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THE SAME OLD STORY.

The letter which His Holiness Pope Leo XIII. recently addressed to the Romish clergy, and a rough translation of which appeared in our columns last week, is sufficient evidence, if evidence were needed, that the Papacy is still actuated, and, for the matter of that, is likely to remain actuated, by the same rancorous spirit as ever towards our Society. It is not our purpose in our present remarks so much to complain of this attitude of the Head of the Romish Church towards Freemasonry as to express our regret that it should have been adopted, and our belief that, if these denunciations are persisted in, the cause of religion itself will ultimately be the chief sufferer. The world is well enough informed as to the character and antecedents of our Society. It knows, or, at all events, if it will only take the trouble to inquire, it can very easily be brought to know, that if those who profess to be Freemasons act up to its principles, there is no greater likelihood of danger arising to the cause of morality and religion than there is from Christianity itself. Greater injuries have been inflicted on the latter by the sins of professing Christians than by the attacks and persecutions of the heathen; and in like manner Freemasonry has suffered more from the un-Masonic acts of its professed members than from the open or insidious attacks of its enemies. But in saying this we are merely repeating an old story, which is based on the experience of all nations and ages; nor do we see any reason why the Pope should persist in issuing periodical denunciations of our Society, because some of its members set at naught its principles. The present occupant of the Papal chair is generally known to be a man of learning and culture. He is surrounded by men who are supposed to be capable of tendering him wise counsels such as are calculated to promote the interests of Christianity, or at all events of that particular section of it which owes allegiance to the Pope as its spiritual head. Yet there is but slight evidence of wisdom in the man who can issue, or the councillors who can sanction the issue of, so monstrous an encyclical as that which emanated from Pope Leo XIII. on the 8th December, 1892. It is not necessary to assume that Freemasonry is a perfect institution in order to demonstrate the absurdity of such wholesale charges as are included in this document. We know perfectly well that there is a considerable difference between Freemasonry as it is understood on the continent and Freemasonry as it is understood and practised in English-speaking communities. But when we have made every allowance for the divergences of our continental brethren from the true principles of the Craft, we are still a long way from being in a position to be justified in affirming, that in Italy—to which the Pope's letter more immediately refers—"war is being waged" by the Masons, "at the same time against the celestial and terrestrial Fatherland, against the religion of our fathers and civilisation, against the sciences and the arts." This is sheer nonsense, and though it may have the desired effect of deluding people who are sunk in most cases in ignorance into the belief that Freemasonry is everything that is diabolical, it will not induce people who are clothed and in their right minds that these terrible charges are in any respect justifiable. Indeed, even the most stupid people, who are at all times prepared to accept as gospel whatever is taught them by their spiritual pastors and masters, have seen enough to know that in making these several allegations, the Pope is saying the thing that is not. The world generally, and Italians in particular, are not entirely ignorant of the events which have occurred in Italy during the last 30 and odd years. They know that where there is now a united Italy flourishing—and which would flourish still more but for the hard fate which compels it to maintain at terrible cost a huge army and navy—under a constitutional sovereign, there was formerly an Italy in part divided into a number of petty states, and in part subjected to a hated foreign yoke. They are well aware that, though Italian Freemasons may leaven their Freemasonry with plenty of politics in contravention of the true principles of the Craft, it was not Freemasonry and the machinations of its following which brought about the salutary political change which has been effected in Italy during the period aforesaid, but the wisdom and valour of her soldiers and statesmen, and the patriotism of her people. Our former Grand Master, the predecessor of H.R.H. the Prince of WALES, if he chose to do so, could throw considerable light on the true principles of Freemasonry, and though neither he nor we can quite absolve the continental brother from the charges brought against him by the Pope, and his clergy of utilising the organisation of the Craft in foreign countries for political purposes, both he and we should find ourselves in a position to show that in this respect we had done no more than take a leaf out of the book of the Romish ecclesiastic, who has over and over again turned his spiritual position to account in order to promote some special political object of his Church.

We have said that we cannot entirely absolve our continental brothers from the charge of using or having used their Masonic organisation with a view to promote some special political object. But does it speak well for the common sense of educated people when they condemn a whole society for the faults of one or two of its sections or branches? We do not need to be told by the *Liverpool Catholic Times* what Freemasonry is. If we desire to learn what are the principles of Judaism, Christianity, Mohammedanism, or any other religion, we turn to the book which contains its sacred writings, and in which its principles are defined. Similarly, if we desire to be informed as to the principles of Freemasonry, we turn at once to its Old Charges and Book of Constitutions, and there we find nothing about "Naturalism," which our worthy contemporary tells us is "Secularism plus philanthropy." We do not find that it "believes neither in God nor devil, heaven nor hell;" that "it laughs at immortality and the judgment to come;" that "its aim is enjoyment on this side of the grave; and when it calls itself humanitarian, the true meaning is that to all intents and purposes it would abolish God and His Revelation." This may or may not be a true definition of Secularism, but it does not apply to Freemasonry. The first and foremost article of our Masonic faith is belief in the existence of God and the immortality of the soul, and when in 1877—if we remember rightly—the Grand Orient of France determined on eliminating this article from its Book of Constitutions, our Grand Lodge at once passed a resolution, which was tantamount to a complete severance of those fraternal relations which had previously existed between the two Societies. It is but the other day that the W.M. of one of our lodges refused to proceed with the ceremony of initiating a candidate who, on his own showing, turned out to be an atheist or an agnostic; while, if confirmation is needed of the truth of our statements, we need only refer to the respect which is exhibited throughout our ceremonies for the Sacred Writings as being "the unerring standard of truth and justice," as containing "the Divine precepts" by which our actions should be regulated, as teaching us "the important duties" we owe to God, our neighbours, and ourselves. But it is not necessary we should carry our remarks further. The United Kingdom is the Motherland of Freemasonry. Whatever it may be now on the Continent of Europe and elsewhere, the branches of Masonry there established derive their existence from us, and not only their existence, but likewise their laws and constitutions. But we, at all events—and the same may be said of the other English-speaking Grand Lodges—have not deviated from the original articles of Masonic faith as propounded by the founders of our Modern or Speculative system of Freemasonry. We may be supposed to know what Freemasonry is, and we have no hesitation in affirming that, though in France and other foreign countries, the original principles of the Craft have been seriously departed from, there is no truth whatever in the allegations of the Pope and our *Liverpool* contemporary—that Freemasonry is anti-Christian and anti-theistic. We demur entirely to the notion that our Society must be judged not by the principles on which it is based, but by principles which have been substituted in their stead by apostates from Freemasonry. We repeat there is no doubt a certain amount of truth in the suggestion that our Italian brethren do occasionally permit themselves to take part, as Masons, in the political struggles of the day, but that does not justify the Pope in his wholesale denunciation of Italian Freemasonry, and still less of the entire body of Masons—to what countries soever they may belong.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight was held on Monday, the 30th ult., at the new Masonic Hall, Newport, which was then used for the first time for Masonic business. The Grand Superintendent, Comp. W. W. B. Beach, M.P. (3rd Grand Principal England), presided, supported by Comp. J. E. Le Feuvre, J.P. (P.G.S.B. Eng.), Prov. Grand 2nd Principal, and by Comp. the Rev. J. N. Palmer (Past Grand Principal Sojourner Eng.), acting as Prov. Grand 3rd Principal. The attendance also included the following:

Comps. G. F. Lancaster, P.Z. 342, P.P. 3rd Grand Principal, acting Prov. Grand S.E.; G. J. Tilling, P.Z. 1461, P.G. Treas.; Rev. E. W. Watts, M.A., P.Z. 151, P.G. Reg.; George Ward, P.Z. 76; J. G. Garnham, M.E.Z.; D. S. Pring, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C.; Isaac Golden, P.Z.; J. H. Wavell, I.P.Z.; C. E. Lock, H.; Horace Groves, J.; C. E. Pinnock, S.E.; N. Armstrong, S.N.; J. G. Jones, P.G.O.; H. W. Horan, G. A. Brannon, P.S.; W. Lock, J. G. Pinnock, F. Pinnock, W. L. George, R. G. Smith, W. T. James, and C. Knell, Janitor 151; J. Leftwich, Z.; J. C. Ains, I.P.Z.; G. A. Mursell, P.Z. (and 151), P.P.G.R.; F. Rutland, P.Z., P.P.G.O.; Frank Trueman, H. 175; C. W. Bevis, Z. 342; L. Steele, J.; R. Boughton Smith, S.E., P.P.G.J. 394; W. Bates, Z., and G. Pearman, Org., P.P.G.O. 487; F. V. Paxton, Z. 804; M. F. Curtis, Z., E. T. Wise, H., and W. J. Miller, J.

1461; R. Buckle, P.Z. 1776; W. Miller, P.Z. (and 1428), P.P.G.D.C., and G. Williams, H. 2068, and J. Exell, P.G. Janitor.

After the transaction of formal business the Grand Superintendent appointed and invested the following companions as the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year :

Comp. J. E. Le Feuvre, 394...	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" T. W. Faulkner ...	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" E. Goble, 309 ...	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" G. Ward, 76 ...	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" G. J. Tilling, 1461 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" F. V. Paxton, 804 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" F. Rutland, 175 ...	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" C. W. Bevis, 342 ...	...	...	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
" M. F. Curtis, 1461 ...	...	...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" J. C. Burbage, 1780 ...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" J. G. Garnham, 151 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" W. Bates, 487 ...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" R. E. Buckle, 1776 ...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" G. Pearman, 487 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" G. F. Lancaster, 342... ..	...	...	Prov. A.G.S.E.
" J. Exell, 487 ...	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

The statement of accounts for the year, showing a good balance in hand, was presented by the Prov. Grand Treasurer, Comp. TILLING, and unanimously adopted, and on the proposition of Comp. LANCASTER, seconded by Comp. the Rev. J. N. PALMER, and supported by Comp. J. E. LE FEUVRE, the sum of 25 guineas was unanimously voted as a contribution to the funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. It was understood that the contribution would be equally divided between the lists of Comps. Palmer and Tilling, who would be attending the approaching Festival of the Institution as Stewards.

At the conclusion of the business a banquet was held in the new dining hall of the lodge, the Grand Supt., Comp. W. W. B. Beach, presiding, when the usual toasts were briefly given and heartily received.

In responding to the toast in his honour, ably submitted by Comp. the Rev. J. N. PALMER, the GRAND SUPT. warmly congratulated the members of the Albany Lodge and Chapter on their enterprise and energy in providing such a splendid and appropriate building for Masonic purposes as that in which they were met that day, and on behalf of the P.G. Chapter he expressed his gratification of the arrangements which had been made for their accommodation. The speaker concluded by announcing amid loud cheers that it would give him much pleasure to visit them again in some capacity during the present year.

Comp. J. E. LE FEUVRE, 2nd Grand Principal, appropriately responded on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers."

"The Principals of the Chapters of the Province," proposed from the Chair, was coupled with the name of Comp. J. G. GARNHAM, who, in response, gave a cordial welcome to the members of Prov. Grand Chapter, on behalf of the Albany Chapter, the members of which greatly appreciated the honour done them by the visit, and were especially gratified by the promise made by the Grand Superintendent of another early visit.

Other toasts followed, and the services of the Hon. Steward, Comp. Wavell, were duly recognised, as were the successful labours of Comps. H. Groves, Pring, Golden, and others on the Decoration and Reception Committees.

The pleasure of the after dinner proceedings was much enhanced by songs contributed by Comps. Rutland, James, Ains, W. L. George, and others, and a recitation by Comp. Golden.

CONSECRATION OF THE TUSCAN MARK LODGE No. 454.

The Tuscan Lodge, No. 454, was consecrated at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 28th ult., by Bro. the Earl of Euston, Deputy Grand Master, assisted by Bros. Col. A. B. Cook, Prov. G.M. Middx., as S.W.; Col. G. Noel Money, C.B., Prov. G.M. Surrey, as J.W.; Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, Prov. G.M. Bucks, as Chap.; Robert Berridge, P.G.W., G.D.C., as D.C.; and Wm. Vincent, P.A.G.D.C., as I.G.

There was a large number of brethren present.

The lodge having been opened and a hymn sung, the CONSECRATING OFFICER, addressing the brethren, said: We are met here this evening to evince that Masonry in general, and Mark Masonry in particular, is progressing, and gaining strength from day to day. We are called here for the purpose of consecrating another new lodge to be added to the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons. I am sure every one will feel with me that a great proof of the progress of Mark Masonry is to be found in the number of lodges consecrated in the last 12 months, and the deep interest taken in it by older Mark Masons is shown by such brethren as Bro. Frank Richardson coming forward to take the chair of a new lodge. I will not waste your time, but that is the object for which we are met, and I hope and trust that this lodge may progress and prosper, and prove another stronghold of Mark Masons in England.

The founders present gave their approval of the officers named in the warrant, after which the following oration was delivered by Bro. Rev. J. STUDHOLME BROWNRIGG, Prov. G.M. Bucks, acting Chaplain:

In the beautiful ceremonial of the Mark Degree there is one great and special truth of universal importance, which, like a golden thread, runs through the whole ritual, and is ever being enforced upon our attention. Again and again are we reminded of the dignity, the value, and the responsibility of work. Man is not answering the great end of his creation unless he is doing some work. The first command of God to men involves work. Work is not the penal consequence of man's rebellion, but the condition of man's true nature. The reward of faithful service in this life will be the capacity to perform perfect work hereafter. The first point, therefore, for a human being to ascertain is what his work in this life should be. The man without a profession, without employment, without daily labour, either of the brain or the hands, cannot be a true brother amongst us. And though the common and popular cry is that every profession is overcrowded, and that there are many unemployed who would work, if they could find work, I do not believe it. My professional duties have taken me amongst all classes and conditions of men, and I have never yet met with anyone whose failure to get work was not more truly his disinclination to do work which did not commend itself to his tastes and inclination. The Great Architect of the Universe may not give us the work we would choose for ourselves. The plains of Zeredatha, the clay ground between Succoth and Zurthan may be our appointed place of work when we are more disposed to labour in the forests of Lebanon, but where the Master places us there our work is, and there it should be done. So we come to this

second point of our great truth: The obligation of doing our work—set us by God—in the best possible manner. If a thing is worth doing at all it is worth doing well. The daily business of a man's life ought to interest him. He ought not to regard it, whatever it is, as an unpleasant necessity, which he is bound to face or starve. We hear much now-a-days of the dignity of labour, and the nobility and rights of the labourer. The true dignity of labour, as our Masonic ceremonies teach us, is to labour well and faithfully. The true nobility and rights of the workman consist in his obedience to order, and in only taking a day's wage when it has been preceded by a day's work. The last and greatest point of work is that it should be done for the glory of God and the good of the community. From first to last every teaching of our Craft points to unselfishness. It is true that the labourer must and should receive the wage to which he is entitled, and does thereby secure personal benefit to himself. But the wage is the accident, not the end of work. The real end and aim of all our labours must be to carry out the purposes of the Great Architect of the Universe, and this in the humblest as well as the lowest station of life.

The daily round, the common task
Will furnish all we need to ask,
Room to deny ourselves a road
To bring us daily nearer God,
Seek we no more.

The ceremony was proceeded with, and the new lodge formally and solemnly dedicated and constituted.

Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.W., G. Sec., then installed as the first Master Bro. Frank Richardson, P.G.W., G. Reg., and the following officers were invested: Bros. Walter J. Ebbetts, S.W.; Gordon Smith, J.W.; C. W. Stephens, M.O.; Ernest Richardson, S.O.; Harold Burke, J.O.; G. H. Hopkinson, Treas.; W. H. F. Balliston, R. of M.; R. D. Hancock, Sec.; and E. Mills, Tyler.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, W.M., said the first duty of a W.M. of a new lodge was to return thanks to the officer who consecrated it. It was always a great pleasure to perform that duty; but on the present occasion that pleasure was doubled, for the Deputy Grand Master had done them the honour. He, therefore, proposed a most hearty vote of thanks to the Deputy Grand Master for having performed the ceremony, and asked that the members should be allowed to enrol his name as an honorary member.

The DEPUTY GRAND MASTER returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him. As far as consecrating the lodge was concerned, it was a great pleasure to him to do anything for this or any Order in Freemasonry. It was also a duty, for by the Book of Constitutions the Deputy Grand Master should consecrate new lodges, and he always tried to carry out the duty of any office he held. It was with great pleasure he undertook to consecrate this lodge, especially when he knew the first W.M. was to be his great friend, Bro. Frank Richardson, who had done so much for the Order.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER then proposed a vote of thanks to the Grand Officers who had assisted in the consecration and installation, and, in conjunction with Judge McLeod, Dist. G.M. Burmah, they were elected honorary members.

Letters of regret for non-attendance were announced from Bros. the Marquis of Hertford, Pro G.M.; Sir Reginald Hanson, Sir John B. Monckton, and C. H. Driver.

A strong list of brethren was proposed as candidates for advancement and joining, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren adjourned to a banquet at Freemasons' Tavern, and the usual toasts were subsequently heartily honoured.

"The Queen and Mark Masonry" was first given.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in giving "The M.W.G.M., the Pro G.M., and Deputy G.M.," said they all knew that H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. was the hardest worked gentleman in the country, and that was a good reason why they did not see as much of him as they would like. They knew more of the Pro Grand Master, who, whenever he received a summons of importance, was present at all meetings to give them guidance and advice. Of the Deputy Grand Master they knew still more, for they knew him to be the right man in the right place. Whenever there was any Masonic work to be done, whether Craft, Arch, or Mark, the Earl of Euston was always to the front. In Mark Masonry they knew him because he was always with them, and they never had to ask his assistance at any ceremony, but he placed himself at personal inconvenience to do the work. They had evidence of that on the present occasion, for he had come up that morning from the country, where he had been attending to arduous duties, to consecrate that lodge. He (the W.M.) looked upon it as a great honour to any lodge to be consecrated by the Deputy Grand Master, whom he personally thanked for the compliment.

Bro. the Earl of Euston, Deputy G.M., thanked the brethren on behalf of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales for the kind way they had acknowledged the toast of his health, and also on behalf of the Pro Grand Master. For his own part, he could only say he was always pleased to do anything he could to help them. He thanked the W.M. for the kind way in which he had spoken of him, and the brethren for their kind reception.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER next gave "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," and said that when the brethren considered that three Provincial Grand Masters and a Grand Warden had assisted in the ceremony that day, and that there were also present a District Grand Master, two or three other Grand Wardens, and many other Grand Officers, they must feel that the Grand Officers did their work, and were clearly entitled to their praise. The members of the new lodge were deeply indebted not only to those who took part in the ceremony, but also to those who had assisted by their presence.

Bro. Rev. J. STUDHOLME BROWNRIGG, Prov. G.M. Bucks, briefly replied, after which the DEPUTY GRAND MASTER proposed "The Health of the first W.M. of the Lodge." He considered the lodge should feel itself very highly honoured to have as the first W.M. a brother so well known in Masonry, with a record of so many years' work in the Craft and in Mark Degrees, and a Past Grand Warden of the Order. He only hoped that it would be an encouragement to the other brethren to follow his example in the work they would see done during the coming year. Bro. Richardson was always able and ready to undertake any ceremony in Masonry, and was always to be depended upon for advice in any difficulty that might occur. He also possessed all the tact and qualifications for a Master, and in congratulating the lodge they would wish the W.M. health, strength, and every blessing that God could give during his year of office.

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, G. Reg., W.M., in response, said he rose without delay to return thanks for the very kind and far too flattering words spoken of him by the Deputy Grand Master. He could assure them he looked upon it as a very high honour indeed to be the first W.M. of the Tuscan Mark Lodge. He could not claim to have initiated its foundation, but when he was asked by the founders to become their first W.M., he felt it was impossible to refuse. As so many founders were members of the

Ruspini Lodge it might seem a hindrance to that body to start a new lodge, but he could assure them it would be an assistance. They had laid down good lines to work upon in order that the work might be properly done. One good rule was that brethren who did not attend to their work when appointed, or failed to do it properly must not expect promotion, for this lodge was started in order that promotion might take place amongst those who were willing to work. It was not to be that brethren who had already passed the chair in other lodges should come into that lodge and stop the promotion. He was satisfied that if the rules were properly carried out this lodge would be as a lodge of instruction to the Ruspini Lodge and a great advantage generally.

Bro. McLEOD, District G.M. Burmah, responding for "The Visitors," said he was in a somewhat difficult position in being called upon to reply, having had the honour of being elected an honorary member. He was gratified at the privilege of having enjoyed their hospitality that night, and on many occasions while in England. He should carry away with him pleasant recollections, especially as that was the last evening it was possible for him to attend.

Bro. A. C. SPAULL also responded.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER submitted "The Mark Benevolent Fund," and said he believed it to be a most deserving Charity. The Secretary of that Charity was the Grand Mark Secretary, and they would all agree that it would be utterly impossible to find any Secretary who did his duty more honestly and conscientiously than Bro. Matier.

Bro. C. F. MATIER, G. Sec., responding, said the Mark Benevolent Fund tried to supplement the other Masonic Charities by taking certain children who were perhaps two old or other circumstances disqualified them. They had an example the other day when a boy over 11 came to them, and they were enabled to provide for him at once. He could not hope the Deputy Grand Master would again take the chair at the anniversary festival, as he was engaged to take the more honourable position of the chair of the Girls' School Festival. He could only ask for the cordial support of the brethren, feeling sure he should have a Steward as representative of the lodge.

Bros. HOPKINSON, Treas., and EBBETTS, S.W., returned thanks for "The Officers," after which the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

Bro. Rose, P.G. Org., rendered valuable assistance in the musical portion of the ceremony, and Bro. Franklin Clive and others supported an excellent programme after the banquet.

THE GRAND LODGE OF ULSTER.

By HENRY SADLER.

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This was "carrying the war into the enemy's country" with a vengeance, not only the outworks, but the very citadel, fell easily into the hands of the invaders, while those who had for a long period been in undisturbed possession were utterly routed, and compelled for a time to seek other quarters—an event unparalleled in the history of Freemasonry in any country. I am not in a position to state definitely how long the victors retained their hold on the Grand Lodge premises, but, in addition to the meetings above mentioned, they certainly held one on the 6th August, 1807, in the same place, when a lengthy address was ordered to "be printed and forwarded to all the regular Lodges in Ireland." In this address their opponents are referred to as "those persons who call themselves a Grand Lodge, and meet in William-street." In another paragraph they are described as a "surreptitious association of suspended and excluded Masons," and the brethren are informed that "Mr. John Leech has no book or legal document in his possession (counterfeit certificate plates and forged seals not deserving that title), by which he can give Grand Lodge Certificates." These examples of Irish pleasantry and humour with which the circular abounds will doubtless suffice to indicate the character of the whole document. There is certainly nothing of a timorous or half-hearted nature in it, evidently it is the work of men "flushed with victory" and confident of permanent supremacy.

It is not improbable that some of my readers may desire to know the effect which this clever memorial from the newly-formed Grand Lodge (the compilers of which had apparently "kissed the blarney stone" to some purpose) produced on the question at issue. So far as I can learn the result was *nil*, for there is no reference whatever either to the memorial or the disturbance, in the records of the Grand Lodge of England (then presided over by the Prince of Wales, and known as the Grand Lodge of the "Moderns"), and I have considerable doubt as to whether the document ever reached the hands of the "illustrious personage" for whose enlightenment it had been so carefully prepared.

Unfortunately the cover in which it was enclosed is missing, but had it been addressed to the Grand Secretary for presentation, as no doubt it was, in all probability it would have been carefully perused and endorsed, and with the several enclosures neatly tied up with red tape and carefully pigeon-holed, there to remain until the prying propensities of some such inquisitive person as the present writer should be instrumental in restoring it to light.

For a long period the regular or "Modern" Grand Lodge had scarcely been "on speaking terms" with the Grand Lodge of Ireland, the sympathies of the latter being invariably on the side of the rival Grand Lodge, of which the Duke of Athole was then at the head, and known as "The Grand Lodge of England according to the Old Constitutions," the two rival Societies being briefly distinguished by the titles of "Ancients" and "Moderns." Between the "Ancients" in England and the Grand Lodge of Ireland the closest intimacy had always subsisted, it was but natural, therefore, that the Dublin brethren should have looked to their old allies for support and sympathy in their distress. As will be seen hereafter, they did not ask in vain, for the subject was at once taken up and acted upon by the "Ancients," with the spirit of determination which invariably characterised their proceedings. The first reference to the Irish quarrel is contained in the Grand Lodge Transactions of December 3rd, 1806, when "The R.W. Deputy Grand Master produced Letters and Communications from the Grand Lodge of Ireland, which was ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Present and Past Grand Officers to consider the same and report thereon to the Grand Lodge." The subject cropped up again at a meeting of the Stewards Lodge, on the 20th of May, 1807, when, "Upon reading a Letter or printed circular purporting to be from the Grand Lodge in Ireland relating to the expulsion of Alexander Seton, late Deputy Grand Secretary. It was ordered that the same be referred to the Committee of the Present and Past Grand Officers, to be by them considered of, with the other Papers already referred to by the Grand Lodge in December, and

that the Grand Officers be requested to meet thereon the earliest opportunity."

This seems to savour slightly of doubt on the part of the members as to which was to be considered "The Grand Lodge in Ireland." If, however, any doubt then existed, it was very soon dispelled, for at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge the Committee brought up a lengthy report, which is duly recorded in the transactions, wherein the turbulent conduct of Alexander Seton and his followers is referred to in the strongest terms of condemnation. The report concludes as follows: "Your Committee, therefore, duly considering all the premises, most earnestly recommend to the Grand Lodge to confirm and resolve—That this R.W. Grand Lodge shall not under any pretence receive and acknowledge any certificate signed by the said Alexander Seton, bearing date at any time from and after the 5th June, 1806, and that the same be observed at the R.W. Stewards Lodge, nor shall any person bearing such Certificate under the hand of the said Alexander Seton be thereby received into any Lodge nor receive any of the honours of Masonry. All which is respectfully submitted to the Grand Lodge. Which said report being received and read, the same was unanimously confirmed in Grand Lodge." The minutes of this meeting were duly confirmed on the 2nd of September following, and a circular letter containing the substance of both the report and the resolution thereon, as well as a list of the Grand Officers of Ireland was printed in bold type and dispatched to all the lodges under the ancient Constitution. I need hardly state that the names of Bros. Irvine and Seton are not included in the list of Grand Officers.

At a meeting of the Stewards Lodge on the 20th of January, 1808, "Edward Hayes with G.L. Certificate dated 15th December, 1806, signed G. D. Irvine and A. Seton," applied for pecuniary assistance, "but this being contrary to the Resolution of Grand Lodge of 2nd September last his petition was rejected." On the 19th of October in the same year Patrick Allen, late of 845, Ireland, was similarly treated, as were probably many other applicants.

At this period Masonry in Ireland was not what it is in the present day, being much more popular with the masses, including in its ranks every grade of society down to the artisan and private soldier. In the year 1814 there were upwards of 700 lodges on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, 84 of them being military lodges and in the two years immediately preceding, the proportion of military lodges was still greater. "Ancient" Masonry in England was on a similar footing, although on a smaller scale. On an average about two out of every dozen applicants to the Ancient Grand Lodge for relief were Irish Masons. The following extracts from the minutes of the Stewards Lodge will doubtless suffice to confirm the foregoing. At the usual monthly meeting on the 17th October, 1810, 10 petitions for relief were considered, three of them being from members of Irish lodges. At the top of the list is the case of "William Hurley of No. 413, Ireland, G.L. Certificate of date 10 April, 1810, 2 years a Mason, was rejected, on account of the name in his Certificate being of a different handwriting to the signature in his Petition. Upon examination into the business it appeared the Petitioner could not write at all." On the 18th March, 1812, 23 cases were considered (three of which were Irish), 17 of these were relieved with sums ranging from one guinea up to seven, the remainder being rejected. Amongst the latter was the petition of William Hopkins, of No. 252, "who produced a G.L. Certificate, which upon examination appeared not to belong to him," and that of James Jackman, of No. 293, who had a certificate purporting to have been signed by him, "but upon trial he cannot write, his identity could not therefore be ascertained." The determination of the "Ancients" not to acknowledge Seton's certificates probably did more towards quashing the rebellion than anything that had been done by the practically deposed authorities in Ireland, who marked their appreciation of the support thus rendered them by passing a very laudatory Address, expressing their gratitude to the Grand Lodge of England, "at a meeting of the Grand Lodge of Ireland held at the Exhibition House in William Street on Thursday, 5th of Nov., 1807." (It would appear from this that the premises in Back-lane were in possession of the Northern faction at the latter end of 1807). This address was read in Grand Lodge on the 2nd December, 1807, and ordered to be entered in the minutes, but as it throws no fresh light on the subject I shall not reproduce it here.

In order to elucidate the real origin of this remarkable schism, it will be necessary to take a retrospective glance at the condition of Masonry in Ireland during the few years immediately preceding the outbreak of hostilities in Dublin, and in so doing I shall principally avail myself of the contents of several letters written by John Boardman, Grand Treasurer of Ireland (who, notwithstanding that he was so unfortunate as to incur the deadly enmity of the Seton faction, apparently had the real interests of Masonry at heart), to Thomas Harper, then Deputy Grand Master of the "Ancients" in England. The correspondence seems to have begun in 1801, at all events the earliest letter at hand is dated the 21st of March in that year, and I judge from the tenor thereof that several years had passed since these two Masonic worthies had been in communication.

Having due regard for the space at the disposal of the editor of the *Freemason*, the reader's patience, and my own time, I shall only quote such portions of the letters as in my opinion either have a bearing on the subject of the schism or are of general historic interest.

The above-mentioned letter is for the purpose of introducing the bearer, a Mr. Graham, who is visiting London on business, and having got through the introduction, the writer proceeds: "I find you have incorporated Royal Arch with Blue Masonry, and sanctioned it under the authority of Grand Lodge. Here the case is different, and the Grand Lodge of Ireland recognises only the three First Degrees. I wish to follow your example, and engraft the fourth under the authority of the Grand Lodge, but before any measures can be taken for this purpose it is necessary to know whether separate warrants are granted by you for holding R.A. Chapters, and what charge is made for issuing them?"

"As I am anxious that the proceedings of both kingdoms should correspond as nearly as possible, I beg the favour of you to give me such information as may most likely point out the means of obtaining this desirable end." Unfortunately I have no copy of the reply to the foregoing, nor of any of the letters I am now quoting; if copies were made, which is extremely doubtful, they were probably destroyed prior to the union in 1813, and, in view of the fact that the "Ancients" had no central office or head-quarters, it is a matter of surprise to me that so many of their old books and documents are still extant. However, as the proverbial "half a loaf is better than no bread," we must endeavour to learn from the "half" we have what the missing portion was like.

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In future numbers of the *Freemason* we purpose giving a series of portraits of Worshipful Masters who have been recently installed. Recognising the fact that no greater honour can be bestowed on a brother than to be elected the Master of his lodge, we desire to do our part towards creating a permanent record of such event in his Masonic history by placing his portrait before our readers. We shall be pleased to furnish Secretaries of lodges and others who may take an interest in our project whatever information may be desired as to our proposed method of procedure.

The following communications, amongst others, unavoidably stand over

CRAFT LODGES.—Harmony, No. 156; United Pilgrims, No. 507; Wellington, No. 548; Lodge of Friendship, No. 9.8; Wilton, No. 1077; Newall, No. 1134; Friendly, No. 1513; St. Botolph's, No. 2020; Apollo, No. 2042; Lathom, No. 2229; and West Ham Abbey, No. 2291.

MARK LODGE.—Moore, No. 146.

Ladies' Night at the Strong Man Lodge, No. 45.

Ladies' Night at the Duke of Albany Lodge.

East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Benevolent Institution.



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1893.

Masonic Notes.

The news we have to record in connection with the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution continues to be most encouraging. The Board of Stewards is now 200 strong, or about 25 in excess of what it was quoted as in last week's issue. But we must put our readers on their guard against being too sanguine of a large total of donations and subscriptions. It is true that Bro. Terry has always had the satisfaction of being able to point to a high average per Steward's list. But the same influences which have had the effect of keeping the Board numerically weak till quite recently will also be felt by the brethren in their canvass. We must, however, confess to being very hopeful. We know how important it is there should be no break in the continuity of success, and realising that Bro. Terry is not the man to permit such a thing to happen if it is in his power to prevent it, we are trustful that the sum required to make good the year's deficit, or something very near it, will be forthcoming.

The proceedings at the Half-yearly Communication of the District Grand Lodge of Bombay, on the 29th November last, were marked by one or two circumstances of more than ordinary interest. In the first place, Bro. H. Wynford Barrow, Dep. D.G.M., on whom, in the absence of H.R.H. the District G.M., devolves the duty of administering the affairs of the District, was presented with a handsome ivory gavel, bearing the inscription: "Presented to Wor. Bro. H. W. Barrow, D.D.G.M., by the District Grand Lodge of Bombay, as a token of sincere regard. November, 1892." In making the presentation, Bro. W. H. Hussey, P.D.D.G.M., District G. Sec., made sundry appropriate remarks as to the desire of the brethren to recognise the excellent qualities of the D.D.G.M., and the latter was equally happy in his reply, which concluded thus: "As to the form of the gift itself, I rejoice to think that fragile as is this beautiful implement, the slight sound it is capable of producing will yet be sufficient in this well-ordered and happily constituted assembly to insure immediate attention in respect for the officer in charge."

Subsequently the Deputy District Grand Master discharged "the somewhat melancholy duty of unveiling the oil painting subscribed for by the brethren throughout the District" of his "immediate predecessor in office, the late lamented Wor. Bro. Harold R. King, whose early death is still so fresh within our memories whose lovable and kindly disposition, no less than his high abilities and earnest and deep interest in all that affected the well-being and the advancement of our Order continues, and will long continue, to make us mourn the loss of so good and true a brother."

Be it added that the frame in which the portrait of the late Bro. King is enclosed bears the following appropriate inscription: "Presented to the District Grand Lodge of Bombay by the Lodges working in the District, in loving memory of R.W. Bro. Harold Robertson King, Past Grand Deacon, Deputy District Grand Master for the years 1885 and 1887 to 1890."

Correspondence.

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

RULE 130 OF THE BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Will you allow me to thank Bros. W. F. Lamson, "Lex Scripta," "Argus," Henry Wright, Geo. W. G. Barnard, and W. J. Hughan for their contribution *re* the above rule?

After the decision of Grand Lodge held 7th March, 1888, in the case of Bro. Joseph James Allen, of the Emulation Lodge, No. 2071, Sydney, N.S.W., upholding the ruling of the D.G. Master of N.S.W. that Bro. Allen had been duly elected W.M. of the said lodge. The ground of the complaining brother was that when Bro. Allen was elected and installed he had not been 12 months a Warden. Bro. Philbrick, G.R., explained that the brother had been 12 months a Warden when he was installed, and he says further (according to the *Freemason's* report of the time) and was duly elected. My query in the *Freemason* of the 17th March, 1888, was—"Was Bro. Allen qualified to be balloted for as W.M. in accordance with the above law, when he had only been 11 months a Warden?"

Bro. Lamson is of opinion the question was then settled by Bro. Philbrick from any doubt that might arise for all time. Bro. "Lex Scripta" thinks there is a little doubt upon the point. I was of Bro. "Argus's" opinion when I penned the query. As for the confirmation of the minutes the following meeting that is essential in all cases whether the brother served 12, 24, or more months.

Bro. Wright, quoting the decision of the late Grand Secretary's, gives great elasticity to the rule. Bro. Barnard will find that the decision he quotes was the cause of my query.

Perhaps the query and correspondence that followed it will bring the matter under the notice of our Rulers in the Craft.

When the draft copy of the present Constitution was under consideration, I remember pointing out in the *Freemason* that a Master of a new lodge who was only a Master Mason (when installed) would not be eligible for the Master's chair, only in the lodge he was installed (the new lodge) as he had not served in a Warden's chair. The rule was altered and *Master* was added to the Warden.—Yours fraternally,

R. W. O.

ROYAL ARCH PROCEDURE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

You have reported the few words I said at Grand Chapter exactly the reverse of those I used.

I said "it was not a question of ritual, but rather of procedure." I scarcely believed Comp. Fenn wished to be understood seriously when he offered the reason that it was undesirable the companions should see the Principals robing as sufficient to exclude the juniors from joining in invoking the blessing of heaven on the proceedings.—Yours fraternally,

J. E. LE FEUVRE.

February 6th.

THE PREFIX OF WORSHIPFUL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

It certainly seems passing strange that those responsible for the advertisement in your columns of the annual supper of the "Emulation" Lodge of Instruction should again this year omit the prefix W. to those of the Stewards who neither are nor have been G. Officers, and yet are entitled to it.

It really appears, although I feel sure it is not so intended, coming as it does from the foremost lodge, or, at any rate, one of the foremost lodges of instruction, as a gratuitous insult to those distinguished and W. brethren, from whom it is so very ostentatiously withheld.

What is the authority for these prefixes of R.W., V.W., and W.?

I do not presume to suggest that the great teachers are unaware; but as there may be some who, though still in a non-grand sphere of Freemasonry, are entitled to the last, and may not know, I would, by your leave, refer them to the letter on this subject written by the late V.W. G. Sec., by command, in 1880, and sent to every Prov. and Dist. Grand Lodge of the E.C.

It appeared, I think, in your columns at the time.—Faithfully and fraternally yours,

NOT A STEWARD.

February 7th.

Reviews.

MASONIC CALENDAR PROVINCE OF WILTSHIRE, 1893.

This artistic and ably-edited annual increases in size and usefulness from year to year, and never was so complete as now. The painstaking editor is Bro. F. H. Goldney, P.G.D., the Prov. Grand Treasurer, who has done his part most carefully and thoroughly. The preface furnishes a brief sketch of the past year, Masonically, and, in relation to the Calendar, concludes with the lines—

"Eighteen hundred and ninety-three,
May Wiltshire Masons welcome thee."

The index, calendar for the year, and particulars as to the Charity votes, funds of the various bodies, rules of associations, &c., are all duly given, and place in the hands of the members of the province a reliable guide on all such matters. The directory portion is, however, the most important, from a strictly Masonic point of view, as the *personnel* of the lodges, officers and other returns are thus duly detailed and concisely arranged. There are 11 lodges with 505 members (526 in 1891), but only nine initiations during 1892. The number of Royal Arch chapters is now six, and 153 companions; Mark lodges number three, and members 73. There is a new Mark Prov. Grand Lodge for Wilts, the Earl of Radnor being the Prov. Grand Master of the Craft, Grand Superintendent of the Royal Arch, and Prov. Grand Master of the Mark for Wilts, so that the Degrees are under the same esteemed Ruler. A good plan wherever and whenever it is possible. The votes exhibit a total of 2741, being much in excess of all previous years, but as those of the Boys' and Girls' appear for the two elections, the real total would be rather under 2000, but even then a grand testimony to the Masonic zeal and benevolence of so small a province as Wilts, with only some 500 members. Bro. Goldney deserves the best thanks of the Craft in Wilts for his valuable services for editing this ever-welcome Calendar.

FREEMASONS' CALENDAR FOR THE PROVINCE OF SHROPSHIRE FOR 1893.

This is the second year of issue of this exceedingly handy "annual," carefully edited by Bro. R. G. Venables, the respected Deputy Prov. G.M., and it is to be hoped that the brethren highly appreciate his efforts on their behalf. Copies may be had from the editor ("The Lodge," Ludlow), at one shilling each. Each calendar generally has features of its own, and this copy has several special characteristics. The "Masonic Aphorisms" (two pages), and the names of the brethren resigned during the past year, under each lodge, may be especially noted. The Masonic directory contains, not only the roll of officers and Past Masters, but also all the members of each lodge, and the names of joining members during 1892. "Freemasonry in 1892," by Bro. H. R. Giles, Prov. G. Reg., is an excellent sketch and the full account of the new Mark lodge, No. 444, is also good reading. The votes for the Central Masonic Charities are duly detailed, and amount to 2257 for the three Institutions, a most satisfactory total for 353 members. In fact it is more. The number is most creditable for a dozen lodges only!

HORNER'S PENNY STORIES.

It is a common saying that "cheap, and nasty" go together, but there is no rule without an exception, and certainly "Horner's Penny Stories" are not only *cheap*, but also *good*. It is an extraordinary confirmation of the wisdom of the selection of the tales by Messrs. W. B. Horner and Son, of London and Dublin, and that they are meeting a long-felt want, that already over 25 millions have been sold of these carefully printed, ably edited, and well "got up" booklets, having numerous pictures and illustrated covers. Some of the favourite issues have been circulated to well nigh on half a million copies, and 250,000 of each new tale is now quite the rule. It is gratifying to hear of such a triumph, when it is remembered that the moral tone of all the stories is of a high character, and every care is taken to obtain the best of material under the circumstances. The enterprising firm is now going in for a pocket edition of "Horner's Stories" at 3d. each, 12mo., of some 160 pages each. Already a score of these handy books are for sale, effectively illustrated, and evidently rapidly becoming popular like the penny series. The latter, however, now number considerably over 100 different tales, and as yet there is still an ever increasing demand for "old favourites," as well as for each successive new candidate for the suffrages of the reading millions.

BRO. STEVENS' LECTURE AT ASHFORD.

On Thursday, the 2nd inst., the Stour Lodge, No. 2305, held a special meeting for instruction at the Masonic Hall, Ashford, Kent, when Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., of London, attended for the purpose of lecturing on the Ritual, Ceremonial, and Symbolic connection of the whole system of the Craft Degrees in Freemasonry. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. R. C. Howard, who was supported by his Wardens, Bros. E. Buss and Keen; C. S. A. Atkinson, P.P.G.R., P.M. and Treas.; J. Brothers, P.P.G.R.; J. G. Keene, Sec.; D. W. Sargent, S.D.; B. T. Cole, J.D.; G. Knowles, I.G.; G. Smith, Org.; W. J. Head, Tyler; and numerous members of the lodge, and visitors from the Invicta and Temple (Folkestone) Lodges.

Immediately after the opening of the lodge, Bro. STEVENS commenced an address of fully two hours' duration, in the course of which a large amount of most interesting, instructive, and, to the large majority of those present, perfectly new explanations of symbolic meanings in ritual and forms of ceremonial were introduced. The lecturer, for the first time, as he stated, exhibited a series of diagrams, which greatly assisted his hearers to comprehend the hidden mysteries and importance of the several Masonic symbols and their moral significations. These added considerably to the interest of the lecture, and, as object lessons, excited great attention, and gave general satisfaction.

At the termination of the lecture, a vote of thanks to Bro. Stevens was accorded by acclamation.

Bro. ATKINSON, who seconded the W.M.'s proposition, expressed his favourable opinion as to the great value of the explanations and instruction which had been given.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren re-assembled for a brief hour of social converse. Several points in the lecture were discussed, and it was decided that Bro. Stevens should again visit Ashford, at an early convenient opportunity, to continue his satisfactory efforts to improve and instruct his younger brethren.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Peace and Harmony Lodge (No. 60).—This distinguished lodge met at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 27th ult. Amongst those present were Bros. W. H. Kempster, M.D., P.G. Stwd., P.M. 800 and 1420, W.M.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M. 141, &c., P.P.G.W., S.W.; R. Masters, P.M., G. Stwd., J.W.; H. Young, P.M., P.G. Stwd.; F. Binckes, P.M., P.G. Stwd., P.G.S.B., Sec.; W. H. Kempster, jun., S.D.; H. J. Lardner, P.P.G.D.C., P.M. 1745, &c., J.D.; Debenham, P.M., I.G.; H. Slade, P.P.G.D., P.G. Stwd., I.P.M.; Barton, P.M., P.G. Stwd.; Chancellor, P.M., P.G. Stwd.; and E. Rogers, P.P.G.D., P.G. Stwd., P.M. Amongst the numerous visitors were Bros. Lovett, P.M. 3; Andrade, P.M. 9; W. J. Hakim, P.M. 141; and Higgins, P.M. 1381.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Herbert M. Freshwater was impressively raised to the Third Degree, the W.M. supplementing the work by giving the traditional history. The ballot was taken on behalf of Mr. George Higgins, for initiation, and for Bro. W. J. Hakim, P.M. 141, as a joining member, the ballot being unanimous in both cases. Mr. Higgins being in attendance, was duly initiated. Bro. W. H. Kempster, jun., S.D., was then unanimously recommended to the M.W. Grand Master as G. Std. for the year 1893-4. The sum of £5 5s. was voted to Bro. H. J. Lardner, J.D., as Steward to the R.M.B.I., 1893. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. H. Sadler, G. Tyler, for presenting two old invitation cards to ceremony and banquet, of No. 60, when the lodge celebrated its centenary in 1838. A vote of thanks was also given to Bro. E. Rogers, P.M., P.G. Stwd., for securing an old Past Master's jewel of the lodge, and which he intends to present at the next meeting.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, at which the W.M. presided most efficiently; his speeches being terse, but not pertinent. Bros. H. Young, P.M.; F. Binckes, P.M.; and the rest of the executive are to be congratulated on the success that attended the whole proceedings.

Lodge of Industry (No. 186).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Tuesday, the 24th ult. The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was presented and adopted, the same showing a very satisfactory state, both of the finances of the lodge and the Benevolent Fund. Bros. W. Stewart and M. W. Tossell were raised to the Third Degree. Mr. Charles Smith was balloted for and regularly initiated into Freemasonry, and Bro. Sydney Cartwright, 72, was proposed as a joining member. The W.M., Bro. J. W. Grover, then installed as W.M. Bro. G. F. Spencer, S.W., who invested the following officers: Bros. J. W. Grover, I.P.M.; E. Apelt, S.W.; T. M. Wood, J.W.; W. H. Hook, P.M., Treasurer; W. S. Page, P.M., Secretary; W. W. Westley, P.M., D. of C.; S. Earl, S.D.; C. H. O. Chapman, J.D.; A. J. Newton, I.G.; G. Smith and J. D. Phillips, Stwds.; and C. Shepperd, Tyler. The I.P.M. then delivered the addresses in a most impressive manner. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Grover, I.P.M., and suitably acknowledged. The lodge was then closed.

The banquet was served in the Queen's Saloon, Holborn Restaurant, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts given and honoured.

An excellent programme of music was provided under the direction of Bro. Hook, P.M., assisted by Miss Georgina Tear, Miss Flora Edwards, Mr. Walter Grace, Bro. McCall Chambers, and Mr. George Harlow. Accompanist, Mr. C. G. Aubert Mottley.

Among the visitors were: Bros. W. Haynes Dunn, P.M. 1298; J. E. Overed, P.M. 1708; A. Dudie, 1381; G. Reddish, 1381; H. Carter Pegg, 1909; S. Cartwright, 72; T. H. Lloyd, 2374; W. T. Tyrrell, 1471; W. Robinson, 860; and D. A. Langdon, J.D. 45.

Euphrates Lodge (No. 212).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 25th ult., at the Holborn Restaurant, when Bro. Max Mendelssohn, W.M. elect, was installed as W.M. The lodge was opened by the Installing Master, Bro. P. M. West, who performed the ceremony in a very impressive manner. The following are the officers for the ensuing year, viz.: Bros. R. Woods, I.P.M.; W. W. McLean, S.W.; J. E. Taylor, J.W.; P. H. Recknell, Treas.; T. Rushton, Sec.; John Day, S.D.; W. Evans, J.D.; M. J. De Leeuw, I.G.; C. J. Cutter, D. of C.; A. T. Salter, A.D. of C.; Henry Wagstaff, G. Angold, Hendry, and Wagstaff, Stwds.; and B. T. Marsh, Tyler. Owing to indisposition Bro. Woods, I.P.M., was absent.

The brethren then sat down to a sumptuous banquet. The visitors included Bros. C. F. Hogard, P.M., P.G. Std. Br.; Dr. Haskins, P.G. Org., Essex; Cox, P.M.; Bladon, P.M.; Julius Frank, P.M. 203, 1502; R. Warner, and several others.

The usual toasts having been proposed and responded to amidst a superior array of vocalists, the evening closed in perfect love and harmony.

St. Andrew's Lodge (No. 231).—This flourishing and ancient lodge held its installation meeting at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Thursday, the 2nd inst., and attracted a large number of visitors. Bro. F. G. Ivey completed a very successful year of office by installing Bro. Spencer William Morris as W.M. in excellent style, and the members can confidently look forward to the high standard of excellence being maintained during the coming year, as Bro. Spencer Morris is thoroughly conversant with his duties. The members present included Bros. F. G. Ivey, W.M.; Spencer Wm. Morris, S.W.; J. W. Sherwell, J.W.; N. N. Sherwood, P.M., Treas.; C. D. Hoblyn, P.M., Sec.; E. C. Munford, S.D.; Arnold

Moss, J.D.; W. Forster, jun., I.G.; F. Beach, P.M., D.C.; T. P. Dixon, P.M.; J. Robbins, P.M.; A. C. Lewis, P.M.; R. Kevill, P.M.; Geo. Gregson, P.M.; and many others.

Visitors: Bros. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W.; Sir Reginald Hanson, M.P., P.G.W.; E. Letchworth, P.G.D., G. Sec.; T. Hastings Miller, P.G.S.B.; W. Ganz, P.G. Org.; J. Duncan, 59; T. Smith, 30; W. Masters, G. Stwd.; H. B. May, P.M. 1237; Rev. H. W. Turner, P.P.G. Chap. Surrey; H. H. Green, P.M., 709, P.P.G.R.; A. H. Knight, 850; W. F. Garside, 592; Clement Alliston, 2047; R. Millburn, P.M. 2047; J. A. Laing, 509; T. W. Sanders, 1853; R. Brambler, 1622; T. C. Tanner, 58; T. Hood, 1000; H. J. Anson, E. Austen, T. F. Peacock, Wyndham Hart, R. V. F. Seton, 1965; S. Lea Smith, 1159; J. W. Domoney, 2806; H. C. Roberts, 162; J. Culver, 1837; F. W. C. Hobson, 307; G. Corderoy, 19; J. Oppenheim, J.D. 2060; John Green, 1962; F. S. Hanson, 2; K. Hardey, 753; H. C. Morris, 1827; M. Johnson, 134; H. E. Hopperton, 172; H. H. Nuding, 1962; A. Moore, 91; A. Sandberg, 3; F. S. Hoblyn, 231; Lovett King, 2190; Reginald Groome, and W. W. Lee, W.M. 2381.

The lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed, after which Bro. Ivey duly installed Bros. Spencer Wm. Morris as W.M. for the ensuing year. The following officers were invested: Bros. F. G. Ivey, I.P.M.; J. W. Sherwell, S.W.; E. C. Mumford, J.W.; N. N. Sherwood, P.M., Treas.; C. D. Hoblyn, P.M., Sec.; A. Moss, S.D.; W. Forster, J.D.; J. H. Laing, I.G.; Fletcher Beach, P.M., D.C.; Percy Machin, Org.; and Harry Machin and Stanley Machin, Stwds. The W.M. in presenting the I.P.M. with a handsome Past Master's jewel referred to the excellent manner in which he had carried out all his duties, and expressed the hope that he would be spared for many years to wear the jewel he had so well earned. The I.P.M. returned thanks, and the lodge was closed.

After banquet at Freemasons' Tavern, the usual toasts were heartily honoured under the genial presidency of the W.M.

Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W., replying for "The Grand Officers," returned thanks for the kind reception accorded the toast. He congratulated the lodge on the exceedingly excellent rendering of the ritual by the Immediate Past Master, which was true Emulation working. They had all heard of the remarkable success which had attended the pupils of the Girls' School recently, and, taking a considerable interest in that School, he was particularly pleased, as it was an answer to those people who said—"The children look charming, the place seems in capital order, and the whole thing is delightful; but what about the education?" That had been fairly answered in previous years, but this year no school in the kingdom had answered it better. When they found the Head Governess had sent up 45 to the College of Preceptors' Examination—and those not the best pupils, who were reserved for the Cambridge Local Examination—and all had passed, it was an eloquent tribute for the School. He would ask the brethren to pay their attention especially to the Charities, and in their turn serve the Stewardships, not to be un-Masonic enough to give more than they could afford, but give what they could.

Bro. F. G. Ivey, I.P.M., next gave "The Health of the Worshipful Master," and said that for the first time he was privileged to give that toast. It was a privilege and pleasure he had looked forward to for some years, and he had regarded the I.P.M.'s chair as the one he should like to occupy after that of W.M. The brethren present had heard the manner in which Bro. Spencer Morris had commenced his work. The remarks of the W.M. were terse and concise, he having been brought up in a military school—the London Rifle Brigade Lodge, of which he is J.W.—and this, combined with his courtesy and suavity, led them to believe that he would be one of the best Masters they could possibly have.

Bro. Spencer Morris, W.M., who was warmly received, said he was much obliged for the cordial and flattering reception given the toast which had been proposed in such kindly words by the I.P.M. As far as he was personally concerned, he was putting on his armour for the first time, and it would therefore ill become him to boast, but he would spare no effort so to discharge his duty, that the members would think he had not unworthily followed the footsteps of those who had preceded him in the chair. He had then a much more pleasing duty to perform, which was to propose "The Health of the I.P.M. and Installing Master." Whilst thanking Bro. Ivey on his own behalf for the beautiful manner in which the ceremony was performed, he should like in their name to congratulate him on the brilliant way in which he had passed through his year of office. He (the W.M.) believed that in no recent year had they had so many additions to their numbers, and, therefore, Bro. Ivey's work had been onerous. They could not have found anyone who would have performed the duties in a more able and more genial manner than the I.P.M. had done.

Bro. F. G. Ivey, I.P.M., returned thanks, and said that he supposed it was patent to all that "out of the fullness of the heart, the mouth speaketh," and it was an exceedingly great pleasure to install Bro. Spencer Morris, whom he had had the pride and pleasure of knowing for many years, and each succeeding year had but added to the high opinion to which their Worshipful Master had always lived in his memory.

Bro. Sir Reginald Hanson, M.P., P.G.W., acknowledged the toast of "The Visitors," and said he thought that having been with them so often, he could hardly be esteemed a visitor. On no former occasion had it given him greater gratification, for he had that evening seen his old friend Bro. Morris installed as W.M. by another friend who was closely associated with him. From what he knew of the W.M., his capacity and love of Masonry, and also his love of Emulation working, he was satisfied the working would be done to the satisfaction of the lodge and the visitors who might be honoured with an invitation. He had watched the career of the I.P.M. from post to post, and knew how well he had discharged his duties. When he came into contact with the W.M. in the London Rifle Brigade they were full privates, and he believed they discharged the duties of that most important office to the satisfaction of all. On behalf of the visitors, he had to thank the lodge for their kind invitation, for the exceedingly good work they had seen, for their excellent hospitality, and for the welcome extended to them.

Bro. Rev. H. W. Turner, P.P.G. Chap. Surrey, also responded in an excellent speech, after which the W.M. submitted the toast of "The Past Masters," for which Bro. Dixon, P.M., replied.

Bros. Sherwood, P.M., Treas., and C. D. Holbyn, P.M., Sec., returned thanks for "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers" having been duly honoured, the Tyler's toast closed a very pleasant and enjoyable evening.

Under the direction of Bro. Alfred Moore, the following artistes assisted an excellent rendering of a charming selection of music: Miss Ethel Winn, Miss Ethel Bevans, and Bros. Reginald Groome, and Lovett King.

Montague Guest Lodge (No. 1900)—A regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 8th inst., at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields. Owing to ill health this was the first occasion on which the Worshipful Master, Bro. Oscar Philippe, was able to preside at the festive board since his installation, and there was a numerous attendance of members and visitors to congratulate him on his restoration to health and wish him God speed during the remainder of his term of office. The members present included Bros. O. Philippe, W.M.; R. Henwood, I.P.M.; E. C. Shelton, S.W.; W. Goodman, J.W.; E. W. Dobell, P.M., Treas.; W. H. Gardener, P.M., Sec.; G. Gray, S.D.; W. A. Austen, J.D.; T. Hutchinson, D.C.; J. Hopp, A.D.C.; T. W. Walford, Org.; A. P. Lowthian, Stwd.; J. Stacey, P.M.; S. Brooks, P.M.; H. Slyman, P.M.; and J. D. Collier, P.M. Visitors: Bros. Col. J. Peters, P.G.S.B.; J. Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I., P.G.S.B.; J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B.; H. Hides, P.M. 198; G. Dale, 195; A. Fenn, 2120; W. Brooks, I.G. 2120; J. Harding, S.W. 771; F. Purkiss, P.M. 742; W. G. Nottage, P.M., Sec. 771; J. Barnett, P.M. 2192; G. Thomas, P.M. 1194; A. Hall, 45; J. P. Dyer, J.W. 211; C. T. Tyler, P.S.G.D. Surrey; W. F. Larkin, G. Gardener, 2120; F. J. Winkworth, 2120; E. Guisbrook, 771; John Goddard, P.M. 771; E. Clark, P.P.G.S. of W. Surrey; G. Porter, P.M. 108; T. C. Edmonds, P.M. 1507; C. Grassi, P.M. 1559; C. Welch, S.W. 2120; H. W. Schartau, P.P.G. Org. Middx.; F. J. Hayward, and W. W. Lee, W.M. 2381.

Lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed, after which Bro. Henwood, I.P.M., raised Bro. Lowthian to the Degree of Master Mason in a very impressive manner. Routine business was transacted, during which the W.M. intimated his intention of representing the lodge at each of the festivals of the Masonic Institutions.

After a *recherche* repast the usual toasts were honoured. The W.M. in proposing "The Queen and the Craft" said her Majesty was not only the greatest lady in the land, but he should not be far wrong in saying the greatest lady in the world. She reigned over vast dominions, and millions of people, and was beloved by all. There had been many celebrated monarchs in by-gone days, but no ruler had ever had a more peaceful and prosperous reign. The W.M. then gave "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," and referred to the enormous increase in the number of lodges, since the installation of H.R.H., and also the large increase in the support given to the Masonic Charities.

Bro. R. Henwood, I.P.M., proposed "The Grand Officers," and said it was an exceedingly important toast. He fully appreciated the able remarks of the W.M. in the previous toast, in tracing the progress of Freemasonry since H.R.H. was installed as M.W.G.M. He claimed on behalf of the Grand Officers a great deal to making Freemasonry as useful and popular as it had now become. His Royal Highness was surrounded by men of eminent intelligence, commercial instinct, and last, but not least, men of high social position. When they found those combinations amongst Grand Officers, he felt certain that Freemasonry as an institution was perfectly safe. In that lodge they possessed a Grand Lodge Officer (Bro. Hedges, P.M.), but he was not able to be present that evening. Grand Lodge was, however, well represented by those the W.M. had been instrumental in bringing to the festive board, and he thought he might claim for the W.M. that he had dispensed his hospitality in a very graceful manner. Their W.M. was very gratified at the number and quality of Grand Officers present.

Bro. Col. J. Peters, P.G.S.B., in response, said it was a great pleasure in a lodge like that to find the toast so well received at all times. The Grand Officers were always willing to come forward and show their interest in Freemasonry, and the M.W.G.M. in selecting them—which was a task of considerable difficulty from the large number of Masons of equal eligibility—always gave satisfaction to the whole Craft. He was glad to hear there was a member of the lodge (Bro. Hedges) wearing the purple, and although he had been present on previous occasions, he had not met that brother. He hoped, however, on a future visit to be able to meet the member of the lodge who was a Grand Officer. He would only thank them for their reception of the toast.

Bro. R. Henwood, I.P.M., in submitting "The Health of the W.M.," said he felt that his acquaintance with the W.M. was not sufficiently long to enable him to speak fully of his merits, but it was sufficiently long to be able to add that he could not say anything against him, but that he could sincerely say everything in his favour. He looked upon Bro. Philippe, the W.M., as a typical Mason, and when he said that he believed in a man who used his best energies to promote the interests of the Craft. The man who used not only his best endeavours in the way of work, but also used his ample means in supporting their well-deserving Charities. He ventured to say there were very few lodges, if any, in London which could boast of a better W.M. than Bro. Philippe. They all most sincerely regretted that the W.M.'s health had necessitated his comparative retirement from the lodge, and, in parenthesis, he might say he was sorry the W.M.'s deputy was not more efficient. He would not further detain them, for however much he talked he could not alter their opinion of the W.M., but would only add that very few could equal the eloquent terms in which the W.M. proposed the health of the Queen that night. He would ask them to cordially drink the health of the W.M.

Bro. Oscar Philippe, W.M., who, on rising, was accorded a very hearty reception, thanked the I.P.M. and brethren most sincerely for the kind way in which the toast was proposed and received. He was very thankful indeed that he had the privilege and power to be with them again. On looking back he found it was six months ago when it was expected he would join the majority. It, therefore, gave him great pleasure to be with them, and hoped to remain in the lodge many years. He was deeply sorry not to have been able to remain to the banquet on the installation night, but as they were aware, he was taken from the sick room and back again directly after the ceremony. The expressions of sympathy and good wishes conveyed to a man on a sick bed did his heart good, and were appreciated more than anything. It was nine years since he was initiated

in the lodge, and he deeply regretted that Bro. Hedges, P.M., who was then the Master, and who initiated him, was not present. He hoped to have the health and strength to be with them for many years. He asked them to believe him when he said that all the kindness he had received from every member since he entered Masonry, and the courtesy he had experienced in the lodge were sincerely appreciated, and he should be happy to do anything he could for the prosperity of the lodge. He thanked them all most heartily.

Bro. S. Brooks, P.M., proposed "The Masonic Institutions," and said there was nothing which marked them more publicly and more to their credit than their entire devotion to that part of their duty—Charity. It was their duty as Masons to maintain the Institutions, not luxuriously, but with that amount of financial aid which made them efficient for the benefit of the young, and the comfort of the old.

Bro. James Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I., in reply, said that on an occasion so celebrated as the restoration to health of their W.M., he would not detain them with any lengthy remarks. The Institution he represented took care of the aged who were left on the cold charity of a bitter world, and it was the bounden duty of Masons to care for them. He rejoiced to hear the W.M. express his intention of representing the three Institutions during his year of office. He remembered Bro. Philippe's services at the last Benevolent Institution Festival, when as an Unattached Steward and unsupported by any lodge he took up a sum of nearly 300 guineas. The efforts then made had not exhausted the benevolence of the W.M.'s friends, and now that Bro. Philippe had the Montague Guest Lodge behind him, and the Benevolent Institution Festival was to be held in a fortnight, he trusted he would secure a goodly sum.

Bro. J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B., also replied.

Bro. Dobell, P.M., Treas., next proposed "The Visitors." He said that when they had any good things to enjoy they liked that enjoyment shared by visitors. They had a most admirable banquet, and a delightful musical programme, and their enjoyment had been enhanced by sharing it with the visitors. The visiting brethren also shared their happiness in having the W.M. with them at the festive board and presiding in so genial a manner.

Bro. W. W. Lee, W.M. 2381, returned thanks, and was followed by Bros. Hides, P.M. 198; C. Tyler, P.P.S.G.D. Surrey; E. Guisbrook, 771; and E. Clark, P.P.G.S. of Works Surrey.

"The Past Masters and Officers" was duly honoured, Bro. Slyman, P.M., responding, after which the Tyler's toast closed a thoroughly harmonious and enjoyable evening.

Under the direction of Bro. H. Schartau, P.P.G. Org. Middx., a delightful selection of music was given, Miss Florence Bethell, and Bros. Wm. Bradford and Jas. Brand ably assisting. Bro. R. Hopkins gave a solo on the silver bells which was much appreciated; Mr. F. Russell amused all present by some clever ventriloquism, and Mr. W. J. Churcher was equally successful in a humorous recitation.

Savage Club Lodge (No. 2190)—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 7th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. Walter J. Ebbetts, P.G.S., W.M., when a company of some 150 brethren assembled to see Bro. William James Fisher, S.W. (*Daily Chronicle*), placed in the chair. Among the brethren present were Bros. the Earl of Euston, Prov. G.M. Norths and Hunts; G. N. Money, Prov. G.M. Surrey; J. C. Remington, P.D.G.M. New South Wales; Rev. Sir W. Vincent, G. Chap.; E. Letchworth, P.G.D., G. Sec.; Robert Grey, President Board of Benevolence; F. West, P.G.D., Dep. Prov. G.M. Surrey; Sir Somers Vine, P.M., P.G.D., Sec.; Thos. Catling, P.M., Treas.; G. Cooper, P.G.D.; W. E. Chapman, P.M., D. of C.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; Charles Belton, P.G.D.; Charles Barry, G. Supt. of Wks.; J. H. Matthews, P. Dep. G.D.C.; J. Lewis Thomas, P.A.G. D. of C.; C. F. Matier, P.G.S.B.; and others.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed, after which Bro. W. J. Fisher, S.W., was presented to the W.M. by Bro. Will. E. Chapman, P.M. and D.C., to be installed. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Ebbetts in a masterly manner, and when Bro. Fisher had been placed in the chair and duly saluted, the following brethren were appointed as his officers for the year: Bros. Walter J. Ebbetts, I.P.M.; John Northcott, S.W.; Edward Rosenthal, J.W.; Thomas Catling, P.M., Treas.; Sir Somers Vine, P.M., P.G.D., Sec.; Harry Nicholls, S.D.; W. S. Penley, J.D.; E. N. Alpe, I.G.; Will. E. Chapman, P.M., D.C.; W. R. Ingram, A.D.C.; Ernest Lake, Org.; W. L. Barratt, W. Nicholl, A. L. Oswald and C. L. Carson, Stwds.; and Swan, Tyler. Bro. Ebbetts then delivered the addresses, and the lodge was closed.

The usual sumptuous banquet at Freemasons' Tavern, followed, the band of the Grenadier Guards, by permission of Col. Trotter, conducted by Bro. Dan Godfrey, performing a beautiful selection of music.

After dinner the toasts were proposed, and the following artistes interspersed them with some excellent vocal and instrumental performances: Bros. W. L. Barrett, J. T. Carrodus, F. H. Cheeswright, Franklin Chas, Charles Collette, Chas. Conyers, W. H. Denny, Theo. Drew, Ernest Lake, Harry Nicholls, W. Nicholl, Arthur Oswald, Hadyon Parry, Courtice Pounds, John Radcliffe, Brandon Thomas, Frank Thornton, and C. Townley.

After the W.M. had proposed "The Queen and the Craft," and "The M.W.G.M.," in very eloquent and well chosen terms,

Bro. Thomas Catling, P.M., proposed "The M.W. Pro Grand Master, the Dep. Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." He said the W.M. had mentioned the close connection that existed between the Savage Club Lodge and the M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales, and he could but echo the W.M.'s remarks. With regard to the kind, exceptional, and special favour at all times shown by the Grand Officers towards the Savage Club Lodge, the lodge had tried that favour in many ways. In times of stress and trial, as well as in times of festivity, like that evening, on all occasions they had met with one exceptional treatment, and that was the most kindly office possible that could be shown by one Mason to another. He and the other members of the lodge felt and wished to express their deep gratitude to the Grand Officers, and they welcomed them to their board that night, and trusted that the entertainment put before them afforded them pleasure. Whenever the Grand Officers came they would have the very heartiest reception. On the last installation

meeting they had not a Grand Secretary present; Colonel Shadwell Clerke had died, and his successor had not been appointed. That night, however, they had his successor, Bro. Letchworth, with them.

The Earl of Euston, replying, regretted that between dentists and lawyers he had been unable to be present at the ceremony of the installation. He was only too pleased to be present before the day's proceedings were over. He was speaking the feelings of all the Grand Officers when he said they were always ready to do anything they could to assist in the advancement and prosperity of Masonry in general, not only in England, but all over the world, and not alone, for the friendly and kind feelings promoted by the Order, but on account of the enormous Charities practised by Masons all the world over. Masons ought to be proud of belonging to the Order, and he was sure the Savage Club Lodge would always be ready to support all the great principles of the Craft.

Sir Somers Vine, P.G.D., in proposing "The W.M.," said that toast appealed to the hearty obligations and warmest sympathies of the brethren. Those obligations and those sympathies alike had their basis in the fact of the brethren's unanimous choice of their esteemed Bro. W. J. Fisher to occupy the chair of that lodge for the ensuing year. He was proud to say on previous occasions of a character similar to that he had found it difficult to utter in the presence of a man all that one would like to say, and what was in his heart and mind to express. He would, however, not hesitate in saying to the brethren of the Savage Club Lodge that he felt perfectly satisfied that a brother so courteous in his general demeanour, so painstaking in all his duties, and so earnestly devoted to the principles of Freemasonry, could not possibly do otherwise than achieve the most absolute success. He scarcely thought it was necessary to remind Bro. Fisher that he had succeeded to "a goodly heritage." Whether they had regard to the personal qualities of the members of the lodge, to its numbers or to its finance, he ventured to prophecy that Bro. Fisher would have during the coming year to rule a very lightly-balanced and most genial gathering. On the part of the lodge, he could say to him that in doing honour to him they were doing honour to themselves; they had chosen a brother who had advanced stage by stage to every position in the lodge, which was necessary and essential for the Master—not only to know, but also to be able to instruct those over whom he had to rule and guide. Bro. Fisher had a record to maintain, which he would maintain with all the dignity and lustre which were expected by the brethren of the Craft which it was his hearty desire to adorn.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, said he could wish that the duty of responding to that toast so eloquently proposed could have devolved upon some one else, for he felt it quite idle to give in fitting words his appreciation of the eulogistic words which had fallen from Sir Somers Vine. Moreover, at the present time he was haunted by the vision that he had done nothing, or but little, to deserve what had been said of him. How it would be in the future, that future, of course, must decide; "the proof of the pudding," as the proverb had it, "is in the eating," and they had to watch him before they pronounced him satisfactory. At the present—if he continued this culinary simile—he was a newly-made pudding; he was not cooked, and his aspirations were bounded by the fear that they might find him, to use a somewhat American form of speech, not in touch with them. He cherished the hope with a certain amount of confidence that he might be able to stand at that table next year and feel he might pride himself—and it would be a source of great pride—that having discharged the duties of the high position they had delegated to his keeping with the same skill and aptitude that had been shown by his predecessors in the lodge. That his zeal to that end would not be wanting they who knew him well would believe, and he trusted when they did meet that time next year, and at that table—as by God's Providence he hoped he should—it would be with the conviction that the brethren's choice of a Master had been a wise one, and also with the conviction that he had done his duty to the brethren, and with credit to the Craft and himself. Those were the poor and halting words he gave them for the eloquent words of Bro. Sir Somers Vine. But there were times when the heart was almost too full for the tongue to give adequate expressions to one's feelings. If it was in his power they knew he would struggle to pass on the lustre to which he had succeeded in the same bright and lustrous form he had received it.

The Worshipful Master next gave "The I.P.M., Bro. W. J. Ebbetts," and presented him with a handsome Past Master's jewel, which he said was but an inadequate outward expression of their gratitude for the services Bro. Ebbetts had performed to the lodge. The brethren who had attended the lodge meetings during the year knew how admirably Bro. Ebbetts had performed the ceremonies. He was first among equals. It was not only a knowledge of the ritual of Freemasonry that was demanded of a Master; he must be more than a good worker; he must know the business and affairs of the lodge if it was to run smoothly along, and if he was to leave the lodge with a high and enduring reputation; he must have a profound knowledge of Freemasonry, and possess in an exceptional degree the *Suavitas in modo*. Bro. Ebbetts had fallen short in none of these particulars. Thanks to his year of office, the lodge was still improving, and their course had been entirely untroubled. The W.M. then affixed the jewel to Bro. Ebbetts's collar.

Bro. Ebbetts, I.P.M., in reply, said he need not assure the brethren he should esteem the jewel as one of the most valuable he possessed, for it was impossible for him to look upon it without calling to mind the very pleasant year of office he had spent. His year of office had not been very eventful or exciting; there had been no great amount of work to do, but such as there had been to do he had done it to the best of his skill and ability. He was glad to think that his efforts had met with the brethren's approval. In leaving the chair, he could only assure the brethren of the Savage Club Lodge he should not leave his interest in the lodge behind him. He should attend regularly the meetings in the future as he had done in the past. He had attended all the meetings since the consecration. He should take a leaf out of his predecessor's book. He concluded by thanking the officers of the lodge for the assistance they had given him.

Bro. Will. E. Chapman, P.M., D.C., proposed "The Visitors," to whom he offered a cordial and fraternal welcome. After enumerating the visitors, and calling attention to the fact that Bro. J. C. Remington, P.D.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, was present, he

said he remembered when he was in Sydney a friend of his invited him to visit his lodge. He went, and enjoyed true Australian hospitality. A day or two afterwards he met the District Grand Secretary, and mentioned to him naturally the delightful evening he had spent in the lodge. He should never forget the look on the District Grand Secretary's face. "You went to that lodge," he said; "why you should know that they are working under the warrant of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales; they are a clandestine body, and you are violating your obligation." Good heavens, he thought, how the violation of his obligation rose up before him, and the penalty he was to suffer. But afterwards, when he came to visit the genuine *bona fide* lodges, he used to sit and shudder when he saw initiates come in, lest they should visit lodges of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales. Since then all that had changed, and New South Wales had a large and influential Grand Lodge, which was recognised by the Grand Lodge of England, and had a large and multiplying progeny of useful lodges, so that that night the lodge was guilty of no crime in entertaining Bro. Remington, the D.P.G.M. of New South Wales. Shakespeare had made the Archbishop of Canterbury somewhere speak of "The singing masons building roofs of gold." The brethren were that night Masons building roofs of brotherly love and friendship, roofs of brotherhood extending from sea to sea, so that a Mason might wander where he liked, and there were friendly hands to grasp him, and bid him welcome in true Masonic hospitality and friendship.

Bro. J. C. Remington replied, and said he had received during his stay with the mother of Freemasonry the most hearty welcome and the most cordial greeting from the brethren of many lodges. The present meeting he looked upon as unique. The worshipful brother who had proposed this toast had alluded in a kindly and fraternal way to a state of things long passed away in New South Wales. In times past he was—and always had been for 17 years—a loyal member of the Grand Lodge of England. When the Grand Lodge of New South Wales was started the late illustrious Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, and Lord Carrington, were instrumental in getting the Grand Lodge of New South Wales recognised which combined the lodges of England, Scotland, and Ireland over there. Unseemly discussions were thereby terminated. In New South Wales and in Australia they did not want to be considered second-rate Englishmen or as a troublesome offshoot to whom might be said "loose the bond and go;" they did not want that, and until it was heard from this side it would not be heard from the Australian side of the water. Freemasonry had sounded the keynote, and the Grand Lodge of New South Wales would be pleased when they heard of the cordial reception the Savage Club Lodge had given him that night. Over there they were part and parcel of this great Empire, although at such a distance from the seat of government. He thought that sentiment ought to be more widely cultivated. It was a great thing to be able to say *Civis Romanus sum*. He himself was a citizen of the British Empire. If there was a different feeling abroad it was not for the good of the empire. Loyalty to the Crown and love to the old empire was the principle shared with the brethren in the distant Colonies, and that was the true feeling of brotherhood in the Dependencies. That was the last evening he would spend in England, but for many years to come it would remain pleasantly in his memory.

Bro. Col. Money, C.B., also replied.

Bro. Catling, P.M., Treas., responded to the toast of "The Past Masters;" the S.W. replied to the toast of "The Officers;" and Bro. Swan gave the Tyler's toast, which closed a most successful and delightful evening.

Scots Lodge (No. 2319).—THE BURNS ANNIVERSARY.—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on the 26th ult., and the occasion was taken advantage of for celebrating the anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns. On such a great national occasion it was natural that a large gathering of Scotsmen should be brought together, and Lord Saltoun, being the W.M. for the present year, truly loyal Scottish brethren would be sure to assemble. His lordship, however, was not present owing to his being obliged to take a tour in the East for the benefit of his health which has never recovered since he had an attack of influenza. His place was taken by Bro. Page, I.P.M., but his lordship wrote from India as follows:

"I hope that you will have a good time and that Bro. Page will kindly fill the chair for me. You may mention that on the occasion of Lord Haddington being re-elected Grand Master Mason of Scotland I took the opportunity of congratulating him in the name of the Scots Lodge, London, and saying that the honour of a visit to us was much appreciated. He answered desiring me to convey to the Scots Lodge his thanks and how thoroughly he had enjoyed the hospitality and kindness shown him by the brethren of the Scots Lodge. With kind greetings to all brethren of the lodge, I am, yours fraternally,

(Signed) SALTOUN."

Bro. John Page, I.P.M., was supported by Bros. Jno. Whitehead, P.M., P.Z.; D. F. Gellion, P.M., S.W.; Thos. Grant, P.M., J.W.; James Gray, P.M., Trustee; Alex. Ritchie, C.C., Treasurer; James Thomson, Secretary; Jos. Whitehead, S.D.; Dr. D. M. Forbes, J.D.; D. R. Duncan, I.G.; E. Johnston Gordon, P.M., D.C.; Wm. Craig, Steward, Ashley Gordon, and H. Gethardt, Organists; W. Robertson, Tyler; Peter MacLean (piper); Drummond Duff, David Angus Ross, William Laurie, J. Duncan Balfour, Geo. W. Jones, Wm. Shaw Beaton, Douglas B. Hart, Thos. Sandilands, David M. Smith, J. Plenderleith, J. Bennett, P. Gieg, D. Charteris, T. Charteris, J. E. Sinclair, James Anderson, J. Balfour, and Allan. Visitors: Bros. Richard Eve, P.G.T.; H. Massey, P.M.; Deputy Edmeston, P.M. 1635; William Mills, P.D.M., 223 (S.C.); J. B. Loughborough, P.M. 140; G. N. Minett, P.M. 1672; J. Cowan, P.M. 1572; Thos. Roe, I.P.M. 1641; Edward Gabriel, W.M. 1818; T. C. Walls, W.M. 1745; N. McKay, P.M. 1623 (S.C.); D. Campbell, J.W. 1365; Dr. Toogood, S.D. 969; R. Gooding, 975; Kerman Taylor, 20; H. McLachlan, 1607; A. S. Naylor, 122; Wm. Dennison, 173; Dalgety Henderson, 2190; H. G. Batear, 913; H. Gebhardt, 1159; G. Evans, 1008; and J. Brown, 1085.

The First and Third Degrees were performed, the work being admirably executed by Bro. Page and his officers.

After the closing of the lodge, the brethren adjourned to a charming Scotch banquet, for which a menu had been prepared by the energetic Secretary, Bro. Thomson, filled with quotations from Bro. Robert Burns—a menu probably of which the like has never been seen before.

Ample justice having been done to the banquet, the toasts followed, and after "The Queen and the Craft" had been honoured, as well as the toast of "The M.W.G.M.," Bro. Richard Eve responded to the next toast, which includes the Grand Officers.

Bro. Whitehead, P.M., proposed "The Worshipful Master," stating that all the brethren knew that during that year they had been rather unfortunate in the absence of Lord Saltoun from bad health. But Bro. John Page, who presided for Lord Saltoun, was a host in himself, and he had done his very best in filling the chair which Lord Saltoun should have occupied. They were all very grateful to Bro. Page for what he had done from the commencement of his career as one of the founders of the lodge. The lodge had made rapid headway. It would not be four years till next July that the lodge had been founded, and it spoke well for it that they had such good meetings. That was due really to Bro. Page that they saw the present state of things. It was more than they could have expected of him; but he had done it with that freedom and goodwill which had made him many friends in the lodge.

Bro. John Page, I.P.M., in reply, said he had responded so frequently to that toast, that it would be difficult for him to find something fresh to say. They knew his heart was with the lodge. Any office he could fill he was only too glad to fill if it would promote the interest of the lodge. The support he had received, and the great kindness he had had from the whole of the brethren encouraged him to do the best he could, and the brethren might depend upon it that whenever he could he should be happy to serve them.

Bro. Douglas B. Hart, in proposing "The Immortal Memory of Bro. Robert Burns," said: Our Worshipful Master has taken me rather aback in asking me to propose at a moment's notice such a toast as this. Bro. Faithful Begg was to have proposed it, but in his unavoidable absence I will do my best. Since I remember anything I remember this—the words and the name of Robert Burns have been the very breath of my nostrils. Scotchmen regard Burns with altogether a different feeling from that in which any other literary man is regarded. Englishmen reverence the name of William Shakespeare; Irishmen reverence and regard the name of Tom Moore—so do all men; but with Scotchmen while we reverence and admire Burns, there is a feeling deeper than that in all our hearts. We love him, and would wish to put out our hands to him and say "Brother!" There is something in his beautiful and majestic writings that inspires our manhood, makes us hold our heads higher and say, "Thank God, he is a countryman of ours." One hundred and thirty-four years ago to-night was ushered into existence this immortal, this heaven-sent ploughman. A wild and stormy night, the very devil himself seemed to be riding on the wings of the wind, striving with all his might to stifle the infant squall of the embryo bard, who was destined to bring such a power of ridicule upon as absolutely to scoff him out of Scotland. As the years roll on we catch glimpses of the inspired boy wandering along the banks of Doon. He tells us himself that his earliest manhood was ushered in midst the unceasing 'moil of a galley slave; and under these depressing circumstances it was the kindling spell of first love that awakened in his soul the fire of poetry. I may here mention that Robert Burns was the direct incentive to myself becoming a Freemason. I well remember in my early years reading his magnificent "farewell" to the brethren of Tarbolton Lodge, of which he was Master:

"Adieu, a heart-warm fond adieu
Dear bretheren of the mystic tie;
Ye favoured, ye enlightened few—
Companions of my social joy.
Though I to foreign lands maun hie,
Pursuing Fortune's slippery ba',
With brimful heart and tearful eye,
I'll mind you still, though far awa'."

I considered that if Masonry inspired Burns with glowing feelings there must be something good therein, and I determined to become a Mason immediately on reaching the years of maturity. My own town holds his grave, and in my own mother lodge he has doubtless frequently sat. It is difficult at a moment's notice to deal with his writings consecutively, but take the thunder song of "Scots wha hae," to which we have just listened. The whole world's history cannot produce such another song. It strikes upon a Scotchman's ear like the blast of a trumpet—it makes them move to the front to certain victory. Then again there is that recitation "A man's a man for a' that," which has just been given by our worthy brother and which I am sorry to think he should have thought fit to preface with an apology. It is too late now—days to apologise for Burns. The words of Burns need no apology. Far less those glorious words of which the poet himself was not ashamed and which, to my mind, are the true prison of liberty, the very tocsin of manhood, and will re-echo down through the ages until ultimately they are recognised as the anthem of the human race when they march abreast and nationalities are forgotten. Let me speak for one moment of his love songs. He was the chosen laureate of the tender passion and no laureate at any time, not Sappho herself could pour forth such burning verse. We can then understand what was his tremendous power over the tender heart of woman. Even on his death-bed he called his nurse, Jessie Lewers, to his side and requested her to hum a melody to him that he might endeavour to dictate words to it; and the result was that beautiful lyric:

"Oh! wert thou in the cauld blast,
On yonder lea, on yonder lea,
My plaid to the angry aint,
I'd shelter thee, I'd shelter thee.
Or did misfortune's bitter storms
Around thee blow, around thee blow,
Thy beid should be my bosom,
To share it a', to share it a'."

Now, the fame of Burns has been growing year by year, and age by age, and it is not alone in Scotland, but throughout the wide world that his words are heard. America appreciates him fully as much as we do. Their great poet Longfellow, among the last of his effusions, wrote an ode to the memory of Robert Burns on the anniversary of his birth, from which I remember a few lines:—

"For still the burden of his song
Is love of right, disdain of wrong;
Its master chords, are Manhood, Freedom, Brotherhood,
Its discords, but an interlude between the words."

And then to die so young and leave
Unfinished, what he might achieve;
Yet better sure is this than wandering up and down,
An old man in a country town—unfirm and poor.

For now he haunts his native land,
As an immortal youth his hand
Guides every plough.
He sits beside each ingle nook,
His voice is in each rushing brook,
Each rustling bough.
His presence haunts this room to-night,
A form of mingled mist and light,
From that far coast.
Welcome beneath this roof of mine,
Welcome, this vacant chair is thine,
Dear guest and ghost."

I remember some years ago paying a periodical pilgrimage to the cottage in which the bard first saw light, and in that cottage there was, and probably now is, a framed speech made on the centenary of his birth by Dr. Haley Waddell, of Glasgow. One paragraph in that speech buried itself into my memory, and with that I will close. The words were these—"Of the adamant and crystal of the Jewish mind God made Moses with that eye of His, where was the very body of heaven in its clearness, of the lustrous marble of Archipelago, the head of Homer. The fictile clay of England, the finest, the best, the most impressive, and retentive, he set upon his patters wheel, and off came the mask of the myriad-minded Shakespeare, and from the unmolten iron of the northern hemisphere, full of heat and fire, full of rage and love, full of music and electricity, he selected the most precious portion, and cast into the furnace of human passion—seven times heated—aye, with the concentrated heat of 500 years—and out came Robert Burns; glowing, flashing, raging hot; ringing, echoing, reverberating with song; glancing and coruscating with wit and humour; as musical as the bells of Moscow, as clear as a jubilee trumpet, as divinely authoritative as the horns of the priests at the downfall of Jericho." Brethren, I beg to ask you to rise and drink in solemn silence the glorious immortal memory of our dear departed Bro. Robert Burns.

Bro. Page next proposed "The Treasurer, Bro. Ritchie, C.C.; the Secretary, Bro. James Thomson; and the Trustee, Bro. James Gray." Bro. Ritchie looked well after the funds of the lodge, and dispensed them with credit to himself and satisfaction to the brethren. He came there at considerable inconvenience, as Thursday was a day he had to attend at another important body. Bro. Thomson, the Secretary, had on the present occasion excelled himself in the way he had arranged everything, and therefore more than the ordinary compliment was due to him. The whole of the work had been on his back. He had taken a great deal of trouble, and had asked him (Bro. Page) to help him to make it a success, that the lodge should not lose any of its prestige through the absence of the W.M. Then Bro. Gray, the Trustee, was always with them, and always ready to give his advice. He also was a host in himself, and would do anything he could to help the lodge.

Bros. Ritchie, Thomson, and Gray replied, all expressing the hearty interest they felt in the welfare of the Scots Lodge.

Bro. Charteris, responding to the toast of "The Initiate," said he knew but little yet about Freemasonry, but what little he knew made him wish to know more. The service he had gone through he thought a most solemn and impressive one, and he hoped he would become a credit to the lodge.

Bro. Page, proposing "The Visitors," said the lodge was delighted to see those brethren, and he hoped the table would always be well surrounded with guests.

Bros. Daigety Henderson, T. C. Walls, and Campbell replied.

Bro. Gellion, S.W., responded to the toast of "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast, given by Bro. W. Robertson, Tyler, brought the proceedings of this most enjoyable evening to a close.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

CHICHESTER.

Lodge of Union (No. 38).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 2nd inst., at the Council Chamber. Bro. C. F. Charge, the retiring W.M., presided at the commencement of the proceedings, and subsequently, with all due ceremony, installed his successor, Bro. John St. Clair, who had for the second time, during his Masonic career, been called to the chair of the lodge by the unanimous voice of the brethren. It was in 1868—exactly a quarter of a century ago—that Bro. St. Clair first filled the chair of K.S. in the lodge. Since then he has twice been called to office in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex, on the second occasion filling the chair of Junior Grand Warden; and he was also the first W.M. of the Gordon Lodge, Bognor. Bro. St. Clair invested as his officers, for the ensuing year, the following: Bros. C. F. Charge, I.P.M.; E. F. A. Gower, S.W.; H. Holding Moore, J.W.; Rev. Musgrave Hilton, Chaplain; O. N. Wyatt, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; G. Fielder, Treas.; J. H. Hawes, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; G. Fielder, S.D.; A. I. Raven, J.D.; Oliver Lloyd, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., D.C.; A. W. Lambert, P.M. 588, P.P.G.O. Lincolnshire, Org.; C. R. B. Knight, I.G.; S. Baker and E. King, Stewards; and W. A. Beatson, Tyler. The W.M.'s first duty was a very pleasurable one, viz., to present to Bro. Charge a Past Master's gold jewel which had been voted to him as a mark of fraternal respect and goodwill, and in recognition of the able manner in which he had presided over the lodge during the year. The report of the Charity Stewards showed that the lodge had been very active during the year in the support of the Masonic Charities, about £200 having been sent up to the Benevolent Institution and the Girl's School, through Bros. Wyatt and Barrett. Bros. G. Smith and O. N. Wyatt were re-elected Charity Stewards, the latter to serve on the Charities' Committee of the province, and a handsome donation was voted to the Boys' School, to be placed on the list of Bro. G. Fielder, who is going up as a Steward at the ensuing Festival.

At the conclusion of business, the brethren sat down to a banquet, served in good style by Bro. Hornsby, of the Dolphin Hotel, in the Assembly Room. Bros. Langton, Prov. J.G.W.; Rev. P. Crick, Prov. G. Chap.; and several W.M.'s of other lodges were present as visitors.

In the course of the evening a number of toasts were

given, in the drinking of which the brethren evinced their loyalty to the throne, their respect to the rulers of the Craft, both in Grand and Provincial Grand Lodge, and their affection for their W.M.

Bro. St. Clair, on his part, interested the brethren in a learned discourse upon the antiquity of Freemasonry in Chichester, the city being undoubtedly the cradle of the mystic Fraternity in Sussex. He showed conclusively that guilds of artificers, from which undoubtedly sprang the present fraternity of speculative Masons, existed in Chichester in the time of the Roman occupation, and from the year 1695, when, according to Anderson, the first Duke of Richmond was Master of a lodge at Chichester, and also Grand Master of the Fraternity in England, there had, with a few slight breaks, been a continuation of Masonic work in the city for 200 years.

During the evening a musical programme was given, under the direction of the Organist, Bro. Lambert, the vocalists being Mr. F. Bailey, Mr. G. W. E. Cussons (Chichester Cathedral), and Mr. Clifton Tyack (Winchester Cathedral).

CROWLE.

Isle of Axholme Lodge (No. 1482).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 31st ult., in the Masonic Hall, when there were present Bros. R. N. Brunyee, W.M.; J. Constable, Chap.; R. Wood, P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; T. Horobin, P.P.S.G.D.; W. Burtonshaw, P.G.P.; W. Chamberlain, D.C.; P. Stanforth, P.P.G.P., P.G. Chap., Stwd.; J. F. Watson, Treas.; C. Fox, S.W.; J. Faulkner, J.W.; W. W. Scholey, I.G.; J. Turner, S.B.; W. Wressell and J. Franks, Stwds.; G. Naylor, Tyler; G. Medley, and J. Birch.

Bro. Stanforth gave an account of the late bazaar and conversazione which resulted in a balance of £39 for the Provincial Benevolent Fund, and after thanking Bro. Stanforth for the work he had done, it was resolved to make the sum up to 40 guineas so as to secure the full voting power. Bro. Constable proposed, and Bro. Horobin seconded, a vote of condolence with the family of the late Bro. Winter, who died on the 19th ult., and for whom the lodge was now in mourning. It was announced that the D.P.G.M. would visit this lodge in March.

HAMPTON COURT.

Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel, on the 26th inst. Among those present were Bros. W. Fisher, P.M. 834, W.M.; John Smith, S.W., W.M. elect; J. W. Clarke, J.W.; J. C. Jessett, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., Sec.; H. Robinson, S.D.; Trotter, J.D.; Hopkins, I.G.; G. Ransford, P.M., D.C.; G. J. Tagg, A.D.C.; H. Wheatley, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., P. Cronin, and C. Wheatley, Stwds.; A. F. Scholding, I.P.M.; W. Sparing, P.P.G.S.B.; C. Clark, P.M.; R. Eales, P.M.; W. C. Plimsaul, P.M., P.A.G.P.; and J. Gilbert, Tyler. Among the visitors we noticed Bros. A. Oliver, W.M. 820; T. Glass, P.P.G. Std. Br. Jersey; J. A. Harvey, P.M. 1314; H. T. Cooper, P.M. 1507; S. Fish, P.M. 1733; A. Tucker, P.P.G.S.B., P.M. 1773; S. J. Cross, P.M. 2242; T. R. Cass, J.D. 1320; D. Kewling, J.D. 2012; H. P. Harris, 1507; J. Lodge, 1507; W. N. Armstrong, 1733; C. Ransford, 2432; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. E. M. Jones was passed, and Bros. L. Camisa, T. Fairer, and R. S. Fox were raised to the Third Degree. The W.M. then impressively installed Bro. J. Smith as W.M., assisted by Bros. R. Eales, as S.W.; E. Clark, as J.W.; and G. Ransford, D.C. The following appointments and investitures were made: Bros. Clarke, S.W.; Robinson, J.W.; Jessett, P.M., Treas.; Capt. Walls, P.M., Sec.; Trotter, S.D.; Hopkins, J.D.; G. J. Tagg, I.G.; G. Ransford, P.M., D.C.; Cronin, A.D.C.; R. Eales, P.M.; C. Wheatley, F. Scott, H. Gale, and T. D. Meacock, Stwds.; and J. Gilbert, Tyler. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. The W.M. then ably initiated Mr. Edgar Morris into Craft mysteries. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. H. H. Room, P.G. Sec. (Hon. Mem.); A. Macchi, T. Greet, G. Dixon, and others. Bro. Fisher, I.P.M., was presented with a Past Master's jewel and collar.

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

Upon the removal of the cloth the usual toasts followed. Bro. R. Eales responded fluently on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past."

The I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of The Worshipful Master," remarked that Bro. Smith, since the date of his initiation, had been most punctual in attendance and painstaking with his work.

The Worshipful Master having replied, gave "The Initiate," who briefly replied.

"The Visitors" followed. Bros. Oliver, Tucker, Fish, and others responded.

In giving "The Past Masters," the Worshipful Master spoke in high terms of Bro. W. Fisher, whose term of office had been in every respect a great success. He had the pleasure of announcing that in response to many solicitations, Bro. Fisher had consented to be nominated as Provincial Grand Treasurer for Middlesex for 1893. He (the W.M.) trusted that the I.P.M. would be successful.

The I.P.M., in his reply, said that after nearly a quarter of a century's Masonic work, he thought that he could honestly aspire to be a Provincial Grand Treasurer.

Bros. H. Wheatley, P.M., and G. Ransford, P.M., also replied.

"The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Masonic Charities," and "The Officers," terminated the proceedings.

The Worshipful Master was elected as Steward for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

MANCHESTER.

Humphrey Chetham Lodge (No. 645).—There was a large assembly of influential brethren at Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Wednesday, the 1st inst., to witness the installation of Bro. A. H. Jefferis, P.M., P.J.G.W., by Bro. J. H. Sillitoe, P.M., P.P.G.W., P.G. Std. Br. Bro. C. H. Arnold, W.M., opened the lodge, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which the W.M. invited Bro. Sillitoe to take the chair as Installing Master. Bro. Jefferis, the W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. Williams, P.M., D.C., and a Board of Installed Masters having been duly constituted, Bro. Jefferis was installed into the chair of K.S.,

The ceremony at this point being conducted by Bro. Williams, Dir. of Cers., who also presented the working tools, Bro. Sillitoe addressing the W.M., Wardens, and brethren. We feel sure that under the mastership of Bro. Jefferis, one who is so popular in East Lancashire and has done so much for Freemasonry in general, the success of the Humphrey Chetham Lodge is assured for the ensuing year, in conjunction with the following officers, who he invested and addressed himself: Bros. W. Loose, S.W.; E. Robinson Walker, J.W.; Carl J. W. Gotz, P.M., P.P.G.W., Treas.; John E. Lees, P.M., P.P.G. Treas., Sec.; J. Andrew Orrell, S.D.; W. J. Bernstein, J.D.; J. Moody, I.G.; W. Williams, P.M., Dir. of Cers.; and F. J. Robbins, Org.

The meeting was a very successful one.

The members of the lodge have always been to the front as regards the Charities, and this year they seem to have kept the reputation, for they have contributed 30 guineas to the R.M.B.I.; 10 guineas to the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution, as well as several handsome donations locally.

After "Hearty good wishes" had been given by the numerous visitors present, the Worshipful Master presented to Bro. C. H. Arnold, the I.P.M., a handsome Past Master's jewel. He said it gave him very great pleasure indeed to do so, as Bro. Arnold had done all in his power to make his year a successful one, and had accomplished it, and he hoped he would live many years to wear it in the lodge. Bro. C. H. Arnold suitably responded.

At the close of the business, the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall to celebrate the Festival of St. John.

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

The pleasure of the evening was greatly enhanced by the vocalist party, consisting of Bros. J. W. Kershaw, P.M.; Cuthbert Blacoe, and S. Kinnell, Bro. Daber acting as accompanist.

The following are a few of those present: Bros. C. H. Arnold, W.M.; Wm. Loose, J.W.; J. E. Lees, P.P.G. Treas., Sec.; J. Andrew Orrell, W. J. Bernstein, Williams, P.M., D.C.; John Hall, J. H. Sillitoe, P.G. Std. Br.; A. H. Jefferis, Arthur Middleton, P.M.; S. Kelly, P.M.; M. Weigenthaler, P.M.; E. Chiswell, E. Moody, T. Bullock, A. B. Smith, Isidore Gotz, Thos. Harrop, Thos. Barron, P.M.; and F. W. B. Woodward, Visitors: Bros. G. L. Vaughan, P.M.; J. M. Sinclair, P.P.G.D.; J. J. Lambert, P.P.G. Registrar; A. Kenfin, S. Dawson, G. S. Smith, P.M.; J. Robinson, W.M. 1219; W. Pritchard, P.M.; John Hocking, P.M.; Wm. Jaffray, P.P.G.D.; and J. Kenworthy, S.W. 1170.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

PLUMSTEAD.

Pattison Lodge (No. 913).—The usual monthly meeting of the above eminent lodge took place on Thursday the 2nd inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Mount Pleasant, and was well attended. The only business on the agenda was the passing of Bro. James, which was done to perfection by the W.M., Bro. W. Campbell Taylor, and his officers, the incidental music, vocal and instrumental, being admirably rendered by the Pattison Choir, and Bro. F. Tyler, the Organist. The W.M. then gave the lecture on the tracing board in the Second Degree. Bro. the Rev. J. W. Horsley, M.A., Chap., a lodge Almoner, then gave a most interesting account of his researches into the history and antecedents of the various cases of Masonic distress brought to his notice, the record of which he had entered in a book, so as to become a reference for future Almoners. Out of four applicants, two of whom were Scotch Masons, and all from the north, he found three to be confirmed tramps and impostors. He advocated a system of intercommunication between the Almoners of lodges so as to become acquainted with the crowd of Masonic, or sham Masonic itinerants, who made a living out of Masonic Charity. Bro. Horsley was congratulated on his acumen and adaptability for this especial duty, and then the lodge was closed.

A handsomely served dinner followed, after which the usual loyal, Grand Lodge, Provincial Grand Lodge, and personal toasts were given and honoured; some splendid singing and instrumental music filling the pauses effectively.

Among the other brethren present and not above mentioned were Bros. C. Coupland, P.M., Treas., P.P.J.G.W.; R. J. Cook, P.M., P.P.G.R.; H. Mason, P.M.; E. Denton, P.M., Sec., P.P.S.G.D.; C. Jolly, P.M., P.M. 1472 and 2184; Dr. E. Bryceson, S.W.; C. J. Clapham, J.W.; J. J. Collins, S.D.; D. K. Summers, J.D.; J. Cook, I.G.; E. M. Taylor, A.D.C.; J. Farrier, A. Moore, and R. B. Saunders, Stwds.; J. Turton, J. Rigden, W. Wren, W. A. Fenn, J. H. Butler, E. G. Denton, W. Chany, A. Littlewood, J. Stratton, W. Freeman, J. Squires, W. Pryce, W. Newton, G. Frost, W. Sanders, G. Clifton, J. Rose, G. G. Roberts, J. W. Dickenson, G. H. Campbell, J. Widger, A. D. Capon, E. Trapnal, H. Stewart, J. Griffiths, C. Lonergan, J. Buckley, B. Hammond, and L. Mills, all of the lodge. The visitors included Bros. G. F. Taylor, W.M.; J. Sanderson, P.M.; H. King, P.M. 615; H. Tufnell, J.W.; E. Carter, and A. Fenn, of 700; and E. W. Carter, P.M.

PLYMOUTH.

Fortitude Lodge (No. 105).—The annual banquet was held on Wednesday, the 1st instant, at Freemasons' Hall. The W.M., Bro. T. W. Soper, presided, supported by the following: Bros. S. Jew, P.M., Chap.; R. B. Twose, P.M.; C. H. Cooper, P.M., Representative at Committee of Petitions, Sec.; H. J. Kitt, P.M.; J. W. Parson, P.M.; A. W. Spinney, P.M., Treas.; Samuel Edgcombe, P.M.; W. J. Sweet, P.M.; C. Luke, S.W.; S. H. R. Gibbons, J.W.; R. R. Rodd, jun., S.D.; T. G. Taylor, J.D.; F. Maitland, I.G.; C. F. Cooper, D.C.; W. D. B. Symons, Org.; A. F. Matthews, Asst. Org.; A. R. Stancombe and C. Brown, Stewards; W. H. Phillips, Tyler; and F. Mabin, Charity Steward. The visitors were Bros. R. G. Bird, 1550, P.P.G.T.; E. Aitken-Davies, 1099, P.P.G.S. of W.; A. R. Lethbridge, P.P.G.S. of W.; N. Radmore, 159; W. Browning, P.P.G.D.C.; R. Blyth, P.G. Std. Br.; T. C. Lewarn, 223, P.P.J.G.D.; W. Allsford, G. W. Hancock, 202; J. R. Lord, P.P.G.T.; B. R. F. Elliott, P. G. L. Pearce, 1247, P.P.S.G.D.; G. Milford, J. T. Rook, W. H. Williams, 1847; T. C. Jeffery, 1136; A. H. Widden, 1212; H. S. Best, 2258; W. E. Chapell, 150; H. Reynolds, 2025; W. H. Botterell, 1255; G. Gurney, 1247; J. Hicks, 70;

J. D. Ward, 153; F. R. H. Ivey, 1388; A. Maitland, J.W. 1247; C. H. Coles, 1099; F. A. James, J.D. 1247; Dr. R. T. Meadows, S.W. 1071; and W. D. B. Symons, Org. 705.

In the toasts which followed, Bro. Dr. Meadows replied for "The Prov. Grand Master and Prov. Grand Lodge of Cornwall."

When "The I.P.M. and the Past Masters" was proposed, a heavy curb gold albert, with a handsomely-engraved gold medal attached, was presented to the I.P.M., with the inscription—"Presented to W. Bro. W. J. Sweet by the members of Lodge Fortitude, 105, as a small recognition of his services as W.M. for 1891 and I.P.M. 1892. February 1st, 1893."

Seventy brethren were present, and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed.

Several brethren, including Bros. Jew, J. Hicks, R. B. Twose, J. Jacobs, and others, entertained with songs and recitations, and Mr. Pearce's band played selections.

SALISBURY.

Elias de Derham Lodge (No. 586).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 12th ult., at the Masonic Hall, when Bro. the Earl of Radnor, P.G.M., installed Bro. E. Waters as W.M. of the lodge. There was a numerous attendance, amongst those present being Bros. E. H. Hulse, M.P.; Col. Everett, W. H. Gramshaw, the Mayor of Salisbury, H. Bevir, Provincial Grand Secretary; and Ponting. The installation ceremony was conducted by the Provincial Grand Master, the presentation of the working tools and the proclaiming being done by Bros. W. C. Powning and E. Hale. The Worshipful Master invested the following officers for the ensuing year: Bros. G. Fullford, I.P.M.; G. Harris, S.W.; E. A. B. Elers, J.W.; the Rev. F. W. Macdonald, Chap.; J. Rumbold, Treas.; E. Hale, Sec.; F. Sutton, S.D.; W. Flower, J.D.; E. Bartlett, D.C.; F. Hodding, I.G.; F. Aston Daves and H. W. Ridgen, Stwds.; and Silverthorne, Tyler. A banquet followed at the White Hart Hotel, the W.M. presiding, supported by the Prov. Grand Master of the province.

SCUNTHORPE.

St. Lawrence Lodge (No. 2078).—The installation festival of this lodge was held on Friday, the 3rd inst., in the Masonic Hall, when there were present Bros. W. Campbell, W.M.; S. M. Peace, S.W.; A. J. Wilkins, S.D.; J. E. Chessman, J.D.; J. Reed, Treas.; R. J. Swabey, I.G.; G. Dove, P.P.S.G.D.; W. Langbridge, P.P.G.S. of W.; Rev. E. M. Weigall, P.P.G. Chap.; G. Spilman, G. W. Alcock, J. Naylor, and W. M. Campbell. Visitors: Bros. T. Staniforth, 1482, P.P.G.P.; J. Constable, Chap. 1482, W.M. 2259, P.G. Stwd.; A. L. Peace, Treas. 2259; R. N. Brunyer, W.M. 1482; C. Fox, S.W. 1482; C. A. Cheesman, W.M. 1282; and others.

After the lodge was duly opened, Bro. Constable presented Bro. S. M. Peace, S.W., W.M. elect, for installation. Bro. Campbell performed the ceremony up to the proclamations, when Bro. A. L. Peace (father of the W.M.), gave the addresses in a very impressive manner. "Hearty good wishes" were given all round. Bro. Staniforth appealed on behalf of the Lincolnshire Masonic Benevolent Institution, and the W.M. responded that it should receive attention at the next lodge.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Blue Bell, where Bro. Swabey had prepared an excellent banquet.

The W.M. was well supported, and complimentary toasts, excellent songs, &c., made a very pleasant evening.

SOUTH SHIELDS.

Hedworth Lodge (No. 2418).—The annual meeting of this lodge took place on the 26th ult., in the Masonic Hall, Ingham-street. It being the first year of the lodge, a large number of brethren were present. Bro. T. G. Mabane, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., presided, and in very appropriate terms alluded to the success of the lodge, and as a mark of his appreciation of the good feeling which existed, he presented to the lodge a framed photograph of a full complement of the officers. Bro. William Dalziel, W.M. elect, was then installed by Bro. Moffett, P.M., the ceremony being conducted in a very impressive manner. Bro. Dalziel afterwards invested the following as officers for the year: Bros. T. G. Mabane, P.P.S.G.D., I.P.M.; C. P. Bell, S.W.; C. R. Toomer, J.W.; J. Geary, Chap.; R. W. Graham, Sec.; C. F. Sutcliffe, P.M., Treas.; J. B. Nelson, S.D.; W. S. Young, J.D.; W. E. Moffett, P.M., D. of C.; L. Winstone, Org.; C. J. Sutherland, I.G.; P. Wood and R. Crosby, Stwds.; Thos. Potter, P.M., P.P.G.T., Tyler. After the transaction of other business of the lodge Bro. Dalziel, on behalf of the brethren, presented Bro. Mabane with a handsome Founder's and Past Master's jewel in recognition of his valuable services during the past year.

The musical portion of the ceremony, which was very finely rendered, was provided by the South Shields Masonic Choir, assisted by Bros. Leatham, Welch, and Champion of Durham Cathedral. Bro. Winstone officiated at the organ.

The annual festival was afterwards held at the Golden Lion Hotel, Bro. C. Happs, the new W.M., presiding.

TWICKENHAM.

Sir Charles Bright Lodge (No. 1793).—This lodge met for the dispatch of business at the Clarence Hotel, on the 25th ult., when there were present, amongst others, Bros. W. Middleweek, W.M.; W. H. Windeatt, S.W.; B. Müller, J.W.; R. W. Forge, P.M., P.P.G. D.C., Treas.; E. W. Warner, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C., Sec.; F. Chandler, P.M. 1656, P.P.G.P., S.D.; J. E. Ruffell, J.D.; W. R. Plaford, I.G.; W. Smith, D.C.; W. J. Porter, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Org.; T. Middleweek, Stwd.; Capt. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W.; J. Finch, P.M., P.P.G. S. of W.; J. R. Barnes, I.P.M.; and J. Gilbert, Tyler. Bros. Hough, 733; Eldenden, 1623; Beale, 1767; and Furness, 2400, were visitors.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the by-laws having been read, Bro. W. H. Windeatt, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. R. W. Forge, P.M., Treasurer; and Bro. John Gilbert, Prov. G.T., Tyler. The sum of 10 guineas was voted to the widow of a deceased Past Master of the lodge, and a notice of motion given to vote five guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, per Bro. W. Middleweek, as Steward to that Institution. A vote of thanks was recorded

to the W.M., and a Past Master's jewel voted to him, in recognition of his services.

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

A few toasts were given—the W.M. presided ably and genially—the rest of the evening being agreeably devoted to instrumental and vocal harmony, in which Bros. W. J. Porter, E. J. Packington, T. Middleweek, and others took a prominent part.

Royal Arch.

Westbourne Chapter (No. 733).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 10th ult., at the Holborn Restaurant. Present: Comps. John Davies, M.E.Z.; C. A. Cottebrune, H.; G. Wright, J.; L. Ascott, P.Z., Treas.; T. W. Allen, S.E.; C. J. Davidson, S.N.; T. Jobson, acting P.S.; C. G. Hatt, 1st A.S.; T. Shepherd, Janitor; G. March, P.Z.; F. Larner, P.Z.; J. Morrell, P.Z.; Collins, P.Z.; T. Haynes, F. Thomas, J. Cox, A. Arrowsmith, F. West, W. A. Swift, F. Arnold, J. H. Hayden, J. W. Belsham, C. E. Betts, A. Sidders, James Rae, and others. Visitors: Comps. H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, and P. Monson, M.E.Z. 1642.

The chapter being opened, the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. Bro. Rae was exalted, the Principals giving the lectures. The officers were elected for the ensuing 12 months as follows: Comps. C. A. Cottebrune, M.E.Z.; G. Wright, H.; C. J. Davidson, J.; L. Ascott, Treas.; T. W. Allen, S.E.; C. G. Hatt, P.S.; Thos. Jobson, 1st A.S.; T. Arnold, 2nd A.S.; and T. Shepherd, Janitor. A P.Z.'s jewel was voted to Comp. Davies.

"Hearty good wishes" having been accorded, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to a banquet.

The M.E.Z. proposed the usual loyal and Royal Arch toasts.

Comp. March proposed "The M.E.Z.," which was received with considerable warmth.

In the course of his response, Comp. Davies expressed his warmest thanks for the kindness he had received from all during the past year, and considered the companions a band of brothers meeting and parting as Masons should do—with the utmost fraternal feeling towards each other—and, although he was about to pass from the exalted position he occupied, he should always to the utmost have the welfare of the chapter in mind.

In proposing "The Second and Third Principals," the M.E.Z. alluded to Comp. Cottebrune as the father of the chapter, and hoped he would have as pleasant a year of office as he had just a quarter of a century ago, and paid them both a marked compliment for the manner they had performed the duties of their respective offices.

Comp. Cottebrune, who expressed his pleasure of being elected M.E.Z., was sorry some other companion had not the opportunity of taking the position, but, at the same time, felt great pride and pleasure in responding to the call, as every companion should do, more especially as it was, as he might say, his silver wedding, as next convocation it would be exactly 25 years since he was installed M.E.Z. in that chapter. After he had passed through the office his work did not cease; for the last 18 years he had been Treasurer, during which time he had always received the greatest kindness from all—in fact, all were actuated towards the same end to please each other.

Comp. Wright also responded shortly.

The Exalte, in reply, was gratified and pleased at the way he had been received into the happy family round him. Ever since his initiation he had been in search of knowledge, and that evening he had made a very great jump, a greater one than he had any idea would be made in one evening.

"The Visitors," responded to by Comps. Dehane and Monson, who both expressed the pleasure it had been to them to see the ceremony so perfectly carried out. Comp. Monson, who had only just been installed M.E.Z. of 1642, would certainly let the companions of that chapter know where work was well done, and could be safely copied.

Comps. Ascott and Allen replied for "The P.Z.'s," both of whom were founders.

Comp. Morrell replied for "The Officers." Songs and recitations by the following: Comps. Hatt, Haynes, Ascott, Sidders, Davidson, and Allen tended to enliven the proceedings.

The Janitor's toast concluded a very enjoyable evening.

Star Chapter (No. 1275).—The traditional reputation of this chapter was ably sustained at the installation meeting held on Tuesday, the 24th ult., at the Guildhall Tavern, the members being supported by a goodly array of distinguished visitors. The chapter was opened by Comps. Carl Fleck, M.E.Z.; North, H.; and Meierhoff, J. And after the general routine of business, the candidates—Bros. Targett, 1559; and Barr, 1632, were unanimously accepted. Comp. C. N. McIntyre North was duly installed in the chair of M.E.Z. by Comp. Grumman, P.Z.; Comp. Meierhoff in the chair of H., by Comp. Corsley, P.Z.; and Comp. Hilton, P.Z., occupying the chair of J. in the absence of the J. elect (Comp. Ma ten.) On the return of the companions below the rank of Principals, the following officers were invested and addressed in turn with the appropriate admonitions by the M.E.Z.: Comps. Fleck, I.P.Z.; C. Woolmer Williams, P.Z., as S.E.; T. Grumman, P.Z., Treasurer; H. W. Payne Makeham, S.N.; W. Eckersall, P.S.; W. H. Smith, 1st A.S.; and J. H. Edwards, 2nd A.S. The M.E.Z. then exalted Bros. Targett and Barr. A motion proposed by Comp. Benedetti, P.Z., having been carried by acclamation, the M.E.Z., in accordance with its terms, presented Comp. Carl Fleck with the P.Z.'s jewel, expressing in a few words the satisfaction he felt in performing the pleasant duty of placing the P.Z.'s jewel on the breast of as good a Mason and as warm-hearted a friend as any in the Royal Arch.

After the usual questions, communications, and congratulations the chapter was closed, and the companions were marshalled thus to the "hall of shells": ye first was Janitor Gregory, who, with drawn sword, led the way, accompanied by a braw young Highlander—Mr. Bain North, with the more deadly "claidheamh nior;" then followed stalwart Piper London (late of the 91st Highlanders), the M.E.Z. (also in Highland dress), and Comps. Carl Fleck, I.P.Z.; Woolmer Williams, P.Z.; T. Grumman, P.Z.; F. Hilton, P.Z.; J. Addington, P.Z.; W. Cowley, P.Z.; G. Benedetti, P.Z.; G. King, P.Z.; W. Kippes,

P.Z. 79; E. A. Whitby, P.Z. 1329; Walter Davies, M.E.Z. 1901; R. C. Davis, H. 1216; F. W. Williams, H. 101; V. T. Murché, H. elect 1329; H. W. Payne Makhlaw, S.N.; W. Eckersall, P.S.; W. H. Smith and J. H. Edwards, Asst. Sojs.; C. H. Stone, J. S. Targett, W. R. Barr, and R. W. Steggles, all of 73; W. H. Mackley, 2272; E. A. Rice, 1622; and J. Faulkner, 879. The appearance of the hall, with its group of ancient Scottish banners, and the stirring notes of the "Piob mòr," led the companions to expect something a "wee bit" out of the common—nor were they disappointed. The menu, specially designed and drawn by the M.E.Z., was in ample form, in the quaint wording and writing of the Elizabethan period, and adorned with the portraits of all the officers, present and past, who are still members of the chapter; the ancient horn with the mysterious, sweet, but seductive Athole Brose, was passed around the way of the sun; the Haggis was played in by the piper; ye rechte gude Englische fare followed the Haggis, assisted by a certain wine which shall be "nameless by day;" ye lyttle game was ushered in by the piper (the principal feature, however, being covered over, much to the amusement of the companions), and at the close of the admirable and well-served repast all joined heartily and honestly in responding to the Grace after meat.

The M.E.Z. in proposing the toast of "The Queen and Royal Arch Masonry," said her Majesty was endeared to all, not only for her qualities as a Queen, but for the sympathetic feeling she had for the lowliest of her subjects; perhaps it was egotistical to mention that when at the close of the Crimean war, he was busily engaged among the heather at Aldershot, a cry of the Queen made him spring to his feet, and he found himself unexpectedly face to face with her Majesty, who was tripping along some hundred yards in front of her escort. Surprised at the un-official presentation of an unkempt young savage, tanned with the sun and powdered with the dust, she could not repress a merry laugh at his appearance, and with a smile and gracious nod in response to the military salute given, left him standing in mute admiration. When in 1872 he received the medal he now wore from the Princess Louise, the smiling face of the bonnie Princess reminded him of her mother. He received a kindly acknowledgment from her Majesty in 1880, when she graciously received a copy of his first book. In 1891, the Grand Z. of the Order and the late much lamented Duke of Clarence, had also honoured him in a similar manner, proving that in the hearts of her Majesty, her children, and grand-children, there was a gracious kindness which, without being derogatory to their exalted positions, created a loving and devoted attachment in the hearts of the people.

The toast was enthusiastically given with Highland honours, in addition to the usual salute.

"The Grand Z. of the Order, H.R.H. the Lord of the Isles," was received with like enthusiasm, and after the toast of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," had been given,

Comp. C. Woolmer Williams, as the oldest P.Z. present, in a humorous speech, said he had no idea how much Scottish feeling he had in him until the bagpipes had aroused that and his appetite. The haggis made him take kindly to the whisky, and he would have liked some more haggis, if it were only as an excuse for more whisky. However, he had not risen in praise of whisky, but for a far more important object, that of proposing "The Health of the M.E.Z. of the Star Chapter, Comp. McIntyre North," and he felt sure that he expressed the opinion of the companions when he said that from the manner in which the ceremony had been worked that evening by the M.E.Z., they had every reason to congratulate themselves that the reputation of the Star Chapter would be worthily maintained during his year of office, and he proposed to salute him with a modification of Highland honours.

In response to the challenge the companions, with right foot on the table, gave the Royal Arch fire, raised their brimming glasses, which in the twinkling of an eye were exhibited in an inverted position, sparkling in the gaslight without a vestige of moisture. The result was then greeted with three mighty shouts, which would have made the "welkin ring" had that welcome article of furniture been anywhere handy.

The M.E.Z., after congratulating Comp. Williams on the admirable improvement which had taken place in his spiritual condition, heartily thanking him and the companions, expressing a hope that they would try him and prove him by bringing an increased number of candidates each time they met, and if at the end of his year of office they were still satisfied with him he felt that he would the better deserve the praises they had so generously bestowed on him that evening.

Comp. Barr, in response to the toast of "The Exaltees," had, as a young man thought it his duty to join the Royal Arch, and he would not be satisfied until he had qualified himself to take a humble part in the beautiful ceremonies he had witnessed that evening.

The M.E.Z., after proposing "The Health of the I.P.Z.," vacated his seat, and to the stirring music of the piper danced the sword dance with the enthusiasm of 16, and (oblivious of the additional 40 added to his record since that happy time) at the conclusion of the dance again challenged the piper and finished up with the Highland fling as if he had "tethered time and tide."

Comp. Fleck, I.P.Z., in thanking the companions for the P.Z.'s jewel expressed his gratification at the honour done him by his mother chapter.

Comps. Walter Davies, M.E.Z. 1911, and Steggles, 73, replied on behalf of "The Visitors."

The M.E.Z., in proposing the toast of "The Past Principals (ye appeased ones)," said that taking up the programme he could see the portraits of 10 Past Principals, beginning at their venerable Comp. Williams, one of the founders (who was prevented by age and infirmity from attending), to the I.P.Z., whose equals, he could proudly say, it would be difficult for any chapter of a like standing, to produce, whether with regard to their knowledge and active determination of the ritual, or their zeal and fidelity to their mother chapter. He would couple with the toast the name of Comp. Hilton, who was not unknown in South London, and Comps. Williams, S.E., and Grumman.

Comp. Hilton, in response, heartily congratulated the M.E.Z., and said he might go further than the M.E.Z., and say that even in chapters of far greater antiquity than theirs they could not show so goodly an array of P.Z.'s. Owing to the local position formerly occupied by the chapter, several of the Principals had nothing to do; but they had ably proved their competence in other places. The depression

had been raised, and under the able presidency of their M.E.Z. he would predict that that meeting was but the commencement of a brilliant and prosperous year.

Comps. Williams and Grumant vied with each other in the brevity of their thanks.

In proposing "The Officers," the unavoidable absence in Germany of Comp. Martin, and of Comp. Meierhoff, through being obliged to leave at the close of the chapter, was mentioned by the M.E.Z., who heartily thanked them and Comp. Stone for the able manner in which they had supported him.

Comp. Eckersall replied.

The Janitor's toast having been given, "Auld Lang Syne" closed a meeting unique in its way, and which marked the commencement of a new era in the history of the chapter.

NORTH WOOLWICH.

Henley Chapter (No. 1472).—The election meeting of the above chapter took place at the Three Crowns Hotel, on Tuesday, the 17th ult., when Comps. J. Savage was unanimously elected M.E.Z.; C. Wood, H.; B. Curtis, J.; R. Warren, P.Z.; P.Z. 13, P.P.G.S.B. Essex, Treas.; B. Bragshaw, S.E.; and the other officers in rotation to higher office. Bro. T. H. Lait was exalted to the Supreme Degree by Comp. C. Jolly, P.Z., M.E.Z., assisted by the officers as above, and it was unanimously resolved that for Comp. Jolly's services to the chapter during his second occupancy of the chair of M.E.Z., a bar be added to his Past Z.'s jewel, commemorating the event. The companions afterwards enjoyed a pleasant banquet, and an hour or two of social harmony.

PLUMSTEAD.

Pattison Chapter (No. 913).—The usual quarterly convocation of this flourishing chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Mount Pleasant, on Thursday, the 19th ult., Comp. A. Penfold, P.Z. 13 and 1472, P.P. 1st A.G.S., filling the chair of M.E.Z., in the unavoidable absence of Comp. C. Lawson. Comp. E. Morris occupied the chair of H., and Comp. W. C. Taylor that of J. Among the other officers and companions were Comps. C. Coupland, P.Z. 13, P.P.G.J.; E. Denton, P.Z. 13, P.P. G.P.S.; H. J. Butter, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S., S.E.; H. Mason, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B.; E. B. Hobson, P.Z., P.P. 1st A.G.S.; R. J. Cook, P.Z., P.P.G.S.B.; J. H. Roberts, P.Z., P.P. G.D.; C. Jolly, P.Z. 1472; C. J. Clapham, S.N.; G. Nichols, P.S.; R. F. Tyler, Org.; C. Warren, Janitor; J. O. Cook, J. Turton, G. Frost, E. M. Taylor, D. C. Capon, D. Summer, J. Trapnal, and Col. C. Vansittart, 1789.

Comp. R. J. Cook, P.Z., &c., presided at the banquet and subsequent social board, and in eloquent terms proposed the various Grand, Provincial Grand, and chapter toasts.

Comps. Roberts and Butter responded for "The Prov. Grand Officers."

Comps. Denton and Mason responded for "The P.Z.'s," the latter stating his intention to go up as Steward for the chapter at the approaching Festival of the Benevolent Institution, and spoke of the immense amount of good the Benevolent Association attached to the Pattison Lodge and Chapter had done for the Charities since its foundation some few years ago, over £1400 having been sent up from it to the various Charities, and he, as its President, was proud both of the Association and his position.

Several other personal toasts followed, and some splendid vocal and instrumental music added a rare charm to the proceedings.

Mark Masonry.

BRADFORD.

Old York Lodge (T.I.).—A regular meeting of this old time immemorial lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, on Tuesday, the 24th ult., when Bro. Thos. H. Pattinson, W.M., was supported by Bros. F. E. Greenough, S.W.; Frank D. Harrison, J.W.; John T. Last, M.O.; Dr. M. Hayes, S.O.; W. Laycock, J.O.; Thos. Norfolk, I.P.M., as Sec.; Geo. Althorp, P.P.G.W., Treas.; S. A. Auty, Chap.; George Martin, S.D.; Robert H. Bonsor, J.D.; John Ingleby, as I.G.; John Hill, Tyler; Simeon Whiteley, P.P.G.D., Org.; Chas. J. Schott, P.J.G.W.; Joseph Clifford, and A. T. Pullin. Bro. Thos. Cross, 225 (I.C.), was a visitor.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. R. H. Pullan, of No. 600, which proved in his favour, and being in attendance, he was advanced to the Degree of Mark Master by the W.M., assisted by Bro. S. Whiteley, P.P.G.D., the charge being given by Bro. C. J. Schott, Prov. J.G.W., and the working tools, peculiar to the Degree, were explained by Bro. T. E. Greenough, S.W. A resolution was passed, giving the sanction of the lodge to the formation of an Ark Mariners' Lodge to be attached to the lodge. A candidate was proposed for advancement at the next meeting of the lodge. Apologies for the unavoidable absence of several brethren were received, after which the lodge was closed.

After refreshment the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. Althorp, P.P.G.W., Treasurer, proposed "The Visitors;" the toast was cordially received.

In responding, Bro. Cross, 225, (I.C.), thanked the brethren for the hearty welcome that had been accorded him, and by request explained some of the small differences between the working of the Degree in England and Ireland.

Other toasts followed, and a pleasant evening was spent, to which Bro. Pullan and Whiteley contributed songs and music.

SUTTON BRIDGE.

Nene Lodge (No. 227).—The third installation meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 25th ult., the following being present: Bros. C. E. Ward, P.P. J.G.D., Prov. J.G.O., W.M.; G. S. Woodwark, I.P.M.; J. R. Clarke, P.P.G. Stwd., S.W.; J. McNaught Davis, P.P.J.G.W. Notts, as J.W.; John Leach, Reg., as M.O.; Wm. Patrick, 30°, S.O.; R. H. Aldham, 18°, J.O.; M. Cox, 18°, Treas.; J. S. B. Glasier, 18°, Sec.; H. Healey, S.D., as Org.; J. Gordon Dunlop, S.D.; C. W. Smith, 18°, Stwd., as J.D.; and H. Tyler, as I.G.

The lodge having been opened, Bros. James Robinson, P.M. 469, and G. W. Whitehead, P.M. 809, were balloted for, and unanimously elected, and Bro. Whitehead, being in attendance, was advanced to the Honourable Degree of a M.M.M. by Bro. C. E. Ward, W.M. The W.M. elect, Bro. J. R. Clarke, S.W., was presented by Bro. J. McNaught Davis, and received the benefits of installation to the chair of A. at the hands of Bro. Ward, who delivered the various charges. The newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested the following officers: Bros. Chas. E. Ward, I.P.M. and Sec.; J. E. Townsend, S.W.; W. Patrick, 18°, J.W.; R. H. Aldham, 18°, M.O.; J. S. B. Glasier, 18°, S.O.; J. Gordon Dunlop, J.O.; G. Smith Woodwark, 30°, Chap.; Mark Cox, 18°, Treas.; John Leach, Reg.; H. Healey, Org.; W. Fletcher, Prov. G.I.G., S.D.; C. Winlove Smith, 18°, J.D.; H. Tyler, I.G.; Geo. Wm. Whitehead, Steward; and D. Oliver, Tyler. The Right Hon. the Earl of Yarborough, Prov. G.M., having announced his intention to hold the next Provincial Grand Lodge at Sutton Bridge, the following were appointed as a Reception Committee to arrange: Bros. Clarke, W.M.; Ward, I.P.M.; Townsend, S.W.; Dunlop, J.O.; and Cox, Treas.

Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to banquet, where the usual toasts were honoured, and £1 1s. was collected for the Benevolent Fund.

TWICKENHAM.

Sir Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 181).—This lodge held a meeting at the Albany Hotel on the 18th ult. Amongst those in attendance were Bros. W. Thomas, P.J.G.O., W.M.; E. Davis, P.G.S. Middx., S.W.; Woodruff, J.W.; George Everett, S.O.; T. Meacock, J.O.; W. Fisher, P.M., P.G. Stwd., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.G.S.B., Sec.; J. T. Briggs, P.M., P.G. Std. Br.; Henry Higgins, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; C. H. Köhler, P.M., P.P.G.S.; and W. Porter, P.M. Bro. Austin was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. R. W. Forge, P.M. 1056 and 1793, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C., &c., was duly balloted for, and being in attendance was advanced to the Degree of M.M.M. by the Secretary. Bro. E. Davis was elected W.M., subject to dispensation, he not having passed the chair in a Craft lodge. Bro. W. Fisher, P.M., was elected Treasurer, and Bro. G. Harrison, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. W. Thomas, W.M., in recognition of his services. He was also elected to represent the lodge as Steward at the Mark Benevolent Fund Festival, 1893. The Secretary gave notice of motion to vote a sum of money to head the W.M.'s list. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. H. Von Joel, P.G. Stwd., M.O.; A. Simmonds, P.M.; and others.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The W.M. presided, as usual, most genially. The usual toasts followed.

Bro. J. T. Briggs responded for "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," and Bro. H. Higgins for "The Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past."

The proceedings terminated at an early hour.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

ROBERT BURNS LODGE (No. 25).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 7th inst., at the "Frascati," 30, Oxford-street, W., when there were present Bros. H. Sillis, W.M.; W. Shales, S.W.; J. R. Harnell, J.W.; E. Kraus, S.D.; F. Osborn, J.D.; F. Hewson, I.G.; E. C. Mulvey, P.M., Preceptor; F. Marx, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; F. J. Bonham, Sec.; E. J. Gittins, P.M.; R. Blum, P.M.; W. Denham, P.M.; C. Bonham, A. Becker, and J. Thompson. Visitors, Bros. Powell and Butcher.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Bonham being candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Powell being candidate. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Powell, 2246, and Bro. Butcher, 1227, were elected joining members. The S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. All Masonic business being ended the lodge was closed.

CLARENCE LODGE (No. 1263).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 24th ult., at the Midland Grand Hotel, when the following brethren were present: Bros. D. D. West, W.M.; C. F. Fox, S.W.; M. M. Taylor, J.W.; W. H. Kirby, Preceptor; Jas. Corp, S.D.; Major Gubbins, J.D.; W. Baker, Sec.; M. B. Evans, I.G.; Hy. Sadler, G.T.; W. H. Sands, T. C. Sandeman, W. A. Cocks, J. D. Dixon, C. Mead, E. D. Everard, E. J. Dixon, H. Imray, H. S. Welcome, E. Swain, A. G. Sandberg, L. Bond, E. Symons, F. T. Hastings, and H. H. Nuding.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. J. D. Dixon having volunteered to act as candidate, was examined, entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. West, as W.M., rehearsed the ceremony of passing in an able manner. The chair was then occupied by Bro. H. S. Wellcome, who rehearsed the ceremony of installation, Bro. A. G. Sandberg acting as W.M. elect. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, when Bro. Sandberg delivered the addresses to the various officers upon investiture, and Bro. Wellcome effectively rendered the Installing Master's addresses. When the W.M. rose for the first time, the Secretary read a letter from the W.M. of the Bank of England Lodge, giving permission for the meetings of the Clarence Lodge, holding existence under his warrant, to be held in future at the Midland Grand Hotel, also expressing his pleasure at the repute and success this lodge of instruction had attained. Bro. C. F. Cox was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting; he appointed his officers, and announced that the work would be a rehearsal of the third ceremony and the 2nd Section of the First Lecture. The lodge was closed in due form.

PRINCE FREDERICK WILLIAM LODGE (No. 753).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 31st ult., at the Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale. Present: Bros. W. P. Clark, W.M.; H. Weston, S.W.; W. Parsons,

J.W.; G. Wood, Preceptor; W. J. Stratton, Treas.; J. J. Thomas, Sec.; A. L. Butters, S.D.; R. Schriber, J.D.; T. N. Morris, I.G.; C. Coleman, W.M. 1425; W. Chapple, W. T. Dillon, J. Robinson, H. Trask, J. Kruse, and R. Wright. Visitor: Bro. G. Fagg, 30.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Trask was next examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Trask being candidate. Bro. Clark vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Stratton, who proceeded to rehearse the ceremony of installation. Bro. Robinson was duly presented and obligated. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Robinson duly installed into the chair of K.S., according to ancient custom. The W.M. was saluted in the Three Degrees, after which the W.M. appointed and invested his officers, and the Installing Master gave the three addresses in a very impressive manner. The 1st Section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Weston, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Fagg was elected a joining member. Bro. Weston was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed the officers in rotation. It was decided to work the Fifteen Sections on Tuesday, the 14th prox., and that the annual dinner of the lodge of instruction be held on Friday, the 17th prox., and that the Secretary, Bro. J. J. Thomas, preside on the occasion. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 27th inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. Forman, W.M.; F. A. Barth, S.W.; R. Reid, J.W.; A. Williams, P.M. 203, Treas.; G. E. Stafford, S.D.; W. Hide, J.D.; W. Hindes, I.G.; F. Craggs, P.M. 834; P. Cronin, H. Blackman, and Flexman.

Lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Cronin offering himself as candidate for initiation, that ceremony was rehearsed by the W.M. Bro. Flexman offered himself as candidate for passing, and was examined and entrusted. Lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Bro. F. A. Barth was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

BLACKHEATH LODGE (No. 1320).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Milkwood Tavern, Milkwood-road, Loughborough Junction, on Monday, the 6th inst., when there were present Bros. Barr, W.M.; Salmon, S.W.; Cass, J.W.; F. Hilton, P.M., Preceptor; T. R. Cass, Treas.; C. H. Stone, Sec.; Rice, J.D.; J. Hooper, I.G.; H. G. Martin, Sly, W. C. Smith, Telling, Hill, Cocks, Sparrow, and Pullen.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Telling being candidate. Bro. Barr vacated the chair in favor of Bro. Telling, who repeated the ceremony, Bro. Cocks being candidate. Bro. J. Sparrow was elected a member. Bro. Salmon, S.W., was elected W.M. for Monday next. It was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, "That the Fifteen Sections be worked on the fourth Monday in March, under the able presidency of Bro. Hilton, P.M., Preceptor." The lodge was then closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 23rd ult., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. A. L. Butters, W.M.; J. C. Conway, W.M. 1891, S.W.; W. P. Clark, J.W. 753, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas. and Preceptor; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; R. J. Rogers, S.D.; Major E. J. Reed, J.D.; J. W. Roe, I.G.; J. J. Hough, Stwd.; W. J. Stretton, P.M. 753; M. J. R. Dundas, P.M. 1361; W. Hillier, T. Grant, W. Parsons, R. T. Godfrey, G. Weaver, H. Windeatt, H. Robinson, A. Eddy, J. Kruse, and L. J. Powell. Visitors: Bros. W. P. Clark, J.W. 753; and Antonio Bisacca, 1425.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Robinson being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and after the usual preliminaries it was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Parsons being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bros. Clark and Bisacca were elected members and acknowledged the compliment. Bro. Conway was elected for the next lodge meeting, it being officers' night. A communication from Bro. James Stephens, P.M., P.Z., was read. A vote of thanks was passed for the very able and intelligent manner Bro. Butters had presided and rehearsed the ceremonies for the first time in this lodge of instruction. After "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 24th ult., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. R. Loomes, W.M.; D. M. Forbes, S.W.; G. T. Chretien, J.W.; W. Hancock, Preceptor; J. Petch, P.P.G.S.B. Herts, Treas.; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; R. P. Upton, S.D.; J. J. Sandeman, J.D.; E. H. Bury, I.G.; J. W. Clarke, H. B. Harding, J. Duncan, P.M.; H. J. Kembell, jun., D. C. Ritchie, T. E. Newman, and J. Amand.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Clarke being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Harding answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Harding being the candidate. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. Bro. Forbes was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

LANGTON LODGE (No. 1673).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 26th ult., at the White Hart Tavern, Abchurch-lane, E.C., when there were present Bros. P. H. Hall, W.M.; G. W. Bullen, S.W.; W. B. Billingham, J.W.; G. P. Marshall, Preceptor; W. T. Grant, Treas.; C. W. Mapleton, Sec.; G. C. Harpourt, S.D.; W. A. Clark, J.D.; R. T. Whites, I.G.; S. Lea-Smith, G. F. Ivey, and J. H. Davidson, members of Committee; A. E. de Paiva, E. J. Marrian, J. H. Williams, H. R. Summers,

F. Cronk, S. W. Morris, F. J. Little, and T. C. Sandeman. Visitors: Bro. T. C. Martin.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing, and explanation of the tracing board were rehearsed. Bro. Ivey took the chair, and the ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Bro. Morrison acting as Master elect. The lodge was then closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 31st ult., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, when there were present Bros. E. E. Geflowski, W.M. 534, W.M.; W. H. Dresden, W.M. 1602, S.W.; H. G. Danby, W.M. 1056, J.W.; G. Read, P.M., Preceptor; R. H. Williams, P.M., &c., Treas.; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; W. Hillier, S.D.; Lewis Beale, J.D.; F. A. Barth, I.G.; W. B. Neville, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. R. H. Williams acting as candidate. Bro. Geflowski vacated the chair of W.M. in favour of Bro. R. H. Williams. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the Second Degree. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed. The Board of Installed Masters being formed, and all below the Degree of Installed Master retired, the inside ceremony was rehearsed, the lodge being resumed to the various Degrees as required. The addresses incident to the ceremony were given by the Installing Master, Bro. Danby acting as W.M. elect. Bro. Dresden was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

TWICKENHAM.—CRESCENT LODGE (No. 788).—The opening meeting of the year was held on Thursday, the 19th ult., at the King's Head Hotel, and was largely attended, the reputation for efficient working by energetic and zealous officers bringing together an assemblage of brethren from all parts. The officers were Bros. H. J. Shelley, W.M.; J. F. Collinson, S.W.; H. Barton, J.W.; G. W. Warner, Preceptor; R. W. Forge and W. H. Hanham, joint Secretaries; R. W. Rice, S.D.; H. E. Gomme, J.D.; J. M. Chapman, I.G.; Packington, Org.; Barnsdall, Powell, Gerbert, and others.

The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, the lecture being given by the Preceptor in his usual efficient manner. A sum of money was voted from the Benevolent Fund to the widow of a deceased brother. Bro. Collinson was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, after which the lodge was closed in due form, the brethren subsequently pledging each other in a flowing bowl of punch, and indulging in harmony.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, on Friday, the 3rd inst., when there were present Comps. A. C. Wood, M.E.Z.; Bannister, H.; H. G. Martin, J.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; C. H. Stone, S.E.; Phillips, S.N.; Hill, P.S.; Lewis, Newland, Rice, North, Walter Davis, Eedle, Grummant, Osterstock, Chabôt, Dr. Smith, Addington, and Murché.

The chapter was declared open. The minutes of convocation, January 27th, were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Rice personating candidate. Comp. Bannister was elected M.E.Z. for Friday next. Hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Comps. A. C. Wood, M.E.Z., and Bannister, H., for so ably rehearsing their respective duties. The by-laws were read. Comps. Chabôt, Lewis, and Rice were appointed Auditors.

HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).—A meeting of this chapter was held on Friday, the 3rd inst., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. J. C. Edmonds, P.Z. 1507, M.E.Z.; W. Radcliffe, P.Z. 3, H.; J. Carter, P.Z. 1260, J.; J. Davies, M.E.Z. 733, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; G. Gregory, P.P.G. Treas. Middx., S.N.; R. F. Angel, P.S. 179, P.S.; J. Bailey, M.E.Z. 1602, 1st A.S.; J. Cruttenden, 779, 2nd A.S.; G. Gregory, P.S. 862, as Janitor; M. Spiegel, P.Z. 1556, G. March, P.Z. 733; A. J. Turner, P.S. 1196; W. Hillier, 834; T. Jobson, 733; Jas. Rae, 733; F. Craggs, P.S. 834; W. R. Flach, 1642; and J. F. Perrins, P.S. 1838. Visitors: Comps. J. Almond, 1838; H. B. Robinson, 1538; George Smith, 704; and R. F. Angel, P.S. 179.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Robinson being the candidate. The following were elected members: Comps. Almond, Robinson, Smith, and Angel. A vote of thanks was passed to the officers for the admirable manner in which they had discharged the duties pertaining to their respective offices, which compliment was acknowledged by Comps. Edmonds, Carter, and Gregory. The M.E.Z. having risen the usual number of times, "Hearty good wishes were accorded, and the chapter was closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 1012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 4th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, W., when there were present Bros. R. Reid, W.M.; L. J. Powell, S.W.; F. A. Barth, J.W.; A. Williams, P.M., Preceptor; M. Spiegel, Sec.; W. Hillier, S.D.; R. J. Williams, J.D.; Hyde, I.G.; J. Sims, P.M.; J. Brown, P.M.; Stroud, P.M.; Whitely, and Cox.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, Bro. Cox being a candidate for passing, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The 1st Section of this Lecture was worked by the Preceptor, the 2nd Section by Bro. Spiegel, and the questions were put by Bro. Hillier. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the 2nd Section was worked by the Preceptor. The W.M. rose for the first and second time, and Bro. Powell was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

Order of the Secret Monitor.

University of London Conclave (No. 2).—The members of this conclave met at the Holborn Restaurant on Thursday, the 2nd inst., under the rulership of Bro. W. G. Lemon, I.L.B., &c., S.R. The G.S.R., Bro. Dr. I. Zacharie, was present, as were also Bros. Dr.

Kiallmark, S.R. elect; Dr. C. Gross, P.G. Gdr.; Dr. Juler, P.G.V.; W. J. Spratling, G.R.; Dr. Pocock, P.G.C.; T. E. Lemon, M.A., Secretary; and others. Letters expressing regret at absence were read from Bros. Philbrick, Q.C., P.J.S.R.; Samuel Pope, Q.C., P.G.G.; J. Lewis Thomas, P.G.S.R.; and others.

The conclave being opened, Bro. Arthur Hill, S.W. of the Isaac Newton University Lodge, No. 359, Cambridge, was introduced and duly inducted and invested, Bro. Lemon giving the usual address in a very impressive style. The S.R. elect, Bro. Dr. Kiallmark, P.G. Std. Br., was then presented to the Consecrating Officer, Bro. W. J. Spratling, B. So, G. Recorder, and placed in the chair of the conclave with all due solemnity. The S.R. having been saluted, the Princes of the Order were re-admitted, and to them the new S.R. distributed the accustomed presents.

The conclave was then closed, and the brethren dined together in loving friendship.

The conclave receives only brethren who are members of some University, and now numbers 25.

FIRST ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE WESTBOURNE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 733.

The first annual supper of this lodge was held at the Prince Alfred Hotel, 112, Queen's-road, Bayswater, on Thursday, the 2nd inst., when a most successful and enjoyable evening was passed. After partaking of supper, served by the proprietor, Bro. J. J. Hough, in his usual excellent style, toasts, which were interspersed with songs and recitations, were given, that of the evening—"Success to the Westbourne Lodge of Instruction"—being responded to in a most enthusiastic manner, that of "The Visitors," of whom there were many, also receiving a most hearty response.

THE NEWLY-DISCOVERED DUMFRIES MSS.

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the actual original had these phrases in the text as well as the marginal titles, as is really the case in the St. Alban legend, where both MSS. have preserved the double manner of noting. The text is: "St. Alban(s) was the first that gave a Charge to Masons in England," the Harris MS. having as superscription: "Who gave a Charge to Masons in England first," and the Dumfries MS. has marginal title: "Who first gave a Charge to Masons in England." So also at the building of the Tower of Babel, where we read in the text: "All the time of the building of the Tower of Babel (*Babylon Harris*) Masonry was (then) was Masons, *Harris* much esteemed, it being the time and place that Masonry which before was called geometry (before called geometry, *Harris*) was first so called and made," and agreeing therewith we find a marginal title in the Dumfries MS., as well as a superscription in the Harris MS. running thus: "Where and when Masonry was first so called and made." Both MSS. have also doubly noted the "First Charge." The Dumfries MS. has for margin: "The first Charge to Masons, called Nimrod's Charge," and the Harris MS. has the superscription: "The first Charge given to Masons called Nimrod's Charge being given by him;" and then we read at the end of the paragraph in both MSS.: "This was the first time that ever Masons had any Charges of this Science." Now, as the text of the Charge itself is in a close connection with the foregoing sentence, the superscription in the Harris MS. is a strange interruption of the natural running of the whole, wherefrom it is evident that the marginal note is the more original form of the title, and that the Harris MS. must be a transcript from a copy with marginal notes as the Dumfries MS., though not the latter itself. The "Second Charge" is very instructive for my purpose. Both MSS. have the one as marginal title, the other as superscription, the following note: "The Second Charge given to Masons, called Euclades (Euclid's, *Harris*) Charge," but only the Harris MS. has the concluding phrase: "This was the second Charge given to Masons," whilst in the Dumfries MS. these words have been omitted. The "third Charge" is noted in the margin of the Dumfries MS., though not in the right place, namely: "King David confirmed Euclades' Charge, being the Third Charge." The Harris MS. has no superscription, but concludes the recitals as to David's Charge as follows: "King David confirmed Euclades Charges, so King David's charge was the Third Charge." No doubt the original MS. had a similar note also at the margin, which was not made use of as a superscription. Similar textual summaries are often met with in the Harris MS., forming, no doubt, the original parts of this very version, and doubtless referred to in the original MS. at the top of the paragraphs by corresponding marginal notes, which were omitted by the scribe of the Harris copy, while the scribe of the "Dumfries" preserved the marginal titles, and omitted the corresponding textual phrases, whereby he often mutilated the running of the text in a clumsy manner, so that, on the whole, the text of the "Harris" is better than that of the "Dumfries," though in some cases the latter proves to be more authentic. In my opinion, based on textual evidences, neither of the two MSS. have been taken from the very original of this version, but are copies from two different transcripts thereof. A specimen of the indifferent manner of changing the text in the "Dumfries" is to be found after the David's Charge, where the "Harris" offers a new superscription: "Who (*i.e., How*) they made Masters and Governours amongst Masons," and under it a paragraph beginning: "After the Death of King David," &c., and ending "Whom he ordained (to be) Masters over them and Governours

of his work." No doubt the original had at the top of this paragraph a marginal note, like the superscription in the Harris MS., and the scribe of the Dumfries MS. put it in the text by writing: "So they made him Governor of them," which words are nonsense at the place, where they have been inserted. One of the following paragraphs in the Harris MS. is superscribed: "How the Science came into France," the Dumfries MS. having at the margin: "How this worthy Syence came into France;" And at the end of the paragraph the former MS. has: "and thus came the Science into the Land of ffrance, which sentence is to be found also in all other versions, whilst the Dumfries MS. has omitted it, according to its manner of proceeding. I mentioned already the beginning of the St. Alban legend. At the end of the first paragraph thereof, the Harris MS. reads: "And he confirmed again all the former Charges, and it was called the sixth Charge given to Masons by St. Alban." The Dumfries MS. has at the margin: "The Sixt Charge given to Masons," and reads in the text: "St. Albans Charge was no other than a confirmation of all former Charges," which is evidently a mutilation of the more original words in the Harris MS. After the paragraph entitled: "Who shall administer the Oath," the Dumfries MS. has the marginal note: "The Admonition unto the partie or parties who are to be made Masons" (the superscription in the Harris MS. adding: "Before the Reading of the Charge"), but this admonition itself is not in the text, while it is correctly preserved in the Harris MS. The Charges themselves in the Harris MS. are headed: "The Charge called Prince Edwin's Charge wch comprehends all the foregoing Charges," and at the end we read: "These be the Charges that Prince Edwin or Edgar Made at his Assembly held at York, which he Ordained to be Observed for Ever. The Said Prince at his Assembly made Masons and Swore them to the Observation of these Charges, which since His Time have been always given to Masons when they were admitted and made." This conclusion has been much shortened in the Dumfries MS.: "These be ye charges yt Prince Edwin gave ye Assembly held at York, which charges since his time has been allways given to Masons when they are made masons swore to ye observation thereof;" but there is no marginal title in the Dumfries MS. at the beginning of the charges. At the end of the whole, the Harris MS. has a Latin sentence about the seven liberal sciences: "Gram, Loquitor; Dio, vera docet; Rhet, verba Colorat; Mus, Canit; Ar, Numerat; Geo, penderat; As, Colit, astrat; Finis. This Latin definition of the arts is also to be found at the end of the Alnwick and the Wren MSS.

Now I will add a few remarks on special peculiarities wherein the "Harris Branch" agrees somewhat with the Melrose MS. and the Cama MS., as well as with the Spencer Family. They are met with in the history of Lamech's children. Dealing with *Jabal*, the Melrose MS. adds: "he was the father of such as dwell in tents, and of such as have cattell," the Harris MS. having: "the ffather of such as had cattle and Dwelt in Tents," while the Dumfries MS. has only: "ye father of such as dwell in tents." As to *Tubal*, the Melrose MS. adds: "he was the father of such as handle ye Harpe and Organe," the Dumfries MS. having the same reading, whilst the Harris MS. has: "the ffather of all that play on the Harp or Organs or any kind of Musick." The sentence about *Jabal* is not in the Cama and Spencer MSS., but the one about *Tubal* is to be found there *verbatim* as in the Melrose and Dumfries MSS., from which we may see that in this case the Dumfries MS. is more original than the Harris MS., the latter being more complete and original in the words about *Jabal*.

Besides the Melrose, Cama, and Spencer MSS. call *Tubalcain* "Instructor of every artificer in brass and iron," which characteristic is missing in the "Harris Branch," though we may believe that the compiler had before him a copy similar to the Melrose or Cama MS. The prototype of the Melrose MS. does not offer, in my opinion, the original reading of this passage, but was amplified by a transcriber, who inserted some verses from the Bible (Genesis IV., 19-22) *verbatim*, instead of those lines of the original, that contain only the names of Lamech's wives and children, and then went on with the usual text, so that the merits of the four children are cited once more, just in the same manner as they are described in any ordinary version. A later scribe combined and contracted the two passages in order to avoid the repetitions, but neglected to mention anything about *Tubalcain* but his name. Therefrom comes the text of the "Harris Branch," which is not very ably done. The eldest son, *Jabal*, is called here "father of geometry." Soon after we read: "by reason of this Propheticall knowledge," and "that they might be preserved to succeeding Generations," which are peculiar expressions of this Branch.

As to the second pillar, the Harris MS. reads: "the other was of Chipped Lattens," the Dumfries MS. having: "ye other was leeter or Chipping." The original reading had been: "clipped laterus," as we may see from the York, No. 6, and the Dumfries, No. 1, MSS. Afterwards the name of the son of Hiram (*Aymon*, *Aynon*, *Amon*, or the like) is not cited in the "Harris Branch," he being simply called "a Master Mason, or Master in Geometry," so also in the Melrose MS.: "a son that was Master of Geometrie." I am inclined to believe that the mysterious "*Aymon*" is nothing but a mistake of an old scribe, who took the words "a mason" for a name, and inserted the word "called," or "named." If I am right, the very original reading would have been: "and he had a son that was a mason, and he was a master of geometry."

(To be continued.)

Our Portrait Gallery of Worshipful Masters.



BRO. JOHN J. PAKES

who was installed W.M. of the St. George's Lodge, No. 140, on the 18th ult., was initiated in the Royal Oak Lodge, No. 871, on the 29th October, 1869, became W.M. of that lodge in 1877, and has been the Secretary since vacating the chair. He is a member of the Correspondence Circle of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2026. In the Royal Arch he is the senior P.Z. and S.E. of the St. George's Chapter, No. 140. In the Mark Degree he is the Secretary of St. Mark's Lodge, No. 1, one of the founders and first W.M. of the Royal Oak Lodge, No. 416; he is also Prov. J.G.O. Kent. He is also a member of the Grand Master's Council, No. 1, of Royal and Select Masters; of the Metropolitan Council, T.I., of the Allied Masonic Degrees; of the Premier Conclave, Masonic and Military Order of Knights of Rome and of Red Cross of Constantine; of the Shadwell Clerke Preceptory of Knights Templar and Priory of Malta; of the Invicta Chapter of the Rose Croix, 18°; P.G. Gdr. of the Order of Secret Monitor; and Secretary of the Horatio Shirley Conclave, No. 5.



BRO. MAX MENDELSSOHN,

who was installed as W.M. of Euphrates Lodge on the 25th ult. at the Holborn Restaurant, was initiated in 1872 and therefore appropriately celebrates his majority in the lodge by filling the chair. He is also a member of the Duke of Cornwall Lodge and the Correspondence Circle of the Quatuor Coronati. In the Royal Arch Bro. Mendelssohn fills the office of Scribe E. in the Duke of Cornwall Chapter, and is a member of the Henniker Lodge of Mark Master Masons. He is a Life Governor of the three Institutions, and has served five Stewardships.

BRO. ALEXANDER HOWELL,

Whose installation we reported last week, was initiated in the Phoenix Lodge, No. 257, Portsmouth, in 1887, and shortly afterwards joined the Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1834, in which he has gradually worked his way through the various offices to the Master's chair. Very soon after his initiation his legal training led him to a systematic course of study in the literature of the Craft, and, in the natural order of things, he joined the Correspondence Circle of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076. An idea soon occurred to him that the usefulness of that Circle would be very materially increased if some arrangement were made whereby local Secretaries in connection with it were appointed in every Masonic province. That suggestion, being made by him to Bro. Speth, P.M., was very soon acted upon, and its value cordially acknowledged by the Permanent Committee of the lodge in its report, dated 25th June, 1888, in which his immediate appointment as "Local Secretary for the Province of Hants was recommended. (See A.Q.C., vol. I, p. 166). The lodge agreed to the recommendation, and Bro. Alexander Howell accordingly became the official Representative of the Circle in Hampshire, a position which he has held ever since, much to the advantage of Freemasonry in general, and the Quatuor Coronati Lodge in particular. Under his persuasion, whilst still below the rank of an Installed Master, some 14 lodges and 50 individual brethren joined the Circle. As a consequence of Bro. Alexander Howell's happy thought of instituting these "Local Secretaries," the Quatuor Coronati Correspondence Circle is now directly represented by some 57 brethren, whose districts are situated in all parts of the globe, and whose influence for the good of Freemasonry cannot be too highly estimated. Several contributions from his pen have appeared in the Official Transactions of the lodge as well as in our own pages. He has made



a most careful perusal of the minute books of his mother lodge, dating from 20th May, 1786, and has compiled a history of the lodge, which from various causes still awaits publication. In May, 1891, he read a short digest of it before the members of the Phoenix Lodge, No. 257, which was much appreciated. In September, 1883, the subject of our sketch was the prime mover in starting a lodge of instruction in Portsmouth, to the funds of which nearly every lodge in the locality subscribed, and which had a membership of over 100 brethren. For a time it did excellent work, as in addition to the Three Degrees and the installation ceremony, the Sections were regularly worked, but like so many other lodges of instruction, the attendance after a time became so scanty that the undertaking was reluctantly discontinued, notwithstanding its strong financial position and the large number of subscribing members upon its roll. Bro. Alexander Howell has served as a Steward and is a Life Governor of each of the three Central Masonic Charities. In the Hants and Isle of Wight Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution he is a Vice-Patron and Past Steward, and he has also served as a Steward and is a Life Governor of the Mark Benevolent Fund. His Masonic investigations have not been confined to the Craft, as he is a subscribing member of nearly every Masonic Order. He was one of the founders of the St. Clair Chapter (R.A.), No. 2074. In the Mark Degree he is S.W. in the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 62, and R. of M. in the Phoenix Lodge, No. 2, whilst he is a P.P.G.R. in the Prov. Grand Mark Lodge of Hants. He is J. in the Carnarvon Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, No. 62; T.I.M. elect in the Carnarvon Council of Royal and Select Masters, in which Degree he is also a life member of the Constantine Council, No. 2. In the Ancient and Accepted Rite he holds the office of Captain of the Guard in the Royal Naval Chapter of Rose Croix, No. 9, whilst he is Herald in the Royal Naval Precep-

tory and Priory, No. 2, and Past Prov. Captain of Guard in the Provincial Priory of Hants, and, lastly, he holds the office of M.P.S. in the Naval and Military Conclave, Red Cross, No. 35, and of P.P. and M.E.C. in the Sanctuary and Commandery attached thereto. He has also taken the Degrees of the Swedenborgian Rite, the Rosicrucians, and Secret Monitor.



BRO. OSCAR PHILIPPE,

whose installation as W.M. of the Montague Guest Lodge, No. 1990, took place in December last, was initiated in that lodge in April, 1884, and, after serving the various offices, duly arrived at the East. He was exalted in the chapter attached to the lodge in 1885, and is now the J. elect. Bro. Philippe is a Patron both of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and a V.P. of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. He has served 15 Stewardships in all—five for each of the Institutions—and is again a Steward for the Boys' at the next Festival.



BRO. F. OSBORNE,

whose installation as W.M. of the Great Northern Lodge, No. 1287, on January 21st, 1893, was recorded in our columns last week, has filled all the previous offices leading up to the chair. He is a Life Subscriber to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

[We have to apologise for a mishap which occurred in connection with our Portrait Gallery last week. The portrait of Bro. Osborne having been accidentally substituted for that of Bro. Howell. As an *amende honorable* to both we have great pleasure in reprinting the biography of Bro. Howell with his own proper portrait above, and also the portrait of Bro. Osborne in his character as W.M. of the Great Northern Lodge].

The funeral of the late Sir W. Barttelot, Bart., M.P., at Stopham, near Pulborough, took place on Tuesday, and was attended by the members of the family, and among others, the Duke of Norfolk, Bro. the Earl of Egmont, Sir H. Fletcher, M.P.; Lord Walter Gordon Lennox, M.P.; Lord Leconfield, and Bro. Sir C. Raymond Burrell, Bart.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday. Bro. J. A. Farnfield, P.A.G.D.C., Treasurer of the Institution, presided, and there were present Bros. James Brett, P.G.P.; S. V. Abraham, G.P.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P.; W. Belchamber, Samuel Brooks, S. Vallentine, P.G.P.; Charles J. Perceval, Henry Mason, A. R. Chamberlain, Charles E. Keyser, J.G.D.; John Barnett, J. P. Fitzgerald, Chas. Sheppard, R. D. Cummings, W. Webber, J. S. Cumberland, T. B. Purchas, P.A.G.D.C.; F. Mead, Charles Kempton, J. Harrison, R. Nicholson, A. Durrant, Major C. Carrell, A. Mullord, W. J. Murlis, C. H. Webb, S. C. Haslip, Geo. E. Fairchild, W. H. Hubbert, Geo. Allen, George Everett, P.G. Treas.; Hugh Cotter, Alfred Morris; and James Terry, P.G.S.B. (Secretary).

The minutes of the previous Committee having been read and verified, the Secretary reported the deaths of three male and two widow annuitants, and one accepted male candidate. The Secretary also reported that Bro. Charles E. Keyser, J.G.D., had undertaken to preside at the Festival of the Institution, to be held on Wednesday, the 22nd instant, and a vote of thanks to Bro. Keyser for his kindness was carried by acclamation. The Warden's report for the past month was read.

The following vacancies were declared, namely, 12 on the Male Fund and seven on the Widows' Fund, to which must be added in each case the three deferred annuitants, raising the numbers to be competed for in May next to 15 male and 10 widow annuitants. The lists of approved candidates were declared to consist of 60 men and 57 widows, the two widows' petitions which had been deferred from the previous Committee having been rejected. A notice of motion for the annual meeting in May from Bro. Maxfield Mead was accepted.

The proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

KILBURN LODGE BALL.

The second Masonic ball in connection with the Kilburn Lodge, No. 1608, was held on the 23rd ult., at Freemasons' Tavern. Owing to recent bereavement Bro. Geo. V. Wood, W.M., was unable to be present, but his place was worthily filled by Bro. Jas. Stephens, W.M. elect, who not only presided at the supper table in a cordial and genial manner, but also carried out the arduous duties of M.C. to the complete satisfaction of all present. There was a numerous attendance of ladies and brethren, who danced to the excellent strains of Bro. Eaton's band until the early hours of the morning. Excellent arrangements had been made by the Stewards for the comfort of the large company assembled, and the ball was unanimously voted a complete success.

After supper "The Queen and the Craft" was duly honoured.

Bro. JAS. TERRY, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I. in an excellent speech proposed "The Ladies," and said he knew of no one better fitted to reply than Bro. J. M. McLeod.

Bro. J. M. McLEOD, Sec. R.M.I. for Boys, said that having on many occasions been called upon to respond to toasts, he was never in a more difficult position. He would not venture to follow the brother who proposed the toast in the extraordinary manner in which he divulged the secrets of the milliner's art. The ladies were pleased to be present, and on their behalf he returned thanks for the reception accorded the toast.

Bro. TURNER, P.M., said he had much pleasure in submitting the toast of their worthy, esteemed, and most indefatigable "Chairman," Bro. James Stephens. The W.M. had, unfortunately, suffered a bereavement which prevented his attendance. That was a great regret to their Chairman, as it was to every member of the lodge. The success of the ball was principally due to the hard work of their W.M. and the Chairman. Bro. Stephens had said the ball should be carried to a successful issue, and had proved his words by the assembly that night. It had been a great success and very gratifying to those who had worked so hard.

Bro. James Stephens, in reply, deeply regretted the absence of the W.M., his good friend, Bro. Wood, who had the keen sympathy of all present in his sad loss. He might tell them that whenever he took anything in hand the best efforts were used until he had achieved a successful result; but he had never, in his whole experience, achieved a greater or more pleasing success than he had witnessed that night. He had to thank the Stewards for their efforts, and especially Bro. Frank Smith, who had brought nearly 40 ladies and brethren with him. He hoped that next year there would be an equally successful gathering, and he thanked them for the kindness in which his health had been proposed and received.

THE TWO ANNUALS.

"FREEMASONS' CALENDAR."

It is always a welcome sight to me when the "Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book" makes its appearance in each year. The issue for 1893 is assuredly the best of the series, for it contains all the excellent features introduced of late years, and one or more fresh ones of considerable utility. It is a capital indicator of the progress of the Grand Lodge, the accuracy and perfect management at head-quarters, and the spread of the Craft throughout the world. The last number allotted to a lodge

at the time the roll was made up was 2455, but before the year ended there were three more warranted. Bro. J. Lane tells me that 1892 therefore stands thus: New warrants—London, 8; Country, 22; Foreign, 10; = 40. Erasures: Country, 1; and Foreign, 23; = 24. Net total—London, 395; Country, 1203; Foreign, 432. Grand total, 2030. There are eight more lodges distinguished with centenary jewel warrants, raising the total so favoured to 185. The new ones are Nos. 203, 278, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, and 289. The largest two provinces have the same number of lodges this time, viz., East Lancashire and West Lancashire of 105 each; West Yorkshire is a good third with 75, the other large provinces being Kent 59, Devon 52, Hants, &c., 47, and Cheshire 45. There are thus four provinces to participate in the new privilege of appointing two additional Prov. G. Officers, one for the four extra, and two for the six extra officers. There are also six provinces which participate in present rule 88, of three additional officers having each "30 lodges and upwards," viz., Cornwall, 30; Durham, 35; Essex, 33; Middlesex, 39; Surrey, 37; and North and East Yorkshire, 31. There are also District Grand Lodges similarly affected. There are 754 chapters of the Royal Arch on the roll of the Grand Chapter, 16 of which have obtained centenary warrants, the latest two being 120 and 275. Full particulars of all matters concerning these 2000 and more lodges and the numerous chapters are duly afforded in the Calendar, and, so far as my examination has gone, I have been unable to detect even a single error. It appears to me perfect.

THE "COSMO."

This very handy and useful guide is in its 23rd year of issue, and is supplemental of the Grand Lodge Calendar. It is as useful as the former for enthusiastic Masons who go beyond the Craft Degrees (which are the basis of Freemasonry), and is simply invaluable to Mark Masons, Knights Templars, and members of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, &c. Moreover, it gives an immense amount of information respecting the Scottish, Irish, and Foreign Grand Lodges, Grand Chapters, &c., and prints lists of these lodges, &c. Under England there are some 441 Mark lodges and the Rolls of the Red Cross, Knights Templars, and Ancient and Accepted Rite are fully reproduced. It is certainly a wonderful compilation for its size, and deserves, as it receives, a large circulation.

W. J. H.

Obituary.

BRO. THE HON. JUDGE TOWNSEND.

It is with deep regret we announce the death of Bro. the Hon. John Fitzhenry Townsend, Judge of the High Court of Admiralty, which took place on the 2nd inst., at his residence, 30, Fitzwilliam-street, Dublin. Bro. Judge Townsend, who was an LL.D. of Trinity College, Dublin, was called to the Bar at Trinity Sittings 1834. Some years afterwards he was made a Queen's Counsel; in 1877 he was appointed a Bencher of the Honourable Society of King's Inns; and in 1867 he was appointed Judge of the High Court of Admiralty. He was one of the leading members of the Masonic Order in Ireland, and for years he held the position of Deputy Grand Master, and subsequently became Most Excellent King of the Grand Chapter. He was also President of Grand Chapter of Prince Masons of Ireland and Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, 33°, for Ireland. The deceased judge was looked upon as the most experienced and best-informed member of the Order in the sister country. He had not been in good health for some months past, but it was only within the past week that his condition occasioned grave apprehensions. The intelligence of his demise was received generally through the city with deep regret. Amongst the members of the Bar the deceased judge was greatly esteemed. The members of the Judicial Bench appeared to deeply lament the death of their deceased brother when the news was conveyed to them in their respective courts.

The funeral took place on Monday, the 6th inst., amid general tokens of respect and sympathy. The numerous wreaths were carefully placed on the lid of the coffin. Bro. Judge Townsend was a gentleman who had won not only the respect and esteem of a great circle of friends, but he was beloved for his kindness of disposition, and this was apparent from the closing scene at Mount Jerome. The assemblage of mourners included the most eminent members of all professions and of the general body of the public. His colleagues of the Bench, the gentlemen who practised in his and the other courts, the highest dignitaries of the Church, and the most prominent of his Masonic brethren were all there.

BRO. F. C. WACE.

The brethren in Cambridgeshire, no less than the citizens of the University borough, have lost an able and prominent man by the death of Bro. Frederick Charles Wace, M.A., LL.M., which occurred at his residence in Cambridge on Wednesday, the 25th ult., after a short illness. Bro. Wace was P.M. and Treasurer of the Isaac Newton University Lodge, No. 859, P.P.S.G.W. of Cambridgeshire, P.P.G.H. of Cambridgeshire, and, amongst other things, was Treasurer of the Euclid Chapter, the Royal Ark Mariners, No. 112, and the Rose Croix Chapter, No. 30. Educated at the City of London School, Bro. F. C. Wace went up to Cambridge University, and in 1858 came out as 3rd Wrangler. He was subsequently Fellow and Lecturer of St. John's College; was four times an Examiner for the Mathematical Tripos, and since 1877 has been one of the Esquire Bedells. He was Mayor of Cambridge in 1889-91, and at the time of his death was an Alderman of both the Town and County Councils, a Justice of the Peace, a Poor Law Guardian, and the President of the Conservative Club. During his mayoralty he was presented with a "silver cradle."

MASONIC MEETINGS (Metropolitan)

For the week ending Saturday, February 11, 83

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11:

CRAFT LODGES.

108, London, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
174, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.
1328, Granite, Freemasons' Hall.
1426, G. eat City, Cannon-street Hotel.
1446, Mount Edgcombe, Bridge House Hotel.
1607, Loyalty, London Tavern.
1612, West Middlesex, Municipal Buildings, Faling.
1671, Mizpah, Albion Tavern.
1743, Perseverance, Ancerton's Hotel.
1839, Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall.
1964, Clarksdown, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
2360, Cornish, Mark Masons' Hall.
2384, Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Lower Mitcham.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

1297, West Kent, Crystal Palace.
2187, Sterndale Bennett, Surrey Masonic Hall.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13.

Consecration of the Guildhall School of Music Lodge, No. 2454, at the Holborn Restaurant.

CRAFT LODGES.

5, St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall.
29, St. Alban's, Albion Tavern.
58, Felicity, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
59, Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall.
90, St. John's, Albion Tavern.
136, Good Report, Inns of Court Hotel.
193, Confidence, Anderton's Hotel.
957, Leigh, Freemasons' Hall.
1305, St. Marylebone, Criterion.
1571, Leopold, Bridge House Hotel.
1670, Arclphi, Freemasons' Hall.
1780, Ubique, Criterion.
2012, Chiswick, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.
2094, Elthorne and Middlesex, Cafe Royal.
2349, Galen, Freemasons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Blackheath, Milkwood Tavern, Milkwood-road, Herne Hill, at 8.
Carnarvon, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 6.30.
Joborn, Eagle Hotel, Snaresbrook, at 8.
Cripplegate, Goldsmiths' Arms, Gutter-lane, at 6.30.
Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Atlantic-road, Brixton, at 8.
Gleaner, Rose and Crown, High Cross, Tottenham, at 8.
Lyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terr., Bishop's-rd., Paddington, at 8.
Vanguard, 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 Chesire Cheese, 23, Addle-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, Scarisbrick Arms Hotel, Edwards-square, Kensington, at 8.
St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance) at 8.
St. Luke's, Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, at 8.
St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.
Savage Club, Albion Tavern, Russell-street, at 8.
Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, at 8.
Stockwell, White Hart, Auchurch-lane, E.C., at 8.
Tysen-Amherst, Amherst Club, Amherst-road, Hackney, 2nd and 4th Mon., at 8.
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Church-rd., Upper Norwood, 7.30.
Upton, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E., at 8.
Waltham-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.
Jonic Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 8.
Hope Chapter, Grove 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.

22, Mount Zion, Guildhall Tavern.
720, Panmure, Horns Tavern.
802, Whittington, Anderton's Hotel.

MARK LODGES.

104, Macdonald, Mark Mason's Hall.
214, Menatschim, Criterion.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

140, Studholme, Criterion.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14.

Supreme Council, 33°, 33, Golden-square.

CRAFT LODGES.

96, Burlington, Albion Tavern.
100, St. James' Union, Freemasons' Hall.
198, Percy, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
211, St. Michael's, Albion Tavern.
2.8, United Strength, Guildhall Tavern.
235, Nine Muses, Grand Hotel, Charing Cross.
548, Wellington, White Swan, Deptford.
634, Ranelagh, Criterion.
917, Cosmopolitan, Cannon-street Hotel.
932, Doric, Anderton's Hotel.
1150, Urban, Freemasons' Hall.
1209, Stanhope, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1593, Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
1604, Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall.
1614, Covent Garden, Criterion.
1635, Canterbury, 33, Golden-square.
1600, Samson, Cafe Royal.
1789, Clarendon, Guildhall Tavern.
1891, St. Ambrose, St. James's Hall.
1909, Waldeck, Freemasons' Hall.
2147, Drury Lane, Theatre Royal.
2427, Hampden, Hampden Hotel, St. Pancras.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Brixton, 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.
Cnauer, The Old White Hart, High-street, Borough, at 8.
Clarence, 14, Fitzroy-square, at 7.30.
Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.

Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, corner of Queen's-road and Middleton-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-road, Rotherhithe, 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, and 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, P.
Lily, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, at 8.
Mount Edgumbe, 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 Tavern, 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, Waltham Green, S.W., at 7.30.
Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolsley, Rotherhithe New-road, at 8.
Wandsworth, St. Mark's School-room, Battersea Rise, S.W., 8.
Yarborough, 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 6.10.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall,
172, Old Concord, Holborn Restaurant.
185, Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tavern.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15.

General Committee Grand Lodge and Board of Benevolence, at 5 precisely.
Supreme Council, 33°, 33, Golden-square.

CRAFT LODGES.

7, Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, Albion Tavern.
140, St. George's, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
174, Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern.
100, Oak, Freemasons' Hall.
700, Nelson, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
909, Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel.
1044, Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth.
1150, Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall.
1349, Friars, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
1382, Corinthian, George Hotel, East Ferry-road.
1507, Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel.
1539, Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1624, Eccleston, Criterion.
1672, Welcome, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
1677, Crusaders, Cock Tavern.
1681, Londresborough, Cafe Royal.
2266, Cator, Public Hall, Beckenham.
2318, Lombardian, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
2361, Cricklewood, Crown Hotel, Cricklewood.
2409, Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate.

LODGES 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.
Earl of Lathom, Joiner's Arms, Denmark Hill, S.E., at 8.
Bury, 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., Black-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, Baham Hotel, Baham, at 7.30.
Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 116, Old Kent-road, at 8.
Plucknett, Bald-faced Stag, East Finchley, at 7.45.
Prosperity, Old Parr's Head, Knightrider-street, Doctors Commons, at 7.
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, St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 8.30.
Temperance in the East, Greenwich Pensioners, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30.
United Mariners, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitz-road, Nunhead.
United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Euston-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.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16.

CRAFT LODGES.

6, Friendship, Criterion.
23, Globe, Freemasons' Hall.
49, Gihon, Guildhall Tavern.
55, Constitutional, Cannon-street Hotel.
63, St. Mary's, Freemasons' H. H.
109, Temperance, White Swan, Deptford.
140, Manchester, Anderton's Hotel.
181, Universal, Freemasons' Hall.
657, Canonbury, Holborn Restaurant.
73, Westbourne, Holborn Restaurant.
139, South Norwood, The Pavilion, South Norwood.
147, Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall.
1475, Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1594, Lev Spring, Anderton's Hotel.
1613, Cripplegate, Albion Tavern.
1710, All Saints, Offices Board of Works, Poplar.
1901, Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Belgrave, Albion Tavern, Russell-street, Covent Garden, at 8.
Burdett-Countess, 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.
Grescent, King's Head Hotel, Twickenham, at 8.30.
Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, Commercial Road, Limehouse 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 8.30.
Leopold, City Arms Restaurant, St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7.
Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, at 7.
Priory, Berrymead 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.
Sir Hugh Myddelton, Star and Garter, Upper-st., Islington, 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 Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich, 8.
Victoria Park, George Tavern, Broadway, Stratford, at 7.30.
Westbourne, The Prince Alfred, 112, Queen's-road, Bayswater, at 7.
Chaucer Chapter, George Hotel, High-street, Borough, S.E., at 8.
Clapton Chapter, Three Sisters Hotel, Hackney Downs, at 8.
Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8.
Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, at 7.30.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

9, Albion, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
79, Pythagorean, Ship Hotel.
507, United Pilgrims, Freemasons' Hall.
1343, Friends-in-Council, 33, Golden-square.

MARK LODGES.

Bon Accord, Mark Masons' Hall.
7, Carnarvon, Cafe Royal.
357, Chiswick, Star and Garter, Kew.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17.

Board of Management R.M.I. for Boys, at the Institution, Wood Green, at 2.30.

CRAFT LODGES.

143, Middlesex, Albion Tavern.
975, Rose of Denmark, Horns Tavern.
1962, London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hotel.
2157, St. Mark's College, Holborn Restaurant.
2348, Warrant Officers, Freemasons' Hall.

LODGES 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, E.C., at 7.
Crusaders, Northampton Arms, Goswell-road, at 8.30.
Earl of Carrarvon, Kensington-park Hotel, Lancaster road, Notting-hill, at 8.
Earl of Zetland, 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.
Grand Masters Mark, Mark Masons' Hall, at 6.
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, 21, 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 Fri., at 7.
Hornsey Chapter, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace, Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., at 8.
Lily of Richmond Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, at 8.
Mount Zion Chapter, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, 2nd and 4th Fri., at 7.30.
Pythagorean Chapter, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8.
Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, 8.
Strawberry Hill Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, S.W.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.
1538, St. Martin's-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern.
1791, Studholme, Cafe Royal.

MARK LODGES.

2.6, Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
251, Tenterden, Mark Masons' Hall.
ROSE CROSS.

10, Invicta, 33, Golden-square.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18.

CRAFT LODGES.

7.5, Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel.
1364, Earl of Zetland, Guildhall Tavern.
1641, Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1732, King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel.

MASONIC MEETINGS (Provincial)

For the week ending Saturday, February 18, 1893.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19.

CRAFT LODGES.
Hastings ... 40
Bristol ... 68
Falmouth ... 75
Cambridge ... 88
Stockport ... 104
Exmouth ... 106
Faversham ... 133
Newport, Mon. ... 151
E. Stonehouse ... 189
Swansea ... 237
South Shields ... 240
Shrewsbury ... 262
Liverpool ... 292
Sheffield ... 296
Lincoln ... 297
Teignmouth ... 303
Preston ... 314
Bath ... 319
Newcastle ... 481
Birmingham ... 587
Redruth ... 589
Trowbridge ... 693
Lyme Regis ... 695
Llanelli ... 671
Chester ... 721
Dartmouth ... 797
Wirksworth ... 854
Millbrook ... 893
Knutsford ... 941
Portsmouth ... 1009
Shirley ... 1112
Dorking ... 1149
Chatham ... 1174
Leeds ... 1221
Enfield ... 1237
Manchester ... 1243
Andover ... 1373
Stalybridge ... 1408
Sandgate ... 1436
Canterbury ... 1449
Moss Side ... 1493
York ... 1601
Salisbury-by-Sea ... 1608
Urmston ... 1730
East Retford ... 1802
Mansfield ... 1852
Rawtenstall ... 1918
Chapel-le-Prith ... 1952
Wellington ... 1996
Mosley ... 2034
Wells, Norfolk ... 2237
Douglas ... 2049
Ardwick ... 2185
Wells, Norfolk ... 2197
Layland ... 2370
R.A. CHAPTERS.
Gt. Yarmouth ... 100
Lynn ... 107
Gainsborough ... 122
Aldershot ... 131
MARK LODGES.
Manchester ... 156
Beverley ... 251
Hebburn-on-Tyne ... 1643
Landport ... 170
Walton-on-the-Naze ... 1799
East Retford ... 1802
Snarebrook ... 1804
Hull ... 2134
Godalming ... 2101

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Chatham ... 184
Norwich ... 213
Taunton ... 261
Brighton ... 315
Northampton ... 369
Pembroke Dock ... 378
Huddersfield ... 521
Chester ... 721
Liverpool ... 724
Saltash ... 1071
Ramsgate ... 1209
Mossley ... 1218
Leeds ... 1221
Canterbury ... 1440
Alford ... 1600
Hebburn-on-Tyne ... 1643
Landport ... 170
Walton-on-the-Naze ... 1799
East Retford ... 1802
Snarebrook ... 1804
Hull ... 2134
Godalming ... 2101

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14.

CRAFT LODGES.
Sunderland ... 80
Truro ... 131
New Brompton ... 184
Liverpool ... 241
Boston ... 272
Lymington ... 310
Birmingham ... 473
Ayrminster ... 494
Wakfield ... 495
St. Austell ... 416
Rugby ... 502
Maidstone ... 503
Warwick ... 507
Hales-Owen ... 573
Aldershot ... 593
Harwich ... 650
Wednesbury ... 696
Aldershot ... 723
W. Hartlepool ... 764
Windsor ... 771
Jersey ... 877
Leominster ... 892
St. Helens ... 897
Gosport ... 903
Devonport ... 954
Frome ... 973
Barrow-in-Furness ... 1021
Keswick ... 1071
Ironbridge ... 1120
Newton Abbott ... 1138
Warrington ... 1250
Egremont ... 1267
Bala ... 1360
Torquay ... 1402
Sevenoaks ... 1414
Blackpool ... 1476
Newquay ... 1523
Walton-on-the-Hill ... 1713
Coleridge ... 1782
Wilmington ... 1837
Stonehouse ... 1847
Winchester ... 1883
Herne Bay ... 2099

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Cardiff ... 36
Whitehaven ... 119
Batley ... 264
Maryport ... 371
Newcastle ... 405
Broadstairs ... 420
Halifax ... 448
Croydon ... 463
Aylesbury ... 591
W. Bromwich ... 662
Woolwich ... 700
Lee ... 704
Stafford ... 726
Richmond ... 820
Surrey ... 820
Bradford ... 974
East Dereham ... 996
Kirkdale ... 1086
Edmonton ... 1237
Redcar ... 1244
Liverpool ... 1325
Waterloo ... 1380
Ealing ... 1612
Kingston Hill ... 1638
Liverpool ... 1675
Huddersfield ... 1784
Buckingham ... 1787
Slough ... 1834

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15.

CRAFT LODGES.
Chatham ... 20
Penance ... 124
Margate ... 127
Poole ... 137
Ryde ... 175
Wigan ... 178
Scarboro' ... 200
Denton ... 210
Bolton ... 221
Gurnsey ... 243
Cheltenham ... 246
Taunton ... 261
Shepton Mallett ... 285
Lewes ... 311
Landport ... 342
Ipswich ... 376
Burslem ... 451
Birkenhead ... 537
Openshaw ... 581
Cirencester ... 592
Bristol ... 611
W. Bromwich ... 662
Stafford ... 726
Liverpool ... 823
Whitefield ... 932
Birmingham ... 938
Fleetwood ... 950
Canterbury ... 972
Wakfield ... 1019
Driffield ... 1040
Fakenham ... 1114
Torpoint ... 1136
Manchester ... 1161
Ilkeston ... 1179
Grimsby ... 1294
Barnsley ... 1301
Hornsea ... 1511
Ashton-under-Lyne ... 1774
St. Leonards ... 1842
Barmouth ... 1988
Douglas ... 2050
Consett ... 2135
Gosport ... 2153
Farnboro' ... 2201
E. Stonehouse ... 2258
Pudsey ... 2330
Sutton-in-Ashfield ... 2412
Eastbourne ... 2434
R.A. CHAPTERS.
Tadmorden ... 288
Hyde ... 361
Dorchester ... 417
Newcastle ... 481
Dudley ... 498
Congleton ... 533
Southend ... 1000
Saltash ... 1071
Jarrow ... 1119
Millom ... 1390
MARK LODGES.
Nottingham-Newstead ... 1842
E. Stonehouse ... 48
St. Heliers ... 74
Bury ... 123
Abergavenny ... 214
Portmadoc ... 259
Hythe ... 266
Cambridge ... 334
Liverpool ... 393

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Chatham ... 20
Shrewsbury ... 117
Bingley ... 439
Havertfordwest ... 461
Liverpool ... 594
Manchester ... 1166
Sowerby Bridge ... 1283
Liverpool ... 1336
Bromley ... 1805
Herne Bay ... 2099
Hendon ... 2166
Beckenham ... 2266

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16.

CRAFT LODGES.
Bury ... 42
Littlehampton ... 56
Burslem ... 68
Liverpool ... 203
Jersey ... 245
Macclesfield ... 267
Ashton-under-Lyne ... 268
Worcester ... 270
Bury ... 286
Stockport ... 312
Preston ... 313
Blackburn ... 345
Whitworth ... 363
Rochdale ... 391
Southampton ... 394
Chester ... 425
Bideford ... 489
Leicester ... 523
Bradford ... 600
Birkenhead ... 505
Runcorn ... 758
Derby ... 802
Aberavon ... 833
Workshop ... 939
Stockton ... 940
Southend ... 1000
Portland ... 1037
Battle ... 1184
Liverpool ... 1197
Crediton ... 1332
Northallerton ... 1337
Liverpool ... 1393
Osvestry ... 1431
Dunstable ... 1470
Hampton Court ... 1512
Prestwich ... 1534
Risca ... 1562
Landport ... 1776
Sandown ... 1829
Wallingford ... 1387
Carshalton ... 1892
Sheffield ... 2268
Ashford ... 2305
Southport ... 2325
Otham ... 2341
R.A. CHAPTERS.
Canterbury ... 31
Sunderland ... 97
Hull ... 250
Fareham ... 309
Manchester ... 317
Tofts ... 603
Blackpool ... 703
Windsor ... 771
Tenby ... 1177
Plymouth ... 1205
MARK LODGES.
Waterfoot ... 18
Longton ... 308

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Nottingham ... 47
Plymouth ... 70
Gravesend ... 77
Liverpool ... 216
Batley ... 264
Leeds ... 289
Gravesend ... 483
Liverpool ... 673
Rochester ... 650
Liverpool ... 1182
Sudbury ... 1224
Wimbleton ... 1360
Romford ... 1437
Hatfield ... 1580
Leyton ... 1685
Shanklin ... 1884
New Brompton ... 1967

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17.

CRAFT LODGES.
Manchester ... 152
Liverpool ... 155
Brighton ... 271
Tipton ... 347
Newcastle ... 541
Levenshulme ... 993
Deal ... 1096
New Swindon ... 1295
Leeds ... 1311
Sale ... 1357
Pendleton ... 1773
Clacton-on-Sea ... 2263
Old Trafford ... 2231
Felixstowe ... 2371
Manchester ... 2417
R.A. CHAPTERS.
Tringbridge ... 631
Ripon ... 837
Gloucester ... 839
High Barnet ... 1385

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Richmond, Yorks ... 121
Bristol ... 187
Ipswich ... 225
Jersey ... 244
Keighley ... 205
Leeds ... 306
Bristol ... 326
Birmingham ... 579
Southend ... 1000
Bradford ... 1034
Saltash ... 1071
Leicester ... 1331
Penistone ... 1462
Manchester ... 1991
Bristol (Province) ... 1991

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18.

CRAFT LODGES.
Brighton ... 811
Romiley ... 1126
Hounslow ... 1871
Birkenhead ... 478

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Richmond, Yorks ... 121
Bristol ... 187
Ipswich ... 225
Jersey ... 244
Keighley ... 205
Leeds ... 306
Bristol ... 326
Birmingham ... 579
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A large number of brethren assembled on Saturday last to witness the installation of Bro. John Bott as W.M. of the Brixton Lodge. A report will appear in our next.

Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to accede to the petitions of the inhabitants of Leeds and Sheffield that the towns should be raised to the rank and dignity of cities.

As at present arranged, the Princess of Wales with her daughters, the Princesses Victoria and Maud, will leave Sandringham for Marlborough House before the close of the present week.

Lady Stanley of Preston, wife of Bro. Lord Stanley of Preston, Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada, has left Ottawa for England in consequence of the illness of her two sons in London.

Bro. John Aird, M.P., presided at the annual meeting and conversation held in the Vestry Hall on Saturday evening last of the supporters of the Paddington Free Library. There was a full attendance.

The Duke of Connaught has very kindly arranged to preside at a festival dinner which will be held on the 3rd May, in aid of the Royal Albert Orphan Asylum at Bagshot for destitute boys and girls.

Bro. Lord and Lady George Hamilton have returned to their old house in Montagu-street, in which they resided before Bro. Lord George was appointed First Lord of the Admiralty under Lord Salisbury's administration.

It is expected that the Queen and her Court will leave Osborne and go into residence at Windsor Castle towards the end of next week and that the State apartments at the latter will be closed in consequence after to-morrow (Saturday).

It is now considered that Bro. Lord Stalbridge, who recently had a serious relapse when recovering from a mild attack of typhoid fever, is now out of danger, and in consequence of this improvement, only occasional bulletins will be issued.

The members of the Royal Navy Club, of 1765 and 1785, dined together at the Hôtel Métropole on Saturday evening last. Rear Admiral Cyprian A. G. Bridge occupied the chair, and the Earl of Northbrook was the principal guest, Captain Prince Louis of Battenberg being also present.

The Earl of Morley, Bro. the Earl of Lathom, Viscount Oxenbridge, Lord Colville of Culross and Bro. Lord Kensington constitute the Committee of the House of Lords on which devolves the duty of arranging the *personnel* of the Select Committee for dealing with private bills.

Among the more recent arrivals in town are those of Bros. the Earl and Countess of Onslow and Bro. the Earl and Countess of Wharfedale. We are pleased to note that Bro. the Earl of Londesborough has been able for some short time past to leave his bed for a few hours daily.

It is officially announced that Drawing Rooms will be held at Buckingham Palace by her Majesty on Tuesday, the 28th inst., and Tuesday, the 7th March; and that Leves will be held at St. James's Palace by the Prince of Wales, on behalf of her Majesty, on Monday, the 20th inst., and Monday, the 13th March.

The Duke of Teck and his son, Prince Alexander, were present at a complimentary dinner given at Richmond on Monday evening to Mr. Edwin Ash, who was presented with a purse of gold and an illuminated address on vellum in recognition of his services in connection with athletic and other manly sports during the last 33 years.

The Crown Prince and Princess Frederick of Roumania were presented by the ladies of Bucharest with a superb centrepiece for the table, on Tuesday, and also with an address from the British residents in that city. In the evening a grand banquet was given in their honour by the municipality.

A special meeting of the Manchester Ship Canal Company was held in Manchester on Monday, when it was unanimously resolved to present to Parliament a bill for raising £2,000,000 additional share capital. It was stated in the course of the meeting that about £1,500,000 would probably suffice for the completion of the canal. The regular half-yearly ordinary meeting was afterwards held and the report and balance sheet adopted.

The annual convocation of Sincerity Chapter, No. 189, was held on the 23rd ult., at Stonehouse, when the Principals elect were installed as follows: Comps. F. R. Thomas, M.E.Z.; George Stawell, H.; and W. Allan May, J. The Installing Officers were Comps. Rev. Dr. T. W. Lemon, P.P. 3rd G.P.; and R. H. Rae, P.P. 3rd G.P. The Board of Installed Principals included also Comps. E. Aitken-Davies, P.P.G. Reg.; A. W. White, P.P.G.P.S.; G. Hawken, C. Dunsterville, J. B. Moulder, and J. Gidley. The officers invested were Comps. Rae, S.E.; J. Black, S.N.; S. Hugh Duff, P.S.; J. Parker, 1st A.S.; J. Pittuck, 2nd A.S.; Rev. Dr. Lemon, Org.; C. Croydon, P.P.G.S.B., D.C.; G. Jackson, Stwd.; and J. Gidley, Janitor. The audited accounts showed a very satisfactory balance in hand. Three guineas were voted to Lodge Sincerity Fund.

A festival was held at the Hôtel Métropole on Monday evening in aid of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. H.R.H. the Duke of York presided, and among the principal guests were Bros. the Duke of Fife, the Duke of Devonshire, and the Duke of Abercorn, Lord Rothschild, Bro. Lord Carrington, the Lord Mayor of London, Bro. Baron F. de Rothschild, M.P., Bro. Sir Algernon Borthwick, M.P., Bros. Aldermen Sir J. Whitaker-Ellis, Bart., and Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., M.P., Bros. Sir Frederick Abel and Sir John Pender, M.P., Sir Donald Currie, M.P., Bro. Alderman Sir David Evans, Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Wilkin, and Bro. Sir J. Blundell Maple, M.P. The subscriptions amounted to £2805, and included £25 from the Queen, £25 from the Prince of Wales, £26 5s. from the Duke of York, £26 5s. each from Bros. the Dukes of Fife, Abercorn and Devonshire, £50 from Bro. Sir J. Blundell Maple, M.P., £52 10s. from Bro. Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild, and £52 10s. in each case from the Merchant Tailors' and Fishmongers' Companies.

Bro. John Holliday, of Little Britain, announces that he has taken his two sons, Messrs. J. P. and C. F. Holliday, into partnership, and that the firm will henceforth be known as J. Holliday and Sons.

Bro. Sir Algernon Borthwick, M.P., will preside at the annual general meeting of the Newsvendors' Benevolent and Provident Institution, which is arranged to be held at the Memorial Hall, Farringdon-street, on Tuesday, the 28th inst.

Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., having left home for a sojourn on the Continent, has appointed Bro. Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., D.P.G.M., to act as Prov. Grand Master, and Comp. C. D. Hill Drury, M.D., to act as Grand Superintendent until his return.

The Queen has approved of the temporary rank of Lieut.-General and the real rank of General in India being conferred on Major-General Sir Geo. S. White, V.C., K.C.B., who has been appointed to succeed Bro. General Lord Roberts as Commander-in-Chief, and will leave England to take up his appointment on the 17th March.

The members of the Richmond Lennox Lodge, No. 123, attended divine service at the Marchioness of Zetland's Green Church, at Richmond, on Sunday evening last. There was a very large congregation, and the sermon was preached by Bro. Rev. J. E. Torbet, P.M., Chaplain, Vicar of Huddwell. The reverend brother took his text from the 6th chapter of St. Matthew, and the 24th verse.

In memory of his father and mother, Bro. George Hand, who is a candidate for the shrievalty, has purchased at Bottesford, his native village, six cottages, the rent derivable from which it is to be devoted, at the discretion of the trustees, to the relief of the poor. The first year's proceeds, amounting to £25, have just been distributed in accordance with the provisions of the deed of settlement.

Among the new magistrates sworn in on Wednesday for the County of London is the well-known and popular Cornishman, Bro. Theophilus Hoskin, who is also a hard-working surgeon with an enormous practice in Hackney. Bro. Dr. Hoskin will be a great acquisition to the local bench, and will bring great experience of the poorer classes to bear upon his duties.

The Royal Commission on the Aged Poor held a further meeting on Tuesday, when it commenced taking evidence. The Prince of Wales and all the members were present except Bro. Lord Brassey. Sir Hugh Owen, K.C.B., Secretary to the Local Government Board was under examination on the occasion and also on Wednesday, when there was another meeting.

Bro. James Stevens has lately prepared a series of diagrams illustrative of the symbolical connection of the whole system of speculative Freemasonry through Craft and Royal Arch Degrees. Some of these he introduced into his instructive lecture at the Stour Lodge, No. 2305, at Ashford, on Thursday, 2nd inst., and we are informed that the instruction thereby afforded has given very great satisfaction to the brethren who heard him on that occasion.

The marriage of Lord Lurgan, late of the Grenadier Guards, with the Lady Emily Cadogan, elder daughter of the Earl of Cadogan, was solemnised in Holy Trinity Church, Sloane-street, on Tuesday. Among those present were the Prince of Wales, the Russian Ambassador and Madame and Mdlle. de Staal, the Marchionesses of Salisbury and Londonderry, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Arran, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Kilmorey, Bro. Lord and Lady Brooke, and the Earl and Countess of Clarendon.

Bro. Lord Brabourne died at Smeeth Paddocks, Ashford, Kent, on Monday morning, after a few days' illness. The deceased was born in 1829. He was son of Sir Edward Knatchbull, Bart., M.P., and after having been educated at Eton and Magdalen College, Oxford, he entered public life in 1857 as Liberal Member for Sandwich. He continued to represent this borough when he was raised to the peerage as Lord Brabourne. He is succeeded by his son, the Hon. E. Knatchbull-Hugessen, late Gladstonian candidate for Rochester. The deceased was initiated in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, in 1850.

The Duke of York was present in the Hall of the Merchant Tailors' Company, on Tuesday, and was presented with the honorary freedom of the Company, and the resolution by which it was voted was engrossed on vellum, and enclosed in a beautiful silver-gilt casket. Subsequently there was a *dejeuner* in the banqueting hall, at which the Master (the Rev. Richard Whittington), presided, and there were seated as guests, the Dukes of York and Cambridge, the Marquis of Salisbury, Bro. Alderman Sir R. Hanson, Bart., M.P., and Mrs. Hanson, Bro. Alderman Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Bart., and Lady Ellis, and Maj.-Gen. Sir F. de Winton, K.C.M.G.

A Rome correspondent telegraphs: The damage done in the destruction of the synagogue through fire the other night is greater than was originally feared, as many most valuable works of art have been lost. Amongst others is a most beautiful tissue of cloth of gold of extreme antiquity, which was used on festive occasions to cover the tabernacle. A copy of the Talmud, one of the oldest editions existing, was fortunately saved by the courage of a young man at the risk of his life. The synagogue was very ancient, having been built in 1208, after a former one had been likewise destroyed by fire. A subscription has already been raised amongst the resident Jews to build a new one.

Under the auspices of the Alexandria and Bonhill Lodges a rare treat was afforded to the inhabitants of the Vale of Leven on the 3rd inst., in the Public Hall, Bute. The entertainment was entitled "A Nicht wi' Burns." Mr. Mack Wilson, of Kilmarnock, gave the lecture, while Mr. Ferguson, of Prestwick, the well-known Burns enthusiast, presented on the screen some 200 views illustrative of the life of the national bard. Bro. W. E. Gilmour, P.M., presided. A selection of Burns' songs was given by the lodge choir under the leadership of Bro. James Wright, and an array of amateur talent. The proceeds go to the Benevolent Fund of the Alexandria and Bonhill Lodge, as well as to the Renton Lodge, the R.W.M. of which (Bro. A. S. McBride) was present, and took an active part in the proceedings. An assembly followed.

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Lodge St. John, No. 70, Plymouth, has been presented by Bro. the Rev. Dr. Lemon with three handsome Masonic pictures for the embellishment of the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, and was heartily thanked.

At the annual banquet of the Yarborough Lodge, No. 422, Gainsborough, held on Monday, the 6th inst., of which Bro. C. F. Liversidge is the new W.M. Bro. F. J. Sowbey, the retiring W.M., was presented by Bro. Alfred Kirk with a silver kettle and cradle, inscribed, in commemoration of the fact that a son was born to him during his year of office. All the brethren subscribed to the gift.

We are pleased to note that Bro. Richard Percy Clowes, B.A., son of our much esteemed Bro. Richard Clowes, P.G. Std. Br., was called to the Bar of the Middle Temple, on Thursday, 12th January last. Some time ago Bro. R. Clowes had the satisfaction of introducing and initiating his son into Freemasonry, and we in common with his many Masonic friends now offer our congratulations to both on the "further progress" made.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Mark Master, has been pleased to appoint Bro. the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P., as Provincial Grand Mark Master of Cheshire, in place of his brother, Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Egerton of Tatton, who has been 21 years P.G.M.M. His lordship has resigned on account of his many other engagements and failing health. It is probable that Bro. Egerton's installation will take place at Chester some time in the summer.

On Friday, the 3rd inst., a ball was held at the Queen's Hotel, Eastbourne, in aid of the Masonic Charities. The brethren wore their regalia, and Bro. J. H. Ewart, as representing the Hartington Lodge; Bro. John Easter, Tyrian Lodge; and Bro. C. H. Haine, the Anderida Lodge, performed the duties of M.C.'s. Music was supplied by the Town and Pier Band, and the Hon. Secretaries were Bros. Leonard Jeffery and J. H. Ewart.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.—It has been arranged that the Grand Master, Bro. the Earl of Haddington, will on Saturday (to-morrow) first make a grand visitation to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Aberdeen City, and afterwards install Bro. James Hampton Forshan as Provincial Grand Master. A deputation from Grand Lodge will support Lord Haddington on the occasion. The Grand Master will be received by the Provincial Grand Lodge at half-past three, and after the ceremony the Grand Master and the deputation will be entertained at dinner in the Imperial Hotel.

The *Cape Times* of the 5th ult. has the following: "By the death of Bro. N. M. McIntyre, who has been for close on half a century connected with Freemasonry in Cape Town, the Craft is deprived of one of its most enthusiastic and energetic members. The deceased had taken the highest Degrees, and when the late Bro. J. H. Hofmeyer was installed as D.G.M. of the Netherland Constitution, Bro. McIntyre was deputed to officiate as Installing Master. In all matters concerning Masonry he was deeply interested, and the Goede Trouw Lodge, of which he was one of the oldest P.M.'s, will greatly miss his genial presence. It is stated that the lodge had no more regular attendee than the deceased. During his career as a Freemason, Bro. McIntyre was the recipient of two illuminated addresses, both of which testify to the high respect in which he was held by his Masonic brethren. As a last tribute to his memory, the funeral, which will take place this afternoon, will be a Masonic one, and it is expected that it will be largely attended. The funeral will leave his late residence, 57, Long-market-street, at 3.30, for the Wynberg Cemetery."

A NEW LODGE AT CARDIFF.—Arrangements are in progress for the consecration at Cardiff of a new Masonic lodge to be called, by special permission, the Duke of York Lodge. The consecration will be performed by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Marmaduke Tennant, and as it will be a most interesting and unique ceremony a large gathering of the Craft is expected. The new lodge, we understand, has been promoted by Bro. D. S. Varzopolo for the further development of local Freemasonry, which has assumed such vast proportions as to necessitate the foundation of another lodge. The founders are all of them members of the several local lodges. The officers have already been appointed. The first W.M. will be Bro. Dovey, Bro. J. Radley, S.W., and Bro. Carey Thomas, J.W. The new lodge will form an opening for the enthusiasm of members of the Craft desirous of obtaining leading positions in their Order, but who are at present prevented from making headway owing to the congested state of the several local lodges. It is thus anticipated that the new lodge will become very popular.

An interesting concert was given last Wednesday evening by the students and professors of the London Organ School, when a varied programme, made up especially with a view to showing the executive ability of the students, was submitted to, and much appreciated by, a large audience. The concert opened with a short suite for piano, violin, and cello by Gade, which was effectively rendered by Miss Smith, Mr. Edward O'Brien, and Mr. J. E. Hambleton, and closed with another trio, by Gurlitt, Miss French being the pianist, supported by the same violinist and cellist. The following piano solos were well and correctly played: A movement of a Moschelles concerto (G minor), by Miss Mabel Burton; "Les deux Alouettes" (Leschetizky), by Miss Wothham; concerto in C (Mozart), by Miss Evans; and "Toccata" (Chaminade), by Miss C. Bravington, this last with great vigour and good effect. Mr. J. E. Hambleton's very fine and delicate phrasing was shown to much advantage in his two cello solos (a) "Sur le lac" (Godard), (b) "Tarantelle" (Dunkler); and the songs contributed by Miss Haldane, "Orpheus with his lute" (Sullivan), and by Miss Stevenson, "She wandered down the mountain side" (Clay), helped to make the concert very enjoyable.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—Influenza, Coughs, and Colds.—In diseases of the throat and chest, so prevalent in our changeable climate, nothing so speedily relieves, or so certainly cures, as these inestimable remedies. These disorders are too often neglected at their commencement, or are injudiciously treated, resulting in either case in disastrous consequences. Whatever the condition of the patient, Holloway's remedies will restore, if recovery be possible; they will retard the alarming symptoms till the blood is purified and nature consummates the cure, gradually restoring strength and vital nervous power. By persevering in the use of Holloway's preparations, tone is conferred on the stomach and frame generally. Thousands of persons have testified that by the use of these remedies alone they have been restored to health after every other means had failed.