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## THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEETING OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL COUNCIL.

It is only on the supposition that the mists and dampness which prevailed generally in and near London a fortnight since must have had a depressing effect on his spirits, that we can in any way account for the dismal forebodings in which our worthy Bro. GLASS permitted himself to indulge over the proposed alteration in the law relating to the days of meeting of the Council of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. At the Quarterly Court in October last, Bro. J. S. CUMBERLAND'S motion to alter the Council Meetings from the first Saturday in the month, at 3 p.m., to the last Friday, at 5—or, as it was finally settled, 4 p.m.—was carried almost, if not quite, unanimously, and in the ordinary course of things, the new arrangement came forward for confirmation at the Quarterly Court on the 13th instant. But as we have suggested, Bro. GLASS was depressed or disturbed in his mind, and in moving the non-confirmation of so much of the minutes as contained the new resolution, expressed his belief that very serious consequences would follow if the change were persisted in. Friday, but especially 4 p.m. on Friday, was a most inconvenient time for business men to attend. No one had addressed any arguments in favour of the change. True, some one had urged that it would enable the Secretary and his staff to enjoy their Saturday afternoon's rest, but the Council met only 11 times in the year, so that the officials were free on 41 Saturday afternoons. He, however, felt strongly on the subject. He had come to the Court at serious personal inconvenience, and he feared that if the Council met as the new rule ordained at 4 p.m. on Friday instead of at 3 p.m. on Saturday, there would happen a very grave catastrophe. Members of the Council would not attend, there might or might not be quorums, but whether there were or there were not, the business of the Institution would be neglected, and in such case the Institution itself would not obtain that vigorous and enthusiastic support which was so imperative to its welfare. He reminded his hearers that "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." He regarded Friday as a dreadful day, on which no business whatever could possibly be done, at all events with advantage to the Institution; and he concluded a powerful and impassioned appeal to his brother Governors and Subscribers, if they had the interests of the Charity at heart, on no account whatever to sanction the change. But though Bro. CORBEE supported in a speech of some length, the brethren present remained deaf to these appeals, and accepted the change with an easy-going good humour, which, to anyone in the depressed condition of Bro. GLASS, must have been quite terrible to witness. Thus it is now provided that the Council shall meet on the last Friday in the month—September excepted—at 4 p.m., and as there are some thousands of brethren who constitute this body, we shall not be greatly surprised if the necessary quorum turns up regularly, and, when there is any business of great importance to transact, a good many more than a bare quorum.

## TEXAS AND THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OF THE UNITED STATES.

We learn from an article in the current number of the *Voice of Masonry* that an attempt is being made to bring about a reunion or reconciliation between the Grand Chapter of Texas and the General Grand Chapter of the United States. The establishment of the former appears to have been attended with a certain amount of difficulty. The earliest chapter constituted in Texas was located in the first instance at San Felipe de Austin, the warrant for its establishment having been issued by the General Grand Chapter in 1835. But the chapter did not prosper, and five years later it removed to Galveston, its removal being approved by the parent body at its triennial session in 1844. In the meantime, however, two other chapters had been constituted in Texas by companions who derived their authority for setting them up from the Grand Lodge of the State, but a proposal by these chapters to organise a Grand Chapter was not agreed to by the San Felipe de Austin Chapter at Galveston. However, other chapters were formed by the authority of the Grand Lodge of Texas, with the result that a Grand Chapter was established. But the General Grand Chapter declined to recognise this body, and in 1847 it issued its mandate forbidding all Royal Arch Masons under its jurisdiction from holding any communication whatever with the members of the so-called Grand Chapter of Texas, but at the same time expressing the most fraternal feelings towards its Texas com-

panions, and the hope that the latter, having seen the error of their proceedings would lose no time in placing themselves under its authority. In 1850 the General Grand Secretary found himself in a position to report that the difficulty had been settled amicably. General Grand Chapter had warranted eight new chapters which, in conjunction with the San Felipe de Austin Chapter, had set up the Grand Chapter of Texas, under dispensation from Comp. WILLIS STEWART, General Grand King. Thenceforward till the year 1861 the new organisation prospered, the number of its private chapters increasing from nine to 67, and its membership to about 1500. Then came the War of Secession, and Texas being one of the Confederate States, its Grand Chapter adopted a resolution which declared that "all connection between this Grand Chapter and the General Grand Chapter is dissolved and forever annihilated." Since then several attempts have been made by successive Grand High Priests to bring about a reconciliation between the two bodies, but ineffectually, till quite recently, when it was resolved to appoint the present General Grand High Priest, Comp. JOSEPH P. HORNOR, and his Deputy, Comp. McCANAN, with Comp. SPED, as a Committee to make a further attempt to bring about the much-desired consummation. Unfortunately, a most serious illness prevented Comp. HORNOR from taking an active part in the proceedings of this Committee, but his place was ably filled by Comp. LEMMON, who, with Comp. SPED, appear to have done their utmost to bring about a reunion. They were received by the Grand Chapter of Texas with the utmost courtesy, while their arguments were listened to with respect, but as yet the reconciliation is not. The question was referred to a Special Committee, which delivered a majority and a minority report; the former being in favour of, and the latter opposing, a reconsideration of the resolution adopted in 1861; and, on these reports being considered by the Grand Chapter of Texas, that body determined, by 160 to 145 votes, to hold them over for another year, the reports themselves being in the meantime circulated for general information among the private chapters. The Texas companions, it seems, maintain, on the one hand, that the original Grand Chapter of their State, which was denounced by the General Grand Chapter in 1847 was legally established, and, on the other, that the General Grand Chapter itself had ceased to be a legal body by its failure to meet in 1862; and thus for the present the matter stands. It is evident, however, that the minority in favour of re-union or reconciliation between the two bodies is a very strong one, and all we can do is to hope that for the general welfare of Royal Arch Masonry throughout the whole of the United States—which, after all, is the material point to be considered—an issue out of the present differences will be found which will be honourable to both bodies.

## FREEMASONRY IN QUEBEC.

We have pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of a copy of the "History of Freemasonry in Quebec" by M.W. Bro. JOHN H. GRAHAM, LL.D., P.G.M., and consider it both a valuable and interesting work by that zealous Craftsman. The frontispiece is a full length portrait of H.R.H. the Duke of KENT, sent by order of H.M. Queen VICTORIA, for reproduction in the volume, and doubtless such a souvenir of her MAJESTY'S interest in the book is much appreciated by Dr. GRAHAM, and the Province generally.

The volume represents "18 months continuous labour," and hence it is not to be wondered at that it extends to 645 pages royal octavo. It is issued at 83 per copy, free by mail, and may be had from Bro. W. H. WHITE, P.O. Box 1797 (or No. 12, Place d'Armes), Montreal. It is being rapidly subscribed for, and already a second edition is talked of.

Freemasonry may be said to have been established in Quebec from 1759—1760, and the particulars from that period are numerous, proving the diligence and patience of the author to unravel the intricacies of the Masonic past. Dr. GRAHAM dates No. 1, Montreal, from 1752, but it had ceased to work *ad interim*, and dates really as a new lodge from 1847, as the sole member left in 1846 could not preserve the continuity of the lodge. The same brother also favours the date of origin of the "Albion," once No. 9 on the "Ancients" roll of England, as of 1752, but that also is an error, as it should be 1781. Of this there is not a doubt.

Several curious entries are given of the working of the Mark and Royal Arch, and so as to the Knights Templars. We do not see, however, why the author should seek to cast any doubt on M.W. Bro. J. ROSS ROBERTSON'S "History of the Knights Templars in Canada" (1890), especially as to the meetings in Kingston from 1800, for they were just as regular as those held by Bro. THOMAS DUNCKERLEY in 1791, and as much justified under the circumstances. We congratulate the Grand Lodge of Quebec and its Historian on the production of such a handsome work.

## CONSECRATION OF THE PALATINE LODGE, No. 2447, AT MANCHESTER.

The consecration of the above lodge took place on Friday, the 20th inst., at the Palatine Hotel. The consecration ceremony commenced about three o'clock, when there was a very large attendance of influential brethren, including the Consecrating Officers, Bros. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, Prov. G.M.; Fritz Reiss, P.S.G.W., as S.W.; N. A. Earle, P.P.J.G.W., as J.W.; W. H. Peak, P.G.D.C., as D.C.; Rev. R. W. Perry-Circuite, P.G.C., as Chap.; and John Chadwick, P.G.S.B., P.G. Sec.

The following founders were present: Bros. Fred. Broadsmith, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; G. S. Smith, P.M.; W. Ramsden, P.P.G.D.; G. Alfred Myers, P.M.; Hubert J. Owen, W. Paul Fawcus, J. J. Tinker, J. Hardwicke-Marsh, W. Spencer, George Graham, and John Newton.

Among the visitors present were—

Bros. Edmund Ashworth, P.G.D. England; J. H. Sillitoe, P.G. Std. Br. England; J. D. Murray, Grand Treas. Eng.; E. G. Harwood, P.P.G.W., Chairman of the East Lancashire Systematic and Educational and Benevolent Institution; E. Bigoe Bagot, P.P.G.C.; C. Collingwood, P.P.G.D.C.; M. Thomas, P.P.G.D.; W. Russell, P.A.G.D.C.; James W. Abbott, P.P.G.D.C.; Geo. H. Holt, P.G.D.; James Newton, P.A.G. Sec., Sec. to the East Lancashire Systematic Educational and Benevolent Institution; W. S. Weeks, P.P.G. Reg.; Henry Heeps, P.P.G.D. of C.; Richard Newhouse, Prov. Grand Secretary Cheshire; W. R. Dutton, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Rev. W. R. Clayton, P.P.G.C.; T. L. Davies, P.G. Supt. of Works; J. R. Duckworth, P.G.S.; Alfred Griffiths, P.P.G.O.; Lucas Edleston, P.G.S.; John Sandiford, P.G.P.; G. A. Page, P.A.G.P.; C. D. Cheetham, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Hothersall, P.P.G.D.C.; James Andrew, P.P. G. Std. Br.; J. Wildgoose, P.P.G.D.C.; Geo. E. Hilder, P.G.S.; Major John Booth, Prov. S.G.D.; Joseph Pollard, P.G. Treas.; A. Clegg, P.P.S.G.W.; W. Barker, P.P.G.P.; Hy. Stevens, Mus. Bac., Prov. G.O.; F. N. Molesworth, P.G. Reg.; H. H. Warburton, P.P.S.G.D.; J. W. Kenyon, P.P.S.G.W.; J. N. Leresche, P.P.G. Reg.; John Studd, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Sturip, P.G.S.; R. T. Sutcliffe, P.M.; R. Armitage, P.M.; Wm. Lyon, P.M.; Geo. W. Yapp, P.M.; A. J. Howarth, P.M.; F. W. Lean, P.M.; Peter Jackson, P.M.; J. W. Millward, P.M.; W. H. Kershaw, P.M.; W. Dunville, P.M.; A. Lewtas, P.M.; Joseph Gregory, P.M.; A. H. Duffin, P.M.; G. Grant, W. W. Hitching, J. B. Wood, H. P. Hornsey, N. T. Holyoak, F. Berry, G. T. Lee, W. T. Blease, A. J. Haworth, T. Wollaston, Cuthbert Blacon, P. Jones, C. O. Wilkinson, C. A. Wright, Robert Oswald, W. J. Sherlock, N. Jones, G. E. Marlow, Elijah Meggett, J. O. Jelly, P.G. Chap.; W. H. Preston, F. Lane, W. L. Mills, J. T. Bowker, and E. Webb.

The brethren having assembled in the lodge room, the Consecrating Officer, Bro. Colonel Le Gendre Starkie, Prov. Grand Master, with his assistant officers, together with such of the Prov. Grand Officers as were present, entered in procession, when the Presiding Officer took the chair, and opened the lodge.

The PRESIDING OFFICER then addressed the brethren in regard to the object for which they had assembled together, after which the Chaplain, by his direction, offered up prayer.

Bro. JOHN CHADWICK, Prov. Grand Secretary addressed the Presiding Officer.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER replied, and gave directions that the brethren of the new lodge be arranged in order, that the Secretary might read the petition and warrant. After the brethren approved of the officers named,

The following beautiful oration was delivered by Bro. the Rev. R. W. PERRY-CIRCUITE, P.G. Chap.:

Brethren,—I have been, in virtue of my office, of which I am justly proud, requested to say a few words to you on this very important occasion upon the nature and principles of our glorious Order. But, first of all, let me ask you to consider for a few moments the great importance of the occasion on which we are met. The consecration of a new lodge is not only an important event in the history of Freemasonry in any particular province, but it ought to act as a reminder to every brother present of the principles upon which his new lodge was founded, and the manner in which he himself was initiated, passed, and raised, and it is, therefore, certain when we can each seriously ask ourselves—Have we been true and faithful to the promises made, and obedient to the lessons taught in each successive step of our Masonic life? Freemasonry is founded upon, and its principles directed by, the Word of the Eternal God—"the Volume of the Sacred Law"—it has well been said, "which lies open in the lodge, on which our members are pledged to the due performance of their duty, from which rises the ladder which, by the steps of Faith, Hope, and Charity, conducts us to the ethereal mansions of the Grand Lodge above." That volume contains in its holy pages the square and compasses, from whose mystical combinations we learn the duties which we owe to God, to our neighbour, and ourselves. The three great, though emblematical, lights in Freemasonry teach us to rule and govern our factors, to regulate our conduct, and to circumscribe our desires. The Holy Volume—which is to the inner life what the germ is to the material world, shed its beams of love and mercy into every willing heart, and teaches us to walk humbly and uprightly before God, measuring our conduct to our fellow men by the square, and keeping within the boundary of the compass every question and thought, so that our words and actions—purified from every malignant and baneful passion may ascend to the throne of grace pure and unpolluted." Such is the beautiful description of an order given by one whose name will always be thankfully remembered in Masonic Circles, I mean Bro. William Romain Calender, and no words of mine could have been, I am sure, more appropriate on this occasion than those I have ventured to read. We are met to consecrate a new lodge, to set up another Masonic temple to the honour and service of the Great Architect, and future welfare and fraternal intercourse of the brethren. Let us see that every outward symbol of our Masonic Ritual is thus realised in the daily practice of our lives. Let us take care that true Masonic principles rule and govern the lodge, and that no one shall pass the entrance whom we would not admit into the circle of our own families. We have our secrets, our signs and symbols, known only to those who belong to our Craft, secrets which are valuable and precious, as by them we are bound more intimately in the bond of brotherhood, but the principles upon which our order is founded, these are no secrets, and the world ought certainly to be able to discover that the man is a Mason by the mode of his life and upright conduct. Brethren, at the present time Masonry has been most unjustifiably attacked by one whose high office ought to have discovered the truth of the principle of existing societies before he denounces one in so wholesale and uncharitable a manner. Masonry spread over the whole surface of the globe cannot, of course, be perfect. There are, and ever will be, black sheep in every community. There will be those who, sheltering themselves under the cloak of a false profession, will work for their own ends and purposes. But this is an universal truth, and it would be as unfair to denounce Charity itself because all its professions are not due to its holy principles as to denounce an order, built as it is on a Divine Foundation, and illumined and worked by the sacred principles upon which I have spoken, because a pseudo-foreign Masonry is false to its great principles, and works for ends and by means which Masons, true Masons, would be too just to denounce. Facts speak for themselves, and no work, if honestly and faithfully done—quietly, and without ostentation—must have in

the future, as in the past, in spite of all unjust condemnations from however powerful a source they may come, a mighty influence for ever. It has permeated through every grade of society, and shed on all the new light of knowledge. Truth and love and this stream shall widen forth more and more as it traverses the space of time, and its living waters deepen the channel of Divine and Fraternal love as it approaches the Great Eternal.

A most beautiful anthem followed, which had been specially composed for the occasion by Bro. H. Stevens, Mus. Bac., Prov. G. Orgst.

The Presiding Officer then proceeded to dedicate and constitute the lodge, and the ceremony was brought to a close with the final benediction.

The P.G. Master then retired from the chair, and appointed Bro. G. S. Smith, P.M., as Installing Master.

Bro. Fred. Broadsmith, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., P.Z., P.P.G. Soj., was presented to the Installing Officer by Bro. W. H. Peak, P.G.D.C., and was duly installed into the chair of King Solomon, who was then saluted.

The working Tools were presented by Bros. J. Hardwicke-Marsh, W.M. 1070, and George Alfred Myers, P.M.

The warrant was presented by the Installing Master.

The newly-installed W.M. invested his officers, and addressed them himself as follows:—Bros. Hubert J. Owen, S.W.; W. Paul J. Fawcus, J.W.; John Joseph Tinker, Treas.; J. Hardwicke Marsh, W.M., Sec.; George Graham, S.D.; George A. Myers, J.D.; G. S. Smith, P.M., D.C.; John Newton, I.G.; and William Spencer and J. Metcalfe, Stwds.

The address to the W.M. was given by Bro. J. H. SILLITOE, P.G.S.B.; that to the Wardens by Bro. FRITZ REISS, P.G.W.; and to the brethren by Bro. W. H. PEAK, P.G.D.C.

Great praise is due to Bro. Peak for the admirable manner in which all the proceedings were carried out, as everything was done admirably and not a single hitch occurred during all the most impressive ceremony. We cannot speak too highly of the musical portion under the direction of Bro. H. Stevens, Mus. Bac., P.G. Org., and the vocalists were Bro. W. H. Kershaw, P.M.; Cuthbert Blacow, W. Dunville, P.M.; and A. Lewtas, P.M.

There were seven propositions for initiation and five joining. After "Hearty good wishes" had been given, the lodge was closed by the W.M.

Subsequently a banquet was held at which the W.M. presided (the P.G.M. having to leave from a previous engagement). There were about 50 present and the banquet was of a most *recherché* character, and had been prepared by Bro. C. O. Wilkinson, the proprietor. The tables were profusely decorated with roses and other rare flowers and plants, which gave them a most brilliant and picturesque appearance.

The usual loyal and Masonic toast list was gone through, and all were heartily given and received. Owing to limit of space we are unable to give them in detail. But a most enjoyable evening was spent.

The lodge was furnished beautifully throughout by Bro. George Kenning.

## CONSECRATION OF THE ST. MARTIN'S LODGE, No. 2455.

The consecration of a new lodge within the Metropolitan area is now of such rare occurrence, that the inauguration of the St. Martin's Lodge, No. 2455, naturally attracted a large number of brethren anxious to witness the interesting proceedings, congratulate the founders on their good fortune in obtaining a charter from H.R.H. the M.W.G.M., and wish the lodge "God speed" on what will doubtless prove a brilliant and useful career. The consecration took place at the St. Martin's Town Hall, Charing Cross, on Monday, the 16th inst., and was performed by Bro. Edward Letchworth, P.G.D., G. Sec., assisted by Bros. Major-Gen. J. Crossland Hay, C.B., S.G.D., as S.W.; Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.D., as J.W.; Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G.C., D.P.G.M. Bucks, as Chap.; F. Richardson, P.G.D., as D.C.; and Lieut.-Col. G. Lambert, F.S.A., P.G.S.B., as I.G.

The following is a list of the founders: Bros. C. S. Lee, P.M., W.M. designate; T. P. Baptie, J.P., P.M., S.W. designate; J. Willing, P.M., J.W. designate; W. J. Farthing, P.M.; J. Strachan, P.P.S.G.W. Northumberland; G. W. Murnane; W. B. Fendick, P.P.G.S.B. Bucks; Chas. Mason; Wm. Challice; H. T. Brickwell; Geo. Marshall; Sir Augustus Harris, P.G. Treas.; Major Clifford Probyn; J. M. Andrews, P.P.G.D. Surrey; W. Emden, W. S. Cross, and Thos. Prescott.

The visitors present were—

Bros. W. G. Lemon, P.A.G.D.C.; J. C. Remington, P.D.G.M. New South Wales; C. E. Keyser, J.G.D.; V. P. Freeman, P.G.D.; Edward Terry, P.G. Treas.; Jas. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; R. Clowes, P.G.S.B.; H. Sadler, Grand Tyler; W. H. Lee, P.P.G.D. Middx.; F. Dewsbury, P.M. 1599; R. W. Steggle, S.D. 2398; C. Ashplant, 179; W. Jennings, J.W. 142; C. W. Hall, 1599; J. T. Morland, D.P.G.M. Berks; T. W. Richardson, P.M. 2029; F. Cundall, 1599; W. Godson, 2150; F. Jackson, W.M. 1987; J. Hare, Stwd. 1987; J. F. Arnold, 2157; F. S. Smith, Org. 2272; G. Laker, P.M. 55; C. Harris, P.M. 1599; James Stephens, P.M.; H. E. Pollard; W. H. Gardener, W.M. 771, P.P.S.G.W. Berks; F. Stallard, P.M. 1613; George May, 771; F. Kedge, P.M. 2191; R. J. Lamony, W.M. 2309; Jubal Webb, P.M. 55; C. Spark, P.M. 140; J. Potter, W.M. 2361; H. F. Manisty, 1610; E. J. Wickenden, J.D. 1599; E. G. Mansell, 879; R. A. Germaine, 2033; Egbert Roberts, P.P.G. Org.; W. W. Lee, W.M. 2381, J.W. 1897; and many others.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. Sir J. B. Monckton, Geo. Hopkinson, Dep. G.D.C.; Robt. Grey, Sir Albert Woods (Garter); Sir Geo. D. Harris, Valentine, P.G. Purst.; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G.R.; A. Laurence, W.M. 523, Leicester; A. M. Laurence, St. John the Baptist's, Exeter; and J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the opening hymn—"Hail Eternal, by whose aid"—sung by the brethren.

The CONSECRATING OFFICER then said: We are met here to-day on a matter of great Masonic interest—for the purpose of constituting and consecrating a new lodge, and of adding one more to the long list of lodges on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England. The lodge we are about to consecrate to-day will be known hereafter as the St. Martin's Lodge, No. 2455, which takes its name from the Saint to whom this royal parish is dedicated. I do not know whether St. Martin was himself a Mason, but whether he was a Mason or not, he is credited with possessing to a very eminent degree that quality of Charity which we, as Masons, so much admire. At a time when warrants are not granted as a matter of course, I think I may fairly congratulate the founders of this lodge on the fact that H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. at once acceded to the prayer of their petition. I will not venture to say whether, in doing so, H.R.H. was animated by the knowledge that he himself is a member of this distinguished parish, but I think I may say it afforded H.R.H. very great pleasure in acceding to the prayer of the petition sent by so many of his fellow-parishioners. I congratulate this lodge most heartily on having as their first Master a brother of great experience in the Craft, and under whose able management—assisted, as he will be, by the other officers named in the warrant—I venture to believe this lodge has before it a very prosperous career. That

it may have all prosperity is the wish of myself and those who have so kindly attended to assist me in the ceremony.

Prayer having been offered by the G. CHAPLAIN, the founders signified their approval of the officers named in the warrant.

The following oration was then delivered by Bro. the Rev. J. S. BROWNRIGG, Dep. Prov. G.M. Bucks, acting Chaplain:

The name of your new lodge is suggestive of our second fundamental Masonic principles. You will all remember the story of St. Martin, the Roman soldier, dividing his cloak for the relief of an unknown fellow creature in distress. Most artistically have you displayed the scene as the crest of your lodge, and I have no doubt that you purpose that crest to be not only an ornamental heading, but also as a reminder of the duties which you must render, in the spirit of St. Martin, if you would be true and faithful Craftsmen amongst us. What does the word "Relief" mean? Alas, it has come to have a cold, ill-favoured sound. There is no word which the poor dislike more. It is associated in their minds with the official doling out of a maintenance just sufficient to keep body and soul alive, and so the word when used in our Masonic ceremonies seems hardly to express what we mean, seems to belong to the language of past rather than present days. And yet my brethren, something more than a mere clinging to the language of the past, makes me hope that we shall not abandon it, but rather endeavour to restore to it its real and beautiful meaning. One thought of its origin reminds us that the real meaning of the word is the exact reverse of that which an unfortunate connection has impressed upon it. Relief does not mean a degradation. It means a lifting up both to the donor and the recipient. When St. Martin rode back to the camp, the gilded youth of Imperial Rome jeered at the soldier who had not given the usual alms to the unknown beggar. They could have understood, they might even have applauded a freehanded largess. The peculiarity of the relief which he had given was that he had given something which he needed for his own use. He sank in their estimation, but his action lifted him to a higher and a better life. It was the first step towards realising the great tie of human brotherhood, which sees in every fellow creature one linked to us by overwhelming claims upon our sympathy and upon our affection—to whom we owe something more than the mere flinging of a dole, the want of which we shall never feel. Yes, my brethren, the "relief" which lifts us is that which involves self sacrifice. In the eyes of the world it may seem poor, and mean, and cold, but the gift to God's poor, which has really cost us something, and which brings us no earthly credit, will, like St. Martin's cloak, bring its own reward. But relief should "lift up," not merely the giver, but also the recipient. The effect of poverty (we must take the world as we find it, not as the poet's fancy wants it) is degrading. The outward aspect and surroundings of misery are unsavoury, and sometimes even repulsive. One of the great social questions of the day is how can we lift up those whom circumstances have placed on the lowest spoke of fortune's wheel. Even well disposed persons are ever inventing well sounding schemes which are practically unworkable, and which even if possible would not raise those for whom they are designed. What is the secret which will solve the problem? It is this. As the donor must be "lifted up" by self-sacrifice, so the recipient must be "lifted up" by teaching him to realise the nobility of life. The outward building may be marred and sullied with human misery and weaknesses, but the creation of the Great Architect of the Universe is "very good." His designs, if carried out, will in time make all things again perfect. You may lift up the most unlikely object of your charity, if your relief shows that you believe him capable of self respect, and count him worthy of your brotherly love. It is no legend of a mediæval legend, but, thank God, a daily experience to those who work in the spirit of St. Martin, that there is a way by which darkness and distress may be transfigured into light and joy.

The impressive ceremony was then proceeded with, and the new lodge was duly dedicated and constituted. The anthems "Behold how good and joyful a thing it is," "O how amiable are Thy dwellings," and "I have surely built Thee a house to dwell in" were effectively rendered in the course of the proceedings.

Bro. Chas. S. Lee, P.M., was installed as the first Worshipful Master by Bro. E. Letchworth, G. Sec., and invested the following officers:—Bros. W. J. Farthing, P.M., acting I.P.M.; T. P. Baptie, J.P., P.M., S.W.; Jas. Willing, P.M., J.W.; J. Strachan, P.M., Treas.; G. W. Murnane, Sec.; W. B. Fendick, P.M., S.D.; Chas. Mason, J.D.; Wm. Challice, I.G.; H. T. Brickwell, D.C.; Geo. Marshall, Stwd.; and Cook, Tyler.

On the proposition of the W. MASTER, the Consecrating Officer and his assistants were unanimously elected honorary members; the GRAND SECRETARY returning thanks for himself and colleagues.

The Rev. J. F. Kitto, and many other gentlemen well known in connection with the parish, were proposed for initiation at the next meeting, and a Committee, composed of the W.M., Wardens, Treasurer, and Secretary, was elected to frame the bye-laws.

The lodge was closed, and an adjournment made by the brethren to a *recherché* repast, which was followed by the customary toasts.

"The Queen and the Craft" having been honoured, the W.M. proposed "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," observing that as his Royal Highness was a resident of their parish, the members looked forward at a future date to see him enrolled as an honorary member of their lodge.

The W.M. then submitted "The Grand Officers." He said he had been connected with Freemasonry for many years, but had never been associated with such a goodly array of G. Officers as they had present that evening. The brethren ought to give special attention to this toast, as they had experienced a most delightful evening in listening to the consecration ceremony which was one they rarely heard. He trusted the Consecrating Officer and the other G. Officers who had been elected honorary members would occasionally visit them, to watch their growth.

Bro. Rev. J. S. BROWNRIGG, P.G. Chap., said it was quite evident why the W.M. had selected Bro. Richardson and himself to respond. If they had required a learned speech, explanatory of the past history of that historical parish, the W.M. would have deputed his antiquarian friend, Bro. Lambert, to reply, and every one of the Grand Officers had some peculiar attribute in which he excelled. But there was one in which Bro. Richardson and himself excelled—which was brevity. He thanked them.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.D., also replied and said that after the exhaustive speech of Bro. Brownrigg, there was little left for him to say. That was not the first time he had taken part in a similar ceremony, and it had given him great pleasure to have performed a small part for that lodge, which he was sure would take a prominent part in Masonry of the future.

"The Consecrating Officer" was next given by the W.M., who said it was very difficult for him to know how to commence this toast. If he were to give them the history of the inception of the lodge, his first visit to the Grand Secretary, and the many courtesies and kindly communications he had had with him since, he was afraid he should exhaust them. He remembered some few months ago, when they as Masons were astonished and grieved to hear of the death of the never-to-be-forgotten Grand Secretary, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke. After they recovered from the fact of his death, what was uppermost in their minds was who could adequately fill his

place. That position had been filled by the M.W.G.M. in the way in which he always discharged anything that fell to his lot. His Royal Highness had found the right man for the place, and during his (the W.M.'s) connection with that lodge when it was his privilege to call upon Bro. Letchworth and for the first time lay the matter before him, he was received in the most courteous manner, and received the kindest advice it was possible for a W.M. to receive. Ever since that date the present Grand Secretary had laid himself open for him to call at any time in order that he should receive kindly advice, which he should personally never forget. Those events brought them there that evening, and none present would ever forget the way in which Bro. Letchworth consecrated the lodge and installed him into the position he then held.

Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, P.G.D., Grand Secretary, in response, said: I avail myself of the first opportunity to rise and acknowledge the kind compliment paid me in the toast proposed in such very kind and I fear undeserved terms, by the Worshipful Master, and received by you with such cordiality. I can assure you that it has afforded me peculiar pleasure to be here this evening and to assist in bringing into existence a lodge which I venture to think cannot fail in days to come to occupy a very high and prominent position among the lodges of this great Metropolis. It has afforded me great pleasure to be here, not only as the very humble representative of our M.W.G.M., but I feel I have a personal interest in the lodge when for the last 25 years I have resided in this immediate neighbourhood. I believe the spot in which I reside is not in the Parish of St. Martin. It is in the Parish of St. James, but I am informed that that Parish for many years formed a part of this important Parish of St. Martin. I am sure I am giving expression to the feelings of those who have been associated with me in the consecration of this lodge when I say it has afforded us all very great pleasure to be here. And now, brethren, it is my privilege to propose what is really the toast of the evening, and that is "The Health of the Worshipful Master," whom I have had the great pleasure of installing into the chair of this lodge. As your Worshipful Master has informed you, he and I have had many communications with regard to this lodge, and I have, therefore, had many opportunities of forming an opinion of him, and I most heartily congratulate the members of this lodge on having as their first Worshipful Master one so able to rule and guide them as Bro. Lee. We have already had some experience of his work in the lodge, and if anyone doubts his capabilities to discharge the duties of Worshipful Master, I would only refer them to the Skelmersdale Lodge, many of whom are present and will bear me out in saying that during the time he occupied the chair of that lodge he discharged the duties in a manner creditable to himself, and of great advantage to the lodge. I give you, with every possible pleasure, "The Health of your Worshipful Master," and I am sure I am expressing the feelings of all present when I wish him a pleasant and most prosperous year of office.

Bro. C. S. LEE, W.M., said I scarcely know how to find words adequately to express my feelings to-night. I can only thank the Grand Secretary for those kindly words he has expressed, and I only hope that I may be able to put into effect those expressions he has made use of. I have Masonry very seriously at heart, and I am one of those individuals who, if I undertake anything, make a strong effort to carry it through to the very best of his abilities. I am sure that I see in the future a very great future for our St. Martin's Lodge. The founders who presented the petition to Grand Lodge were a very strong body of men, but we have at the back of them the very large number I was enabled to propose to-night. As soon as we get into working order, there is no doubt there are many members of the parish who will only too readily join the lodge. We are very proud of our parish, which is a very historical and a very extensive one. Although a great number of people associate St. Martin's Parish with the Strand and Charing Cross, it extends as far as St. James's Park, the greater portion of Whitehall Gardens, and Carlton House Terrace. But what to me is a greater pleasure is that our venerable Vicar, the Rev. Mr. Kitto, was one of the first to undertake to become an initiate, and among the founders we comprise the two Churchwardens, and, with one exception, the whole of the petitioning members were either members of the Vestry, Board of Overseers, or Guardians. Practically the whole of the parochial part of the parish are taking an interest in the lodge, and I think I am justified in believing that the prognostication made is likely to be an acknowledged fact, that we are likely to be a strong lodge, and comprise some of the most influential members of the parish, and be a lodge of which the Grand Lodge may be proud of having granted a warrant for. I know there are very few warrants granted in London now, but I was venturesome enough, in opposition probably to one or two founders, to approach the Grand Lodge, with the result, I am pleased to say, you all know. The Grand Lodge readily granted our warrant, and we will be just as ready in our humble way to see we are a lodge that is worthy of the Grand Lodge. I am perfectly sure we have a great prospect before us, and I can only express the hope that the Grand Officers who have so kindly come to consecrate the lodge will come again at some future period to watch our growth, and will be proud of the lodge they have so ably and beautifully started this evening.

Bro. Col. J. C. REMINGTON, P.D.G.M. New South Wales, who acknowledged the toast of "The Visitors," said he esteemed it a very high honour and great pleasure to be present. When he arrived in London from Australia in June last he found nearly all the London lodges were in recess, and was afraid he should see nothing of the working. Since he had expressed this fear to the G. Sec. he had received very many invitations, and was afraid the epitaph that would be erected over him would be "Died of the hospitality of Freemasons." He was pleased at this opportunity of being present at the inauguration of a new lodge. One of the last pieces of official work he performed before ending his year was to consecrate a new lodge in his own suburb, and he only wished it could be done over again, that he might profit by that evening's experience. The lessons he had learned in Masonry in London would not be forgotten, for he expected to have a great deal of new light to throw upon Masonry upon his return. Although they had a Grand Lodge of their own, they still looked upon England as their mother, and when framing their Constitutions and preparing their model ritual, it was to the mother country they looked, and from whom they copied. If brethren had the good fortune to visit Australia, they would find themselves as thoroughly at home as in the London lodges.

Bros. DAVEY, P.M., and G. J. WOODMAN, Treas. 1599, also replied, the latter brother referring to the excellent services rendered by Bro. C. S. Lee to the Skelmersdale Lodge, and expressed the hope that he would be connected with it for many years to come.

Bro. JAMES TERRY, Secretary R.M.B.I., replying for "The Masonic Charities," said that last year he had no difficulty in obtaining a Chairman for the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, as it was the Jubilee, and brethren were crowding round offering their services as Steward. This time last year he had over 1000 brethren who had promised to act as Stewards; but, unfortunately, this was likely to prove, after years of prosperity, the first of another sort. It was a difficult matter not only to obtain a Chairman, but to get brethren to act as Stewards. That day he had the pleasure of announcing the name of the brother who was to be his Chairman on the occasion of the forthcoming Festival. While they had had Provincial Grand Masters and distinguished brethren to fill the position, he thought it was as well to come to their own rank to one who had done good suit and service. He had the pleasure of announcing that the brother on his right—Bro. Keyser—as the Chairman, and he ventured to hope they would rally round and give him encouragement in the undertaking he had accepted, in the hope of doing good. He had had the pleasure of receiving the names of five Stewards since he entered the room, and hoped it would be increased to 15 before he left.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER next proposed "The Treasurer and Secretary." He regretted the Treasurer had been obliged to leave for Newcastle, but the Secretary was present. That brother was associated with them as Vestry Clerk and was held in high estimation by all connected with the Vestry. He was a Past Master of a lodge at Bromley, and had already acted as Assistant Secretary and therefore had sufficient credentials for his present post.

Bro. MURNANE, Sec., briefly replied, after which the WORSHIPFUL MASTER gave "The Officers."

Bro. T. P. BAPTIE, S.W., in response, said the lodge had been exceedingly fortunate from its inception in being assisted and encouraged by the Grand Officers. It only remained for the officers to support the W.M., and he was hopeful they would not fail of being ideal officers. Masonry was most elevating and soul-inspiring exercise and they should not only commit the ritual to memory, but endeavour to extract fresh meanings from it and see new duties in it, and make it a great social lever to raise humanity to a higher level.

Bro. JAS. WILLING, P.M., J.W., also responded, after which the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

The musical arrangements were ably carried out under the direction of Bro. Frank Swinford, assisted by Madame Eugenia Morgan, Miss Florence Oliver, and Bros. George May, Trefelyn David, Egbert Roberts, P.P.G. Org., and Geo. Montague.

The lodge was furnished by Bro. George Kenning.

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

On Monday, the 9th inst., was consecrated at the Assembly Rooms, Bognor, in the Province of Sussex, a new Mark lodge named the West Sussex Lodge, No. 453. The county of Sussex, therefore, now numbers 10 Mark lodges within its bounds. The ceremony of consecration was admirably carried through by Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.W., the Grand Secretary, assisted by Bros. Carter, as D. of C.; V. P. Freeman, P.P.G.W., as S.W.; J. Adames, Prov. J.G.W., as J.W.; Rev. J. Puttick, Prov. G. Chap., as Chap.; W. Wright, Prov. G. Sec.; and Major Carroll, as I.G.

Considering the inclemency of the weather there was a large and representative gathering on the occasion. The Consecrating Officer in his opening remarks referred in eloquent terms to the establishing of the West Sussex Lodge as a specially interesting event, inasmuch as it opened up fresh ground, being the first lodge of Mark Master Masons in West Sussex.

The Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. Very Rev. CURRIE, Dean of Battle, gave a very eloquent oration, which, as from its impressiveness cannot fail to greatly interest our readers, we give in extenso.

Try and imagine the first and simplest conception that primeval man would most naturally form of himself and the world around him. Would not that conception be of the world as a circular plane, of which he himself was the centre? Thus we have the first conception of the universe as a vast circle with the ego as its centre, but man, moving from place to place, is and can be no fixed and constant centre. Hence followed the need of an unchangeable and constant ego—the "I Am"—of the revelation given to the Jews. The G.A.O.T.U. in Masonry, which was and is, and is to come, the Almighty. The space comprehended within the circle of the horizon likewise changes with the change of the point of view; but the circular form of the horizon, remaining ever constant and unchanged, would soon be adopted as the symbol of that which would seem most constant to human imagination. This circular form would accordingly early suggest the anti-type. The circle has neither beginning nor ending, and for this reason would early be adopted as the symbol of eternity. Among the Hebrews the central point took the form, it is said, of the letter Jod—the initial letter of the name Jehovah—and we thus come to the most sacred of all Masonic symbols—T.P.W.A.C.—Jehovah enthroned in eternity. To the original single point within a circle Pythagoras added nine more, arranging them in four lines. In the first he placed 1; in the second, 2; in the third, 3; and in the fourth, 4; thus forming an equilateral triangle, with four points in each side, which now became the symbol of God. According to Pythagoras, even number were to be regarded as feminine and allied to the earth, while the odd numbers were considered as endowed with masculine virtue, and partaking of the celestial nature. According to this fanciful reasoning, 1 and 2 became the symbol of all things— $1 + 2 = 3$ , while 2 squared = 4. We have, therefore, now the consecutive numbers 1, 2, 3, and 4, the sum of which—10—is called *πεντα δίδυμον*—the signature of the universe. In T.V.O.T.S.L. we find a significance given to numbers. Here 3 is the signature of the Deity; under this number he reveals himself in time, for as time is past, present, and future, so of Him it is said that He was and is, and is come, the Eternal. Again, when the prophet Isaiah saw the vision of God's glory in the Temple, the adoration of the cherubim was the thrice repeated "Holy." One cried unto another, and said "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts, the whole earth is full of His glory," and we have identically the same in the Book of Revelation of St. John. The symbolism of Masonry associates the No. 3 with the Deity, for symbolically the lodge is supported by three great pillars, called wisdom, strength, and beauty, which are attributes of the G.A.O.T.U. From its association with the G.O.O.T.U. the No. 3 becomes the symbol of government and authority, and hence three rule the lodge, as three is the signature of God, the Creator, so four is the signature of the created world. There are four elements, and four points of the compass. We read, too, in holy writ, of four corners of the earth, and of the four winds of heaven. Hence, in the vision of the prophet Ezekiel, as in that of St. John, the four living creatures are probably intended to represent the whole creation. When we turn to Masonry we find it is essential that the lodge should be rectangular and quadrilateral, symbolically, to represent the world. Three being the signature of the Deity, and four that of the creation, the combination of these

two become important—added together they give seven, multiplied by 12. Seven then represents that which brings the creature into relation with the Creator—on His part the covenant on man's religion. Seven is, therefore, the signature of religion and perfection. T.V.O.T.S.L. begins with the first seven days, and its last book abounds in series of seven. The bow in the cloud, the sign and pledge of God's covenant with man, is itself composed of seven colours, while this number marks the sincerity and perfection of forgiveness. The erring brother is to be forgiven until 70 times 7. Masonically, seven makes the lodge perfect, and by seven steps we advance to the perfect knowledge of our mysteries. Three—the signature of the Creator—added to four—the signature of the creation—gives seven—that of the covenant, or religion—while these two multiplied together give 12—the signature of the covenant people, Israel, who comprised 12 tribes. The square of 12 in thousands gives us 144,000—this mystical number of the servants of our God, who are sealed in their foreheads—thus receiving the approving mark of T.G.O.O.T.U., as fitted to form part of that spiritual structure, that House not made with hands, eternal in the heavens, to which abode of joy and gladness—built upon 12 foundations—having 12 gates—and containing within itself the tree of life, bearing 12 manners of fruit—may the G.O.O.T.U. of His goodness bring us all.

The ceremony of consecration having been completed, votes of thanks to the Consecrating Officers for the admirable manner in which that rite had been performed were proposed and responded to.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master then took the chair, and installed Bro. Paxton, P.P.G.D. Hants and the Isle of Wight, as W.M. for the ensuing year, who invested as his S.W. Bro. A. Lloyd, and Bro. E. E. Street, P.P.G.W. Hants and the Isle of Wight, as his J.W.

Several propositions for advancement and joining concluded a very instructive opportunity, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, presided over by the newly-installed W.M., Bro. Paxton.

The usual toasts customary on these occasions were duly given, with the requisite accompaniments.

The menu and wines were all that could be desired, as might have been expected when Bro. Booth was the caterer.

### THE GRAND LODGE OF ULSTER.

By HENRY SADLER.

(Continued from page 27.)

That shortly after the meeting of May, 1808, a letter was written by direction of the said Earl to the Grand Lodge printer, in which his Lordship took upon himself to nominate a Brother of the name of Marsh to be the Deputy Grand Secretary in Dublin, but that it appears the noble Earl was not able to carry such Nomination into effect in as much as a Br. William Francis Graham, also mentioned in the Transactions of March, 1807, was appointed to the situation.

That thro' the entire of this proceeding the Brethern of Ulster did not find that "Freedom from partialities and Prejudices or that Principle of action having no other object in view than the honor and Interests of the Order" so warmly professed in the letter of the then Grand Master, but on the contrary they did meet with a determined system of Disrespect, Prejudice, Partiality, and Illegality, adopted and exercised for the purpose of endeavouring to subvert the Rights and Privileges of the Masons of Ireland, and to establish a new and unheard of Claim of Patronage on the part of the Grand Master.

That under these and many other circumstances of Aggression and Insult on the part of the said Earl and his friends, the meeting called by the Provincial Grand Master of Ulster took place in June, 1808, on which occasion, upwards of 300 Lodges attending, they declared themselves independent of the Grand Lodge of Dublin, which consisted of about 30 Lodges.

That it is thus manifest that the illegal, arbitrary, and unmasonic conduct of Mr. Jaffray, fomented by a party in Dublin to which he had sold his Influence, encouraged by the continued Neglect and Inattention of the Earl of Donoughmore to the various Representations made him of that conduct, and afterwards adopted, acted upon, and enlarged by the said Earl for the accomplishment of objects far different from that he was pleased so warmly to profess are the leading and sole causes by which the Masons of Ulster have been compelled to establish a third Grand Lodge in Ireland.

That having always acted according to the Laws of Masonry, neither knowing nor acknowledging any dispensing power or authority in any Individual and denying any right in the Grand Master to dictate to them on whom they should place, or from whom they should withdraw their confidence, the Brethern of Ulster would deem themselves undeserving the Name of British Subjects, unworthy the Title of Masons, and disgracing the Character of Irishmen, should they by a servile and dastardly Relinquishment of their Rights and Privileges suffer themselves to be converted into a mere Machine governed by the whim or caprice of any Individual, or permit themselves to be practised upon to increase the Patronage or promote the Agrandisement of any Family, and still more iniquitous would be their conduct were they to become the willing Tools of Duplicity and Injustice.

That were any further proof wanted of the just Grounds on which the Brethern of Ulster withdrew their confidence from those Brethern in Dublin who opposed the lawful exercise of their Privileges as Masons, it may be found in the recent conduct of those Brethern who have profusely expended the entire of the Charity Fund, £500, which had been saved principally from the Contributions of the Brethern of Ulster in a Litigation calculated not to advantage the Order but to gratify the Resentment of Individuals.

That in a recent Publication coming from the Grand Lodge in Dublin it has had the Temerity to insinuate that the Sanction of High and illustrious authority has been obtained in support of the parties Guilty of those various Aggressions and to the Injury of the Rights and insulting to the feelings of the Brethern of Ulster.

The Brethern of Ulster are humbly Confident that on the cool, deliberate, and impartial Review which the whole of their conduct will receive, it must appear that neither as Men nor as Masons have they merited those Charges and Aspersions so illiberally and so unmasonically uttered against them. That were they inclined to recriminate they would feel no hesitation in asserting that whilst either the Laws of Masonry or the laws of the land are to constitute the Rule of Conduct, they should not esteem themselves much honoured by a comparison with those persons most active and most industrious in such abuse. Under all those circumstances the freemasons of Ulster venture to express their Humble but confident hope that some measure will be adopted to relieve them from the Obloquy of those Insinuations levelled under the affected shelter of exalted Rank against Rights, which as Men and Masons they hold most dear, and that the Illustrious Personage whose Talents and whose Virtues are equally superior to praise as worthy of Imitation, will not suffer his favour or countenance to be exerted as a means to force upon them Individuals who have forfeited their Confidence, nor permit his exalted Name and Dignity to be so basely and unworthily sported with to their Insult and Injury.

Signed by Order,

A. SETON, D.G.S. Ulster.

(To be continued.)

CENTENARY OF THE HUDDERSFIELD  
LODGE, No. 290.

On Wednesday, the 4th inst., the above lodge met to celebrate its centenary, when there were present Bros. P. MacGregor, W.M.; W. P. Raynor, S.W.; J. H. Hanson, J.W.; Rev. G. Williams, M.A., Chap.; W. Harrop, P.M., P.S.G.W., Treas.; J. H. Taylor, I.P.M.; W. H. Brierley, Reg.; J. Lumb, S.D.; J. Mackenzie, J.D.; T. Murphy, I.G.; W. Owen, Sec.; and numerous other brethren of the lodge. A number of past and present members of the Prov. G. Lodge of West Yorkshire, and members from other lodges, attended, 19 lodges being represented. The visitors included Bros. Hy. Smith, P.M., P.G. Deacon of England, and Dep. P.G.M. of West Yorkshire; H. Lowther Clarke, Prov. G. Chap.; W. F. Smithson, P.M., P. Grand Deacon of England; H. G. E. Green, Prov. G. Sec.; J. Matthewman, Asst. Prov. G. Sec.; T. Bateman Fox, P.P.G.W. (Chairman Charity Committee West Yorks); F. R. W. Hedges, Sec. R.M.I.G.; W. Porritt, W.M. 275; J. Forth, W.M. 521; Hy. Hellawell, W.M. 1783; Lockwood, W.M. 1645; J. E. Bottom, W.M. 2261; Mark Newsome, P.M., P.P.G. Stwd.; J. R. Dore, P.M., P.P.G.D.; Ed. Armitage, P.M., P.P.G.D.; and many others.

The lodge having been opened, the Dep. Prov. G. Master and past and present members of the Prov. Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire entered, the brethren of the lodge singing the processional hymn "Hail Eternal."

Bro. JAMES BROOK, D.C., then called upon Bro. W. L. Wilmshurst to present the W.M. with the history of the lodge.

At the outset Bro. WILMSHURST remarked that some months ago the brethren of the lodge did him the honour to request him to compile the history of the last 100 years of their lodge. It was a great honour but at the same time a great responsibility which he did not fail to appreciate to the very fullest extent; but that responsibility was to a great extent lessened from the fact that the records and books of the lodge from January, 1793, were in a good state of preservation. From the information he had obtained he had been enabled to compile the history of the lodge and the result of his labours was contained in the little book which he had the honour of asking the Worshipful Master's acceptance. As regards the book itself and his humble endeavours in compiling it he was very keenly sensitive of the many imperfections of style which must necessarily attend an unpractised writer, but he could vouch for the veracity of the facts it contained as well as for the impartiality with which they had been treated. It had inspired him with greater veneration for his mother lodge. He trusted it would have a like effect upon his brethren. With the expression of that hope and with his congratulations to the W.M. on his Mastership of the lodge on that auspicious occasion he then begged to place the volume in his hands.

An ode specially composed for the occasion by Bro. Hy. Guy, "Praise to God, immortal praise," was then sung by the composer, with Bros. Sinkinson, E. Haley, and Ben Stocks, P.M.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. HY. SMITH, then delivered the following address:

Brethren,—

The circumstances which have brought together this large assemblage of Freemasons, though not exceptional, are nevertheless both interesting and important. That a society of men should hold together for a period of 100 years—that in spite of local disturbances, trade disasters, and adverse circumstances of various kinds, they should show a continued and unbroken corporate existence for a century, demonstrates both vitality of principle and tenacity of purpose.

In 1889 the centenary of the *Harmony* Lodge, No. 275, was kept in this town, on the 1st of October, of last year, that of *Fidelity* Lodge, No. 289, was worthily celebrated in Leeds. To-day it is your turn, whilst in the near future, the *Royal Brunswick*, Sheffield, and the *Hope* Lodge, Bradford, will commemorate, each, the hundredth year of its Masonic life.

At such times it is felt that a very suitable and appropriate method of marking so important an epoch is the production from its minutes and archives of a sketch of its history with particulars of the vicissitudes of fortune which may have fallen to its lot. This, in the case of the *Huddersfield* Lodge has been done, and very ably done, by Bro. W. L. Wilmshurst. I congratulate him heartily upon the success which has attended his efforts, and upon the skill he has displayed in the treatment of his subject.

In the brief paper he has prepared—a paper doubtless more or less familiar now to all the brethren of his lodge—and an advance copy of which he very courteously sent to me—Bro. Wilmshurst declares that the circumstances connected with the *Huddersfield* Lodge are singularly free from incidents relating to general Masonic progress, and are really only of local interest, but that, nevertheless for the purpose of edifying and stimulating the present members, as well as for the benefit of posterity, he thinks (and I agree with him), that those circumstances should, in a more or less continuous form, be put upon permanent record.

Before referring more particularly to the *Huddersfield* Lodge, let me say that the History of Yorkshire Freemasonry, like the history of science itself, has not yet been thoroughly, or in any sense exhaustively written. Owing to many facts, perfectly well-known to all Masons, historic records of the Craft earlier than the 16th century may be scarcely said to exist. Writers on Masonic matters reject—perhaps rightly—all tradition, and rely only on documentary evidence. From several sources, however written, testimony has been produced of a most valuable character, and it can clearly be shown that Speculative Masonry—as practised by us—did undoubtedly exist in this country in the early part of the 17th century. The probabilities are

that such organisations obtained long before this, and doubtless facts will yet come to light to confirm this theory.

Previous to 1717, when the Grand Lodge of England was formed, there was no systematic organisation of the lodges—no great central authority as at present, though there is evidence that at York there was a lodge which, at an earlier date than this, exercised Masonic influence in the county. Its chief officer was called a President, and the first who bore that title appears to have been Sir George Tempest. This was in 1705.

That this body even before in rivalry it assumed the name and style of *Grand Lodge of All England*, was a Masonic power in Yorkshire, is proved by the extract I gave you in my address to Prov. Grand Lodge, at Bradford, in October last, in which I pointed out that this York Lodge visited that town in 1713, and made 18 gentlemen of the first families Masons. This is important evidence, documentary evidence of the existence of Freemasonry in the West Riding. It seems to show, beyond doubt, that a lodge must have been formed in Bradford some years before the foundation of the present *Probity* Lodge, Halifax, which claims, and I believe, justly, the proud position of oldest existing lodge in West Yorkshire. I hope research will be made, and more light be thrown upon this interesting question. Perhaps the compilers of the history of the Lodge of *Hope*, Bradford, whose centenary falls due early next year, will have something to say about it.

Masonry in the city of York claims a "Time-immemorial" existence, whilst it can be shown to have been established in Scarborough as early as 1705. Coming to the West Riding we see that there must have been a lodge at Bradford in 1713. *Probity* dates from 1738, but, unlike the other Masonic bodies at that time in the county, its authority proceeded from the Grand Lodge in London. Others now follow in somewhat rapid succession—some of which appear to have obtained "dormant" warrants—that is warrants formerly belonging to lodges which had been held in other—perhaps distant—localities—lodges in fact which had died out. Instances of this kind are seen in Lodges "Three Grand Principles," Dewsbury; "Amphibious," Heckmondwike; and "Nelson of the Nile," Batley.

This hunting up dormant warrants and on the strength of holding such documents, obtaining sanction to open a lodge, appears by no means uncommon, and Bro. Matthewman in his book instances the case of some gentlemen of Pudsey who apparently failed to obtain authority to form a lodge in that town, because they were unable to get hold of one of these so-called "dormant" warrants.

The lodge of *Harmony*, which has now its abode in Huddersfield—a lodge which is senior to the *Huddersfield* Lodge by some three years, was, as everyone knows, originally a Halifax lodge. The first Masonic organisation in Huddersfield proper was that which is now so flourishing, within whose portals we are now assembled, whose centenary we this day celebrate. Like many others its place of meeting and even name has undergone change. Called *White Hart* at first—apparently because it met at that then well-known hostelry—Bro. Wilmshurst shows in his pages that in the earlier periods of its history, it must have gone through strange vicissitudes and acute crisis; that its struggle for bare existence was more than once tremendous, and the result distinctly doubtful, but, that through the perseverance, the dogged tenacity, and the Masonic conduct of some of its more prominent members, it survived its many troubles, social and financial, and now, as I can testify, brethren, its stands forth strong in members, firm in principles and enthusiastic, yet careful, in its ritual. By the influence and example of the noble band of brethren whom it has numbered in its ranks—some alas! gone to their rest, but others yet, thank heaven, still remaining—it can now hold up its head with the best, it can point to a splendid record of deeds of Charity in the past, and can confidently anticipate a no less brilliant career in the future. And here let us pause for a moment and see if in the history of the struggles of this old lodge, some lesson may not be conveyed to us the Masons of the present day. Apart from other influences, Bro. Wilmshurst's little sketch will not have been written in vain, if it shows us—how, by the exercise of mutual forbearance and consideration—the practice in fact of the principles which we professedly admire—a lodge may be kept together, its differences adjusted, its discontents appeased, and its very existence preserved.

Brethren, have we no disagreements? Are all our lodges working harmoniously and pleasantly? Have not instances been brought to our notice of brethren, who, through the lack of the Masonic virtues these old generations of dead and gone Masons possessed, have brought their lodges to a dead-lock, have stifled their influences for good, and turned to bitterness what should have been wholesome, sweet, and pleasant? Let us take example from these brethren of earlier days; let us sink personalities; let us practise, both inside and outside our own lodges, the grand and eternal principles which are so beautifully inculcated in the teachings of our ancient and noble Order, and then discords will cease, peace and harmony will reign, and Masonic progress will be assured.

To return, brethren, in my long experience of Masonic matters, I have often stood aghast at what may perhaps be euphoniously called the "extraordinary vagaries of Secretaries." I have reached that stage now, when I might almost say I am beyond astonishment. Of course, as in all institutions, there are the good and the bad, the careful and the indifferent, the intelligent and the ignorant, and if, as is often the case, we find the Secretary of to-day not too efficient in the discharge of his duties, what can we expect from that officer in the early days of the century?

That the schoolmaster was not then abroad is very conclusively shown by the extracts of the *Huddersfield* Lodge which Bro. Wilmshurst gives. Spelling was evidently not included amongst the Masonic arts and sciences in those days, and Secretaries allowed themselves a delightful freedom from restraint in this particular, which is in a high degree amusing. Such freedom doubtless gave scope to originality, and did I not know that Masonic Secretaries are seldom found to be facetious, I should be disposed to look upon some of the entries as a huge orthographical joke.

Nor is this all. Only those who have had it to do know the labour involved in reading over old minute books. As a rule they are brief, dry, and illegible; are often just lists of names and the barest mention of events. But of these dry-as-dust records of the past, those of the *Huddersfield* Lodge, Bro. Wilmshurst thinks, must have been the least interesting.

In this, as in some other matters, Bro. Wilmshurst will

learn by experience. It is, however, a most healthy sign of the vigour and the vitality of a lodge when young Masons like Bro. Wilmshurst take so active an interest in the welfare of their lodge, and devote time, care, labour, and learning to an enquiry into its early history and associations. I cannot but commend such conduct. It shows that the lead of our Provincial Grand Master is being followed, and that through his example and teaching, backed up as it has been by his munificent support of our Provincial Library, the pursuit of Masonic knowledge in West Yorkshire is year by year increasing.

And now, brethren, let me say how heartily I congratulate you upon the successful struggle your forefathers in the Craft have maintained in the past. Through their self-denying efforts, coupled with your own exertions, you have reached a most important and satisfactory position. Let it be your part, Worshipful Master Macgregor, and that of those who follow you, to maintain this success by thoroughly deserving it, and when I and the present generation shall have passed away, may the *Huddersfield* Lodge, along with the other Masonic lodges in this handsome and flourishing town, hold up aloft the torch of Masonic principle, and hand it on to others, brightly burning, so that the light of our glorious Institution may continue to shine until time shall be no more.

The DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER, in presenting the centenary warrant to the W.M., said: I have a very pleasant duty, not only on behalf of the Prov. Grand Master and the members of Prov. Grand Lodge, but on my own behalf. I have the honour and the pleasure to present to you this warrant—long may it be preserved. I shall content myself with simply handing over the warrant. I believe at a later period of the evening that I shall have the honour of pinning on the jewels.

The Secretary, Bro. OWEN, read the following letter from the Prov. G.M.:

Pontefract, December 24th, 1892.

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am very much obliged for your sending me the history of the *Huddersfield* Lodge, No. 290, which you say celebrates its centenary 4th January, 1893. I greatly regret I shall be unable to be present in consequence of my continued indisposition. I am able to report myself better than last Christmas; but the dropsy from which I am suffering prevents me from walking or taking any part in public affairs. I am not without hopes of an approximate recovery; but this can only be a work of time and the goodness of Providence. Your history is a very nice one of the lodge, and I wish every lodge in the province had as good a record of its existence and proceedings as that which you have compiled. Having obtained your centenary warrant, you will feel how important it has been to you and your lodge to write up, keep, and preserve accurate minutes of your past hundred years of existence. I wish your lodge continued prosperity, longevity, and perpetuity, and especially I thank you for your contribution to the T. W. Tew's Presentation Boys' Institution.—I remain, yours faithfully,

THOS. W. TEW,

Prov. Grand Master West Yorkshire.

To Bro. W. L. Wilmshurst.

Bro. P. MACGREGOR, W.M., in reply to the presentation of the warrant, said: Worshipful Deputy Prov. Grand Master,—It is now my privilege and honour to rise on behalf of my brethren to thank you, Sir, for the distinguished honour you have conferred upon us this afternoon. I think that I shall be best expressing what is uppermost in the hearts of the brethren of this lodge when I express my great regret that the severe and long-continued illness with which it has pleased the Great Architect of the Universe to afflict our revered and respected Prov. Grand Master has deprived us of the honour and pleasure of his presence here this afternoon. We know the deep interest W. Bro. Tew takes in all that relates to Masonry in West Yorkshire, and we feel assured that nothing but the very serious state of his health could prevent him joining us here this afternoon. The letter, which has just been read by the Secretary, showed that his interest in Masonry outlives even the pains and miseries of continued ill-health. May I ask you, Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, to be good enough to convey to our revered Provincial Grand Master our deep sorrow and sympathy in his affliction. We trust that the Great Architect of the Universe may see fit to restore him to his brethren of West Yorkshire. To you, Sir, I have, on behalf of the brethren of my lodge, to tender our grateful acknowledgements for your presence this evening. Your presence transforms everything; transforms what would otherwise have been a private festival into an official function of considerable importance, which will be taken notice of throughout the Province of West Yorkshire. I express my regret that the privilege of responding for this honour has not been conferred on an older and better Mason. I cannot conclude my remarks without expressing the pleasure it gives me to see our devoted old Past Master, Alfred Smith, who, after being confined to his room for 15 months, has this afternoon braved the elements, perhaps for the last time, to pay his respects to his mother lodge. Just 40 years ago he was Master of this lodge. We are pleased and proud that his interest in Masonic affairs, in the continued prosperity of his lodge, and in this, its great festival, has brought him here this afternoon. Permit me now, Sir, to ask you to do us the honour to have the excellent address you have read printed and circulated, that it may form a proper addendum to this day's proceedings. I trust that you will see fit to satisfy us in this respect, and leave the transcript with us. I have to thank you for the warrant you have been kind enough to hand over to us. I trust that it will be transmitted unaltered through many generations of Masons. Brethren, the great power in Masonry is the good example of its past members. I hope that the art will ever stimulate us, and that Charity will always be our principle, and

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Ladies' Night at the Eccleston Lodge, No. 1624.  
As well as several reports of meetings of Lodges of Instruction.



SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 1893.

## Masonic Notes.

The announcement we were able to make last week  
to the effect that Bro. Terry, Secretary to the Royal  
Masonic Benevolent Institution, after well nigh in-  
numerable delays and disappointments, had at length  
succeeded in obtaining a Chairman in the person of  
Bro. Chas. E. Keyser, J.G.D., has already had a marvel-  
lous effect on the constitution of the Board of Stewards.  
A fortnight since it consisted of some 125 brethren, all  
told; now it numbers not far short of 160, upwards of  
30 brethren having given in their names as members of  
the Board since it became known that Bro. Keyser had  
accepted the Chairmanship. This is good news, and  
promises well for the result of the celebration on  
Wednesday, the 22nd prox.

Not many months ago a Lady Visitor to the Royal  
Masonic Institution for Girls on one of the occasions  
when Calisthenics, Marching, Music and Singing are  
performed, said "Charming! Very good, indeed! and  
the children look healthy, well cared for and happy;  
but what about the every day education!" Those  
acquainted with the inner working of the School know  
that this is carried on with infinite care, patience and  
regularity, but to those not so well versed, an unmis-  
takeable answer is given by the report just issued by  
the College of Preceptors as the result of the recent  
examinations. Miss Davis the Head Governess had  
sufficient courage and confidence to send in no fewer  
than 45 Girls to be examined (and these not the  
seniors, who were reserved for the Cambridge Local  
Examination), and she has now the infinite satisfaction  
of making known to the House Committee, and  
through them to the Governors, that the whole of  
her 45 pupils have passed and received certificates  
accordingly.

The installation meeting of the Empire Lodge had  
one or two points of special interest. In the first  
place Bro. Lennox Browne, the father and Treasurer  
of the lodge, installed as W.M. Bro. Frank Jame-  
son, the first initiate who had risen to the Master's  
chair. Secondly, Mr. Eugene Oudin, the delightful  
singer (baritone) now singing in "Ma Mie Rosette,"  
entered Masonry. The meeting was made the occasion  
of providing music of exceptional quality for the banquet,  
under the able direction of Bro. Hermann Klein, the  
sponsor of the neophyte. The speech of Bro. Oudin,  
who, before becoming a singer, was a barrister in New  
York, and a pupil of Secretary Ewatts, was admitted  
by such accomplished Masons as Bros. Sir John Monck-  
ton, Samuel Pope, and Richard Eve to be the most  
eloquent and lofty they had ever listened to from an  
initiate, while his singing contributions so entranced  
the company that not a single Grand Officer, and  
hardly a visitor or member left the table until after the  
Tyler's toast.

Bro. General Laurie, in returning thanks for the  
"Sister Grand Lodges"—a toast always honoured at  
the Empire Lodge—reminded the brethren that there  
would probably be another influx of distinguished  
Colonial Masons on the occasion of the opening of the  
Imperial Institute, and Bro. Trendell, C.M.G., speaking  
for "The Past Masters," promised that the lodge would  
seize the opportunity of again proving its *raison d'être*  
by receiving them with all honour, as they had done  
during the year of the Colonial Exhibition, and, more  
recently, when Chief-Justice Way and the Newfound-  
land delegates visited this country.

We have received from our valued correspondent,  
Bro. Paul Schneider, of Gifford, a translation of the  
Pope's latest pronouncement, but although it is in type  
we are unable to find room for it in this issue. To English  
Freemasons these fulminations of the Pope against our  
Craft possess little real interest, but some of our readers  
may perhaps like to see what is said of them and the  
Order by the infallible head of the Romish Church.

It is with very sincere regret that we announce the  
death of two of the leading members of the Craft—  
Bro. Col. Marmaduke Ramsay, District Grand Master  
of Malta, and Bro. Samuel Rawson, Past District  
Grand Master of China. Particulars of the latter

brother's career will be found in another part of our  
columns, and therefore we need not say more about him  
here than that in all the branches of Freemasonry with  
which he was connected, he played a very distinguished  
part, his services being many and various, and as re-  
gards the most important of them, most cordially  
recognised.

Bro. Col. Ramsay, though he occasionally visited  
this country—it is not, indeed, so very long ago that he  
was over here—had won his distinctions abroad. He  
was Deputy D.G.M. of the Punjab, District G.M. from  
1874 to 1881, and G. Supt. of Royal Arch Masons  
from 1875 to 1881. In 1888, the Prince was graciously  
pleased to appoint him D.G.M. and G. Supt. of Malta,  
and these offices he held at the time of his death.  
Bro. Col. Ramsay had won great popularity as D.G.M.  
among the Craft in Malta, and by them, as well as by  
his numerous friends in the United Kingdom, the loss  
of this able and earnest brother will be very deeply  
regretted.

Our Canadian brethren have worthily celebrated the  
Centenary of the constitution of their Prov. G. Lodge  
in 1792. The important gathering was held in  
Toronto on the 28th December, when Bro. J. Ross  
Robertson, immediate Past G. Master, presided over a  
company consisting of several hundreds of brethren,  
and including the Lieut.-Governor of the Province of  
Ontario; his son, Bro. A. F. Kirkpatrick; Bro. J. K.  
Kerr, Q.C., Past G. Master; Bro. Hugh Murray, Past  
G.M., and G. Treasurer; Bro. J. J. Mason, G. Sec.;  
Bro. W. White, Dep. G.M., and most of the notabilities  
in this Province of the Dominion. Great enthusiasm  
marked the proceedings throughout, Bro. Robertson's  
sketch of the progress of the Craft from its introduction  
into Canada till now being listened to with the most  
profound attention. We shall lay before our readers a  
full account of what passed in our next week's issue.  
In the meantime, however, we congratulate our  
Canadian brethren on the successful celebration of an  
event which must necessarily be of the greatest interest  
to them.

## Correspondence.

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

### AN APPEAL TO HERTFORDSHIRE FREEMASONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I see by this week's *Freemason* that the Royal  
Masonic Benevolent Institution have paid Hertford-  
shire a compliment, and have secured the services of  
one of our distinguished brethren to preside over their  
forthcoming Festival, which, coming as it does  
immediately after the unprecedented success attained  
in 1892, when over £60,000 was realised for the  
Jubilee of that excellent Charity, it needs a bold man  
to preside over the Festival of the following year.  
Although, knowing the indefatigable and untiring  
energy of Bro. Terry and his able coadjutors, it may  
reasonably be hoped that the deserving Charity will  
receive at least its due measure of support, but even  
the most sanguine can hardly expect it to approach  
the magnificent total of last year; and as Bro. C. B.  
Keyser has so pluckily come forward almost at the  
eleventh hour to fill the vacant chair, is it too much  
to ask all his Hertfordshire brethren now to rally round  
and support him for the credit of Freemasonry in our  
county? And when we remember that 5s. entitles the  
donor to a vote—if each Hertfordshire Lodge will  
appoint a Steward for the R.M.B.I., and every mem-  
ber will give 5s., 10s., or whatever he can afford on the  
Steward's list—"Little Herts" may come again to the  
front in the present, as it has tried to do in the past.

My mother lodge, the Cecil, No. 449, appointed a  
worthy brother its Steward to the R.M.B.I. in Novem-  
ber last. Several of the members have expressed their  
willingness to support his list. Among others, a newly-  
initiated brother, on making his *debut*, volunteered a  
subscription to the Charity.

Those who know Bro. Keyser, either in Grand  
Lodge, Provincial Grand Lodge, as a member of nearly  
every order of Masonry in England, as a patron and  
large supporter of all Masonic Charities, or when  
attending a Herts Lodge, will, I trust, not consider  
this letter out of place in asking for the kind co-  
operation of all Hertfordshire Freemasons in support  
of the R.M.B.I., and of our Worshipful Bro. Charles  
E. Keyser, a present Grand Deacon, P.P.G.W. Herts,  
&c., at the Benevolent Institution Festival of 1893. As  
a Hertfordshire Mason, I am proud to add that, among  
many other lodges, Bro. C. E. Keyser belongs to the  
Cecil, No. 449, Herts, in which a membership of nearly  
35 years has made me, yours fraternally,

THE FATHER OF THE LODGE.

Hailey Hall, Hertford,  
Jan. 23rd.

## Reviews.

## LODGE PRUDENCE DIRECTORY, No. 2069, LEEDS.

This is an excellent idea, carried out ably by Bro. Tudor Trevor, P.M. and Sec., and cannot fail to prove an indispensable manual for the members of this flourishing lodge, "consecrated" on November 8th, 1884. The "Notes of Events" are very interesting, and the table of donations and votes to the Central Masonic Charities prove that the brethren are alive to their duties and obligations as Craftsmen. Total votes for the trio amount to 279, and exhibit gifts to the extent of £637 15s. The "Register of Members" affords an insight into the Masonic tastes and proclivities of the founders and subscribers, as the particulars include all "Masonic Degrees." The "Founders" were (and are) Bros. E. Woodhouse, Rev. Dr. T. C. Smyth, C. Letch Mason, Tudor Trevor, and William Watson. All of the above have "passed the chair" in the order named. The "Directory" is also a guide for all the Grand Bodies, Craft, Arch, Mark, &c., and is literally full of information.

## BERKS.

The members of the Province of Berks will gladly welcome the "Masonic Register and Calendar for 1893," as the first issue for 1892, so ably edited by the D. Prov. G.M., Bro. J. T. Morland, M.A., proved such a capital and well-arranged manual. This time the name of the editor does not transpire, but the publisher (and printer) is the same as before, viz., Bro. G. J. Cosburn, Newbury. It is, practically, edited on the same lines as the first of 1892, and contains an immense number of particulars concerning the 14 lodges, three Royal Arch chapters, four Mark lodges, and the other Masonic bodies in Berks. The list of votes for the Charities would be better still if the totals were given under each Institution. For one of the smaller provinces, Berkshire is well off to have such a valuable Masonic directory.

## SUSSEX.

This "Masonic Almanac" is one of the neatest and most compact of the many published in England, and the numerous tables, statistical and general, are so well arranged that there are few, if any, of the kind which contain more matter per page, and certainly it has no superior as respects needful Masonic information. Doubtless the able reports of the Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. V. P. Freeman, P.G.D., have been utilised, and the result is that what is termed an "Almanac" is in reality a miniature directory for the Province of Sussex, with its 27 lodges and 1313 members, and nine Royal Arch chapters and 256 companions. The printers and publishers are Messrs. Farncombe and Co., Lewes.

## EAST LANCASHIRE.

This folded "Calendar" is in its 43rd issue, and possibly is the senior publication of the kind in this country. It goes on from year to year on the same lines, and certainly in its almost "time immemorial" shape, it is not possible to give or do more, but for such a large province of over 100 lodges, a regular directory in book form would prove a most valuable and welcome guide to the brethren.

## WEST YORKSHIRE.

This is another folded Calendar, &c., and "crammed full" of information. It is a wonderful compilation and a *multum in parvo*. There are 75 lodges represented with 3647 members; 41 Royal Arch chapters with 1260 companions; 10 Knights Templar preceptories and 214 members; 11 Mark lodges and 351 members; and three Rose Croix chapters.



## Craft Masonry.

## METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

**Domestic Lodge (No. 177).**—The festivities connected with the installation meeting of this lodge, which was held on the 13th inst. at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, were somewhat marred by the sad news that Bro. Alfred Piper, the W.M. elect, had suffered an irreparable loss by the death of his only son, which occurred on the 11th inst. The members and visitors present were unanimous in their expressions of sympathy with Bro. Piper, who was reluctantly compelled to abstain from presiding at the banquet table. The members present included Bros. E. A. G. Smith, W.M.; Alfred Piper, S.W.; T. B. Goodfellow, I.P.M.; W. J. Ferguson, P.M.; N. Salmon, P.M.; R. Harvey, P.M.; H. N. Price, P.M.; E. White, P.M.; P. Pierrepont, P.M.; W. M. Foxcroft, P.M.; J. Barnett, P.M.; J. W. Geo. Everett, P.M.; P. G. Treas., Treas.; Thos. Morris, Sec.; W. E. Wigmore, S.D.; George Gardner, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., J.D.; T. H. Hobbs, I.G.; T. N. Morris, I.G.; R. B. Hopkins, Org.; Jas. Stephens, P.M., Stwd.; and many others. Visitors: Bros. J. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.B.I.; L. H. Walker, 2157; W. T. Buxton, P.M. 2308; J. J. Cook, D.C. 1185; C. Grimes, 2426; A. Wood, I.G. 2426; F. M. Newton, I.P.M. 90; Geo. V. Wood, W.M. 1608; E. A. Hire, P.P.G.S.B. Kent; G. S. Wilks, S.D. 125; H. E. Poole, 2030; Walter Martin, P.M. 879; J. Ranson, 1349; J. B. Whitworth, 1150; A. A. Davies, S.W. 2426; J. T. Davies, S.W. 2426; A. J. Millington, J.W. 1227; W. C. Ferris, W. G. Edwards, 2264; J. D. Wilkinson, P.M. 879; W. Harris, I.P.M. 1662; H. Murrell, S.W. 30; G. Gaspard, 1087; R. P. Atkin, P.M. 55; W. Smith, 1624; H. Davies, 1685; and W. W. Lee, W.M. 2381.

The lodge was opened, the minutes confirmed, and the Auditors' report received and adopted. At the request of Bro. E. Smith, W.M., the chair was taken by Bro. W. J. Ferguson, P.M., who installed Bro. Alfred Piper, as W.M. in the presence of a numerous and attentive Board of Installed Masters. The following officers were invested: Bros. John Barreter, P.M., S.W.; W. E. Wigmore, J.W.; George Everett, P.M., P.G. Treas.; Thos. Morris, Sec.;

George Gardner, P.M., S.D.; T. H. Hobbs, J.D.; T. N. Morris, I.G.; R. B. Hopkins, Org.; James Stephens, P.M., D.C.; W. S. Andrews, A.D.C.; H. N. Price, P.M., and J. Anley, jun., Stwds.; and A. Walkley, P.M., Tyler. The W.M. presented Bro. E. A. G. Smith, I.P.M., with a Past Master's jewel in recognition of services rendered to the lodge, and the gift was duly acknowledged. On the proposition of Bro. George Everett, P.M., Treas., the usual sum of 25 guineas was voted to one of the Masonic Institutions, and as the Boys' School stood next in rotation for support, the sum voted was ordered to be placed on the list of the W.M., who will serve as Steward.

The lodge was closed, and after an excellent banquet, the usual toasts were given under the presidency of Bro. Ferguson, P.M.

Bro. Jas. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I., who acknowledged "The Grand Officers," thanked Bro. Everett, P.G. Treas., for his kindness and courtesy in permitting him the privilege of responding. In the absence of the M.W.G. Master, the other Grand Officers, notably the Pro G.M. and Deputy G.M. had important duties to perform, and how well they discharged them those who attended the last Grand Lodge meeting could judge. They regarded it as an evidence of the interest they took in the well-being and welfare of the Craft, that no time was too great to devote to Grand Lodge. For himself, as a Grand Officer occupying an humble position, he had to thank them for the compliment paid him in conjunction with the other Grand Officers.

Bro. E. A. G. Smith, I.P.M., said it was with a very sad feeling he approached the toast of "The W.M." They had known Bro. Piper for some time, and were sure he would render good suit and service to the lodge. He was confident it would be a source of assistance to their W.M. in his present deep distress; to know the brethren sympathised with him in his absence, and, for the information of those who were unaware of the cause of that absence, he must tell them that only two days previously Bro. Piper lost his only son.

Bro. W. J. Ferguson, P.M., in replying to the toast on behalf of the W.M., expressed the thanks of Bro. Piper for the sympathy shown. He trusted that after a little time had passed the W.M. would be able to take the chair and discharge his duties without thinking so seriously of the calamitous event which had initiated him into the chair of the lodge. It was a sad thing for Bro. Piper to lose the greatest hope he had in life, and to be installed into the greatest hope he had in Masonry, all within the space of two days. He trusted the W.M. would have so much work to do when occupying the chair that he would never have the chance of thinking of the time when he was installed into it.

"The Masonic Charities" was next given by Bro. Ferguson, P.M.

Bro. J. M. McLeod, Secretary R.M.I. for Boys, said it was a very pleasing duty to respond for the toast in this lodge, knowing as he did of what they were capable, and how generously they supported the Charities, and the valuable assistance given by the members in the management of the Institution he represented. They were all gratified at the large amount of support rendered to the Institutions during the past year, the total amount of £90,000 having been subscribed. A large portion of that money had been invested to add to the permanent income, and they were warranted in again coming forward to appeal for the good work. In addition to the large amount subscribed to the Institutions they heard every day of increased amounts being given to various provincial organisations, and in London in many lodges they knew of acts of Masonic Charity. All these various forms of Charity showed clearly that there was a great deal in their Order that warranted them in meeting and enjoying themselves. The W.M., for whom he felt great sorrow, had kindly consented to act as Steward for the Boys' School Festival. Although the management of that Institution had to thank the brethren for liberal support they appealed for further support, in order that it might have a funded property on an equality with the others. The Boys' Institution had no large sum of money granted to them, and he found that in 1888 a capitation grant was made for every Mason registered in the books of Grand Lodge. In 1888 the Grand Lodge commuted that sum for £180 per annum. At that time there were but 400 lodges, but now, having 2000 lodges on the roll, the time had fairly arrived when he could appeal to Bro. Everett as one of the highest officers, and to Bro. J. Terry, who was never jealous of any other Institution, to give their attention to this matter, and see that a proportionate amount was granted. The boys have hitherto had to leave school at 15, but their most occasionally be one or two boys with exceptional ability, and it was therefore decided to form a superior class. It was the latest idea of progressive education, and he hoped those brethren who could would go down to the School and see for themselves the good work being done.

Bros. W. W. Lee, W.M. 2381; Hire, P.P.G.S.B. Kent; Wilks, S.D. 125; and Walter Martin, P.M., responded for "The Visitors."

Bro. Jas. Stephens, P.M., D.C., proposed "The Installing and Past Masters," and said that whatever he lacked in words he made up in the earnestness of his feelings. He only regretted most deeply the circumstances which had forced the honour upon him. He had been a member of the lodge for eight years, and from the earliest days he visited it he found that Bro. Ferguson, P.M., was the general utility man. On the programme it was announced that the I.P.M. was to work the installation ceremony, but that brother had had a severe bereavement of late, and was not equal to the occasion. Bro. Ferguson was called upon suddenly, and no P.M. could have performed the ceremony in a more perfect manner.

Bro. W. J. Ferguson, P.M., responded, and said he trusted he had been enabled to discharge the duties to the satisfaction of Bro. Piper, W.M., and the members.

Bro. E. White, P.M., then gave "The Treasurer and Secretary," for which Bros. Geo. Everett, P.G. Treas., and Morris, Sec., replied.

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

The following artistes assisted in a good musical programme: Madame Reichelmann, Miss Foxcroft, Mr. W. P. Richards, and Bro. W. H. Eccleston.

**Confidence Lodge (No. 193).**—The installation meeting was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Monday, the 9th inst. Present: Bros. J. Hart, W.M.; W. Belchamber, S.W.; W.M. elect; Claude Audain,

J.W.; F. Haines, S.D.; F. S. Plowright, I.G.; Kershaw, P.M.; Treas.; W. Wood, P.M., Sec.; Davey, P.M.; Nightingale, P.M.; Fells, P.M.; Smith, P.M.; Cubitt, P.M.; Smither, and a large attendance of brethren.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken, and resulted in the unanimous election, of Mr. Hy. Jacobs as a member of the lodge, and, after Bro. Hart, W.M., had duly raised Bros. Cutting, Collison, Wiffen, and Lambert to the Degree of M.M., Mr. H. Jacobs was initiated, after which Bro. F. Pribul was advanced by the W.M. to the Degree of F.C. The W.M. was then relieved from his arduous duties by Bro. S. Webb, P.M., Treas. 1287, who took the chair as Installing Master, and Bro. W. Belchamber being presented as W.M. elect, the ceremony of installation was performed in Bro. Webb's well-accustomed and perfect manner. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. Hart, I.P.M.; C. E. H. Audain, S.W.; F. Haines, J.W.; B. D. Kershaw, P.M., Treas.; Walter Wood, P.M., Sec.; F. S. Plowright, S.D.; T. Kingston, J.D.; A. D. Rae, I.G.; G. P. Nightingale, P.M., D.C.; E. Pennock, A.D.C.; J. E. Fells, P.M., and J. Westley, Stewards; G. C. Serle, Hon. Org.; and G. Reinhardt, Tyler. The report of the Auditors was adopted, as also the Benevolent Fund, showing a balance of over £70. Ten guineas were voted to the list of Bro. Fells, P.M., who is Steward this year for the Boys' School, and 10 guineas to be balloted for by the brethren at the February meeting. A notice of motion was given by the Secretary for a grant to a distressed brother, and a grant of three guineas, as an honorarium to Bro. Serle, Hon. Org., for his services during the past year. It was proposed by Bro. Hart, I.P.M., seconded by Bro. Davey, P.M., and carried unanimously—"That a banquet, to which ladies may be invited, should be held on Monday, March 13th, 1893," that held in the spring of 1892 being a great success.

The business of the lodge being ended, the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where an excellent menu was provided by the host, Bro. A. W. Clemow.

After the customary loyal toasts, the W.M., with a few appropriate remarks, on behalf of the lodge, presented to Bro. Hart, I.P.M., a valuable and handsome gold Past Master's jewel, suitably inscribed, as a recognition of the great zeal and ability displayed by Bro. Hart in the well-ruling and governing of the lodge. During the past 12 months no less than 20 initiates and two joining members had been placed on the roll of the lodge. Bro. Hart was also presented with a collar and silver Past Master's jewel, duly engraved, in testimony to his unequalled services.

The I.P.M. tendered his thanks in eloquent terms, which elicited repeated tokens of approval from the brethren.

The customary toasts, interspersed with harmony, vocal and instrumental, and the inevitable replies, brought a long but most enjoyable evening to a close, and the brethren separated all expressing a hope that the present year may prove as successful to the lodge.

Upwards of 80 sat down to dinner, comprising 34 visitors, amongst whom were Bros. Downing, 20, P.D.G.D. of C. Kent; H. W. Humphreys, 1638, P.P.G. Std. Br. Surrey; J. H. Lovegrove, P.M. 1295, P.P.G.S. of W. North Wales; H. E. Coffin, P.M. 167, 704; W. Cleghorn, P.M., Sec. 1287; Lewis Lake, 87; V. Morris, P.M. 642; J. D. Arnold, P.M. 1586; R. D. Smith, W.M. 27; R. Turenay, S.D. 1760; W. Adams, P.M. 1687; V. F. S. D. Arcey Braman, 1348; A. Mundy, 1295; H. Browning, 1320; W. E. Kington, 771; B. Blakemore, 1354; G. W. Travers, 1354; C. Woodrow, 1708; J. W. Block, P.M. 3; J. Davidson, 87; and others.

**Maybury Lodge (No. 969).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 18th inst., at the Inns of Court Hotel, when the chair was occupied by Bro. Dr. J. F. Woods, W.M. The company was a large one, and included Bros. Dr. D. M. Forbes, S.W.; W. Smallpiece, P.M., J.W.; G. Bassett, Sec.; G. D. Lister, P.M., S.D.; Percy Collinson, J.D.; Dr. F. F. Toogood, I.G.; E. G. Van Tromp, P.M.; J. J. Sandeman, Dr. J. J. Gordon, and Dr. R. Evans. Visitors: Bros. C. F. Matier, P.G. Std. Br.; W. Hopekirk, P.G.P.; Walter Stanley, 63; J. Driscoll, P.M. 30; A. Young, J.D. 14; J. Page, P.M. 753; A. Ritchie, D.C. 173; Dr. H. Chabot, I.G. 1329; Dr. Burney, P.M. 140; Dr. W. C. Worley, 227; J. Stevenson, 1579; W. A. Finch, J.D. 2256; H. Finch, P.M. 1365; F. Leaver, W.M. 2076; J. R. Brown, 1364; J. H. Gordon, 820; and others.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for the office of Treasurer in the place of Bro. B. H. Van Tromp, P.M., who had unfortunately been compelled through ill-health to discontinue his active, able, and long service in the lodge as Treasurer. Bro. Lister, P.M., was unanimously elected. A ballot was taken for Mr. John Owen Perry as an initiate, and duly elected. Bro. Dr. D. M. Forbes was then presented as W.M. elect, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, Bro. D. M. Forbes was installed into the chair of K.S. The ceremony, with the usual addresses, was performed by Bros. J. F. Woods and G. D. Lister in an able manner. The new W.M. thereupon appointed and invested the following officers: Bros. W. Smallpiece, P.M., S.W.; P. Collinson, J.W.; G. D. Lister, P.M., Treas.; G. Bassett, P.M., Sec.; F. S. Toogood, S.D.; J. J. Sandeman, J.D.; J. J. Gordon, I.G.; R. Evans, Steward; and Goddard, Tyler.

After the closing of the lodge, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting-room, where a sumptuous repast was provided, and the usual toasts followed, interspersed with charming selections of vocal and instrumental music by Bros. J. F. Woods, Hart Gordon, G. Bassett, G. D. Lister, F. S. Toogood, E. G. Van Tromp, and F. Fingstein on the violin.

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, the M.W.G.M. of England, who had been initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry 125 years ago, by the King of Sweden, and joined the Grand Lodge of England the following year, who has been a true and faithful brother in maintaining and extending the principles of the Craft, and whom we hope soon to see again in Grand Lodge in the chair of K.S."

The toast of "The Pro Grand Master, Dep. Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was given by the W.M. and responded to by Bros. C. F. Matier, P.G. Std. Br., and W. Hopekirk, P.G.P.

Bro. J. F. Woods, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." in eloquent terms.

In response, the Worshipful Master expressed his deep sense of the honour the brethren had conferred upon him in electing him to the chair of the lodge which had been previously occupied by so many distinguished brethren, such as the late Ben Webster, Bros. Henry Neville, David James, Thomas Thorne, and others, and he could assure the brethren that no effort would be wanting on his part to make his year of office a prosperous and successful one.

In proposing the toast of "The Immediate Past Master," The W.M. congratulated Bro. Woods on the manner in which he performed the duties of W.M., his rendering of the ceremonies being a subject of universal commendation, and it was with much pleasure that he, as an old friend, in the name of the lodge, presented Bro. J. F. Woods with a Past Master's jewel as a token of their esteem and regard for the distinguished services he had rendered the lodge.

Bro. J. F. Woods, in reply, thanked the W.M. for his kind remarks, and the brethren for the jewel they had presented to him, and assured them that the interest and welfare of the lodge would continue to be very dear to him.

The Worshipful Master next gave the toast of "The Installing Master"; and Bro. Lister replied.

The toast of "The Visitors" was next given and responded to by Bros. Burney, Finch, and Ritchie.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was given by the Worshipful Master; Bro. E. G. Van Tromp, P.M., replied.

The toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary" was next proposed. The W.M. stated that he had expected Bro. B. H. Van Tromp, P.M., who had been Treasurer of that lodge for over 22 years, to have continued his great and valuable services as Treasurer, and he regretted that owing to the state of his health he was precluded from continuing to occupy that position. He was the father of the lodge, and handed down its tradition to the younger brethren.

The Worshipful Master proceeded to propose "The Health of Bro. Lister," who had been elected Treasurer, and Bro. Basset, who had been appointed Secretary.

Bro. Lister responded, and spoke in feeling terms of the great debt of gratitude which the lodge owed to Bro. B. H. Van Tromp, P.M., for his valuable services as Treasurer since he was installed Master 22 years ago.

"The Officers" having been honoured, the Tyler's toast closed a most successful evening.

#### PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

##### BIRKENHEAD.

**Mersey Lodge (No. 477).**—The installation of Bro. Robert Robinson, W.M. elect of the above lodge, took place on Thursday, the 12th inst., at the Masonic Chambers, Hamilton-street. There was a large attendance of members and visitors, among those present being Bros. A. Moorehouse, W.M.; F. Grundy, I.P.M.; S. Jones, P.M.; P.P.J.G.D.; J. Woolley, P.M.; Councillor E. Evans, P.M.; R. Robinson, S.W.; W. Hopkinson, P.M.; Treas.; J. Holt, Sec.; A. Saunders, I.G.; J. Scarlett, J.W.; J. McLeavy, Stwd.; T. C. Thorburn, P.M.; P.S.G.W.; Councillor E. Denman; J. G. Adams, P.M.; Thos. Cowley; J. T. Thompson, P.M.; T. Woods, E. Dickinson, J. Richards, O. Owens, D. J. Williams, J. H. Smith, I.G.; and S. S. Morris. The visitors included Bros. Newhouse, P.G. Sec.; J. Salmon, P.M.; P.P.S.G.W.; R. Mountfield, 1609; W. Peers, P.M., P.P.G.S. 721; R. Brown, 241; J. Shield, P.M. 2335 and 1086; J. S. Kershaw, 2335; Walter L. Brother, 241; Thomas Barlow, 1576; Alderman Thomas Shaw, P.M. 605; E. R. Latham, P.M. 594; F. G. Parks, S.W. 2335; Councillor J. Gamlin, P.M. 605, P.P.J.G.D.; P. Sword, P.G.S., Sec. 2433; A. A. Gass, P.M. 477; J. Watt, W.M. 605; A. Moore, I.P.M. 605; J. Biss, 605; J. Lee, 605; G. F. Bird, P.M. 1576; R. Crockett, P.M. 202; R. Jenkinson, 1505; J. Sansom, 2375; John Morris, P.M. 1576, P.P.G.S.B.; R. Jones, P.M. 1276; W. H. Edwards, 2375; H. Latham, P.M. 249; and T. Bailey, 605.

Bro. R. Robinson, W.M. elect, was presented for installation by Bros. J. Grundy, P.M., and John Woolley, P.M., the installation ceremony being performed by Bro. S. Jones, P.M., P.P.J.G.D. The newly-installed W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. A. Moorehouse, I.P.M.; S. Jones, P.M., D.C.; Jos. Scarlett, S.W.; J. H. Smith, J.W.; W. Hopkinson, P.M., Treas.; W. C. Kemp, Sec.; A. Saunders, S.D.; J. McLeavy, J.D.; S. S. Morris, I.G.; D. J. Williams, Org.; Thomas Woods and W. H. Jones, Stwds.; and F. W. Holtaway, Tyler. Allusion having been made to the sad bereavement recently sustained by the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Lord Egerton, in the death of Lady Egerton, the sympathy of the lodge found appropriate expression in a formal vote of condolence, a copy of which was directed to be transmitted to his lordship. Bro. Councillor Enoch Evans, P.M., presented, on behalf of the lodge, a handsome Past Master's gold jewel to Bro. A. Moorehouse, I.P.M., for his services in the chair during the year.

After the installation, dinner was served, Bro. R. Robinson, W.M., presiding. Bros. R. Mountfield, 1609; R. Brown, 241; Kershaw, 2335; and Lance enlivened the proceedings with their musical efforts.

Messrs. Hubbart and Martin catered for the occasion.

##### BIRMINGHAM.

**Athol Lodge (No. 74).**—On Wednesday, the 14th inst., the installation meeting of this prosperous lodge took place in its own spacious and handsome hall, Severn-street, when about 100 brethren attended. The installation of Bro. Walter J. Ginder, Worshipful Master, was conducted in an admirable manner by the veteran Bro. Lee, P.M., and the proceedings throughout were of a most harmonious character. The officers appointed and invested were Bros. Councillor Hugh Thomas, I.P.M.; Capt. T. J. Graham, S.W.; W. P. Hoskins, J.W.; George E. Mewis, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; Charles J. Collins, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Charity Steward; E. C. Newey, Sec.; B. Hunn, P.P.G.S.B. Oxon, S.D.; F. J. Collins, J.D.; Josiah Collins, P.M., P.P.G.D., D.C.; and J. C. Nichol, I.G.

About 40 visitors attended, amongst whom were the Deputy P.G.M., Bro. J. T. Collins, J.P., P.G.S.B.; J. Morrison McLeod, P.P.S.G.W. Derbyshire, Secretary R.M.I.B.; and other brethren from neighbouring lodges and provinces.

The banquet was well served, and the the *post-prandial* proceeding were greatly enjoyed by the brethren and visitors.

After the usual loyal toasts had been honoured with appropriate enthusiasm, that of "The Grand Officers" was responded to by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, who alluded in eloquent terms to the marvellous bond of brotherhood which brought together Prince and subjects. In an experience of many years he had been struck with the great growth of the Order under the Grand Lodge of England, and the beneficent work which had followed in its steps. Their rulers were good men and true, and ruled in a truly Masonic manner. All the Grand Officers were warm and active in supporting their Order for the good it did and the spirit which actuates it.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Health of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Lord Leigh, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," and said Lord Leigh, as the oldest Prov. Grand Master in England, was so beloved in his province for the active manner in which he discharged his duties.

Bro. Collins again responded in very eloquent terms, and thanked the brethren most heartily for the kind manner in which the combined toast had been received. He alluded to the recent important meeting held to hear Bro. Sudlow expound in such an easy and elegant manner the ritual of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, and other matters in which the brethren of the province had taken great interest and supported their officers. He especially acknowledged the kind way in which they alluded to him and his work as Deputy Prov. Grand Master.

Bro. Johnson, P.P.G. Reg., also responded.

In the unavoidable absence of the I.P.M., the toast of "The Worshipful Master" was proposed by the S.W., who alluded to the steady and persevering way in which Bro. Ginder had worked up through the various offices to the proud position all were so glad to see him occupy that evening.

The W.M. briefly acknowledged the kind and cordial way in which the toast had been received. He was proud to occupy the position, towards which he had looked for some time, and meant to do all he could to make the year one of continued success for the lodge.

The Charity-box in this lodge is a great institution, and was for the first time in the care of the new Charity Steward, Bro. C. J. Collins, and it was announced that the sum of £15 15s. had been realised, and this was ultimately increased to £40 17s. 6d. amidst the plaudits of the brethren.

The toast of "The Masonic Charities" was proposed by Bro. Lee, as the oldest Past Master, and supplemented by Bro. James Moffat, P.P.G. Reg.

Bro. Moffat congratulated his successor in the office of Charity Steward on having such a good start, and nothing would give him more pleasure than to find his record during the nine years he had held the position, and in which he had been able by the generous help of the brethren to send to the various Charities a grand total of £2300—beaten by Bro. Collins. He was glad to have been the means of bringing Bro. McLeod down to them, for he felt that much good was done by the visits of the Secretaries of the Institutions into the provinces, and he commended that fact to the notice of the D.P.G.M.

In response, Bro. J. M. McLeod expressed his obligations to Bro. Moffat for the valuable services he had rendered to the three Institutions during so many years past; also for giving him this splendid opportunity of making the acquaintance of the Warwickshire brethren. It was true, as had been just said, that the delegation work of the executive officers of our great Charities did much to promote a generous support and kindly feeling towards them, and was the means of imparting useful information, removing doubts, and restoring confidence in the working of the Institutions of which they all were so proud. It was the first opportunity that had been afforded to him to visit this province and he was, therefore, especially grateful to Bro. Moffat and the brethren of this good and highly charitable lodge. Bro. McLeod proceeded to sketch what was the work of the Institutions, and the benefits being yearly and increasingly conferred by their operations. He particularly referred to the great changes effected in the Boys' School, and the vast improvements shown thereby, also to the ever constant care of the Board of Management of that Institution that the boys under their charge should receive the fullest possible benefits from the money so generously contributed by the Craft at large. He had seen it stated that in the management of their elections of boys from that province, Warwickshire had not received its full share for the money it subscribed. He thought that was a narrow interpretation of what constituted "Charity," and was certain the brethren generally, when donating, did not for one moment think of getting a "full return" for their own especial cases or advantage. But on reference he found the fact to be the very reverse of what had so been stated; and that, so far as the Boys' School was concerned, that during six years past it had received from the province £946 11s., and had returned, in the cost of maintaining, educating, and clothing their boys, £1248. This being the case, he was sure he need make no special appeal to the brethren to continue their liberality, and felt certain the balance now against the province would be soon restored.

The toast of "The Visitors," proposed by Bro. Lee, was responded to by several brethren, and other toasts having been duly honoured, an enjoyable and eventful evening was closed with perfect harmony.

##### BRADFORD.

**Acacia Lodge (No. 2321).**—A regular meeting was held on Thursday, the 5th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Darley-street. Present: Bros. John Niven, W.M.; E. Pearson Peterson, I.P.M.; John Thornton, S.W.; A. J. Boyle, J.W.; S. A. Auty, P.M., Chap.; J. T. Last, Treasurer; J. B. Fearnley, Secretary; C. H. Ellis, S.D.; S. Robinson, J.D.; G. Root, I.G.; Henry Holmes, Tyler; A. Stephenson, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C., D. of C.; J. Wilson, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; S. A. Bailey, P.M.; John Haigh, P.M.; A. E. Harris, S. of W.; John Morton, R. S. Hird, John W. Bland, John Harland, Richard Harland, and Thos. P. Sykes. Visitors: Bros. H. S. Child, W.M. 154; William Laycock, P.M. 1108, P.P.G. Std. Br.; and J. H. Walker, 1476.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The Third Degree was conferred on Bro. Thos. B. Sykes, by Bro. Peterson, I.P.M., assisted by Bro. Stephenson, P.P.G.D.C., who also gave the traditional history. The charge was given by Bro. Bailey, P.M., and

the working tools explained by Bro. Boyle, J.W. Reference was appropriately and feelingly made to the recent death of Bro. W. Sangwine, by Bro. Boyle, J.W., and a letter of condolence was directed to be sent to his widow. A proposition for a joining brother was received, and apologies tendered for the unavoidable absence of several of the brethren. After "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshments.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been honoured,

Bro. Wilson, P.P.G.S.B., proposed "The Visitors," and gave them a very hearty welcome.

Bro. Walker, 1476, responded, and thanked the brethren for such a cordial greeting. It had afforded him much pleasure to re-visit the lodge, as he found many old acquaintances amongst the members. He concluded by offering the hospitality of the Clifton Lodge, 1476, to any of the brethren who visited Blackpool.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. Walker, 1476, and acknowledged by Bro. Niven, W.M.

The Tyler's toast concluded a pleasant meeting.

Bros. Sykes, J. Harland, and R. Harland contributed songs and music to the harmony of the evening.

##### BUDLEIGH SALTERTON.

**Lodge of Harmony (No. 372).**—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on Wednesday, the 11th inst. Lodge having been opened, Bro. F. G. Cowd was installed W.M. by Bro. W. Britton, and afterwards invested his officers as follows: Bros. George Bennett, I.P.M.; John Trump, S.W.; H. C. Perriam, J.W.; W. Britton, Treas.; Charles Leyman, Sec.; John C. Palmer, Chap.; F. G. Blight, S.D.; J. Sanders, J.D.; S. Waring, I.G.; T. W. Pidsley, D.C.; G. Webber, Org.; W. Greenwell and Thomas Andrews, Stwds.; and George Marker, Tyler.

Among the brethren at the ceremony were Bros. J. Palmer, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; G. Coombes, P.M.; J. Britten, P.M.; T. H. Griffin, P.M.; W. Pidsley, P.M.; A. Pidsley, P.M.; G. Bennett, P.M.; Hine, P.M.; W. Perry, J. Bishop, and W. T. Blake, of 106; W. Please, 164; H. Perry, W.M. 106; R. Grover, S.W. 1254; T. Perry, P.G.S. Cornwall; and T. Howell, 75.

The banquet was held at the Feather's Hotel, elegantly served by Bro. H. C. Perriam.

##### CHERTSEY.

**Abbey Lodge (No. 2120).**—This comparatively young, but most prosperous lodge, both numerically and financially, held its installation meeting on Wednesday, the 11th inst., in the presence of many visiting brethren and nearly all the members of the lodge. The new W.M., Bro. William Dix, S.W., is deservedly popular and his year of office is looked forward to with much pleasure by the brethren. The ceremony of installation was impressively performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. E. T. Madeley, the charges being given by Bros. A. W. Crewdson, W. H. Gardener, and H. J. Bidwell respectively. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Madeley in recognition of the faithful discharge of his duties as W.M. The following brethren were present: Bros. E. T. Madeley, W.M.; A. W. Crewdson, I.P.M.; W. Dix, S.W.; C. Welch, J.W.; H. C. Leigh Bennett, Treas.; H. J. Bidwell, Sec.; James Webb, S.D.; Thomas Dix, J.D.; W. Brooks, D.C.; F. Harper, I.G.; A. McCormick and A. G. Hutchins, Stwds.; W. H. Gardener, P.M.; J. Wilson, P.M.; C. Head, R. J. Hunt, G. Gardener, J. Hunt, W. Bates, H. G. Nesmyth, C. J. Nesmyth, F. Winkworth, W. Tranter, J. Adams, E. Squire, Disney Fisher, J. Colman, E. A. Brown, and J. K. Hill. Visitors: Bros. Capt. Cavenagh, W.M. 370; Major Collins, W.M., C. Passmore, S.W.; Capt. Hoey, Treas.; E. H. Gale Crowdy, Sec.; J. S. B. Lancaster, P.M.; W. H. Littleboy, S.D., and A. H. Gale, of 2317; J. Stacey, P.M.; T. Wallford, 1900; Gilbert White, S.W.; S. C. Knight, J.W., and C. T. Tyler, Sec., of 1398; A. Clinton, 723; Capt. H. A. Trevanion, S.D. 1871; A. Grace, 177; and F. Arthey, 2218. The following officers were duly appointed and invested: Bros. William Dix, W.M.; E. T. Madeley, I.P.M.; C. Welch, S.W.; James Webb, J.W.; H. C. Leigh Bennett, P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; H. J. Bidwell, P.M., Sec.; T. Dix, S.D.; F. Harper, J.D.; W. Brooks, I.G.; A. McCormick, D.C.; A. G. Hutchins and H. G. Nesmyth, Stwd.; and G. J. Mason, Tyler.

A splendid banquet, admirably served by Bro. Mason, Tyler of the lodge, followed, at which the usual Masonic toasts were given, interspersed with songs, duets, &c., kindly contributed by Bros. Welch, Squire, Webb, Stacey, Bates, Grace, Harper, Head, Hutchins, and others.

The absence through indisposition of the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Col. Noel Money, was much regretted.

##### DARTMOUTH.

**Hauley Lodge (No. 797).**—At the annual meeting of the above lodge, on Monday, the 9th inst., at Hauley Hall, Bro. C. Oldreive was installed as W.M. Bro. Chapple performed the ceremony of installation, assisted by Bros. Evans, Way, Benson, Dawson, Whittle, Husband, Goodridge, and James, 248. The officers invested for the ensuing year were Bros. Caleb Evans, I.P.M.; T. Wilton, S.W.; J. B. Knox, J.W.; F. A. Davson, P.M., Chap.; J. B. Husband, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Goodridge, P.P.J.G.D., Sec.; F. C. Coursens, J.D.; E. Chapple, P.M., D.C.; H. Murley, A.D.C.; and E. Back, I.G. Bro. Mark Whittle was re-appointed representative on the Committee of Petitions, and Bro. Putt was re-elected Tyler. A banquet was afterwards held at Bro. Whittle's hotel, when about 50 sat down.

The usual toasts were given, and the evening was very pleasantly spent.

##### DEVIZES.

**Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity (No. 663).**—The installation meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, on Tuesday, the 17th instant, when there was a good attendance both of members of the lodge and visitors, amongst the latter being Bros. J. Chandler, P.M. 355, P.P.S.G.W., P.G.D.C.; W. J. Mann, P.M. 632, P.P.J.G.W.; W. S. Bambridge, P.M. 1533, P.P.S.G.D.; J. W. Burman, P.M. 1533; E. W. Flint, J.D. 1383; A. Sheppard, W.M. 2153; and J. Savory, 355, P.P.G. Tyler.

The outgoing W.M., Bro. B. W. Crees, opened the lodge, and after the usual preliminaries, his successor, Bro. J. P. Martin, S.W., was installed by Bro. the Rev. W. Humphreys, P.M., P.P.G. Chap., in an impressive manner.

The newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested the officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. B. W. Crees, I.P.M.; F. G. Bellingham, J.W.; F. Reynolds, J.W.; Rev. W. Humphreys, P.M., Chap.; F. S. Hancock, P.M., Treas.; T. C. Hopkins, P.M., Sec.; F. Wyatt, S.D.; H. H. Baker, J.D.; H. Howse, P.M., D.C.; J. Hunt, I.G.; S. W. Taylor, Stwd.; and Chas. R. Barnes, Tyler.

After the usual routine business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the annual banquet at the Bear Hotel, which was served by Bro. Reynolds in excellent style, and to which Bro. Watson Taylor had, as usual, sent a supply of venison.

#### EXMOUTH.

**Sun Lodge (No. 106).**—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Royal Beacon Hotel on Monday, the 9th inst., when a large number of brethren were present, including many visitors, to witness the installation of Bro. Harry Perry, as successor to Bro. J. H. Higgs, as the W.M. The ceremony was performed by Bro. William Perry, Installing Master, in an eloquent manner. Subsequently the W.M. made his appointment of officers. The lodge was handsomely adorned for the occasion, presenting a most effective and pleasing appearance. The officers appointed were Bros. J. H. Higgs, I.P.M.; H. Mann, S.W.; F. Hayne, J.W.; E. Bishop, Chap.; W. H. Cocks, P.M., Treas.; J. Stokes, Sec.; H. Bridle, S.D.; G. T. Foster, J.D.; H. R. Stark, Org.; H. Beswick, S. of W.; A. Hayman, Swd. Br.; Harry Crews, D.C.; F. Margie, I.G.; Ewens and F. Clapp, Stwds.; and W. T. Blake, P.M., Tyler. The W.M. presided, and the Life Governorship fell to Bro. T. Hine, P.M. 372.

In the evening a banquet was held, when a sumptuous repast was partaken of, provided by Mr. Holmes, the worthy host.

Among the brethren present were Bros. Colonel H. C. Adams, P.M., P.P.G.R.; T. Freeman, P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. Wills, P.M.; H. F. Pratt, P.M.; G. Allen, P.M.; W. Vinnicombe, P.M. 687; T. Hine, P.M. 372; J. T. R. Horn, P.M.; J. Towning, P.M. 372; R. Tucker Pain, P.M. 372; G. Smale, P. Silvester, T. J. Pincombe, H. Baker, A. Chown, J. W. Perry, G. F. Perriam, J. Abbott, G. W. Charles, W. Hudson, F. Grace, J. D. Dixon, J. T. Melhuish, J. Parsons, E. Payne, E. E. Ellis, A. R. James, P. Kerley, W. Wright, J. Turner, A. Pearson, Arthur Kemp, 710; J. E. Palmer, P.M. 372; G. B. netts, W.M. 372; F. G. Cowd, 372; P. Besley, P.M. 39, P.S.G.D.; H. E. Perriam, Sec. 372; W. T. Pidsley, 372; William George, P.M. 1254, P.P.A.G.D.C.; A. Burridge, 39; A. W. Paul, 230; H. Michelmore, Stwd. 39; R. Groves, S.W. 1254; F. Hubber, P.M. 1264; C. G. Brown, P.M., P.P.G.C.; T. L. Perry, P.M. 856; W. Ridge, S.W. 1284; W. D. Coles, 1284; G. G. Stiles, J.W. 1284; T. Laget, P.M. 39; G. Copp, 104; G. Coombes, P.M. 372; E. Fulford, P.M. 1254; J. T. Way, W.M. 1284; M. H. Bird, J.D. 1099; H. Shooter, 112, P.G. Tyler; W. Dalgeish, Stwd. 39; J. Vicary, Stwd. 1284; Granville Grenfall, 472; E. Algar, P.M. 164; J. Waring, Stwd. 372; O. Ralling, 39; Charles Riggs, S.W. 358; A. J. Truscott, P.M. 1254; H. Stocker, P.M. 39, P.P.G. Treas.; R. F. Kingdon, P.M. 372; and T. Pearson.

The day being the jubilee of Bro. H. Stark's initiation into the Sun Lodge, viz., on January 9th, 1844, occasion was taken to present the worthy brother with an enlarged photo of himself in Masonic costume, and a purse of guineas. The presentation was made by Bro. Harry Perry, W.M. In replying, Bro. Stark said he had played at 800 initiations at Exmouth, Salterton, Sidmouth, Seaton, Honiton, Exeter, Starcross, Teignmouth, Torquay, Dartmouth, Kingsbridge, Plymouth, Newquay, Bodmin, Okehampton, South Molton, Tiverton, and Bideford.

#### HASTINGS.

**Derwent Lodge (No. 40).**—The installation meeting was held at the Castle Hotel, on Monday, the 9th inst. The following were present: Bros. G. Randell, W.M.; R. Walmsley, S.W., W.M. elect; G. H. Gaze, J.W.; F. Rossiter, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; F. C. Edwards, I.P.M., Sec.; C. Ticehurst, S.D.; L. Jukes, J.D.; C. W. Duke, P.M., P.P.G.W., D.C.; C. E. Botley, P.M., A.D.C.; J. B. Guy, Org.; E. G. McCormick, I.G.; G. Heapley, Steward; Lamborn, P.M., P.P.G.P.; Hallett, P.M., P.P.G. Org.; Allen, P.M.; Russell, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; Cole, P.M., P.P.G. Purst.; Jones, Booty, Boyce, Glenister, L. O. Glenister, Russell, Stratford, Horton, Hobbs, Beck, Bourn, Brett, Veness, and others. Visitors: Bros. W. B. Goss, W.M. 56; his Worship the Mayor, A. R. Croucher, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; O. Embling, W.M. 1821; G. Fowler, W.M. 1110; Duke, 1842; Chance, 1184; Harvey, 871; Bruty, 1437; G. Cropper, 1250; and Huckell, 1636. A number of other visitors would have been present, but for the unfortunate fact that a consecration of a Mark lodge in the province had been fixed for the same date.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. G. Randell, and the minutes confirmed. Letters of apology for non-attendance were received from the P.G. Secretary, the Secretaries of the Boys' and Girls' Institutions, many Worshipful Masters of the province, and several brethren. The balance-sheet, which showed that the lodge was in an excellent financial position, was read and adopted, the Secretary and Treasurer being complimented on the very satisfactory balance. Bro. R. Walmsley was presented by Bro. Duke, P.M., to Bro. Randell for installation. The ceremony was rendered, and the addresses given by the retiring W.M. in the usual able and impressive manner in which he has performed the different ceremonies during his year of office. The newly-appointed W.M. then appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. G. H. Gaze, F.W.; Ticehurst, J.W.; Rev. J. Puttick, P.M., P.P.G.C., Chap.; F. Rossiter, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; F. C. Edwards, P.M., Sec.; L. J. Jukes, S.D.; E. McCormick, J.D.; C. W. Duke, P.M., P.P.G.W., D.C.; C. E. Botley, P.M., A.D.C.; J. B. Guy, Org.; and G. Heapley, I.G. The investiture of Bro. Boyce as Steward was postponed to next meeting. The W.M., in a felicitous speech, presented Bro. Randell with a Past Master's jewel, which had been voted by the brethren as a mark of esteem and recognition of his services in the chair, and the I.P.M. suitably returned thanks for the honour conferred. The sum of 10 guineas was voted from the lodge funds to the R.M.B.I., to be placed on the list of Bro. Allen, who is acting as Steward at the forthcoming Festival of the Institution.

All business being ended, the lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, the caterer being Bro. Boyce, who deserves great credit for his exertions in ministering to the comfort of the brethren.

The various toasts were given in an able manner by the newly-installed W.M., and the manner in which he carried out the duties of the chair promises well for a successful year of office.

The musical arrangements, which largely contributed to the evening's enjoyment, were under the able superintendence of Bro. J. Baker Guy, Org.

#### KEPPELING.

**Perseverance Lodge (No. 455).**—The annual festival and installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 16th inst. Owing to the extremely large number of brethren attending, the lodge was held at the Assembly Rooms (by dispensation). The lodge was opened, and after preliminary business, the W.M. elect, Bro. Thomas Pager, P.P.G.S.B. Norths and Hunts, was duly presented and installed in the chair of K.S., the ceremony, which was choral, being ably performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. G. Abbott. The lodge was attended by Bro. Butler Wilkins, D.P.G.M. Norths and Hunts, P.A.G.D.C. Eng.; Bro. S. S. Partridge, D.P.G.M. Leicester and Rutland, P.A.G.D.C. Eng.; and about 40 Past Masters of lodges in the other provinces. This large gathering speaks volumes for the popularity and esteem in which Bro. Paget is held in this and neighbouring provinces.

After the lodge was closed, the brethren, to the number of over 90, partook of a banquet under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. Paget.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. Partidge, P.A.G.D.C. Eng., responded to the toast of "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and the Grand Lodge Officers, Present and Past" in an excellent speech, and Bro. Butler Wilkins, D.P.G.M., responded in felicitous terms to the toast of "The R.W. Prov. G.M. Norths and Hunts, and Provincial Grand Lodges."

Bro. C. Beunton, W.M. 279, and others responded on behalf of "The Visitors."

The toast of the evening, "The Health of Bro. Thos. Paget, W.M. of the Lodge," was proposed by Bro. G. Abbott, I.P.M., in a genial and fraternal manner, and was received and drunk with the greatest enthusiasm and musical honours.

The W.M., in a terse and feeling speech, acknowledged the high honour done him in placing him in the chair, and also for the large and friendly gathering of brethren who had assembled to assist on that occasion—one of the proudest of his life. He assured the brethren that his best efforts should be devoted to the furtherance of the welfare of the Perseverance Lodge, and that, so far as his abilities enabled him, he would endeavour to uphold the ancient excellence of the lodge, so that at the end of his year of office it should not have deteriorated, but he hoped, in some small measure, it should have advanced. In the course of his speech, the W.M. replied to some remarks laid fall by Bro. Wilkins, D.P.G.M., as to the desirability of further extending Mark Masonry in the province of Norths and Hunts, assuring him that the matter should have his attention, and he would endeavour to make some progress in the same during his year. He, the W.M., felt that this was the more desirable, as the D.G.M. of M.M.M. was their own Prov. G.M. in Norths and Hunts, and he hoped that the brethren would support him. After a few further remarks, the W.M. resumed his chair amidst great applause.

The evening was enlivened with music, vocal and instrumental, rendered by Bros. F. Seale, 1391; A. Page, 1391; C. Page, 1391; H. Howe, W.M. 1391; and recitations by Bro. J. B. Waring, P.M. 523. Bro. J. Garner, 279, kindly presided at the organ and pianoforte.

#### NEUBURY.

**Loyal Berkshire Lodge of Hope (No. 574).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Temperance Hall, on Friday afternoon, the 6th inst., under the presidency of the retiring W.M., Bro. F. J. Harrold, who installed as his successor the S.W., Bro. E. Hill. He was much complimented upon the able and impressive manner in which he had performed the ceremony. The newly-elected W.M. then proceeded to appoint and invest the officers for the ensuing year, and also invested Bro. Harrold with the collar of I.P.M. In doing so he thanked Bro. Harrold, on behalf of the brethren generally, for the efficient services he had rendered during the past year. He also handed Bro. Harrold a handsome and valuable Past Master's jewel, engraved with a suitable inscription. Bro. Harrold acknowledged the presentation in feeling and appropriate terms. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. Napoleon Day, S.W.; J. H. Wilson, J.W.; Rev. J. Atkins, Chap.; W. H. Belcher, Treas.; S. Knight, sen., P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Sec.; J. S. Liddle, S.D.; J. B. Ingram, J.D.; W. Knight, D. of C.; H. Sait, Org.; H. D'O. W. Astley, I.G.; S. Knight, jun., and H. G. Knight, Stwds.; and J. Legg, Tyler.

After the lodge business had concluded the brethren adjourned to the Council Chamber, where the customary installation banquet was held. The room had been tastefully decorated by Bro. Stephen Knight, jun., and in the evening the room presented a very attractive and festive appearance. Bro. V. F. H. Vine catered in a most satisfactory manner.

The festive gathering was presided over by the newly-installed W.M., Bro. Edward Hill, who was supported by the I.P.M., Bro. F. J. Harrold; Bros. Stephen Knight, P.M.; W. H. Belcher, P.M.; H. S. Hanington, P.M.; Reginald Maples, P.M.; T. Hawkins, P.M.; Lamb, I.P.M. 694; and Pillin. The company also included Bros. J. Napoleon Day, S.W., and J. H. Wilson, J.W., who severally occupied the vice-chairs; H. D'O. W. Astley, A. W. Neate, R. Beynon, E. Parfitt, R. A. Conran, E. C. James, G. J. Cosburn, W. Knight, J. M. Gilkes, Bungey, James Stradling, Cozens, Stephen Knight, jun., E. A. Strickland, J. Rolfe, H. G. Knight, Jas. Legg, and others.

Letters of apology for non-attendance had been received from Bros. W. G. Mount, M.P.; J. T. Morland, Deputy P.G.M. in charge; John W. Martin, Prov. G. Sec.; and the Worshipful Masters of the Swindon, Marlborough, and several of the Berkshire lodges.

The Worshipful Master successively proposed the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master; the M.W. the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom; the R.W. the Deputy Grand Master; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. Astley then proposed "The Health of the V.W. the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Berks, Bro. J. T. Morland; and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," associated with the name of Bro. Cosburn.

Bro. Cosburn, in responding, alluded to the admirable and efficient manner in which Bro. Morland had conducted the affairs of the province since the lamented death of the Duke of Clarence, 12 months ago, and expressed his personal obligations to Bro. Morland for the great amount of time and attention he had devoted to the editing of "The Berkshire Masonic Register and Calendar," which was now in course of publication for the second year.

Bro. Hawkins, P.M., gave the toast of the evening—"The Health of the Newly-Installed Worshipful Master, Bro. Hill"—wishing him good health and a prosperous year of office, and assuring him that he would have the full support and sympathy of his officers during his term of office.

The Worshipful Master made a suitable response.

Bro. Hanington, P.M., in submitting the toast of "The Masonic Charities," explained that those Charities included Institutions that enabled those who, through no fault of their own, but through some misadventure in life, had fallen into reduced circumstances. There were three great Institutions connected with Masonry which specially commended themselves to the sympathy and support of all true Masons. First there was the Benevolent Institution for aged and infirm Masons and widows. Next the Girls' School, and then the Boys' School, one and all being deserving of support. He was pleased to state that the amount this year was simply marvellous, £90,465 3s. 5d., viz., Benevolent, £61,849 2s. 6d.; Boys, £15,837 18s. 10d.; and Girls, £12,778 2s. 1d. Yet the necessitous cases were increasing, and the funds, although large, never seemed sufficient to adequately meet the many calls made upon them. Charity was one of the very first things they were taught. They were taught to be loyal, honest, and true, and not forget their poorer brethren. Masonry was ever growing, extending, and increasing, and he trusted that each year would prove to the outside world that Masons did not forget their poorer brethren, but in times of joy and prosperity they did not forget those who as fellow Craftsmen were deserving of help and sympathy.

The name of Bro. Maples, who had been a liberal supporter of the Masonic Charities, was coupled with the toast, and Bro. Maples returned thanks in appropriate terms.

Bro. W. H. Belcher, P.M., proposed "The Health of the Visitors," for whom Bro. Lamb briefly replied, thanking the brethren for the hearty reception which they had given him.

Bro. Stephen Knight, P.M., in eulogistic language proposed "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. Harrold," who acknowledged the compliment.

"The Health of the Initiate" was proposed by the W.M., and responded to by Bro. Pillin.

Bro. William Knight gave the toast of "The Immediate Past Master and other Past Masters of the Lodge of Hope, 574," for whom Bro. Harrold responded.

Bro. Beynon proposed "The Health of the Treasurer (Bro. Belcher), the Secretary (Bro. S. Knight), and the Assistant Secretary (Bro. A. W. Neate)," each of whom returned thanks.

Bro. Neate gave the toast of "The Wardens and Officers of the Lodge," for whom the Senior Warden, Bro. J. N. Day, suitably returned thanks.

The Tyler's toast was then given, after which the brethren sang the National Anthem, and the festive proceedings were brought to a satisfactory conclusion.

In the course of the evening several excellent songs were rendered by Bros. Cozens, Beynon, Hawkins, Stradling, and others.

#### NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME.

**Sutherland Lodge of Unity (No. 460).**—On the 6th instant, the installation of Bro. T. Edwards took place in the Town Hall. The ceremony was efficiently and impressively performed by Bro. W. H. Newby, ably assisted by Bros. A. L. Broad, P.P.J.G.W.; S. Hyslop, P.S.G.D., Treas.; J. Ingamells, P.P.J.G.D.; and W. H. Bucknell, P.P.A.G.D.C. The following officers were invested for the ensuing year: Bros. F. Skerrett, P.M., S.W.; L. C. A. Edgeworth, J.W. and Chap.; S. Hyslop, P.M., P.S.G.D., Treas.; J. Green Answorth, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Sec.; R. C. Downs, S.D.; George Rushforth, J.D.; J. Ingamells, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., D.C.; F. Mountford, P.P.G.O., Organist; W. H. Robinson, Assistant Organist; J. Gilbert Howson, I.G.; T. Wright, J. Pearson Howson, and Thomas Byrne, Stewards; and B. Hancock, Tyler.

A great number of visitors were present to do honour to the W.M., who is a well-known brother outside as well as in his own province. Amongst them were Bros. Isidore de Sella, 1457; W. H. Bamber, P.M. 637; G. Lake, 637; J. White, W.M. 2214; J. M. Willdig, P.M. 1914; Jas. Poole, P.M. 460; James Tarbuck, W.M. 2316; A. Pepper, R. H. Dickson, W. E. Pattison, W. Horne, and J. M. Adlington, of 460; David Jones, W.M. 418; J. Taylor Houson, W.M. 451; J. Keadley, P.M. 637; Spencer Till, 2214; H. Ruskin Hancock, S.W. 451; S. J. Bott, W.M. 1914; C. F. Baker, Sec. 418; Edmund Jones, S.W. 418; W. H. Howson, P.M. 2064, P.G.S.B.; H. R. Strange, W.M. 1942; J. W. Wood, W.M. 540; T. Unwin, P.M. 637, P.P.G.P.; F. Wedgwood Grove, P.M. 637 and 1942, P.P.J.G.D.; E. H. Croydson, 2149, P.P.J.G.W.; W. C. Vaughan, 418; P. H. Bennion, P.M. 546; A. S. Walters, P.M. 546; R. Wilkinson, 08; William Edwards, Org. 418; W. H. Emery, I.G., James Beech, J.W., and John Scarratt, W.M., of 08; and John Smith, P.M., H. Newland, W. H. Bucknell, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., Haydn M. Mercer, George Taylor, and F. J. Hawley, of 460.

The general business of the evening having been disposed of, and "Hearty good wishes" expressed by the large number of visiting brethren, Bro. T. Edwards, W.M., duly closed the lodge.

Subsequently a banquet was held, under the gavel of the W.M.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and replied to.

An excellent programme of vocal and instrumental music was provided, among the items of interest being a Masonic ode entitled "Brotherhood," sung by Bro. R. C. Downs, S.D., and accompanied by the composer, Bro. Isidore de Solla, who, being present, contributed some other items to the entertainment. A song was given by Bro. J. Green Ainsworth, Sec., and a piano solo by Bro. W. Edwards, A.C.O., Org. 418. Several first-class songs and music were also given by other visitors.

The toast of "The W.M." was ably and eloquently proposed by Bro. S. Hyslop, P.S.G.D., and met with an enthusiastic reception, and in reply, Bro. Edwards, after acknowledging the great honour conferred upon him, alluded to his Masonic career and the darkness which envelopes every initiate, then took for his theme the Masonic light referred to in the lode "Brotherhood," and expressed a hope that the light might prove a lamp to guide their feet through the winding paths of life—a torch to kindle the flame of true Masonic benevolence in their hearts and that all uniting together in one aim and object might look forward to the happy time portrayed in the lines of the late Lord Tennyson:—

"When each man finds his own, in others good  
And all men work in noble brotherhood."

The Tyler's toast brought a very enjoyable meeting to a happy close.

#### NORTHAMPTON.

**Pomfret Lodge (No. 360).**—The brethren of this lodge and others from sister lodges attended a gathering at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 5th inst., the proceedings in connection therewith being of a more than usually interesting character, as they included not only the installation of the W.M. for the ensuing year, but also the presentation of an address of congratulation to Bro. M. A. Boeme on his attaining the jubilee of his installation into the chair of the lodge. There were present Bros. J. Clayton, W.M., P.J.G.W.; Butler Wilkins, D.P.G.M., P.G. Std. Br.; J. Snow, P.P.G. Reg.; J. Kellett, P.P.G.S. of W.; G. Butcher, P.M. 1764, W.M. 2431, P.P.S.G.W.; J. T. Green, P.M.; A. Jones, I.P.M. 1764; F. G. Ains, P.M.; E. B. Fletcher, I.P.M., P.G.S. of W.; A. Cockerill, P.M., Prov. G. Treas.; H. Brown, P.M. 360, P.P.J.G.W.; T. Emery, P.M. 1764, P.P.J.G.W.; T. Franks, S.W.; C. E. Thorpe, J.W.; G. Ellard, P.M., Sec.; T. Merry, S.D.; S. B. Wilkinson, J.D.; G. F. E. Wilkinson, I.G., P.C.S.; J. J. Hart, P.M., D.C.; W. Arkell, Org.; T. Wetherell, J. King, W. E. Stimpson, E. Archer, W. F. Skinner, L. Warner, W. J. Stanton, E. Howes, J. J. Errington, F. B. Whitford, I.G., J.D.; S. Barber; G. Robinson, Tyler; J. Curral, W.M. 1764; J. T. Ingman, 1764; W. G. Hobbs, 1911; J. S. Arthurs, Stwd. 1764; T. Paget, S.W. 455, W.M. elect, P.P.G. S.B.; T. H. Vials, Org. 1764, P.P.G. Org.; J. C. Cornish, 105; W. O. Beazley, P.M. 172; J. B. Role, 548; C. Cooke, 1764; J. L. Bowden, 32, South Australia; Beeby Thompson, Sec. 1762; S. King, 726; W. Warwick, 1764; W. F. Tipler, J.D. 1764; J. B. Brown, 1764; T. Ashdowne, S.D. 1764; and W. H. Petty.

Apologies were received from several brethren expressing their great regret at being unable to be present. Lodge having been duly opened, and certain formal business transacted, the installation of Bro. Thomas Franks as W.M. for the ensuing year, in succession to Bro. J. Clayton, was proceeded with, the ceremony being admirably performed by the Installing Master, Bro. G. Ellard, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. The newly-elected W.M. then appointed and invested the following as his officers for the year: Bros. C. E. Thorpe, S.W.; T. Merry, J.W.; A. Cockerill, P.M., P.G.T., Treas.; Geo. Ellard, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Sec.; S. B. Wilkinson, P.G.S., S.D.; G. F. E. Wilkinson, J.D.; S. Frisby, I.G.; W. Arkell and E. Archer, Stwds.; J. J. Hart, P.M., P.W.D.C., D.C.; M. L. Warner, Org.; and G. Robinson, Tyler. This being concluded, and the W.M. having received hearty congratulations upon his being raised to the office, the balance-sheet of the lodge was submitted and received. Upon the proposition of Bro. Cockerill, seconded by Bro. Snow, it was agreed that the sum of £50 be expended from the lodge funds for the purchase of two debenture shares in the Northampton Masonic Club Company, Limited. The formal presentation of the address to Bro. M. A. Boeme was then proceeded with. Bro. Ellard, Sec., stated that he had received a letter from Bro. Boeme, dated from Bromley, Kent, in which he expressed his great regret at being unable to be present, having arrived at the age of four-score years, and that he need scarcely state it was a source of great gratification and pride to receive the address it was proposed to present to him. He felt it impossible to attend the lodge in person, although he should have much liked to have once more met the brethren in the town and neighbourhood of Northampton. Bro. Kellett made the formal presentation of the address. Addressing the W.M., he said it was 50 years since Bro. Boeme was installed into the chair to which he had that day been raised. Many of the present members of that lodge had not had the pleasure of meeting him, but he felt sure those who had met him could not but speak of him as a Mason who had done admirable work in the past, not only for the Pomfret Lodge, but for Masonry generally in the Province of Norths and Hunts. Bro. Kellett said he believed they all regretted that their esteemed brother was unable to be present that evening in consequence of his great age, but he felt sure their best wishes would go out towards him. On behalf of the subscribing brethren, he presented the address to the W.M., to be forwarded to Bro. Boeme. It was beautifully and appropriately illuminated and framed in gold. In the centre of the top of the frame was a large Masonic emblem, and smaller emblems were also placed at each corner. It was read to the brethren by Bro. J. J. Hart, and was as follows:

"Antient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons.—Pomfret Lodge, No. 360.—Northampton, January 5th, 1893.

"To Bro. M. A. Boeme, P.M. 360, 1764, &c.

"Worshipful Sir and Brother,

"We, the Worshipful Master, Past Masters, Wardens, and Brethren of the Pomfret Lodge, No. 360, in open lodge assembled, desire to offer to you our most affectionate greetings and our hearty congratulations on your having attained the jubilee of your installation into the chair of our lodge. Initiated in the Pomfret Lodge in November, 1836, you were called to the chair in December, 1842, and a second time served the office of Worshipful Master in

1875. For many years you filled the post of Treasurer to the lodge, and had charge also of the Charity Fund, the same being largely increased under your fostering care. For these and for the countless other services rendered by you to our lodge, we again offer you our oft-repeated thanks. Many of your former colleagues in office have passed away, we trust to the Grand Lodge above, and the earnest wish and prayer of us all is that the remainder of your life may be peaceful and happy; that sorrow and suffering may be strangers to your declining days, and that the Great Architect of the Universe may receive you at the close of your long and useful life into those mansions above, not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens.

"Signed on behalf of the lodge,

"Bro. J. CLAYSON, W.M.

"Bro. T. FRANKS, S.W.

"Bro. C. E. THORPE, J.W."

Bro. J. T. Green said he had known Bro. Boeme since he became a Mason in 1863, and he desired to express his testimony to the valuable services rendered to the members in the Pomfret Lodge and the Craft in the Province of Norths and Hunts generally. He had set an excellent example for all younger Masons to follow, and they all regretted when the time came that he had to leave them and take up his residence elsewhere. He trusted Bro. Boeme might be spared some years yet to still enjoy his well-earned retirement.

Bro. Butler Wilkins, D.P.G.M., also made a few remarks. He said it was not every lodge that could look back upon a member who had occupied the chair 50 years since, and, therefore, he thought the Pomfret Lodge had done a right and a praiseworthy thing in presenting such an address to that esteemed and honoured member. There was not many Masons left in the town who saw the work of Bro. Boeme some 30 or 40 years since, and he did not think any brother connected with the Province of Norths and Hunts had performed so many ceremonies during his career as he had. Not only did he do excellent work for the Pomfret Lodge, but when the Eleanor Cross Lodge was established his desire to promote Masonry was so great that he did not hesitate to come forward and be its first W.M., and so endeavour to promote unity between the sister lodges, which they so much desired. Bro. Wilkins was glad to have the opportunity of expressing the feelings he had always entertained towards Bro. Boeme.

The W.M., Bro. Franks, expressed the pleasure he felt at receiving the address on behalf of Bro. Boeme, who, he regretted, was unable to be present among them. He had not had the pleasure of knowing him as a Mason, but he knew him as a townsman, and in the official capacity in which he had so highly distinguished himself. He trusted Bro. Boeme would yet be spared a few more years to cherish that token of the esteem and respect in which he was held by his brother Masons.

Bro. Cockerill having been appointed Steward to represent the lodge at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls in May next, which is to be presided over by the Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Euston, the lodge was then closed.

The brethren subsequently sat down to a banquet in the large room of the hall, the catering for which had been entrusted to Bro. W. F. Tipler, of the Guildhall Restaurant, and it was admirably served.

The newly-elected W.M., Bro. Franks, presided, and the vice-chairs were occupied by Bros. E. Fletcher and T. Merry, Bro. C. E. Thorpe being prevented from remaining.

"The Queen and Craft" having been duly acknowledged, the Worshipful Master proposed "The Grand Master, the Prince of Wales, and Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past," to which Bro. Wilkins, D.P.G.M., replied.

The Worshipful Master next submitted "The R.W. Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Euston, and the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, Present and Past," and in doing so spoke highly of the interest taken by their Provincial Grand Master in promoting Masonry throughout the Province of Norths and Hunts. He also paid a high compliment to the Provincial Grand Officers.

The toast, which met with a hearty reception, was also acknowledged by Bro. Butler Wilkins. He remarked upon the great interest taken in the promotion of Masonry in the province by the Earl of Euston, and said he thought they could now boast of having one of the most successful provinces in the kingdom. He thought they should congratulate themselves upon the happy choice their Grand Master made in appointing the Earl of Euston as their Provincial Grand Master. Bro. Wilkins also expressed his pleasure at the excellent number of Prov. Grand Officers by which they were surrounded, and said he did not think any lodge was more highly favoured in that respect than the Pomfret Lodge. He concluded by stating the steps which had been taken with respect to the tea to be given by the Masons to the old people of the town next week, and also in support of the proposed soup kitchens for the relief of the distressed in the town.

Bro. J. T. Green next proposed the toast of "The Worshipful Master of the Pomfret Lodge." He said he felt highly gratified at being allowed to propose the toast, and he thought their newly-elected W.M., Bro. Franks, had a most happy and prosperous year of office in view. He was pleased at seeing so many Past Masters present to support him, and who, he felt sure, would be ready to render him what assistance they could throughout the year in the discharge of the duties of his responsible office. He trusted Bro. Franks would have health and strength to carry out those duties, and he had not the slightest doubt but what he would uphold the dignity of the office as those who had preceded him had so well done.

The toast was most heartily drunk and Masonically honoured.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, thanked Bro. Green for the manner in which he had proposed the toast, and the way in which the brethren had received it. He assured them that he would do all in his power to maintain the dignity of the chair to which he had that evening been appointed, and expressed the hope that he should receive the assistance of the brethren in his endeavours to carry out the duties of his office. He trusted the year might be a prosperous one, not only for the Pomfret Lodge, but also for the whole of the lodges in the province, and assured the brethren that nothing should be wanting on his part to promote the prosperity of Masonry generally.

Bro. Kellett proposed "The Installing Master," and extolled the ability of Bro. Ellard in the discharge of the important duty he had undertaken that evening.

Bro. Ellard replied to the compliment.

The remaining toasts were "The Past Masters," pro-

posed by Bro. S. B. Wilkinson, and responded to by Bro. Clayton; "The Masonic Charities," given by Bro. Ellard, and replied to by Bro. Cockerill; "The Visiting Brethren," submitted by Bro. H. Brown; "The W.M. and Brethren of the Sister Lodges in the Province," proposed by Bro. T. Merry, and acknowledged by Bro. Butcher; "The Officers of the Lodge," given by the W.M., and replied to by Bro. Merry; and the Tyler's toast, proposed by Bro. G. Robinson.

The proceedings were interspersed with harmony.

#### OXFORD.

**Bertie Lodge (No. 1575).**—On the 19th inst., Bro. J. Zacharie, P.P.G. Purst., was installed W.M. of the above lodge, at the Masonic Hall, Alfred-street, in the presence of a most distinguished company, including Bro. Right Hon. Viscount Valentia, D.P.G.M.; three officers of Grand Lodge, 27 of Provincial Grand Lodge, and many other brethren. The W.M. then invested his officers for the ensuing year, as follows: Bros. R. Buckle, I.P.M., P.P.G.D.; W. Harris, S.W.; J. Hastings, J.W.; T. Ford, P.P.G.D., Treas.; Marychurch, P.P.G.D.C., Sec.; H. Turner, S.D.; Verney, J.D.; H. Porter, D. of C.; Rogers, A.D. of C.; W. R. Bowden, P.M., P.P.G.R., Org.; Cockburn, I.G.; and E. F. Greenwood, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., and A. Hunt, S.Wds.

At the banquet which followed, Bro. Lord Valentia proposed the toast of "The Worshipful Master" in the most flattering terms, which was enthusiastically received by the distinguished company.

#### PLYMOUTH.

**Fortitude Lodge (No. 105).**—The annual installation meeting of this lodge took place on Monday, 9th inst., when Bros. Thos. Wood Saper, the W.M. elect, was installed. Bros. W. J. Sweet, S. Jew, P.P.G.T., C. H. Cooper, P.P.J.G.D., and H. J. Kitt, P.P.G. Purst., were the Installing Officers. The Board of Past Masters also included Bros. R. B. Twose, P.P.G.T.; G. Borswill, J. W. Parson, A. W. Spinney, S. Edgcombe, R. G. Bird, P.G.T.; J. R. Lord, P.P.G.T.; T. C. Lewarn, P.P.J.G.D.; E. Aitken-Davies, P.P.G.S. of Wks.; N. R. Hammett, P.P.G. Purst.; W. Male, P.P. G.D.C.; E. M. Ellis, 666; J. Hicks, 703; W. E. Chappell, 156; W. H. Botterell, 1255; A. Parkhouse, 1247; W. H. Williams, J. T. Rook, 1847; and H. Reynolds, 2025. The officers invested were Bros. H. A. McBryde, I.P.M.; C. Luke, S.W.; S. H. R. Gibbins, J.W.; W. S. Jew, Chap.; A. W. Spinney, Treas., C. H. Cooper, Sec.; R. R. Rodd, S.D.; T. G. Taylor, J.D.; C. H. Cooper, D.C.; A. T. Liddiard, A.D.C.; W. D. B. Symons, Org.; A. F. Matthews, Asst. Org.; F. Maitland, I.G.; A. R. Stancombe, C. T. Browne, W. Costin, H. E. Lidiard, Stwds.; and W. H. Phillips, Tyler. Bro. C. H. Cooper, Representative at the Committee of Petitions, and Bro. F. Mabin, Charity Steward, were re-elected.

The annual banquet was appointed to be held on Wednesday, the 1st prox.

#### SALFORD.

**Zetland Lodge (No. 852).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Crescent, on Wednesday, the 11th inst. The W.M. elect, Bro. Jas. Beardmore, S.W., being so very popular caused a large number of brethren to be present. The lodge was opened at an early hour as there was considerable business to be done before the installation ceremony, there being four initiations. The ceremonies were conducted by the W.M., Bros. Blackwell, T. Pike, P.M., W. Corney, and Wheeler. The W.M. elect was presented by Bro. Wm. Booth to the Installing Master, Bro. Blackwell. The ceremony was performed in a most careful and creditable manner. Bro. W. Corney, P.M., acting as S.W., and Bro. C. H. Wheeler, acting as J.W.; whilst Bro. W. Booth, P.M., acted as I.G. Bro. Thos. Pike presented the working tools and gave the addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren; whilst Bro. C. H. Wheeler invested and addressed the officers. £20 was voted to the East Lancashire Educational and Benevolent Institution. All the members of the lodge appear to have the object in view of making it very prominent in the future as regards the Charities, and we heartily congratulate them upon their determination.

The following brethren were present: Bros. J. Blackwell, W.M.; J. W. Booth, P.M.; James Beardmore, S.W.; John Willis, J.W.; Wm. Ison, Sec.; R. B. Rawlinson, S.D.; A. W. Sidebottom, J.D.; T. Hulme, I.G.; T. W. Watson, Org.; Thomas Pike, P.M.; James Corney, P.M.; C. H. Wheeler, P.M.; John Robinson, James Bradbury, J. Williams, B. T. Burnett, A. Downs, A. W. Zamber, T. A. Turner, W. Stamon, James Cooper, Jao. Brindle, Thos. Williams, G. Baker, W. Sherwin, P. R. Slack, W. Barrington, H. Gee, W. R. Hawkes, N. J. Mann, W. Rowlinson, and H. Baron. Visitors: Bros. C. Driver, J.W. 1134; J. Howarth, 2150; F. Renshaw, 1387; J. W. Abbott, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; E. Meggitt, W.M. 325; W. Cole, P.M.; Thos. Threlfall, P.M. 1773; D. Galloway, W.M.; G. S. Smith, P.M.; and A. H. Mills.

The brethren adjourned to banquet, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to.

The toast of "The W.M., Bro. James Beardmore," was proposed by Bro. R. P. Leresche in most delightful terms.

Bro. Beardmore responded in a very witty and concise manner.

Bro. W. Cole, P.M., acted as accompanist to the songs in a very able manner, and altogether it proved to be a most successful meeting.

During the evening a handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Blackwell, P.M., for his services, and the I.P.M. also presented a jewel to the Secretary, who had acted for him during his year of office.

Both jewels were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

#### SHIRLEY.

**Shirley Lodge (No. 1112).**—The brethren of this lodge celebrated the Festival of St. John at their lodge room on Monday, the 9th inst., when Bro. R. C. W. Dixon was installed as W.M. for the year, the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. Le Feuvre, D.P.G.M. The Board of Installed Masters included Bros. G. J. Tilling, W.M. 130, P.P.G.S. of W.; F. G. Dacombe, W.M. 359; A. Hewett, W.M. 394, P.G. Stwd.; H. Lashmore, P.M. 394, P.P.S.G.D.; J. Martin, W.M. 1461; W. F. Mayoss, J. R. P. Sharp, P.P.G.S.; G. F. W. Mortimer, P.P.J.G.W.; G. Greenslade, E. T. Chamberlain, W. Pearce, and B. Harfield.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the newly-installed

W.M. invested the following as officers for the year: Bros. B. Harfield, P.M., I.P.M.; Rev. J. G. Norton, P.P.G.C., S.W.; W. K. Stride, J.W.; J. R. P. Sharp, P.M.; Treas.; G. F. W. Mortimer, P.M., Sec.; J. W. Fletcher, S.D.; E. H. Ashworth, J.D.; W. Pearce, P.M., D.C.; N. S. Ashby, I.G.; Sheppard, Steward; and W. Vare, Tyler. The subsequent business included the presentation to Bro. Harfield of a Past Master's jewel, bearing on gold bars the name and number of the lodge, and on the back the following inscription: "Shirley Lodge, No. 1112. Presented to Wor. Bro. B. Harfield, P.M., by the brethren, in appreciation of his services as W.M., 1891, and acting W.M. 1892." Bro. Harfield suitably acknowledged the gift, and said that, owing to the removal of Bro. Robertson to the neighbourhood of Oxford, he had had to fulfil the duties of the Master's chair virtually for two years, but it had been a great pleasure to him to render what service he was able to the lodge.

At the *post-prandial* proceedings the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, responding to the toast of "The Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge," said that by a resolution recently passed the Grand Master would have more collars at his disposal, and this would be extended to the Provincial Grand Lodges, so that the Provincial Grand Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight would in future have a greater number of honours to bestow than had hitherto been the case.

#### SOUTHAMPTON.

**Royal Gloucester Lodge (No. 130).**—The brethren of this lodge met at the Masonic Hall on Thursday, the 12th inst., when Bro. C. T. Penny, the S.W. of the past year, was installed as W.M., the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. G. J. Tilling, the outgoing Master. There was a numerous attendance, although many brethren sent apologies for absence, owing to illness or other causes, these including the D.P.G.M., Bro. Le Feuvre, and Bro. J. Lemon (mayor of Southampton), who is S.G.W. of the province.

The Masters and Past Masters present were Bros. Matthews, W.M. 76; T. P. Payne, P.P.G. Reg.; G. J. Tilling, P.P.G.S. of W.; R. Sharpe, P.P.G.O.; C. W. A. Jellicoe, P.P.J.G.D.; J. B. Thomas, P.P.S.G.D.; M. Miles, P.P.G.D.C.; R. W. Lees, J. F. Osborne, S. J. Clarke, P.P.G.D.C., and J. Boughton Smith, all of the lodge; T. G. Dacombe, W.M. 359; A. Hewett, W.M. 394; P.P.G.S.; H. Lashmore, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; F. H. Candy, P.M.; E. H. Card, P.M. 586; R. C. W. Dixon, W.M. 1112; and J. Martin, W.M. 1461. The other visitors included Bros. Rev. F. J. Ashmall and Capt. Edwards, R.N.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, hearty thanks were accorded to Bro. Tilling, both for his services as Installing Master and as the occupant of the chair for the past year, a Past Master's jewel being at the same time voted him from the lodge funds. The following are the lodge officers for the year, viz.: Bros. G. J. Tilling, I.P.M.; H. Abraham, S.W.; R. F. Collins, J.W.; R. W. Lees, Treas.; J. Cole, P.P.G. Reg., Sec.; J. H. H. Hogge, S.D.; A. J. Leach, J.D.; S. Clarke, D.C.; A. A. Burnett, I.G.; J. F. Wells, Org.; C. J. Sharp, Stwd.; and W. Vare, Tyler.

The installation banquet was afterwards served, a *recherché* repast being placed on the tables, under the superintendence of the D.C. The newly-installed W.M. presided.

The usual programme of Masonic toasts was gone through, the several visitors, in responding, wishing the W.M. a successful year of office. Bro. Capt. Edwards also relating some interesting experiences of Masonry in various parts of the world.

#### TRURO.

**Phoenix Lodge of Honour and Prudence (No. 331).**—The annual Festival of St. John was held on Monday, the 10th inst., when Bro. R. J. Newley, S.W., was ably and impressively installed by the W.M., Bro. H. Williams Hockin, P.G. Reg. The Board of Installed Masters comprised the following: Bros. C. Bryant, P.G. Treas.; E. Forbes Whitley, P.P.G.O.; G. H. Chilcott, P.P.G. Reg.; Joseph Rogers, P.P.A.G. Sec.; John Brewer, P.P.A.G. Sec.; E. D. Anderton, P.P.S.G.W.; J. J. Hawken, P.P.S.G.D.; Samuel Harvey, P.P.G. Purst.; P. Colville Smith, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Tonkin, P.P.A.G. Sec.; W. J. Johns, P.J.G.W.; G. M. Downing, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Thos. Webber, P.M.; Charles Deeble, W.M. 75; J. T. Letcher, W.M. 131; A. Hodge, W.M. 496; and E. W. Carus Wilson, I.P.M. 1529.

The W.M. elect was presented by Bro. E. D. Anderton, a much respected P.M. of the lodge; and amongst the visitors were Bros. Rev. J. P. Moyes, P.G. Chap. Essex; Rev. C. F. Mermagen, Chap. 131; W. H. Knight, S.W. E. Benney, J.W., Dr. M. J. Monk, Org., and T. Worth, all of 131; Freeman Payne and A. E. Webber, 76; S. Williams, J.W. 496; and W. J. Brown, Org. 1529. The tools were presented by Bros. E. Lawrence, Carlyon, Ben. Carter, and H. W. Hockin, Hockin, respectively, and the charges to the Wardens, delivered by Bro. C. Bryant; while the addresses to the brethren generally were given in a most impressive manner by Bro. E. Forbes Whitley. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bro. H. W. Hockin, I.P.M.; E. W. Carus-Wilson, S.W.; W. E. Kilminster, J.W.; C. Bryant, Treas.; F. J. Mountford, P.G.O., Sec.; E. Lawrence Carlyon, S.D.; W. H. Bücher, J.D.; H. Liddicoat, Org.; F. Harold Carlyon, I.G.; and F. A. Cozens, Stwd.; while Bro. C. E. Ruse, P.G. Purst., was re-appointed Tyler.

At the close of the ceremony the brethren proceeded to the Red Lion Hotel, where the customary annual banquet was held, and several brethren contributed to the enjoyment of the evening by recitations and songs under the skilful guidance of Bro. F. J. Mountford, P.G.O.

#### WELLINGBOROUGH.

**Wentworth Lodge (No. 737).**—The members of this lodge and a few visiting brethren assembled at the Masonic Hall, Herriott's-lane, on Tuesday, the 2nd inst., for the purpose of installing Bro. J. T. Reid, S.W., as W.M. of the lodge in succession to Bro. W. Packwood. The lodge was opened, when the following brethren were present: Bros. W. W. Packwood, W.M.; Butler Wilkins, P.M. 360, Deputy Prov. G.M., P.G. Std. Br.; J. W. Greasley, P.M. 445, P.P.S.G.D.; H. Dainty, I.P.M. 737, P.P.S.G.W.; B. Aris, P.M.; J. T. Reid, S.W.; O. Parker, J.W., P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. T. Parker, P.M.,

Treas.; H. H. Packer, Sec.; W. A. Thornton and W. W. Chamberlain, Stwds.; C. L. Bradfield, F. Newman, W. Saunders, G. F. Williamson, D. D. Chrisholm, C. J. Wood, G. Henson, F. Faulkner, G. H. Smeathers, R. W. Briggs, H. Edwards, J. W. Bellamy, J. Jones, and F. Knight, all of the lodge; C. Winterton, I.P.M. 860; J. J. Hart, P.M., D.C. 360, P.A.G.D.C.; W. F. Skinner, 360; L. Cooper, P.M. and Sec. 2244; R. B. Starkey, P.M. and Treas. 1391; E. H. Firkins, 497; and J. A. Jowett, D.G.M. 1764, P.P.G. Stwd. Apologies were read from Bros. F. Buckle, Prov. G. Sec.; Willan Jackson, T. Carroll, S. J. Harding, T. H. Higgins, G. L. Watkin, I. Parsons, J. T. Morgan, P. Cave, G. Millar, W. A. Watson, T. Smith, S. Robinson, and T. Renshaw, all of the lodge; T. S. Ashwell, F. Willoughby, F. W. Dorman, and C. Rider-Noble.

After the transaction of certain formal business, Bro. J. W. Greasley, 455, proceeded to instal Bro. J. T. Reid as W.M. for the ensuing year, and carried out his task in a most admirable and impressive manner. This ceremony having been concluded, the newly-elected W.M. proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. O. Parker, S.W.; W. W. Chamberlain, J.W.; J. T. Parker, Treas.; H. H. Packer, Sec.; H. Dainty, D.C.; W. Saunders, Org.; W. A. Thornton, S.D.; L. C. Bradfield, J.D.; D. D. Chisholm, I.G.; G. H. Smeathers and E. Newman, Stwds.; and J. Bates, Tyler. The Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, D.L., Prov. G.M. Norths. and Hunts, was elected an honorary member of the lodge, and Bro. J. A. Jowett, Treas. 1764, was elected a joining member.

The lodge having been duly closed, the brethren repaired to the Hind Hotel, where a *recherché* banquet was prepared in the large room by Bro. W. J. Ford. The chair was taken by the newly-elected W.M., Bro. J. T. Reid, and the vice-chair by Bro. Owen Parker, S.W.

The toast of "The Queen and the Craft" was first given from the chair, and acknowledged in due form.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The M.W.G.M. of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales; the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Pro G.M.; the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Deputy G.M.; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and the toast was most heartily received.

Bro. Butler Wilkins, D.P.G.M., the only Grand Officer present, replied to the toast, and in the course of his remarks spoke in high terms of praise of the manner in which each of the Grand Officers alluded to carried out the duties of their respective high offices of the Craft.

The Worshipful Master next submitted the toast of "The R.W. the Prov. G.M. of Norths and Hunts, the Earl of Euston; the Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. Butler Wilkins; and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past." He adverted to the great interest the Earl of Euston and also his Deputy, Bro. Butler Wilkins, took in Masonry, and held them up as model Masons and brethren whose example they would all do well to follow.

In replying to the toast, Bro. Butler Wilkins, on behalf of the Earl of Euston, thanked the lodge for having elected him an honorary member, and also for conferring the same honour upon him (the D.P.G.M.) at the previous meeting. He remarked that as regarded the work of the Prov. Grand Master, he thought no province could be more highly favoured than that of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire in having one to preside over them who so thoroughly entered into it as did Lord Euston. Every single thing that occurred in the province he desired to be made cognisant of, and as such great interest was shown by his lordship, they ought also to take equal interest in supporting him. Of the Provincial Grand Officers, he said they were all men who had done good work in their respective lodges, and were now reaping their reward. Bro. Wilkins said he had always had the interest of the Wentworth Lodge at heart, and was glad to see the progress it had made in the past few years. He was further very pleased to see present that evening Bro. B. Aris, who was one of the founders of the lodge. He hoped the lodge would now see its way to progress further into the Craft, and endeavour to establish a Royal Arch or Mark Lodge, so as to create increased interest in the Craft among the brethren.

Bro. J. T. Parker proposed "The Worshipful Master, Bro. J. T. Reid." He remarked he had known Bro. Reid for some years as a good, hardworking, and energetic Mason, and one who had the interest of the Craft at heart, and was highly gratified he had that day been elected to the office of W.M. of the Wentworth Lodge. He had special pleasure in proposing the toast of his health, as he felt sure Bro. Reid would do his best to further the interests of the lodge in every way. He trusted that he might have a prosperous year of office, and that at the end he might feel he had gained the respect and esteem of the whole of the brethren for the manner in which he had carried out his duties.

The toast was most heartily accepted.

The W.M. thanked Bro. J. T. Parker for the kind manner in which he had proposed the toast, and also the brethren for the way in which they had received it. His abilities, he felt, had to some extent been exaggerated, but still he should endeavour to discharge the onerous duties of the high office to which he had been elected to the best of his abilities, and he hoped he should give satisfaction at the end of his year of office. A great deal of the success of his work would, he said, depend upon his officers, and he felt that in the brethren he had invested that day he should have an excellent staff of workers, who would assist him in every possible way they could.

"The Immediate Past Master, Bro. W. W. Packwood," was then given by the W.M., and duly acknowledged by that brother.

"The Installing Master, Bro. J. W. Greasley," who had been obliged to leave, was proposed by Bro. Owen Parker, and heartily drunk.

"The Past Masters of the Wentworth Lodge" was given by Bro. Chamberlain, and replied to by Bro. Packwood; "The Visiting Brethren" by Bro. Bradfield, and responded to by Bro. Cooper; "The Masonic Charities" was submitted by Bro. Jowett; and "The Officers of the Lodge" by Bro. Packwood, and replied to by Bro. O. Parker.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

#### WINCANTON.

**Science Lodge (No. 437).**—The installation meeting was held on Thursday, the 12th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Church-street. Bro. J. L. Bewsey, W.M., presided, and there was a large attendance of brethren, in-

cluding many Past Masters, and amongst the visitors were several Present and Past Prov. Grand Officers of Somerset, Dorset, and Wilts, and the Grand Lodge of Scotland was also represented by a Past G. Officer.

Lodge having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, Bro. C. W. A. Goodfellow, W.M. elect, was installed into the chair of K.S., the ceremony of installation being performed in a most impressive manner by Bro. R. C. Else, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. Bro. Goodfellow appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. R. H. Hoyle, S.W.; C. F. White, J.W.; A. J. Rendle, Chap.; R. R. Hutchings, P.M., Treas.; H. Knight, Sec.; H. A. H. McDougall, S.D.; F. R. Wadman, J.D.; H. J. Wadman, I.G.; R. R. C. Gregory, Org.; G. Lock, D.C.; W. Dyke, P.M., Steward; and Alfred, Tyler. Before the lodge was closed, Bro. R. R. Hutchings, P.M., as the senior Past Master of the lodge, presented to the I.P.M., a handsome Past Master's jewel, and, in doing so, remarked that during the last three years Bro. J. L. Bewsey had occupied the chair of K.S., and the lodge had prospered and improved, and the manner in which he had performed his many duties had won the unanimous approval of the lodge, and endeared him to the heart of every member.

Bro. Bewsey having thanked the brethren in feeling terms, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, when the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

### Royal Arch.

#### LANCASTER.

**Rowley Chapter (No. 1051).**—A meeting of this chapter took place on the 10th inst., at the Masonic Hall, when there were present Comps. Relph, M.E.Z.; Nuttall, H.; Longman, P.Z., as J.; Stanton, P.Z., S.E.; Gregson, P.Z., as S.N.; Capstick, P.S.; Heald, A.S.; J. L. Gorton, A. Gorton, E. Turner, and others.

The ballot was taken for Bros. George William Harrison and William Wilson, and, being unanimous in their favour, they were duly exalted to the Supreme Degree of R.A.M. The chapter was then closed.

#### ST. HELENA.

**St. John's Chapter (No. 488).**—The companions of this chapter assembled at the Masonic Hall, Napoleon-street, on Tuesday, the 8th inst., for the purpose of installing the Principals and officers for the ensuing 12 months, and celebrating their annual festival. There were present on the occasion Comps. T. L. M. Adams, M.E.Z.; R. A. Clarke, H.; B. Wood, J.; R. Dowling, P.Z., Scribe, E.; A. S. Brady, P.Z., Treas.; W. H. Congdon, P.Z.; G. N. Driver, Scribe N.; Thos. Clayton, P.S.; E. Thomas, A.S.; J. F. Smith, A.S.; Thomas Carr, P.H., Janitor; the Hon. Major de Villamil, Douglas Reid, James Woods, John Harvey, and S. P. Young.

The Treasurer was called upon to read his account as duly audited, which showed a very successful year for the chapter, and the other routine business being ended, Comp. Dowling acting as Installing Officer, and carried out the duties of that office. The officers for the ensuing year are as follows: Comps. R. A. Clarke, M.E.Z.; B. Wood, H.; S. P. Young, J.; T. L. M. Adams, I.P.Z.; R. Dowling, P.Z., Scribe E.; A. S. Brady, P.Z., Treas.; G. N. Driver, Scribe N.; Douglas Reid, P.S.; Edward Thomas, A.S.; J. F. Smith, A.S.; and Thomas Carr, P.H., Janitor.

The installation being finished, the companions retired to the banquet hall to meet their guests, the ladies who had been invited to join them in a quadrille party, shortly after which dancing commenced, and was kept up in a very spirited manner till the small hours of the morning. The ladies and companions sat down to an excellent supper, provided by Comp. Adams, to whom much credit is due for the very nice arrangements of the same. The hall and yard were most tastefully decorated by Comps. Adams, Smith, and Thomas, to whom praise is due.

The ladies present were Mrs and Miss Adams, Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Congdon, Mrs. and Misses Dowling, Mrs. Reid, Mrs. Woods, Mrs. Smith, Misses Thomas, Mrs. Clayton, Miss Truebody, Misses Mary and Emma Burchill, and Miss Emma Hopewell; sons of companions present—Masters John Dowling and Thomas Adams.

This was one of the most pleasant and enjoyable parties got up in connection with Masonry in the island.

### Mark Masonry.

#### HIGHBRIDGE.

**Friendship, Unanimity, and Philanthropic Lodge (No. 191).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 16th inst. at the Masonic Rooms, Railway Hotel, when, in spite of the inclemency of the weather, there was a good attendance. The W.M., Bro. B. C. Board, was duly installed for the ensuing year by Bro. Colonel W. Long, D.P.G.M., and the following officers were subsequently appointed and invested: Bros. G. Strawbridge, S.W.; T. H. Railton, J.W.; A. W. C. Peskett, M.O.; J. B. Sincok, S.O.; F. W. Bishop, J.O.; Rev. H. L. Barnwell, Chap.; C. Lucette, Treas.; J. T. V. Dunsford, Sec.; Hitchings Davies, Reg.; T. G. Coggan, S.D.; W. T. Baker, J.D.; H. M. Kemmis, D.C.; W. G. Cozens, Org.; W. C. Leaker, I.G.; and W. Webber, Tyler. Two candidates were duly advanced. The Installing Master delivered an impressive address to the W.M., officers, and brethren.

After the closing of the lodge the members dined together, and a most harmonious and pleasant evening was spent.

### Scotland.

#### GLASGOW.

**Glasgow Chapter (No. 50).**—This chapter held its statutory meeting in St. Mark's Hall, 213, Buchanan-street, on Thursday, the 12th instant. Comp. James Booth, M.E.Z., presided, assisted by Comps. J. A. S. Kerr, H.; J. W. Ruddock, J.; T. R. Richards, Scribe E.; R. Morrison, Treasurer; P. Robertson, 1st Soj.; R. Campbell, 2nd Soj.; G. Dale, 3rd Soj.; G. Muir, Janitor; and a goodly number of companions.

The chapter being opened, the Provincial Grand Chapter over the Lower Ward of Lanarkshire, made their annual visitation, and were received in form becoming their rank. The M.E. Prov. Grand Superintendent, Comp. Major F. W. Allan, was assisted in his duties by the following office-bearers: Comps. A. E. B'ack, Prov. G.H.; J. R. Paton, Prov. G.J.; J. Balfour, Prov. G.S.E.; John Sanderson, Prov. G.S.N.; Emile Berger, Prov. G. Organist; J. M. Campbell, J. Carruthers, Macalister, Bradshaw, Simpson, Denholm, and Connell. The M.E. Superintendent, in his opening remarks, thanked the chapter for the undivided support which it gave his nomination for the high post he now filled, along with the other chapters in the province. In examining the books he found them in excellent order, and the chapter working in conformity with the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter laws. He was very much struck, in his official capacity, in examining the rolls of the various higher grades, to find the Orders largely composed of members of that chapter. Although he noticed the exaltation during the past year was not large, yet the work done was of the high order for which the chapter has always been noted. He had always taken a special interest in the chapter, because it was practically the mother of Princes Chapter, No. 189, which was his mother chapter. He had always thought that Princes Chapter, No. 189, should never have left that chapter. There was no necessity for him to enjoin them to be careful as to whom they admitted into their chapter, as probably no chapter in the province had guarded its sacred privileges with more zealous honour, and no doubt the venerable chapter would maintain its dignity in the future as it had done in the past. Comp. Booth thanked the M.E. Superintendent for the high certificate he had given the chapter, and said it must be gratifying to any First Principal of a chapter to have such an encomium passed upon it by an authority like Major Allan, and nothing would be wanting on his and his office-bearers' parts to hand over to their successors this historic chapter unimpaired. He then invited Major Allan to present two P.Z.'s jewels to Comps. W. S. Hunter, I.P.Z., and Edward Macbean, P.Z., for the valuable services they had rendered the chapter. Comp. Major Allan, in presenting the jewels, complimented the chapter upon the token of respect they had shown their two Past Principals. In the unavoidable absence of Comp. Macbean, Comp. Hunter thanked the chapter for the handsome present, and, on behalf of Comp. Macbean, paid a high tribute to the various office-bearers for the good service rendered during his term of office. The chapter was then closed.

#### IRISH FRATERNAL VISIT TO ENGLAND.

Friday, 13th January, 1893, will be ever considered as a memorable day by the brethren of the St. Nicholas Lodge, No. 1676, for upon the completion of the work the Dep. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Alderman R. H. Holmes, J.P., P.G. Deacon Eng., who had attended the lodge without announcing his intention of being present, arose, and in beautifully selected words reminded the lodge of the visit of their Irish brethren to them, and told them that he had been asked by them to represent them on this occasion, and in their name present to the lodge a magnificent illuminated address, running as follows:—

Address to the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Brethren of the St. Nicholas Lodge, No. 1676, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

Dear Brethren,—At the October communication of the Lodge of Israel, No. 126, Dublin, it was proposed by Bro. J. J. Irwin, P.M., and seconded by Bro. Metcalf, P.M., and passed unanimously, that the warmest thanks of this lodge be tendered to the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Brethren of the St. Nicholas Lodge, No. 1676, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, for their magnificent reception and entertainment of the visiting brethren from Dublin on the 12th, 13th, and 14th September, 1892. Also that the signature of each visitor along with those of the officers of Lodge of Israel be appended to an address embodying the resolution. Further, that an Irish bog oak Master's maul, suitably carved and inscribed, be presented to the St. Nicholas Lodge as a memento of the occasion.

We have great pleasure in forwarding this resolution; also the accompanying maul, which we ask you to accept as a souvenir of an ever-to-be-remembered and most happy visit to your city.

May we be permitted this opportunity of here acknowledging the courtesy and kindness of the general body of Freemasons and others of the district who associated themselves with the St. Nicholas Lodge in making our visit so eminently enjoyable.

Wishing you all continued prosperity, we are, dear Brethren, yours fraternally, W. J. Bhetwode Crawley, P.M., G. Dir. of Ctrs. G.L. of Ireland; Harry Hodges, Sec. G.L. Inst. Ireland; J. G. Talbot, W.M.; Thomas Rice, S.W.; J. H. Joyce, J.W.; G. W. Davies, P.M. Treas.; Eph. Phillips, P.M., Sec.; J. D. Smylie, Chap.; J. J. Imera, P.M.; Geo. Metcalf, P.M.; Saul Gordon, Thos. Caddell, F. W. Warren, J. T. Wood Lattimer, W. J. Dollar, Morris Harris, P.M., R.B.G.P.; Oliver Fry, P.M. 50; W. J. McDonald, W.M. 75; S. Smallridge, J.P., P.M. 269; H. B. Montgomery, P.M. 269; A. H. William, P.M. 269; Justyn McCarthy, P.M. and Treas. 269; James Crosier, P.M. 500; Wm. Mager, P.M. 241; Shaw Robinson, S.W. 158; F. S. Stael, 666; Stephen Adam, 206; Thomas Saul, 241; Thomas Ross, 100; W. J. Allright, 4; Alf. Norman, 33; R. F. Lidwell, J.P., P.M. 100; B. Juke, P.M. 100. In addition to the costly address, he (the D.P.G.M.) had also to present a most exquisitely carved Master's maul in bog oak, with an inscription on a large silver plate on its base as follows:—"Presented to the St. Nicholas Lodge, No. 1676, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, by the Lodge of Israel, No. 126, Dublin, to perpetuate the first recorded official visit of Irish Freemasons to England paid by the Lodge of Israel to Newcastle-upon-Tyne on the 12th, 13th, and 14th September, 1892." These two lasting memorials of a visit which stands as a marking point in Freemasonry as regards the connection of the two Grand Lodges of England and Ireland, he then handed to the Worshipful Master, and said he hoped that never would the memory of that visit fade, and that each time the maul was sounded it

might be one more link to bind closer and closer together the brethren of Ireland and England. In addition to those choice presents, he had the pleasure of handing to Bro. J. Donkin, P.G. Stwd., an illuminated letter, thanking him for his unwearied efforts to make the visit so happy and enjoyable, and trusted that that also would long be preserved by him, and handed down to his children as a memento of that happy visit.

The W.M. of the Nicholas Lodge, Bro. RICHARD H. HOLME, thanked Bro. Alderman Holmes, D.P.G.M., and assured him that that presentation had taken him and his lodge so utterly by surprise, that he failed to find suitable words wherein to express the great joy he felt at the kindly remembrances of the brethren from Ireland, and could only say this, that so enjoyable was the meeting of September, so happy the re-union, so pleasant the intercourse, that it carried with it a feeling of joy time could not efface, and it needed not such tangible tokens of goodwill as those presented to retain in the memory of himself and of his brethren as green a recollection of the happy gathering as the verdure of their own dear native land beyond St. George's channel.

Bro. JOSEPH DONKIN then feelingly responded for himself, and said that the fact that all the visits passed away so pleasantly and enjoyably was in itself a perfect reward for all the efforts he had bestowed upon the arrangements for the gathering.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the refreshment board and a pleasant evening was spent, rendered doubly pleasant by the events above recorded.

#### PRESENTATION TO BRO. W. D. T. TURNPENNY.

At a private meeting for Masonic instruction, held on Friday, the 20th inst., at Lawrence-lane, Cheapside, the opportunity was taken of presenting a testimonial to Bro. Turnpenny, W.M. 749, in recognition of the assistance he has rendered to many of his brethren, in their desire to secure a knowledge of the ritual and ceremonies.

There were about a dozen brethren present, and Bro. TAYLOR, P.M., acting as their spokesman, and also speaking for a few others who were unable to attend, said he was deputed by the subscribers to the testimonial to tender their hearty thanks to Bro. Turnpenny for his liberality and great consideration in allowing the use of his offices for their weekly meetings for Masonic instruction. Those meetings had enabled the officers of Belgrave Lodge and others to improve themselves, and they had derived both pleasure and profit from the assemblies. They desired Bro. Turnpenny to accept a small token of their esteem in the form of a snuff-box, which he would find suitably inscribed, while they had further expressed their indebtedness on vellum, with the signatures of the subscribers attached, so that Bro. Turnpenny would be able to refer in future days to the actual expression of satisfaction of his friends as evinced by their own handwriting. The subscribers, one and all, expressed the hope that Bro. Turnpenny would live for many years to take a pinch out of the box, and in so doing remember those who now desired to express their thanks for many happy hours spent together under his roof.

Bro. Taylor then handed the gifts to Bro. TURNPENNY, who was taken wholly by surprise, and for the moment was quite unable to find words to express his gratification. Having tendered his thanks, he said that what he had done for Freemasonry and for its members was out of pure love for the work, and he never expected such kindness as had been shown him. He had always felt that the brethren who had been present at the meetings in that room were true friends in Freemasonry, and he was pleased to think that those who had done him the honour and favour of attending had not gone empty away, for in helping him in the ceremonies they had helped to perfect themselves, and had not only imparted knowledge but also gained some. He recognised that he had some good men and true about him, and was delighted in having been able to do a little to add to their Masonic enjoyment. He assured them he should ever use their handsome present with pleasurable feelings, and hoped the brethren who had thus honoured him would often meet together and help him pass the box round.

The box bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Brother W. D. T. Turnpenny with all good wishes and fraternal regards, from a few old chums of No. 3, January, 1893."

The engrossed vellum was as follows, and bore the accompanying signatures:—

January, 1893.

To Brother W. D. T. Turnpenny, W.M.

Dear Sir and Brother,

We, the undersigned, have much pleasure in presenting you with the accompanying snuff-box as a token of our great regard and esteem. Trusting you may live many years to enjoy a pinch from the same.

With our united fraternal good wishes, we subscribe ourselves,—Your Brothers and Old Chums of No. 3—

T. S. Taylor, Jas. H. Brand, R. W. Benns, Augustus F. Leech, S. F. Williams, A. J. Hexter, Henry Lulman, Hy. Hexter, C. Doresa, S. G. Southcombe, Fred. Kedge, A. Russell, and H. Moss.

After these proceedings, the W. D. T. T. Masonic Benevolent Association was formally inaugurated, a large number in this, the latest of the useful adjuncts to the Institutions, being taken up. Bro. C. Doresa (1, Clyde-street, Redcliffe Gardens, S.W.) is acting as Secretary to this Association, and he will be pleased to give any information desired in regard to it.

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that honour will ever be our guide. Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master, permit me again to thank you on behalf of my brethren for your presence here to day. Now, brethren, it is my duty, on behalf of the lodge to tender my thanks to the historian of the lodge. As you all know Bro. Wilmshurst, who is so enthusiastic in his profession, has compiled this work. The history of the lodge is not only an able literary production, but reflects great credit on his artistic taste. I now ask you, Bro. Wilmshurst, in open lodge, to accept the most grateful acknowledgements of the brethren.

Bros. B. STOCKS, P.M., and ED. HALEY sang the duet—"Lord, cause Thy face," from Sir M. Costa's "Eli."

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER then presented the centenary jewels, making appropriate remarks to each recipient. To the Worshipful Master he remarked that he hoped he might long be spared to wear it. Both Wardens were then presented with jewels, after which Bro. Wm. Harrop, P.M., on approaching the Deputy Prov. Grand Master for a similar purpose, received a marked reception from the brethren present.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER said: It gives me infinite pleasure to pin this jewel on your breast. Long may you continue to live to enjoy this, and to give your brethren the benefit of your services.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER announced that the lodge had resolved to present Bro. W. L. Wilmshurst with a gold centenary jewel in recognition of his services in writing the history of the lodge, and asked the Deputy Prov. Grand Master to present it.

The DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER remarked that he was afraid that he did not pay to Bro. Wilmshurst all the compliments that he owed to him. He felt sure that the brethren were very proud to have so industrious a Mason, and long might he be spared to work for the lodge.

Bro. C. WHEAWILL, P.M., Charity Member, in moving that the sum of 50 guineas be paid out of the lodge funds to the Institution for Aged Freemasons, remarked that if there was one Charity more important than the other, they might fairly say that the Institution for aged Masons was that one. The particular object in proposing this was to do a special honour to themselves by placing on record a substantial recognition of the claims those Masonic Institutions had upon them, so that it might be taken down to their successors, that in the midst of their rejoicings that day they were not altogether unmindful of the needs of many poor brethren who have to avail themselves of that Institution. Without any further remark he begged to move the proposition, and trusted that it would be unanimously passed by the brethren.

The motion was seconded by Bro. WM. MITCHELL, P.M., and carried.

After Bro. Haley had sung "Within these walls," from Mozart's "Zauberflote," the visitors present tendered to the W.M. congratulations and hearty good wishes.

Bro. T. B. Fox, P.M., P.P.G.W., said: Worshipful Sir and Brethren—I am very pleased indeed for having this opportunity of congratulating you as Master of this lodge, and of congratulating the lodge on celebrating its centenary. As Chairman of the Charity Committee of West Yorkshire, I thank you for the vote which you have been good enough to pass to-night. I have, through the courtesy of your Secretary, seen your balance sheet. I have no hesitation in saying that it is unique in the history of West Yorkshire Masonry, and so long as I am Chairman of the Charity Committee of the Province I shall often cast a covetous eye on that nice little balance in hand of £1100. I should like, Worshipful Sir, to mention the fact that Bro. Hedges, the Secretary of the R.M.I.G. is here. At some later period of the evening you will hear something from him as to this Institution. I need hardly say that the Dep. Prov. Grand Master is Treasurer of that Institution.

Bro. W. F. SMITHSON, P.G. Deacon of England, said: I do not know that I can say much more, as I do not wish to detain you; at any rate, I should like to say a few words. I beg to congratulate you, Worshipful Sir, on the high position you to-day hold, and the lodge attaining its one-hundredth year. What you have done for the Charities in the past is well known. I have had the honour of visiting you many times, and I want to take the opportunity to express my thanks for your very warm welcome, and to bear testimony to the fact that you have always supported the Charity Committee in the great principles of virtue and benevolence. I am indeed grateful for your invitation on this most auspicious occasion.

Bro. HEDGES, Secretary R.M.I.G., in congratulating the W.M., said: Worshipful Sir, Wardens, and Brethren,—I did not anticipate the honour of addressing you quite so early in the evening. It is to me the greatest pleasure to be here at your centenary meeting and to congratulate the lodge and the Worshipful Master on having attained to this point in your Masonic history. I can only say that I sincerely trust that the prosperity of this lodge in the past will be extended to the future, and that, so long as time shall be, the Huddersfield Lodge may exist. Speaking very particularly for these Institutions with which I am so intimately connected, more particularly with the one I have the honour to be Secretary to, I gladly take the opportunity of thanking the brethren of this and other lodges for the very kind and forcible manner in which they have supported these Institutions. I do most heartily thank the Worshipful Master for his reception, and tender you a renewal of my best wishes for the success of this lodge.

Bro. E. ARMITAGE, P.M. 275, begged to be allowed to congratulate the lodge on attaining its centenary. He had read the history of the lodge, and thought it most admirably indited. He was pleased to see such a large attendance, and trusted the lodge would prosper in the future as it had done in the past.

Bro. N. PORRITT, W.M. 275, read a congratulatory address from his lodge; and good wishes were expressed from the Worshipful Masters of numerous lodges present.

Bro. P. MACGREGOR, W.M., said: Permit me, brethren, to tender you my most grateful thanks for your attendance here. I am proud of my lodge; I am proud of presiding over such a magnificent gathering. I trust that the feeling we have shown this afternoon may long continue, and I hope that the year, which is now young, will be a peaceful and prosperous one for us all.

The lodge was then closed, and during the retirement of the D.P.G.M. and members of Prov. Grand Lodge, the recessional hymn—"Now the evening shadows closing"—was sung.

The brethren afterwards sat down to a banquet.

## Ireland.

### DUBLIN.

**Military Lodge (No. 728).**—This lodge met at Freemasons' Hall, on Friday evening, the 20th inst., for the purpose of installing officers for 1893. This meeting will long be remembered with pride and pleasure by the members, for on that occasion Bro. General Lord Viscount Wolseley, K.P., G.C.B., G.C.M.G., Commander of the Forces in Ireland, was installed as W.M. in the presence of a number of distinguished brethren of the Irish Craft.

After labour, the brethren and their guests sat down to a very excellent banquet, and passed an exceedingly enjoyable evening.

The toasts, which were responded to by the several recipients in the most felicitous terms, were interspersed with songs from various well known brethren, which contributed largely to the enjoyment as well as to the harmony of the evening.

In replying to the toast of his health, the W.M. referred in most feeling terms to his remembrance of his initiation in 728, in the year 1854, and also to the gratification he experienced in being once more at home in the mother lodge after his long absence in

"Distant shores and foreign climes,"

Although, when far from that little island lodge, he had always met the right hand of fellowship wherever he went, and from whomsoever of the brethren he met, be they of high degree or low.

"Auld Lang Syne" brought to an appropriate close an evening, the prominent characteristics of which were those peculiarly Masonic ones, P. L. and H.

## Obituary.

**BRO. THOMAS GATES, P.M. 1599, P.Z. 862.**

We regret to announce the death of Bro. T. Gates, P.M. 1599, P.Z. 862, which occurred on the 16th inst., at 108, King Edward's-road, Hackney, leaving a family of four sons to mourn his loss. Bro. Gates was initiated in the Skelmersdale Lodge, on October 12th, 1876, was Treasurer from 1878 to 1880, and W.M. in 1883. He was exalted in the Whittington Chapter, in 1879, being M.E.Z. in 1890. He was also a supporter of the Masonic Charities. The first part of the burial service was performed by the Rev. Morcom (vicar), at St. Michael's and All Angel's Church, London Fields, our late brother having been Churchwarden. From thence the mournful cortege proceeded to Abney Park Cemetery, the chief mourners being his sons—Talbot, Alfred, Bertram, and Leslie; his brothers-in-law, J. W. and C. W. Hammond; and Messrs. F. W. Berk, H. Smith, J. J. Truran, and Dr. Slyman, and other members of the family, also many of his Masonic friends, among whom, representing his lodge and chapter, were Bros. A. and C. E. Cove, G. Thompson, P.M.; G. Larker, P.M. and Sec.; E. L. Miroy, P.M.; Enos Howes, P.M.; F. W. Horn, F. Dewsberry, P.M.; C. H. A. Harris, P.M.; T. Holmes, N. Hills, Harrison, H. Dehane, M.E.Z. 862; J. Crane, P.M. 939; F. Newport, and A. Cuniot. Numerous wreaths were sent by friends, and also by the lodge and chapter. Comp. Weaver was prevented attending by the death of one of his daughters.

**BRO. S. RAWSON, P.D.G.M. CHINA.**

Though for some years past Bro. Rawson had not taken an active part in Masonry, he was nevertheless among our most distinguished members, and the regret which will be felt at his death will be as sincere as it is general. He was initiated in the Lodge of Industry and Perseverance, No. 109, Calcutta, in 1841, and the year following, on visiting England, was elected a joining member of Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, of which, some time later, he was chosen W.M. He was exalted to the Royal Arch Masonry in the Madras presidency, and, on again taking up his residence in China in 1843, devoted himself heart and soul to Masonic pursuits. It was mainly through his instrumentality that the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 501, Shanghai, was established, and in 1847 had the honour of being appointed the first District Grand Master for China. In 1852 he received the further appointment of Grand Superintendent for the same district, while in the following year he laid the foundation stone, with Masonic ceremonies, of the Masonic Hall, at Hong Kong. On

this occasion his great services to the Craft were recognised by the presentation of a magnificent testimonial, consisting of a beautiful piece of Chinese silver-work, contributed by the Hong Kong brethren, and a valuable service of plate, contributed by those of Canton. He was advanced to the Mark Degree in Hong Kong, and in due course was elected Master of the lodge, but, finding on his return to England that his Mark honours had been irregularly conferred, he joined the Bon Accord Lodge, then working under a warrant from the Bon Accord Chapter, Aberdeen, but now on the roll of Mark Grand Lodge. In 1857 he appears to have been appointed by Bro. Lord Leighton, G.M.M.M., Prov. G. Master for China, but his patent was only discovered some 20 years later among the Mark Archives. He also won distinction in the ranks of Templar Masonry; was E.C. in the Cross of Christ Encampment in the year in which it changed its title to St. George, a founder of the Celestial encampment at at Shanghai, and P.G. Commander for China. He had taken the 33<sup>d</sup> in the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and about a dozen years since was Inspector-General of the Eastern Degree, while in the Royal Order of Scotland he was a Past Prov. S.G. Warden, and was also a member of the Allied Masonic Degrees. Many other offices had been held by him at divers times during his career, and among the lodges and chapters which will be more immediately affected by his death may be mentioned the Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 259, the Friends-in-Council Lodge, No. 1383, in which he formerly held the post of Treasurer; the Friends-in-Council Chapter, of which he was a P.Z., and the Studholme Rose Croix Chapter, No. 67. As regards our Charitable Institutions he had also done good service in their behalf, having served the office of Steward for all three, and having qualified as a Vice-President of the two Schools and a Life Governor of the Benevolent Institution. Bro. Rawson died at his residence in Upper Norwood on Sunday, and his funeral took place at Brookwood on Thursday.

**BRO. W. POORE, I.P.M. 1580.**

We regret to announce the death of Bro. W. Poore, I.P.M. of the Cranbourne Lodge, No. 1580, Hatfield, who, on September last, had conferred upon him, in recognition of his services, the office of Prov. J.G. Warden of Hertfordshire. The sad event took place at his residence on Saturday last, and the funeral, on Thursday at Highgate Cemetery, was attended by not a few of those who knew our deceased brother very intimately in Freemasonry. Bro. Poore was also P.M. of 1306, P.Z. of 186, P.M. of Panmure Mark Lodge, No. 139, P.P.J.G.O. of Middx. and Surrey, M.C.C. of 2076, and a member of St. George's Chapter, 18<sup>o</sup>

## Our Portrait Gallery of Worshipful Masters.



**BRO. CHAS. S. LEE,**

whose installation as first W.M. of St. Martin's Lodge, No. 2455, is reported in another column, was initiated in the Royal Commemoration Lodge, No. 1585, in February, 1882, and joined the Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 1599, in November, 1883. After filling all the offices, he became W.M. in 1891. He is a member of the Albion Royal Arch Chapter, No. 9, and a Life Governor of the R.M.I. for Boys, for which he was a Steward at the Festival in June last.

The new session of Parliament will commence on Tuesday next, the 31st inst., and the usual circulars by the Whips of both parties in both Houses have been issued. On Monday the Prime Minister and the Ministerial leader in the House of Lords, as well as the Marquis of Salisbury and Mr. A. J. Balfour, M.P., will, as usual, entertain at dinner the leading members of their respective parties.

## The Craft Abroad.

### CYPRUS.

**St. Paul's Lodge (No. 2277).**—The installation meeting was held on Friday, the 18th ult., in the Masonic Rooms, Limassol. There were present Bros. W. Kiddle, W.M.; J. P. White, I.P.M. and Treas.; G. Meyer, S.W.; J. W. Williamson, J.W.; H. Kemp, Sec.; G. Rossides, S.D.; A. Jones, J.D.; H. Braggi tit and W. Phillips, Stwds.; G. R. Harriott, P.P.G.M. Wigton and Kir. (S.C.); C. Christian, J. Carageorgiades, E. Daliti, W. G. Flower, E. Longcroft, H. Armstrong, J. P. Foscolo, J. Evans, T. Green, and G. M. Osborne. Visitors: Bros. L. Thackwell, P.M. 2195, and C. James, 1926.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which the report of the Audit Committee, showing a good balance in hand and that 10 guineas had been given to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, was read and adopted. Bro. G. E. C. Meyer, S.W., was then presented to the W.M. by Bro. G. R. Harriott, whereupon a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. G. E. C. Meyer duly placed in the chair of K.S. The W.M. was assisted in the installation ceremony by Bro. White, who proclaimed the newly-installed W.M. and presented the working tools, and by Bro. G. R. Harriott, who gave the addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. Kiddle, I.P.M.; A. Jones, S.W.; G. Rossides, J.W.; W. Phillips, Sec.; H. Kemp, S.D.; H. Armstrong, J.D.; E. Longcroft, Org.; G. Osborne, D.C.; T. Green, I.G.; and W. G. Flower and H. Baggiotti, Stwds. The W.M. then presented a Past Master's jewel to the retiring W.M., who acknowledged the gift in feeling terms. A vote of thanks was then tendered to Bro. Harriott for his kindness in riding 46 miles from Laraca to assist at the installation, and to Bro. L. Thackwell, P.M. 2195, which was duly acknowledged. Routine business having been completed, the lodge was closed.

The brethren re-assembled in the Issotes Club at a Masonic ball, which was kept up with spirit till 3 a.m. next morning. Most of the brethren are of opinion that it is a more suitable way to celebrate the installation of a W.M. by having an entertainment at which their wives and sweethearts can attend than a banquet for men only.

## MASONIC MEETINGS (Metropolitan)

For the week ending Saturday, February 4, 1893

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 28.

#### CRAFT LODGES.

1679, Henry Mugggeridge, Anderton's Hotel.  
1706, Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant.

#### LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

1329, Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall.

### MONDAY, JANUARY 30.

#### CRAFT LODGES.

79, Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich.  
1615, Bayard, 33, Golden-square.  
1745, Farringdon Without, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.

#### LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Blackheath, Milkwood Tavern, Milkwood-road, Herne Hill, at 8.  
Carnarvon, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 6.30.  
Jooorn, Eagle Hotel, Snaresbrook, at 8.  
Cripplegate, Goldsmiths' Arms, Gutter-lane, at 6.30.  
Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Atlantic-road, Brixton, at 8.  
Eleanor, Rose and Crown, High Cross, Tottenham, at 8.  
Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terr., Bishop's-rd., Paddington, at 8.  
Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.  
Marquess of Ripon, Lord Stanley, Paragon-road, Mare-st., at 8.  
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.  
Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30.  
Perseverance, Ye Old Cheshire Cheese, 23, Addele-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, Ken-sington, at 8.  
St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance) at 8.  
St. Luke's, Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, at 8.  
St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.  
Savage Club, Albion Tavern, Russell-street, at 8.  
Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, at 8.  
Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 6.  
Tyssen-Amherst, Amherst Club, Amherst-road, Hackney, and 4th Mon., at 8.  
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, 7.30.  
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, 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, Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road.  
Lewis Chapter, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.  
North London Chapter, Grosvenor Hotel, Canonbury, at 7.30.

#### ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

188, Joppa, Guildhall Tavern.  
1201, Electric, Freemasons' Hall.

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 31.

#### CRAFT LODGES.

141, Faith, Anderton's Hotel.

#### LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Uxington, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E. at 8.  
Capper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6.  
Clarence and Avondale, Masonic Hall, Leytonstone E. at 8.  
Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, at 7.  
Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-street, Borough, at 8.  
Clarence, 1A, Fitzroy-square, at 7.30.

Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.  
Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, corner of Queen's-road and Middle-  
ton-road, Dalston, E., at 8.  
Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.  
Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, at 7.  
East Surrey Lodge of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 8.  
Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.  
Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.  
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-rod, Rotherhith, 8.  
Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, at 8.  
Finsbury, The Goose and Gridiron, London House Yard, St.  
Paul's Churchyard, E.C., at 7.  
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, 2nd and  
4th Tues., at 7.30.

Friars, The White Horse, 94, White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., E.,  
at 7.30.

Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.  
Joppa, Boundary Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C., at 7.30.  
Kensington, Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes-square, Kensington, 8.  
Lily, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, at 8.  
Mount Edgecombe, Crown Tavern, Lambeth-road, S.E.  
Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8.  
New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., at 8.  
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8.  
Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street,  
E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues., at 6.30.  
Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida  
Vale, at 8.

Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.  
Robert Burns, Old King's Arms, Poland-street, W.  
St. George's, New Cross Hall, at 8.

South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Walham Green, S.W., at 7.30.  
Southward, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhith New-road, at 8.  
Wandsworth, St. Mark's School-room, Battersea Rise, S.W., 8.  
Warborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.

Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.  
Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8.  
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, at 6.30.

#### ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

255, Iris, Greyhound, Richmond.

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1.

GRAND CHAPTER, at 6 p.m.

#### CRAFT LODGES.

511, Zetland, Anderton's Hotel.  
1208, Royal Standard, Cock Tavern, Highbury.  
1451, Athenaeum, Athenaeum, Camden-road.  
1535, Royal Commemoration, White Lion Hotel, Putney.  
1610, Northern Bar, Cafe Royal.  
1687, Rotheras, St. James's Hall.  
1766, St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch.

#### LODGE AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.  
Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, at 8.  
Confidence, Deacon's Tavern, 3, Walbrook, at 7.  
Crays Valley, National Schoolroom, St. Mary Cray, at 8.  
Doric, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, at 8.  
Duke of Albany, Masons' Arms, 169, Battersea-park-road, at 8.  
Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, 7.  
Earl of Lathom, Joiner's Arms, Denmark Hill, S.E., at 8.  
Ebury, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham Common, at 8.  
Fidelity, Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury, N., at 8.  
Guelph, Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone-road, E., at 8.  
Hammersmith, Board Room, Bath and Wash-house Co., Blacks-  
road, Hammersmith, at 7.  
Hendon, Lower Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8.15.  
Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford, at 8.  
La Tolerance, Portland Arms, Great Portland-street, W., at 8.  
Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8.  
London Scottish Rifles, Albert Hotel, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.30.  
Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse, 7.30.  
Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Mitcham, at 8.  
Mount Lebanon, Half-Moon Hotel, Boro', at 7.30.  
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.  
Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.  
Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516, Old Kent-road, at 8.  
Plucknett, Bald-faced Stag, East Finchley, at 7.45.  
Prosperity, Old Parr's Head, Knightbridge-street, Doctors Com-  
mon, at 7.15.  
Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8.  
Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rushey Green, Catford, at 8.  
Royal Jubilee, The Crown, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8.  
Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8.  
St. Leonard, Pr. of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-road, Victoria Park, 8.  
Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 8.  
Stanhope, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Putney, at 8.  
Strong Man, City Arms, S. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7.30.  
Temperance in the East, Greenwich Pensioners, Bow-lane,  
Poplar, at 7.30.

United Mariners, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto-road, Nunhead.  
United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., East-n-road, at 8.  
Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W.,  
at 7.30.

Warrant Officers, 35, St. Martin's-street, W.C., at 7.  
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8.  
Andrew Chapter, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.  
Domestic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8.

#### ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

55, Constitutional, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
1196, Urban, Freemasons' Hall.

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2.

#### CRAFT LODGES.

10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.  
45, Strong Man, Guildhall Tavern.  
192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel.  
227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
231, St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall.  
538, La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall.  
554, Warborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
822, Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall.  
1178, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel.  
1216, Macdonald, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
1315, St. Clement Danes, The Courts Restaurant.  
1361, United Service, Cafe Royal.  
1425, Hyde Park, The Westbourne, 1, Craven-road.  
1572, Mornington, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.  
1607, Eleanor, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street.  
1724, Kaiser-i-Hind, Cafe Royal.  
1755, Trinity College, 13, Mandeville-place.  
1772, Pimlico, Victoria Mansions.  
1790, Old England, Masonic Hall, Thornton Heath.  
2271, St. Pancras, Midland Grand Hotel.  
2291, West Ham Abbey, Town Hall, Stratford.  
2411, Clarence and Avondale, Red Lion, Leytonstone.

#### LODGE AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Belgrave, Albion Tavern, Russell-street, Covent Garden, at 8.  
Burdett-Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.  
Burgoyne, King's Arms, John-street, Bedford-row, at 7.  
Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.  
Creston, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., 8.  
Crescent, King's Head Hotel, Twickenham, at 8.30.  
Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, Commercial Road, Lim-  
house E., at 7.30.  
Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham.  
High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8.  
Highgate, Falkland Arms, Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.  
Hornsey, White Hart Masonic Rooms, Lewisham, S.E., at 8.  
Ivy, Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.  
Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, at 8.  
Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, at 8.  
Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, at 5.30.  
Leopold, City Arms Restaurant, St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7.  
Montmorency, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.

Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, at 7.  
Priory, Berryhead Priory, Acton, at 8.15.  
Ruger's Park, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8.  
Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch Lane, at 7.30.  
Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte-st., Fitzroy-square, W., 8.30.  
Rose, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.  
St. John's, Court House, H. resden, N.W., at 7.30.  
St. John's, Queen Victoria Tavern, Exmouth-st., Stepney, at 8.  
Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.  
Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-street, Kennington, 8.  
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30.  
Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington-road, Bow-road, at 7.30.  
Union Waterlton, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich, 8.  
Victoria Park, George Tavern, Broadway, Stratford, at 7.30.  
Westbourne, The Prince Alfred, 112, Queen's-road, Bays-  
water, at 7.

Chaucer Chapter, George Hotel, High-street, Borough, S.E., at 8.  
Industry Chapter, Three Sisters Hotel, Hackney Downs, at 8.  
Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road,  
Maida Vale, at 7.30.

#### ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

2, Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall.  
73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel.  
43, Middlesex, Albion Tavern.  
1381, Kennington, Horns Tavern.

#### MARK LODGE.

197, Studholme, 33, Golden-square.

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3.

#### CRAFT LODGES.

706, Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, Woolwich.  
890, Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel.  
1479, Marquess of Ripon, Cock Tavern, Highbury.  
1627, Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall.

#### LODGE AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Allion, The Swan's Nest, Great Swan Alley, Moorgate-street,  
E.C., at 7.  
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.

Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, at 8.  
Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, F.C., at 7.  
Crusaders, Cottonston Arms, Goswell-road, at 8.30.  
Earl of Carrarvon, Kensington Hotel, Lancaster-road,  
Notting-hill, at 8.

Earl of Zeland, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.  
Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.  
Euphrates, Green Man, Mansell-street, Whitechapel, E., at 8.  
Gavel Club, Freemasons' Tavern, at 8.

Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 8.  
Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8.  
Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, High-street, Wood Green, at 7.30.

Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8.  
Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7.  
Queen's Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly, W., at 8.  
Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8.

Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, 11, Holloway-road, at 8.  
Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, New Bridge, at 8.  
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8.

Selwyn, Montpelier Tavern, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8.  
Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, at 6.  
Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8.

The Abbey, The Town Hall, Westminster, 7.30 till 9.30.  
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.  
Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, E., at 8.

Eastern Star Chapter, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 2nd  
and 4th cr., at 7.  
Hornsey Chapter, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace,  
Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., at 8.

City of Richmond Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, at 8.  
Mount Zion Chapter, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney,  
2nd and 4th cr., at 7.30.  
Pythagorean Chapter, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8.

New Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, 8.  
Strawberry Hill Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, S.W.

#### ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

8, British, Freemasons' Hall.  
229, Prince of Wales, Whitehall Rooms.  
8, Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern.

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4.

#### CRAFT LODGES.

142, St. Thomas's, Ship and Turtle Tavern.  
1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tavern.  
1624, Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall.  
1928, Valery, Anderton's Hotel.  
1949, Brixton, Horns Tavern.  
2102, Regent's Park, York and Albany Hotel.

#### ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.

### MASONIC MEETINGS (Provincial)

For the week ending Saturday, February 4, 1893.

The following is a list of Towns in which the Lodges,  
&c., whose numbers are appended, meet at the dates given.  
Further particulars of places of meeting, &c., of Craft  
Lodges and R.A. Chapters will be found in "The  
Freemasons' Calendar," and those of Mark, Rose Croix,  
&c., in "The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar," both  
published annually at the office of *The Freemason*.

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 30.

CRAFT LODGES.	Stokesley ... 543	Alford ... 1600
Manchester ... 62	Callington ... 557	Buxton ... 1635
Luxington ... 85	Thrapston ... 607	Okehampton ... 1753
Durkinfeld ... 89	Southport ... 613	Healey ... 1895
North Walsham ... 104	Chacewater ... 639	Maldon ... 1027
Warrington ... 149	Wellingborough ... 757	Healdfield ... 2187
Batley ... 204	Sutton Bridge ... 945	R.A. CHAPTERS.
Berkeley ... 270	Eastbourne ... 1110	Haworth ... 408
Bradford ... 304	Tenby ... 1177	Chorley ... 730
Hebden Bridge ... 307	Micklethurst ... 1218	Penarth ... 1754
Kidderminster ... 377	Pontypool ... 1258	MARK LODGES.
Halesworth ... 398	Satton Walden ... 1280	South Molton ... 9
Haworth ... 408	Market Rasen ... 1285	Oxford ... 55
Brightlingsea ... 433	Kingsbridge ... 1486	Preston ... 143
Oldham ... 407	Woking ... 1561	Reading ... 235
	Market Drayton ... 1575	

#### LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

Chatham ... 184	Levenshulme ... 903	Landport ... 176
Norwich ... 213	Salisbury ... 1071	Walton-on-the- Naze ... 1796
Liverpool ... 291	Ramsgate ... 1209	East R. Ford ... 1802
Brighton ... 315	Hastings ... 1218	Snarebrook ... 1804
Pembroke Dock ... 378	Leeds ... 1221	Hull ... 2134
Huddersfield ... 521	Canterbury ... 1449	
	Alford ... 1620	

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 31.

CRAFT LODGES.	Spalding ... 469	Wootton-under- Edge ... 855
Burnley ... 126	Ashton-in- Makerfield ... 484	Crewes ... 979
Rochford ... 100	Hyolhead ... 597	Neyland ... 90
Dartford ... 299	Burton-on- Maldon ... 1024	Alfreton ... 108
Cardale ... 310	Trent ... 614	
Huntingdon ... 373	Launceston ... 789	
Wareham ... 386		

Newnham-on- Severn ... 1067	Ilkley ... 1523	Castletown ... 2358
Wymondham ... 1193	Brighton ... 1636	R.A. CHAPTERS.
Batley ... 1214	Sheffield ... 1779	Birmingham ... 75
Blandford ... 1266	Walton-on-the- Naze ... 1799	Richmond ... 245
Paignton ... 1358	Clare ... 1843	Marlborough ... 1533
Woking Station ... 1395	Newport, Salop ... 1846	MARK LODGES.
St. Albans ... 1470	Fenton ... 1943	Louth ... 316
Crowle ... 1482		Hereford ... 243
		Taunton ... 319

#### LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

Whitehaven ... 110	Aylsbury ... 591	Edmonton ... 1237
Batley ... 261	Cleitherton ... 603	Ealing ... 1012
Maryport ... 371	Woolwich ... 700	Salisbury ... 1618
Broadstairs ... 420	Lee ... 704	Kingston Hill ... 1618
Halifax ... 448	Richmond, Surrey ... 820	Huddersfield ... 1783
Croydon ... 463		
Manchester ... 581		

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1.

CRAFT LODGES.	Ormskirk ... 580	Camborne ... 1544
Birmingham ... 71	Ladlow ... 611	The Brook ... 1190
Bury ... 123	Manchester ... 645	Prizington ... 1665
Poole ... 137	New Mills ... 654	Rayleigh ... 1734
E. Stonehouse ... 159	Kearsley ... 678	Hurstpierpoint ... 1737
Sidmouth ... 164	Chesterfield ... 681	North Walsham ... 1804
Guernsey ... 168	Colchester ... 697	Tente den ... 1854
Heckmondwike ... 251	Boston ... 838	W. Hartlepool ... 1861
Newchurch ... 274	Pontefract ... 90	Liverpool ... 2012
Leicester ... 279	Bungay ... 919	Tubbridge Wells ... 2103
Tavistock ... 281	Lower Broughton ... 991	Long Eaton ... 2114
Stockport ... 27	D. ugla ... 1004	Alderney Edge ... 2198
Huddersfield ... 290	West Malling ... 1013	Cardiff ... 2453
Rochdale ... 298	Derby ... 1015	R.A. CHAPTERS.
Alcester ... 301	Alnwick ... 1167	Prescot ... 86
Mottram ... 311	Sandwich ... 126	Leeds ... 301
Bristol ... 326	Oakham ... 1265	Yeovil ... 319
Wigton ... 327	Chester-le-Street ... 1274	Preston ... 311
Yeovil ... 329	Swansea ... 1321	Monmouth ... 457
Rye ... 341	Atherstone ... 1341	Haverfordwest ... 464
Sandbach ... 368	Wigan ... 1315	Scarborough ... 1248
Bundleigh Sal- terton ... 371	Leigh ... 1354	Sowerby Bridge ... 1249
Morley ... 382	Chipping Sidi- bury ... 1361	Bath — Royal Cu- n-berland ... 10
Shipley ... 387	Solihull ... 1431	Cheltenham ... 175
Newcastle ... 405	B. rton-on- Humber ... 1447	Sturley ... 181
Bishop's Cleeve ... 407	Woolston ... 1491	Wokington ... 212
Dorchester ... 417	Portmadoc ... 1509	Haverfordwest ... 297
Ramsgate ... 429	St. Colum ... 1549	Salisbury ... 443
Newport, Mon. ... 471	Dunmow ... 1543	
Conington ... 533		
Framlingham ... 555		

#### LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

Chatham ... 30	Langton ... 546	Chilton-cum- Meckock ... 1459
Shrewsbury ... 117	Liverpool ... 594	Bromley ... 1845
Ryde ... 175	Wishoe ... 609	Herne Bay ... 2019
Bingley ... 431	Worthing ... 1283	Hampton ... 2266
Haverfordwest ... 404	Sowerby Bridge ... 1283	Beckenham ... 2266

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2.

CRAFT LODGES.	Wolverhampton ... 419	Stony Stratford ... 1631
Newcastle ... 24	Wells, Somerset ... 445	Pembroke ... 1718
Canterbury ... 31	Uttoxeter ... 456	Thame ... 1761
Chichester ... 38	Accrington ... 462	Faringdon ... 1770
Bath ... 41	Spalding ... 469	Brighton ... 1819
Hull ... 57	Stockton ... 509	Kidderminster ... 1849
Mert yr Tydvil ... 100	Hartlepool ... 511	Sandhurst ... 1891
Ipwich ... 114	Walsall ... 519	Reading ... 2013
Richmond ... 13	Gl. ssoop ... 615	Ashburton ... 2189
Bournemouth ... 195	Manchester ... 613	Stratford ... 2201
Haslingden ... 215	Stoke-on-Trent ... 637	Bradford ... 2311
Tadmorden ... 219	Blackpool ... 702	Kelvedon ... 2342
Devonport ... 230	Dursley ... 701	Hindley ... 2350
Liverpool ... 249	Grimsby ... 701	hester ... 2356
Coventry ... 24	Lidgswade ... 803	Burford ... 2414
Heywood ... 256	Lostwithiel ... 856	R.A. CHAPTERS.
Blackburn ... 269	Munstead ... 9	Shrewsbury ... 262
Leeds ... 279	Bruton ... 96	Hebden Bridge ... 301
Beverley ... 294	Bury ... 1012	Upper Mill ... 337
Macclesfield ... 295	Southport ... 1070	St. Austel ... 406
Ashton-under- Lyne ... 300	Ilford ... 1211	Birmingham ... 587
Fareham ... 301	Ripley ... 1314	Liverpool ... 1391
Manchester ... 317	Darlington ... 1379	Dunstable ... 1470
Stalybridge ... 317	Widnes ... 1384	MARK LODGES.
Northampton ... 319	Bootle ... 1471	Cardiff ... 28
Hyde ... 361	Norwich ... 1500	Sheffield ... 53
Grantham ... 361	Lindley ... 1514	Kendal ... 195
	Lymm ... 1585	Listcard ... 379

#### LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

Nottingham ... 47	Gravesend ... 481	Thirsk ... 1416
Plymouth ... 70	Bilefold ... 483	Romford ... 1437
Gravesend ... 77	Rochester ... 1050	Field ... 1450
Liverpool ... 216	Liverpool ... 1181	Leyton ... 1685
Batley ... 264	Sudbury ... 1224	Stamford ... 1744
Leeds ... 289	Wimbledon ... 1300	New Brompton ... 1967

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3.



The first meeting of the Council of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys under the new regulation will be held at Freemasons' Hall to-day (Friday), at 4 p.m.

It is expected that Bro. the Duke and Duchess of St. Albans will arrive in town shortly from Bestwood Park, and will remain till Easter.

A performance of "Lady Clancarty," organised by Mr. Cyril J. Langley, in aid of the Gordon Boys' Home, was given at St. George's Hall, on Thursday, and proved a very great success.

A Masonic ball will take place at the Assembly Rooms, Derby, on Tuesday next, the proceeds of which, as well as of a series of dances to be held later on, will be devoted to the Masonic Charities.

We regret to state that Bro. J. Lewis Thomas, P.A.G. D.C., was prevented attending the installation of Bro. C. Belton, as W.M. of No. 1 Lodge, by a severe attack of gout, from which he has been suffering since the beginning of the year.

Bro. Stevens' lecture on "The Ritual and Ceremonial of the Symbolic Degrees," announced for the 27th inst., at Birmingham, is postponed in consequence of the Masonic ball and other Masonic meetings appointed to be held on that evening.

The annual meeting of the Gladsmuir Lodge, No. 1385, will be held at the Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, to-day (Friday), when Bro. G. Blizard Abbott, S.W. and W.M. elect, will be installed in office as W.M. in succession to Bro. S. Tryon, W.M., Prov. G.S. of Works.

The essential article in the treaty between Great Britain and Roumania for the marriage of Princess Marie of Edinburgh and the Prince Ferdinand of Roumania, provides for her Royal Highness's renunciation "for ever of all hereditary rights of succession to the Crown and Government of Great Britain."

On Tuesday, the Prince of Wales presented the gold medals, which he gives annually for competition among the pupils of King's Lynn Grammar School, to Mr. G. B. E. Riddell, to whom it was awarded in 1892, and who is now an Undergraduate of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, and Mr. J. D. Cee, who won it last year.

The death rate in London has, according to the Registrar-General's returns for last week, shown a very considerable diminution from 30.3 to 25.4 per 1000. It seems, however, that influenza has re-appeared, and it is entered as being the cause of death in 17 cases, as compared with seven and twelve on the two previous weeks.

The dockyard officials at Sheerness have been informed by the Admiralty authorities that the programme of work during the coming financial year will include the building of two fast gun-vessels of a new type, and the arming and completion of five torpedo gunboats, which are being built by contract under the Naval Defence Act, on their delivery by the contractor.

General regret is felt in the colony of New South Wales at the resignation of Bro. the Earl of Jersey, who was appointed Governor in 1890, but now finds himself under the necessity of returning to England to look after his estates, his agent having recently died. His lordship succeeded Bro. Lord Carrington as M.W.G.M. of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, and was installed in office for the second time last year.

Col. the Hon. Oliver Montagu, who has just died of lung and heart disease at Cairo, was the third surviving son of the late Earl of Sandwich, and had just completed his 48th year. He served with his regiment—the Royal Horse Guards—in the Egyptian campaign of 1882, and had secured the medal and bronze star. He commanded his regiment from 1887 to 1891. His sister, Lady Emily Hart-Dyke, wife of Bro. Sir William Hart-Dyke, Bart., M.P., was with him at the time of his death.

From the report, which has just been issued, of Captain Simonds, chief officer of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade, it appears that the number of fires attended by the Brigade in which life was endangered was 100, that the number of persons whose lives were endangered was 169, of whom 105 were saved and 64 perished. Of the latter 40 were taken out alive, but died from the injuries they had received either in the hospital or elsewhere. The total number of attendances at fires, or alleged fires, was 11,657.

The Prince of Wales presided at a meeting held at the rooms of the Royal Society, Burlington House, on Saturday last, for the purpose of considering the best form of memorial to the late Sir Richard Owen, who rendered such eminent services in advancing the sciences of anatomy, zoology, and palæontology. The Duke of Teck was also present, and there was a very large attendance of distinguished scientific gentlemen. It was agreed to form a committee, with the Prince of Wales as chairman, to carry out the objects of the meeting, and subscriptions amounting to about £250 were raised at once. A vote of thanks was passed by acclamation to his Royal Highness for his kindness in presiding.

The Masonic Ball, held in the Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastle, on the 12th instant, was the most numerous attended and successful gathering of the kind ever known in the city. Promoted under the auspices of the W.M.'s, officers, and brethren of Walker Lodge, No. 1342, St. Nicholas' Lodge, No. 1676, St. Peter's Lodge, No. 481, and the Northern Counties Lodge, No. 409, a combined effort was made to ensure the brilliant result. The elegant suite of rooms was thronged with 186 couples, the costumes of the ladies contrasting with the regalia of the brethren, and giving a pleasing effect to the assembly. In a sense the ball was almost too successful, the large assembly room being quite inadequate to accommodate all the dancers. To relieve the crush the smaller suite of rooms were utilised with a satisfactory result. Nearly every lodge in the Province of Northumberland, with brethren from the sister Province of Durham, was represented in the gathering. An excellent orchestra, under the personal conductorship of Bro. J. Amers, supplied the music. Dancing began at 8.30, and was kept up with spirit until 3 a.m.

Bro. Bradshaw Brown has been appointed receiver and manager for the debenture holders of the Greenwich Ferry Company, Limited.

According to the latest arrangements, the Marquis of Salisbury will arrive in England from his villa, Beaulieu, in the Riviera, on Sunday next. On the following day he will give the usual Parliamentary dinner at his residence in Arlington-street.

Owing to the recent events which have taken place in Egypt, the Government has arrived at the conclusion that under the circumstances it is necessary to strengthen the British troops in that country, and reinforcements, it is said, are already en route for Cairo.

"The Caterer," a monthly journal published in the interests of the trade, thinks Freemasons' Hotels a possibility of the future, and, indeed the idea has already found voice in the registration of the "Sudbury Freemasons' Commercial and Family Hotel Company (Limited)," with the modest capital of £2000.

The Duke of Westminster presided at the annual meeting of the Chester Rifle Association on Monday, when it was reported that prizes to the value of £365, as compared with £375 for the previous year, were distributed at the last shooting competition on the Altcar Range. The noble Duke made an earnest appeal for further support.

The Portuguese Minister, Senhor de Soveral, was recently entertained at dinner by the Amphitryon Club, as a slight mark of appreciation for the assistance, kindness, and humanity shown by the Portuguese Government to the Roumania, when it was wrecked on the coast of Portugal, and its crew and passengers. Bro. Lord Alcester was one of the principal guests invited to meet his Excellency.

The Government have appointed the Earl of Aberdeen to succeed Bro. Lord Stanley of Preston as Governor-General of Canada. The latter, who will retire from office in June next, has enjoyed great popularity among the Canadians during his term. Lord Aberdeen is married to a daughter of Bro. Lord Tweedmouth, and in 1886 was, for a short time, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

A terrible disaster occurred at the Aberdare Junction sinking pit on Monday, when a part of the wall of the shaft, which is 301 yards deep, fell on the sinkers, to the number of 26, who had just commenced work. Six are known to have been killed, and their bodies brought to bank, while others who were injured have since been brought up.

Under the auspices of the Jersey Lodge, No. 2163, a full-dress Masonic ball was held at the Lyric Hall, Ealing, W., on Friday, the 20th inst. The W.M. (Bro. W. A. Cocks), the Wardens, Past Masters, and officers of the lodge acted as Stewards, and are to be congratulated on the brilliant success that crowned their exertions. Bro. H. R. Lancaster's military band was engaged, and gave general satisfaction.

On the evening of Friday, the 20th inst., all the children of Freemasons belonging to Folkestone and neighbourhood were invited to a children's party and ball. The youthful guests ranged at the party from 3½ to 10 years of age, and they were not only regaled with a splendid tea, but were entertained with a magic lantern and all sorts of other amusements, especially with a grand children's tree, which was more particularly under the management of Bro. Stock, the oldest Mason in Folkestone, and Mrs. Stock. After the entertainment of the younger children was over, the older children remained to a ball. A small committee of ladies, with Mrs. Griffin at their head, undertook the management of the entertainment.

The *Liverpool Express* believes that the many earnest Roman Catholics, who are also Freemasons, find much to disquiet them in the Pope's latest pronouncement. The full text of that document, or rather documents, has not reached this country, but it is understood to contain a tremendous indictment of that Society. His Holiness considers Freemasonry to be antagonistic to Christianity, and given over to the propagation of infidelity. The reason of this scathing attack is supposed to be the recent agnostic speeches of certain Italian professors. These gentlemen are also ardent Freemasons, and the Pope's argument is to the effect that the tree is known by its fruit. The opinion in English Roman Catholic circles, however, is that the Pope has been misinformed, and that the connection between Freemasonry and anti-Christian sentiment is purely fortuitous. We should certainly be much surprised to hear the charge brought against any of our own lodges.

A successful ball was given by the brethren of the Temple Lodge, No. 583, Folkestone, on Wednesday, the 18th inst. The great hall of the Masonic Institute was superbly and tastefully decorated with floral and laurel wreaths, Masonic emblems, and art-shade muslin, of which Bro. Clifford Holden fraternally placed upwards of a thousand yards at the disposal of the Committee. The adjoining chamber on the first floor was prepared as a lounge and retiring room, and on the staircase and in suitable spots in the ball room were grouped noble exotic plants lent by Bro. Spurgeon. A super-floor was constructed in the billiard room, so as to admit of chairs being placed sufficiently high round the billiard tables for supper to be served on them. A buffet for refreshments was also constructed. The decorations were carried out by Bro. Harry Clements, in conjunction with Bros. Clifford, Saunders, E. B. Pain, and Geo. Peden. The refreshment department was in charge of the Steward, Bro. T. G. Holmes. Some 150 ladies and gentlemen accepted the invitation, and a very delightful ball resulted. The M.C.'s were Bros. W. Griffin, W.M.; Dunk, P.M.; W. B. Kennett, P.M.; G. Peden, P.M.; C. J. Saunders, J.D.; H. G. Clements, Org.; and G. Pain, Hon. Sec. Bro. Sir E. Watkin, M.P., who is a member of the Temple Lodge, is one of the Committee. Music was furnished by Prague's Quadrille Band.

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The Provincial Grand Chapter of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight will meet at Newport, on Monday next.

It is satisfactory to hear, on the authority of his medical adviser, that Bro. Lord Stalbridge's fever, though severe, is running its natural course, and that, on the whole, the symptoms are favourable.

We regret to learn that Bro. Justice Cave was so unwell that he was unable to be in court on Monday, and to go to Gloucester on Tuesday for the Cirencester election petition, his place being taken by Mr. Justice Vaughan Williams.

Bro. H. S. Foster, M.P., will be installed W.M. of the Temple Lodge, No. 101, on Tuesday, the 7th prox., at the Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street. The installation will take place at 5.30 and the banquet at 7 o'clock.

Bro. Lord Burton has been presented with a regulation sword and an illuminated address, in album form, by the officers, non-commissioned officers, and men of the 2nd Volunteer Battalion North Staffordshire Regiment, of which his lordship is honorary colonel.

The annual ball of the St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 2078, was held on Wednesday, the 18th inst., and proved very successful. The Stewards were Bros. Campbell, W.M., Peace, Murray, Chatterton, and M'Callum. Gregory's band, from Doncaster, supplied the music.

In our report of the Quarterly Court of the Boys' School in the last issue we named Bro. Masters as having seconded Bro. Glass's proposition for the non-confirmation of the minutes, whereas it should have been Bro. Corble. As Bro. Masters seconded the resolution at the former meeting, which was now sought to be rescinded, the correction is all the more necessary.

DICKENS' CHRISTMAS CAROL.—Bro. Fred. Morgan, of the Doric Lodge, gave a highly successful recital of this popular work at St. Stephen's School, Manchester, on Monday evening, to a large and appreciative audience, who were delighted with this versatile entertainer, and rewarded him at the close with a perfect ovation of applause.

At a meeting of the Southampton Lodge, No. 394, held on Thursday, the 19th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Bro. H. C. Ashdown was elected as W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. Lemon, P.M. (Mayor of Southampton), the Senior Warden of the province, as Treasurer, and Bro. H. Lashmore, P.M., as lodge representative on the Provincial Grand Lodge Charity Committee. All the elections were unanimous.

We regret to learn of the death of Bro. Harry Hodges, J.P., the leading member of the firm of Hodges and Son, Westmoreland-street, Dublin, which took place after a few days' illness, at his residence, Belgrave House, Monkstown. Our deceased brother, who passed away at the age of 53 years, was highly esteemed in commercial circles in Dublin for his integrity and business capacity. He was for many years connected with the Masonic body in Dublin, and rose to the high position of Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Instruction of the Order. He was highly efficient as a Freemason, and his loss will be much felt by the Body, as, indeed, it will be by every person with whom it was his custom to come in contact, either in a public or private capacity.

Bro. Lestocq, P.M. 1319, has furnished Bro. C. H. Hawtry with a farcical work which is calculated to fill the Comedy Theatre for a long while. It is adapted, as most of such plays are, from the French, and though it is patent to every one in the audience what the original must be which would not do for English tastes, the adaptee is to be commended in that while he alters the situation he has lost none of the pungency of the French piece, for "The Sportsman" bristles with smart sayings, and the fun is carried right through the play. The third act, unlike such pieces, is quite as well sustained as the other two. Bro. Hawtry is able to lie away to his heart's content. In stage fibbing he is veritably a past master, and in Bro. Lestocq's farcical comedy he fairly revels in lies. Bro. Hawtry has the capable assistance of Miss Lottie Venne, Miss Goward, Mr. Chas. Graves, and others. The comedy's new play may be said to be an instantaneous success.

It is interesting to note that during the serious illness of Bro. the Earl of Lonsborough, the fact that he had to be installed the Worshipful Master of the Constitutional Lodge, Beverley, the centenary year, did not escape his recollection. Indeed, it gave him some concern, and at his request a communication was addressed to the lodge, stating how deeply he regretted not being able to attend the lodge to have the ceremony performed. He further stated that should he get better, he would have to go abroad for some time to recuperate, and should be glad if any arrangement could be made, whereby the installation could be postponed till June. We understand that that had already been anticipated by the lodge, and a telegram was sent to his lordship informing him that it had been arranged to defer the installation until he had recovered from the affliction, which his brethren of the Craft, with others, so deeply deplored.

On Wednesday evening the Penge Lodge, No. 1815, held one of the most successful dances in connection with the above lodge at the Vestry Hall, Anerley. About 120 brethren and friends assembled and spent a most enjoyable evening, dancing being most spiritedly maintained until 12.30. The music was all that could be desired, under the able conductorship of Mr. C. Godfrey, jun. The M.C.'s Bros. H. O. Budd, J.W., and G. F. Crockford, I.G., performed their task most efficiently. Refreshments were provided by Bro. Hutchins, of the Thicket Hotel, in his usual able manner. Mention should also be made of the courteous attention of the Worshipful Master, Bro. H. Leney, to all those present, and his very successful efforts to ensure a most enjoyable evening. He was ably assisted by the following Stewards:—Bros. John Dibble, I.P.M.; Thos. West, P.M.; D. C. W. Baker, S.W.; H. O. Budd, J.W.; W. F. Hocken, P.M., Treas.; A. Bentley, Sec.; J. O. Curtis, G. H. Ellis, S.D.; A. E. Pridmore, J.D.; G. T. Crockford, I.G.; A. Thompson, Org.; W. J. M. Grady, Stwd.; D. Parsons, A.S.; H. Todd, W. Peskett, J. Knodes, W. H. Walford, and F. Grose.

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