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OF MANY FOREIGN GRAND LODGES.

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## CONGRESS OR NO CONGRESS.

As the time approaches for the International Exhibition to be opened and display its treasures to an admiring public, we naturally become curious as to the proposed International Masonic Congress. Will it be held? is the first question we ask ourselves, and then, How will it be constituted? and What, if any, will be its results? We cannot say, from what we have read on the subject in our numerous American exchanges, that the idea has been received with any great display of enthusiasm. But as the United States can boast of some 49 Grand Lodges, several thousands of lodges, and quite 700,000 subscribing members, it is difficult to imagine that a suggestion of this kind, which, whether it finds favour or not with foreign Grand Lodges, is certain to result, to a very pronounced degree, in a huge glorification of American Masonry, will be allowed to pass unheeded. True some of the Grand Lodges have looked askance at the proposal, but in the case of some it has found a qualified, and in that of others an unqualified, degree of favour. Some are prepared to send delegates when they are better informed as to the ultimate form which the idea is likely to assume, and others have already nominated certain brethren to represent them. There is, indeed, just one point about which, as far as we can make out, there is anything like a general understanding among the Grand Lodges, whether they have nominated, or are, or are not prepared to nominate representatives, and that is, that under no circumstance whatever, must any scheme be offered for the establishment of a General Grand Lodge for the whole of the United States. Such an idea was mooted when the United States were in their infancy as an independent State and it was proposed that General GEORGE WASHINGTON, *pater patrie*, and a Mason of some distinction in Virginia, should be the General Grand Master; but it never came to anything, and what failed when the number of rival Grand Lodges was small, is not likely to succeed when there is close on half a century of Grand Lodges to be consulted, and the vested interests of so large a number of separate and distinct bodies have to be looked after and protected. But though this one particular scheme has, by universal consent, been tabooed, there is plenty to occupy the attention of the delegates, if a sufficient number of them is nominated, to justify the idea of a Congress being carried into execution, and a hasty glance at some of the questions which stand a fair chance of being discussed will not be altogether unprofitable.

The question of "jurisdiction" is one that might with advantage be discussed at such a Congress as is proposed. As far as the Grand Lodges in the United States are concerned, there ought to be no difficulty in arranging such points of difference as may exist amongst them. The general idea is simple enough—that each Grand Lodge is sovereign in its own territory, the territory and the State being, in the majority of cases, if not in all, coterminous. Thus the G. L. of New York has nothing whatever to do with that of New Jersey or Pennsylvania, each being supreme in its own State. But there are minor matters which sometimes arise between two Grand Lodges and require friendly adjustment, and the Congress might take them into consideration, and frame some rules for the general guidance. Thus, a short while since, we referred incidentally to one of these matters. A person had been initiated within the jurisdiction of one Grand Lodge, but before proceeding to the Second and Third Degrees he changed his residence into the jurisdiction of another Grand Lodge. He then discovered that he was incompetent to be passed and raised in his mother lodge without first obtaining the sanction of the Grand Lodge in whose territory he had in the meantime taken up his residence. Such a question as this would never arise in the United Kingdom. Here, if a man were initiated in Ireland or Scotland, and then chose to reside in England, he would, if he were minded to do so, take his Second and Third Degrees in his original Irish or Scotch lodge without troubling the authorities of the Grand Lodge of England. All such matters as this might with advantage be discussed, nor do we think it would seriously endanger the general interests of American Freemasonry if rules were adopted which would have the effect of removing all such petty details from the cognisance of Grand Lodges. But these are matters which concern the United States only. Questions every now and then arise in which the interests of other Grand Lodges are or may be effected. Thus a few years ago the Grand Chapter of Canada granted warrants for the constitution of certain chapters in Victoria, on the ground that having no supreme authority of its own the latter was "unoccupied territory." What has happened since the Grand Chapter of Victoria was established does not immediately concern us; but seeing there was already a District Grand Chapter of Victoria constituted under the Grand Chapter of England, the contention of Canada that Victoria was "unoccupied territory" was absurd on the face of it. Let the Congress define "unoccupied territory" in such a manner as to

prevent the occurrence of interjurisdictional disputes, and it will earn for itself the unqualified thanks of the whole community of Freemasonry.

Another class of questions which might be taken in hand by the proposed Congress relate to what are known as "landmarks." But here we are confronted at the very threshold by difficulties, which to us appear to be altogether unconquerable. What are "landmarks"? Where do they come from? On whose authority were they established as "landmarks"? How many of them are there? We do not envy the Congress on which is devolved the duty of answering these questions in such a manner as to command the instant adhesion of all the Grand Lodges and Grand Orients in the world. "Landmarks" are beautiful to contemplate in the abstract, but the moment you attempt to give them form and substance your difficulties begin. Some years ago we were mightily amused by a series of questions propounded by the late ARTEMUS WARD in connection with a United States Census, or by him suggested as necessary to be answered by candidates for life assurance, and amongst them was this: Have you had the measles, and, if so, how many? Well, it would be a thousand times easier for a man with the measles to determine how many he had of them than for a Congress of Masons gathered from all the world over to determine what are and what are not "landmarks" in Freemasonry. We have heard them spoken of times out of number, and always with the most profound respect, such as a man exhibits when he is talking about the Equator, the Gulf Stream, or the North Pole. But so far we have not made the acquaintance of any of them, except, as aforesaid, in the abstract, and if the Congress takes in hand the subject of "landmarks," and settles them once and for ever, it will merit the eternal thanks of Cosmopolitan Freemasonry; provided always that the Congressional "landmarks" when they are trotted out for our inspection and admiration, are not marked all over with the Stars and Stripes to indicate the land of their birth.

However, should the Congress meet, and "jurisdiction" and "landmarks" turn out to be forbidden ground, or impossible to be discussed with advantage, the question naturally arises—What will the members do with themselves? This is almost as difficult a problem to solve as "landmarks." The geometrical and astronomical properties ordinarily associated with the Pyramids of Egypt might claim a share of its attention, if the delegates find themselves competent to discuss them; or, if they feel equal to the task, they might settle down to a discussion of the "sound of wind and limb" theory, and determine among themselves whether a wooden-headed candidate or one who wears a wig, or has false teeth, is more or less eligible for admission into the mysteries and privileges of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masonry than a one-legged or one-armed candidate. The subject of Public Installations, or the admission or non-admission of saloon-keepers, might possibly cause a tumult, and the members of the fraternal Congress might suddenly find themselves engaged in the uncongenial task of denouncing each other as apostates from the one and only true system of Masonry, as laid down by Pythagoras in the 47th proposition of the 1st Book of Euclid. For ourselves, if we may take the liberty of offering a suggestion, we feel inclined to prescribe a series of good dinners. Let the delegates meet together daily—or oftener, if need be—and dine wisely; devoting the hours that remain at their disposal to toasts and speeches, interspersed with "Hail Columbia," the "Star-spangled Banner," and other patriotic songs of an exhilarating tendency. Then, if the Congress is held, though it may not do much for the advancement of Masonry, it will certainly have the satisfaction of knowing that it has done no harm.

## LODGE QUATUOR CORONATI, No. 2076.

As members of the widely known Lodge "Quatuor Coronati," No. 2076, London, we may certainly congratulate ourselves on the completion of the fifth volume of our Transactions, and also practically of the fifth volume of the "Masonic Reprints," for the newest of the series is all but ready for circulation. In the preparation of these important works, many brethren have most heartily and ably co-operated, connected with the "Inner" or "Outer" Circles, or, sometimes belonging to neither, nor of the Craft. One brother, however, must be credited beyond all others, and that is the editor, our beloved and efficient Secretary, Bro. George William Speth, who originated the "Correspondence Circle," and thus made possible the production of such magnificent volumes.

Part 3, of Vol. V. of the "*Ars Quatuor Coronatorum*," is now before me, and appears to be one of the best and most valuable of all the parts published. In fact, for general interest, Masonically, artistically, and archeologically, I do not think it has any superior, and assuredly few equals, notwithstanding the many important publications of our lodge. It has been my pleasure to review all the parts as issued, in the *Freemason*, from the first to the last, but at no time has the difficulty been greater than now, to write a rigidly condensed account of the chief features of the current portion of

the Transactions, so as to inform non-members—eligible, and welcome to join the ever increasing C.C.—of the character of our publications.

The frontispiece is, what looks to be, an excellent portrait of Bro. John Paul Rylands, one of the *immortal nine*, who founded the lodge, and like his Brother, *our Brother* William Harry Rylands, is a recognised authority on subjects he makes his special study. The "Summer Outing" was at Colchester, and, with Bro. J. T. Ralling, the Prov. Grand Sec. (one of a family of Masons), as guide, the few brethren who were able to attend had an "elegant time," and, what is more to us who failed to put in an appearance, the editor has favoured us with a racy report, and some capital illustrations of the curios.

We are next introduced to "Gavin Wilson, a Forgotten Masonic worthy," whose portrait heads the article from the "Gent's Mag" of 1793, and who was quite a genius in his way, though originally but a journeyman bootmaker in the Canongate, Edinburgh. His "Collection of Masonic Songs" of A.D. 1788, I remember seeing some years since, and the wee book may be consulted in the Library of Freemasons' Hall, as it is in that important collection, as also in the "Bower Library" of the Grand Lodge of Iowa. The author was Poet Laureate of St. David's Lodge.

"The Early History of the High Degrees in the Netherlands" is by Bro. J. D. Oortman-Gerlings, Grand Master thereof, and consequently entitled to write on the subject. It is mainly a translation of Bro. Bronwer's pamphlet on the "High Degrees" in that country (first 19 pages). The Grand Scots Lodge was formed in 1776, and in 1778 certain lodges, which had worked the Scots Degrees "for years previously," received "letters of Constitution," not any fees being required. The senior lodge appears to have been "La Bien Aimée," with a warrant from Dublin, dated 26th Dec., 1755!

A copy of this document is appended, wherein mention is made of the "Scots and Select Lodge," and the mysteries of *Ecossais* and *Elus*. The minutes run from 1756. The Scots Lodge *Concordia*, &c., at Amsterdam, is declared to have received their charter from *Edinburgh* on April 14th, 1755. There is no such warrant noted on the Scottish Register, but, supposing it was nevertheless granted, which is possible, it should be remembered, as Bro. Speth points out, that the Grand Lodge of Scotland only authorised the *first three Degrees*, and not those known as the "Scots," which were not of Scottish origin.

The judgment delivered on 24th June, 1892, by the Supreme Court of the Netherlands in respect to a legacy claimed in full by the Grand Lodge, but desired *pro rata* by two other governing bodies, as all three were entitled thereto, appropriately follows the Grand Master's defence of the High Degrees, and is a translation by Dr. Dieperink, one of our respected local Secretaries in Africa.

Bro. Lane's "Date of Origin of the Grand Lodge of the Ancients, 1751," is a useful, well-reasoned paper, and intended to date back the rise of the "Ancients," or "Atholl Masons," from 1753, the popular date, to 1751, the actual year. I hope, with the zealous Masonic statistician, that the latter will now be generally adopted, as the two years in question are important.

The congratulations of the lodge to our esteemed Bro. H. J. Whympier, C.I.E., on his appointment as District Grand Master of the Punjab (for which he is so qualified), agreed to at the meeting October 7th, and the regrets at his declining the honour, especially on the ground of ill-health, expressed subsequently, are shared by all the members wherever dispersed.

The paper on "The Masonic Apron," by Bro. W. H. Rylands, the W.M. (P.M. No. 2, &c.), like all from his pen, is both able and exhaustive in relation to the periods and circumstances concerned, and the numerous illustrations are most welcome and helpful to a right understanding of the subject. With Bro. Crowe's capital paper on "Masonic Clothing" in the same volume, we have a number of particulars relating to home and foreign aprons never before collected, and the one by our W.M., relating more especially to our own country, is exceedingly valuable and interesting.

What he says about the indefinite descriptions in many of the catalogues of Masonic exhibitions is quite correct, but the blame is not to rest on my shoulders or those of the other editors of these important registers, but on the owners of the curios, who failed to forward accurate accounts of their treasures. The catalogues had to be compiled and printed prior to the articles being sent for exhibition.

Bro. Rylands seems quite certain that the aprons used by the Operative Masons in early days were of leather exclusively. The misfortune is that the records of early last century and before, the material is not mentioned usually, but we know that in 1670 the Aberdeen lodge required "ane linen aprone" to be provided by each Apprentice, as well as "ane pair of good gloves." "White aprons" are often mentioned, and it strikes me, if *always* of leather, the word "white" would not so often occur. However, it is not of much consequence, the shape and ornaments, ribbons, &c., being of more importance. I consider the paper of considerable value, and think it likely leather was the material used by the English lodges generally under the Grand Lodge of England from 1717. The indenture of 1685 is assuredly a treasure, and a nice find by the ever vigilant author.

The Masonic handkerchief, exhibited by Bro. Vernon, and one of the plates in the present part is doubtless one of the *Finch* productions, the (*in*) famous Masonic charlatan.

The reproduction of the picture we had before us in the lodge held in June will be a pleasant surprise to many, and most agreeable to all the members, as, so far, we can find no trace or reference to it, and if a Gainsborough is very valuable, or possibly it is by Hogarth. It is singular never to have been reproduced in any way or noticed hitherto. The teapot owned by my friend, Bro. A. Hope, of Exeter, is a fine and scarce article, the design being similar to a jug belonging to Bro. J. L. Carson, and another, the property of General J. C. Smith. The officers' jewels of No. 32, Liverpool, are most ornate, and well deserve the prominence thus given to them; as also the grand old chairs.

The Royal Arch jewels belonging to Dr. J. B. Cockburn are quite new to me, but not the "P.M.'s jewel," as the latter has many representatives extant.

Bro. Malczovich's exhaustive paper on "Freemasonry in Austria and Hungary" is still in progress, so I defer any reference thereto until its completion.

"Freemasonry in Prussia" is a needful study for all who desire to be well posted in the cosmopolitan Craft, but it is sad reading after all.

At the meeting in November, 1892, there was so much to do and listen to, that after the new Worshipful Master's address and other matters being polished off, Bro. Gould's most suggestive and original paper on "The Assembly" was taken as read, save a digest thereof, but happily it is now given us in full. I give my opinion of its striking originality and import-

ance in the same part, and trust it will be well considered as a valuable contribution to the subject by our learned Bro. Gould.

"Notes and Queries" this time are well supported, and the Reviews by Bro. Gould are, to my mind, among the best he has ever written, being attractive as well as suggestive, and withal thoroughly representative of the character of the works, as with those also done by Bro. Speth.

The chronicle concludes this grand part, and a very full index to the volume is also given.

W. J. HUGHAN.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE ETON LODGE, No. 2458.

The above lodge was consecrated on Saturday, the 7th inst., at the Christopher Hotel, Eton, by Bro. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, M.A., P.G. Chap., Dep. Prov. Grand Master, assisted by Bros. J. E. Bowen, Prov. G. Sec., as S.W.; Dr. Turtle Piggott, Grand Deacon, as J.W.; and Chapman, W.M. Runnymede Lodge, as I.G.; in the presence of the founders and several distinguished brethren.

The lodge being opened, the ceremony was performed in a very efficient and impressive manner, after which Bro. Brownrigg installed Bros. Samuel Osborn as W.M.; Ernest Flower as S.W.; and Alfred Skinner as J.W.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the banquet room, where Bro. Page, the host, had prepared a splendid menu, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given, the Consecrating Officer impressing upon the W.M. and brethren the necessity of being careful that no one should be admitted a member of their lodge whom they could not entertain in their own homes. By so doing they would ensure a pledge of that brotherhood which should at all times characterise Freemasons, and as the lodge was starting under such favourable auspices the aim of the brethren should be to maintain and improve their position.

The W.M., in thanking the Officers for their kind assistance, said it would be his aim, and he was sure he might speak for the founders, to make the lodge a credit to Freemasonry.

Several other toasts were given, which were followed by some excellent songs and recitations from the brethren present. Bro. Ruffell, organist of Kingston Parish Church, whom the W.M. appointed Organist of the lodge, had charge of the musical arrangements, and presided at the piano. Thus ended a very pleasant and enjoyable day, all wishing that the motto of Eton may be applied to their lodge, viz: "Floriare Etona"—Long live the Eton lodge.

The following are the founders and officers:—Bros. Samuel Osborn, W.M.; Ernest Flower, S.W.; Alfred Skinner, Prov. G.S. Bucks, J.W.; W. B. Fendick, P.P.G.S.B. Bucks, I.P.M.; R. P. J. Laundry, Treas.; Alfred H. Bevan, S.D.; W. H. Hanham, J.D.; James Corp, A.D.C.; R. Dixon Smith, I.G.; C. Capel Smith, W.S.; Edward Everard, A.W.S.; Frank Perkins, H. R. S. Pulman, G. S. Lever, H. W. Chowles, J. S. Ruffell, Herbert Squier, W. H. Faircloth, E. L. Berry, and Hill Smith.

The W.M., in thanking the Consecrating Officers for their kind services, in the name of the founders presented each with a handsome founder's jewel, and elected them hon. members of the lodge.

#### CONSECRATION OF THE WEST SUSSEX MARK LODGE, No. 453.

On Monday, the 9th inst., the Mark Masons of the Province of Sussex were summoned to the Assembly Rooms, Bognor, to attend the consecration of a Mark lodge for the Western Division of the County, a warrant for which had been granted to the following members: Bros. R. Currie, D. Prov. G.M.; J. P. S. Roberts, Prov. S.G.W.; E. E. Street, P.P.J. G.W. Hants and I. of W.; F. V. Paxton, P.P.J.G.D. Hants and I. of W.; G. Powell, P.G.D.C.; Alfred Lloyd, Geo. Gatehouse, W. C. Blaker, W. Bennett, Prov. G.D.C.; and H. Langton.

The impressive ceremony was performed by Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.W., Grand Secretary, with the assistance of Bros. A. R. Carter, P.G.S.B., and C. W. Carrell, P.G.S.; and the officers of Provincial Grand Lodge.

The consecration ceremony having been completed, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master installed Bro. F. V. Paxton as W.M., who appointed and invested the following officers, viz.: Bros. J. P. S. Roberts, I.P.M.; A. Lloyd, S.W.; E. E. Street, J.W.; H. Langton, M.O.; W. Bennett, S.O.; W. C. Blaker, J.O.; G. Powell, Treas.; and G. Gatehouse, R. of M.

Before the business was closed several names were proposed for election as members of the newly-formed lodge.

At the conclusion of the ceremonies the founders and their guests dined together in the Large Hall, which had been specially arranged for the purpose by Bro. E. Wood.

The banquet was admirably served by Bro. Booth, and was presided over by Bro. Paxton, the newly-appointed W.M.

Among the guests were the following members of Grand Lodge: Bros. C. F. Matier, P.G.W., Grand Sec.; R. Clowes, P.G.I.G.; A. R. Carter, P.G.S.B.; C. W. Carrell, P.G. Stwd.; W. E. Morrison, G. Stwd.; A. F. Lamette, G. Stwd.; also the present officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, and the Worshipful Masters of the Mark lodges of Sussex and several other brethren.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. F. J. Sawyer, Muc. Doc., Prov. G. Org.

#### THE GRAND LODGE OF ULSTER.

By HENRY SADLER.

The ably written and interesting article in the recent Christmas Number of the *Freemason*, entitled, "The Grand East of Ulster," came upon me, and doubtless, many others, as something of a surprise, for although I have for several years been fairly familiar with the subject, I had no idea that my esteemed friend, Bro. Crossle, had it in contemplation to so enlighten the Masonic world at this particular period. Under the impression that the history of this almost unknown organisation would be reserved for the work on Irish Freemasonry, upon which the worthy doctor, when not energetically combating "the ills that flesh is heir to," or officiating at the "entrances and exits" of suffering humanity, has of late been engaged, I have refrained from publishing the various documents relating to this curious epoch in the history of Freemasonry in the sister island, which have been preserved in the archives of the Grand Lodge of England. In re-

sponse, however, to the appeal made by my valued friend and brother, "A. Q. C.," in the *Freemason*, of the 31st ult., I may say that I shall be most happy if I can in any way assist the "good doctor" in the very arduous task he has undertaken.

A real history of early Freemasonry in Ireland is much wanted, and, when published, will, I feel confident, be regarded as an inestimable boon, not alone by the Brotherhood generally, but more especially by the already extensive and daily increasing band of earnest thinkers who come under the popular denomination of Masonic Students. Bearing in mind the important and, I might say, unique position formerly held by the Grand Lodge of Ireland—that of being by far the largest Masonic organisation in the world—it seems almost incredible that since the middle of the last century Irish Masonry should have had no reliable historian under its own banner; at all events, I have not been fortunate enough to have met with the work of any such person. It could not be because there has been nothing worth telling, for I shall be very much mistaken if, when the history of Irish Freemasonry becomes an established fact, it be not found to contain matter highly instructive and entertaining, as well as new to the generality of readers; and I am bold enough to prophecy that wherever English-speaking Masons are to be found, Bro. Crossle's efforts will be appreciated, and his work warmly welcomed. I sincerely trust, therefore, that the Masonic authorities in Dublin, as well as the Irish Fraternity in general, will see their way to aid and support the future Masonic historian of Ireland to the fullest extent of their power, as I am firmly convinced that at this age good rather than evil will result therefrom.

In the article before-mentioned Bro. Crossle deals with this Irish rebellion chiefly from the Dublin point of view, but as it is only fair to hear both sides, the accompanying memorial, copied from the original, will furnish the historian with the Ulster version of the episode. In addition to the three seals depicted by Bro. Crossle, the Ulster seceders evidently used a fourth, as both the resolution of the Grand Lodge and the memorial bear impressions of the one here represented. I have no doubt but this was the identical "Grand Seal" said to have been stol—, I mean "annexed" by Alexander Seton, along with the other Grand Lodge property, which formed the subject of the costly and tedious litigation referred to by him in the memorial, and described at length by Bro. Crossle. I have impressions of it on several certificates issued by the Grand Lodge of Ireland, ranging from the year 1774 to 1801. The Hebrew motto may be thus translated, "All this have I proved by wisdom." *Ecclesiastes VII, 23.*



Grand Lodge, 7th March, 1810,  
Dungannon.

Ordered,  
That an Address and Memorial of the Causes which gave rise to the Establishment of the Ulster Grand Lodge be transmitted to The Right Honble. and Right Worshipful the Earl of Moira, Acting Grand Master of Masons in England, to be laid before his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the "Illustrious Personage" in a recent Transaction of the Dublin Grand Lodge alluded to.

Signed by Order,  
A. SETON, D.G.S. U.

To His Royal Highness George Prince of Wales.  
The Humble Address of the Free Masons of Ulster in Grand Lodge assembled.

May it please your Royal Highness our Brother,  
We, the Free Masons of Ulster in Grand Lodge assembled, beg leave most humbly to offer to your Royal Highness our most sincere professions of Attachment for that invaluable Constitution, the blessings of which it is our Happiness in common with our fellow Subjects of this Empire to enjoy. Our profound Admiration of those splendid Talents and exalted Virtues by which the name of Brother is in Your Royal Highness so eminently distinguished, and our warmest Congratulations on the possession of those Masonic Qualities and Princely Endowments, which, as they reflect Lustre on the Individual, also add honour to a Society as members thereof without infringing on the due limits of Duty and Respect, or being perverted in principle by modern Systems of Equality we can yet call ourselves Equal.

We beg leave to express our Humble Confidence resulting equally from the exalted Sentiments we entertain of your Royal Highness, as from the sincere confidence we feel in the justice of our Cause as Men and Masons, that in this our first Approach to your Royal Highness, we will experience that benign and condescending attention that characterises the Generous and expanded Mind, which, soaring above minor considerations, ever keeps in view the immutable Principles of Justice, and holds the Tie of Honour the most sacred and binding.

Fully impressed with the due sense of our Duties as Men, and our Obligations as Masons, by each of which we are bound in the most indissoluble Bonds of Personal Attachment to your Royal Highness, we venture to lay at your Royal Highness's Feet a Detail of our Injuries, in the fervent Hope that your Royal Highness will not suffer your Illustrious Name to give Countenance, or your Influence to be exerted towards the Accomplishment of a Measure not less destructive to the law and Interests of Masonry in Ireland than Injurious and insulting to our Feelings.

Signed by Order,  
A. SETON, D.G.S. U.

A Memoire of certain Transactions which occurred between the Month of January, 1806, and June, 1808, in the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

On examining the Transaction Book it appears that previous to the month of May, 1806, Memorials from various Lodges, in all about Four Hundred, principally held in the Province of Ulster, had been laid before the Grand Lodge, but that the consideration of same had been on various pretexts postponed.

See a Copy of said Memorials marked A.

In the Month of May, 1806, which was one month previous to the usual time of Election, the consideration of those Memorials was again postponed, and it was stated by certain Individuals then in the Grand Lodge, amongst whom Bro. Alexander Jaffray, Dy. Grand Master, and John Boardman, Grand Treasurer, were the Principals. That said Memorials were not deserving of or entitled to any attention, but that if the brethren wished to obtain Redress in the matters complained of they must attend in person, and the Election of Officers being one point to which memorials applied was immediately, without any Notice or the usual previous Communication proceeded on in utter disregard of the Remonstrance of said Memorials.

That the brethren, finding no Redress could be obtained by memorial, but that on the other hand all their applications were treated with Insult, did, in the month of June, 1806, attend at the Grand Lodge Room, in Dublin, in person, on which occasion Mr. Jaffray, then Deputy Grand Master, was in the chair.

That before any business was proceeded upon, the powers of the several Brethern who attended were respectively verified and authenticated under the direction of the same Br. Jaffray.

That Mr. Jaffray, in his situation of D.G.M., did endeavour in various ways to frustrate the accomplishment of those legitimate objects for which the Brethern, by his own invitation, and at vast expense and inconvenience, had on that Night attended.

See copy of said Transaction, marked B.

That after the Business of the Night, as contained in said Transaction marked B, was concluded, the Grand Lodge was closed in the usual manner until the next regular Lodge night, being the first Thursday in July.

That on said first Thursday in July Br. Jaffray did attend as D.G.M. for the purpose (as avowed by his friends) of rescinding the Transactions of June, 1806, but that, finding the Brethern of the Country Lodges also in attendance, he did refuse to open the Lodge, thereby again violating a known and established law of the Order.

That, conformable to the Law and Custom in such cases, the Grand Lodge was opened by the Senior Master present, and, amongst other things, it was ordered that a sum of £500, then in the hands of John Boardman, should be deposited in Bank. It being declared by a Resolution of the former Meeting, that said John Boardman had forfeited the confidence of the Order, and another Treasurer, Peter Digge Latouche, Esq., having been elected in his place.

That these and various other Transactions which occurred were faithfully detailed in a Memorial addressed to the Earl of Donoughmore, then Grand Master of Masons in Ireland, some of which may be found in an Address and Resolutions of the Grand Lodge marked D, and the Resolutions of certain Military Lodges then on Dublin duty marked E.

That in the Month of March, 1807, a sentence of Expulsion was passed on the said John Boardman and on two other persons as appears by a Copy of said Expulsions marked F.

That various applications were made to the Earl of Donoughmore, G.M., between the Month of June, 1806, and March, 1808, for the Removal of said Br. Jaffray, his Deputy being the only officer of the Order in the Appointment or Removal of whom the G.M. has any legitimate or direct controul.

That after various Solicitations and two Elections of the said Earl sought and obtained by his friends on his behalf, he was pleased to call a General Meeting of the Order to be held on the fifth day of May, 1808.

That in his Lordship's Summons or letter having professed "a perfect freedom from partialities and prejudices," he was pleased to say that he had "no other object in view than the honor and Interest of the Order," and he expressed his hope that the Brethern would bring with them "that spirit of mutual Conciliation, Friendship, and Brotherly Love, which could alone heal the wounds that had been inflicted on Masonry in Ireland."

That on the day appointed 79 Representatives from Lodges in the remote parts of the Kingdom attended in their places in the Grand Lodge in Dublin.

That the Resolutions of June and July, 1806, and of March, 1807, were then unrepealed and unquestioned.

That many of the Lodges so represented had paid their annual Dues, as always had been the custom, into the hands of the acting Grand Secretary, and that same as appeared by the Annual Publication of Accounts were duly accounted for.

That were it necessary further to confirm this part of the statement, it has been done by an Answer sworn in the Court of Chancery by the Acting Secretary in reply to a Bill filed by a Mr. Leech some time in the month of February, 1808, whose name appears in the Transaction of March, 1807.

That others of the Brethern were prepared to pay any sum which might be due by their respective Lodges to any person duly authorized to receive the same.

That the Hon'ble A. H. Hutchinson, Brother to the said Earl of Donoughmore, was appointed Special Deputy by the G.M. for that meeting.

That the Brethern so attending were not only allowed to vote but their votes were solicited by the near Relatives of the G.M. on the occasion of his Election, and that they also voted without question or opposition in the Election of Senr. and Junr. Grand Wardens.

That when the Election for Grand Treasurer commenced, John Boardman, the Individual then particularly obnoxious to the Brethern of Ulster, whose name is to be found in the Transactions of June and July, 1806, and of March, 1809, was proposed as a Candidate by one of the near Relatives of the Grand Master and seconded by another.

That it is alleged, and that we believe that one of those Relatives who thus took a particular and active part in the proceedings of the Lodge was no higher than a Fellow Craft Mason, and, of course incapable either to sit or vote in a Grand Lodge, which, on such occasions must be opened and do all business on the Master's Degree.

That the Brethern who attended, and who had already voted there several times, now tendered their votes in opposition to the said John Boardman, but that Deputy Grand Master Hutchinson did refuse to receive their votes unless they would pay to the said John Boardman, whom he appointed sole Judge in this case, whatever he might alledge to be due.

That altho the Brethern of Ulster felt most sensibly the Insult offered them by the Arbitrary proceedings thus adopted in dispensing with the regular Transactions of June and July, 1806, and of March, 1807, the Injustice of calling upon them, without any previous notice, to pay money already paid and accounted for, the partiality of appointing said John Boardman, the party deeply interested in the Event sole judge in his own Cause, and the breach of Obligation committed by the Grand Master, and his family in introducing a Fellow Craft into a Lodge of Master Masons, yet bringing with them that spirit of conciliation so solemnly called for by the Grand Master, they did offer to deposit in the hands of the Deputy Grand Master, or of any disinterested person, the several sums demanded.

That the Deputy Grand Master, actuated as it appears by a dissimilar spirit, did positively refuse to receive same except on the express condition of handing it over to the said John Boardman.

That finding themselves thus mocked, insulted, and deceived, the Brethern of Ulster being nearly two to one in Number in the meeting withdrew, and requested the Provincial Grand Master of Ulster to call a meeting, which took place in the Month of June following.

That after they had so withdrawn a Br. Robert Hancock was elected Grand Secretary.

That previous to the meeting in June, 1808, it was proposed by one of the near Relatives of the Grand Master to Br. Gorges D'Arcy Irvine, whose faithful services for many years in the Office of Grand Secretary had endeared him to the Brethern of Ulster, and whose unmasonic Removal from office had been particularly adverted to in the several Memorials of 1806, that said Brother Robert Hancock should resign the office of Grand Secretary, and that said Gorges D'Arcy Irvine should be elected thereto provided he would cede the Nomination of his Deputy to the Grand Master, which offer was rejected.

That previous to the Month of April, 1808, a somewhat similar offer was made on the part of the said Earl of Donoughmore to Bro. Alexander Seton, the Deputy Grand Secretary, by which it was proposed that he should for the accommodation of the said Earl resign his situation, which proposal had been also rejected, in as much as under existing circumstances such Resignation would have been an unfounded confession of misconduct on the part of said Alexander Seton.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 1893

**Masonic Notes.**

Last week, in our article on the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, we enumerated the principal drawbacks to the success of that event, one of them being that till then the Secretary had failed in his efforts to obtain the services of some distinguished brother to act as Chairman. We are now in a position to announce that this difficulty has at length been overcome, and that Bro. C. E. Keyser, J.P., one of the Junior Grand Deacons of the year, and Trustee and Patron of the Institution, has very kindly placed his services in this capacity at the disposal of the Committee of Management, and that his offer has been accepted. The announcement is exceptionally

late, but it is something to have removed the difficulty, and we feel sure that Bro. Keyser will be all the more readily supported when it is known that he accepted the invitation to preside only when every effort to obtain a Provincial Grand Master or more prominent Grand Officer as Chairman had been made and failed.

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However, Bro. Keyser is one of our ablest as well as one of our most distinguished members. He was initiated in the Isaac Newton University Lodge, No. 859, Cambridge, while yet a minor, some 20 years since. He is a P.M. of the Watford Lodge, No. 404—of which he has been a member for upwards of 16 years—a P.P.G.W. Hertfordshire, and S.W. of the Time Immemorial Lodge of Antiquity, No. 2. He served on the Board of General Purposes in 1890, and has been a member of the Committee of Grand Chapter since 1889. He has always taken a deep interest in our Institutions, and at the present time is a Patron of all three, a member of the Board of Management of the Boys' School, and was last year elected a Trustee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Had not the announcement of his Chairmanship come upon us so late and so suddenly, it is probable that Hertfordshire, with which he has been so long associated, might have given him timely support, notwithstanding the grand spurt it made under Bro. Halsey, M.P., its Provincial Grand Master, at the Benevolent Jubilee in February of last year. But even at the eleventh hour, perhaps, it will do a something in behalf of the unexpected Chairmanship of one of its brightest and most particular stars. We hope so!

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We have also great pleasure in announcing that further progress has been made in strengthening the Board of Stewards, which now comprises 140 brethren, as compared with the 125, or thereabouts, of last week.

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Bro. J. Morrison McLeod, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, journeyed to Portsmouth last Saturday and addressed to the brethren of Lodge Emulation, No. 1990, a paper upon "The Institution, its work and its future." We hope to reproduce the paper in our columns shortly, as it contains much useful and general information.

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We are pleased to be able to announce that Bro. G. W. Speth, Secretary of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, who underwent a somewhat serious operation a short while since, is making fair progress towards recovery. We trust our worthy brother will be able to resume his very responsible duties at an early date.

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The "Stewart" Lodge, No. 1960 (E.C.), *Rawul Pindi*, has "beaten the record"! Captain Leslie, on behalf of the Charity Steward of this influential lodge, reports considerably over 400 rupees contributed by the 29 members and their friends on behalf of the *Punjab Masonic Institution*. This is but one indication, of many, of the great liberality of this small, but intensely Masonic, lodge. The list is both suggestive and inspiring.

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The lodge heads the roll of honour with 700 rupees, followed by Bro. H.H. the Maharaja of Kuch Behar, G.C.I.E., with 500 rupees, and several others with 100 or 50 rupees each, including Sikhs, Parsees, as well as non-Masons, of whom H.H. Prince Christian Victor, G.C.B., is one. Assuredly the "Indian Aldershot" is to the front Masonically, and sets a grand example to the Craft everywhere.

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To-day (Friday) a ceremony of much interest to the Irish Masonic world takes place in the Masonic Hall, Dublin, *i.e.*, the installation of General Lord Wolseley, K.P., G.C.B., G.C.M.G., Commander of the Forces in Ireland, etc., as W.M. of his mother lodge—"The Military" Lodge of Ireland, No. 728.

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Lord Wolseley was initiated (as Lieut. G. J. Wolseley, 90th Light Infantry) at an emergency meeting of this lodge on the 13th April, 1854, received his Second Degree on the 21st of the same month, and his Third on the 21st July of same year, previous to his departure for the Crimea in December, 1854.

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Some years ago, having occasion to be in Ireland, he took the opportunity of visiting 728, and met with a hearty and cordial reception from the brethren in lodge assembled, and on his being quartered here as Commander of the Forces he rejoined the lodge, and, as above mentioned, assumes the reins of government on Friday evening.

## Reviews.

## MASONIC CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY FOR THE PROVINCE OF MIDDLESEX, 1893.

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## Cratt Masonry.

## METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

**Grand Master's Lodge (No. 1).**—The installation meeting of this old and eminent lodge was held on the 16th, inst., at Freemasons' Tavern, when the chair was occupied by the W.M., Bro. Alderman J. C. Dimsdale, P.G. Stwd. The company was a large and distinguished one, and embraced the following well-known members of Grand Lodge: Bros. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W.; Richard Eve, P.G.T.; F. A. Philbrick, O.C., G. Reg.; Thomas Fenn, Pres. Bd. Gen. Purps.; Dr. Ralph Gooding, P.G.D.; Sir George D. Harris, P.G.D.; Loveland Loveland, P.G.D.; E. K. Bailey, P.G.D.; Percival A. Nairne, J.G.D.; C. H. Driver, P.G.S. of W.; Dr. Turtle Pigott, P.A.G.D.C.; Charles Martin, P.A.G.D.C.; J. A. Farnfield, P.A.G.D.C.; F. Mead, P.G.S.B.; J. T. Collins, P.G.S.B., D.P.G.M. Warwickshire; T. Hastings Miller, P.G.S.B.; C. F. Matier, P.G. Std. Br.; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; W. P. Brown, G. Std. Br.; Wilhelm Ganz, P.G.O.; and Charles Belton, P.D.G.D.C.

Apologies were received from Bros. the Earl of Lathom, Pro G.M., and the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, D.G.M., members of the lodge; the Earl of Euston, P.G.M.; Robert Grey, Pres. Bd. of Benev.; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.C.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; Capt. Philips, P.G.D.; Sir Reginald Hanson, P.G.W.; John Aird, M.P., P.G.D.; Col. Noel Money, P.G.M. Surrey; W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M. Hants; and others. There were 94 present, of whom 61 were visitors.

After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, the report of the Permanent Committee was received, and on the motion of Bro. Charles Belton, P.D.G.D.C., W.M. elect, the brethren resolved—“That the sum of 15 guineas be given out of the lodge funds to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; five guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; and five guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.” Bro. Dr. Ralph Gooding, P.G.D., Treas., then installed in splendid style Bro. Charles Belton, P.D.G.D.C., as W.M., who afterwards invested the following as his officers for the year: Bros. Alderman J. C. Dimsdale, P.G.S., I.P.M.; Major-Gen. F. Gadsden, P.M., P.D.G.W., G.S., S.W.; T. Poultney Griffin, P.M., P.G.S., J.W.; Ralph Gooding, M.D., P.M., P.G.S., P.G.D., Treasurer; Bradshaw Brown, P.M., P.G.S., Secretary; Joseph Rock, P.M., S.D.; Richard Creed, J.D.; Richard Eve, P.M., P.G.T., D.C.; E. W. Stillwell, P.M., P.P.G.S., I.G.; T. Dinwiddie and Ernest M. Morris, Stewards; Goddard, P.M., Tyler; and Goddard, jun., Assistant Tyler.

After the closing of the lodge a superb banquet was provided, and the usual toasts followed, interspersed with a charming selection of music, under Bro. Henry Parker, P.M., P.P.G.O. Middlesex, Honorary Organist of the lodge, the artistes being Bros. Reginald Groome, Arthur Oswald, W. Nicholl, and Franklin Clive.

The Worshipful Master, in giving “The Health of the Queen and the Craft,” said “The Queen, God bless her; the Craft, long may it live.”

In giving the next toast, “The M.A.V.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales,” the W.M. said his Royal Highness was a member of that lodge, and he was a chief under whom Masons were all proud to serve, and to whom they owed the greatest acknowledgment for his invariably kind service to the Craft.

Bro. Alderman Dimsdale, I.P.M., in proposing “The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past,” said he believed it was somewhat unusual for anyone but the Master to rise at that early period of the evening, but it was equally an unusual thing for a Master to be “clothed in purple and fine linen,” such as their Master was then. The W.M. had not behaved to him as Dives did to the poor creature who was at his gate, for he had given him the opportunity of proposing one of the most important toasts of the evening, and at the same time had given them a toast which required no words of anyone to champion it in order to secure for it a favourable reception. Always in No. 1 Lodge the brethren seized with the greatest pleasure any opportunity of testifying their appreciation of the manner in which Grand Lodge collectively, and its members individually, con-

ducted the affairs of the Fraternity; and while the brethren as members of lodges were extremely careful to look after their independence, at the same time they gratefully acknowledged the supremacy of Grand Lodge over them and bowed with pleasure and obedience to its commands. Indeed, he could not but think that the brethren's feelings were somewhat like those described by Pope:

“For forms of government let fools contest;  
Whate'er is best administered is best.”

The presence of the Grand Officers added lustre to the meetings of the lodge, and he hoped the lodge would be graced with their presence for many years to come.

Bro. Philbrick, O.C., G. Reg., in reply, said it was a fortunate thing perhaps that it was at that stage of the proceedings he was called upon to return thanks for the Grand Officers of England, he meant not at an earlier stage, because from the broad hint thrown out by the I.P.M. he was not sure that at that period of the proceedings he might not have found himself in the position of the dog that was looking out for the crumbs that fell from the rich man's table. After the cordial welcome and noble hospitality which had been extended to the Grand Officers and all the guests that evening, on their behalf he said with what pleasure and pride the Grand Officers took part in an occasion like this, testifying alike to the position, and from what they heard in lodge, to the progress of the premier lodge on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England. The position of the higher lodges, which were looked upon in the Craft naturally to set an example of all that is Masonic, involved some responsibilities as well as conferred great privileges. The Grand Officers were happy to think that, while the latter were fully enjoyed by Grand Master's Lodge, the former were not forgotten, and to feel that the traditions of the Craft and the great principles of the Order were safe in the hands of those who administered the destinies of No. 1. No better returns, thanks for the kind estimation in which the I.P.M. had been pleased to express himself of the Grand Officers of England, could be than the work done in lodge that night by one of the Grand Officers—one of the members of the lodge (Dr. Gooding)—and if the Grand Officers had a title to the kind feelings of their brethren it was because he was quite sure the brethren of that lodge thoroughly knew from the Grand Officers in the lodge, who were among them in the Craft, how well and worthily those brethren discharged their duties, both to the lodge and to the Craft. He thanked them very much on the part of the Grand Officers, and, whilst congratulating the lodge on being under the Mastership of one who was not the least considerable of the Grand Officers, and not the least regarded for his truly Masonic qualities, the Grand Officers of England wished the brethren of the lodge a happy, peaceful, and prosperous year under a rule which the Grand Officers trusted had begun under the most auspicious circumstances.

Bro. Alderman Dimsdale, I.P.M., proposed “The Health of the W.M.” It was peculiarly pleasurable for him to propose this toast, because it enabled him in public to thank Bro. Belton for the unvarying kind sympathy and co-operation extended to him when he was in the chair which Bro. Belton now so ably occupied. But there was another reason why he rose with that peculiar pleasure—because he felt that Bro. Belton would occupy the chair in a manner that would redound to the credit of the lodge. That was what they had at heart; that was why they felt that evening they had placed the destinies, so to speak, of that lodge for the year in the hands of him who would ably and thoroughly keep its traditions intact. Bro. Belton was a veteran in the Craft; he knew the ropes; and he (Bro. Dimsdale) felt that when Bro. Belton retired from the chair he would carry into his retirement the esteem, the confidence, and the affection of every member of the lodge. He wished him a happy and successful year.

Bro. Charles Belton, W.M., in reply, said he thanked Bro. Dimsdale very sincerely for the kind and sympathetic manner in which he had proposed that toast, and the brethren of the Grand Master's Lodge for the honour conferred on him by electing him as Master of that ancient and distinguished lodge. It was ancient and distinguished not only for its age in the past, but for the great work done by those who founded it, and by the very worthy Masons who had succeeded in it. In fact, it was the representative lodge of a noble Freemasonry. He had the records of the lodge for the last 120 years in his charge, and he found that in 1775 he had the signature of the Duke of Atholl, G.M.; Alex. Dickey, afterwards Deputy Grand Master, Grand Secretary, who had presented the jewel worn by the Past Master, and several other Grand Officers, who signed as members of the lodge. In 1788 there was a great field-day on the reception of Lord Elcho, Grand Master of Masons in Scotland, who attended from Scotland together with his Grand Officers; and in 1790 there was an historical minute, that a sum of five guineas be presented to Mr. Samuel, the Purser of the Bounty, who had lost everything he possessed in the mutiny of the Bounty by Christian and others. In 1792-3 the Duke of Atholl, the Grand Master, presided himself personally over that lodge for two years, and then they had a minute that would please the President of the Board of General Purposes. In 1803 Arthur Fenn, gentleman, of Walthamstow, was initiated in that lodge. In 1814 they received in great State the members of the Lodge of Reconciliation, and that was the first occasion when the lodge was entered as No. 1, never having previously had a number. In 1816 the Duke of Sussex with his Grand Officers—he was then Grand Master—attended, and in 1841 he again attended, accompanied by the Earl of Zetland, Pro Grand Master, and his Grand Officers. In 1817 it was resolved that the lodge should leave the Crown and Anchor in the Strand, and go to Freemasons' Tavern, so that for 76 years it had met under the same roof. In 1807 they made a stringent rule that any officer not present to be invested be passed over, unless by vote of the lodge his excuse was held valid. Then they met in 1859, the centenary of the lodge, when the Grand Master, the Earl of Zetland, attended, with his Grand Officers, and they had one of the biggest functions ever held. He might say that during the 120 years he had mentioned no less than 37 Grand Officers had occupied the chair—1 Grand Master, 4 Dep. Grand Masters, 12 G. and Wardens, 2 Grand Chaplains, 1 Grand Treasurer, 1 Grand Secretary, 14 Grand Deacons, 2 Grand Sword Bearers, and he could safely say that at no period of the history of the lodge had it been more happy, united, and prosperous than at the present time. He thanked the brethren sincerely for the great kindness shown to him on this and on every occasion since he had been a member of the Craft.

Bro. Deputy Halse, responding to the toast of “The Visitors,” said, although he could not boast of being an active working Mason, his heart was always in Masonic work, and never more so than when he had an opportunity of joining in the festivities of Grand Master's Lodge.

Bro. Dale Hart also replied, and said all the visitors wished the W.M. health and prosperity during his year. He had always desired to be a visitor at No. 1 to see the work and the hospitality. He sincerely wished the W.M. health and happiness, and that the lodge might prosper.

Bro. Charles Belton, W.M., in proposing “The Past Masters,” said he would first refer to those who were absent. One was Bro. Rawson, P.D.G.M. China, and it was now 50 years ago that month that Bro. Rawson was passed in that lodge. He was passed and raised in it. Bro. J. M. Case, P.G.D., whose absence they all deplored, was a member who joined in 1854, and had therefore been a member 39 years, and he was a Past Master 30 years “of recorded time.” He would like the brethren to authorise him to write to those two distinguished brethren to assure them of the sympathy of the lodge in their illness. The old members were Bros. S. Rawson, P.M., P.G.M. China, Feb., 1843, 50 years; J. Chippendale, 1852, 41 years; Gen. Gadsden, 1853, 40 years; J. M. Case, P.M., 1854, 39 years; Sir F. Truscott, P.M., 1858, 35 years; L. C. Lumley, 1859, 34 years; G. N. Chambers, P.M., 1860, 33 years; A. B. Friend, 1860, 33 years; and seven members over 25 years. Then they had Bro. Johnson and their dear friend Bro. Gooding. The lodge venerated the Past Masters. He was speaking now perhaps of the future, because when he should become a Past Master he would expect to be venerated. He left to the last the I.P.M., under whose genial rule the lodge had been so happy and united during the past year, and to whom he would leave the pleasure of replying to the toast.

Bro. Dimsdale, I.P.M., said, while feeling it a high honour to respond to that toast, he was not unmindful there was a great responsibility, because he felt that there was not a single Past Master there who was not more competent or able to do justice to it than himself. When he was placed in the chair a year ago he felt there was a great responsibility upon him in having control of such a lodge as No. 1, because he was peculiarly situated. He felt he was not able to devote that time and attention which necessarily were required of the Master, and yet he was assured it was his duty to occupy the chair. Well, he did occupy it upon the recommendation and advice of many of his friends, and he found he had not mistaken it. It was entirely owing to their kind sympathy and support that he had got through his year of office. That brought him to a far more important point, that it did not depend on the one individual who occupied the chair so much as upon the feeling and the fraternal sympathy and love which permeated the breast of every member of the lodge. Such had been the feeling in his case, and he asked every brother that night, whether he belonged to Grand Lodge or otherwise, whether the ritual and ceremonial had not been conducted in a manner worthy of any lodge in the United Kingdom. That was attributable to the kind feeling and support he had ever received at the hands of Bro. Gooding. But that was only one among many instances, and his object was to show to the brethren who graced the board with their presence as visitors, that there was that fraternal feeling existing throughout the lodge. Whoever might be in the chair, whatever might be the vicissitudes of the time, the Fraternity, as a rule, were determined to see the W.M. through the chair in a manner thoroughly satisfactory to the prestige and honour of the lodge over which he presided. He had already referred to the kind sympathy and support the brethren had rendered him during the past year, and he was reiterating what other Past Masters felt, that they thoroughly appreciated the kind words which had fallen from the Worshipful Master's lips. During his year the Past Masters would give him every assistance he desired.

Bro. Belton, in giving “The Treasurer and Secretary, and Officers,” said the S.W. was initiated in this lodge 40 years ago, but by the exigencies of his career in India it was only now in the position he was entitled to 30 years back. The J.W., who was a P.G.S. and a Past Master, would also do his duty. The S.D., who was a Past Master, was thoroughly up in his work, and then they came to the Treasurer. With regard to the office of Treasurer this lodge beat the record, because in 1794 Bro. Thos. Harper, then Deputy Grand Master, was appointed Treasurer of this lodge, and he retained that office 38 years. He was followed by Bro. Richard Hervé Giraud, who retained it 54 years; and Bro. Gooding had been Treasurer seven years—three Treasurers in 99 years—a record any lodge might be proud of. Bro. Gooding and he had worked together in the most harmonious manner for many years.

The S.W. having replied, Bro. Dr. Gooding said the lodge had never been in such a flourishing condition as at present. The W.M. had dilated on its past history, but its present history equalled it. The lodge was well to the front, and was flourishing in its financial position. He should place all his energies at the disposal of the W.M.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

**St. Alban's Lodge (No. 29).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, on Monday, the 9th inst. Bro. Philip H. Waterlow, P.G.S., W.M., opened the lodge, and after confirmation of the minutes, Bros. Stanley Brown and Quanaog were raised in a very impressive manner. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Sir John Monckton, P.G.W., who, in his usual able manner, installed Bro. George A. Tickering, G.S., in the chair, and in congratulating him on his appointment informed him that it was the 115th occasion on which he had performed the ceremony. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. Nelson Reed, S.W.; D. da Lara Cohen, J.W.; F. Burgess, P.G.S., Treas.; Edward Terry, P.G. Treas., Sec.; Walter Emden, S.D.; J. S. Holliday, J.D.; J. H. Stark, D.C.; Percy Keeling, I.G.; George Grant and Edgar L. Waterlow, Stwds. Amongst those present were Bros. E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; Dr. Gooding, P.G.D., Treas. No. 1, and Prince of Wales Chapter; Percival Nairne, G.D.; Langridge, P.G.S.; Dunlop, P.G.S.; Hunt, P.G.S.; Nutt, P.G.S.; J. B. Davison, W.M. 18; T. Pickering, W.M. 1069; A. Drew, P.M. 890; Betteley, P.M.; Repelli, Thompson, Simpson, Stephens, P.M.; Dr. Orwin, Barkley, P.M.; Eastwood, C. Waterlow, A. Waterlow, Revely, W.M. 33; Templar Saxe, and others.

At the banquet held subsequently the usual toasts followed. The Worshipful Master, in proposing “The

Health of the Grand Officers," regretted that Bro. Sir John B. Monckton was prevented by a family engagement from remaining.

Bro. E. Letchworth replied for the Grand Officers in his usual kindly and fluent style.

"The W.M." was proposed by Bro. Waterlow, I.P.M., and duly responded to, after which "The Visitors," was responded to by Bros. Nairne, G.D., and Revely.

"The Past Masters," "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Geo. May, assisted by Bros. L. Fryer, J. S. Holliday, R. De Lacy, and Turle Lee, and it was generally expressed that a most enjoyable and successful evening had been passed.

**Bedford Lodge (No. 157).**—The installation meeting of this venerable lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall on Friday, the 13th inst., and was well attended. Bros. Cottebrune, P.M., P.G. Std. Br.; Mulvey, P.M., P.G.S.B. Surrey; and Frank Piggott, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. Cambridgeshire, were amongst the visitors, who showed up in force.

Upon Bro. J. C. Main, I.P.M., taking the chair, Bro. L. A. Richardson was elected a joining member, and Mr. John Trinder Frost was balloted for, and unanimously elected as a candidate for initiation. Bro. Main then proceeded to install Bro. E. F. Shoebridge in the chair of K.S., and discharged his duties as Installing Master in a very efficient manner. The new W.M. thereupon appointed and invested the officers for the year as follows: Bros. J. C. Main, I.P.M.; Joseph Bruton, S.W.; A. W. Toms, J.W.; J. T. Briggs, P.M., Treas.; W. Liddall, P.M., Sec.; C. Steel, S.D.; L. A. Richardson, J.D.; C. J. Turner, P.M., D.C.; R. C. Cork, I.G.; Vincent Lerner, P.M., and J. J. Quemy, Stwds.; and G. Longstaff, Tyler. The initiation of Mr. J. T. Frost was then proceeded with, and the W.M. acquitted himself right well. Thereupon the three charges completing the installation ceremony were most impressively given by Bro. Joseph Bruton, P.S.G.D.

After "Hearty good wishes" from the numerous visiting brethren, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

**Islington Lodge (No. 1471).**—The regular meeting was held on Thursday, the 12th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury. The following brethren being present: Bros. H. B. Harding, W.M.; J. M. Scarlett, P.P.G.W. Essex, I.P.M.; S. Napper, P.M., as S.W.; R. Loomes, J.W.; C. M. Coxon, S.W., acting Sec. (in the absence of Bro. E. Blenkhorn, P.M., through illness); A. Cox, S.D.; J. A. Blount, J.D.; D. C. Ritchie, D.C., as I.G.; H. Stafford Trego, Org.; C. H. Stevenson and C. Hillier, Stwds.; T. Williams, acting Tyler; A. C. Halestrap, P.M.; H. Hunt, P.M.; W. G. Hiller, R. C. Back, W. Taylor, C. Weber, G. E. Walker, J. Amand, A. Pope, W. Jarvis, T. W. Brown, F. Simmonds, E. J. Harrison, E. H. Bury, and T. E. Newman. Visitors: Bros. J. G. Cobb, P.M. 2278, P.P.G.S. Herts; T. B. Smoothy, 2278; F. Cakebread, 478; C. T. Smith, 1424; J. Petch, P.M. 1471, P.M. 2278, P.P.G. Std. Br. Herts; H. T. Pearce, 2099; and C. Moore, 340.

The minutes having been confirmed, Bro. R. C. Back was raised to the Degree of M.M. The election of a W.M. for the ensuing year was the next business on the agenda, and a dispensation having been granted by the M.W. Grand Master on the petition of the lodge, Bro. C. M. Coxon, W.M. 2278, and S.W. of the lodge, was elected W.M. by the unanimous vote of the brethren. Bro. A. C. Halestrap, P.M., was also unanimously elected Treasurer, in the place of Bro. Henry Cox, P.M., who has unfortunately been compelled to discontinue his active work in the lodge on account of ill-health. It is hoped, however, he may soon be able to resume his attendance, which has been so regular for many years past, or he will otherwise be much missed by the brethren. Bro. G. Couchman was re-elected Tyler, and Bros. Newman and Taylor were appointed Auditors. A candidate for initiation was proposed, and a Past Master's jewel voted to the W.M. The lodge was then closed.

After the dinner, which followed, the usual toasts were proposed, and some excellent songs rendered by Bros. Newman, Barry, Stevenson, Amand, and C. Hillier, and a recitation given by the W.M. Bro. H. Stafford Trego, Mus. Bac. Oxon, accompanied.

**Leopold Lodge (No. 1571).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday the 9th inst., at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge. The lodge was opened at 4 o'clock, Bro. Edmund J. Morgan, W.M., being in the chair. There were also present: Bros. H. Colley, S.W.; W. T. Johns, J.W.; F. P. Langford, acting S.D.; A. Watts, J.D.; T. Duffield, P.M., D.C.; J. Hampson, I.G.; W. F. Packer, P.M., Org.; H. F. Meadows and G. Horwill, Stwds.; H. Bartlett, P.M., Treas.; W. Carey, P.M., Sec.; Kemble, P.M.; H. Youngman, P.M.; Kent, P.M.; Dormer, P.M.; Morris, Pummell, Gregory, Low, Speck, Wells, Goad, Marshall, Maud, Hall, Davy, Martin, Barnes, and Bull. Visitors: Bros. Mansfield, S.D. 871; Pitt, P.M. 463; the Rev. Hingston, Chaplain S (I.C.); Saunton, S.D. 1432; Williams, 228; Newman, 1303; Rose, W.M. 1607; W. J. Tyler, 1957; Miller, I.P.M. 1672; Iron, P.M. 1579, P.G.S. of W. Surrey; Thompson, P.M. 742; Halford, P.M. 1607; Cushing, P.M. 1607; Carr, P.M. 1607; East, 1524; Knight, 1541; Austin, I.P.M. 749; Carter, 190 (S.C.) Steward 917; and Garland, 1728.

After confirmation of the minutes of the previous lodge meeting, Bro. H. T. Speck was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. Bro. Henry Colley was then presented as W.M. elect, and, after the usual examination and obligation, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Colley was installed into the chair of K.S. according to ancient rite. The whole ceremony, with the usual addresses, was performed in a faultless and eloquent manner by Bro. Edmund J. Morgan. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. E. J. Morgan, I.P.M.; W. T. Johns, S.W.; A. Watts, J.W.; Hy. Bartlett, P.M., Treas.; W. Carey, P.M., Sec.; W. Gregory, S.D.; J. Hampson, J.D.; H. T. Meadows, I.G.; W. F. Packer, P.M., Org.; Thomas Duffield, P.M., D.C.; F. P. Langford, A.D.C.; George Horwill and C. E. Martin, Stwds.; and Young, Tyler.

The further business on the agenda having been transacted, and "Hearty good wishes" tendered to Bro. Colley, P.M., the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to

the banqueting room, where a sumptuous repast was served by Bro. Pearce in his invariably excellent style.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly honoured, Bro. Edmund J. Morgan, I.P.M., in eloquent terms proposed "The Health of the W.M.," stating that the office of Master of a lodge of Freemasons was no sinecure and required on the part of a brother aspiring to that dignity a long apprenticeship if the duties of the chair were to be carried out efficiently. In their newly-installed Master, Bro. Colley, they had a brother who was initiated into Freemasonry in 1879 in the Mother Kilwinning Lodge of Scotland, and who joined the Leopold Lodge in 1884, since which time he had ably filled every office in the lodge with the exception of I.G., and had thus thoroughly qualified himself for the position which he at present occupied. In addition Bro. Colley had rendered signal service to the lodge by acting as Secretary to the Leopold Lodge of Instruction with its affiliated Charitable associations; he had thus helped to furnish the mother lodge with efficient officers and had rendered valuable aid to the Charities of the Order. Entering upon his year of office under favourable auspices, with a good cash balance in hand, assisted by able and energetic officers, and carrying the best wishes of the brethren, there was every prospect of a very happy and prosperous year of office. In conclusion, Bro. Morgan entreated the brethren individually to rally round the W.M. and to give him their united support on the occasion of his representing the lodge as Steward to the Boys' Festival.

The toast was enthusiastically received. In response, the W.M. expressed his deep sense of the honour which the brethren had conferred upon him, a joining member of the lodge, in having elected him to occupy the high position of Master. He was sensible of the obligations and responsibilities which that office entailed, and he looked forward with pleasurable anticipation to his year of office, being assured that he had the good wishes of all the members, and trusted that they would also accord to him their support as Steward for the Boys' Festival.

In proposing the toast of "The Immediate Past Master," the W.M. said that not being possessed of Bro. Morgan's eloquence, it was impossible for him to adequately express the feelings which the lodge entertained for their Installing Master. During his year of office Bro. Morgan had by his careful and admirable working and by his never-failing courtesy commanded the unqualified admiration of all the members of the lodge. In the name of the lodge the W.M. then presented Bro. Morgan with a handsome Past Master's jewel, in token of their esteem for the distinguished services which he had rendered, at the same time wishing him every happiness and prosperity.

Replying, Bro. Morgan, I.P.M., thanked the brethren for the handsome jewel which had just been presented to him, and which he should ever look upon as a token of the esteem and regard of the brethren of the Leopold Lodge, and as a memento of his year of office, which had been in every respect a most happy and prosperous one. He had endeavoured during his Mastership to discharge the duties of the chair to the best of his ability, and to promote the highest interests of the lodge. He was glad to think that his year of office had borne good fruit. With the assistance of the brethren of the mother lodge and the lodge of instruction, he had been enabled to take up as Steward to the Jubilee Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution the sum of £130—a result which reflected credit upon the Leopold Lodge. Other charitable duties had also been discharged. During his year of office he had initiated, passed, and raised four brethren, who, he had no doubt, would prove themselves worthy members of the lodge. If, as Installing Master, he had given satisfaction, he had been well repaid by the attention given to him by the brethren, and he sincerely hoped that the beautiful sentiments expressed in the ritual might find an abiding place in their hearts. In conclusion, Bro. Morgan hoped that brotherly love would ever distinguish them as men, and that they would ever maintain in their fullest splendour those truly Masonic virtues—Benevolence and Charity.

The Worshipful Master, in a happy speech, proposed "The Visitors," congratulating the lodge on the large attendance of visiting brethren, who were always welcome at the Leopold Lodge, and hoped that they might have the pleasure of their presence on many future occasions.

Responding, Bro. F. Rose, W.M. 1007, tendered to the W.M. the hearty congratulations of his guests. Bro. Colley had a goodly heritage in the knowledge that he possessed the loyal esteem of the whole of the brethren. The office of Master of a lodge was a responsible one, not only in regard to the onerous duties connected with the ritual of Freemasonry, but on the Master depended to a great extent the happiness of the brethren. The one great principle of Freemasonry, which involved the other two principles of the Craft, was brotherly love, and the highest wish which the visitors could entertain for the Leopold Lodge was that this divine doctrine might characterise their lodge for all time.

Bro. the Rev. R. E. Hingston, Chap. S (I.C.), regretted being called upon to reply to the toast of the visitors, as it compelled him to make two confessions, and when an Irishman made a confession, barring it was not to his priest, they might be sure that it was a real one and weighing upon his conscience. The first confession he had to make was of neglect in having been a Mason for 12 years, and not having been in a lodge for 10 years. Circumstances had prevented him, hence his ignorance. His knowledge of the English language was totally inadequate to express his sense of gratitude for the reception and hospitality upon that the first occasion of his visit to an English lodge. The stigma of slander (if it be such), which was sometimes cast upon the fair sex when they met socially that they did so for the purpose of talking scandal, could not be cast against the brethren of the Leopold Lodge, for the ceremony that evening was performed in such an impressive manner, that it would ever fill the memory of all who heard it, for it was engraven on their spirits. In fact the ceremony was such that it would on many leave a better impression than an Exeter Hall address. As an Irishman, he presented the W.M. with the congratulations of an Irish lodge, and was thankful to find the unity of the Empire represented that evening in the persons of a Scotch collic, a Welsh puddle, and to keep them in countenance he would call himself an Irish terrier. Seeing so many visitors there, he could not be surprised at its calling forth that all-reviving and never-dying spirit of Freemasonry, the spirit of brotherly love.

In proposing the toast of "The Masonic Institutions," the W.M. said the enormous sums which had been contri-

buted during the past year as voluntary offerings from members of the Craft had excited the admiration of the whole community, and had shown the world that Freemasons were indeed mindful of the wants of those who were suffering the pangs of adversity.

Bro. Carey, P.M., ably responded to the toast in the absence of Bro. McLeod, Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, who was unfortunately unable to be present, and forcibly appealed to the brethren of the Leopold Lodge to give their unstinted support to the W.M., who would shortly be going up as Steward for the Boys' Festival.

The toasts of "The Past Masters," responded to by Bros. Kent, Bartlett, Duffield, Carey, and Dormer, and "The Officers," coupled with the names of Bro. W. T. Johns, S.W., and A. Watts, J.W., were duly honoured, the W.M. remarking that the Leopold Lodge had always possessed efficient officers, without which no lodge could enjoy prosperity. He instanced, as an example, the recent perilous voyage of the steamship Umbria, which, with her precious freight, was brought safely through her difficulties in consequence of the ability of her officers.

The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings. During the evening an excellent programme of music was contributed by Mesdames H. Colley and J. Newman, Bros. Packer, P.M., Org., J. Newman, and E. H. Williams.

**Temple Bar Lodge (No. 1728).**—The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 16th inst., when there were present Bros. G. J. Garland, P.M., W.M.; B. T. Kimpton, S.W. and W.M. elect; R. Kimpton, P.M. and Treas., acting J.W.; A. J. Berenberg, acting J.D.; G. S. Recknell, P.M., Sec.; W. Hawkins, I.G.; R. J. Pitt, Organist; A. Bunning and E. L. Henson, Stewards; L. Cleak, I.P.M.; W. H. Harris, C. Chambers, L. Blunt, J. R. Pakeman, J. G. Blake, C. Weil, A. J. Barton, G. A. Adams, and J. A. Gifford. The visitors were Bros. H. Gunton, 2243; E. Horner, 1429; E. C. Crouch, W.M. 857; R. H. Frost, 1901; J. S. Pointon, 1901; S. P. Fisher, 217; J. Anthony, I.G. 1093; R. H. Stimpson, P.M. 59; G. C. Blanchard, P.M. 1275; J. Kimpton, 1601; A. R. Billy, J.D. 2323; C. A. Hooper, W.M. 1613; W. B. Martin, Organist 1635; J. L. Mather, P.A.G.D.C.; R. Porter, 2427; E. A. Harris, P.M. 201; W. H. Drury, 1693; Wm. Thomson, I.G. 1524; B. H. Peet, P.M. 857; C. H. Stone, S.W. 507; W. H. Jones, W.M. 2077; W. De Boos, 1670; and F. H. Agate, 201.

The minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for Messrs. Adams and Gifford, which, proving unanimous in their favour, they were initiated with Mr. Barton, already balloted for, in a most perfect and impressive manner by the W.M. Bro. B. T. Kimpton, S.W., W.M. elect, was next presented to Bro. G. J. Garland, W.M., by Bro. Mather, P.A.G.D.C., to receive at his hands the benefits of installation, which was also most ably performed, the addresses being delivered in a masterly way. The new W.M., Bro. B. T. Kimpton, then invested his officers as follows in a highly creditable manner: Bros. W. Hawkins, S.W.; A. J. Berenberg, J.W.; R. Kimpton, P.M., Treas.; G. S. Recknell, P.M., Sec.; E. L. Henson, S.D.; C. Weil, J.D.; R. J. Pitt, I.G.; J. R. Pakeman, D.C.; S. Blunt and F. W. Wray, Stewards; and J. S. Lackland, Tyler. In recognition of the second year of Mastership of Bro. G. J. Garland, I.P.M., it was resolved that he be presented with a testimonial at the next meeting, for the efficient services he had rendered to the lodge. It was also announced that Bro. B. T. Kimpton, W.M., would represent the lodge at the coming Festival of the R.M.I.B. Several letters of apology were read, regretting inability to attend, and wishing the W.M. every prosperity during his year of office, one particularly from Bro. the Rev. J. Simpson, P.G.C., Chaplain of the lodge, who was suffering from a bad cold.

The business of the lodge ended, the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, which was superintended by Bro. Clewlow, the proprietor.

The cloth removed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were most royally given and received.

The toast of "The Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was given in highly complimentary terms, the W.M. specially coupling Bro. Mather's name, who had so very kindly acted as D.C. on the present occasion.

In response, Bro. Mather, P.A.G.D.C., tendered, on behalf of the Grand Officers, most respectful thanks. He could assure the brethren they had something to do, as those brethren who were privileged to go to Grand Lodge could testify. The Grand Officers at all times, when convenient, were only too ready to place themselves at the disposal of the brethren. He could speak for himself that Grand Lodge had conferred upon him Grand honours after years of service, having served as Prov. G.D.C., and he was delighted to find that the number of Grand Officers to be elected had been increased and he hoped that some brother of the Temple Bar Lodge might be selected. He had put off another very important engagement to attend that night at the kind invitation of Bro. Recknell, I.P.M., and he most readily assented to act as D.C., and should be very happy to attend on any future occasion. The Temple Bar Lodge had passed through some changes, but now with judicious management, he trusted it would go on and prosper. There was no reason, he saw, why it should not be raised second to none under such able and capable officers. He was very pleased to be present, as he had some recollections of the lodge many years ago, and he hoped to attend many installation meetings and officiate in the same capacity, as he always received such courtesy from the brethren. Again thanking the brethren for so cordially drinking to the toast, he concluded by trusting that peace and prosperity might ever reign in the Temple Bar Lodge.

Bro. Garland, I.P.M., next gave the toast of "The W.M.," in highly complimentary terms, remarking that he was most pleased, and it gave him the greatest possible satisfaction, for Freemasonry had not a more earnest follower than the W.M. The Temple Bar Lodge had no better well-wisher than Bro. B. T. Kimpton, he knew his merits. It was not every Master's privilege to have three such initiates as he had that evening, and it augured well for the future of the lodge. He (Bro. Garland) was confident that it would be a happy and prosperous year, and nothing should be wanting on his part to make it so, and at the end of the year the W.M. would have the pleasure of saying it had been most successful.

Bro. Kimpton, W.M., replied: Grand Officer, Past

Masters, and brethren, I most heartily thank you for such a cordial greeting in response to the toast of my health at the hands of the I.P.M. and Installing Master. I can assure you it has been my great ambition to fill the honourable position you have placed me in, and I shall carry out the duties to the very best of my ability and endeavour to emulate those worthy Masters that have preceded me in the Temple Bar Lodge.

The toast of "The Initiates" was presented by Bro. R. Kimpton, P.M., Treas., as follows: W. Bro., visitors, and brethren, the toast which I have the pleasure of presenting, to my mind, is second to none. We have to-night been honoured by three initiates who will redound credit upon Freemasonry in general, and especially to the Temple Bar Lodge. It had been said Freemasonry would never die, and one sees and knows how the various lodges are multiplying and such good and true men becoming members that he was quite agreed upon that point. He would tender advice that, as they had taken the first round, they would go on step by step and attain the position of W.M., ever remembering the beautiful ritual which had been so ably rendered by the I.P.M., and the grand principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth would blossom and bud forth to not only Freemasonry in general, but to the world.

Bros. Barton, Gifford, and Adams most suitably replied. The Worshipful Master next gave the toast of "The I.P.M. and Installing Master," remarking that it gave him the greatest pleasure possible. He was a Freemason in every sense of the word, and beloved by all the brethren of the Temple Bar Lodge. He personally thanked him for the splendid ceremony he had rendered so ably that evening, one that would be remembered so long as he lived. He (the W.M.) trusted that although Bro. Garland had left the chair to have his valuable assistance on every night of meeting. He asked the brethren to join with him in drinking to the health and happiness of the Installing Master.

The toast was drunk most enthusiastically. Bro. Garland replied, thanking all for such a splendid reception. He had done his best for the lodge, which it was every Master's duty to do, having been connected with it for 13 years, and had filled every office, and trusted he might continue to be for twice that period. He was delighted that their W.M. was acting as Steward at the next Festival of the Boys, for he was confident the brethren would tender a good account, and carry out that grand principle, Charity. He would assure the brethren that anything he could do for the Temple Bar Lodge would be done with the greatest possible pleasure.

The toast of "The Visitors" was next given in highly complimentary terms by Bro. Recknell, P.M., stating that there was a goodly array of worthy brethren, whom the members of the Temple Bar Lodge heartily welcomed. He was pleased to be honoured by presenting the toast, as the W.M. was suffering from a contraction of the throat, and had asked him to do so, to which he readily assented with the greatest gratification.

This was most ably responded to by Bros. Crouch, W.M.; Hooper, W.M.; and Stimpson, P.M.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was given in excellent terms by the W.M.

Bro. Cleak, P.M., responded, remarking that the Past Masters would do all they could for the lodge. That was his mother lodge, and he assured the brethren that he should stick to the Temple Bar Lodge.

The toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary" received its just measure of praise from the I.P.M., who congratulated the W.M. upon having two such excellent officers, who had done so much towards resuscitating the lodge to its present sound position.

Bro. Kimpton replied with hearty thanks, stating he was the second initiate in the lodge, and had filled every office to that of the W.M. He hoped to be long connected with it, and so long as he was entrusted with the funds he would assure the brethren they should be faithfully applied, and especially, whenever possible, not forgetting the Masonic Charities.

Bro. Recknell, P.M., Secretary, also most suitably replied.

The toast of "The Officers" was most appropriately given by the W.M.

The S.W., J.W., and I.G. very suitably responded, and pledged themselves to do their utmost for the lodge.

The Tyler's toast closed a most eventful evening. There was an excellent programme of music, under the able direction of Bro. R. J. Pitt, Org., ably assisted by the following artistes: Mrs. Albert Berenburg, Madame Lena Seymour; Bros. G. Adams, and Charles Weil; Mr. Joseph Pitt (solo violin), and Bro. G. T. Miles (solo harp). Bro. R. J. Pitt ably presided at the piano.

**Chiswick Lodge (No. 2012).**—The installation meeting of this flourishing lodge took place on the 9th inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, when there was a large attendance of brethren present: Bros. R. H. Wimpey, W.M.; J. Brown, I.P.M.; F. W. Walden, S.W.; B. Kenyon, J.W.; Dr. F. Lawrence, P.M., Treas.; George Gardner, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; W. C. Dickey, S.D.; G. Wavell, J.D.; H. Clark, I.G.; Louis Lee, Org.; J. Ellis and R. Milbourne, Stwds.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M.; George Everett, P.M., P.G. Treas.; and W. A. Dowling, P.M. Visitors: Bros. A. Williams, P.M. 2090; T. H. Dorey, 2400; J. E. Overed, P.M. 1708; C. Plowman, P.M. 1708; T. W. Kingston, 1326; Chas. Steel, P.M. 1305; F. Craggs, P.M. 834; C. P. Plucknett, 1185; E. G. C. Box, P.M. 871; R. Henry Hale, 829; E. H. Dove, P.M. 45; A. G. Duck, W.M. 898; G. E. Higginson, W.M. elect 1791; Jas. Stephens, P.M. 1425; E. W. Sabine, 74; H. Steel, 172; J. H. Jarvis, P.M. 1627; Wm. Wilkinson, W.M. 1298; J. King, P.M. 834; A. E. Furness, P.M. 2400; J. W. Hare, 1987; A. C. Treadaway, 1298; Hy. Blackman, 2140; E. F. Williams, 898; P. Shapland, 898; P. S. Croze, 898; G. Timberhall, 1287; S. Manne, 753; B. D. Ardenne, J.D. 1184; R. Kerr, 2222; R. Goff, 1793; E. Styles, W.M. 704; T. Stallabrad, 2148; F. Mason, 2148; and W. W. Lee, W.M. 2381.

The lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed. Bro. J. Brown, P.M., then installed Bro. F. W. Walden as W.M. in a very impressive manner, after which the following officers were invested: Bros. B. Kenyon, S.W.; W. C. Dickey, J.W.; F. Lawrence, P.M., Treas.; Geo. Gardner, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; E. Wavell, S.D.; H. Clark, J.D.; B. F. Hartzthorne, I.G.; J. Ellis, D.C.; R. Milbourne and R. Steel, Stwds.; Louis Lee, Org.;

and C. Patrick, P.M., Tyler. Messrs. Smelt, Portch, and Prewell were initiated into Freemasonry by the newly-installed W.M. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Wimpey, I.P.M., in recognition of his services, and a Past Master's collar was also presented to Bro. J. Brown, P.M. A sum of 10 guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls to be placed on the list of Bro. Geo. Gardner, P.M. The lodge was closed and a well served banquet was followed by the customary toasts.

Bro. George Everett, P.G. Treas., in reply to the toast of "The Grand Officers," said it was always a pleasure to respond to so important a toast as this. On the present occasion he would rather it had fallen into other hands. As they had been reminded they were fortunate in having amongst the members a P.G. Warden in Lord George Hamilton, whose duty it would have been to respond had he been present, but he had been kept away by attendance on a sick brother. But for the inclemency of the weather there would have been several other Grand Officers present, and when they were honoured by visiting Grand Officers, no matter of what rank, he (Bro. Everett) always gave way, because as visitors they ought to have precedence. The Grand Lodge was the great central authority of Freemasons, and it therefore became every officer to keep up its dignity. Those who attended Grand Lodge would know that the Grand Officers did their duty in a manner that gave the greatest satisfaction to the Craft in general and the brethren in particular. He was proud of the fact that he represented the Craft, for it was through their suffrages he did so. He would not detain them, but say how much he appreciated the kindly way the toast was always received, which was also appreciated by the Grand Officers generally.

Bro. R. H. Wimpey, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the Worshipful Master," said Bro. Walden, W.M., was one of the first members of the lodge, and had followed him through the various offices, and there was no member who had performed his duty in a more exemplary or satisfactory manner. Their W.M. was a Life Governor of the three Institutions, which was a great thing to say in his favour, for Masonry was Charity, and they therefore had the right man in the right place. Those who had the acquaintance of the W.M. knew him to be a gentleman and a thorough Freemason, and the members could desire no more for the W.M. of their lodge.

Bro. F. W. Walden, W.M., said the I.P.M. had spoken of him in such flattering terms that he scarcely knew how to reply. They knew his two chief characteristics were modesty and nervousness. He was pleased to think the little he had done in the lodge had met with their approbation, and pleased to hear such remarks passed by the I.P.M. He should endeavour to go on as he had commenced, and as long as his efforts met with their approbation, he could do no more.

"The Initiates" having been honoured, the W.M. gave "The Installing Master and Past Masters," and said Bro. Brown, P.M., had performed his work that evening in such an efficient manner, that no words of praise were needed. The other Past Masters were all good Masons, and always ready to assist.

Bro. J. Brown, P.M., returned thanks, and said he did not feel satisfied with himself that evening, but he had done his best, and if the W.M. was satisfied he was more than gratified. It would be his pleasure at all times to give assistance to the W.M. and to work for the lodge, for it was a lodge of which he was very proud, having been an initiate in it 9 or 10 years ago.

Bro. G. Gardner, P.M., proposed "The Visitors," and said that of the 80 brethren present one-half were visitors. There were a great many apologies from brethren, including the Grand Secretary and others, but they were pleased to see so many present. The members held out the right hand of fellowship to the visitors present, and hoped to see them again during the W.M.'s term of office.

Bro. James Stephens, P.M. 1423, in response, said he remembered the kind reception he had previously received in the lodge, and being invited by Bro. Geo. Everett he felt he must be present, although unwell. He should take advantage of the invitation extended to him and visit the lodge again in the near future. Although present as a visitor, he trusted Bro. G. Gardner would allow him to place five guineas on his list for the Girls' School.

Other brethren responded; and "The Officers" having been honoured, the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

Under the direction of Bro. Louis Lee, Org., a musical programme was carried out by Miss Violet Defries, Miss Rose Brooking, Mr. Jack Smart, and Bros. Horace Ward and Sydney Davis.

## PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

### BEAMINSTER.

**Beaminster Manor Lodge (No. 1367).**—The installation meeting of this lodge, which is held annually on the second Tuesday in January, took place at the White Hart Hotel, on the 10th inst. The brethren were, as last year, again honoured by the presence of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Major W. E. Brymer, M.P., and the Provincial Grand Lodge was further represented by the Prov. Grand Chaplain, Bro. S. K. Hilton. The brethren present at the lodge in addition to the two afore-mentioned distinguished visitors comprised Bros. R. R. Samson, W.M.; H. Maunder, I.P.M.; A. Hann, S.W., W.M. elect; O. M. Beament, J.W.; J. Andrews, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Treas.; W. Oxley, Sec.; F. P. Kitson, S.D.; W. R. Pile, J.D.; C. G. Purkis, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., Org.; C. Toleman, P.M., D.C.; Rev. E. H. G. de Castro, I.G.; J. Keetch, Tyler; J. S. Webb, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; S. R. Baskett, P.M., P.P.G.R.; C. Hann, P.M.; and G. Roberts. Visitors: Bros. S. Pile, P.M. 1181; J. Blamey, S.W., and W. Frost, J.W., of 707; and W. Tizzard, 170.

The lodge was opened, the minutes confirmed, and a number of communications read. Bro. A. Hann, S.W., was presented to the W.M. by Bro. Purkis, and was duly obligated. Bro. Major W. E. Brymer, M.P., D.P.G.M., who, on entering the lodge preceded by his Provincial Grand Officers, was received in form. All offices having been declared vacant, and the Wardens chairs having been taken respectively by Bros. J. S. Webb, P.P.S.G.W., and C. Toleman, P.M., a Board of Installed Masters was formed and the W.M. installed.

The newly-installed W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. O. M. Beament, S.W.; Wm.

Oxley, J.W.; Rev. E. G. Austen, P.P.G.C. Chap.; J. Andrews, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Treas.; F. P. Kitson, Sec.; W. R. Pile, S.D.; Rev. E. H. G. de Castro, J.D.; S. R. Baskett, P.M., P.P.G.R., D.C.; C. G. Purkis, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., Org.; G. Roberts, I.G.; S. Cox, P.M., P.P.G.P., and R. Toleman, P.M., P.P.G.P., Stewards; and J. Keetch, Tyler. The addresses to the W.M., the Wardens, and the brethren generally were then impressively delivered by Bro. C. G. Purkis, and most attentively heard by the brethren concerned. The customary welcome to the D.P.G.M. and the P.G. Chaplain having been made by the W.M., and received with acclamation, Bro. Brymer acknowledged the compliment, and expressed his pleasure at being able to be present, and conveyed to the W.M. his best wishes for a prosperous and happy year of office.

The lodge having been closed, the banquet was held in the Market Room, where a goodly number of brethren sat down to a capital repast, under the genial presidency of the W.M.

After full justice had been done to the good things provided, the usual toast list was gone through.

"The Health of the D.P.G.M."—who was obliged to leave rather early, as he had nine miles to drive in order to catch his train, and whose departure was marked by the same Masonic greeting as his arrival—was duly honoured and acknowledged.

Bro. the Rev. L. K. Hilton made a couple of very good speeches, and the other visiting brethren acknowledged the toast of "The Visitors."

The Tyler's toast brought the toast list to a close.

Some excellent songs were sung in the course of the evening by several of the brethren, and a very pleasant time was spent.

### CHESTER.

**Independence Lodge (No. 721).**—The installation meeting of this most flourishing lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Monday, the 9th inst., when the W.M., Bro. W. Peers, brought a most successful year to a close by installing Bro. G. F. Adams in a most efficient manner. There were present Bros. Edward Rush, I.P.M.; R. C. Edwards, P.M.; Felix Thomas, P.M.; Wm. Hughes, P.M.; J. Dennis, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; W. H. Finchett, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; H. Ellis, P.M., P.G. Org.; and T. Knowles, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C. Visitors: Bros. James Salmon, P.M. 425, P.P.S.G.W.; G. E. Bolton, P.M. 2423, P.P.S.G.D. North Wales; T. Coxhead, P.M. 1647, P.P.S.G.W. North Wales; F. W. Jones, P.M. 321, P.P.G. Std. Br.; R. Hunter, P.M. 1674, P.P.S.G.D.; J. Sheriff Roberts, P.M. 425, P.A.G. Sec.; H. G. Little, P.M. 1674, P.P.G. Std. North Wales; E. Brassey, W.M. 425; Capt. F. E. Cooper, R.A., W.M. 2380; E. H. Ellis, P.M. 1674; F. S. Adams, P.M. 1477; G. Forrester, W.M. 1576; Major C. W. R. Ford, S.W. 2386; W. Shom, P.M. 425; H. Roberts, J.W. 1674; J. C. Robinson, P.M. 1070, 2294, P.P.A.G.D.C. West Lancashire; and upwards of 90 other brethren.

The lodge having been opened, the W.M. invested the following brethren as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Geo. F. Adams, W.M.; Wm. Peers, I.P.M.; Thomas Browne, S.W.; Alfred Wild, J.W.; Edward Rush, P.M., Treas.; Thomas Knowles, P.M., Sec.; T. J. Powell, S.D.; Henry Stoneley, J.D.; W. H. Davies, I.G.; R. C. Edwards, P.M., D.C.; Herbert Ellis, P.M., P.G.O., Charity Representative; Charles Polkinghorne, Stwd.; Robt. Butterworth, Org.; and W. M. Richmond, Almoner. During the evening the W.M. presented the I.P.M., Bro. W. Peers, with a massive gold Past Master's jewel.

The banquet was supplied by Messrs. Bolland and Son, and gave great satisfaction.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

### EXETER.

**St. John the Baptist Lodge (No. 39).**—The installation meeting in connection with this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on Dec. 27th, when Bro. E. H. Shorto was installed in the chair of K.S.; the ceremony being very ably rendered by Bro. W. H. Kelland, I.P.M., assisted by Bro. Hy. Stocker, P.M., P.P.G. Treas. The lodge was very largely attended by members of various lodges, including Bro. G. Rogers, D.P.G.M. Devon, and Bro. Capt. Mortimer, P.S.G.W. Devon. The W.M. afterwards installed the following brethren as officers: Bros. W. H. Kelland, I.P.M.; A. Hope, S.W.; S. M. Lock, J.W.; R. Jerman, Treasurer; T. Pitts, Secretary; T. C. Milton, S.D.; A. M. Laurence, J.D.; Jos. Gould, I.G.; H. Stokes, Chaplain; R. Hooker, H. Voden, E. D. Allen, D.C.'s; H. W. Michelmore, R. S. Purnell, A. H. Roper, W. H. Dalykirk, Stewards; H. B. Stark, Org.; H. Shooter and H. Burridge, Tylers.

After the lodge was closed the brethren adjourned to the Rougemont Hotel, to a banquet which was well served by the manager, Bro. H. W. Hussey, about 60 brethren attending.

### HALIFAX.

**St. James's Lodge (No. 445).**—The brethren of this lodge held their annual Festival of St. John the Evangelist, on Tuesday evening, the 3rd inst., at Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, when Bro. R. Hodgson was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Thomas Woods, I.P.M., who was very ably assisted by Bros. H. S. Holdsworth, P.M., P.P.D. G.D.C.; W. D. Shoelridge, P.M.; and A. Robertson, P.M., and in such a masterly manner as indicated very careful study on their part. At the close of the installation ceremony, the newly-appointed W.M. in his turn appointed the following officers, who were invested: Bros. T. Woods, I.P.M.; J. W. Normanton, S.W.; Thomas Robertson, J.W.; Rev. H. Williams, Chap.; R. Jessop, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Treas.; J. Jessop, P.M., Sec.; W. S. Milligan, Asst. Sec.; Thomas H. Thompson, S.D.; John Shaw Vost, J.D.; W. J. Morris, D.C.; Allan Haigh, Org.; H. Wilson, Almoner; A. E. Spencer, I.G.; G. Tucker, C. E. Rose, E. Hanson, James Milligan, J. Drake, and E. Pinder, Stewards; and Rufus C. Sykes, Tyler. At the close of the ceremony, Bro. R. Jessop, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., presented a very valuable and handsome Past Master's jewel to Bro. Thomas Woods, I.P.M., in recognition of his services as W.M. during the past year, and also as a token of the esteem in which he was held by the brethren. Bro. Woods returned his thanks to the brethren for this mark of their esteem and appreciation of his services.



The brethren then adjourned to the dining hall, where the usual installation banquet took place, Bro. Webb (Old Cock Hotel) being the caterer, who provided a first-class menu.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and afterwards a most enjoyable evening was spent, many of the brethren doing their best in contributing to the harmony of the meeting, particularly Bros. E. Hanson, John Drake, P.M.; and J. P. Priestly.

The attendance of visiting brethren from the following lodges at the installation and banquet testified to the sincere respect in which the newly-installed W.M. was held: Philanthropic, Prince Frederick, Ryburn, Three Graces, Brighthouse, Probity, De Warren, Savile, Huddersfield, Mirfield, and Bradford.

Special reference by Bro. T. B. Fox, P.M., Chairman of West Yorkshire Charity Committee, and Bro. H. G. E. Green, Prov. G. Sec., was made, each expressing the hope that the coming year might be as brilliant, successful, and bright as the W.M. could desire.

Letters of apology were read for the unavoidable absence of Bros. T. W. Tew, P.G.M., and Hy. Smith, Deputy P.G.M.

HEATON MOOR.

**Prince Edward Lodge (No. 2109).**—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Assembly Hall on Thursday, the 12th inst., when Bro. T. Thornhill Shann, S.W., was duly installed W.M. The ceremony, which was conducted strictly on "Emulation" lines, was most ably performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. J. W. Berra. Bro. Shann appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. W. Berra, I.P.M.; A. W. Reynolds, S.W.; J. Hurst, J.W.; Rev. J. Heron, Chap.; J. H. Wells, P.M., Treas.; E. Broadbent, P.M., Sec.; G. Garnett, S.D.; W. Coffey, J.D.; T. A. Hopewell, P.M., P.D.G.D.C., D.C.; W. H. Mortimer, Org.; W. McElroy, I.G.; J. Spilsbury, Dr. F. W. Jordan, G. Hallmark, and J. H. Watterson, Stwds.; and J. R. Fletcher, Tyler.

Other members of the lodge present on the occasion were Bros. E. Barton, P.M.; S. I. Thomson, P.M.; W. Cassidy, M. Preston, J. R. A. Smith, B. C. Thomson, W.J. Sherlock, W. C. Massey, C. W. Nasmith, H. E. Doughty, C. E. Roberts, H. Dagnall, E. Dove, O. Hind, J. G. Litton, and W. S. Huffman. The visitors included Bros. J. W. Maclure, M.P., P.M., P.P.G.W.; W. Goodacre, P.G.S.B. England, Prov. G. Sec.; J. Barker, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W. West Yorkshire; Rev. J. Watson, P.M., P.P.G. Chap. East Lancashire; J. T. Richardson, P.M., P.P.G.D. East Lancashire; M. Thomas, P.M., P.P.G.D. East Lancashire; H. G. Small, P.M., P.D.G.D.C. Cheshire; W. H. Maxfield, P.M., P.P.G.O. Cheshire; W. R. Cooper, P.M. 1387; P. Jackson, P.M. 368; S. F. Simons, P.M. 1534; W. H. Hughes, P.M. 633; C. H. Beever, W.M. 1375; R. E. Walker, W.M. 993; J. Taylor, S.W. 1126; G. Conolly, 1712; F. R. Kelley, 2353; and E. Hunter and C. A. Duncan, 800 (Chicago).

A highly artistic and beautifully framed picture of the I.P.M., executed by Bro. W. McElroy, was presented by him to the lodge. Six similar portraits of former Worshipful Masters, also gifts of Bro. McElroy, permanently grace the walls of the lodge, and Bro. Berra expressed his gratitude to the donor for so kindly extending to him the compliment he had bestowed on his predecessors.

The lodge was closed, and the guests arrived for the banquet and Festival of St. John, at which over 90 ladies and brethren were present. The suite of rooms had been superbly furnished and decorated for the occasion, and the walls artistically hung with a profusion of oil paintings, water colours, engravings, &c., generously provided, as in previous years, by Bro. A. W. Reynolds, S.W.

At the banquet the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and appropriate songs interspersed at suitable intervals were most pleasingly rendered by Bros. J. H. Greenwood, M. Thomas, W. H. Mortimer, W. H. Anderton, and others.

In proposing "The Worshipful Master," Bro. Berra briefly reviewed the seven years' history of the lodge, during which time it had been presided over by founders and joining members. Now the first initiate had by the unanimous consent of his brethren been called upon to rule. He predicted a prosperous and happy year of office for Bro. Shann, and was exceptionally pleased that in the ceremony of installing the lodge's first born, Bro. Goodacre, who consecrated the lodge, and Bro. Hopewell, the first Master, had been able to take part.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, assured the brethren that he had accepted the highest honour they could confer upon him with considerable trepidation. He trusted, however, with the assistance of his Past Masters and Officers, which he was sure, would be most generously extended to him, that the lodge would not suffer in his hands. He would strive to maintain true Masonic teaching in the lodge, and promote peace, love, and harmony among the brethren.

Bro. Shann then, amid the applause of the assembled guests, presented a handsome Past Master's jewel, on which was engraved the following inscription: "Presented by the Brethren of Prince Edward Lodge, No. 2109, to Bro. J. W. Berra, P.M., in recognition of his valuable services as W.M., 1892."

Bro. Berra in a few well chosen sentences suitably acknowledged the gift.

Other toasts, "The Ladies" (Bro. C. W. Nasmith), "The Visiting Brethren" (Bro. Coffey, J.D.), "The Newly-Installed Officers" (Bro. Thomson, P.M.), "The Masonic Charities" (Bro. J. H. Wells, P.M.), and the Tyler's toast (Bro. J. Hurst, J.W.), followed.

Bro. W. H. Mortimer was caterer, and discharged his duties in a most satisfactory manner.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.

**Noel Lodge (No. 2444).**—The second regular meeting of this lodge since the consecration took place at St. James's Hall, on Wednesday, December 28th, when the following were present: Bros. J. Montgomery, P.D.D. G.M. Malta, W.M.; E. H. Lewis, S.W.; F. H. Reynolds, J.W.; J. Herbert, P.M., Treas.; G. H. Manton, Sec.; W. Youlden, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; H. J. Shelly, P.M., P.G.P.; A. M. Levy, W.M. 889; T. Hall, J.D.; E. J. Packington, Org., as S.D.; J. Old, I.G.; H. Beisley, Stwd.; G. Brooker, A. T. Sims, T. Pennington, W. K. Cable, and the following visitors: Bros. C. Walker, P.M. 1174; J. D. Vicary, 1438; W. Packes, 1424; W. T. Bultz, 1038; and A. Watkin, 889.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Bro. A. M. Levy as a joining member, and Mr. G. A. Bradbury, which proved unanimous. Bro. Levy was then received into the lodge with a few suitable remarks from the W.M. Bro. Levy returned thanks. Bro. G. Bradbury was then initiated in a most impressive manner by the W.M., the J.W. explaining the charge, and the S.W. gave the charge. Bro. Cable was passed to the Second Degree, the J.W. explaining the working tools. Bro. A. Watkins, 889, was proposed as a joining member, after which "Hearty good wishes" were tendered on behalf of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Kent and the following lodges: Nos. 889, 1174, 1424, 1438, 1638, and 2417. The lodge was then closed.

LANCASTER.

**Fortitude Lodge (No. 281).**—The annual meeting and installation Festival of St. John the Evangelist were held at the Masonic Hall, Church-street, on Wednesday, the 11th inst., when there were present Bros. Heald, P.M., as W.M. (in the unavoidable absence of Bro. L. D. Price, W.M.); Bro. Gooch, I.P.M.; Wm. Atkinson, S.W., W.M. elect; Parker, J.W.; Pilkington, P.M. and Sec.; Armstrong, S.D.; Grime, J.D.; Lea, I.G.; Huntington and Compton, Stewards; Hamer, Tyler; Jno. Hatch, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; Nicholson, P.M., P.G.P.; Shaw, P.M.; Relph, P.M.; Calvert, Sumner, Wood, Harrison, Wearing, Hatton, Birkett, and Hunt. Visitors: Bros. Bewes, P.M. 327, P.P.G.S. of W. Cumberland; Lane, P.M. 764, P.P.G.S. of W. Durham; Bennett, I.P.M.; Humphrey, Chap. 1051; Linaker, W.M., Threlfall, S.W., Price, I.P.M., Acton, P.M. and Sec. Ellershaw, P.M., and Morge, P.M., of 1353; Wilson, W.M., A. Gorton, S.W., Lee, J.W., and Jas. Gorton, P.M., of 1561.

The minutes of the former meeting having been read and confirmed, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, when Bro. Gooch, P.M., presented Bro. Wm. Atkinson, S.W., the W.M. elect, to Bro. Heald, P.M., Treasurer and Installing Officer, who duly installed him to the chair of K.S. in a most efficient and impressive manner. Bro. Atkinson, W.M., then appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. L. D. Price, I.P.M.; Wearing, S.W.; Parker, J.W.; Heald, Treasurer; Pilkington, Sec.; Grime, S.D.; Lee, J.D.; Huntington, I.G.; Compton and Harrison, Stwds.; Gooch, D.C.; Armstrong, Org.; and Hamer, Tyler.

The business of the lodge being ended, the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet at the King's Arms Hotel, supplied by Messrs. Ducksbury and Sons, in a superb style.

The customary loyal and Masonic toasts occupied the brethren to the close, and an excellent programme was provided, including glees and songs.

NORTHALLERTON.

**Anchor Lodge (No. 1337).**—On Tuesday, the 10th inst., the annual festival and installation of Bro. Dr. Charles Tweedy as W.M. of the above lodge was held in the presence of a large assembly of Past Masters and brethren from the North Riding and South Durham. Amongst the brethren present were Bros. W. A. Chauncy, Virgin, Nova Scotia, 3; John Holt, P.M. 509; W. J. Beatty, J.P., W.M. 946; W. Menell, 263; F. L. Dodds, S.D. 509; C. Cain, 111; J. Robinson, J.W. 940; Jas. Tweedy, 1418; Tomkins, 1418; A. C. Wilson, 349; Geo. G. Pook, 1611; James Ward, W.M.; Wm. Bell, I.P.M.; G. F. Clarkson, P.M.; Chas. Waistell, P.M.; Walker Stead, P.M.; M. Wainsley, P.M.; T. Russell, P.M.; Geo. J. Robinson, P.M.; Chas. Tweedy, S.W.; J. T. Naylor, J.W.; H. H. Broderick, W. S. Charlton, S. Clarkson, C. R. Waistell, C. Hodgson, J. Vasey, C. Alexander, R. Clayton Swan, N. Russell, jun., and C. H. Backhouse, P.M., of the lodge; R. H. Blyth, 124; T. E. Biddlecombe, P.M. 509; Britton, 537; H. Angwin, 300; Wm. Richardson, 111; W. Sewell, W.M. 111; W. C. Barron, P.M. 111, P.G.S.B.; R. Wilkinson, 537; Wm. W. Hall, W.M. 1416; Geo. W. Pattinson, 602; and others.

The lodge having been duly opened, a ballot took place, for Bro. Miles Soppett as a joining member, who was elected amidst applause. The ceremony of installation was then ably performed by Bro. C. H. Backhouse, P.M., P.P. J.G.W. Durham, and after its conclusion the newly-appointed W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. James Ward, I.P.M.; J. T. Naylor, S.W.; W. S. Charlton, J.W. and Treasurer; T. Russell, P.M., Secretary; N. Russell, S.D.; C. R. Waistell, J.D.; H. E. Broderick, M.D., I.G.; G. J. Robinson, P.M., P.P.G. D. of C., D.C.; S. Clarkson, Org.; C. Palliser, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., Charity Representative; J. Henrici and G. Atlay, Stewards; and E. Wilkinson, Tyler (for the 21st time). The installation service was chorally rendered, Bro. S. Clarkson, Org., ably presiding at a new American organ, which the newly-elected W.M., Bro. Dr. Tweedy, presented to the lodge. It is a sweet-toned instrument, with 13 stops, octave couplers, and knee swells, and is cased in polished walnut. It was played for the first time in the lodge, and proved a valuable help to the service. A pleasing incident in the proceedings was the presentation of a valuable Past Master's jewel to Bro. James Ward, I.P.M., by Bro. Geo. John Robins.n, P.M., to which Bro. Ward appropriately responded. On the motion of Bro. Waistell, P.M., seconded by Bro. Stead, P.M., a vote of condolence was passed with the relatives of the late Bro. Capt. E. F. Dent, R.N., one of the founders of the lodge, who had died recently.

The lodge was then closed, and the annual banquet was held at the Golden Lion Hotel, Bro. Dr. Tweedy presiding, about 50 brethren being present.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Queen and the Craft," which was loyally responded to.

The Worshipful Master then submitted "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M. of England; the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, M.W. Pro G.M.; the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcombe, R.W. Deputy G.M.; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

The next toast the W.M. proposed was that of "The Right Hon. the Marquis of Zetland, R.W. Prov. Grand Master of North and East Yorkshire, and the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past." They all knew what a good Mason the Marquis of Zetland was, and how anxious he was to attend to his Masonic duties.

Bro. Stead, P.M., replied, and said that the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge tended to promote that

brotherly feeling and goodfellowship which ought to exist amongst all good and true Freemasons.

Bro. Waistell, P.M., said that the Provincial Grand Officers all tried to do their duty, and he hoped there would always be found good and true Masons to work in the Provincial Grand Lodge.

Bro. Robinson, P.M., also appropriately replied.

Bro. C. H. Backhouse, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., then gave "The W.M. of the Anchor Lodge, and Prosperity to the Lodge." As he told them in the lodge, their newly-installed Worshipful Master was quite capable and willing to do his duties to the lodge, and he was certain that his year of office would be a successful one. He was a Mason who was capable of affording them capital amusement, for he could sing them a splendid song, and would do his very best to make every member of the lodge enjoy their meetings, while he felt certain that during his year of office the brethren would not want from proper instruction in Freemasonry. He had therefore great pleasure in submitting the toast. Although many distinguished Past Masters had preceded him, yet he was certain that none of them had ever done better than he was sure their newly-installed W.M., Bro. Dr. Charles Tweedy, would do, and therefore he wished him long life and prosperity.

After the toast had been honoured with a bumper, and the silver loving cup handed round, while full musical honours were awarded,

Bro. Dr. Tweedy, W.M., rose to reply, and was received with loud cheers. He said he hardly knew how to thank them for the enthusiastic way they had responded to the toast, which had been so ably given by their worthy Installing Master, Bro. Backhouse, P.M. With regard to the future working of the lodge, he did not think that anyone could take a greater interest in the lodge than he did, and he was most anxious that it should be well worked during his term of office. He could assure the brethren that he would strive his best to perform the work of the lodge, and he hoped that he might have a good deal of work to do. He was fully aware of the difficulties he had undertaken, and was also cognisant of the fact that his predecessor had been a most successful W.M., but he hoped, with the assistance of the Past Masters, to carry on the lodge most successfully.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. C. H. Backhouse, P.M., P.P.J.G.W." It was a pleasure to propose the toast, as he felt that he could not say too much of Bro. Backhouse nor be too laudable in his commendation of the way in which the installation ceremony had been performed that afternoon. He had heard a good many installations in his time, but his opinion was that he never heard a service so fluently, enthusiastically, and impressively rendered than it had been done that day by their worthy Brother Backhouse.

The toast having been given with full musical honours,

Bro. C. H. Backhouse, P.M., said it had given him the greatest pleasure to have the honour of installing their Worshipful Master in the chair of K.S. He felt it an especial honour for two reasons, firstly because he knew that the Anchor Lodge had several Past Masters who were well up in Masonic work, and who would willingly and cheerfully render any assistance that might be asked of them, and, secondly, because he had personally known their Worshipful Master ever since he had come to reside in their neighbourhood. He hoped that whatever good they found in their Worshipful Master they would carefully imitate, and would pass over any defects he (Bro. Backhouse) might have made in giving the installation service that day.

Bro. W. S. Charlton gave "The Visitors," and said the brethren of the lodge felt honoured in having such a large attendance of visitors that day. They would always be glad to welcome brethren from a distance to any of their lodge meetings.

Bros. Beatty, Tomkins, A. C. Wilson, C. G. Pook, Button, W. W. Hall, Holt, W. Barron, Sewell, and F. L. Dodds replied.

The Worshipful Master gave "The I.P.M., Bro. J. Ward, and the Past Masters." Their I.P.M. had done his work well, which was a point upon which they all agreed. He (Bro. Dr. Tweedy) felt certain if ever he required the assistance of the Past Masters, that such help would be willingly and cheerfully given.

Bro. J. Ward, I.P.M., replied, and he wished the W.M. and the lodge increased prosperity. He felt certain that all the Past Masters would rally round their new W.M. and assist him in doing the work of the lodge. They all knew that Bro. Dr. Tweedy had the interests of Freemasonry at heart, and so far as he (Bro. Ward) was concerned, he would do his best to assist him in having a pleasant and successful year of office.

Bros. G. F. Clarkson, P.M., and J. Mettelton, P.M., also replied.

Bro. Waistell, P.M., proposed "The Officers of the Anchor Lodge."

Bro. J. P. Naylor, S.W., appropriately replied.

Bro. G. J. Robinson, P.M., submitted "The Members of the Lodge."

Bro. J. Vasey and C. Alexander replied.

The Tyler then gave "All Poor and Distressed Masons," which concluded a pleasant evening.

A word of praise is due to Bro. G. J. Robinson, P.M., for the efficient way in which he discharged the duties of D. of C.

URMSTON,

**Urmston Lodge (No. 1730).**—The installation meeting was held at the Church Schools, Higher-road, on Monday, the 9th inst. There had been a dispensation granted to hold the lodge at the above address, which was read by the Secretary. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Rowland Swindells. The Grand and Provincial Officers entered. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Auditor's accounts were presented and passed. Bro. Wm. Goodacre, P.G.S.B. Eng., P.G.S. West Lanes., took the chair, and appointed as Installing Officers Bros. J. Slyman, P.P.G.D., as S.W.; Peter Heaton, P.M., P.G.S., as J.W.; and W. Cooper, P.M., Prov. G.P., as I.G. Bro. J. Hardwicke Marsh, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. R. Swindells, P.M., and a Board of Installed Masters was constituted, and Bro. J. Hardwicke Marsh was installed by Bro. W. Goodacre, Prov. G.S.B. Bro. R. Swindells, P.M., presented the working tools in the respective Degrees. The officers were invested by the W.M., and were addressed by Bros. G. R. Lloyd, P.M., Sec., and John Slyman, as follows: Bros. W. H. Jolliffe, S.W.; F. Stretch, W.M.

2359; J.W.; E. L. Littler, P.P.G.P., Treas.; G. R. Lloyd, P.M., Sec.; J. Walton, jun., S.D.; W. Bowers, J.D.; Geo. Alfred Myers, D.C.; G. G. Mends, Org.; R. W. Fowler, I.G.; J. Ormrod, Geo. Stott, T. French, W. Holland, J. Plowman and Dr. E. P. Moles, as Stwds. The W.M. was addressed by Bro. J. Slyman; the Wardens by Bro. G. A. Myers, P.M.; and the brethren by Bro. W. Goodacre, P.G.S., as Sec. The W.M. proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. Goodacre, for acting as Installing Master on this occasion. Bro. Goodacre briefly responded. Bro. Slyman proposed, and Bro. G. R. Lloyd seconded, that five guineas be given to each of the three West Lancs. Institutions. A vote of condolence was unanimously adopted to Bro. E. L. Littler, P.M., P.P.G.P., on the grievous loss of his wife. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Swindells, I.P.M. The duties of Director of Ceremonics were admirably carried out by Bro. George Alfred Myers, P.M., not a single hitch occurring during the whole of the evening. Letters and telegrams of regret for absence were received during the evening from Bros. J. M. McLeod, P.G.W. Derbyshire, Sec. R.M.I.B.; J. D. Murray, G. Treas.; J. J. Lambert, P.P.G. Reg.; W. Corner, P.P.G. D.C.; R. Newhouse, P.G. Sec. Cheshire; F. Stretch, W.M. 2359; F. Renshaw, P.M.; J. Dalglish, and J. Oldham.

After "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed. The brethren subsequently dined together, when Bro. Marsh presided with great tact and ability.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received, and we regret that pressure on our space prevents us from giving all the speeches at length. Suffice it to say they were all short, pithy, and to the point.

There were present Bros. R. Swindells, W.M.; John Hardwick Marsh, S.W.; W. H. Jolliffe, J.W.; G. R. Lloyd, P.M., Sec.; Geo. A. Myers, P.M.; J. Slyman, P.P.G.D.; J. Walton, jun., J.D.; Walter Bowers, D.C.; G. J. Mends, I.G.; John Walton, P.M.; J. S. Whitley, A. Stott, G. Stott, J. Plowman, J. Fowler, J. Ormrod, R. W. Fowler, A. Hawkins, F. P. Moles, P. Heaton, P.P.G.S.; John Bowers, I.P.M.; W. H. Hughes, N. Jones, T. French, and W. Hallard. Visitors: Bros. W. Goodacre, P.M., P.G. Stwd. England, Prov. G. Sec.; T. S. Bedford, P.M.; Martin Thomas, P.P.G.D.; G. W. Blaikie, P.M.; J. Laurisch, 2359; G. Smith, P.M.; A. K. Boothroyd, J.W.; W. Brocklehurst; Henry Nall, P.M. 1375; R. Walker, P.M.; F. Batty, W.M.; J. Tunstall; Hy. Clulow; C. Cooper, P.P.G.P.; Charles Heywood, Prov. G.D.C.; J. Chadderton, P.P.A.G.S.; W. Bowden, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; W. Y. Martin, P.P.G.D.; W. Smith, M.D., I.P.M.; J. R. Bottomley, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Sec. West Lancashire Hamer Benevolent Institution; Charles Shaw, 1147; and A. Dunkerley.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

#### WITNEY.

**Windrush Lodge (No. 1703).**—The 15th anniversary of this lodge was celebrated on Wednesday, the 11th inst., at the Corn Exchange. A large number of the brethren of the lodge and visitors were present. Bro. Bartlett, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., the retiring Master, impressively installed Bro. Alfred Buck, P.J.G.D., who, in turn, appointed the following as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. J. Bartlett, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., I.P.M.; J. Swinburn, P.A.G.D.C., S.W.; W. Brooks, P.G.S.B., J.W.; Rev. M. Hope, P.M., Chap.; N. G. J. Ravenor, Treas.; H. Robbins, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Sec.; W. H. Tarrant, P.P.G.O., S.D.; A. C. Bateman, J.D.; R. Sheaf, P.P.G. Stwd., D.C.; F. M. Green, Org.; F. Clappen, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., I.G.; and H. C. Habgood, P.M., P.P.G. S. of W., Steward.

On the completion of business, the brethren adjourned to the Marlborough Arms, where an excellent repast was served by Bro. Elms, at the close of which the usual toasts were duly honoured, and a pleasant evening spent by the assembled company.

From the financial statement it appears that the lodge is now one of the most flourishing in the Province of Oxfordshire—a fact which reflects the highest credit on those brethren who have in recent years had the direction of its fortunes.

### Royal Arch.

**Lion and Lamb Chapter (No. 192).**—The installation Meeting of this chapter was held on Wednesday, the 18th inst., at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C., when there were present Comps. W. R. Dixon, M.E.Z.; Dr. W. A. Dingle, H.; W. Hawes, J.; George Kenning, P.Z., Treas.; Chas. Arkell, P.Z., S.E.; John Taylor, P.Z., P.S.; H. M. Read, 2nd A.S.; Thomas Cohu, P.Z., Stwd.; Marsh, Janitor; H. Hughes, P.Z.; H. Birdseye, P.Z.; F. D. R. Copestick, T. S. Holland, P.Z.; John Kent, Stewart Melville Banker, and Wm. Haynes Dunn. Visitors: Comps. J. H. Sillitoe, Henry Gerrard, C. F. Hogard, John H. Hughes, F. W. Driver, M.A., J. E. Marsh, S. Noakes, Walter Hancock, George P. Elliott, J. T. Rowe, Dr. George Mickley, and J. L. Forsyth.

The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. Comp. Melville Banker was elected a joining member; Bro. Wm. Haynes Dunn, S.W. 869, was exalted; Comp. F. D. R. Copestick installed Comp. Dr. Dingle as M.E.Z.; and Comp. W. Hawes, as H.; The following officers were invested by the M.E.Z.: Comps. Chas. Arkell, P.Z., S.E.; T. S. Holland, P.Z., S.N.; George Kenning, P.Z., Treas.; H. M. Read, P.S.; and Marsh, Janitor.

The chapter was closed, and the companions afterwards enjoyed a well-served banquet, under the presidency of Comp. Dr. W. A. Dingle, M.E.Z.

The usual toasts were subsequently heartily honoured. Comps. Sillitoe, Garrod, and Hogard, replied for "The Grand Officers."

Comps. Hancock, Noakes, Sillitoe, and Dr. Mickley responded for "The Visitors."

Comp. F. W. Driver, M.A., recited a ballad of his own composition—"The Noble Soul," and some excellent vocal music was rendered by Comps. Copestick, Birdseye, Read, and Garrod.

**St. Dunstan's Chapter (No. 1589).**—This chapter met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 12th inst., when there were present, amongst others, Comps. Major J. W. Beningfield, M.E.Z.; J. W. Gaze, H.; C. G. Moore, C.C., J.; Capt. Walls, P.Z., S.E.;

H. H. Nuding, S.N.; R. Evens, P.S.; W. H. Clemow, P.Z., P.P.G.A.S.; and W. C. Farrington, P.Z.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. It was unanimously resolved "That in future the financial year of the chapter shall commence in March, instead of June as heretofore." Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. E. Farrington, P.Z., and R. Skelton. The chapter was then closed and adjourned to the second Thursday in March.

The members dined under the able presidency of the M.E.Z. A few toasts were given and duly honoured.

#### GUERNSEY.

**Loyalty Chapter (No. 243).**—This Supreme Degree of Freemasonry has taken very firm root of recent years in the island, and nothing could be more satisfactory than the condition of the two chapters—Loyalty and Doyle's—and, what is of the greatest importance, they work in the most perfect unanimity and concord. There is a constant interchange of friendly visits, and many of the companions are members of both chapters; this truly Masonic spirit, we trust, may long continue.

This happy state of affairs was never better exemplified than on Thursday, the 12th inst., the regular meeting of this chapter, for the purpose of installing the Principals for the current year. On this occasion the three Principals, the P.S., and other companions of Doyle's attended in a body to do honour to the incoming Principals of Loyalty. The chapter was opened by Comp. W. Thorn, M.E.Z., assisted by the H. and J. The ceremony of installation was entrusted to Comp. Dr. Balfour Cockburn, P.Z., who for some years now has acted as Installing Principal, and who on this occasion was most ably assisted by Comps. Quick, P.Z., and Smythson, P.Z. Comp. Nicolle was placed in the chair of M.E.Z.; Comp. W. Stranger in that of H.; and Comp. J. Stranger in that of J. Comp. P. Le Page, who has so long and ably discharged his duties of S.E., was re-appointed and re-invested. Comp. Robilliard was invested as P.S., and Comp. Quick was invested as Treasurer.

The following were also present: Comps. Stickland, P.Z.; Richard, P.Z.; Weysom, P.Z.; Lainé, P.Z.; Palmer, P.Z.; and Le Huray, P.Z.

The usual banquet terminated the evening's proceedings in a very cheery and pleasant manner.

#### TEDDINGTON.

**Sir Charles Bright Chapter (No. 1793).**—The regular convocation of this chapter was held at the Clarence Hotel, on Wednesday, the 11th inst. Present: Comps. E. Hopwood, P.P.G. Std. Br., M.E.Z.; H. Sapsworth, P.P.G.D.C., H.; A. J. R. Simmonds, J.; H. Austin, P.P.A.G.D.C., S.E.; R. W. Forge, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S., Treas.; W. J. Porter, P.G. Org., P.S.; W. R. Plaford, D.C.; T. Plaford, Goff, Davis, Randall, and Mitchell, Janitor.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation read and confirmed. The following were then unanimously elected as officers for the ensuing 12 months: Comps. H. Sapsworth, M.E.Z.; Simmonds, H.; Covell, J.; Austin, S.E.; Forge, Treas.; Porter, S.N.; Hoddinott, P.S.; W. R. Plaford, 1st A.S.; Walter Smith, 2nd A.S.; Goff, D.C.; and T. Plaford, Org. Comps. Dr. Davis and Randall were elected Auditors, and Comp. Mitchell, Janitor.

The usual P.Z.'s jewel was voted to the outgoing M.E.Z., after which the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to a well-served banquet.

The usual Masonic toasts were observed, and the evening was concluded in a most pleasing and harmonious manner.

### Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

**COVENT GARDEN LODGE (No. 1614).**—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on Thursday, the 12th inst., when there were present Bros. R. Sandland, W.M.; H. J. Keen, S.W.; N. A. Dukas, J.W.; G. H. Foan, Deputy Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas. and Sec.; A. Cogliati, S.D.; R. H. Jones, J.D.; R. Klepner, I.G.; W. Hoggins, J. Rowe, G. Sherwood, Dr. A. Nutt, F. S. Jarvis, A. Schewerf, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. F. S. Jarvis having offered himself as a candidate for initiation, the W.M. rehearsed the Degree. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. A. Schewerf offering himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, and having answered the usual questions satisfactorily, was entrusted and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of M.M. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. On rising for the first time, the dues were collected. On rising for the second time, Bro. F. S. Jarvis was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, Bro. G. H. Foan, Deputy Preceptor, proposed "That a hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes of this lodge of instruction to Bro. J. Rowe for his great kindness in fitting up the box containing the working tools of the lodge of instruction"—seconded by Bro. N. A. Dukas, J.W. Bro. J. Rowe thanked the brethren for the great compliment paid him by the vote of thanks, and assured the brethren he had always taken the greatest interest in the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction since he had been a Mason. On the motion of Bro. G. H. Foan, seconded by Bro. W. Hoggins, the following were unanimously elected Auditors to audit accounts for the past year: Bros. R. Sandland, J. Rowe, and R. W. Jones. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

**CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).**—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 14th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, W., when there were present Bros. Cumming, P.M., W.M.; Hillier, S.W.; R. S. Williams, J.W.; M. Spiegel, Sec.; Reid, S.D.; Powell, J.D.; Cragg, P.M., I.G.; A. Williams, P.M., Preceptor; Whitely, Ferguson, Pinchbeck, Stafford, Kirkham, Barth, and Haie. Bro. Fred. Guy was a visitor.

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony

of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Pinchbeck being the candidate. Bro. Stafford, being a candidate for passing, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The lodge was opened to the Third Degree, and the lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. Bro. Guy was elected a joining member, and Bro. Hillier W.M. for next meeting. After "Hearty good wishes" 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 13th inst., when there were present Comps. Murché, M.E.Z.; Phillips, H.; Hill, J.; Voisey, Treas.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; Stone, S.E.; Salmon, S.N.; Dawson, P.S.; Bannister, H. Chabôt, Lewis, Benedetti, Walter Davis, Addington, Pullen, and Kirby.

The chapter was regularly opened by the Principals and Past Principals, and Comp. Murché, installed Comp. Bannister into the chair of J., and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Lewis personating the candidate. Comp. Phillips, H., was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting, when an installation ceremony will be rehearsed. The chapter was placed at the disposal of the M.E.Z. of the Sphinx Chapter on Friday, 27th Feb., at 7 p.m., when the three installations will be rehearsed.

### Knights Templar.

**Mount Calvary Encampment (D).**—This encampment, one of the oldest in the Order, met at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields, on the 13th inst. Among those present were Sir Knights Laurence Steele, C.E., Eminent Commander; C. Slater, 1st Capt.; Major F. J. Stohwasser, P.G.S.B., P.E.C., P.E.P., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.G.C. of G., P.E.C., P.E.P., Reg.; W. Maple, C. of L.; Harris Hills, Std. Br.; F. W. Driver, M.A., P.E.C., P.E.P.; H. J. Lardner, P.E.C., P.E.P.; and T. Wood, P.E.C., P.E.P.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Sir Knight L. Steele ably installed Sir Knight C. Slater in the chair. The following appointments and investitures took place: Sir Knights Nelson Prower, M.A., 1st Capt.; W. Maple, 2nd Capt.; Major Stohwasser, Treas.; Capt. Walls, Reg.; Harris Hills, Expert; H. C. Pratt, C. of L.; J. H. Thomas, 1st Std. Br.; Rev. R. C. Fillingham, 2nd Std. Br.; and F. Egbert Roberts, Org. Frater Rawles was elected Esquary. A vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Commander, and he was presented with a jewel. The report of the Audit Committee was received, adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Sir Knights F. A. Philbrick, O.C., G.C., &c.; W. Paas, P.G.B.B., &c.; Col. J. G. Richardson, J. H. Thomas, H. C. Pratt, Egbert Roberts, Rev. R. C. Fillingham, and others.

The encampment was then duly closed, and the knights adjourned to an excellently served banquet.

The usual toasts received full justice at the hands of the Eminent Commander.

### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Quarterly Court of the Subscribers to this Institution was held on the 13th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Richard Eve, P.G. Treasurer, Trustee of the Institution in the chair. There were also present Bros. J. S. Cumberland, J. E. Le Feuvre, J. Glass, G. Adamson, G. Everett, J. Mason, J. Brett, E. Valeriani, C. F. Hogard, G. E. Fairchild, W. H. Lee, N. Green, W. H. Saunders, G. S. Recknell, H. Massey, S. J. Attenborough, F. Knight, H. M. Hobbs, W. J. Ebbetts, H. Sadler, H. Youens, J. Stephens, G. V. Wood, G. Corble, J. G. Stevens, E. M. Money, H. Pritchard, C. Sheppard, J. Terry, W. Masters, and J. M. McLeod, Sec.

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of October having been read,

Bro. JOHN GLASS, Vice-President, rose to move the non-continuation of that part of them which altered the meeting of the Council from Saturday to Friday. Rule 48, as it now stands, reads—"The Council shall meet at the office of the Institution on the first Saturday of every month (except when that day shall fall on the Saturday immediately before a Bank Holiday, when the meeting shall be held on the next following Saturday), September excepted, at three o'clock in the afternoon, elect a Chairman, being a Freemason, at each meeting, and may adjourn from time to time. Five shall form a quorum." He felt it was a duty he owed not to himself but to the brethren generally, who he felt would not be able to attend on Friday at four o'clock. There were many brethren engaged in business in the City who, if the Council met at four on Friday, would be prevented attending the Council. It was a very inconvenient day and hour for business men. His excuse for referring to the subject that day was that at the last Quarterly Court the motion was to make the hour five o'clock on Friday, and he did not think any very strong objection would have been made to that; but as an amendment to that was moved to make it four o'clock, the brethren able to attend on that occasion thought four was a good compromise between the proposed three o'clock and five o'clock. Up to the present time he had not heard an argument, or he had heard barely a single argument against the time and the day now in the rule. The only one he had heard at all—and he did not consider it to be an argument—was that it would enable the officials of the Institution to be away on Saturday afternoon. That was an argument which, if entitled to consideration, he was willing to consider; but he reminded the brethren who urged it that there were 52 Saturdays in

the year, and there were only 11 out of those when the officials would not be able to go—leaving 41 on which they would be entirely free. There was a period of two months free, as there was no meeting in September. He felt so strongly on the subject, that he had come to this meeting at considerable inconvenience, in the hope that the brethren would let this thing stand over for a time and confirm the resolution. This Institution had hitherto had what it was entitled to—the honourable and vigorous support of the brethren of the Craft generally—but what he feared was that if this resolution was confirmed, and the meetings were held at the inconvenient hour of four o'clock on Friday, there would be considerable difficulty in obtaining a quorum, and that a large amount of wholesome vigorous support of, and interest in, the Institution would be shut out which had previously surrounded it. The Institution had not such a big estate or large property that it could afford to shut itself up in a back parlour and conduct its business in a way that this by-law would suggest. Friday at four o'clock was convenient to only a few. It was possible that there might be found sufficient brethren with leisure to attend every meeting, but he was certain the Institution would not get the vigorous and strong support of the Craft if it could not get the brethren to attend these meetings on Friday.

Bro. MASTERS seconded, but not on the same grounds. When the resolution was before the Quarterly Court it was said it would enable the provincial brethren to attend these meetings of Council; but from his own experience provincial brethren did not attend, and it did not matter to them when the meetings were held.

Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND said, when the matter was before the Quarterly Court he was not at all bound to five o'clock, and four o'clock was a compromise. It was not for them to consider the convenience of any individual brother, but the convenience of all. As to the alteration of the day, it was said by some that it had gone on for many years to have the meetings on Saturday, but it was opposed to this, that the employes in the office should have a half-holiday. He sincerely trusted that the Court would adhere to the minutes, and not alter the day and time of meeting, which was fixed at the October Court. It was carried by a majority of provincial and metropolitan brethren. As for Bro. Glass's gloomy view, he did not concur in it. The brethren who came to the Quarterly Courts came for the good of the Institution.

Bro. JAMES BRETT, P.G.P., took the same view, and had heard nothing from Bro. Glass to induce him to alter it. As Bro. Cumberland had said, they should somewhat study the convenience of those in the office.

Bro. W. HARRIS SAUNDERS supported the confirmation of the minutes.

Bro. J. E. LE FEUVRE was sure Bro. Glass was too good a Mason to wish the old rule adhered to for his own private convenience. He admired him for his remarks, but the only reason for Bro. Glass wanting what was done in October to be altered was that otherwise a quorum might not be got together. The number present then was a conclusive answer to that argument.

The amendment was then put, but the mover and seconder were its only supporters, and the confirmation of the minutes was put and carried.

Bro. JOHN GLASS next moved—"That the word 'Five' in Rule LXV. be altered to 'Three.'" Rule LXV. is—"The Board of Management shall elect annually from amongst their number Twelve Brethren, Six London and Six Provincial, to act as a Finance Committee. Five shall form a quorum."

Bro. JAMES STEVENS seconded, and the motion was carried.

The Court afterwards approved of 51 candidates, and declared 23 vacancies for the election of Friday, April 14th, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

**BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.**

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. In consequence of the regretted absence of Bro. Robt. Grey, P.G.D., President of the Board, through illness, which the Senior Vice-President mentioned to the Board on its assembling, the President's chair was occupied by Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., Senior Vice-President; Bro. C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., Junior Vice-President, acted as Senior Vice-President, and Bro. S. V. Abraham, P.G.P., as Junior Vice-President. Bros. E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; A. A. Pendlebury, Asst. G. Sec.; W. Dodd, and Neville Green, represented Grand Secretary's office. There were also present Bros. William Vincent, Charles Dairy, T. W. Whitmarsh, George A. Pickering, George Graveley, George R. Langley, S. H. Goldschmidt, E. C. Mulvey, Wm. P. Brown, A. C. Woodward, Walter Martin, Charles J. R. Tijou, George Read, George A. Read, Snowden Kirk, H. Massey, Elphege Jarran, Edwin Venner, P. C. O'Malley, W. S. Garnham, E. Johnson, Henry F. Williams, Henry Tobias, W. Lake, and H. Sadler, Grand Tyler.

This being the first meeting of the year, Grand Secretary read the rules of the Fund of Benevolence. The brethren first confirmed recommendations to the Grand Master, made at the December, 1892, meeting, to the amount of £480. There were only 21 new cases on the list. These were qualified through lodges in the London district, and at Folkestone, Newport, I.W., Sheffield, Middlesbrough, Princetown, Tredegar, Brightlingsea, Liverpool, Berkhamstead, Newton

Abbot, Burnley, Cambridge, New York, Guernsey, Plymouth, and Southampton. Among these the number of years' subscription to lodges was 29½, 28, 21½, 20, 19½, 18 (2), 17 (2), 14, 13½ (2), 13, 9½, 8½ (2), and 3. The ages varied from 73 to 30.

During the course of the sitting two of these cases were deferred, and the remaining 19 were relieved with a total sum of £595. There were eight recommendations to the M.W. Grand Master of £40 each, and seven of £30 each. Two petitioners received £20 each, one petitioner had £15, and one £10.

**LODGE QUATUOR CORONATI.**

The "St. John's Card" of the justly celebrated Lodge "Quatuor Coronati," No. 2076, London, is now being issued by the hard-working Secretary, Bro. G. W. Speth, of Margate.

The frontispiece, this time, is from a design by Bro. Speth, and, in fact, drawn by him, Bro. Mozart's portrait, and some of his music being artistically introduced, with two pretty views of Mozart's birth-place and dwelling respectively, at Salzburg, add much to the interest of this most effective sketch, in appropriate colours.

Professor T. Hayter Lewis, the new W.M., has a few words to say to the members, and suggests more for competent brethren. May his wishes soon be gratified!

There are now 30 members of the lodge proper, and 1375 belonging to the "Correspondence Circle," 26 being "Governing Bodies," 125 lodges, &c., under England, and 48 abroad, or under "Other Associations." The brethren of the "Outer Circle" number 1176. The grand total being thus slightly under 1400. Surely these are wonderful figures. If the majority do their duty, Bro. Hughan estimates 2000 for 1893 issue of this most useful annual.

**Our Portrait Gallery of Worshipful Masters.**



**BRO. JOHN HARDWICKE MARSH,** W.M. of the Urmston Lodge, No. 1730, whose installation is recorded in another column, was initiated in the same lodge in 1886, and filled the various offices leading up to the chair. His Masonic career, although comparatively short, has been a full and useful one, and it may be summarised as follows:—Joined the Affability Lodge, No. 317, Manchester, E. Lancashire, in 1888; Founder and first Secretary of the Palatine Lodge, No. 2447, Manchester, East Lancashire; exalted in the Affability Chapter, No. 317, Manchester, East Lancashire, 1889; joined the Urmston Chapter, No. 1730, Stretford, West Lancashire, in 1891; installed in the Preceptor of St. Joseph, No. 9, Manchester, a Knight Templar, in 1891; installed a Knight of Malta, &c., at Prov. Grand Priory of Lancashire, held at Liverpool in 1892; admitted to the Allied Masonic Degrees in the Prince Edward Council (T.I.), Eastwood, Yorkshire, in 1892; joined the Matier Council (T.I.), Manchester, in 1892; was advanced to the Degree of a Mark Master Mason in the St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 34, of Mark Master Masons in 1891; was elevated in the United Manchester Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, Manchester, in 1892; has served the office of Steward twice at the Festivals of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows, the R.M. Institution for Girls, the R.M. Institution for Boys, and qualified himself twice as Life Governor for the above three Institutions; also Life Governor of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution, the West Lancashire Hamer Benevolent Institution, and the West Lancashire Alpass Benevolent Institutions. His daughter, Miss Margaret Marsh, acted as Lady Steward for the R.M. Institution for Boys, held at Brighton in 1891, and is also Life Governor of R.M.B. Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows, as well as the Girls and Boys.

**Obituary.**

**BRO. HENRY COX.**

We announce with regret the death of Bro. Henry Cox, who, though he had never aspired to be anything more than one of the general body of Masons, had nevertheless been a familiar figure among the Craft in London for many years. He was initiated in the Doric Lodge, No. 733, on the 10th April, 1868, and remained a subscribing member till his death, and was exalted to the Royal Arch in the Lion and Lamb Chapter, No. 192, on the 7th January, 1872. But it never occurred to him to seek office, and all that can be said of his Masonic career is that he was a quiet, unassuming, genial brother, who soon won the respect of those he came in contact with, and retained it ever afterwards. None will regret the death of this respected brother more than the proprietor of this journal, for whom Bro. Cox had worked diligently for many years, and by whom his services were very highly appreciated. The funeral will take place to-day (Friday) at Abney Park Cemetery.

**MASONIC MEETINGS (Metropolitan)**

For the week ending Saturday, January 28, 1893.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 21.**

- CRAFT LODGES.**  
 715, Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel.  
 1329, Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
 1364, Earl of Zetland, Guildhall Tavern.  
 1732, King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel.  
 1767, Kensington, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill.  
 2509, Viator, Anderton's Hotel.
- LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**  
 Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.  
 Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hot., King-st., Hammersmith, at 7.30.  
 Duke of Connaught, Navarino Tavern, Navarino-road, Dalston, at 8.  
 deeleston, Bro. Dickie's, 13, Cambridge-street, Fimlico, at 7.  
 Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, at 8.  
 King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.  
 Manchester, Old King's Arms, Poland-street, W., at 8.  
 Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.  
 Star, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, S.E., at 7.  
 Urban, Freemasons' Hall.  
 Vitruvian, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto-road, St. Katherine's-park, Hatcham, S.E., at 7.30.  
 Mount Sinai Chapter, Red Lion Ho., 14, King-st., Regent-st., W., 8.
- ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**  
 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-street Hotel.  
 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tavern.  
 1706, Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 23.**

- CRAFT LODGES.**  
 4, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall.  
 26, Castle Lodge of Harmony, Savoy Hotel.  
 28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.  
 185, Unity, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
 227, St. Andrews, Albion Tavern.  
 227, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel.  
 907, Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel.  
 905, De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall.  
 1632, Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
 1828, Shepherd's Bush, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush.  
 2396, Bishopsgate, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street.
- LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.**  
 Blackheath, Milkwood Tavern, Milkwood-road, Herne Hill, at 8.  
 Carnarvon, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 6.30.  
 1000, 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.  
 Kingaland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.  
 Marquess of Ripon, Lord Stanley, Paragon-road, Mare-st., at 8.  
 Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.  
 Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30.  
 Perseverance, Ye Old Cheshire Cheese, 23, Adde-street, Wood-street, E.C., at 7.  
 Rose of Denmark, L. & S.W.R. Institute, Wandsworth-rd., 7.30.  
 Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30.  
 Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, at 8.  
 St. Ambrose, Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, at 8.  
 St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance) at 8.  
 St. Luke's, Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, at 8.  
 St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.  
 Savage Club, Albion Tavern, Russell-street, at 8.  
 Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, at 8.  
 Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 6.  
 Tyssen-Amherst, Amherst Club, Amherst-road, Hackney, 2nd and 4th Mo., at 8.  
 United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, 7.30.  
 Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., Upper Norwood, 8.  
 Upton, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E., at 8.  
 Walthams-ow, 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, Tupps'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.

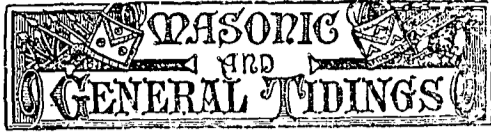
**ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.**

- 25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.  
 1537, St. Peter Westminster, Criterion.  
**MARK LODGE.**  
 4, Prince of Wales, Mark Masons' Hall.  
**RED CROSS COXCLAVE.**  
 2, Plantagenet, Cafe Royal.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 24.**

- CRAFT LODGES.**  
 14, Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall.  
 46, Old Union, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
 97, Moira, Albion Tavern.  
 145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.  
 186, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.  
 205, Israel, Cannon-street Hotel.  
 259, Prince of Wales, Hotel Metropolitan.  
 1158, Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel.  
 1348, Ebury, Criterion.  
 1441, Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
 1744, Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall.  
 2108, Empire, Criterion.  
 2424, St. Stephen's, Green Man Assembly Rooms, Lewisham.

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Bro. Walter H. Long, M.P., and Lady Dorcan Long have taken Stambroke House, Malmesbury, for the hunting season, and propose hunting with the Duke of Beaufort's hounds.

The members of the Bacclough Hunt have subscribed the sum of £600 towards a wedding present to the Earl of Dalkeith, and the Hardwick Town Council are raising a fund for the same purpose.

The Duke of York has become President of the Life-Saving Society, one of the principal objects of which is to promote technical education in the saving of life, and the resuscitation of persons apparently drowned.

The annual ball held in connection with the Cripplegate Lodge is arranged to take place at Cannon-street Hotel on Thursday, the 16th prox. Bro. W. Medwin, P.M., of 28, London Wall, is acting as Secretary. Bro. Dan Godfrey's band has been engaged.

The Prince of Wales has consented to become Chairman of the Committee which is being formed for the purpose of raising a memorial to the late Sir Richard Owen, whose biography, it is said, is about to be written by his grandson, the Rev. R. Owen.

The Princess of Wales has graciously consented to become a patroness of the Gardner's Orphan Fund, which was established by the Gardner's of Great Britain and Ireland in 1887 in commemoration of the Queen's Jubilee. At the same time her Royal Highness forwarded a donation of 10 guineas towards the funds.

Last week the Marquis and Marchioness of Londonderry entertained a large party for covert shooting at Mount Stewart, county Down, among the guests being Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Abercorn, the Marquis of Downshire, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Kilmorey, Bro. General Lord Wolsley and the Hon. Frances Wolsley, and Bro. Lord Randolph Churchill.

Mrs. Harvey, of the Cliff, Shanklin, Isle of Wight, has offered to present to the Council of the Girls' Friendly Society a substantially built house near Shanklin, standing in its own grounds of about two and a half acres, and containing 100 beds, for the purpose of a convalescent home. The only condition attached to the gift is a ground rent of £40, to provide from which a guarantee fund of £800 is being raised, towards which Bro. Wyndham S. Portal has contributed £100.

"At the end of the current year Mr. E. W. Parker surrenders the District Grand Mastership of the Masons in the Punjab, an office which he has successfully held for five years. The appointment is made by the Prince of Wales, who offered the succession to Mr. H. J. Whympier, of Rawalpindi and Murree. This would have been an excellent selection, and very popular with Masons generally; but Mr. Whympier found himself unable to accept it."—*Civil and Military Gazette*, Lahore, India, Dec. 5, 1892.

A meeting has been called at Lincoln's Inn to-morrow (Saturday) by the Treasurers of the Four Inns of Court to consider the present state of the Volunteer Rifle Corps ("Devil's Own"), and the steps to be taken to increase its numbers. It is understood that the War Office has given notice that unless the corps is strengthened before Easter it will be reduced from six to four companies. We trust that a means will be found to prevent so serious a loss of prestige, and possibly even the ultimate extinction of the corps.

On Saturday last, the first anniversary of the death of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, the Prince and Princess of Wales and the Duke of York visited the tomb of the deceased Prince in the Albert Chapel, Windsor, and deposited crosses of white carnations and lilies of the valley near the coffin, which still lies in the middle of the chapel. The visit was strictly private, and when it was over the Royal party returned to town and travelled thence by train to Sandringham. Subsequently the chapel was visited by the Duke and Duchess of Teck and the Princess May and Prince Alexander of Teck, and all placed wreaths on the late Duke's coffin. On the same day His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland opened the Albert Victor Memorial Bed in the Children's Hospital, Harcourt-street, Dublin.

**CRYSTAL PALACE CYCLE SHOW.**—Upwards of 1,400 specimen cycles will be exhibited at the National Cycle Show, which opens to-day (Friday), at the Crystal Palace. The exhibitors include the largest and most eminent cycle manufacturing firms in the kingdom. It is now three years since these "big" makers have exhibited at any cycle show, and a finer collection of machines than will be on view on this occasion has never been brought together. Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Teck has graciously extended her special patronage to the exhibition. The courts on the west side of the north nave will be devoted to the indiarubber section, a most important annex now that pneumatic tyres are so extensively used. The machinery and steel tube annex will be in the western corridor, and all the latest developments in cycle accessories and appliances will be on view. In no other building in the kingdom can a display of cycles be seen under such pleasant and advantageous conditions. The long lines of machines are staged on platforms covered with crimson cloth, and flanked on either side with palms, tree ferns, rare exotics, and choice floral decorations, while the Palace is superbly illuminated in the evening. The entertainments during the show will include trick, comic, and fancy bicycle riding by the celebrated Selbinis. The exhibition will be open till 10 o'clock every evening, and will finally close at 9 o'clock on Saturday, the 28th inst.

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

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Radnor have built a village hall at Bodenham, near to Longford Park, for the use of the parish and district.

Bro. A. Buller, J.W., was elected W.M. of the Covent Garden Lodge, No. 1614; Bro. Edward Jacobs, P.M., Treasurer; and Bro. R. F. Potter, P.M., Tyler, at the last meeting of the lodge, on the 10th inst.

An exhibition of sewing machines will be held in the galleries of the Crystal Palace from to-day (Friday) to the 28th inst. Other machines for domestic use will also be included.

Baron de Hirsch has forwarded a donation of £700 to the Great Northern Central Hospital, Holloway-road, N., and the amount has been added to the fund now being raised to complete the buildings.

Mrs. Frances Anne Kemble (Butler), daughter of Charles Kemble, and niece of Mrs. Siddons and John Kemble, who, in her day, was a famous actress, and subsequently a Shakespearean reader, died on Sunday, aged 83 years.

According to present arrangements, the Duchess of Albany will leave Clarendon for the Hague on a visit to the Queen Regent of the Netherlands on the 31st instant. Her Royal Highness will also pay a visit to Cannes towards the end of February.

The Enfield and Tottenham Local Boards have refused to contribute anything towards the purchase of the Alexandra Palace and grounds, but the Southgate Local Board have agreed to pay about £2000 towards this object or to make an annual payment of £80 for 60 years.

Bro. George Reynolds, the zealous Secretary of the Anglo-American Lodge, has been elected a member of the Lodge of Veterans of Illinois. This is a graceful recognition of the efforts of our worthy brother to bring together, whenever opportunity has offered, the Masons of both countries, and especially to offer fraternal greeting and the hospitality of the lodge to American visitors in London.

The Registrar-General's returns for last week show that the death-rate in London was 30.3, or rather less than the previous week. Of the 33 large towns, Wolverhampton heads the list with 33.4, Brighton's rate was 27.9, while that of Croydon was 28.7, showing an increase of 10. Diseases of the respiratory organs, aided by diphtheria and scarlet fever, account for the high mortality in London.

The Archduke Francis Ferdinand, who is heir-presumptive to the throne of Austria-Hungary, arrived at Bombay from Ceylon, on board the man-of-war *Kaiserna Elizabeth* on Tuesday. Lord Harris, Governor of the Presidency, went on board to welcome his Imperial Highness, who shortly afterwards landed and was received in State, the display of military at the landing-place being brilliant in the extreme.

Bro. Lord Herschell (Lord Chancellor), Bro. Sir George O. Trevelyan, and Bro. G. J. Shaw-Lefevre attended the Cabinet Council held at the Prime Minister's official residence, 10, Downing-street, on Monday. Bros. Sir G. Trevelyan and Shaw-Lefevre were present at the Council so hastily summoned on Tuesday, Bro. Lord Herschell, who had gone to Osborne on a visit to the Queen, being on that account unable to attend.

The Saddlers' Company have made grants for courses of public lectures to be given this winter at the North-East London Institute, Hackney, and the Marley Memorial College, Waterloo Bridge-road, on Astronomy; and at Westbourne-park Institute and St. John's Institute, Brixton, on the Atmosphere. Mr. J. D. McClure, M.A., will be the lecturer on the former subject, and Professor Vivian Lewis on the latter, and the courses will commence this month.

**METROPOLITAN HOSPITAL, KINGSLAND-ROAD.**—On Wednesday last there was a second New Year's Entertainment given to the patients and nurses at this institution. The first part commenced at 5.30 p.m. with a concert, comprising songs, recitations, and cornet and violin solos, the latter by Mr. G. A. Mohr being especially appreciated, after which the well-known comedy in two acts, entitled "The Old Story," by H. J. Byron, was admirably performed by the St. Clair Amateur Dramatic Club, the characters being as follows: Waverley Brown (bachelor), Mr. Arthur Froom; Theodore Thompson (barrister), Mr. Cecil Mount; Captain Kootoo (unattached), Mr. E. W. A. Kendall; P. N. Jones (poet), Mr. Percy Woods; Wilkinson (servant), Mr. Edward Parr; Mrs. Deadset (widow), Miss J. M. Froom; Miss Snipely (spinster), Miss Dolly Standage; Miss Cochet (spinster), Miss Maud Froom; Lucy Brown (Brown's niece), Miss Kathleen Standage; and Tritters (her maid), Miss Violet Froom. As on the previous evening, the furniture for the stage was kindly lent by Messrs. J. Rotherham and Co., 81 to 91, Shoreditch High-street, E., and the decorations by Messrs. J. Dehies and Son, 147, Houndsditch. The programmes were presented by Messrs. E. Jen Fisher and Co., of Lombard and Fenchurch-streets, E.C.

**MASONIC VETERAN ASSOCIATIONS.**—Nearly every State in the Union has a Masonic Veteran Association. That of the Pacific coast is probably the largest and most influential, as it embraces all the States of the Pacific Coast as well as those to the east, including Colorado and Montana. Its influence has been to retain the interest of the older members of the Craft, and render their allegiance to the lodges of longer duration, for in order to secure membership, they must have a standing of at least 21 years as Master Masons and at the same time be in good and regular standing in their respective lodges. The events of the year in New York, Pennsylvania and Illinois Masonic circles are the various re-unions of the Masonic Veteran Associations. They bring together in social and fraternal meetings the members of the Craft, many of whom have ceased for years to be active workers, but whose interests in the well-being of the Fraternity is as sincere as on the day they assumed the vows of an Entered Apprentice. Early in the present year a movement was inaugurated looking to the formation of a Masonic Veteran Association for the State of Minnesota. In furtherance of that object, a call was issued, signed by Grand Master Barto and 22 other brethren, for a preliminary meeting to be held during the session of the Grand Lodge.

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Bro. George Hand, Alliance Lodge, No. 1827, Loriner and Shipwright, of Lawrence Lane, City, has consented to become a candidate for the office of Sheriff of London.

All the available troops in garrison attended Divine service in Canterbury Cathedral on Sunday last, the service having been arranged at the instance of the officers and men, a large draft of whom are about to leave shortly for India.

Bro. the Earl of March, and the Ladies Gordon-Lennox arrived in Belgrave-square from Goodwood, on Saturday last, in order to be present at the marriage of Mr. Farquharson, of Newcastle, with Miss Zoë Musgrave, daughter of Lady Brougham d'Vaux.

The Duke of Cambridge, the Duke of Teck, and Prince Alexander of Teck were present at the marriage of Mr. Farquharson, of Invercauld, and Miss Zoë Musgrave, daughter of Lady Brougham, which was solemnised in St. Paul's Church, Knightsbridge, on Monday.

At the quarterly meeting of the Constantine Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 145, at Colchester, on Thursday, Jan. 12, Bro. H. J. Skingley, J.W., was elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. W. Bro. J. P. Lewin, P.M., P.G. Std. Br. Eng., &c., was re-elected Treasurer.

We are informed by Bro. John Chadwick, P.G. Sec. of East Lancashire, that a warrant has been granted for a new lodge, to be called the Duke of York Lodge, No. 2449. The date of consecration is not fixed, but probably it will be in February. Col. le Genre N. Starkie, R.V.P.G. Master will consecrate on the occasion.

By the death of the late Dr. Kelly, of Parsonstown, the Masonic Boys' School, Dublin, has fallen in for considerable property. On the death of Dr. Kelly's widow, who is an old lady, there will be a sum of £500 a year out of the property available for the benefit of the pupils of the school, and it is proposed to utilise a portion of it for exhibitions.

It is good news to hear that Drs. Abercrombie and Laking, at the conclusion of their visit to Bro. the Earl of Londesborough, on Monday, issued a bulletin to the effect that his lordship is progressing satisfactorily, that he is out of danger, and that there is no need for alarm unless he should suffer a relapse.

We regret to hear of the death, last week, of Miss Clair Herbert, eldest daughter of Bro. the Hon. Auburn Herbert, who was staying with her parents at Porto Fino, near Genoa. The death was very sudden, Miss Herbert, who was neice of the late Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, being only in her 19th year.

We are informed that the arrangements for the annual Masonic ball to be held at Cardiff on the 31st inst. are now almost complete. This annual gathering, as usual, will be held in the Park Hall, and there is generally a large demand for tickets. Those desirous of being present should make application early, and thus avoid disappointment such as was experienced last year. Bro. Dan Godfrey's band has been engaged for the occasion, and every effort is being put forward to enhance the success and enjoyment of the gathering.

**EMPIRE BENEFIT FOR THE "POOR OF LONDON."**—Bookings and subscriptions are coming in fast, and the highest anticipations of the Directors will most probably be more than realised. The Lord Mayor has kindly consented to distribute the fund, and the list of patrons will be found to contain names of many of the highest in the land. As regards the entertainment which will be provided, actors, singers, and dancers have generously responded. As usual, Mr. Arthur Roberts, always ready to exert himself in the cause of charity, has, unasked, tendered his services. "Round the Town" will be the *piece de résistance*.

The Pope has sent a letter forth to the world, the full text of which has not yet appeared in this country, though it is undoubtedly chiefly directed against its natives. The point of it is that His Holiness considers all Freemasons to be infidels, and devoid of true Christian religion. If a Pope can be said to be in error, most assuredly His Holiness is. Freemasons are, we are happy to say, very numerous in Great Britain, and no one with any title to veracity would deny to English and Irish, Scotch and Welsh Freemasons, Protestants and Catholics, at least as equal an amount of genuine Christian religion as that which non-Freemason Catholics and Protestants can claim.—*Court Journal*.

**THE LATE BRO. WILLIAM PARKE, J.P.**—The sudden demise of this amiable and very popular gentleman has thrown a great gloom over the surrounding districts. Bro. Parke was father of Surgeon Parke, D.C.L., who distinguished himself so much with the Stanley Expedition. He was greatly devoted to the interests of the Church, was hon. secretary to the Select Vestry, a parochial nominator, Diocesan Synodman for Kilmore Parish, Diocese of Elphin. He was a Prince Mason, and a well known figure in Masonic circles in this province. The usual Hill-street Petty Sessions were adjourned as a token of respect for the memory of the deceased, who was one of the oldest magistrates in the district, and a vote of condolence conveyed from the Bench to the members of his family.

**A VENERABLE FREEMASON.**—Bro. Edmund White, entered upon his 90th year on Saturday, the 7th instant, and his many friends will read with pleasure the following extract from last Saturday's issue of the *Bath Chronicle*: "Hearty greetings and congratulations to our old friend and whilom fellow-citizen, Mr. Edmund White, who to-day enters on his 90th year. His many friends in the 'dear old city' of his adoption will, we are sure, cordially endorse the good wishes. They will all be glad to hear that, with the exception of a cold, Mr. White is in good health." A few of his Masonic friends, desiring to testify their regard for their venerable brother, and to keep the day in remembrance, sent him a handsome Royal Arch jewel—that of Third Principal in a Provincial Grand Chapter—this being the position Bro. White holds in the Provincial Grand Chapter of Somerset.

**HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.**—A most effectual cure for gout and rheumatism.—A frequent cause of these complaints is the inflammatory state of the blood, attended with bad digestion, lassitude and great debility, showing the want of a proper circulation of the fluid, and that impurity of the blood greatly aggravates those disorders. Holloway's Pills are of so purifying a nature that a few doses taken in time are an effectual preventive against gout and rheumatism, but anyone that has an attack of either should use Holloway's Ointment also, the powerful properties of which, combined with the effects of the Pills, ensure a certain cure. The Ointment should be thoroughly rubbed into the parts affected at least twice a day, after they have been sufficiently fomented with warm water to open the pores to facilitate the introduction of the Ointment to the glands.