. Peter Westminster, Criterion.
- 1694, Imperial, Clout's Restaurant, 24, Victoria-street.
- 1728, Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel.
- 2060, La France, Cafe Royal.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
- 1593, Trafalgar, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.

MARK LODGE.

- 333, Kintore, Surrey Masonic Hall.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17.

- Board of General Purposes, at 4.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 30, United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern.
- 73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel.
- 95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
- 102, Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall.
- 194, St. Paul's, Cannon-street Hotel.
- 435, Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall.
- 704, Camden, Anderton's Hotel.
- 857, St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall.
- 1420, Earl Spencer, White Lion Hotel, Putney.
- 1805, Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bromley.
- 2011, Queen's Westminster, Holborn Restaurant.
- 2012, Haven, Lyric Hall, Ealing.
- 2408, Hamstead, Hampstead Conservatoire, South Hampstead.

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Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Abercorn have been entertaining a large family party at Baron's Court, county Tyrone, during the Christmas holidays.

Bro. Sir Frederick Dixon-Hartland, Bart., M.P., and his family have left England for a visit to Biarritz, whence they will not return till the opening of Parliament.

The Clothworkers' Company, which, some time ago, gave a donation of £2000 to the Northern Polytechnic, has recently followed it up by presenting the further and still more substantial sum of £3000.

We regret to hear that Bro. Lord Stalybridge has been laid up at 12, Upper Brook-street, by a mild attack of typhoid fever, but his lordship's symptoms were, according to the latest account, most favourable, and he has been going on well.

Lady Emily Hart-Dyke, wife of Bro. Sir William Hart-Dyke, Bart., M.P., was under the painful necessity of leaving Lullingstone Castle Park for Cairo during the latter part of last week on account of the serious illness of her brother, Col. the Hon. Oliver Montagu.

Monday, the 6th prox., has been arranged by Bro. Henry Irving for the production of the late Lord Tennyson's "Becket," but "King Lear" will still be retained in the programme, and will be played on Mondays, while "Becket" will be performed the other five days in the week.

A warrant has been granted for a Royal Ark Mariners Lodge to be attached to the Excelsior Mark Lodge, No. 359, meeting at the Bear's Paw Lord-street, Liverpool. The founders are Bros. J. H. Barrow, John C. Robinson, Wm. Platt, Wm. Goodacre, and J. D. Murray. The consecration will take place at an early date.

The death is announced of Sir J. P. Grant, K.C.B., who was Lieutenant-Governor of the Central Provinces during the Indian Mutiny, and also had, at different times, occupied other important posts in the Indian and Queen's services. The deceased, who was born in 1807, leaves behind him a widow and four sons and three daughters.

The Marquis of Salisbury, who has been staying with his family at his new Villa of Beaulieu in the Riviera, will leave for London early in the course of next week, and is expected to arrive about Thursday, the 19th instant. His lordship will give the usual Parliamentary dinner at his residence in Arlington-street on Monday, the 30th instant.

The Prince of Wales rejoined the Princess of Wales, the Duke of York and his daughters, the Princesses Victoria and Maud, at Sandringham, on Saturday last. The day following, which was the 20th anniversary of the birth of the late Duke of Clarence and Avondale. Their Royal Highnesses attended divine service at St. Mary Magdalene Church. To-morrow (Saturday) will be the first anniversary of the late Duke's death.

Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone and their family brought their sojourn at Biarritz to a conclusion on Monday evening, when they left direct for London, arriving at their destination on the evening of the following day, and on Wednesday the Right Honourable gentleman was present at the Cabinet Council held in Downing-street, among the other Ministers present being Bro. Lord Herschell (Lord Chancellor), Bro. Sir G. O. Trevelyan, Bart., and Bro. the Right Hon. G. J. Shaw-Lefevre.

Bro. the Duke of Devonshire, Lord-Lieutenant of Derbyshire, and the Duchess of Devonshire, took part in the Drill Hall in the presentation of the new decoration to Volunteer Officers on Saturday evening last, and narrated with satisfaction the circumstance of its having been his first official duty as Under-Secretary of State for War was to introduce and pass through the House of Commons the Volunteer Act, which first gave a legal status and recognition to the Volunteer Force.

Bro. Lord Brassey has been elected Master of the Shipwrights' Company for the ensuing year, and Messrs. Josiah Griffin and Freeman and Bro. Lord Horton, Wardens. This Company, according to Mr. White, Chief Controller of the Navy, has been very successful in its efforts in behalf of technical education, and the classes it had established at Bow are being now transferred to the Blackwall Institute, where there is every reason to believe they will prove of great service to young shipwrights and shipbuilders.

The Queen gave a dinner party at Osborne on Tuesday in honour of the marriage of her granddaughter, the Princess Marie of Edinburgh with Prince Ferdinand, heir to the throne of Roumania, and herself proposed the health of the newly-married couple. The guests on the occasion included Princess Louise Marchioness of Lorne and the Marquis of Lorne, Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg, the Portuguese and Roumanian Ministers, the Earl of Rosebery, and the ladies and gentlemen of the Household.

"The Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book for 1893" is a handy publication, containing, in addition to the usual almanack, diary, &c., a complete list of all the regular lodges and Royal Arch chapters, with their places and times of meeting, as well as a variety of articles on subjects relating to the wide-spread Brotherhood. The book is published for the benefit of the Charity Fund under the authority of the United Grand Lodge of England and by command of the M.W. Grand Master. Every good Mason should procure a copy of the publication, which is handsomely bound in black leather, and is of convenient size. It can be obtained of Mr. George Kenning, 16 and 16A, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.—*European Mail*.

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Princess Victoria Mary of Teck has very kindly given her consent to the new children's ward, which is about to be established in the Richmond Hospital, being named "Princess Mary's Ward."

Bro. A. Grundy, J.W. 1585, has resigned his position in the Electric Stores, Limited, and rejoined Bailey and Grundy, of Amberley Works, Paddington, as manager of the Electrical and Contracting Department.

Bro. James Stevens, P.M. and Sec. 1426, will lecture on "The Ritual, Ceremonial, and Symbolism of the Craft Degrees," at the Midland Hotel, Birmingham, on Friday, the 27th inst., at 7 p.m. Particulars may be obtained from the Secretaries of the several local lodges.

The Marquis and Marchioness of Zetland have been entertaining a number of guests at their seat, Aske Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire. Among the latest additions to the party being the Countess of Scarborough, and the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Hon. Mrs. Maclagan.

It is with very great regret we have to announce that Viscount Newport, eldest son of Bro. the Earl of Bradford, has been lying ill of typhoid fever at his father's residence, Weston Park, Sheffal. The latest reports, however, are to the effect that his lordship has been making some progress.

The eldest son of Bro. Lord and Lady Randolph Churchill, who is staying with his mother and the Dowager Duchess of Marlborough at Branksome Dene, Bournemouth, met with an accident on Tuesday. The branch of a tree he was climbing broke, and young Mr. Churchill fell to the ground, breaking no bones, but sustaining a severe shaking.

A matinee for the benefit of the "Poor of London" has been arranged to take place at the Empire Theatre, on Wednesday, the 25th inst., under the patronage of the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of London. Mr. Conlon, of the Empire Theatre, will receive subscriptions, and his lordship has very kindly consented to distribute the fund.

We regret to announce that Bro. the Earl of Londesborough has been seriously ill, and though the more urgent symptoms had abated, there was an increase in the fever in the early days of the week. However, our distinguished brother was on the whole easier, and had some refreshing sleep. The telegrams and messages and personal enquiries after his lordship's health have been very numerous.

The annual ball, given by Lieut.-Col. the Earl of Harewood and the officers of the Princess of Wales's Own Yorkshire Hussars, took place at York on Wednesday evening. Among the guests were Bro. the Earl of Feversham and the Lady Ulrica Duncombe, Bro. Lord and Lady Derwent, the Marchioness of Hertford, the Duke and Duchess of Leeds, Lord and Lady Middleton, and the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of York.

The members of the Olicana Lodge, No. 1522, Ilkley, celebrated the Festival of St. John the Evangelist in the presence of a goodly muster of brethren, amongst whom were visitors from the Manchester, Leeds, Bradford, Skipton, and Otley lodges. Bro. John Illingworth, the W.M. elect, was presented for the benefit of installation by Bro. P. M. Gaunt, P.P.G.D., and Bro. Dr. Bates, P.M., performed the ceremony.

The customary offering of gold, frankincense, and myrrh was made on behalf of the Queen at the Chapel Royal, St. James's Palace, on Friday, the 6th inst., being the Feast of the Epiphany. Her Majesty's gifts were presented by Mr. Alpin McGregor and the Hon. Aubrey Fitz-Clarence, Gentlemen Ushers-in-Waiting. The Dean of the Chapel Royal (the Bishop of London), assisted by the Sub-Dean and the Priests-in-Waiting, officiated on the occasion.

On Monday, the 2nd inst., at the meeting of the Cleveland Lodge, No. 543, Bro. W. H. Dixon was installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, Bro. W. A. Hutchinson, P.M., being the Installing Master. The W.M. elected his officers as follows: Bros. W. A. Hutchinson, P.M., I.P.M.; G. W. West, S.W.; W. Lowther Carrick, J.W.; R. Watson, P.M., Sec. and Treas.; the Rev. G. Pawson, Chap.; the Rev. T. Robson, S.D.; Wm. Hodgson, J.D.; F. E. C. Dobson, I.G.; A. Jones, Org.; Wm. Winn, P.M., D.C.; W. M. Yeoman, Stwd.; and John Rontree, Tyler.

For members of the Craft there can scarcely be a more useful book of reference than the "Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book," which is issued by Mr. George Kenning. In its pages there is given in a convenient form just the information that an active Mason ought to have, so to speak, at his fingers' ends. Even to hint at the contents is impossible, owing to pressure. All, indeed, that we can say is that personal experience of what a Mason really needs has enabled Mr. Kenning to present to the Craft a really valuable—we may almost say an indispensable—pocket companion.—*City Press*.

On the 6th instant, at the Town Hall, Newcastle, Bro. Thomas Edwards was installed as the W.M. of the Sutherland Lodge of Unity, No. 460, for the ensuing year. The Installing Master was Bro. W. H. Newby, P.M., assisted by Bros. T. W. Eardley, the retiring W.M.; S. Hyslop, P.S.G.D.; A. L. Broad, P.P.J.G.W.; J. Ingamells, P.P.J.G.D.; and W. H. Bucknell, P.P.G. Supt. of Works. The following were appointed the officers for the ensuing year: Bros. F. Skerrett, P.M., S.W.; Rev. L. C. A. Edgeworth, J.W.; S. Hyslop, P.S.G.D., Treas.; J. G. Ainsworth, P.P.S.G.D., Sec.; R. C. Downes, S.D.; G. Rushforth, J.D.; F. Mountford, P.P.S.G.D., Org.; J. Ingamells, P.P.J.G.D., D.C.; Gilbert Hood, P.P.S.G.D., I.G.; Gilbert Howson, T. Wright, J. P. Howson, and T. Byrne, Stwds.; and B. Hancock, Tyler. At the close of the lodge, the brethren adjourned to the Castle Hotel for the customary banquet.

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The oldest newspaper in the world is the "King Pan" of Central China. It was established 911. For 700 years it appeared irregularly, but in 1804 it was made a daily, and it now publishes three editions.

By direction of the Princess of Wales, the sum of £25 8s. 6d. has been forwarded to the Secretary of the British Home for Incurables, being a further donation from the proceeds of the sale of Canon Fleming's sermon, "Recognition in Eternity."

The Duchess of Teck and Princess May were present on Thursday evening at the Institute, Kingston-vale, and distributed the contents of a monster Christmas-tree to the children of the parish. Her Royal Highness kindly provided gifts for each child.

The performance of Miss Ethel Smyth's Mass is to take place on Wednesday evening next, at the Albert Hall. The Empress Eugénie, who is much interested in the success of the composer, has expressed her intention of being present, and the Queen has placed the Royal box at her disposal.

The new first-class battleship, the Hood, which has been built under the Naval Defence Act, and is the largest turret-ship in the world, has been reported ready for the official trials of her machinery, which have been ordered to take place at the mouth of the Thames. Her engines are of 18,000 horse-power, and are estimated to propel her at the rate of 17½ knots per hour.

Notwithstanding the palpable thaw, the National Skating Association brought off their matches at Hendon. The ice was over 5½ inches thick, and in such condition that further contests were planned for Thursday. The principal event was a 200 yards race for amateurs, and this proved a fine contest. The winner, F. Hiam, of Stratford, covered the distance in the second round in 20.45 seconds, beating W. Elliott by 1.5 second. This time forms an English record.

The Countess of Lathom, who was accompanied by the Lady Alice Wilbraham, and the Mayor and Mayoress of Liverpool, opened a four days' bazaar in St. George's Hall, Liverpool, in behalf of the local mission to railway-men, on Tuesday. Her ladyship spoke in terms of high commendation of the patience, activity, and good humour of English railway servants, whom she declared to be vastly superior to those met with on the Continent.

The ceremony of the laying of the foundation-stone of the new chancel at Verwood parish church, Dorchester, which is being erected by Messrs. Hayward and Wooster, Bath, from designs prepared by Messrs. Adye and Adye, Bradford-on-Avon, was attended by a large gathering of the local clergy, including the Ven. Archdeacon of Dorset. There was an appropriate service, an address being delivered by the Archdeacon.

At a meeting of the Court of the Company of Coach-makers and Coach Harness Makers, at which the Master, Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, presided, the Hon. Mr. Justice Gainsford Bruce, Sir Frederick Seager-Hunt, Bart., M.P., and several other gentlemen, some of whom were connected with the coachbuilding trade in England and Scotland, were elected and admitted to the freedom and livery of the company.

The smoking concert at the Grosvenor Club, on Monday evening, was very numerously attended. The conductors were Bro. Wilhelm Ganz, P.G. Org., and Mr. C. Lorraine, while among the artistes who took part in the entertainment were Madame Giulia Valda and M. Dufricher, of the Royal Italian Opera, Miss May Pinney, Madame Vaudrey, and Bro. Lionel Brough. The programme was excellent, and was very generally appreciated.

At the last meeting of the Lagos Lodge, No. 1171, Bro. C. A. Sapara Williams, Barrister-at-Law, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. T. A. King, Secretary, was elected Treasurer. The W.M. elect will appoint a Secretary to succeed Bro. King, who has held the office for the last three years. We understand that grand preparations are on foot for celebrating in a worthy manner the 25th anniversary of this lodge during the early part of the ensuing year.

On Monday evening an accident occurred to Lord Alcester in Pall-mall, when he fell down the step of the Travellers' Club, falling heavily on the pavement. He was picked up by the club servants, and after a short rest was conveyed to his apartments, 22, Ryder-street, where Dr. Laking saw him. The gallant admiral has not been very strong since his illness some months ago, and it was believed that he had suffered another attack, but is now very much better, and is able to go out for a short period.

Members of the Fraternity in Liverpool and throughout West Lancashire will learn with sincere regret that Bro. Peter Hall, for many years P.G. Tyler in the province over which Bro. Lord Lathom presides, died on the 10th inst. at his residence in Alt-street, in the 77th year of his age. Deceased was one of the oldest Freemasons in the division, and for many years held the position of Tyler in connection with several local Craft lodges. He was very highly respected by members of the Brotherhood and faithfully fulfilled all the Masonic duties which devolved upon him. His funeral takes place at Anfield Cemetery on Saturday, at two o'clock.

A pleasing spectacle was witnessed at the Drill Hall, Kingston-on-Thames, on Thursday evening, when the members of the 4th Volunteer Battalion of the Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment received prizes at the hands of the Duchess of Albany. Her Royal Highness, who drove over from Claremont, was attended by Sir Robert and Lady Collins. Colonel F. W. Hadden was able to present an excellent report. For the first time the battalion numbers over 900 "efficient," while there are but six "non-efficient;" and whereas the average of first-class shots and marksmen amongst the volunteer forces was, it appeared, 24 per cent., in this regiment it reached 55. The underground range at Kennington has done wonders for the members, and the colonel argued that if all the volunteers in the country had the same opportunities for shooting, 150,000 would be marksmen or first-class shots. The Duchess of Albany afterwards performed the ceremony of presenting the prizes, amidst hearty enthusiasm.

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