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## ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

### 51ST ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL.

The 51st Anniversary Festival of this—the youngest of the three English Masonic Charitable Institutions—was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Tavern, when about 400 brethren and ladies sat down to dinner. They were presided over by Bro. C. E. Keyser, J.G.D., who was supported by Bros. Viscount Dungarvan, P.G.M. Somersetshire, and Lord Amptill, P.G.M. Bedfordshire.

After dinner the usual toasts were proposed.

The CHAIRMAN, in giving the toast of "The Queen," observed that among Freemasons this toast was always received with the greatest enthusiasm, for three reasons—in the first place, the Masonic body were conspicuous for their loyalty to the Crown, and the Queen was the head of the British Empire, of which they were all proud to be members; in the second place, the Queen was the mother of three of the greatest lights that had ever distinguished Freemasonry; and, thirdly—and this was one claim which especially commended itself to Freemasons—the Queen was so greatly interested in everything which concerned the welfare of her subjects; she was interested in all our great Charities, and it was not surprising that she was Vice-Patron of the Masonic Institutions. He hoped the time was not far distant when she would become Patron of this Institution. She was President of the Institution which provided pensions; but he thought they knew how much the other branch would commend itself to her consideration, and he hoped she would also become a contributor to the widows.

The CHAIRMAN, in giving "The Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., the Grand Patron and President of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution," said it was hardly necessary to remind the brethren of the enormous strides Freemasonry had made since the Prince of Wales had been the head of the Order. He was nominated in 1874, elected in 1875, and installed in April in that year. At that time the number of lodges on the roll was 1526, and they now mustered very nearly 2500. He thought that spoke for itself. It showed that under the direction of their most popular Grand Master, Freemasonry had made immense strides, not only in the number of lodges, but in their prosperity. He sincerely hoped his Royal Highness might be spared to preside over the Craft for many, many years to come. With regard to the Princess of Wales, she was a lady who had taken a great interest in the Masonic Institutions, and on all occasions she felt that Masons were her great supporters. He hoped she would associate herself with this Institution and take the same interest in it that she had in the others. The Duke of Connaught, Past G.M., and P.G.M. for Sussex, had shown his great interest in the Craft by presiding at the Festivals. Last year he took the chair at the Girls' School Festival. Her Majesty's third Masonic son unfortunately had passed away—the Duke of Albany—but during his lifetime he took a great interest in the Craft, and at the time of his death he was Prov. G.M. for Oxfordshire. As long as Royalty so supported the Order it must flourish.

Bro. Viscount DUNGARVAN, replying to the toast of "The Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," said it was only the second time he had had the honour of attending the Festival of the Benevolent Institution. On that occasion, as on the former, he had the privilege of returning thanks for that toast, although that night he had hoped that a senior Grand Officer present would have performed the duty. He therefore asked to be excused if he did not perform his task so eloquently as might have been desired. It was with great regret he stated that his province had not on that occasion so supported this Institution as it had in the past. However, the brethren must agree that it was not well to ride a willing horse too hard. He was quite sure of this, that not only his own province, but every province in England would support that Institution as loyally as ever. He could not sit down without congratulating the Chairman on the way his own Province of Herts had supported him.

The CHAIRMAN, in giving the toast of the evening, "Success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons," said his difficulties in this matter were increased and reduced; they were increased to a certain extent, and reduced for the same reason, because their friend Bro. Terry had placed in the hands of every one there the details which the Chairman was generally expected to bring out for the benefit of the meeting. It would therefore, not be necessary for him to give the company the history of this Institution. They would see by reference to the book which had been handed round that the first section of the Institution was founded for providing pensions for those Masons who from no fault of their own were brought down to the lowest ebb of poverty and distress. It was when the late Duke of Sussex was Grand Master, in 1842. The other branch, that for the widows of Freemasons, was not founded till 1849; and he might mention that it might seem to the brethren at the present day to be rather a curious thing, that whereas provision was made for the daughters of Freemasons over 100 years ago, and for the sons of Freemasons nearly 100 years ago, nothing was done for Masons themselves till the year 1842, and for their widows till 1849. As in the case of all Institutions the Benevolent Institution was at first a very small affair, but it had gone on increasing, till now it had 463 pensioners enjoying its benefits. Although the permanent income of that part of the Institution which provided for the old men was only £2162, and that for the widows £2124, yet, through the benevolence of the Craft, the Institution was enabled now to give pensions of £40 a year to 193 aged Masons, which cost £7720 a year, and to 240 widows of £32, and £20 a year to widows of deceased pensioners, amount-

ing to £8140, or a total sum of considerably over £15,000 a year. In face of these figures it was hardly necessary to point out that the resources of the Craft were severely tested to keep up this amount, and it was on this account that these Festivals were instituted that the brethren might have the opportunity, once at least in every year, to bring before the Craft in general the pressing wants of those who had been unfortunate, and who had to come and ask the more fortunate for assistance. There were incidents which might be told of those who had applied for relief, but it would take a long time to bring before the brethren the instances which came to the notice of the Committee and those who managed the affairs of the Institution; but he might tell them that there was one lady who was receiving—and receiving gladly—the benefits of this Institution, of about 14s. a week, who was once the wife of a man worth three-quarters of a million of money. Another case brought before them was that of a candidate for the next election, who was a schoolmaster, originally holding a high position in his profession in the northern parts of London. From no fault of his own, but through disestablishment, his school was broken up, and he was now asking for the pension of some 15s. a week. There were numbers of such cases and one of the most sad circumstances connected with it was that although the income of the Institution was so large, and that last year £69,000 was collected—the largest sum ever got together on an occasion of the kind—of which £50,000 of that had been invested to produce a permanent income, they could only add a few more pensioners to the list, and they knew when there was such a large amount collected that there must be a reaction, notwithstanding that there were 117 candidates coming forward in May next. There was only one election a year in this Institution. There would be only 25 vacancies, so that 92 candidates would be disappointed, and have to wait another year. It was therefore manifest that the Institution was greatly in want of assistance. Although the Boys' School and the Girls' School wanted support, which he hoped they would receive, the Benevolent Institution must have steady and regular support, and it would be a sad thing if it did not get it. He did not know what amount Bro. Terry was going to announce, but he hoped—taking all the adverse circumstances into consideration, they would not be let down too low. If the lists were not quite what they ought to be he hoped many of the brethren would give a little more themselves and also induce their friends who had not yet come to the fore, to subscribe so that the list might be a respectable figure. The Institution had this year had several difficulties to contend with. He would like to tell them from the chair. In the first place, they had to follow the great Festival of last year, and it was quite manifest that where £69,000 had been subscribed to one Institution in one year it must exhaust the resources of brethren and lodges. In the second place, another circumstance militated against the success of the Benevolent Institution, the unusual delay in finding a Chairman. Bro. Terry had great difficulties in this respect. Most of the provincial brethren rather "funked" taking the chair. Had that been all he was not sure they would have had such very grave cause of complaint, because he thought, for various reasons, more brethren would have come in to serve the office of Steward. But this delay was productive in several cases of serious disadvantage to this Institution, and he hoped that that statement made from the chair would induce brethren to make up their minds at once and not leave letters unanswered for a month. Brethren had been very kind, however, and had come forward to support him and Bro. Terry. He (Bro. Keyser) was only too proud to take the position of Chairman. He regretted that owing to the depression in trade and agriculture, it was impossible for some to put their hands in their pockets, and therefore he made the more earnest appeal to those who were able to do so. They did not close their list now, and he trusted that the amount which would be finally collected would be sufficient to prevent the Institution from drawing on its invested funds. There was no doubt whatever that this Institution commended itself to the depths of the heart of every genuine Freemason. Freemasons were not a Benefit Society, and had no intentions of becoming so, and it was the essence of their principle that they did their best to provide for those who, from no fault of their own, were brought down from a good position to accept 14s. or 15s. a week. He hoped he had said enough to show that the Institution was doing a great work, adding to the comforts and prolonging the lives of aged brethren and widows.

The toast having been most cordially received, Bro. J. A. FARNFIELD, Treas., acknowledged it, and said it was a little unusual for the Treasurer to reply until the lists had been announced, but as he had been called upon to respond at once, he would obey. The last few months had been a time of great anxiety to the Executive Officers of the Benevolent Institution; but there was one thing that had buoyed them up, and that was the goodness of the cause they pleaded. Of one thing they were quite sure—that the Craft would not let the aged brethren and widows remain in penury and want. They were able to say every penny given was applied to the purpose for which subscribers gave it, and they had done all the good they could with it. If he knew anything of the generosity of Freemasons, he was sure the lists would not be disappointing. He begged to thank the worthy brother who had at the last moment taken the chair.

Bro. TERRY then read the Stewards' lists.

Bro. T. F. HALSEY, M.P., P.G.M. Herts, in proposing "The Health of the Chairman," said he was glad to think that the announcement that had been made would render it unnecessary for him to make any lengthened observation. The support given to Bro. Keyser was a far stronger argument in his favour than any words of his. But it was a very great pleasure

to him to see a Hertfordshire man in the chair on that occasion, and to find him so well supported. The brethren had already been told by the Chairman of the difficulties with which the promoters of the Festival had had to contend but he was glad to find that they in Hertfordshire knew Bro. Keyser was a host in himself, and if they only happened to have a difficulty they could get him to provide a solution of it as he had done that evening. They could not expect to repeat the performance of last year, but considering what the Secretary had had to contend with, they might well be proud of the announcement which had just been made. He was old enough to know that some years ago £5000 or £6000 was an announcement that was considered to be an example for future generations. Now, however, that amount was looked upon as small.

The CHAIRMAN, in reply, said he truly appreciated the kindness with which the brethren had received the toast. He was induced to accept the position of Chairman for three considerations—first and foremost he was the President of the Board of Stewards this year, and it was probably on that account that he was brought into closer communication with his good old friend Bro. Terry than otherwise he would have been. He had already told the brethren that there had been unjustifiable delays in obtaining a chairman. Bro. Terry wrote to him and said he thought it would be most prejudicial to the Institution if the selection of the chairman was longer delayed, and would he (Bro. Keyser) take it. As Bro. Terry would not have further delay he accepted the office. He had the most absolute confidence in Bro. Terry's energy, and he felt quite certain that Bro. Terry would use strenuous endeavours to make the Institution give a fair account of itself that day. Secondly he knew he should be backed strongly by Hertfordshire. He was very proud to be connected with lodges in London, Cambridgeshire, and Middlesex, but more especially was he proud to be connected with Hertfordshire. Mainly through the exertions of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Lake, they had worked heartily. Bro. Terry was associated with Hertfordshire, a small Province of 21 lodges, and they sent up over £1400. He sincerely hoped that this year, though not equal to years that had preceded it, would yet reflect credit on the Institution, and would overcome all difficulties.

Lord AMPHILL proposed "The other Masonic Charities."

Bro. F. R. W. HEDGES, in responding, made an urgent appeal for support at the coming Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

In response to repeated calls, and by command of the Chairman, Bro. J. M. McLEOD also responded to the toast. He said he was rather taken aback by the unexpected call, but expressed his gratitude for the kind manner in which his name had been mentioned. Speaking on behalf of the Boys' Institution, he heartily congratulated the Stewards upon the result of their labours, and the Institution was also to be congratulated on the Worshipful Brother who had stepped into the breach and taken the chair under circumstances of peculiar difficulty, and who, by his princely donations to all of the Institutions—as particularly shown on the present occasion—was proved most worthy of the position he was occupying. On behalf of the Boys' School he had but few words to say on the present occasion, as he had taken every opportunity in all parts of the country to call attention to the work it was doing, and the result it had achieved. He claimed that the present Board of Management of that Institution was representative, liberal, and enlightened, and he appealed to the ladies and brethren present to support them in their work, and by their presence at the Festival on June 28th next.

The toasts of "The Stewards" and "The Ladies" were afterwards given, and the company then adjourned to Freemasons' Hall, where a grand concert was given, in which the following professionals took part, under the direction of Bro. Arthur Strugnell: Miss Ethel Winn, Miss Emily Davies, Miss Meredyth Elliott, Miss Emily Foxcroft, Madame Edna Riga, Bro. Arthur Strugnell; Bro. Herbert Schartau's Part Singers, consisting of Bros. Herbert Schartau, P.P.G.O. Middx., Edward Dalzell, P.M., P.P. G.O. Middx., James Brand, and William Bradford; Mr. James Saunders, solo violin; and Bro. Herbert Schartau, humorous songs. Bro. Turtle Leewas the conductor.

A most gratifying feature of the Festival was the increase in the number of lady Stewards—no less than seven being so qualified on the present occasion. The palm must be accorded to Mrs. James Stephens, who made a third appearance as a Steward, having previously served for this Institution, and for the Boys in 1892. Special mention of her interest in the cause of our Charities was made by the Chairman and the Secretary of the Institution—as well as by Bro. McLeod—and deservedly so, for a list of 340 guineas is a noble result for any brother or lady to achieve. By the unanimous consent of its members, Mrs. Stephens took the position as representing the Kilburn Lodge, No. 1608, the W.M., Bro. James Stephens, quietly relegating himself the retiring position of an Unattached Steward. Our readers will remember that Mrs. Stephens brought up a list of over 300 guineas in 1892 for this Festival, which only emphasises the gratifying announcement of Wednesday last, and establishes for this indefatigable lady a "record" it will be most difficult to beat.

#### STEWARDS' LISTS.

Lodge	LONDON.	£ s. d.	Lodge	£ s. d.
1 Bro. E. W. Stilwell	...	10 10 0	142 Bro. T. de Courcy Meade	14 3 6
2 " John C. Ames	...	15 15 0	147 " John Dixon	52 10 0
Chapter			171 " Francis W. Brown	60 0 0
2 Comp. J. H. Davis	...	33 12 0	174 " Walter Phillips	26 5 0
Lodge			179 " E. J. D. Bromley	38 17 0
4 Bro. Rev. A. W. Oxford,	...	21 0 0	183 " Stephen Richardson	21 0 0
M.A.	...	42 0 0	197 " Stephen R. Clarke	15 15 0
5 " H. Chester Master	...	32 11 0	198 " Lt.-Col. Geo. Lambert	100 0 0
7 " Paverne B. Miller	...	14 14 0	228 " Charles Lambert	40 19 0
8 " W. J. H. Whittall	...	58 19 0	256 " John Holland	54 10 0
10 " Rev. J. N. Palmer	...	21 0 0	511 " Geo. Booth Heming	109 9 0
14 " William Register	...	58 16 0	554 " MacAndrew Krellwitz	80 14 0
15 " T. H. Clapp	...	26 5 0	657 " John G. Stevens	55 2 0
19 " J. H. Whadcoat	...	35 3 0	671 " H. S. Trehearne	122 0 0
21 " W. J. Lancaster	...	17 17 0	704 " Edwin Styles	26 5 0
26 " W. A. Saunders	...	54 12 0	822 " Edward E. Greenwell	32 0 0
29 " Thos. W. L. Emden	...	37 15 0	871 " Alfred C. Dandridge	90 16 6
33 " John M. Wood	...	42 0 0	907 " Henry Ensoll	25 0 0
45 " R. E. Hunt	...	38 6 0	1278 " T. R. Arter	100 0 0
55 " William Vogt	...	15 15 0	1306 " A. W. Flack	12 12 0
Chapter			1348 Comp. Peter Parsons	59 6 6
58 Comp. H. Robt. Marten	...	65 2 0	Lodge of Instruction	
Lodge			1365 Bro. J. H. Gaskin	55 0 0
60 Bro. H. J. Lardner	...	36 15 0	Lodge	
73 " J. C. Bolton	...		1366 Bro. E. Wareham	
101 " Harry Wood	...			

Lodge	£ s. d.	Lodge	£ s. d.
1383 Bro. Major-Gen. J. C. Hay, C.B.	84 0 0	404 Bro. F. S. Knyvett	21 0 0
1421 " Cornelius Mansfield	41 17 0	404 " Charles A. Moreing	56 3 6
1425 " Charles Coleman	63 0 0	409 " H. Wigan	21 0 0
Chapter		449 " James Shilcock	20 9 6
1471 Comp. W. D. Church	105 14 6	504 " Charles Bullock	26 5 0
Lodge		569 and Chap. 1385 Bro. S. M. Banker	42 0 0
1489 Bro. H. Clare	...	" W. J. Crutch	...
1506 " T. Hamilton Fox	48 6 0	869 Bro. W. Haynes Dunn	15 15 0
1540 " Leopold Weil	50 0 0	1385 " J. H. Baxter	65 12 6
1572 " M. Goldstein	68 15 6	1479 " H. H. Debenham	45 0 0
1608 Mrs. James Stephens (see also Ladies)	330 0 0	1580 " G. Ward Verry	40 0 0
1615 Bro. E. Blakeway l'Anson	31 10 0	1580 " G. B. Wood	...
1635 " T. M. Pritchard	10 10 0	1757 " H. Balderson	10 5 0
1635 " W. H. Platt	25 4 0	1984 " F. Fisher	25 0 0
1671 " W. H. Cole	200 0 0	2086 " Rev. H. F. Oliver	26 5 6
Lodge of Instruction		2278 " H. T. Nell	50 0 0
1695 Bro. R. P. Walkden	10 10 0	2323 " C. E. Birch	39 0 0
Lodge		2323 " C. D. Christmas, M.D.	10 10 0
1704 Bro. J. B. Scriven	21 0 0	2353 " E. C. Mulvey	26 5 0
1716 " C. W. Raymond	73 15 0	2372 " W. Metcalfe	58 16 0
1719 " Thomas ash	47 5 0	2372 " James Terry	136 5 0
1732 " W. M. Stiles	10 10 0	KENT.	
1816 " W. B. Abrahams	41 14 6	77 Bro. Rev. A. Jackson	28 5 6
1900 " Oscar Philippe	10 10 0	125 " S. H. Greenstreet	42 15 0
1910 " John Kenyon	10 10 0	127 " Fred. Stanley	115 10 0
1949 " John Bott	85 0 0	913 " Henry Mason	60 0 0
1964 " Capt. W. Lincott	91 7 0	972 " Albert H. Pitcher	83 9 6
2168 " Walter F. Lord	100 0 0	2147 " Oliver Cromwell	38 17 0
2192 " John Barnett (see also 2205)	70 15 0	2205 " John Barnett (see also London, No. 2192)	31 10 0
2202 " Charles Sheppard	47 5 0	Unattached	
2205 " John Barnett (see also 2192)	...	Bro. F. Hughes Hallett	17 17 0
2291 " Alfred Read	53 10 6	LANCASHIRE (EAST DIVISION).	
2291 " G. Watson Kidd	31 10 0	Lodge	
UNATTACHED.		283 Bro. J. Franklin Hindle	26 5 0
Bro. Stanley S. Attenborough	10 10 0	1458 " Leopold Hirsch	5 5 0
" Asher Barfield	10 10 0	Unattached.	
" Sydney G. Brealey	10 10 0	Bro. C. D. Cheetham	10 10 0
" T. G. Bullen	12 12 0	LANCASHIRE (WEST DIVISION).	
" Major C. W. Carrell	10 10 0	Lodge	
" Samuel Cochrane	10 10 0	155 Bro. Bro. T. Banner Newton	10 10 0
" Charles Corby	27 6 0	613 " Maxwell H. Boyd	21 0 0
" Thomas B. Daniell	10 10 0	680 " J. de Bels Adam	10 10 0
Bro. John A. Farnfield	65 15 0	2316 " Fred. Wood	...
" John Glass	10 10 0	1313 " J. G. Emmison	...
" Dr. H. W. Kialmark	10 10 0	1313 " F. E. Chambers	10 10 0
" E. Letchworth	10 10 0	1335 " W. Johnson	52 10 0
" T. W. Lightfoot	7 7 0	1730 " J. Hardwicke Marsh	10 10 0
" G. S. Manuelle	...	2295 " Herbert Kidson	22 5 0
" Horace B. Marshall, J.P.	10 10 0	2295 " W. E. Bland	15 15 0
" Horace B. Marshall, jun., M.A.	10 10 0	2324 " Edward Hindley	21 0 0
Master Horace B. Marshall	10 10 0	2360 " J. McKinnell	21 0 0
Bro. W. J. Nicholls	...	MIDDLESEX.	
" G. K. Oaks	5 5 0	1309 Bro. Richard C. Read	10 10 0
" G. H. Scrutton	10 10 0	1793 " W. Middlewick	14 5 6
" John Skinner	10 10 0	MONMOUTHSHIRE.	
" Spurling	5 5 0	Lodge	
" James Stephens	...	457 Bro. Capt. C. C. Powell	21 0 0
" William Webber	21 0 0	471 " J. E. Ward	26 5 0
LADIES.		683 " R. A. Forsyth	68 5 0
Mrs. C. E. Keyser	21 0 0	818 " Thos. Hardy	26 19 0
" Clara Bulley	5 5 0	1429 " W. J. Dix	65 18 6
" C. Lambert	5 5 0	" William Watkins	64 1 0
Miss F. Lambert	5 5 0	NORTHANTS AND HUNTS.	
Mrs. Masters	5 5 0	Lodge	
" W. F. Smitheon	5 5 0	737 Bro. John T. Reid	13 13 0
" James Stephens (see also No. 1608)	...	NORTHUMBERLAND.	
PROVINCES.		1712 Bro. Axel F. Ericsson	94 10 0
BEDFORDSHIRE.		OXFORDSHIRE.	
The Province		357 Bro. Lord Amptill (Prov. G.M. Beds)	28 12 6
Bro. C. E. Prior, D.P.G.M.	47 5 0	478 " R. A. S. Paget	38 5 0
BERKSHIRE.		1036 " W. N. Rowell	17 0 6
Lodge		2414 " James Hastings	27 6 0
209 Bro. Edward Prince	90 6 0	1895 " G. Ivors Bland	21 0 0
414 " Rev. Canon N. T. Garry	51 4 0	SOMERSETSHIRE.	
574 " F. J. Harrold	21 0 0	The Province	
795 " Charles Dearing	25 0 0	Bro. Viscount Dungarvan, P.G.M.	10 10 0
1101 " C. Slaughter	15 15 0	SUFFOLK.	
BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.		1224 Bro. Joseph George	64 1 0
1894 " S. Osborn, F.R.G.S.	18 18 0	SURREY.	
2458 " J. C. F. Towers	63 0 0	889 Bro. W. Chapman	37 10 0
2421 " Bro. F. Osmond Carr, M.A.	26 5 0	1347 " G. C. Barry	39 7 0
CAMBRIDGESHIRE.		2095 " Percy W. Hall	42 5 0
DEVONSHIRE.		2246 " Charles A. Itter	10 10 0
328 Bro. John Chapman	21 0 0	SUSSEX.	
DURHAM.		40 Bro. W. A. Allen	41 2 0
The Province		1110 " James Creighton	21 0 0
Bro. Fred. H. Bennett	115 10 0	1184 " John Belcher Foster	27 0 0
ESSEX.		1821 " Thomas Bullock	15 0 0
Lodge		1947 " John Jackson Clark	31 10 0
1799 Bro. W. E. Sutton	15 15 0	2434 " John Easter	31 15 0
2005 " B. Hoddinott	44 1 6	Unattached.	
" Lennox Browne	21 0 0	Bro. Richard Clowes	10 10 0
" William Shurmer	...	WARWICKSHIRE.	
GLOUCESTERSHIRE.		887 Bro. Walter H. Rollason	10 10 0
1005 " Edwin Lea	5 5 0	925 " T. R. Arter	10 10 0
1067 Bro. Russell James Kerr	52 18 6	1551 " J. A. Dexter	...
HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.		1551 " G. Mallard	42 0 0
130 Bro. Geo. J. Tilling	56 8 6	1551 " H. Penn	...
723 " C. F. Roelich	...	1551 " A. G. Boys	...
2203 " Lewis Moutrie	15 15 0	WEST YORKSHIRE.	
HEREFORDSHIRE.		Bro. H. G. E. Green	...
Lodge		" W. F. Smithson	...
2249 Bro. Rev. E. Williams	22 1 0	" T. W. Embleton	...
HERTFORDSHIRE.		154 " George H. Parke	...
Bro. Charles E. Keyser (Chairman)	568 16 0	287 " Elias Heaton	420 0 0
The Province		306 " W. Meyer Tate	...
Bro. George F. Lake, D.P.G.M.	26 5 0	810 " Arthur Harrison	...
Lodge		904 " F. Cleaves	...
493 Bro. J. R. Cocks	28 4 0	1042 " H. Cowborough	...
Chapter		1102 " William Wilson	...
403 Comp. T. S. Carter	24 3 0	1231 " Thos. G. Howell	...
		GUERNSEY.	
		84 Bro. J. Balfour Cockburn	57 15 0
		CYPRUS.	
		2277 Bro. Surgeon-Captain W. Kiddle	10 10 0

## SUMMARY OF THE PROVINCES.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Bedfordshire ...	47	5	0	Middlesex ...	24	15	6
Berkshire ...	203	5	0	Monmouthshire ...	272	8	0
Buckinghamshire ...	81	18	0	Northants and Hunts ...	13	13	0
Cambridgeshire ...	26	0	0	Northumberland ...	94	10	0
Devonshire ...	21	0	0	Oxfordshire ...	132	3	6
Durham ...	115	10	0	Somersetshire ...	10	10	0
Essex ...	80	16	6	Suffolk ...	64	1	0
Gloucestershire ...	57	17	6	Surrey ...	131	14	0
Hampshire and Isle of Wight ...	72	3	6	Sussex ...	177	17	0
Herefordshire ...	22	1	0	Warwickshire ...	63	0	0
Hertfordshire ...	1426	19	0	Yorkshire (West Riding) ...	420	0	0
Kent ...	418	4	0	Guernsey ...	57	15	0
Lancashire (East Division) ...	42	0	0	Cyprus ...	10	10	0
Lancashire (West Division) ...	195	10	0				
104 STEWARDS—LONDON ...					£4089	16	6
116 STEWARDS—PROVINCES ...					£4215	10	0
GRAND TOTAL ...					£8305	6	6

## ANALYSIS OF THE RETURNS.

Our task in reviewing the Returns and fixing their distribution, firstly, as between London and the Provinces, and then, as regards the latter among individual Provinces is comparatively an easy one compared with what it was in the year of the Jubilee. But though the labours of going through the lists and noting such as appear to need some special remark is of comparatively small account, it is nevertheless a pleasure to find that, under the circumstances, so considerable a sum has been raised.

## LONDON

was represented by 104 Stewards, whose lists amounted to £4089 16s. 6d. Of these the largest was compiled by a lady—Mrs. James Stephens—who acted as Steward for the Kilburn Lodge, No. 1608, and had the very great gratification of obtaining the sum of £330. Last year the same lady, acting independently, was entered for £308 8s. 6d. in the Returns for the Jubilee of this Institution, so that Mrs. James Stephens has the satisfaction of knowing that in the last two years she has been instrumental in enriching the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution to the extent of over £640. We respectfully congratulate her on the success which she has achieved, and we trust that, as this is not the first, so it may not be the last, occasion, on which it may be our privilege to include her in so prominent a position among the Festival Returns of our Institutions. The next in order of amount was Bro. W. H. Cole, who acted as Steward for the Mizpah Lodge, No. 1671, and compiled the very handsome total of £200. Bro. F. H. Gooch, Steward for the Merchant Navy Lodge, No. 781, which was so splendidly represented by Bro. T. B. Daniell, and another at the Jubilee last year, obtained the third place with £122, and Bro. H. J. Lardner, of the Peace and Harmony Lodge, No. 60, was fourth, with £110 5s. Bro. J. G. Stevens, who is again, after a long term of years, the Worshipful Master of his mother lodge—the Yarrow Lodge, No. 554, signalled the event by giving his services as Steward on an occasion when he knew that Stewards would be greatly needed, and fulfilled his duty by compiling a total of £109 9s, the next in order being Comp. W. D. Church, representing the Islington Chapter, No. 1471, whose list amounted to £105 14s. 6d. The remaining three-figure lists were those of Bro. John Holland, of United Strength, No. 228—Bro. Terry's mother lodge; Bro. A. W. Flack, of No. 1306; and Bro. W. Frewen Lord, of Derby Allcroft, No. 2168, who each of them compiled a list of £100. Other strong lists were those of Bro. H. S. Trehearne, No. 657, for £80 14s. 7d.; Bro. H. Ensoll, No. 907, for £90 16s. 6d.; Bro. Maj.-Gen. J. C. Hay, C.B., Friends in Council Lodge, No. 1383, for £84; Bro. C. W. Ragmond, No. 1716, for £73 15s.; Bro. John Bott, No. 1649, for £85; Bro. Capt. W. Lurcott, No. 2168, for £91 7s.; and Bro. John Barnett, who, in addition to the sum of £70 15s., which he raised as representing No. 2192, will be found entered under the Province of Kent for £31 10s. as Steward for No. 2205. The number of lodges and chapters represented was 66 lodges, two lodges of instruction, and four chapters, and the number of Stewards representing these, including Mrs. James Stephens, 73, in addition to which there were seven ladies, including Mrs. C. E. Keyser and 23 brethren Unattached, the total number of London Representatives being 104, and the total sum raised by them £4089 16s. 6d.

The Stewards from

## THE PROVINCES

were somewhat more numerous than those who did duty for London, the sum raised by the 116 brethren who took charge of their interests being £4215 10s. As a matter of course, this section of the Craft was, for reasons which have already been explained, considerably below its average strength, the proportion of represented to unrepresented Provinces being, in ordinary years, about three to one, while in this instance it was not much more than one to one, the former, including the Channel Islands, being 26 in number, while the absentees were 20. The latter comprised BRISTOL (9 lodges), which has now been unrepresented at three consecutive Benevolent Festivals, though, as a set off, it must be pointed out that last year, and in 1891, it raised upwards of £900 for the Boys' School. For the absence of CHESHIRE (45 lodges), more than one sufficient apology may be offered. Firstly, it gave £1050 to the Boys' School in 1891, and last year £1988 10s. to the Benevolent Jubilee, together with such further amounts to the two Schools as raised the total for the whole year to upwards of £2150. Secondly, it is busily engaged in raising a good round sum with which to found a Benevolent Institution of its own that shall be subsidiary to this Charity. CORNWALL (30 lodges), raised £813 10s. in 1892, of which all but £36 15s. was compiled in support of its respected Provincial Grand Master, who presided as Chairman at the Jubilee of this Institution. CUMBERLAND and WESTMORLAND figured in the Returns at the Benevolent Institution of 1891, gave £265 13s. to the Boys' School in June of the same year, and raised £420 by the hands of Bro. G. J. McKay, its present D.P.G.M., for the Benevolent Jubilee. DERBYSHIRE (25 lodges), after compiling £843 17s. for the Boys' School, and £136 10s. for the Girls' School—or, together, £980 7s.—in 1891, and £1362 16s. for the Jubilee in February, £131 5s. for "Our Girls" in May, and £249 18s. for "Our Boys" in June, or, together, £1743 1s. in 1892, is justly entitled to a rest. DORSETSHIRE (13 lodges), is not unreasonably satisfied with what it achieved last year in behalf of this Institution and the Girls' School, its contribution to the former being slightly in excess of £500, while LEICESTERSHIRE and RUTLAND (14 lodges), raised £388 10s. for this Charity, and £48 6s. for the Boys' Institution last year, so that its main contributions will this year, no doubt, find its way into the coffers of one or other of the Schools. LINCOLNSHIRE (24 lodges), raised £660 5s. for the Benevolent Jubilee last year, and £418 for the Boys' School in June, 1891. NORFOLK (17 lodges), figured at the Benevolent Jubilee last year for £516 10s., and at the Boys' School Festival in 1891, for £225 5s. NORTH WALES (19 lodges), distributed £493 12s. among the three Charities in 1892, this Institution obtaining £222 14s., the Boys' School, £234 3s., and the Girls' School the remaining £36 15s.; and NOTTINGHAMSHIRE (16 lodges), apportioned £192 8s. between this Institution and the Boys' School—the former being the recipient of £162 15s.—in 1892, and raised upwards of £200 for the latter Charity the year previous. In 1891 the Province of SHROPSHIRE (12 lodges), raised £455 9s. 6d. of which upwards of £212 was in respect of the Boys' School, and in 1892 a total

of £615 16s. 6d., of which the Jubilee contribution to this Charity was returned as £456 15s. SOUTH WALES (EAST DIVISION) gave £189 to the Benevolent and £321 15s. 6d. to "Our Boys" in 1892, while its smaller neighbour, SOUTH WALES (WEST DIVISION), raised £193 12s. 6d. in 1892, of which the Boys' School obtained £161 7s. 6d. and £354 1s. the year previous, of which the "Old People" had the satisfaction of securing £248 and the Boys' School the balance of £106 1s. STAFFORDSHIRE (29 lodges) raised £762 2s. in 1892, of which this Charity received £392 10s., and £761 15s. 6d., of which the Boys' School share amounted to £452. WILTSHIRE (11 lodges) is but a small Province, and having subscribed £530 19s. in 1892, out of which £483 14s. was paid over to this Charity, is fully justified in absentsing itself on this occasion; but we have no doubt it will be included among the contributors to one or other of the Schools. As for WORCESTERSHIRE (13 lodges), its readiness to support our Charities has been too often exemplified to need any apology. Last year it distributed £489 5s. among the three Institutions, this Institution having the good fortune to secure £243 12s., the Girls' School £144 17s., and the Boys' School £100 16s. NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE (31 lodges) subscribed £717 9s. to the Benevolent Jubilee, and a modest £21 to "Our Girls" in 1892, and £274 4s. for the Old People and £187 for the Boys' School in 1891, so that here again we have ample excuse for the non-appearance of this Province in Wednesday's Returns; while as regards JERSEY (seven lodges) and the ISLE OF MAN (eight lodges), the former raised £63 for the Benevolent Jubilee, and the latter £52 10s. for the same Festival, and £46 2s. for the Girls' School Festival in the following May, to say nothing of the £100 10s. which it raised for the Boys' School in June, 1891. Here, then, we have 21 Provinces, with an aggregate of lodges numbering 398, which took no part in Wednesday's celebration, but which, nevertheless, have done admirable service on other and quite recent occasions.

We now give our attention to the represented Provinces, the first, taking them in alphabetical order, being

## BEDFORDSHIRE,

which has six lodges, and was represented to good purpose by its D.P.G.M., Bro. Charles E. Prior, M.D., whose list amounted to £47 5s. In 1891 the Province raised £138 12s. for the Boys' School, and last year £126 for the Jubilee of this Institution, and £26 5s. for the Girls' School, or together £152 5s. It is worthy of note that Bro. Lord Amptill, the new Grand Master of the Province, is to be found among the Oxfordshire Stewards as one of the representatives of the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford.

Five out of the 14 lodges on the roll of

## BERKSHIRE

were represented by Stewards, whose lists amounted in the aggregate to £203 5s., the principal items being £90 6s. by Bro. E. Prince, of the Etonian Lodge, No. 209, Windsor, and £51 4s. by Bro. the Rev. N. T. Garry, of the Union Lodge, No. 414, Reading. Last year, the total subscribed by this Province reached the very large total of £954 1s. 6d., of which this Institution was fortunate enough to secure £661 9s. 6d., while the Girls' and Boys' Schools were respectively credited with £172 4s. and £120 8s. In 1891 the total was £385 1s., which is more nearly in keeping with what we look forward to from a Province with so small a contingent of lodges.

Its neighbour and quondam associate of the old Province of Berks and Bucks—we allude, of course, to

## BUCKINGHAMSHIRE—

had three of its lodges represented by two Stewards, Bro. S. Osborn, whose list amounted to £18 18s., doing duty for lodges Nos. 1894 and 2458, while the representative of the Carrington, No. 2421, returned £63, the total being £81 18s. In 1891, when Bro. Lord Carrington was installed as Prov. Grand Master, and signalled his accession to that important office by presiding as Chairman at the Girls' School Festival, Buckinghamshire supported him to the extent of £300, the other two Institutions being assisted to the extent of £36 15s., in the case of the R.M.B.I., and £174 6s. in that of the Boys' School. Last year it raised the still larger total of £705 15s., of which this Institution obtained £291 18s. in respect of its Jubilee, the Girls' School £36 15s., and the Boys' School £377 2s., the Carrington Lodge, which sent up two Stewards, contributing largely to the success of this Return.

Passing on to

## CAMBRIDGESHIRE,

which has but six lodges on its roll, we find that Bro. F. Osmond Carr, Steward for the Isaac Newton University Lodge, No. 859, Cambridge, compiled a list of £26, which must be set down as satisfactory, considering that the Province figured in the Returns at the Benevolent Jubilee for £336 8s. 6d., while at the Boys' School Festival in June, 1891, it raised £141 4s., and, in the preceding month of May, £85 16s. for the Girls' School.

Only one of the 52 lodges in

## DEVONSHIRE

sent up a Steward on Wednesday, the St. John's Lodge, No. 328, Torquay, whose representative, Bro. John Chapman, handed in a sum of £21. But last year the Province raised £807 18s. 6d. for the Jubilee of this Institution, and such further small amounts for the two Schools as served to increase the total for the year to £895 13s. 6d. In 1891 the Boys' School was assisted to the extent of £408 2s., and the Old People by £63, making the year's contributions in all £471 2s.

The interests of

## DURHAM

and its 35 lodges were on this occasion entrusted to Bro. F. H. Bennett, who had the satisfaction of compiling the excellent total of £115 10s. In 1892, the amount distributed among the three Charities was £1034, of which the Old People received the lion's share in the shape of £520 5s., while the Girls' School was benefited by £105, and the Boys' School by £209, the same Bro. Bennett being the representative of the Province for the Festival of the last-named Charity. In 1891 the aggregate of the contributions from Durham was £488 14s.

Of the 33 lodges now borne on the roll of

## ESSEX,

only two sent up Stewards, namely, the Arnold, No. 1799, Walton-on-Naze, and the Brooke, No. 2005, Chingford, Bro. Sutton, as the representative of the former, handing in £15 15s., and Bro. Hoddinott for the latter £44 1s. 6d. These, with the contribution of Bro. Lennox Browne, who was Steward Unattached, gave a total for the Province of £80 16s. 6d.—Bro. W. Shurmur's donation being included in the list of another Steward. This is a small sum, but the wonder is not that Essex raised so little for this Festival as that it entered an appearance at all. At the Jubilee Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in February, 1892, it figured for £2318 2s. 6d., in May it raised £193 4s. for the Girls' Festival, and in June £96 18s. 6d. for that of "Our Boys," the grand total for the year being £2608 5s. In 1891 the aggregate reached £1048, of which the Boys' School had the satisfaction of securing £1265 15s. 6d. Moreover, in June Bro. Lord Brooke, the Grand Master of the Province, has very kindly promised his services as Chairman at the Boys' School Festival, and we may be sure Essex will strain every nerve in order to support its able and respected chief worthily. Thus, with its contributions in 1891 and 1892, amounting together to £4256, and a heavy duty to fulfil in June next, the smallness of Wednesday's total is easily to be accounted for.



## Of the 15 lodges in

## GLOUCESTERSHIRE,

only the Zetland, No. 1005, Gloucester, and the Royal Forest of Dean Lodge, No. 1067, Newnham-on-Severn, sent up Stewards—Bro. Russell J. Kerr, whose list amounted to £52 18s. 6d. being Steward for the latter. But here again we must point out, as we have just done in the case of Essex, that no one would have been surprised had Gloucestershire elected to be altogether unrepresented on Wednesday. In June last Bro. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., acted as Chairman at the Boys' School, and the grand sum of £1645 11s. was raised by a body of 57 Stewards, who among them represented the whole of the lodges, R.A. chapters, and other Masonic bodies in the county. Add to this, that the sum of £63 was contributed to the Jubilee of this Institution, and we have a total for 1892 of £1708 11s.—an amount sufficiently large to have justified the non-appearance of the Province at Wednesday's celebration.

## HEREFORDSHIRE,

which, with only five lodges on its roll, is the smallest Province in the country, was represented by Bro. the Rev. E. Williams, as Steward for the Arrow Lodge, No. 2240, Kington, and his list reached £22 1s. Last year the same brother acted in a like capacity at the Benevolent Jubilee, but his list was small, and the Province figured to greater advantage at the Boys' School Festival in 1891, and the Girls' School Centenary in 1888, the list of Bro. Sir Joseph R. Bailey, Bart., P.G.M., amounting on the latter occasion to £68 5s. However, Herefordshire has a Charitable Association, so that the support it gives to our Institutions is very far from being confined to the modest sums it is entered for at occasional Anniversary Festivals.

The Province which next claims our attention is that of

## HERTFORDSHIRE,

with which Bro. C. E. Keyser, the Chairman of the day, has been associated for about 17 years, and which, in recognition of the kindly spirit which prompted that brother to accept, almost at the last moment, the responsibility of presiding, gave him a generous measure of support, such as could only have been surpassed had its own respected chief (Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P.) consented to act as Chairman. It is only reasonable to assume that had it not made such great and successful efforts last year in behalf of the Jubilee of this Institution, the total which Bro. Terry had the satisfaction of announcing on Wednesday would have been very largely exceeded. But Hertfordshire had figured at the said Jubilee for a total of £1883 6s. 6d., every one of its 21 lodges being represented, as well as the Provincial Grand Lodge, by Bro. Halsey, and one of its R.A. chapters. In addition, it contributed £139 13s. in May to the Girls' School, and £112 7s. to the Boys' School in June, so that the total raised during the whole year reached £2135 6s. 6d. But, notwithstanding this tremendous effort, it sent up 24 Stewards, in addition to the Chairman, the bodies represented being the Province generally by Bro. G. E. Lake, the D.P.G.M., 16 lodges, and two chapters. The sum raised by these brethren amounted to £1426 19s., of which £568 16s. including his personal donation of £525, figured in the Chairman's list; £26 5s. in that of Bro. Lake, D.P.G.M.; £186 5s. in the list of Bro. James Terry, of the James Terry Lodge, No. 2372, with £58 16s. by Bro. Metcalfe of the same lodge; £65 12s. 6d. on that of Bro. Baxter, of the Gladsmuir Lodge, No. 1385, Barnet; and £56 3s. 6d. in the list of Bro. Moreing, of the Watford Lodge, No. 404, of which Bro. Keyser is a Past Master. The result reflects the greatest credit on Hertfordshire, and we warmly congratulate not only the Chairman of the day, but the Prov. G. Master and the brethren of the Province generally, on the striking success of their efforts on this occasion to support one of the most distinguished of their number in the discharge of a difficult and highly responsible duty.

## KENT,

with its 59 lodges, is one of the Provinces on which our Institutions may rely with confidence for support at any time, be it a jubilee, a centenary, or an ordinary Festival. If its Prov. Grand Master has undertaken to preside at one of our Festivals, Kent pulls itself together and compiles a total which reflects the highest honour on its lodges and brethren. If there is a likelihood that some one or other anniversary bids fair, from pressure of circumstances, to prove less productive than usual, Kent is to be found lending a vigorous hand in order to swell the general total. Thus in the year of the Girls' Centenary, the Province raised £3059 9s. 6d., inclusive of £1050 paid for a Perpetual Presentation for that Charity. In 1891, Bro. Earl Amherst presided at the Festival of this Institution, and the total raised by the 62 Stewards amounted to £3483 8s. 6d., the contributions of £265 2s. 6d. and £269 9s. to the Girls' and Boys' Schools respectively swelling the amount for the whole year to £4018 6s. At the Jubilee in February, 1892, the 38 Stewards compiled £1868 15s. 6d., the Girls' School obtaining £329 13s. in the following May, and the Boys' School £770 16s. in June, the product of the year being £2969 6s. 6d. After such years as these years, we should have had no reason to be surprised if the Province had rested on its oars for a while, but this kind of thing does not appear to find favour with our Kentish brethren, and accordingly eight brethren, of whom seven represented lodges, and one was Unattached, combined together and sent in the goodly sum of £418 4s., the principal lists being those of Bro. F. Stanley, Steward for Union Lodge, No. 127, Margate, for £115 10s.; Bro. Albert H. Pilcher, of the St. Augustine, No. 972, Canterbury, for £83 9s. 6d. We congratulate these Stewards on the success of their efforts on behalf of our Old People.

Two out of the 105 lodges in

## LANCASHIRE (EAST DIVISION)

sent representatives to Wednesday's gathering, and one brother was Unattached, the total announced being £42, which is, of course, quite an insignificant sum for so large a Province. But neither large nor small Provinces can be perpetually sending up heavy aggregates, especially when, as in the case of East Lancashire, they maintain a large Charitable institution of their own. In 1888 East Lancashire gave £2873 to this Institution, and £1350 19s. 6d. to the Girls' School at its Centenary Festival. In 1891 it raised £126 for this Institution, £183 8s. 6d. for the Girls' School, and £968 12s. for the Boys' School, while last year the Province, by the hands of its 67 Stewards, contributed £2667 5s. to the Jubilee of this Charity, together with £63 to the Girls' School, and £94 10s. to "Our Boys," or together £2824 15s.

As for

## LANCASHIRE (WEST DIVISION),

which can also boast of having 105 lodges on its roll, only 10 of them were represented, the number of brethren who did duty as Stewards being 12, and the sum they raised amongst them £195 10s. Here again the result is small, but we must bear in mind that in this Division of Lancashire as many as three local Charitable institutions are maintained, while in 1891, when Bro. the Earl of Lathom, Provincial Grand Master, presided as Chairman at the Boys' School Anniversary, the Province raised the unprecedented sum of £6126 14s. 4d., the total for the whole year being £6341 19s. 4d. And yet in 1892 it was represented at the Jubilee of this Institution by 37 Stewards, who amongst them compiled a total of £1197 8s. 6d., while the Girls' and Boys' Schools were supported to the extent of £363 16s. 6d. and £136 10s. respectively, the sum total for the whole year being £1697 14s. 6d., and the aggregate of the totals in the two years, £8039 13s. 10d.

Of the 39 lodges in

## MIDDLESEX,

there were only two which sent up Stewards—the Acacia, No. 1309, Hampton Court, and the Sir Charles Bright, No. 1793, Teddington—and their lists amounted only to £24 15s. 6d. But this is not to be wondered at. Last year the Province subscribed £1315 9s. 6d. to the Benevolent Jubilee, £249 2s. to the Girls' School Festival, and £46 4s. to that of the Boys' School, the total for the three Institutions being £1610 15s. 6d. In 1891 its contributions were on a small scale, and only amounted to £540 2s., but in 1890, when its late respected chief, Bro. Sir F. Burdett, Bart., presided as Chairman at the Girls' School Festival, it raised £1000 for that Institution, its other contributions augmenting the year's total to £1337 15s. 6d. In 1888, when the Girls' School celebrated its Centenary, the Province raised during the year no less than £1816 5s., of which the favoured Charity obtained £1107 14s. 6d. Add to this that at the present time the Province has no presiding officer, its late chief having been dead for many months, while his successor, Bro. Lord George Hamilton, M.P., has not as yet been installed in office, and we have reasons enough for its modest subscription on Wednesday.

Of

## MONMOUTHSHIRE

and its 10 lodges, we can only repeat what we have said in nearly every analysis we have written, that though, for reasons of its own, it elects to support only one Charity in the year, its support is always on a scale which deserves commendation, and is of material assistance to the Institution it favours. In 1888 this Institution had the good fortune to obtain £438 3s., a supplementary contribution of £94 10s. being paid over to the Girls' School on the occasion of its Centenary. In 1889 the Boys' School received £300, and in 1890 the Girls' School Returns included £247 from our Monmouthshire brethren. In 1891 this Institution had its turn, and the subscriptions it received amounted to £325 1s., while last year the Boys' School was supported to the extent of £316 18s., a further sum of £21 from one of the lodges finding its way into the coffers of the R.M.B.I. On Wednesday, the five lodge representatives and Bro. Watkins, Unattached, together compiled £272 8s. 6d.

It was not to be expected that

## NORTHANTS AND HUNTS.

would take a prominent part in Wednesday's proceedings. In the first place, it is a small Province with only 13 lodges on its roll. In the next, though it has developed a considerable amount of activity under its present chief, Bro. the Earl of Euston, his lordship has very kindly promised his services as Chairman at the Girls' School Festival in May next, and very naturally the Province is reserving itself for that occasion. Indeed, we expected to find it among the absentees, but Bro. John T. Reid took upon himself to represent the Wentworth Lodge, No. 737, Wellingborough, as Steward, and in that capacity, handed in the small list of £13 13s. Last year the Province raised £300 10s., of which this Institution secured £255 8s. In 1891 the total was £267 5s., of which £214 15s. was subscribed to the Boys' School, while in 1889, when Bro. Lord Euston was Chairman at the Festival of this Charity, the Province, in supporting his lordship, raised upwards of £900.

## NORTHUMBERLAND

is a stronger Province than the one we have recently dealt with, the number of its lodges being 23, of which, however, only one was represented—the St. John's, No. 7112, Newcastle-on-Tyne—whose Steward, Bro. A. F. Ericsson, had the satisfaction of handing in the very excellent list of £94 10s. But doubtless, the Return would have been on a larger scale and from several lodges, had it not been for the large sum of £1364 4s. which it paid over to the Boys' School in June last, while Bro. Pulman, Unattached, took up a sum of £105 at the Jubilee of this Charity in the preceding February.

Of the 12 lodges in

## OXFORDSHIRE,

exactly one half were Stewards, the Apollo University, No. 357, Oxford, having the good fortune to be represented by two members, Bro. Lord Amphil, who is Prov. G. Master of Bedfordshire, and Bro. R. A. S. Paget, their lists amounting together to £66 17s. 6d. The total from the whole Province was £132 3s. 6d., which is fully up to, if it does not exceed, its average. Last year it subscribed £428 7s. to the Benevolent Jubilee, £99 2s. 6d. to the Girls' School, and £102 5s. to the Wood Green Institution, the total being £629 14s. 6d. In 1891 the Boys' School was the favoured Charity, and received £240 9s. out of a total for the year of £414 2s., while in 1890 the total was £385 6s. 6d., in 1889 only £276, and in 1888, the year of the Girls' Centenary, £656 9s. 6d., of which it is matter of history that the bulk was raised for the senior Charity.

At the last moment

## SOMERSETSHIRE,

with its 26 lodges, was rescued from the absentee list by the act of its Prov. G. Master, Bro. Viscount Dungarvan, who gave his services as Steward, and subscribed £10 10s. to the Festival. At the Benevolent Festival in 1892, the Province figured in the Returns for £613 10s., while at the Boys' School festival in June, 1891, it raised £483 9s. At the Girls' Centenary in 1888, it was entered as contributing £946 1s.

## SUFFOLK

is to be congratulated on its appearance in Wednesday's Returns. The amount, £64 1s., is not excessive, though as a list it is creditable to Bro. Joseph George, Steward for the Stour Valley Lodge, No. 1224, who compiled it. But it did great things last year, more especially when it has to be borne in mind that the county is an agricultural one, and that its lodges, though numbering 22, are not strong numerically. Thus in February, 1892, it raised £1291 14s. for the Benevolent Jubilee, in May, £42 for the Girls' School, and in June, £115 10s. for the Boys' School, or together £1449 4s. In 1890 it raised £619 13s. 6d.; in 1891, £675 2s. 6d.; while in 1889, when Bro. Lord Henniker, P.G.M., presided for the Girls' School, the total of its contributions to the three Charities was £1048 17s. 6d., of which the Girls' obtained £571 13s. 6d., while in 1888, including the subscription to the Girls' Centenary of £517 12s., the total raised was £1195 12s. These are years of successful work which would have justified the Province's non-attendance on Wednesday. Hence the greater the credit due to it for its contribution.

Of the 37 lodges in the Province of

## SURREY,

four took part in the proceedings of this Festival, the aggregate of their contributions being £131 14s. This is a capital sum, considering that last year it raised no less than £2817 19s. 6d., of which £2148 0s. 6d. was in respect of the Benevolent Jubilee, £219 of the Girls' School, and £450 19s. of the Boys' School. In 1888 it raised £1147 18s. for the Girls' Centenary, and for the whole year, £1298 14s., while in 1886, when the late Bro. General Brownrigg, the predecessor of Bro. Col. Money, P.G.M., acted as Chairman at the Girls' School Centenary, it compiled £1346 for the Institution, and including the contributions to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and the Boys' School, £1829 for the whole year.

## SUSSEX,

with only 29 lodges on its roll, had six of them represented by Stewards, while the veteran, Bro. Richard Clowes, was Unattached. The total of the lists was £177 17s., which, after contributing £1038 7s. to the Girls' School, in 1892, in support of the Duke of Connaught's Chairmanship, and £1156 6s. to the

Benevolent Jubilee, with a modest £32 11s. to the Boys' School, and £731 17s. 6d. to the Boys' School in June, 1891, cannot be otherwise described than as most creditable.

There were six Stewards doing duty for

#### WARWICKSHIRE,

and its 31 lodges on Wednesday, one, Bro. Rollason, being the representative of the Leigh Lodge, No. 887, Birmingham, Bro. T. R. Arter and another, that of the Bedford Lodge, No. 925, Birmingham, while the remaining four hailed from the Charity Lodge, No. 1551, of the same town, their lists amounting to £63. In 1892, the sum raised was £2410 4s., of which this Institution obtained £2186 at its Jubilee; the Girls' School, £150 14s.; and the Boys' School, £73 10s. In 1888, it raised £1440 6s. 6d. for the Girls' Centenary, its Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Lord Leigh, being the Hon. Treasurer of the Board of Stewards.

It is rumoured that

#### WEST YORKSHIRE

intends giving its chief support during the current year to the R.M. Institution for Girls, and considering that in June, 1891, its contributions to the Boys' School amounted to £1685 11s., and that in February of last year it gave, inclusive of the sum paid for a Perpetual Presentation to the Male Fund, no less than £3555 to this Institution at its Jubilee, we are not surprised at its intention. However, West Yorkshire is so strong a Province and so earnest and regular in its support of all our Charities, that it sent up a band of 11 Stewards, with a joint contribution of £420. This, we need hardly say, is a most welcome addition to Returns, which could not be expected to be on the scale of ordinary years.

The senior lodge in

#### GUERNSEY,

one of the "Channel Islands," which is without a Provincial organisation, was represented by Bro. J. Balfour Cockburn, whose list reached the very comfortable total of £57 15s. Last year Bro. Le Page represented three of this group of lodges at the Jubilee Festival of this Institution, the sum total of his return being £241 10s. We accordingly congratulate our Guernsey friends on having done so well after so admirable a display last year.

There was only one other outlying station that figured in Wednesday's returns, and that was

#### CYPRUS,

one of whose lodges had Bro. Capt. Kiddle to act in its behalf, as he has done on many previous occasions, his list being, however, apparently limited to his personal donation of £10 10s.

#### CONCLUDING REMARKS.

Our analytical task is ended. Had the labour of discharging it been greater we should have been well content; but as we have again and again pointed out, after so splendid a Return as that of last year in behalf of the Jubilee, we had no reason to expect anything like an average total, though we should gladly have found our expectations disappointed.

### UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

The following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday next, the 1st prox.:

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 7th December, 1892, will be read and put for confirmation.
2. To consider the following notices of motion from the Most Worshipful Grand Master:—

1. That this Grand Lodge do vote the sum of two hundred guineas, from the Fund of General Purposes, in alleviation of the distress of Masonic brethren in St. John's, Newfoundland, occasioned by the disastrous fire in that town, and the above sum be paid to his Excellency Sir Terence O'Brien, K.C.M.G., Past Grand Deacon, Governor of Newfoundland, for distribution at the discretion of the District Grand Master.
2. That this Grand Lodge, sympathising with the sufferings caused by the recent earthquakes in the Island of Zante, do vote the sum of one hundred guineas, from the Fund of General Purposes, in alleviation of the distress occasioned thereby, and that the above sum be paid to the Consul-General of Greece to the credit of the Fund now being raised by him for the relief of the distress in the Island.

#### 3. Election of a M.W. Grand Master.

4. Election of a Grand Treasurer. Bro. Samuel Cochrane, P.M. No. 3, London, the only nomination.

5. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants:—

The widow of a brother of the Lodge of Joppa, No. 188, London	£50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Lodge of Loyalty, No. 86, Prescott Lancashire	50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Stour Valley Lodge, No. 1224, Sudbury, Suffolk	60 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Royal York Lodge, No. 315, Brighton	50 0 0

#### 6. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England. The Board have to report that it has appeared from the return made by a country lodge that a brother had been passed on the 16th May, 1892, who had been initiated on the 19th April, 1892—the 18th April, the day of regular meeting, being a Bank Holiday—contrary to Rule 195 of the Book of Constitutions. The Board decided that the brother irregularly advanced must be re-obligated in the Second and Third Degree before a certificate can be granted.

The following presentations have been made to the library and museum during the year ending 31st December, 1892:

TITLE OR OBJECT.	PRESENTED BY
Records of the Chapter of St. James, No. 2	The Author, W. H. Rylands, P.G. Steward.
Armorial Bearings of the Incorporated Companies of Newcastle	
Engraved Portrait of Inigo Jones	Joseph Wilson, P.M. No. 1155.
Photographs (2) of Interior of Freemasons' Hall, Lahore	H. J. Whympere, C.I.E., P.D.G.M. Punjab.
Constitutions of 1709	
Ebrietas Encomium; or, the Praise of Drunkenness	The Grand Lodge of New York.
Architecture, by R. Blomes, 1686	
Early Printed Literature of Freemasonry	Brackstone Baker, P.G.D.
History of Freemasonry in New York (Vols. 1, 2, and 3)	
Lectures on the Ceremonies of R.A. Masonry in (MS.)	The Author, Alexander Graham, J.D. No. 262.
History of Freemasonry in Shropshire	R. W. Steggles, S.D. No. 2398.
Old Masonic Apron	

TITLE OF OBJECT.	PRESENTED BY
Picart's Religious Ceremonies, &c. (Abridged Translation)	W. J. Hughan, P.G.D.
French Masonic Calendars (20 vols.)	Ernest St. Clair, P.M. No. 2060.
"The Rough Ashlar," Richmond, Virginia (Vol. 1, bound)	The Editor.
Engraving of the Procession of the Scald Miserable Masons (1st Edition, 1742)	The Stewart Lodge, No. 1960.
Masonic Addresses, delivered by T. W. Tew, Esq., P.G.M. W. Yorks	The Author.
Miscellaneous Papers, 1861—1891, by the same	
Masonic Token, 1790	A. R. Carter, P.M. No. 1728.
Lithographed Memorial of the Presentation of the Freemasons' Hall Medal to Lodge No. 75	J. H. Matthews, P.D.G.D.C.
Masonic MSS., Lectures, &c., of the late Bro. John Browning	W. L. Fox, P.M. No. 75
Photograph of Warrant of Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1	Basil Spence, Bendigo, Victoria.
Portrait of Peter Gilkes, P.M., &c.	Charles Belton, P.D.G.D.C.
History of the Royal Masonic Boys' Institution	George Cooper, P.G.D.
Catalogue of Exhibition of Saddlery and Harness	James Terry, P.G.S.B.
Past Master's Presentation Jewel of Lodge No. 229, 1847	J. W. Sherwell, S.W. No. 231.
	W. Hine Haycock.

The thanks of the Board were voted to each of the donors.

The Board also submit a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 13th day of January, showing a balance in the Bank of England (Western Branch) of £3321 12s. 1d., and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £100, and for servants' wages £100, and balance of annual allowance for library, £9 17s. 6d.

(Signed) THOMAS FENN, President.  
Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,  
17th January, 1893.

7. Report of Bro. John Smith, Auditor of the Grand Lodge accounts, of receipts and disbursements during the year 1892.

List of lodges for which warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge:

- No. 2453, The Duke of York Lodge, Cardiff, South Wales.
- 2454, The Guildhall School of Music Lodge, London.
- 2455, The St. Martin's Lodge, London.
- 2456, The Chancery Bar Lodge, London.
- 2457, The St. Anne's Lodge, St. Anne's-on-Sea, Lancashire (W.D.)
- 2458, The Eton Lodge, Eton, Buckinghamshire.
- 2459, The Quilmes Lodge, Quilmes, Argentine Republic.
- 2460, The Ascot Lodge, Ascot, Berkshire.
- 2461, The Duguza Lodge, Stanger, Natal, South Africa.
- 2462, The Clarence Lodge, West Hartlepool, Durham.
- 2463, The Bootle-Wilbraham Lodge, Knotty Ash, West Derby, Lancs. (W.D.)
- 2464, The Longsight Lodge, Longsight, Lancashire (E.D.)
- 2465, The Trident Lodge, Somerset, Bermuda.
- 2466, The Cheerybles Lodge, London.
- 2467, The Pickwick Lodge, London.
- 2468, The St. John's Lodge, Douglas, Isle of Man.

### CONSECRATION OF THE GUILDHALL SCHOOL OF MUSIC LODGE, No. 2454.

On Monday, the 13th inst., a large and distinguished body of musical Masons assembled at the Holborn Restaurant to attend the consecration of this lodge. The idea of it was conceived only a few months ago, yet there were no less than 18 signatures to the petition for a charter, which was readily granted by the M.W. the Grand Master. The lodge is intended to promote friendship and other Masonic qualities among professors and students of the Guildhall School of Music, but Members of the Committee of Management are also eligible for its membership.

The ceremony was performed in a most masterly manner by Bro. E. Letchworth, P.G.D., Grand Sec., who was assisted by Bros. Sir John B. Monckton, as S.W.; T. Fenn, President Board of General Purposes, as J.W.; Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, P.G.C., as Chap.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D., as D.C.; and R. Clowes, P.G.S.B., as I.G. The officers designate in the warrant are Bros. W. Hastings Miller, P.G.S.B.; George F. Smith, P.P.G. Org. Essex; and W. Henry Thomas, P.M., as Master and Wardens respectively.

After the opening of the lodge,

Bro. LETCHWORTH, in addressing the brethren on the object of the meeting, said that the reason of their coming there that day was one which he thought could not fail to win the sympathies and evoke the good wishes of all having at heart the welfare of Freemasonry. He was sure that everyone of them had that welfare at heart, and the ceremony of starting that new lodge had a special interest. The lodge was intimately connected with the Guildhall School of Music—an institution which owed its existence to the enlightened policy of the Corporation of the City of London, and had attained an eminence most remarkably and rapidly. Between music and Masonry there was a strong connection. Music formed an important feature in all Masonic ceremonies, and they were all very proud to have in their ranks some of the most eminent professors of that art. Music had no more munificent or ardent patron than the M.W.G.M., who for 18 years had ruled over the Craft. He most heartily congratulated the founders of the lodge on the fact that the M.W.G.M. had granted to them the warrant of constitution. Warrants in these days were not granted as a matter of course. In granting the warrant for this lodge his Royal Highness the Grand Master performed what was a very agreeable duty to him. He (Bro. Letchworth) congratulated the Guildhall School of Music Lodge on having so well known a brother as Bro. Hastings Miller for the first Worshipful Master to guide and direct them. He thought that under his guidance the Guildhall School of Music Lodge would obtain the reputation which it so well deserved.

The ceremonies attending the reading of the warrant were next proceeded with, and the CHAPLAIN proceeded to deliver the following oration. He said:—

Brethren,—Our ancient brethren were ever striving to make their work as perfect as it could be made in all respects. No labour, either of the brain or the hand, was ever spared. The best that money could buy, was the only material that was good enough for them; the fittest that art could design was the least they could

accept as the plan, and the most careful and attentive labour, given without regard to the expenditure of time or trouble, was the only work for which they paid wages. And the result was that the structure grew to be a perfect harmony of beauty, strength, and wisdom, because every detail was the result of careful study. But they did more than this—they realised that they would pass away. Their work would remain, carried on and completed by others; but they would pass from time to eternity, from this world to the next. And they so loved the work upon which they were engaged, which they knew they could never see even approaching to completion, that one of the great objects of their lives was to secure that those who followed them should be even more expert workmen than they were themselves. There was a very beautiful sympathy in times gone by between the master and his apprentice. There was an absence of all jealousy, which, in these days of competition, it is very hard to understand. The system is passing from us, perhaps it is unavoidable, but certainly, so far as the new system can be judged, we cannot fail to recognise that, whilst there is perhaps some work which is as good and perfect as the old work, there is a great deal that is inferior. Still, however, let us realise and carry out, as far as we can, the great principle which is the foundation of the old relationships between the master and his apprentice. The principle that we shall die, but that so long as the world exists there will be work of all kinds to be done, and that we are responsible not merely for doing well all that we can do with our brains and our hands, but also for providing that when those brains have ceased to work, when those hands have ceased to labour, they are replaced by those which we have taught to do better work than we can do ourselves. In short, the education of the generation which will follow us, is a work in which all must share. I venture to think that this truly Masonic spirit pervades the great institution after which this lodge is named. It has come now to be an acknowledged fact that education without musical instruction is imperfect. We have woken to this fact slowly. The Englishman of 50 years ago was for some reason or other losing his appreciation of music as a necessity of good education. It was beginning to be considered as a luxury for the rich, rather than what must be, if properly taught, most helpful to all classes. When we discover a neglected duty, we usually commence by attempting very badly and in a hurry to make amends for the past. I venture to think that in the teaching of music and also of other things, this is perhaps one of the most serious dangers of the present moment. We are living in days when certificates and diplomas of all kinds are fashionable, and are still believed in by the masses, but we are, I believe, slowly awakening to the fact that a very large number of these documents are, to say the least, misleading. Probably our ancient brethren would have applied to them a stronger expression. I believe I am right in saying that the Guildhall School of Music encourages all good work, and will only give its mark of approval to work which is really good. In this we bid it and our new lodge a hearty God speed.

The anthems and hymns were sung by a large choir of brethren, under the direction of Bro. Henry Guy, and their execution was a model of taste and beauty.

Bro. LETCHWORTH then proceeded to consecrate, dedicate, and constitute the lodge, after which he installed the W.M., who in turn installed his Wardens. The other officers are as follows: Bros. John Greenwood, W.M. 250, I.P.M.; W. H. Cummings, 2127, Treas.; David Strong, 1706, Sec.; Henry Gadsby, P.M. 1706, S.D.; Henry Guy, P.M. 1706, 2182, J.D.; C. Warwick Jordan, Mus. Doc., 2424, I.G.; W. J. Barton, 2381, Org.; Walter Morrow, P.M. 742, D.C.; W. H. Wheeler, 1708, and Walter Syckelmore, I.P.M. 1288, Stwds; H. Klein, 2108; Richard Cummings, I.G. 2000; Arthur Thompson, 1507; Samuel Webb, 9; and James Brand, 1706.

There will be plenty of work during the year, for no less than nine initiates were proposed, and 14 joining members.

The work being completed, the brethren retired to a banquet, at which the following were present:

Bros. T. Hastings Moller, P.G.S.B., W.M.; E. Letchworth, P.G.D., G. Sec.; Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W.; Rev. S. Holme Brownrigg, P.G. Chap.; T. Fenn, Pres. R.G.P.; John Greenwood, I.P.M.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; C. Belton, P.D.G.D.C.; J. L. Mather, P.A.G.D.C.; J. A. Farnfield, P.A.G.D.C.; James Terry, P.G.S.B.; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; W. Ganz, P.G.O.; J. M. McLeod, S.-c. R.M.I.B., P.S.G.W. Derby; J. Barnett, Ivey, R. Cummings, Batho, Thompson, Rowarth, Barton, Org.; R. Clowes, P.G. Std. Br.; Sir Joseph Barnby, Ven. Archdeacon Sinclair, B.D.; H. S. Foster, M.P.; Keirle, Bevan, H. Guy, J.D.; Stocks, H. Sadler, Grand Tyler; Jackson, Harper, Costello, Cureton, Towers, Stimson, Cross, W. H. Cummings, Treas.; Strong, Sec.; C. Moore, Dr. Jordan, I.G.; Coward, May, Wingham, Kemp, Maltster, F. Guy, Clifford, P.P.G. Supt. Wks. Surrey; Calkin, P.P.G. Supt. Wks. Wilts.; S. H. Miller, T. Griffiths, P. Lettwich, Brand, Webb, T. A. Wallworth, Hermann Klein, Morrow, D.C.; Partington, Syckelmore, A.W.S.; Rogers, Wheeler, W.S.; Culver, H. Gadsby, S.D.; and George F. Smith, P.P.G.O. Essex, S.W.

Bro. Sir JOHN B. MONCKTON replied for "The Grand Officers," and pointed out that the Alliance Lodge, also connected with the Corporation, had been most beneficial in bringing together on terms of friendship those interested in the Guildhall. He predicted that the new lodge would effect a similar good.

In responding for the toast of his health as Consecrating Officer, the GRAND SECRETARY showed that, though there were other musical lodges in the Metropolis, there were none having the same unity of purpose.

In proposing "The Health of the W.M.," Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, G. Sec., congratulated the brethren on having secured the services of one whom he described as "an accomplished musician, a useful citizen, a distinguished Mason, and a true friend."

The usual and ordinary speeches followed, but the greater part of the evening was devoted to a charming concert, performed by Miss Jessie Huddleston, Miss Edith Bradshaw, Bros. W. H. Wheeler and Walter L. Jode, accompanied by Bro. W. J. Barton at the piano.

Altogether the Guildhall School of Music Lodge sets out under the happiest auspices, and ought to prove a most valuable addition to Masonic life in London.

The lodge was furnished by Bro. George Kenning.

### STANLEY MASONIC MS.

Bro. William Watson, of Leeds, has again placed the Province of West Yorkshire, and the Craft generally, under a deep debt of obligation by the publication of the "Stanley Masonic MS." of A.D. 1677. The gift of this vellum roll, 10 feet in length and seven inches in width, of the year named, by the esteemed Prov. Grand Master (the R.W. Bro. Thomas W. Tew, J.P.) to the Masonic Library of West Yorkshire, has already been noted. This makes the sixth copy of the "Old Charges" now in this celebrated collection, four of which have been presented by the Prov. Grand Master, and one each by Bros. J. W. Cocking and W. F. Tomlinson, the latter being on behalf of T. R. Clapham, Esq., the actual donor. The number now in the West Yorkshire Masonic Library, of such invaluable and curious MSS., is larger than in any other Masonic Collection, and is only exceeded by the eight in the British Museum. There are five in the "York Lodge,"

No. 236; four in the Grand Lodge of England and in the Dumfries Kilwinning Lodge, No. 53; and three each in the Masonic Library of Worcestershire and the "Quatuor Coronati" Lodge, No. 2076, London.

The Masonic Library and Museum of West Yorkshire is undoubtedly the finest of the kind in Europe, with the exception of the Grand Lodge of England, and, as we have already intimated in respect to copies of the "Old Charges" in MS., it has no equal save in our National Collection. Not only so, but the "William Watson MS." is only of less importance than the "Regius" and "Cooke" MSS. in the British Museum. It is clear then that the R.W. Bro. T. W. Tew knows how to appreciate such documents, and where to place them; the Hon. Librarian, Bro. Watson, being particularly clever and successful in obtaining them. We congratulate both brethren most heartily and sincerely, and all the more because reproductions of all these MSS. have now been published, partly in facsimile, and circulated far and wide, at the sole expense of the respected Provincial Grand Master.

Bro. Watson has written an able and very interesting introduction to the "Stanley MS.," pointing out its peculiarities, and quoting from two special experts on the subject—Bros. W. J. Hughan and Dr. W. Bege-mann—so that the numerous readers and owners of this handsome and accurate reproduction will find a mass of information to guide them in forming their estimate of the value and importance of this particular scroll.

The doggerel lines which follow the MS. proper, Bro. Watson states "are in a different handwriting and of a more recent period." Bro. Speth (another well-known and respected expert) has placed the date of these lines at an earlier period than Bro. Watson is inclined to admit, the latter authority preferring the opinion expressed by Bro. Hughan as to its more modern caligraphy, even possibly so late as the third decade of the last century. We are not prepared to express any view on this point, preferring to await the researches and decision of those who have made these MSS. their life-study.

We unite with Bro. Watson in the hope that the members of the "York" Lodge, No. 236, will soon agree to their five MSS. being republished, for though reproduced by Bro. Hughan years ago, they are now (as Bro. Watson states) "seldom to be obtained, and even then only at a heavy premium." Will not Bro. Joseph Todd, P.M. and Treas. No. 236, undertake this duty, who already has done so much for this distinguished lodge, and at the same time favour us with a history of Lodge No. 236, and the "Grand Lodge of all England" at York in one volume?

We beg to thank Bro. Watson for this the sixth copy of his valuable series of Masonic reprints.

### CONSECRATION OF THE LEGIOLIUM MARK LODGE, No. 457, AT CASTLEFORD.

The consecration of the above Mark lodge took place on Wednesday, the 8th inst., at Castleford, in the presence of Bros. C. Letch Mason, Prov. Grand Master; John Barker, P.G.I. of W., acting as Deputy Prov. Grand Master; T. W. Embleton, Prov. S.G.W.; C. J. Schott, Prov. J.G.W.; and the following:

Bros. W. D. Shoebridge, Prov. G.M.O.; William Flockton, Prov. S.G.O.; Wm. Haigh, as Prov. J.G.O.; W. Wilkinson, Prov. G. Chap.; G. F. Carr, Prov. G. Treas.; Tudor Trevor, Prov. G. Sec.; G. H. Parke, Prov. S.G.D.; Richard Hodgson, Prov. J.G.D.; Alfred Gill, P.P.G.I. of W.; J. J. Martin, Prov. G.S.B.; George Carbert, Prov. G. Org.; T. Robertshaw, Prov. G.I.G.; T. G. Howell, T. D. Laycock, Leach, and H. S. Holdsworth, P.P.S.G.W., Prov. G. Stwds.; G. H. Radcliff, P.P.S.G.O.; Henry Oxley, P.P.G. Treas.; G. H. Schofield, Thomas B. Wilson, C. H. Waterhouse, Alfred Wilson, C. Middleton, W.M., J. H. Newton, Robert Abbott, T. Nicholson, John Ripley, C. A. Phillips, Thomas Thorp, A. G. Mabin, J. E. Mann, and J. B. Corbitt, 111; Alfred Leach, 110; Henry Smith, and others.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER addressed the brethren on the nature of the meeting and the reason of the foundation of a Mark lodge at Castleford. There were in Castleford some 17 or 18 Mark Masons who had to come to Leeds, and the train service not being convenient they had determined to have a lodge of their own at Castleford. The warrant having been read and the founders having given their approval of the officers named in the warrant, the Prov. Grand Master then delivered the following oration:

My first words to-day shall be words of congratulation to the brethren of Castleford, on the consecration of their Mark lodge, and my next shall be words of regret that our old, esteemed, and well-beloved friend and Deputy Prov. Grand Master, the Rev. Thomas Cartwright Smyth, D.D., Past Grand Chaplain of England, is not with us. Our worthy brother had most kindly promised to deliver the oration on the present occasion, and I am sure we all deeply sympathise with him on the loss he has sustained by the death of his only and well-beloved child. Brethren, conversant as we are with the ceremonies of the Mark Degree, we cannot be insensible to the teaching that underlies our peculiar rites and ceremonies. We see the candidate going forth in the enthusiasm of his work, exercising his skill and ingenuity, carefully preparing his work, and presenting it, when to his sorrow and confusion he finds it rejected and ordered to be heaved over amongst the rubbish as useless. Mark Masonry has existed for years, its friends have worked hard on its behalf, but ever it has been placed in the back-ground and cast aside as being no integral mark of Masonry, yet the time came when it was found to contain the connecting link, to compress and cement the whole fabric of Masonry in one firm and solid whole. In our daily intercourse of life we find there are some who are steadily working on, pursuing their way quietly and inoffensively, the world watches them, pities them, and even holds them up to ridicule, yet the time comes when some more important work is required to be done, some post of danger is required to be occupied, or when some true philanthropist is needed to take the head and guide the helm, where is he to be found, even from among those who previously have been held up to scorn, as leading, spending useless lives, Mark Masonry teaches us with no uncertain sound, not to be discouraged by want of success, we have all our allotted task to fulfil, and whatever may be our lot, whether great or insignificant, whether in the front or in the rear, we each have our own special work to do; our works, our actions, our words, may all be misunderstood, improper motives may be attributed to us, yet, let us steadily pursue our way, and although we may in the moment of disappointment and vexation exclaim, "Alas, alas, my labour is lost," yet it is not so, and we shall in due time, if we faint not, reap our reward, and then, clasping our hands in an ecstasy of joy, exclaim with the Craftsman of old, "Thank be to God, I have my reward." In this Degree the advantages of education and refinement are forcibly impressed upon our minds, and it has been aptly termed the Degree of uprightness. The upright man—what a flood of thought those words bring to our recollection. Who can properly estimate the upright man, the man who always acts upon the square; one who always thinks of



the wants of others before his own; wherever sorrow or suffering is to be found, there we find him, always doing to others as he would have others do to him, dealing fairly with all men, taking no mean advantage, or in the words so well-known to all of us, "one to whom the burdened heart may pour forth its sorrows, to whom distress may prefer its suit, whose head is guided by justice and his heart expanded by benevolence." What do the emblems of this Degree teach us? Even this, that as the trowel spreads the cement which binds all the building closely together, thus we are symbolically taught to spread brotherly love, affection, and kindness amongst mankind. The hour glass reminds us that life is quickly passing away, and warns us to improve the remaining portion of our lives; the rope and anchor remind us of a well-spent life, and teaches us to look forward to that time when we shall be safely anchored in that peaceful haven "where the wicked cease from troubling, and where the weary are at rest." The axe teaches us to avoid the danger of indulging in deception, but to act openly with our fellow men, so that, with minds conscious of right, we need fear no detection or dread explosive, but walk onwards with consciences void of offence towards God and man. The All-seeing eye reminds us forcibly of the vigilance and unceasing watchfulness of the T.G.O.O.T.U., who it continually watching over us, and whatever be our faults, however we may neglect our various tasks, whether indolence or apathy, cause us to be indifferent to the call of duty, the eye of T.G.O.O.T.U. never slumbers or sleeps, thereby teaching us to take heed of our steps, to be cautious in our demeanour, and to avoid offending with our tongue. Let the words which surmount the tracing board, "*Lapis reprobatus caput angeli*," keep forcibly before us the leading truth inculcated in this degree, viz., on the one hand the fallibility of human judgment, and on the other the comforting assurance derived from a belief in the existence of a heavenly judge, to whose unerring, impartial, and, we trust, merciful tribunal, our life work will hereafter have to be submitted. Let us remember God seeth not as man seeth, for man looketh on the outward appearance, but God looketh on the heart, and, while in an honest endeavour to frame our conduct by the plans laid down for our guidance, interpreting them to the best of our ability by the imperfect light vouchsafed to us, we may be misjudged and misunderstood by our fellow creatures. Yet let us confidently place our reliance on T.G.O.O.T.U., and look for our reward from Him, who is as merciful as He is unerring, ever remembering that the stone rejected by the builders, possessing merits to them unknown, ultimately became the head stone of the corner. So may we, by patient continuance in well doing, be built up as living stones into a spiritual house meet for the G.O.O.T.U.

The ceremony of consecration was then proceeded with, and at the conclusion Bro. George Frederick Carr, P.M., Prov. G. Treas., was installed first Master of the lodge. He then appointed and invested the following officers: Bros. Thomas Bland Wilson, S.W.; Alfred Wilson, J.W.; Charles Arthur Phillips, M.O.; George Henry Schofield, S.O.; Albert George Mabin, J.O.; Thomas Beach (elected) Treas.; John Ripley, Sec.; Charles Hailes Waterhouse, S.D.; Maj. William Waterhouse, J.D.; Joseph Nicholson, I.G.; and James Edward Mann and John Henry Corbitt, Stewards.

Several brethren were proposed for advancement, and hearty congratulations having been tendered, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, after which a pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent.

#### MASONIC REPRINTS.—VOL. IV.

The new volume of the justly celebrated and invaluable "Masonic Reprints" of the "Quatuor Coronati" Lodge, No. 2076, London, is now being delivered to subscribers, and a most sumptuous work it is, artistically and Masonically. Volume IV. will rank as one of the best of this important series, because of the variety and very interesting character of the texts selected for reproduction. There are four complete facsimiles of MSS. or versions of the "Old Charges," and one partly so, besides four complete transcripts and five able introductions, so that even if the subject be new to some of the subscribers—which is quite possible—the excellent essays on the distinctive features of each text or version by Bro. G. W. Speth, the ever-active Secretary, enables even the veriest tyro of a Masonic student to rightly appreciate the peculiarities of each of the selected scrolls.

The "Grand Lodge No. 1" MS. is beyond question one of the most valuable of all the rolls preserved, as it bears date the 25th December, 1583, and is beautifully written for the period. The "Lansdowne" is supposed to be about the same age, but it is not dated. It cost the Grand Lodge only £25 in 1839, and is a veritable treasure. Bro. H. Sadler had it reproduced in his "Masonic Facts and Fictions," 1887, and a portion in facsimile, and I had it in my "Old Charges of British Freemasons," 1872, but my transcript was not so accurate.

The "Grand Lodge No. 2" MS. was only lately acquired through Bro. Sadler at something like one-sixth of its actual value, and is of the utmost consequence as a text, confirming as it does the "Harleian MS. 1942" in the British Museum. The additional articles are peculiar to these two MSS. and Roberts' print of 1722, and, all the authorities consulted, date the roll "about the middle of the seventeenth century," which seems a just estimate. Justice has not yet been done to this particular family of MSS., for with the special rules and the "charges belonging to an apprentice," the MSS. of this version or text are exceedingly curious and suggestive.

The "Buchanan MS." is a fine roll, and written in a bold hand—late 17th century. Bro. George Buchanan kindly lent it to me to transcribe before presenting it to the Grand Lodge in 1880, and I gave my copy to Bro. R. F. Gould to have reproduced in his noble "History of Freemasonry." Its beginning is unusual, and so also the conclusion, the latter apparently being a survival of a much older period.

What is known as "Mrs. Dodd's MS." is a typographical reproduction of "The Beginning and First Foundation of the Most Worthy Craft of Masonry, with the Charges thereunto belonging," and was issued in 1739. It is very rare, the only copy known in Europe being the one preserved in the library of the Grand Lodge of England, which was presented quite recently by Bro. John A. Farnfield. Bro. E. T. Carson, of Cincinnati, Ohio, has one, which was purchased for him at the late Bro. Spencer's sale of Masonic works in 1875 for 23s., but of course the price then paid was in no wise indicative of the real value of the treasure. The third copy is in the magnificent library of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, and belonged to my lamented friend, Bro. R. F. Bower. The handsome little book was reprinted by that enthusiastic Masonic Bibliographer, Bro. Carson, in 1876, and, like the present reproduction, is equal in all respects to the original.

The "Harris MS., No. 2," was discovered by Bro. John Lane and myself, bound up with a Grand Lodge Calendar of 1781 in the British Museum, and partakes of the character of the "Harris MS., No. 1," owned by the "Bedford Lodge," No. 157, London, and the "Dumfries Kilwinning MS., No. 3," the property of the Dumfries Kilwinning Lodge, No. 53. The

latter is given by Bro. James Smith in his most attractive little history of that old and famous lodge, and the two pages in facsimile give a capital idea of the style and make-up of the MS. generally.

Bro. Speth has taken great pains to make the transcripts accurate and faithful reproductions of the originals, and he has succeeded most admirably. Doubtless this volume and its immediate predecessor (Vol. III) will soon be out of print, as the first two published, and at half-a-guinea per copy, are marvels of cheapness and excellence combined. It is only by the large number of subscribers that such gems can be published at such small sums.

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W. J. HUGHAN.

#### THE GRAND LODGE OF ULSTER.

By HENRY SADLER.

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under its protection and granting Warrants, &c., therein. It is my wish to assimilate our proceedings as much as possible with those of England, and, therefore, I have to request the favour of you to afford me such advice, and furnish such documents as may enable me to effectuate this, and which I shall entreat of you to remit by the Bearer, who will call on you for that purpose previous to his leaving town.

We have here another Degree, styled Knights Templars, which is very prevalent among the lower kind of Masons and Military Lodges throughout the kingdom—who act wholly independent of the Grand Lodge—obtain warrants, and are registered, &c., by persons wholly unauthorized, but who assume a pretended power of doing so—nay, warrants for Knights Templars degree have come to my hands under the signature of persons who were suspended from Masonry by order of the Grand Lodge for gross misconduct.

To put a stop to many evils which have arisen, and are likely to arise, from such proceedings, it has been submitted to take this Degree under the cognizance of the Grand; not only as a measure of regulation, but also of finance, for I think that the funds of the Order will derive near £500 by it. Now I write to know if your Grand Lodge recognises in any respect the Degree of Knight Templars—or if such a Degree is even known to you, and whether you have any and what powers (save those given by the late Act of Parliament, under which I conceive all irregular meetings of Masons, or persons styling themselves such, may be effectually suppressed) by which you can check, controul, or regulate disorders and irregularities committed in this Degree?

We have no means of ascertaining the precise nature of the reply to the foregoing; but from the fact that the Ancients never issued either Royal Arch or Templar warrants (being of opinion that an ordinary lodge warrant empowered the holders thereof to work the Royal Arch, or 4th Degree as they termed it), it was probably not quite what was expected.

So far as I can learn, the Ancients never interfered in any way with the Knights Templar Degree, and all that they insisted upon with regard to the Royal Arch was that every brother exalted to that Degree should be registered in the books of the Grand Chapter, for which registration the nominal sum of three shillings was charged.

The Grand Lodge of Ireland, i.e., the regular Grand Lodge, had apparently determined upon taking the Orders of Knights Templar and Royal Arch under its "protection," or, in other words, annexing them; consequently on the 5th of September, 1805, certain regulations for the better government of these Degrees were passed in that Grand Lodge, those relating to the Royal Arch being evidently an adaptation of the Royal Arch regulations of the "Ancients" in England, with the addition that Royal Arch warrants should be issued on payment of one guinea, while for a Knights Templar warrant the charge was fixed at *two guineas*. It will be remembered that the chief grievance of the Northern and Military lodges was the interference of the Grand Lodge with what they considered their rights with regard to the working of the Royal Arch and Knights Templar Degrees. They doubtless considered it a case of "taxation without representation," and in all probability there would have been no Grand Lodge of Ulster had the Dublin authorities been content with charging a merely nominal fee for registration and for a certificate.

In justice, however, to the Grand Officers it is only fair to remark that they had very good reasons for endeavouring to increase the revenue of the Grand Lodge, that body having but recently established and taken under its care a school for the maintenance and education of the "Female Orphan Children of Free and Accepted Masons," to support which excellent Institution funds were badly needed. The remainder of Bro. Boardman's correspondence is of a personal nature, with the exception of a letter dated 2nd November, 1806, in which he describes the recent disturbances at considerable length, but as the same ground was traversed a few months later by the Deputy Grand Master, with probably more care, in a letter intended for the edification of the "Ancient" Grand Lodge of England, I will not trouble the Editor with transcripts of both these documents, but will give the preference to the latter, which may be deemed strictly official, and which doubtless influenced the "Ancients" in the decisive measures, already mentioned, as having been adopted by them against Seton and his adherents.

Dublin, 3 June, 1807.

Right Worshipful Sir and Brother,

I am favoured with your letter of the 30th ulto., and beg to express my satisfaction at the opening of a correspondence with a Brother who I have been prepared to esteem, not only on account of his high station in the Order of Free

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1893.

**Masonic Notes.**

The first of the great Masonic Festivals of the year was held at Freemasons' Tavern under the presidency of Bro. Charles E. Keyser, and though, after what happened last year, the Board of Stewards was comparatively small and the Returns amounted to no more than £8305, the result must be regarded as a success. However, we congratulate the Chairman, and the ladies and brethren who so earnestly supported him, on the completion of their task, and the satisfactory proof they have furnished that something considerable is still possible after the strain of last year's effort, if people will only exert themselves to achieve it.

At the Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge, which will be held on Wednesday, the 1st prox., two motions will be brought forward on behalf of his Royal Highness the Grand Master, which there can be no doubt will command the sympathy of the whole English Craft. The first of them proposes that a sum of £210 shall be voted to our Newfoundland brethren who suffered grievous losses of property by the destruction of their hall and its contents in the conflagration which laid in ruins the whole of the city of St. John's. The vote will no doubt be carried by acclamation, and will be doubly acceptable by the Craft in the colony—(1) as relieving them *pro tanto* of the pressure on their means in order to replace what was burnt; (2) as an exhibition of the fraternal sympathy which their losses have elicited from the English brethren.

The other motion is to vote a grant of £105 in aid of the sufferers by the recent earthquakes in the Island of Zante, and will equally command the sympathies of Grand Lodge and the brethren generally. Such a vote in a case of this kind is especially valuable, as it shows that though Freemasonry recognises the force of the adage that—"Charity begins at home"—it does not limit its charitable operations to the home circle.

We note that since the last Quarterly Communication in December, the M.W. Grand Master has granted warrants for the constitution of 16 new lodges, of which five meet in London, eight in the Provinces, and three in Districts Abroad. The new Provincial lodges are situated in Berkshire (1), Buckinghamshire (1), Durham (1), West Lancashire (2), East Lancashire (1), South Wales, East Division (1), and Isle of Man (1). The three lodges abroad are located in the Argentine Republic, Bermuda, and Natal (South Africa) respectively.

A novel point in connection with the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys has arisen in connection with the recent alteration of the date of the Council meeting. The laws specify that the election of one-third of the members of the Board of Management shall take place at the Quarterly Court in April, and that nominations for this Board shall be made at the Council in March. The Council in March this year happens to fall on Good Friday, and, by an exceptional clause of Law 48, the meeting is postponed to the following Friday (April 7th). Hence there is no Council in March. We venture to think, however, that the meeting on April 7th is the March meeting, and that nominations made at the later or postponed date will be perfectly valid. This "crux" is only another instance of the difficulties created by a moveable Easter.

We regret to record the death, quite suddenly, on Monday last, of Bro. C. J. Banister, 33, in his 78th year. Bro. Banister has been ailing for some time but no apprehension of his immediate death were entertained by his family. Bro. Banister was a much respected member of the 33, having filled the office of Inspector-General of the North Eastern District for many years. He was also a P.G.S.B. in the Craft, P.G.D.C. in the Royal Arch, and Prov. Prior K.T. Northumberland. We shall hope to give some account of our brother's Masonic career in a future issue, and in the meantime we tender our respectful sympathy to the family.

**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.]

**THE PREFIX OF WORSHIPFUL.**

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

My reply to the letter of your correspondent, "Not a Steward," which appeared in your issues of last week and the previous week respectively, was scarcely an answer to the question he raised; at least, I have come to think so on further consideration.

I ought to, and do, thank him for calling my attention to the point. I have since had my attention directed to the Book of Constitutions, which shows he is perfectly correct in his assertion that all brethren who have attained to the rank of Installed Master are entitled to the prefix W. (for Worshipful). I must therefore ask him, and all whom it may concern, to regard the omission as an oversight on my part.

I have great reluctance to writing letters for publication, for an error in print is a standing vexation. Could I write my letter of last week again I should withdraw the words "nor does this lodge;" because certainly this lodge abides rigidly by the Book of Constitutions.

It is evident that I, personally, made an error of omission.—I am, yours truly and fraternally,

W. G. KENTISH.

February 23rd.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I feel bound to acknowledge the good-natured courtesy of Bro. Kentish's letter in reference to mine, anent the prefix "W.," and to thank him for his kindness in offering me an invitation to the supper next Friday, and I regret I am unable to accept it.

I have for some years hoped to have had the pleasure of attending this supper, and, indeed, still indulge the hope; but *even, fugans anni labuntur*.

I would also (as I thought I had already done) assure him that it was not in my mind that the omission was an act of intention.—Faithfully and fraternally yours,

NOT A STEWARD.

P.S.—If I sent him my card he would but still exclaim, "Who is he?" so that it is useless to trouble him with it.

February 18th.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

It is not my custom to interfere in matters which do not concern me, but I have been so struck by the letter of W. Bro. Kentish in your last issue, that I cannot refrain from asking you to allow me to comment on it.

W. Bro. Kentish, who is a P.M. of two lodges and a P.P.G.D. (as I see by advertisement of the Festival), states that he "was not aware that the *late Grand Secretary* had laid it down as law that the prefix should be used in connection with the names of *ordinary brethren* who have not attained to Grand Lodge honours" (the italics are mine); and, again, "I do not pretend to be an authority on such matters, nor does this lodge."

Can it be possible that the Secretary of the premier "Lodge of Instruction and Improvement" has never read his Book of Constitutions? How else can one account for a Grand Secretary being given credit for "laying down as law" the rule given in the note to Constitution 6 (page 20), where it expressly states: "The title or address of 'Worshipful' (W.) is to be used . . . by the present and past Masters of lodges." Observe, it does not say "may be used."

Surely every document emanating from the Emulation Lodge of Instruction ought to be a model of correctness, and the Secretary ought to be an authority on such an ordinary point as the knowledge of the correct prefix due to each brother.

It seems to me an extraordinary thing to say that this lodge, to which we are all accustomed to look up to as an authority on Masonic procedure, avows ignorance on such matters, and I, for one, cannot admit that any portion of the Book of Constitutions is too trivial to be obeyed.—Yours fraternally,

PAST PROVINCIAL.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

It is rather amusing to note that the brother who complained in yours of the 11th inst., and also the Secretary of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement by his reply, both appear to be unaware that the proper use of the prefix is authoritatively settled by the note to Rule 6, Book of Constitutions.—Yours fraternally,

PROVINCIAL.

February 18th.

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

It is somewhat singular that "Not a Steward" and W. Bro. Kentish both allude to a circular issued some years ago from the Grand Secretary's office on the subject of prefixes, whilst neither refers to the Book of Constitutions—Note to Rule 6, which says:

"The title, or address of 'Worshipful' (W.) is to be used by the rest of the Present and Past Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge and by the Present and Past Masters of the lodge."

I am accustomed to refer to the ritual of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement as the standard of perfection, and am surprised not to find it in the advertisement referred to.

I am not surprised at the Stewards not complaining; they naturally leave it to others to draw attention to the omission, to give them the honour to which they are entitled.—Yours fraternally,

W.P.M.

**PROVINCE OF MIDDLESEX AND SURREY.**

To the Editor of the "*Freemason*."

Dear Sir and Brother,

At the dissolution of the above province the Treasurer had over £100 in hand, and it appears to me that the amount belonged equally to the 29 lodges who had contributed to it. The notice on the agenda of Grand Mark Lodge provides for this sum being paid to the 11 lodges forming the new Provinces of Middlesex and Surrey, and the lodges left in the London District get nothing. Surely the only fair way of dividing the money is to give each lodge of the old province about £2 10s.—Yours fraternally,

JUSTICE.

### MASONIC FEMALE ORPHAN SCHOOL, DUBLIN.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The insertion of the following letter in your next issue will greatly oblige me:

I have been asked to obtain signatures to the memorial of a little girl whose friends wish to get her into our Masonic Female Orphan School. She is the daughter of the late Bro. Joseph Sharples Dalton, Sergeant-Major York and Lancaster Volunteers, who died at Doncaster in October last from cancer.

He was, I find, a subscribing member of Danum Mark Lodge, No. 398, Doncaster, and it occurred to me that the some of the brethren of this lodge, who know personally about the case, might be willing to add their names to those of their Irish brethren who are working the matter in Dublin.

Should this meet the eye of any brethren of 398, they will be materially furthering the cause of Masonic Charity if they will forward their names to me, and I would suggest that some one brother of the lodge should collect the names, and send them all together, as we could not keep adding them one by one to the memorial, which should be printed very soon.—Yours fraternally,

JOHN W. GODDARD,

P.M. No. 728 (I.C.).

136, Leinster-road, Rathmines Co., Dublin,  
February 20th.



### Craft Masonry.

#### METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

**Merchant Navy Lodge (No. 781).**—A regular meeting was held at the Silver Tavern, Limehouse, on the 7th inst., under the presidency of Bro. F. H. Gooch, W.M., when the following were present: Bros. G. Palmer, P.M.; J. H. Pringle, P.M.; Reeves, P.M.; S. N. Timson, P.M.; W. E. Turriff, S.W.; Anderson, J.W.; T. B. Daniell, P.M., Treas.; C. Breden, P.M., Sec.; G. H. Seage, S.D.; T. D. Burgess, J.D.; J. Groat, Org.; A. Bebbroth, D.C.; J. Lancett, I.G.; A. W. Ellingford, Tyler; J. R. Speck, F. C. Richards, H. T. Mitchell, jun., F. Huett, H. E. West, J. R. Butler, T. Howell, H. Lane, G. E. Morrow, J. W. Shaw, A. Jacobs, R. Saville, W. H. Thrift, J. Spurgeon, sen., R. T. Reader, H. Truscott, A. Hurrey, F. Hughes, H. V. Vickars, and others. Visitors: Bros. J. J. Walker, 1805; G. J. Burrows, 1805; A. Aves, 808; G. W. Scratton, B. S. Reed, J. Mills, 1765; and others.

The lodge being duly opened, the work of the lodge was proceeded with. Messrs. W. Ruck and A. Wintle were initiated, and Bros. Brown, Matthews, Runce, and Shaw having been passed and Bros. Speck and Colquhoun raised, the Auditors were elected.

Other Masonic business having been transacted, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and honoured.

Bros. Anderson, Palmer, Burgess, and others contributed to the harmony, Bro. J. Groat, the able Organist, acting as accompanist.

#### Duke of Edinburgh Lodge (No. 1259).

On Tuesday, the 7th inst., a regular meeting of the above lodge took place at the Eastern Hotel, Limehouse, Bro. W. J. Truppitt, W.M., presiding. The officers present included R. Fielder, S.W.; J. Lusty, J.W.; C. Wakefield, P.M., Treas.; G. Parrett, P.M., Sec.; Frank Adams, S.D.; J. Westmorland, J.D.; J. R. Omer, P.M., D.C.; J. Cote, I.G.; E. H. Seddons, Org.; J. Very, Tyler; Geo. Dixon, J. R. Laurance, E. Grant, W. Mitchell, H. Warner, B. Loader, W. Hancock, J. E. Wright, W. Davies, R. McPhee, H. Loader, and J. F. Munroe. Visitors: F. Neale, 1781, and J. Mills, 1765.

Lodge being opened, Mr. R. O. Hindewell was initiated, and Bros. Hancock and Mitchell were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. It was proposed by Bro. G. Parrett, P.M., and seconded by Bro. J. R. Omer, that the sum of 15 guineas be placed on the list of Bro. Fielder, S.W., who represents the lodge as Steward at the forthcoming Festival of the Boys' Institution. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshments.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were heartily proposed and responded to.

Bro. Parrett referred in sympathetic terms of the serious illness of the late Secretary, Bro. Buchan, P.M.

Various musical brethren contributed their share of songs to enliven the proceedings. Among them were Bros. Hindewell, Parrett, Adams, and others.

The Tyler's toast closed a well spent evening.

#### Granite Lodge (No. 1328).

A very successful meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Saturday, the 11th instant, when Bro. G. T. Chretien was installed as W.M. The members present were Bros. F. H. A. Hardcastle, W.M.; G. T. Chretien, S.W.; W. J. Mason, P.M.; J. W. West, P.M.; D.P.G.M. Surrey, Treas.; J. Lewis Thomas, P.M., P.A. G.D.C., Sec.; R. Philip Upton, J.D.; Chas. Smith; V. A. R. Longman, I.G.; W. H. Tonkin, P.M.; J. Oliver, P.M.; T. Wilson, P.M.; B. Turner, P.M.; J. W. J. Oswald, P.M.; K. Masfield, P.M.; R. White, P.M.; and others. Visitors: Bros. Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.C.; Col. J. Peters, P.G.S.B.; E. Blinkhorn, P.M. 1451; C. M. Conon, W.M. 1471; F. E. Bennett, P.M. 773; J. Duncan, P.M. 59; A. Lamb, P.P.G.D. of C. Surrey; J. W. Hare, P.M. 1194; G. C. Castrell, P.M. 1592; W. H. Richards, P.P.G.C. Warwickshire; R. E.

Glasspool, P.P.G.S.B. Hants; S. Gabriel, 1201; George Davis, P.M. 167; T. P. Dorman, P.P.G.S. of W. Hants; E. T. Rodney Wilde, P.M. 1718; W. R. Emerson, Org. 45; W. de Manby Sergison, P.M. 1383; F. H. Cheesewright, J.W. 907; W. Stevenson Hoyte, W.M. 4; P. Sharpe, P.M. 867; E. Gray, jun., I.G. 65; S. Barnby, 21; L. W. Woodhouse, 1962; A. Blackmore, 1319; J. A. King, 163; and W. W. Lee, W.M. 2381.

Lodge was opened, the minutes were confirmed, and a candidate was raised to the Third Degree. Bro. Geo. T. Chretien was presented as W.M. elect, and was duly installed into the chair in the presence of a large number of Installed Masters. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. W. J. Mason, P.M., S.W.; R. P. Upton, J.W.; F. West, P.M., Treas.; J. Lewis Thomas, P.M., Sec.; E. Fawkes, S.D.; C. Smith, J.D.; and V. A. R. Longman, I.G. Bro. Hardcastle, I.P.M., was presented with a Past Master's jewel in recognition of his services to the lodge. The W.M. having expressed his intention of serving as Steward for the Boys' School, Bro. J. Lewis Thomas, P.M., Treasurer, immediately proposed, and it was unanimously resolved, that 10 guineas should be voted to support his list. An anthem was sung by Bros. Barnby, Prenton, Evans, and Emerson, and the lodge was closed.

A banquet at the Holborn Restaurant was followed by the usual toasts, the speeches in connection with which were commendably brief, in order that an excellent selection of music might be enjoyed.

Bro. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G. Chap., replied for "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," after which Bro. Hardcastle, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and said he had been acquainted with Bro. Chretien for 13 years, and there was no sounder Mason than their W.M. in the lodge. Bro. Chretien was a Mason who took up Masonry, not for amusement, but, liking it from the first, believed in it, and it was therefore a great joy to see him occupying the chair.

Bro. G. T. Chretien, W.M., thanked the I.P.M. and brethren. Every initiate, he said, looked forward to occupy the chair, and having passed through the inferior offices, at last attained the position. He could only say that the brethren having elected him, he should do his best to carry out the duties in the way they should be done, and if he failed it would not be from will, but power.

Bros. Lamb, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, and Colonel Rodney Wilde, P.M. 1718, acknowledged the toast of "The Visitors" in cordial terms, and congratulated the lodge on its satisfactory position and its present W.M.

Bro. F. H. A. Hardcastle, I.P.M., on behalf of "The Past Masters," said there were many members of that body who had preceded him, who had conferred more honour upon the lodge than he had been able to do, but there were none among them more an admirer of the beautiful ritual and principles of the Craft, of which they had heard something that night. He had confidence that the Past Masters would be amongst the lodge's most faithful friends and firmest adherents.

Bro. F. West, P.M., Treas., responded for "The Treasurer and Secretary," and Bro. Lewis Thomas, P.M., Sec., expressed his pride at seeing the great success of the lodge, and he was never more proud of it than that night, to see one of their oldest members filling the chair. He was very glad to find they had such an excellent occupant of the chair, who would perform the ceremonies in a manner equal to the best working in the Metropolis.

Bro. W. J. Mason, S.W., in response for "The Officers," said the brethren need be under no apprehension that he should mar their enjoyment by any lengthy speech. They were pleased to see the W.M. occupying the chair in his mother lodge, and the officers would do their best to carry out the best traditions of Freemasonry. Every member would extend to the W.M. the right hand of fellowship, and when he vacated the chair would be able to say he had been well supported.

The Tyler's toast then closed a pleasant evening.

Under the direction of Bro. W. Emerson, the following artistes assisted in an excellent musical programme: Madame Dunbar Perkins (violin), Master Hopkins, Bros. Sidney Barnby, Richard Evans, Hy. Prenton, and Tom Taylor.

#### Kennington Lodge (No. 1381).

This flourishing lodge held its installation meeting at the Horns Hotel, Kennington Park, on Tuesday, the 7th instant, when there was a large attendance of brethren. Amongst the members present were Bros. J. Dennis, W.M.; A. Lundie, S.W.; J. N. Hearn, J.W.; George Everett, P.M., P.G. Treas., Treasurer; W. Stuart, P.M., Secretary; Geo. Millson, J.D.; C. Colwell, I.G.; R. B. Hopkins, Org.; C. H. Kohler, P.M.; J. La Feuillade, P.M.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W. Middlesex; J. Cockburn, P.M.; H. Higgins, P.M.; W. W. Westley, P.M.; R. La Feuillade, P.M.; H. F. Foale, P.M.; R. Lingley, P.M.; and others. Visitors: Bros. J. M. McLeod, P.P. S.G.W. Derbyshire, Sec. R.M.I.B.; J. Wilson, P.M. 209; J. Bunker, P.M. 1158; C. J. Kimbell, 2348; W. Radcliffe, P.M., Sec. 211; C. Crowther, 2308; W. Barnes, 1624; A. Robertson, 2345; Wm. Lile, 1313; J. Hudson, 975; F. W. Upton, S.D. 619; S. G. Murray, 619; W. D. Becket, P.M. 780; S. F. Lucas, 2395; F. G. Holden, 2202; John Hattersley, P.M. 1600; Edward Ayling, P.M. 975; F. Arnold, 1624; A. Walker, 2348; H. Keep, P.M. 1464; F. Peck, 2272; W. G. Lowe, W.M. 2348; M. Brousson, 1839; J. Farmer, 1058; R. C. Davis, P.M. 2260; S. Horton, 72; W. Smith, 72; V. Sycklemore, 1286; C. J. Williams; Geo. White, W.M. 975; J. R. Kent, 619; C. Taylor, P.M. 1624; S. G. Stuart, 1602; and W. W. Lee, W.M. 2381.

Lodge having been opened, the minutes duly confirmed, two candidates were initiated. Bro. Alfred Lundie was then presented as W.M. elect, and was duly installed into the chair by Bro. Dennis. The following officers were invested: Bros. J. N. Hearn, S.W.; Geo. Millson, J.W.; G. Everett, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; C. Colwell, S.D.; C. W. G. Burrows, J.D.; A. C. Thornley, I.G.; R. B. Hopkins, Org.; J. Barry, D. of C.; J. T. Parratt and C. Chisholm, Stewards; and R. Reinhardt, Tyler. On the motion of the Treasurer, the sum of 15 guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to be placed on the list of the W.M. Other business was transacted, and the lodge was closed.

After banquet, the usual toasts received due recognition. Bro. George Everett, P.G. Treas., returned thanks for "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," and said the zeal and ability with which they performed their duties fully justified the great confidence reposed in them. The Past

Grand Officers were always expected to be doing some duty, and they were only too pleased to visit lodges and assist in any way in furthering the interests of Freemasonry. He felt a peculiar pleasure and great pride in responding in a lodge of which he had been a member since its foundation, and in which he was now the father. He was glad to see installed into the chair of W.M. one who had gone through the various offices with great credit to himself and satisfaction to the lodge, and who had now arrived at the highest position possible. He congratulated the lodge upon the fact that the I.P.M. had gone through his year in a manner of which they were justly proud, and had installed his successor in a style that had given the greatest satisfaction. He was pleased to notice that they had with them Bro. McLeod, the Secretary of the Boys' School, for the Kennington Lodge was the first to congratulate him after his appointment, and hold out the right hand of fellowship to him. The Boys' Institution was a most deserving one, and he trusted the remarks that Bro. McLeod would make at a later period would induce the members to send the W.M. up with a good list for his Stewardship.

Bro. J. Dennis, I.P.M., said he rose to propose "The Health of the W.M." with very great pleasure, as Bro. Lundie, W.M., and he had worked hand in hand together through the various offices. The members could rely upon their W.M. doing everything in his power to create a good feeling, and keep up the good working of the lodge. Bro. Lundie had filled all the offices with great satisfaction to them all, and in the difficult position he now held would carry out his duties in a manner that would be to the credit of himself and advantage to the lodge.

Bro. Alfred Lundie, W.M., returned thanks, and said he had always met with a hearty reception from the members, for the simple reason that they were all so united, that they were pleased to see a brother succeed to the chair in his turn. Having served the offices, he now found himself W.M. of the lodge, which he esteemed a very great honour. It was one he had coveted for some few years, and he could only return his best thanks for having been elected. He should endeavour to do all that was possible for the harmony and welfare of the lodge.

"The Initiates" having been given and responded to, the W.M. proposed "The Masonic Charities," and expressed the hope that he would be enabled to take up a good list on behalf of the Boys' School.

Bro. J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B., in reply, expressed his sincere thanks for the proposition and reception of the toast, and also for the kindness and consideration shown in placing the toast earlier on the programme than was customary. They were very proud to acknowledge the generous support accorded the Masonic Institutions last year, when £90,000 was subscribed. That year was an exceptional one on account of the Jubilee Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, when £69,000 was realised. They were satisfied that that money was being advantageously used, for £50,000 had been invested to provide an income for annuities. He was glad to be able to speak to them that evening on behalf of the Boys' School, as the W.M. had kindly consented to act as Steward. Three years ago a great reform was carried out in that Institution, and it now stood in a very much better position. The boys were better fed, clothed, and educated, and the moral tone was in a better state. The boys were now bright and happy, and had nothing but kind words to say of their Master. By the balance sheet which was sent to every individual subscriber, they would find the boys were better clothed, and there was no garb of charity about them, for the boys were decent, respectable, and tidy, and that would commend itself to all. The sanitary arrangements were altered, and these were a few of the many benefits which the Committee had carried out. Every brother was invited to visit the Institution and see the many improvements which had been arranged with due regard to economy. A few boys were now kept on after 15 years of age in order that they might gain a scholarship or take some proud position in life. He was happy to have in the Board of Management Bro. Everett, who particularly looked after the boys' outdoor sports, and the manner in which the annual sports had been carried out during the last three years was a credit to him. As regards funds, the Boys' Institution was the weakest of the three Institutions, only possessing a funded capital of £30,000. In order to carry out the work of the Institution, about £1200 a year was required, and he appealed to the brethren to generously support the list of their W.M.

In response to "The Visitors," Bros. Clare, W.M. 865; Lowe, W.M. 2348; G. White, W.M. 975; and W. W. Lee, W.M. 2381, acknowledged the hearty reception accorded them.

The Worshipful Master next gave "The Installing Master and Past Masters," and endorsed every word spoken as to the success of the I.P.M.'s year of office, and the manner he had carried out the ceremony of installation. He asked Bro. Dennis, I.P.M. to accept a jewel unanimously voted by the lodge for his services, and the members hoped he would be spared for many years to wear it.

Bro. J. Dennis, I.P.M., thanked the members for that signal mark of their esteem and appreciation. As regarded the work in the lodge, his duty had been a labour of love, for it had been his ambition to carry out that work satisfactorily. If he had done that he had been amply repaid. He assured the brethren of his best wishes for the continued success of the lodge, and whatever he could do to promote its best interests would be cheerfully done. He thanked them for the handsome jewel, and hoped to be amongst them for many years to render any assistance in his power.

"The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast were given, and a pleasant evening was brought to a close.

Under the direction of Bro. R. B. Hopkins, Organist, a good musical programme was carried out. In addition to a solo on the silver bells by Bro. Hopkins, the following rendered valuable assistance: Masters R. and A. Hopkins, Bros. Capt. T. C. Walls, Tom Davies, and C. Taylor, P.M., and Mr. A. Rogers.

#### Mount Edgcombe Lodge (No. 1446).

The installation meeting of this highly successful and flourishing lodge was held at the Bridge House Hotel, on Saturday, the 11th instant, when there were present Bros. O. P. Boret, W.M.; J. Wynne, S.W.; H. A. Brown, acting J.W.; G. W. Perry, P.M., Treas.; G. E. Hamilton, P.M., Sec.; G. H. L. Renton, S.D.; R.

Darling, J.D.; W. Goulding, I.G.; W. Duncan, Director of Ceremonies; E. S. Cockton, Organist; A. Burch, Steward; G. Harrison, Tyler; D. A. Ross, P.M.; T. Cull, P.M.; A. E. Mullins, Jesse Masters; J. H. Day, H. Pennock, J. J. Morse, jun., J. Wood, D. S. Whitcher, C. Pennack, R. T. Nutman, G. H. Richards, W. G. Hales, T. J. Dean, B. Mann, E. H. Mitchell, E. Harris, R. T. Beard, H. Masters, A. Faulos, J. Brown, J. Pullen, W. Schuymer, H. Burman, C. Thompson, and C. Thompson, jun. Visitors: Bros. W. L. Dickson, 58; F. Wood, 1681; C. Legg, 2331; G. Reddish, 1381; H. B. Brown, S.W. 1227; S. Burridge, 1322; T. M. Stamp, 1901; C. Wise, P.M. 1158; A. C. Clout, 1269; J. H. Pugh, 2272; G. Highland, 1563; W. J. Short, 1662; H. W. Percy, P.M. 1853; A. Salmon, 1622; J. D. Chandler, 1982; B. Wynne, P.M. 1853; G. F. Rice, J.W. 1554; T. Morris, 902; S. Rashleigh, J.W. 1902; G. J. Freane, 548; W. R. Wright, 124; J. C. Ashdown, 1158; C. Lawrence, 2332; C. H. Stone, S.W. 507; J. H. Laing, I.G. 231; S. C. Bateman, I.G. 1707; H. Dawson, 1178; P. C. Rufus, I.G. 901; E. S. White, P.M. 902; G. H. Reynolds, P.M. 1614; G. P. Channing, 1987; C. Beaumont, P.M. 901, P.P.A.G.D.C. Essex; F. W. Upton, J.D. 619; A. R. Cranch, P.M. 1216; J. Hooper, P.M. 1320; F. A. Powell, P.M. 457; F. Burman, 1987; and J. J. Wright, W.M. 1981.

The minutes of the previous regular and emergency meetings were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was received, adopted, and entered on the minutes, showing the lodge to be in a flourishing condition, there being a substantial balance. A ballot was taken for Messrs. A. Faulds, R. T. Beard, and W. H. Masters, which proved unanimous in their favour, and they were afterwards initiated in a complimentary manner. Bro. J. Wynne, S.W. and W.M. elect, was next presented by Bro. G. M. E. Hamilton, P.M., to the W.M., to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, which was carried out in a praiseworthy manner by Bro. Boret, W.M. The newly-installed W.M. next appointed and invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. J. Whitehead, S.W.; G. H. L. Renton, J.W.; G. W. Perry, P.M., Treasurer; G. M. E. Hamilton, P.M., Secretary; R. Darling, S.D.; W. Goulding, J.D.; A. Burch, I.G.; W. Duncan, D.C.; A. E. Mullins, A.D.C.; E. S. Cockton, Org.; J. Pullen and B. Mann, Stwds.; and G. Harrison, Tyler. The addresses were most ably rendered by Bro. G. M. E. Hamilton, Sec. A splendid banner was presented to the lodge in the name of Bro. J. Wynne, W.M., by Bro. W. Duncan, D.C., to whom a most hearty vote of thanks was accorded for the deep interest he took in the welfare of this mother lodge. Bro. Duncan most suitably acknowledged the compliment. Propositions were handed to the Secretary for a joining member and an initiate, which augurs well to keep up the reputation of the lodge. Expressions of deep sympathy were shown with Bro. J. Whitehead, J.W., in his deep trouble.

The business of the lodge ended, the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet in the large hall, supplied in Bro. Pearce's usual *recherché* style.

Banquet ended, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given right royally, and as loyally received.

The Worshipful Master, in presenting the toast of "The Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," remarked upon the immense amount of time they gave so readily for the furtherance of Freemasonry in general.

The next toast was that of "The W.M.," which, as Bro. Boret, I.P.M., remarked, was to his mind the toast of the evening. He had been elected to that honourable position by the unanimous vote of the lodge, and the brethren could not have chosen a Master more worthy, in fact to his (the I.P.M.'s) mind the most useful, and one who would not presume on his office. He was, indeed, glad to hand over the reins of government, and asked the brethren to rise and drink enthusiastically and with bumpers.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, said he could not find words adequately to express his thanks for such kind remarks, in fact, more, he thought, than he deserved, but he promised he would endeavour to his utmost to deserve all that had been said of him. His had been a most happy time, and he hoped in future that that happiness would continue, and his pledge to the brethren would be his very best endeavour for the benefit of Mount Edgcombe Lodge.

The toast of "The Initiates" followed, the W.M. stating no lodge could long exist without good and true men joining, in fact it would in time become barren. That evening three gentlemen had been initiated, coming with good credentials, and he felt confident that they would go on in the way that they seemed to have attended to the splendid ritual, and prove themselves worthy of the honourable Craft to which they belonged, and that they would endeavour to become more and more acquainted with its tenets.

Bros. Faulds, Beard, and H. Masters each responded in a very suitable manner.

In proposing the toast of "The I.P.M.," the W.M. said it was a great honour to him, for Bro. Boret had had a most successful year of office, both as regards excellent initiates, and especially financially. His duties had been carried out highly satisfactorily. It gave him the greatest pleasure and it was a great privilege to present him the handsome jewel, voted by the brethren, he so richly deserved, and which he hoped would adorn his breast for many years now that he had come to that side of the table among the excellent array of Past Masters of Mount Edgcombe Lodge.

Bro. Boret, in response, heartily thanked the brethren for their most kind expressions toward him, and for the splendid jewel voted him after his year of office. He would very largely attribute his success to the great kindness and support that had been so largely extended to him. It was somewhat with diffidence he undertook the duties of W.M., but, for the reason just stated, it had proved successful beyond his own expectations. He most heartily thanked all for such cordiality.

The W.M. next gave the toast of "The Visitors," which was most cordially given and received. The W.M. said he could not refrain from mentioning such worthy and distinguished brethren among them, but one in particular he must mention, that was Bro. J. Laing, who had so generously beautified and adorned the banquet table with evergreens and flowers. He most heartily thanked him for such kinness.

Bros. Wright, Wise, Masters, Percy, Wynne, Powell, Hooper, and White most suitably replied.

Specially pertinent were the remarks from Bro. Wynne,

P.M., who said that the W.M. and he had been brought up from infancy and the same cradle in great love for each other, and now he had seen him installed in that honourable position he trusted that that love might become even more fervent.

Bro. Laing said the little service he had done the W.M. was a labour of love, and he was delighted to do the same.

The toast of "The Past Masters," coupling with it the names of the Secretary and Treasurer, was most enthusiastically received, for those brethren had so ably performed their duties in the past, and were ever ready to give assistance and instruction to all that required it. The W.M. congratulated himself upon having such an excellent Treasurer and Secretary.

Bro. G. Hamilton, Secretary, responded most ably on behalf of the Treasurer and himself, and said it was a great pleasure to him and all the Past Masters to render what assistance they could to further the advancement of the lodge.

Bro. Ross, P.M., the oldest Past Master present, being of over 20 years standing, commented on the rapid strides the lodge had made, and certainly with great lustre to itself; but he must ever speak upon one point too often lost sight of, and that was not sufficient attention was paid as to the selection of members. He was proud to state that such was not the case in the Mount Edgcombe Lodge.

The Worshipful Master next gave "The Officers," and complimented himself and the lodge upon having such a capital array, who he was confident would ably assist him in carrying out the duties of the lodge, and redound great credit upon it. He was grieved that Bro. J. Whitehead, S.W., was absent, though the serious illness of his wife, but his office had been ably filled by Bro. H. A. Brown, a very young Mason. The J.W. was already a ruler in the Craft, who with the rest of the officers had proved their respective capabilities.

All the officers ably responded.

The Tyler's toast closed a most eventful meeting.

An excellent programme of music was provided, under the management of the efficient Organist, the artistes being Bros. A. Court, A. Cranch, A. E. Mullins, and V. F. Wood.

**Covent Garden Lodge (No. 1614).**—A large number of brethren assembled at the Criterion, Piccadilly, on the 14th inst., when the installation meeting of this flourishing lodge was held, and Bro. Geo. H. Foan, who has had a highly successful year of office as W.M., was succeeded by Bro. A. L. Bullen. The members present were Bros. Geo. H. Foan, W.M.; H. S. Foster, M.P., S.W.; A. L. Bullen, J.W.; E. Jacobs, P.M., Treas.; Geo. Reynolds, P.M., Sec.; Geo. Stacey, P.M., Org.; Geo. C. Bond, S.D.; W. Belsham, J.D.; W. Dowling, P.M., Stwd.; G. Coleman, P.M.; Simeon Jacobs, P.M.; S. Hewett, P.M.; G. H. Reynolds, P.M.; and many others. Visitors: Bros. J. G. Sherwood, Frank Heath, W. Puntin, H. Windeatt, W.M. elect 1793; R. G. Rogers, W.M. elect 733; Walter Hancock, W.M. 2191; B. Holeyman, I.G. 73; E. Rogers, P.M. 60, P.G. Stwd.; J. J. Woolley, P.M. 2191; J. Cox, 1585; W. Dennis, I.G. 9; F. Jackson, W.M. 1987; J. Carr, P.M. 1665; F. Kedge, P.M. 2191; J. G. James, S.W. 1602; J. Boswell, J.W. 2417; J. H. Bart, 2432; J. Rotter, 2191; W. Scott Miller, S.W. 2264; E. Clark, P.P.G.S. of W. Surrey; S. R. Walker, P.M. 733; J. Hemming, P.M. 1287; E. Wickens, S.D. 72; J. Rowe, 2191; W. W. Lee, W.M. 2381; and others.

The formal opening of the lodge was followed by the confirmation of the minutes, and several brethren were raised to the Degree of M.M. Bro. A. L. Bullen was then installed as W.M. by Bro. Foan, I.P.M., who performed the ceremony in a splendid manner, that fully deserved the high encomiums subsequently passed by the visiting brethren and others. The following officers were appointed: Bros. Harry S. Foster, M.P., S.W.; Geo. C. Bond, J.W.; E. Jacobs, P.M., Treas.; Geo. Reynolds, P.M., Sec.; Geo. Stacey, P.M., Org.; W. Belsham, P.M., S.D.; Wm. Dowling, P.M., J.D.; C. O. Burgess, I.G.; J. Mayo, D.C.; Geo. H. Reynolds, P.M.; W. R. Faulks, and Homer Price, Stwds.; and R. F. Potter, P.M., Tyler. Bro. Foan, I.P.M., having consented to represent the lodge as Steward for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the sum of 10 guineas was voted to support his list. This amount was increased by the members during the evening to £50. A handsome Past Master's jewel was presented by the W.M. to Bro. Foan, I.P.M., in recognition of his services, and was appropriately acknowledged.

Lodge was closed, and a banquet was enjoyed in the Victoria Hall, under the personal superintendence of Bro. G. P. Bertini, assisted by Bro. Auberat.

The usual loyal toasts having afterwards been disposed of, Bro. Geo. H. Foan, I.P.M., rose to propose "The Health of the Worshipful Master," and characterised Bro. Bullen, W.M., as a very estimable brother, who joined the lodge shortly after he (the I.P.M.) joined himself. In recommending the W.M. to them, he must mention the fact that Bro. Bullen had worked through every office in the lodge until he had reached the chair, and had performed his duties in a masterly manner. He trusted the brethren would extend that liberality to the W.M. that had been extended to him during the past year. Their present W.M. was quite equal to any amount of work that could be put upon him, and had on many occasions worked the ceremonies in good style. They wished the W.M. a happy and prosperous year of office, and would drink his health heartily.

Bro. Arthur L. Bullen, W.M., thanked the brethren most heartily for the cordial reception given the toast which had been proposed by the I.P.M. in such eloquent terms. In reply, he could only say he had real affection for his mother lodge, and a sincere desire to carry out the duties he had undertaken to their satisfaction and his own credit. He thanked them all most heartily.

In proposing "The Health of the I.P.M.," the W.M. said it was no empty compliment to say that Bro. Foan had carried out the duties of W.M. in a most perfect manner. There had been a great deal of work to do both in the lodge and outside, as Bro. Foan was W.M. 13 months, had initiated 17 candidates, and had presided over eight lodge meetings, and six banquets. Bro. Foan had also accepted the responsible position of Preceptor of the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, and hoped to receive the support of the members of the lodge. Their I.P.M. would make a valuable addition to their stock of Past Masters, and it was with great pleasure he had pinned on his breast the jewel he had so well earned, and which was an expression of their feelings towards him.

Bro. G. H. Foan, I.P.M., returned thanks, and said it was true that he had been fortunate enough during his year to have the honour and pleasure of initiating 17. He thanked the members for giving him the work to do, which he had done to the best of his ability. During his occupancy of the chair he had had the pleasure of working the Three Degrees upon every occasion he had opened the lodge. He would thank his officers for their support, and especially Bro. Burgess, who had been always ready and willing to assist. He hoped the members would extend to their W.M. the same facilities for work they had given him. He had received many kindnesses during his year, and he should never forget the year during which he occupied the chair of the Covent Garden Lodge.

Bros. Coleman, P.M., and Hewett, P.M., having responded for "The Past Masters," the W.M. gave the toast of "The Visitors."

Bro. W. Hancock, W.M. 2191, who responded, expressed his indebtedness to the lodge of instruction in connection with the lodge, and also his pleasure at being present that evening at a lodge which numbered many brethren who were also members of that grand lodge that stood so high and occupied a unique position—the Anglo-American Lodge.

Bros. Jackson, W.M. 1987, and Hemming, P.M. 1287, also replied.

In giving "The Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. paid those two brethren very high compliments, remarking that they had both served the lodge through cloud and sunshine, through trouble and joy, and trusted they would continue to do so for many years to come.

Bro. E. Jacobs, P.M., Treasurer, in response, said he was the father of the lodge, and had seen most of the Past Masters present initiated. It was a pleasure to see so many happy faces round, and more visitors than he had seen for a number of years. The working of the I.P.M. that evening was a credit to any lodge in England, and showed the conscientious manner in which he must have studied the work.

Bro. George Reynolds, P.M., Sec., having thanked the W.M. for his kind and complimentary remarks, said he felt his labour had been rewarded in the successful state of the lodge. Since its foundation it had never been in such a sound position. The I.P.M. had had a most successful year, which no brother could deny, and had performed his work in a manner second to none. In connection with the eight meetings held last year he had sent nearly 1000 notices, which the brethren would hardly credit. All praise was due to the I.P.M. for having turned the tide of their lodge, which was now in a most successful state, and he trusted the W.M. would also have a prosperous year. He should take a very great deal of pleasure in doing all he could for their W.M., whom he had known from a boy. He would do all he could for the lodge, and any member wishing for information could have it by calling on him at his office. He wished the W.M. a successful year of office and the lodge every success in years to come.

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

The musical arrangements were in the hands of Bro. Schartau, but that brother being indisposed, his place was well filled by Bro. Kift, who was assisted by Miss Jessie Hotine and Bro. W. Bradford. Bro. R. Hopkins considerably enhanced the pleasure of the evening by two solos on the silver bells, which were both heartily enjoyed. The clever and skilful manner in which Bro. Hopkins manipulated the bells was much appreciated by all present, and the effect of their silvery tones was marked by hearty applause.

**Aldersgate Lodge (No. 1657).**—The installation meeting of the above was held on Monday, the 20th inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Present: Bros. John Larkin, W.M.; Matthew R. Webb, I.P.M.; E. F. B. Fuller, S.W.; G. Rawlinson, J.W.; S. White, P.M., Treas.; E. Y. Jolliffe, P.M., Sec.; J. Shotton, S.D.; S. Croft, J.D.; W. W. Thompson, I.G.; H. Thomas, Tyler; George Kenning, P.M.; W. H. Froom, P.M.; E. Anderton, P.M.; Alderman J. Renals, P.M.; W. R. B. Briscoe, E. Philpot, and Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W. Visitors: Bros. the Rt. Hon. Sir Wm. F. Marriott, O.C., M.P., D.G.M. Sussex; J. B. Fitzgerald, 2168; A. P. Youle, 1; H. Ransford; W. Bradford, 2163; Thomas Beard, 101; E. Roehrich, 34; C. A. Hooper, W.M. 1313; H. C. Heard, 449; J. E. G. Montmorency, 449; E. H. Armitage, 370; D. J. Cocks, 250; J. Neal, 404; S. R. Lovett, 3; W. G. Gilbert, 257; T. R. Wilde, 1718; J. M. Campbell, 250; A. Pearce, 1572; B. Harper, 22; G. Harlow, 1613; Alderman J. C. Dimsdale, 1; Charles E. Keyser, 404, I.G.D.; J. Scott, 259; T. Perrin, 1279; C. F. Hogard, P.G.S.B.

The lodge having been opened by the W.M., Bro. J. Larkin, and the usual preliminary business transacted, the chair was occupied by Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W., who proceeded to install the S.W., Bro. E. F. B. Fuller, as W.M. He appointed his officers as follows: Bros. J. Larkin, I.P.M.; G. Rawlinson, S.W.; J. Shotton, J.W.; S. White, P.M., Treas.; E. Y. Jolliffe, P.M., Sec.; S. Croft, S.D.; W. W. Thompson, J.D.; W. R. B. Briscoe, I.G.; E. Anderton, P.M., D.C.; and H. Thomas, Tyler. The W.M. then presented, in the name of the lodge, to the retiring W.M., Bro. J. Larkin, a Past Master's jewel, which had been unanimously voted to him. As is also customary in this lodge, the incoming W.M., Bro. E. F. B. Fuller, presented to the lodge a banner, bearing his arms, &c.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, which was presided over by the W.M.

The usual toasts were given and duly responded to, that of "The Grand Officers" by Bro. C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br., while Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W., replied, as on many former occasions in this lodge, for "The Initiating Officer."

The music, which was under the direction of Bro. Herbert Schartau, was of an exceptionally good character, and the proceedings throughout testified to the continued vitality and strength of this representative lodge.

**Farringdon Without Lodge (No. 1745).**—This prosperous civic lodge met at the Viaduct Hotel, Holborn, on the 23rd ult., when there were present amongst others: Bros. Capt. T. C. Walls, W.M.; N. P. Lardner, S.W.; H. Herbert, J.W.; H. J. Lawrence, P.P.G.D., P.M., Treas.; Bachoffner, S.D.; Murphy, I.G.; J. Young, P.M.; T. Simpson, P.M.; G. Herbert, P.M.; E.



Schultz, P.M.; Dr. E. M. Lott, P.G. Org., Hon. Org.; and Dr. Hinton, M.A., Asst. Org. Among the visitors were Bros. F. A. Philbrick, O.C.; G. Reg.; R. Loveland Loveland, P.G.D.; Méry (G.C.); and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. G. R. C. Stoddart and H. G. Hunt were passed to the Second Degree. The ballot was taken on behalf of Messrs. A. W. Smith, J. Shapcott, and G. Walter, and it being unanimous, two out of the three candidates were duly initiated, viz., Messrs. Smith and Shapcott. Mr. George Walter, C.C., was unable to be present. The ballot was also taken as a joining member for Bro. C. Moore, C.C., W.M. 1589. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. Nelson Prower, M.A., I.P.M.; W. H. Jackson, P.M., Sec.; Jas. Strugnell, P.M.; and others. The brethren then adjourned to the banquet.

Bro. F. A. Philbrick, in responding on behalf of "The Grand Officers," made a most interesting and eloquent speech. In alluding to the lodge, he said that it was his first visit, and he had been exceedingly gratified with the warmth of his reception. He had been pleased, also, with the work in the lodge, and with the hospitality displayed afterwards. Everything had passed off most agreeably, and he should remember the occasion, as it had been one of the most pleasant evenings he had spent for some time.

Bro. H. J. Lardner gave "The W.M." in a most cordial and flattering manner. The W.M. having replied, gave "The Initiates," who duly responded.

Bro. R. L. Loveland, P.G.D., in responding for "The Visitors," spoke most kindly of the lodge and its members.

Bro. Méry replied in French. "The Health of the Past Masters" gave the W.M. an opportunity of alluding to the I.P.M., whose absence abroad they must all deplore, as it prevented the lodge from hearing an interesting and eloquent speech from that genial brother. However, Bro. Prower's place in the lodge had been most satisfactorily filled by that excellent and talented Past Master, Bro. E. Schultz. He called upon Bros. H. J. Lardner, T. Simpson, J. Young, G. Herbert, and E. Schultz to respond to the toast, which those brethren most ably and exhaustively performed.

Bros. N. P. Lardner, S.W., and H. Herbert, J.W., acknowledged the toast of "The Officers."

The W.M. gave a special toast "The Health of the Organists of the Lodge," to which Bros. Dr. Lott and Dr. Hinton duly replied.

These talented brethren, with the assistance of Bros. Herbert, P.M., Schultz, P.M.; Young, P.M.; N. P. Lardner, and others, considerably added to the enjoyment of the members by their musical abilities.

## PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

### BEAMINSTER.

#### Beamminster Manor Lodge (No. 1367).—

A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the White Hart Hotel, on Tuesday, the 7th instant. The brethren present included Bros. A. Hann, W.M.; H. Maunster, acting I.P.M.; O. M. Beament, S.W.; W. Oxley, J.W.; Rev. E. G. Austen, P.P.G. Chap. Chaplain; J. Andrews, P.M., P.P.J.G.W. Treas.; F. P. Kitson, Sec.; Rev. E. H. G. de Castro, J.D.; S. R. Baskett, P.M., P.M., P.P.G.R., D.C.; C. G. Purkis, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., Org.; G. Roberts, I.G.; R. Toleman, P.M., P.P.G.P., Stwd.; J. Keech, Tyler; J. S. Webb, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; and C. Hann, P.M. Visitors: Bros. S. Piles, 1181, and J. Harding.

After the lodge had been opened and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Mr. Thomas Archibald Goodchild, and proving favourable, that gentleman was admitted and exalted in a very able manner by the W.M. The W.M. was well backed up by his officers, and the ceremony was performed throughout in a way which speaks well for the success of the new W.M.'s year of office. The charge to the initiate was most impressively delivered by Bro. J. S. Webb. The ballot was also taken for a serving brother to be initiated by dispensation at the March meeting.

"Hearty good wishes" having been interchanged, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned for their customary refreshment, the tables for which were laid out in the Market Room.

The toast of "The Queen and Craft," and "The Initiate" were the only toasts of the evening.

### BIRMINGHAM.

#### Forward Lodge (No. 1189).—

The installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, New-street, on Monday, the 6th instant, when Bro. E. A. Smith, S.W., was installed into the chair of K.S. There were present a numerous attendance of the members of the lodge and a number of distinguished visitors, including Bros. F. G. Swindon, P.P.G.D.; E. T. Burton, P.P.G.D.; J. Beattie, P.P.G.S. Staffordshire; W. J. Ginder, W.M. 74; M. Jones, W.M. 43; J. Middleton, W.M. 1016; W. Jeyes, W.M. 1246; J. H. Simpson, P.M. 1520; T. Clulce, P.M. 564; C. Bigwood, 419; J. N. Lester, 419; Brown, 1246; Margrett, 739; F. Mundy, 1551; and G. H. Thomas, 70.

After the minutes of the last regular lodge had been confirmed, Bro. Smith was presented to the W.M., Bro. Harcourt, for the ceremony of installation. This was rendered in a most solemn and impressive manner that gave pleasure to all present. The newly-installed Master then appointed and invested the following officers, making appropriate remarks to each on their duties, &c.: Bros. R. G. Stephens, S.W.; H. A. Clulce, J.W.; E. P. Cole, P.P.G.P., Treas.; F. Holday, P.M., Charity Stwd.; J. C. Grinsell, Sec.; E. W. Hitching, S.D.; W. H. Cooper, J.D.; W. Hillman, P.P.G.P., D.C.; T. N. Bladon, P.P.G.O. Org.; A. N. Butcher, I.G.; G. Smith and C. A. Smith, Stwds.; S. Brown, S.B. and I.G.; and Teevit, Tyler. The next business was to present a Past Master's jewel to the retiring Master, Bro. Harcourt, and the W.M. said it gave him very great pleasure, on behalf of the lodge, to present this token as a small acknowledgment of their esteem, and of their appreciation of the manner in which he had filled the Master's chair during the past year. He trusted it would always prove a pleasing memento of the time he had occupied the chair of K.S., and would only add that it would be impossible to present a jewel to one more worthy of wearing it than Bro. Harcourt. The retiring Master thanked the brethren most heartily for their kindness, and said he should value the jewel most highly. It would

always remind him of many happy hours, and of the loyal co-operation he had received from one and all. The ceremony was then proceeded with, the I.P.M. giving the addresses to the Master, Wardens, and brethren in a splendid and telling manner.

The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting room, where a *recherché* repast had been provided.

The toasts of "Her Majesty the Queen" and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M." were proposed by the W.M., who said that amongst all her Majesty's subjects none were more loyal than Freemasons, and they had every reason to be so for her Majesty had set an example of pure living that all, from the highest to the lowest might well copy. They were proud to honour the toast of the M.W.G.M., for he had endeared himself to the heart of every Freemason by his geniality and true English brotherhood, and there was no doubt that during the time his Royal Highness had been Grand Master of England, Freemasonry had progressed by leaps and bounds.

The toast of "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," was next proposed and received by the brethren with the heartiest enthusiasm.

The Worshipful Master then proposed the toast of "The Prov. G.M., Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Leigh," and spoke of the great regret they all felt at not being honoured more frequently by his presence at their meetings, but although his numerous engagements prevented this he had ever their interest at heart, and was in every way a type of a right worthy English nobleman and a brother of whom they might well be proud.

"The Health of Bro. J. T. Collins, D.P.G.M., and the Officers Present and Past of Provincial Grand Lodge," was then proposed by the W.M. In the course of his remarks he said that Bro. Collins had by his time and frequent presence among them evinced the very deep interest he took in Warwickshire Masonry, and every scheme for their welfare had his most hearty support. The W.M. had around him numerous Past Officers, several belonging to their own lodge, who by their splendid work and untiring efforts on behalf of Masonry had set them an example well worthy of imitation.

The toast was received with every enthusiasm, and replied to by Bros. Burton, P.P.G.D.; Hillman, P.P.G.P.; and Beattie, P.P.G.S. Staffordshire.

Bro. R. G. Stephens, S.W., then gave the toast of "The Worshipful Master," which he referred to as being the toast of the evening. He congratulated the W.M. on his installation, and could assure him of the loyalty and co-operation of all the officers. They were sure that in their W.M. they had one who would worthily carry out the traditions of the Forward Lodge.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, thanked the brethren most heartily for electing him to such a high position, and said that that evening would be one he could never forget. He earnestly would impress on all the younger Masons the necessity of taking a zealous and hearty interest in Masonry as it would fully repay them, and at any time they might be called upon they would be able to take their part in their grand ritual.

The toast of "The Visitors" was next proposed by the W.M., who said it was a great pleasure to see so many present, and he assured them of a very hearty welcome.

This was replied to by Bros. Jones, Middleton, Chulce, Jeyes, and Thomas, who all spoke of the very great pleasure and gratification they had felt in the manner the Installing Master had done his work. They also congratulated the lodge on their new Master, and as many of them had seen him in the several offices, they were assured that the lodge had elected a Master who would be a worthy successor to those who had preceded him.

The W.M. next proposed "The Installing Master and Past Masters of the Forward Lodge." He remarked that it gave him great pleasure to give that toast. They had all heard and seen the manner in which Bro. Harcourt had conducted the ceremony of installation, and it was a grand finish to his splendid work throughout the year. This had always been the same, and it would be the present Master's ambition to emulate the example of the I.P.M. To the Past Masters he gave his earnest thanks for the kind and ready manner they had assisted him with their counsel and support, and no W.M. could enter on his year of office under more favourable auspices than he had.

The toast was responded to by the I.P.M., and Past Masters Hellman, Holday, Bladon, and Winfield. Bro. Harcourt thanked the W.M. for his kind remarks, and said it was through the earnestness and splendid work of those who had preceded him that had brought the lodge to its present position, and he and the Past Masters could assure the W.M. of their hearty support and co-operation.

Owing to the lateness of the hour, the W.M. very briefly gave the toast of "The Officers," and said it was a matter of great congratulation for him to feel he had such a splendid band of well tried officers to work with him during the year.

This was replied to by Bros. Chulce, J.W.; and Brown, I.G. An excellent musical programme was given by Bros. Simpson, Myers, Warne, Leverett, and Groves.

### BRADFORD.

#### Acacia Lodge (No. 2321).—

A regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Darley-street, on Thursday, the 22nd inst. The W.M., Bro. John Niven, was supported by Bros. Sam. A. Auty, as I.P.M.; John Thornton, S.W.; John T. Last, Treas.; as J.W.; C. H. Ellis, S.D.; S. Robinson, J.D.; John Morton, I.G.; Henry Holmes, Tyler; J. B. Fearney, Sec.; G. Althorp, P.M., P.P.G.P.; J. Wilson, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; S. A. Bailey, P.M.; R. S. Heard, A. E. Harris, J. Harland, R. Harland, T. P. Sykes, R. J. Graysdale, J. J. Whitaker, Visitors: Bro. Wm. Smith, 47; Jas. Tilley, 600; Thos. Cantrill, P.M., Sec. 1214; John F. Bromley, S.W. 1214; and Harold Nicholson, J.D. 2231.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last regular lodge were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. Albert Gwaine, Org. 387, who was duly elected and admitted a joining member of the lodge. Bros. Graysdale and Whitaker were passed to the Second Degree, the former by the W.M., and the latter by Bro. Bailey, P.M.; the charge was delivered to the candidates by the W.M., and the working tools explained by Bro. Last, acting J.W. References were made to the widow of a deceased member, also to a brother who was lying very dangerously ill. Apologies were tendered for the unavoidable absence of several brethren, and after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

### DIDSBURY.

**Doric Lodge (No. 2359).**—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 11th inst., at the Didsbury Hotel, when there were over 40 brethren present. Bro. F. Stretch, W.M., opened the lodge, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. There were four candidates to be raised, which ceremony was performed by the W.M. and Bro. Geo. S. Smith, P.M., respectively.

At the termination of the business and "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed by the numerous visitors present, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a most sumptuous repast, which was delightfully served by Mrs. Stretch.

At the festive board the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to in a most hearty manner.

The harmony of the evening was greatly enhanced by the contributions of many talented artists. Songs were given by Bros. Joseph Ward, Joseph Smith, C. Worstencroft, James Willcox, W.M. 1140, and G. S. Smith; recitations by Bros. C. H. Beever, W.M. 1375, and Fred. Morgan; thought-reading by Bro. A. R. Brett; and a capital entertainment by Bro. Thos. Hamnett's ventriloquism.

### ECCLES.

**Victoria Lodge (No. 1345).**—The annual installation meeting of this lodge took place on Thursday, the 16th inst., at the Cross Keys. There was a very large assembly present when Bro. Tom Wood, W.M., opened the lodge. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. John Corner, and proved favourable. The Treasurer's accounts were passed. A notice of motion was proposed by Bro. Wood, and seconded by Bro. William Corner, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Sec., "That a sum of 20 guineas be paid from the Charity Fund to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls." This was unanimously passed. This prosperous lodge is always to the fore as regards the Masonic and other Charities, as, in addition to the above, they have contributed 60 guineas previously this year, making a grand total of 80 guineas; indeed, the members of this lodge seemed to be endowed with Charitable intentions, as it is only a few months ago that Bro. Joe Lees, P.M., Treas., presented a banner, one of the most beautiful that ever ornamented a lodge. On the present occasion the newly-installed Master, Bro. William Broughton, presented to them a very large and handsome polished oak case with noble plate glass front for the reception of the above banner, which when unveiled by the W.M. brought forth unbounded applause. The Installing Master, Bro. Tom Wood, appointed as his officers Bros. E. O. Stuart, P.M., as S.W.; Hugh Rowland, P.M., as J.W.; and Joe Lees, P.M., as I.G. Bro. William Broughton, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented to the Installing Master by Bro. Lees, and installed into the chair of K.S. Bro. Tom Wood proved himself to be a Past Master in the art by the beautiful and effective manner in which he conducted the ceremony. We heartily congratulate him upon the great success. The working tools were delivered by Bro. Stuart, the address to the W.M. was given by Bro. H. Rowlands, P.M., by Bro. Joseph Lees to the Wardens, whilst the brethren were addressed by the Installing Master. The following officers were invested by the W.M.: Bro. Tom Wood, I.P.M.; William Pearson, S.W.; J. Ambler, J.W.; J. Lees, P.M., Treas.; W. Corner, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Sec.; Francis Mather, S.D.; W. H. Jackson, J.D.; W. J. Beebee, Org.; W. M. Hamilton, I.G.; and Chas. Cartwright, J. J. Martindale, and J. Tommas, Stwds., their duties being explained by Bro. Wm. Corner.

Subsequently a banquet was held to celebrate the Festival of St. John. The toast list comprised the loyal and Masonic toasts. Both the proposing and the responding were all of the highest order, more especially that of "The Charities," by Bro. C. W. Bayley, which was a masterpiece of thought and elocution, and it was ably responded to by Bro. Corner.

Bro. Tom Wood, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." in glowing terms, speaking to the high character of the Master they had chosen, and under his guidance he was quite certain the good ship Victoria would be left in good hands.

The W.M. proposed "The Health of Bro. Tom Wood, I.P.M.," using very endearing terms, which were manifestly touching to him. He could not say sufficient in praise of their I.P.M., he had so many good qualities, but thanked him very much for installing him into that chair in such an able manner. And to show the esteem in which he was held by the brethren, he begged him to accept a very handsome Past Master's jewel, and he trusted he might live long to wear it, and hoped it would always remind him of the affection of every brother in the Victoria Lodge.

Bro. Wood responded in a most graceful little speech.

A most enjoyable evening was spent.

Amongst those present were the following: Bros. W. Pearson, J. Ambler, W. H. Jackson, J. W. Ogden, F. Mather, J. Wormby, W. H. Budgen, J. Tommas, W. Hamilton, C. E. Cartwright, and W. K. Beebee. Visitors: Bros. J. Collin, S.W. 1213; G. McFarlane, P.M.; F. Hilton, P.M.; J. Archdale; W. T. Allitt, P.M.; T. Lawlor, P.M.; W. Battersley; A. H. Duffin, P.M.; G. S. Smith, P.M.; J. Hardwicke-Marsh, W.M.; J. Walton, P.M.; S. Jacobson; J. T. Mills, W.M.; J. H. Ashton; T. Ball, P.M.; H. Tomlinson, P.M.; J. Smith; and J. Andrews, P.P.G.D.

The jewel and banner were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

### LEEDS.

**Excelsior Lodge (No. 1042).**—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, on Thursday, the 16th instant, when there were present Bros. J. W. Blackburn, W.M.; T. Thorp, I.P.M.; J. B. Mays, S.W.; H. Banks, J.W.; R. J. Smith, Sec.; R. Waide, S.D.; A. H. Dougill, J.D.; E. Crosby, P.M., Org.; W. Flockson, P.M., D. of C.; J. J. W. Saville, as I.G.; G. Tooley and H. Whitfield, Stwds.; J. H. Newton, Tyler; W. Bingham, P.M.; H. Cowbrough, P.M.; W. M. Tyers, P.M.; W. T. Carter, P.M.; A. Atkinson, E. R. C. Marshall, O. R. Morley, J. H. Gash, F. Bagshaw, G. Tyers, J. W. Dobson, and J. A. Milne. Visitors: Bros. H. Marsh, W.M. 1221; J. Hippelton, P.M. 300; and J. J. Hayhurst, 32 (U.S.A.).

The minutes of the last regular lodge having been read and confirmed, Bros. Dobson and Milne were passed to the

Degree of F.C., by the W.M., and Bro. Bingham, P.M. The working tools were given by Bro. Mays, S.W. The ballot was taken for Mr. Walter Foster, as a candidate for initiation, and proved in his favour, as did the ballot for Bro. A. Hobson, 44S, as a joining member. Mr. Foster was afterwards admitted and regularly initiated by Bro. Thorp, I.P.M., assisted by the W.M., the working tools being given by Bro. H. Banks, J.W., and the charge delivered by Bro. R. J. Smith, Sec. Bro. H. Cowbrough, P.M., then submitted the motion of which he had previously given notice, viz.: "That the sum of 20 guineas be given from the lodge funds to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls," and spoke in very appreciative terms of the able and economical management of the School, and the excellent training given to the girls therein. Bro. Thorp, I.P.M., cordially supported the motion, which was unanimously carried. It was also decided to extend the patronage of the lodge to the Leeds Operatic and Dramatic Society, on the occasion of their series of performances of "La Fille de Madame Angot," at the Grand Theatre, in April next, in aid of the city charities. Bros. Dobson, Milne, and Foster having proposed to take further Degrees in due course, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet hall where supper was served, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts proposed, duly honoured, and responded to.

Bros. W. Smith, Cockerlyne, Whitfield, Bagshaw, G. Tyers, R. J. Smith, and others added considerably to the enjoyment of the evening by their vocal and instrumental contributions.

#### MANCHESTER.

**Palatine Lodge (No. 2447).**—The first regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Palatine Hotel, Am't's Bank, on Friday, the 17th inst. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. F. Broadsmith, and the minutes, which had been prepared by Bro. J. Hardwicke-Marsh in a most minute and elaborate manner, detailing every item of the consecration ceremony, were read and confirmed, after which the W.M. complimented Bro. Harwicke-Marsh upon their production, which, he said, was faultless—a sentiment which was echoed by everyone present. The ballot was taken for four joining members and five candidates, all of which were favourable, and three of the latter were initiated by Bros. F. Broadsmith, W.M., and G. S. Smith, P.M., D.C.

The following were present: Bros. F. Broadsmith, P.M., P.P.G.R., W.M.; G. S. Smith, P.M., D.C.; H. J. Owen, S.W.; W. J. Falcus, J.W.; J. J. Tinker, Treas.; J. Hardwicke-Marsh, W.M. 1730, Sec.; G. Graham, S.D.; G. A. Myers, P.M., J.D.; John Newton, I.G.; and W. Spencer. Visitors: Bros. G. L. Mills, E. A. Locke, R. A. Hepworth, and Z. C. Gibbons.

#### SHEPTON MALLETT.

**Love and Honour Lodge (No. 285).**—The annual assembly of the members of this lodge for the installation of W.M. and the investment of officers took place at the Masonic Hall, on the 15th inst., when there was a large gathering of the lodge and visiting brethren, including a goodly number of P.G. Officers, when Bro. G. W. Styles was installed as W.M., the ceremony being performed by the D.P.G.M., Bro. R. C. Else, P.G.D. England. The W.M. afterwards appointed and invested the officers for the year as follows: Bros. W. C. J. York, I.P.M.; C. J. Parrott, S.W.; S. J. Willmott, J.W.; T. Parker, P.P.G.P., Treas.; F. G. Bradbury, Sec.; J. R. Winterton, S.D.; F. Needham, J.D.; J. Phillips, P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; Newton Wade, Org.; S. R. Ivey, I.G.; T. W. Kendrick and W. Warner, Stewards; and F. W. Davis, Tyler.

The installation banquet was afterwards served in Mrs. Hills' usual high-class style at the George Hotel.

The usual toast list was gone through, and during the evening vocal and instrumental music contributed to the pleasure of the company.

#### SOUTHEND.

**Priory Lodge (No. 1000).**—A meeting of the above lodge was held on Thursday, the 16th inst., at the Middleton Hotel, when there were present Bros. A. Vandeword, W.M.; C. W. Barnard, S.W.; F. J. Cumine, J.W.; F. Wood, P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; A. Lucking, P.M., P.G.P., Sec.; E. J. Bowmaker, S.D.; R. J. Smith, J.D.; C. H. Bowmaker, I.G.; G. R. Dawson, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., D.C.; Val Mason, Org.; J. A. Hobday, S.W. 160, and W. Elam, Stwds.; A. W. Martin, Prov. G. Tyler, Tylar; B. Thomas, I.P.M.; G. J. Glasscock, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; J. C. Cresswell, F. J. Wood, S. A. Browning, E. H. Taylor, Dr. R. G. Dempster, B. Fearnside, J. Pritchard, W. T. Darke, F. F. Ramuz, G. Reed, Dr. H. O. Grenfell, and G. F. Vandeword. Visitors: Bros. J. Berry and J. O'Brien, 1817.

Lodge having been opened, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed, Bro. F. G. Ramuz was raised to the Third Degree, and Mr. James George Jarvis initiated into Freemasonry. Nothing further offering, lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

#### THORNE.

**St. Nicholas Lodge (No. 2259).**—This lodge held a meeting on Wednesday, the 15th inst., at the Peace Hall, when there were present Bros. J. Constable, W.M.; S. H. C. Ashlin, I.P.M.; A. L. Peace, P.M., Treas.; J. H. Bletcher, P.M., Almoner; W. P. Robotham, Sec.; H. A. Fenton, D.C.; T. Barber, J.D.; F. T. Turner, I.G.; B. Maskell, Stwd.; and F. Pine, Tyler.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. Peace gave a short oration on the death of Bro. Winter which was listened to with marked attention, and proposed that a vote of condolence be sent to the deceased brother's relatives. Bro. Ashlin briefly seconded, and it was carried in solemn silence.

The W.M. announced that Bro. W. Watson, Prov. Grand Librarian, had kindly consented to deliver one of his interesting lectures at the next meeting.

#### TWICKENHAM.

**Sir Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 1503).**—This lodge met for the dispatch of business at the Albany Hotel on the 8th inst. Amongst those present were Bros. A. Toulmin, jun., P.M., acting W.M.; the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, P.M., P.P.G.C., acting S.W.; E. W. Davis, J.W.; J. F. Briggs, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., Sec.; L. Saunders, J.D.; and E. Linnell.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Ernest Linnell was passed to the Second Degree, the acting W.M. giving the lecture on the tracing board appertaining to the Degree in an impressive manner. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. Col. R. Cuming, W.M.; A. Macchi, S.D.; and others.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. A few toasts were given.

Bro. the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, M.A., P.P.G.C., responded on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past."

"The Health of the W.M." was duly proposed, and suitably acknowledged by the acting W.M., Bro. A. Toulmin, jun.

Bro. J. T. Briggs, P.M., responded on behalf of "The Past Masters," and Bros. E. W. Davis and E. Linnell replied to the toast of "The Officers."

The proceedings terminated at an early hour.

### Royal Arch.

#### BEAMINSTER.

**St. Mary's Chapter (No. 707).**—At a meeting of this chapter held at the White Hart Hotel, on Tuesday, the 7th inst., with the three principal chairs filled by Comps. R. Toleman, M.E.Z.; S. Laurence, H.; and J. Andrews, J., the ballot was taken for the officers for the ensuing year. The result of the elections was as follows: Comps. S. Laurence, Z.; J. Andrews, H.; C. S. Curtis, J.; Rev. E. G. Austen, S.E.; C. Toleman, S.N.; S. R. Baskett, P.S.; S. Pile, 1st A.S.; J. S. Webb, Treas.; and J. Keech, Janitor. These companions will be invested at the convocation held in May.

#### GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.

**Industry Chapter (No. 48).**—The regular convocation was held on Thursday, the 9th inst., at the Industry Hall. There were present: Comps. M. Corbett, P.Z., M.E.Z.; Wm. Brown, I.P.Z.; Robt. Whitfield, P.Z., as H.; T. R. Jobson, J.; R. Hudson, P.G.S.E.; T. Dinning, M.E.Z. 481; J. F. Spence, H. 1664; Robt. Stewart, S.E.; Wm. Holzappel, as S.N.; J. Boazman, Treas.; H. Jackson, 1st A.S.; T. W. Bagnall, 2nd A.S.; R. Ferry, Org.; and others.

The ballot was taken for Bro. W. J. Jobson, S.W. 48, and he was elected by the M.E.Z. Comp. Wm. Brown, I.P.Z. delivered the mystical lecture to the candidate. The sum of £5 5s. was voted to the Masonic Benevolent Fund, after which two candidates were proposed for exaltation, and the chapter was closed.

### Mark Masonry.

#### CARDIFF.

**Langley Lodge (No. 28).**—The annual meeting and installation was held, by dispensation, at Freemasons' Hall, Working-street, on Monday, the 6th inst., when Bro. John Henry Taylor was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was ably and efficiently performed by Bro. C. F. Matier, G. Secretary, who was supported by the following Grand Officers: Bros. S. G. Homfray, Prov. G.M. Mon.; Rev. W. B. Marsden, D.P.G.M.; and N. D. Marks, G. Std. Br. Bro. Taylor appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. H. Frazer, jun., P.J.G.W., I.P.M.; J. M. Gerhold, P.P.G.O., S.W.; W. H. Williams, P.P.G. Std. Br., J.W.; S. O. Williams, P.P.G.I.G., M.O.; T. P. Kerman, P.P.G. Std. Br., S.O.; B. D. Jenkins, P.P.G.S.B., J.O.; N. D. Marks, P.G. Sec., G. Std. Br., Treasurer and Secretary; I. S. Perkins, P.S.G.D., Reg. and Asst. Secretary; John Sheridan, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., D.C.; J. W. Jones, Org.; J. K. Fraser, S.D.; T. H. Watts, P.J.G.D., J.D.; H. Knail, I.G.; W. I. Vaughan, Stwd.; and Amos Jenkins, P.G. Tyler, Tyler.

A large number of brethren attended from the various lodges of the province and the adjoining Province of Monmouth. The lodge enjoys an unusual degree of prosperity, having a roll of membership numbering 200 brethren, and is the largest and most influential Mark lodge in the province.

Bro. C. F. Matier, in reply to a vote of thanks recorded by the brethren for the honour conferred on local Mark Masonry by his presence on that occasion, expressed his pleasure at being enabled to pay a visit to the flourishing port of Cardiff, whose Masonic progress, especially in the Mark Degree, he had watched with interest for a number of years.

A notable incident in the proceedings was the presentation by the W.M., Bro. J. H. Taylor, of a handsome Past Master's jewel to the retiring Master, Bro. Henry Frazer, jun., in recognition of the valuable services he had rendered the lodge during his year of office.

A banquet was subsequently held at the Royal Hotel, Bro. Taylor presiding, the catering of Bro. Harman being in his usual first-class style.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, songs and recitations by Bros. S. G. Homfray, T. P. Kerman, J. M. Gerhold, B. D. Jenkins, T. H. Watts, J. W. Jones, and John Sheridan enlivening the remainder of the evening.

Altogether a most enjoyable entertainment was provided, and the installation was undoubtedly one of the most successful held in the history of the lodge.

The following were present: Bros. Rev. J. Marsden, D.P.G.M.; S. G. Homfray, P.G.M. Mon.; C. F. Matier, P.G.W., G. Sec.; J. H. Taylor, P.P.G.R.; J. J. Williams, P.M., P.P.G.M.O. Mon.; N. D. Marks, P.M., P.G.S., G. Std. Br.; M. Allen, W.M., P.G.S.O. Mon.; John Munday, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; F. C. Williams, S.W., P.P.J.G.D. Mon.; John Sheridan, P.M., D.C., P.P.S.G.W.; Henry Frazer, jun., I.P.M., P.G.I.W.; J. M. Gerhold, J.W., P.G.O.; Rev. W. B. Sanderson, P.G.C.; F. J. Colyer, P.A.G.D.C.; W. H. Williams, J.W.; T. C. Williams, M.O.; J. Colman, P.M.; W. Dobbs, P.M.; B. D. Jenkins, A.S., P.P.G.S.B.; T. P. Kerman, S.O., P.P.G.S.B.; John K. Frazer, S.D.; J. Leon, P.G.S.; Jam. S. W. Jones, Org.; T. H. Watts, P.S.G.W.; J. T. Hogg, W.M.; C. O. Winn, J. H. Dunn, W. Thomas, John Williams, W. J. Vaughan, Rees Jones, Geo. Durston, John Shearman, P. L. Atkinson, Albert W. Hillier, G. F. Green, C. Jenkins, E. Jenkins, C. Jones, J. W. Davis, J. Johns, J. Harman, and Amos Jenkins, Tyler.

#### GUERNSEY.

**Sarnian Lodge (No. 425).**—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 13th inst., when the W.M. elect, Bro. Bichard, was installed by the outgoing Master, Bro. Balfour Cockburn, P.G.D., and Bros. Leveil and Le Page were appointed and invested respectively as Senior and Junior Wardens. This lodge has now been in existence two years, and is handed over to its new Master in perfect order and free from all encumbrances. A large meed of praise must be awarded to the excellent Secretary, Bro. A. C. Quick for the great care and zealous interest he has taken in the promotion of the welfare of the lodge and the hearty manner in which he has co-operated with the worthy founder and W.M. of the lodge for the last two years—Bro. Balfour Cockburn. It is with feelings of great satisfaction that we notice the truly Masonic feeling existing between this lodge and its sister lodge in Jersey. This spirit augurs well for the progress of this Degree in these beautiful islands, and we are pleased to think that the visit of the Grand Mark Secretary and several officers of Grand Mark Lodge to both Jersey and Guernsey last year was not without its beneficial and valuable effect.

#### MANCHESTER.

**St. Andrew's Lodge (No. 34).**—The installation meeting was held on Tuesday, the 14th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street. In the absence of Bro. C. E. Towell, W.M., the chair was taken by Bro. J. Truelove Richardson, P.M., P.P.G.I. of W. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. C. Green was advanced in a most effective manner, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Richardson, who also subsequently installed the W.M. elect. Bro. G. S. Smith, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented to the Installing Master by Bro. J. M. Sinclair, P.M., P.P.G.M.O., and after the usual formula, was duly installed. The address to the W.M. was given by Bro. J. M. Sinclair, whilst that to the Wardens and brethren were given by Bro. J. T. Richardson. The following brethren were invested and addressed by the Worshipful Master: Bros. G. A. Myers, S.W.; A. K. Boothroyd, J.W.; J. M. Veal, M.O.; F. Stretch, S.O.; John Walker, J.O.; J. M. Sinclair, P.M., P.P.G.M.O., Treas.; Julius Laurisch, S.D.; J. Lawrenson, J.D.; J. F. Richardson, P.P.G.I. of W., D.C.; J. Hardwicke Marsh, Chap.; W. Nicnoll, P.M., P.G.D. Eng., Sec.; Jas. Sharples, R. of M.; Arthur L. Boothroyd, Charles Shaw, Org.; Ormrod, I.G.; and E. Roberts, Tyler.

### Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

**ROBERT BURNS LODGE (No. 25).**—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 14th inst., at "Frascati's," 30, Oxford-street, when there were present Bros. W. Truman, W.M.; F. Hewson, S.W.; H. Sillis, J.W.; E. C. Mulvey, P.M., Preceptor; F. Marx, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; J. Blundell, Treas.; F. J. Bonham, Sec.; J. Mason, S.D.; C. D. Lindsay, J.D.; W. Densham, I.G.; E. J. Gittins, P.M.; F. Osborn, and W. Spillane. Visitors: Bros. Dixon, Taylor, and Goldfinch.

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. Osborn being candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Dixon being candidate. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. Bros. Dixon, Taylor, and Goldfinch were unanimously elected joining members. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

**HIGH CROSS LODGE (No. 754).**—The usual weekly meeting was held on Thursday, the 9th inst., at the Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, when the following brethren were present: Bros. H. Wilkin-on, W.M.; Broughton, S.W.; L. E. Wilson, P.M. 754, J.W.; Binnie, P.M., Preceptor; Garrod, P.M., Treas.; B. Stocker, P.M., Sec.; Dexter, S.D.; Reynolds, J.D.; Ruthven, I.G.; Everdell, P.M.; Reeves, and Stephens.

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. Reeves being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Reeves 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. Reeves being the candidate. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. Bro. Broughton was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed the officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

**RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).**—A meeting was held on Friday, the 17th inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. Reid, W.M.; G. E. Stafford, S.W.; W. Hide, J.W.; J. Sims, P.M., Preceptor, Chap.; A. Williams, Treas.; D. S. Long, Sec.; W. Hindes, S.D.; J. Banks, J.D.; F. Barth, I.G.; F. Craggs, P.M.; W. F. Wilkins, H. Bright, and H. Bone.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. H. Bright offering himself a candidate for raising, was questioned and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed, the W.M. rendering the traditional history. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by the brethren under the direction of Bro. Long. Lodge resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. having risen, Bro. Stafford was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting. After "Hearty good wishes" was given and acknowledged, the lodge was closed.

**BURGOYNE LODGE (No. 902).**—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 2nd inst., at the King's Arms, John-street, W.C., when there were present Bros. H. Baldwin, W.M.; F. Lewis, S.W.; A. Bannister, J.W.; Boughey, Stone, F. Reeves, C. Reeves, Andrews, Rashleigh Cowland, Juby, Hood, Johnstone, and Bean.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last lodge read and confirmed. The lodge was then called off, and in the interval between labour and refreshment, the second ballot of the Benevolent Association was held, when fortune favoured Bro. Andrews, a new member of the association, who is going up as a Steward for the Boys' representing the Honor Oak Lodge, of which he is the present W.M. The brethren then sat down to a sumptuous

banquet, and did full honour to the viands set before them. The usual Masonic toasts were received with acclamation, and after the due performance of a full musical programme, comprising sentimental and nautical songs, by Bros. Bannister, Juby, and Hood, and a humorous selection by Mr. Alfred Brown, the lodge was closed.

**BLACKHEATH LODGE** (No. 1320).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Milkwood Tavern, Milkwood-road, Loughborough Junction, on Monday, the 20th inst., when there were present Bros. Cass, W.M.; Rice, S.W.; Hooper, J.W.; F. Hilton, P.M.; Preceptor; T. R. Cass, Treas.; C. H. Stone, Sec.; Telling, S.D.; Pack, J.D.; Chabot, I.G.; Fisher, Kirby, Niblett, Barr, Hill, Gaze, W. C. Smith, Turner, and J. Wint.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Turner having answered the usual questions, was entrusted and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Turner raised in due form. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Hilton, P.M., Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was regularly closed to the First Degree. Bro. J. Wint, I.G. 101, was elected a joining member. Bro. Rice, S.W., was elected W.M. for the 1st Monday in March. Expressions of sympathy were shown for Bro. Hubbard, who had been very ill. The Fifteen Sections will be rehearsed on the fourth Monday in March, under the able presidency of Bro. Hilton, P.M., Preceptor. The lodge was then closed.

**ISLINGTON LODGE** (No. 1471).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 14th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. J. W. Clarke, W.M.; Milton Smith, S.W.; R. P. Upton, J.W.; J. Petch, P.P.G.S.B. Herts, Treas.; C. M. Coxon, Sec.; E. G. Young, S.D.; R. Loomes, J.D.; W. J. Crane, I.G.; D. C. Ritchie, C. T. Barlow, A. Oliver, R. W. Nicole, and H. B. Harding.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Nicole answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. The ceremony of raising was then rehearsed, Bro. Nicole being the candidate. The ceremony of installation was then rehearsed, Bro. Harding as W.M. elect. The W.M. was saluted in the three Degrees. Bro. Smith was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

**COVENT GARDEN LODGE** (No. 1614).—The usual weekly meeting of this lodge was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, S.W., on Thursday, the 9th inst., when there were present Bros. Foan, Preceptor, W.M.; Sandland, S.W.; Shipton, J.W.; Hoggins, Asst. Preceptor; G. Reynolds, Treas.; Keen, Sec.; Jones, S.D.; Dukas, J.D.; Morrell, I.G.; Bullen, Bond, Jarvis, Chapman, Dr. Nutt, Rowe, Wise, Bromley, Warwick, Jones, Shipton, and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Jarvis having offering himself as a candidate to be raised to the Third Degree, and having answered the usual questions satisfactorily, was entrusted and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. rehearsed the Degree of M.M. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree. Bro. Hoggins acting as D.C. introduced Bro. Bullen, W.M. elect of the mother lodge, and he was accordingly installed into the chair of K.S. The W.M., Bro. Bullen, invested his officers. The I.P.M., Bro. Foan, gave the charges to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren in a very clear and distinct manner. On rising for the first time, Bro. W. I. Chapman, 1380, was unanimously elected a joining member of this lodge of instruction. The dues were collected. On rising for the second time, Bro. F. S. Jarvis was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. On rising for the third time, the Treasurer proposed "That a hearty vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes of this lodge of instruction to Bros. Foan and Bullen for the very able manner in which they had worked the ceremony of installation, and wishing the incoming Master every success"—seconded by the S.W., and carried unanimously. The brethren returned thanks. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the lodge was closed.

**CHISWICK LODGE** (No. 1012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 11th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, W., when there were present Bros. Waldon, W.M.; Barth, S.W.; Dicke, J.W.; A. Williams, P.M.; Preceptor; M. Spiegel, P.M., Sec.; R. J. Williams, S.D.; Clark, J.D.; Edelstein, I.G.; Craggs, P.M.; Brown, P.M.; Cox, Hyde, Pritchbeck, Stafford, Hillier, Kingston, Powell, Hiscott, McDermott, Kirkham, and Wilson.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Kingston being a candidate for passing, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Powell. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. Kingston being the candidate. The W.M. rose for the first, second, and third times, and the lodge was closed.

**HORNSEY CHAPTER** (No. 890).—A meeting of this chapter was held on Friday, the 10th inst., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. J. Bailey, M.E.Z. 1602, M.E.Z.; J. Crutenden, 779, H.; A. C. Durrant, J. 276, J.; J. Davies, P.Z. 733, Treas.; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890, 276, S.E.; W. Hillier, 834, S.N.; G. Gregory, P.S. 892, P.S.; J. P. Lewis, P.Z. 276, P.P.G.J. Essex; J. F. Perrins, P.S. 1829; and J. C. Edmonds, P.Z. 1507. Visitors: Comps. F. Wood, P.Z. 1000, P.P.G.H. Essex; F. Suthery, M.E.Z. 276; A. G. Marshall, H. 276; and F. Meggy, P.S. 276.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Meggy being the candidate. Comps. Wood, Suthery, Marshall, and Meggy were elected members. Comp. Suthery expressed the thanks of the companions of the Essex Chapter to the officers for the able manner the ceremony had been rehearsed. Communications from Comps. Cochrane, White, and Stiles were read. The M.E.Z. having risen the usual number of times, "Hearty good wishes" were accorded, and the chapter was closed.

**STAR CHAPTER** (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, on Friday, the 17th inst., when there were present Comps. Phillips, M.E.Z.; Wilson, H.; Newland, J.; F. Hilton, P.Z.; Preceptor; R. J. Voisey, Treas.; C. H. Stone, S.E.; Bannister, S.N.; Hilton, P.S.; H. G. Martin, Barr, North, and Jackson.

The minutes of the weekly convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Barr personating candidate. The M.E.Z. rose the first time. Comp. Barr, 1275, was elected a member. Comp. Wilson was elected M.E.Z. for Friday next, at 7.30, when an installation will be rehearsed. A vote of condolence was passed with Comp. T. Grumman, in his sad bereavement, and a letter sent to him.

## Knights Templar.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

### Loyal Volunteer Preceptory (No. 7).—

A most interesting occasion occurred on Monday, the 13th inst., being the resuscitation of an ancient preceptory, and we should imagine, from the amount of energy displayed on the occasion that it is likely to have a very successful career in the future. Great praise is due to Sir Knights A. W. Siddall, P.E.P., P.P.G.S.B., and Joseph Leech, P.E.P., P.P.G.S.B., for the great energy they have shown in the matter.

There were present Sir Knights Clement R. N. Beswikey-Royds, G.P.; H. Thomas, Sub-Prior; F. W. Bromley, P.E.P.; Thos. Bowers, P.E.P.; and George Wagstaffe, Visitors: Sir Knights F. W. Lean, 9, P.P.V.C.; H. Hollingworth, 43, P.P.G.C.; A. Clegg, 43, P.P.G.C.; and G. S. Smith, Con. 9.

The preceptory was opened by Sir Knight Hy. Thomas, Sub-Prior, with Sir Knights R. Clegg, as Constable; F. W. Lean, as Marshal; Hollingworth, as Sub-Marshal; Jos. Leech, as C. of G.; A. W. Siddall, as Reg.; and G. S. Smith, as Organist. There were five candidates to be installed—Comps. John Wagstaffe, P.Z.; Thomas D. Foreman, Z.; Allen Shaw, James Bromley, P.Z.; and G. Wenham Davies. Sir Knight Henry Thomas was inaugurated in the chair by Sir Knight Beswick-Royds, and he was duly saluted. Subsequently Sir Knight Thomas installed Comps. F. D. Foreman, A. Shaw, and J. Bromley, Sir Knight A. Clegg installing Comps. John Wagstaffe and G. W. Davies. The E.P. invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Sir Knights Vevers, Constable; G. Wagstaffe, Marshal; John Wagstaffe, Sub-Marshal; T. D. Foreman, C. of G.; A. W. Siddall, Reg.; W. Newton, P.E.P.; Joseph Leech, Treas.; Allen Shaw, Almoner; and G. W. Davies and James Bromley, Aide-de-Camps. The business having been concluded, a vote of thanks was accorded to the Prov. Grand Prior for his kindness in attending that day to install Sir Knight H. Thomas, which was duly acknowledged.

Subsequently a banquet was held, at which Sir Knight H. Thomas presided, and the usual loyal and other toasts were given and received.

## Ancient and Accepted Rite.

**Invicta Chapter** (No. 10).—A meeting was held at 33, Golden-square, on Friday, the 17th inst. Ill. Bro. Henry Lovegrove presided, and there were present: Ill. Bros. W. M. Bywater, 32; J. Read, 30; J. Weston, W. Woodford, R. J. Collins, and Bros. Chas. E. Keyser, 2nd Gen.; Geo. Powell, Recorder; and others. Ill. Bro. Walter J. Ebbets was the only visitor.

The candidate was unable to attend. The decease of a member—Bro. Muir—was announced.

The brethren afterwards dined at the Criterion.

## Red Cross of Rome and Constantine.

GUERNSEY.

**Doyle's Conclave** (No. 7).—Thanks to the energetic action taken by Sir Knight Balfour Cockburn immediately on his appointment as Intendant General of this division. The above conclave, which had been in complete abeyance since 1873, is now open and in full working order. Unfortunately, the great majority of the original members of the conclave are either dead or have left the island. Happily four very excellent brethren were found zealous and willing to resume their duties, and one or two others promised their support. Several preliminary meetings having been held, it was determined to convene a regular conclave on Tuesday, the 9th instant. This was accordingly done, and with the following very satisfactory results: Sir Knight Stickland was enthroned as M.P.S., then Sir Knight Richard was consecrated as E., both ceremonies being conducted, of course, by the Intendant-General. After this the following brethren, having been duly elected, were installed as sir knights of the Order: Bros. J. G. Pickering, A. J. Hay, F. C. Morgan, J. T. Laine, W. J. Laine, and W. Stranger. The following sir knights were duly appointed and invested as officers of the conclave: Sir Knights Wilkins, S. Gen.; Corbin, J. Gen.; Guilbert, Treas.; Pickering, Prefect; Hay, Herald; J. T. Laine, Std. Br.; and H. Bowden, Sentinel. The Intendant-General kindly consented to act as Recorder as a temporary measure, and also as Prelate. Before the conclave was closed, two candidates were proposed for installation.

We congratulate the Intendant-General on his very successful resuscitation of this conclave, and we wish it a very prosperous career.

## ANNUAL BALL OF THE CRIPPLEGATE LODGE, No. 1613.

A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 10th inst., at the Albion, Aldersgate-street. After having discharged their business, the W.M. (Bro. Claud A. Hooper), the officers, and brethren adjourned to the Cannon-street Hotel, to celebrate their 14th annual ball.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of that master of the art, Bro. Dan Godfrey, jun., and was undoubtedly greatly appreciated by the ladies and brethren, the latter of whom, as many as could, wore Masonic and Royal Arch clothing and jewels, which, added to the picturesque dresses of the ladies, produced a most pleasing effect.

At 11.15, an adjournment took place for supper, after which the W.M. gave the toast of the evening—"The Queen and the Craft."

The I.P.M. next gave the toast of "The W.M.," and in doing so intimated that he trusted Bro. Hooper would arrange for a summer outing, as he (Bro. Pointer) was particularly desirous of meeting the present company again.

Bro. Hooper, in reply, said that the question of a summer outing would be left to the Past Masters of the lodge, and proceeded to propose the toast of "The Ladies, Past Masters, and Officers," to which Mr. J. Doyle shortly replied.

Subsequently dancing was resumed and maintained until about 5 a.m., much to the delight of all present.

Everything was carried out splendidly, under the energetic management of the M.C.'s and Bro. W. Medwin, the Secretary of the lodge.

The party consisted of about 160.

## ANNUAL DINNER OF THE IVY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1441.

The annual dinner of the members of the Ivy Lodge of Instruction, No. 1441, was held at the Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, on Thursday, the 9th instant, when about 40 brethren sat down to an excellent spread provided by Bro. Bradbury. The chair was occupied by the Preceptor, Bro. Hardiman, Bro. Burcham Cooper, Assistant Preceptor and Treasurer, in the vice-chair, and there were also present Bros. Higerty, P.M.; Davis, P.M.; Cowley, P.M.; Sternberg, Barlow, Edwards, Thwaites, Horton, George, Lyle, Baker, Dupree, M. Gill, Scroggie, Cameron, C. Wood, Wills, Knibb, Boswell, Randall, Richmond, Prince, Hall, Stegman, Bradbury, Walker, and others.

The members testified their appreciation of the endeavours of the caterer by partaking in a hearty manner of the good things provided, and after the cloth had been removed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and duly honoured, after which came the toast of "Success to the Ivy Lodge of Instruction."

The great event of the evening was the balloting for a Life Subscribership to one of the Charities, which fell to the lodge of instruction itself.

The following brethren contributed to the harmony of the evening: Bros. Dr. Davis, Knibb, C. Wood, Richmond, Du Pre, Prince, Hall, and Burcham Cooper, Bros. C. Wood and Richmond being deservedly encored, and we must not forget Bro. Burcham Cooper's recitation of "The Bashful Man," a part well becoming our worthy brother.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Chairman, the worthy caterer, and Bro. Richmond, who kindly supplied the plants for decoration of the table, and several other toasts were proposed and duly responded to.

The brethren then dispersed, one and all expressing their satisfaction of the excellence of the repast, and a most enjoyable evening came to a conclusion with "Hearty good wishes," and success to their next annual dinner.

The lodge of instruction meets every Thursday at 8 p.m. at the Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, and brethren are cordially invited to attend.

## THE ANNUAL BANQUET AND BALL OF THE KINGSLAND LODGE, No. 1693.

The annual banquet and ball of this the most successful lodge in North London took place at the Restaurant Frascati, in Oxford-street, on Tuesday, the 14th inst., being the last restaurant opened by the enterprising firm of "Gordon Hotels Company, Lim.," who deserve praise for the excellent accommodation they afford to those who patronise their splendid establishments.

The banquet on the present occasion was attended by upwards of 112 brethren and lady friends, and was well served under the energetic and personal supervision of its able and courteous manager, Bro. Lambert, who certainly obtained that meed of praise from all present for his unremitting attention throughout the whole of the proceedings, which passed off without a single hitch, and certainly reflects the highest credit on his ability as manager, and the heartiest thanks of the Worshipful Master, Past Masters, and Ball Committee are due to him for his kind co-operation in making the evening so successful.

The banquet was very ably presided over by the W.M., Bro. L. Simon, who was well supported by Bros. J. Cooper, P.M., Treas.; A. W. Fenner, P.M., Sec.; H. Hall, P.M.; W. T. H. Mayer, P.M.; H. J. Hazel, P.M.; W. Elliott, S.W.; J. Potter, J.W.; J. S. Anthony, I.G.; A. White, D.C.; G. Cook, A.D.C.; J. G. Harrington and E. Dimes, Stwds.; and last—though not the least—W. Windsor, the Organist of the lodge, and was done full justice to, and time being necessarily short, so were the speeches which introduced the toasts.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER proceeded to give the first toast, that of "Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen," which was duly honoured.

The next was, as the WORSHIPFUL MASTER prefaced, the toast of the evening, and observed that he felt the



great importance of it. For the first time in his life he had to propose a toast, and which he was sure he could not do it that justice it really deserved—it was that of "The Ladies." It was one, he felt sure, would be heartily responded to by all brethren present, who must admit that the great number of ladies who graced the banquet table that evening was a sufficient proof of the high respect in which the members of the lodge were held; notwithstanding the terrible reports which at times had gone abroad about the dreadful ordeals the initiates had to go through before they were admitted to the full knowledge of the secrets of Freemasonry. He (the W.M.) gave a very humorous account of the various tortures, ordeals, and penitential sufferings of an initiate, as was popularly believed to be the case, which elicited shouts of laughter, and the humour of his graphic account greatly amused all present.

The toast itself, we need hardly say, was grandly responded to.

Bro. E. C. WINDSOR was called upon to respond on behalf of the ladies, which he did by first decrying his want of eloquence to do full justice to the response, but he hoped that he had the full assent of all the ladies in that he thanked the W.M. in their name for the very able and courteous manner he had proposed their health, also the brethren for the very hearty manner it had been received by them. He believed the ladies were under an obligation to the W.M. for the information given respecting the various tortures, &c., a man had to go through before becoming a fully fledged Mason.

The toast of "The W.M." was, of course, indispensable, as Bro. H. J. HAZEL, the I.P.M. observed, who informed those present that the W.M. made up his mind to make that evening a success, and he must say his efforts had been successful. In proposing his health, he remarked that he had filled the chair with dignity, and had discharged his duties in a most admirable manner, which had won for him the good opinion of every member of the lodge.

The toast was drunk with great cordiality, and was responded to by the W.M. in a short, but very telling, speech, in which he thanked Bro. Hazel for his flattering remarks, and all those present for the very cordial way they had received the toast. That being a red-letter day in the annals of the Kingsland Lodge, he had spared no pains or expense in endeavouring to make it a success, and thanked those who had so ably assisted him in attaining that object, which he was very proud to see had crowned his wishes.

The interest in the proceedings was fully kept up by each lady having a small bottle of Briedenbach's scent placed beside her at the table. There was also a very liberal supply of Tom Smith's bon-bons, which contributed in a great measure towards the fun, which was kept going with great spirit by all present, and this was greatly appreciated by the ladies, who were loud in their praises of the W.M. and the Ball Committee for the excellent arrangements made for their comfort, who comprised the W.M., Past Masters, and officers of the lodge.

After an interval of half-an-hour, the dulcet strains of the band was heard, which announced that the ball programme was about to be gone through. Couples flocked to the ball room, which was prettily decorated with flowers and various plants, and soon presented an animated scene. Programmes (which were scented by Rimmel) were filled up with engagements (some, we think, more serious than the waltz, or any other dance, if our eyes did not deceive us), but there, it is the same tale o'er again. Dancing was kept up with great spirit until a late hour, and when our reporter left they were still twirling on the "light fantastic."

Great credit is due to the Organist of the lodge, Bro. W. Windsor, for the excellent band provided for the occasion, and who, we may here add, lent additional charm to the banquet by playing some beautiful pieces during its progress. Flowers there were also, posies for ladies, buttonholes for brethren.

On the whole, we think the Kingsland Lodge has good cause to congratulate itself on the great success of their ladies' night in 1893, and we trust that still greater success may attend its future annuals. So mote it be!

#### ANNUAL BANQUET OF THE WEST SMITHFIELD CHAPTER, No. 1623.

The companions of the above chapter held their Annual Ladies' Banquet and Cinderella at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., on Thursday, the 9th inst. The Committee considered that the meeting being somewhat of a tentative nature (being the first of its kind in connection with the chapter), it would be better to run it on independent lines and make it self-supporting, and right well the companions rallied round the M.E.Z. and brought their friends in numbers, that a grand success was ensured, and which augured well for the future of the undertaking. A dispensation was obtained from Grand Chapter for the companions and brethren to wear Masonic clothing. The Stewards were Comps. A. D. T. Hamilton, M.E.Z.; C. Patrick, H., M.E.Z. elect; R. H. Goddard, J.; R. F. Brickdale, P.Z., Treas.; H. C. C. Hirsch, S.E.; W. F. Bruty, S.N.; W. J. Barnes, P.S.; W. F. Buxton, 1st Asst. Soj.; E. Braun, 2nd Asst. Soj.; Neil Mackay, W.S.; F. E. Roberts, P.Z., Org.; J. Whiteman, G. Bailey, and E. A. Ball.

Amongst the visitors from the mother lodge were Bro. and Mrs. J. J. Howes, P.M. and Treas.; Bro. and Mrs. C. W. Fink, Bro. and Mrs. P. D. Cotroni, and

others, also Comp. and Mrs. E. H. Done, of the Jubilee Chapter; Bro. and Mrs. W. Sutton, of 2264; Bro. and Mrs. H. Kemp, besides many other ladies and gentlemen.

The banquet was held in the chapter room of the hotel, and after ample justice was done to the very excellent repast that was so well served in every particular, an adjournment was made to the Masonic room, where a selection of up to date music was played by a very efficient orchestra, and a programme of 13 dances interspersed by several songs, by Bros. Sam. Wright and H. Kemp, jun., was performed. The unanimous opinion was that as the meeting had been conducted and carried out with such enjoyment to all present, and the hours spent so pleasantly and sociably, an extension of the time at the next Ladies' Banquet would be most desirable.

## Ireland.

### BELFAST.

**Falls Lodge (No. 226).**—The members of this lodge held their installation dinner on Friday, the 17th inst., in the Castle Restaurant, Donegall-place, at which their lady friends and a number of visitors were present, amongst whom were Bros. Stanfield, P.S.G.D.; W. J. Morton, P.P.G.S.; Henry Valentine, Dr. T. A. Davidson, T. Henderson, T. Murdock, J. Pink, J. Stewart, A. Nixon, J. McClelland, J. Mack, J. McLaughlin, and many others.

After a sumptuous dinner had been partaken of, the W.M., Bro. W. S. Turner, took the chair, and, on rising, gave a hearty welcome to all present, and informed them that this was the first social meeting at which they had the pleasure of having their lady friends present, and, from the apparent success of this meeting, he thought they would have many such social gatherings.

Bro. Turner then proposed, in felicitous terms, "The Health of the Queen," and this was duly honoured, the company singing the National Anthem.

A varied programme of songs, &c., was well rendered by Mrs. Stanfield, Miss Murray, and Miss Turner; also by Bros. Stanfield, Davidson, Turner, McKeown, Andrews, Williamson, and Kirkwood. Bro. J. Stewart played the accompaniments very efficiently.

During the evening the W.M. spoke as to the success which had attended their efforts on behalf of the lodge, and the hearty co-operation of the Past Masters and officers served at all times to make the lodge one of the first in the province, bearing as it did an ancient and honourable history.

The health of several of the old members was drunk with enthusiasm, and appropriately responded to by Bros. A. Martin, Aicken, Kirkwood, Moore, and Andrews.

The W.M. then gave "The Health of the Visitors," which was received in the heartiest manner, and expressed regret at Bro. Henry Valentine (son of the esteemed Dep. P.G.M.) having to leave early, as he had his name specially coupled with this sentiment.

Bros. Stanfield, Morton, and Davidson responded. "The Health of the Ladies" was then given, and happily responded to by Bro. McCallin, after which a very enjoyable meeting was brought to a close, everyone being well pleased with the evening's entertainment.

## The Craft Abroad.

### BERMUDA.

**St. George Lodge (No. 200, S.C.).**—The installation of the office-bearers for the above lodge took place in their lodge room on Wednesday, December 23rd. A goodly assembly of brethren and visitors were present. The installation ceremony was ably conducted by Bro. C. M. McCallan, I.P.M. Bro. V. O. Brown having been installed, thanked the brethren for the trust and responsibility entrusted in him, and informed the brethren that during his tenure of office, and with such an efficient staff of officers as had been chosen by the brethren, he hoped to sustain the reputation of the lodge, which had been working so harmoniously in the old town of St. George's for nearly a century. The following were appointed as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. G. Farrow, S.W.; R. Swanson, J.W.; G. Boyle, Treasurer; G. D. Boyle, Treasurer; Rev. F. J. F. Lightbourne, Chaplain; R. Clifford, S.D.; W. Grantham, J.D.; G. Hargis, I.G.; W. E. Meyer and T. W. Foster, Stewards; and G. Green, Tyler.

Owing to the death of the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. W. C. J. Hyland, and Thomas Toddings, Treasurer, the annual banquet was deferred. The lodge has, indeed, met with the loss of two good and loyal Masons, but we feel sure and confident that they both have joined the Masonic circle above.

The regular meetings of the lodge take place the first Tuesday after the full moon, and brethren of sister lodges, especially sea-faring brethren, are cordially invited.

### ST. HELENA.

**St. Helena Lodge (No. 488).**—The brethren of this lodge celebrated their 47th annual festival on Tuesday, the 27th ultimo. They assembled at their hall in Napoleon-street, and, after installing the Worshipful Master and officers for the ensuing year, went, with many members of the Old Rock Lodge, No. 912, and others of the Craft, in Masonic procession, headed by the St. Helena Band, to St. James' Church for Divine service, which was conducted by the Rev. E. Hughes, Vicar of St. James'; the sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. J. C. Hands. The discourse was a most eloquent and appropriate one to the occasion, pointing out the many amiable virtues which should always characterise Freemasons. The service being over, the procession returned in the same order to the lodge. A unanimous vote of thanks was recorded to Bro. the Rev. J. C. Hands for his services during the day. The following is a list of the officers for the ensuing 12 months: Bros. Richard Dowling, P.M., W.M.; the Hon. R. de Villamil, S.W.; J. F. Smith, J.W.; B. H. Knipe, Treas.; A. S. Brady, P.M., Sec.; F. E. Welby, S.D.; W. E. Thorpe, J.D.; Ed. Thomas, D.C.; K. A. Clarke, P.M., Stwd.; J. Ander-

son, I.G.; and Thomas Carr, P.M., Tyler. Special thanks were tendered to Bro. R. A. Clarke, P.M., and those kind ladies who assisted him in the tasteful manner in which the lodge room and banquet hall were decorated with flags, flowers, and evergreens.

In the evening the brethren before-named, with Bros. the Hon. Major de Villamil, Major Garnet, Douglas Reid, James Woods, and T. Coulton, in addition, sat down in the banquet hall to an excellent dinner provided for the lodge by the Steward, Bro. R. A. Clarke, P.M., when all seemed to have enjoyed themselves.

After a most pleasant and enjoyable evening the party broke up.

### EGYPT.

**Bulwen Lodge (No. 1068, E.C.).**—The annual installation meeting of this lodge took place at the new Masonic Hall, Cairo, on Saturday, the 4th inst., Bro. J. A. Agar-Hamilton, W.M., in the chair, supported by Bro. Major Wengate, W.M. Grecia Lodge (E.C.); Hubert J. Scott, I.P.M. 1068; J. Houston Charman, P.M. 1068; W. Hayward, P.M. 355 (S.C.); and some 60 members of the lodge and visitors.

The minutes having been read and confirmed, Bro. J. Houston Charman, P.M. 1068, presented Bro. W. E. Bailey, S.W., to the W.M. to be installed, and the ceremony of installation was most impressively carried out by the W.M. The newly-installed W.M. then installed his officers as follows: Bros. J. Macdonald, S.W.; J. Walker, J.W.; W. T. Heddick, Sec.; Hayes, S.D.; J. Mitchinson, J.D.; Spofforth, I.G.; Baine, D.C.; and Hasted, Tyler. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by Bros. T. Hopkins, 32, San Francisco, U.S.A.; Crozier, 1656; Serjeant, 1693; J. Langley, 2359; and others.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to Santi Restaurant, where the annual banquet was held, Bro. W. E. Bailey, W.M., in the chair.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and honoured, and the toasts of "The W.M." and "I.P.M." were received in a truly Masonic manner.

### MARK MASONRY.

### EGYPT.

**Egypt Lodge (No. 311).**—The annual installation ceremony of this lodge took place on Saturday, the 14th ult., at the New Masonic Hall, No. 43 Street, Cairo, when Bro. W. Hayes was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed by Bro. G. Houston Charman, Deputy Grand Secretary North Africa, after which the officers were invested as follows: Bros. Box, S.W.; Phillips, J.W.; Hayes, M.O.; Crozier, S.O.; J. Langley, J.O.; Charman, Treas.; Spofforth, Sec.; Black, S.D.; Shallaby, J.D.; Adams, I.G.; and Hasted, Tyler.

After the ceremony the brethren sat down to a bounteous banquet, and after full justice was done to all the good things, the usual Masonic toasts were fully honoured, and with the Tyler's toast terminated a most enjoyable evening.

## Scotland.

### THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF ABERDEEN CITY.

The installation of Bro. James Hampton Forshaw as Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master took place in the Masonic Hall, on Saturday, the 11th inst., at 3 p.m. A deputation from the Grand Lodge, consisting of Bros. Col. the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Haddington, M.W. Grand Master Mason of Scotland; John Graham of Broadstone, Acting G.M. Deputy; Sir Allan Mackenzie, Acting Sub. G.M.; D. Murray Lyon, G. Sec.; David Reid, G. Cashier; Rev. W. S. Hildesley, Acting G. Chap.; D. Falconer, Acting S.G.D.; R. J. Jamieson, Acting J.G.D.; George Christie, Acting G. Dir. of Cers.; Geo. Dobie, G. Bard; W. Falconer, Acting G.S.B.; and George Hay, Grand Tyler, were intimated.

The Prov. Grand Lodge having been opened in the First Degree, the deputation was received with the honours suitable to their rank. The Prov. Grand Master elect addressing the Grand Master in a few chosen sentences, handed him the insignia of office, and invited him to take the chair.

On assuming the chair he proceeded with the installing ceremony, which was of a most solemn, impressive, and high character. In calling upon the Grand Secretary to read the minutes, he expressed the sincere pleasure it afforded him in examining and finding the lodge books in such a high state of efficiency, and paid the Prov. Grand Secretary a high tribute for the carrying out of the Grand Lodge's laws and regulations in the minutest details.

The minutest more than confirmed the high eulogium passed by the Grand Master.

The ceremonial being concluded, a banquet was given in the Imperial Hotel, the Prov. Grand Master presiding, supported by Bros. Col. the Right Hon. the Earl of Haddington, Sir Allan Mackenzie, Bart., John Graham of Broadstone, D. Murray Lyon, Grand Sec.; David Reid, Grand Cashier; G. Dobie, Grand Bard; R. J. Jamieson, W. Falconer, Rev. C. C. Macdonald, Prov. G. Chap.; and others. The guests were Bros. H. Burnham, T. R. Richards, Whythead, Rev. W. S. Hildesley, and others.

Covers were laid for 85, but the number present far exceeded it. The orchestra, under the leadership of Bro. G. W. Morgan (R. B. Bateman, conductor), supplied the music during the evening at the banquet, as also at the installation ceremony. The banquet, as well as the installation, will be a red-letter day in the province.

The Duke of York has consented to become a Vice-Patron of the Royal Naval Benevolent Society, Adam-street, Adelphi, of which the Queen is Patron, and the Prince of Wales Vice-Patron.



The Duke of Cambridge left Victoria Station by the continental express for Dover, *en route* for Cannes, on Tuesday, several members of the head-quarters staff being present on the platform to take leave of his Royal Highness.

On Thursday afternoon Mr. T. Edgar Pemberton delivered a lecture at the Court Theatre on "The Story of the English Stage," which was attended by many prominent actors and actresses.

We are glad to hear that the Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, M.P., who was attacked in a mild form with influenza on Friday, 17th instant, is progressing favourably towards recovery, and has already been able to leave his room.

The Prince of Wales has promised to preside at the annual general meeting of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, which will be held at St. Martin's Town Hall, Charing Cross-road, in the afternoon of Saturday, the 18th prox.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Lathom and the Ladies Maud and Edith Wilbraham left London on board the Orient Company's steamer Garonne for a cruise in the Mediterranean. The party will be absent from England till after Easter.

Mr. Frederick Pritchard presided at the 26th Anniversary Festival of the Drovers' Benevolent Institution, which was held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, on Thursday. The donations and subscriptions, including £105 from the Chairman, amounted to about £500.

The Prime Minister and Mrs. Gladstone left town for Windsor on a visit to the Queen. Her Majesty's dinner party included Bro. Lord Herschell (the Lord Chancellor), Bro. the Marquis and Marchioness of Breadalbane, Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone, Mr. H. H. Asquith, M.P., and Sir William Jenner.

The annual meeting of the Royal Colonial Institute was held at the Society's Rooms, Northumberland-avenue, on Tuesday, under the presidency of Sir Frederick Young. The 24th annual report was submitted and adopted, a strong feeling being exhibited against the amalgamation of the Society with, or its absorption by the Imperial Institute.

Admiral Sir Arthur Cumming, K.C.B., who died recently in the 76th year of his age, served with distinction in the Syrian campaign of 1840, and also in the Baltic and Black Sea during the Russian war. He had received the Royal Humane Society's medal, as well as the medals for Syria, Baltic, and the Crimea.

The entries at the 14th annual show of the Shire Horse Society, which was opened at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, on Monday, numbered 507, namely, 294 stallions and 213 mares. Among the exhibitors were the Prince of Wales, and Bros. Lord Egerton of Tatton, Lord Hindlip, Lord Hothfield, and Lord Wantage.

The band of the Grenadier Guards, under Bro. Lieut. Dan Godfrey, and that of the 1st Dragoon Guards, played on the Fast Terrace, Windsor Castle, by command of her Majesty, on Sunday afternoon last, when some thousands of visitors thronged the grounds. Among the promenaders were the Empress Frederick of Germany, Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg and their children, and the children of the Duchess of Albany.

The Prince of Wales has consented to preside at the Jubilee Festival of the Iron, Hardware, and Metal Trades' Pension Society, which will be held some time in the month of May. Among the Stewards are Bros. the Duke of Devonshire, the Duke of Portland, the Earl of Wharnccliffe, and Lord Hrassey. The Society has distributed £100,000 during its career of 50 years, has a reserve of £26,000, and is now paying away annually in pensions £3000.

An addition was made to the Royal Navy on Thursday by the delivery to the Sheerness Dockyard authorities of the new fast gun-boat Jaseur, built at Barrow by contract. The Jaseur is ordered to be immediately armed and completed for commission. Her equipment is to consist of two 4-7in and four three-pounder quick-firing guns, and five torpedo tubes. The Jaseur had a very boisterous passage from Barrow, and was damaged in collision.

Among the guests at the evening party given by the Countess Stanhope at their family residence in Grosvenor-place, on Saturday evening last, were the Turkish and Austrian Ambassadors, the Danish Minister, and Madame de Bille, Bro. the Duke and the Duchess of St. Allans, Bro. the Earl and the Countess of Wharnccliffe, Bro. Earl and the Countess Amherst, Bro. Lord and Lady Balfour, Bro. Lord and Lady Cremorne, Bro. Lord Amptill, Bro. Sir Algernon Borthwick and Miss Borthwick, and Bro. General Sir Redvers and Lady Audrey Buller.

The first large muster of Metropolitan Volunteers this year will be held to-morrow (Saturday), when, in accordance with orders issued from the War Office, all the infantry regiments comprising the West London Volunteer Brigade will concentrate in Regent's Park, and march to Hampstead. It is expected that the force thus assembled will consist of 5000 officers and men. Similar musters in full strength of the North, East, and South London, and Surrey brigades are being arranged to take place between now and Easter, and there will also be a muster of the Artillery and Engineers of the Home District.

We have received from Bro. John K. King, Coggeshall, Essex, a copy of his illustrated garden annual and reference book for 1893. As usual, this excellent catalogue is replete with information on all matters connected with the garden, and should be in the hands of everybody who wishes to be up-to-date in the latest varieties of fruits, flowers, and vegetables. When we add that this is the centenary of the establishment of the firm of John K. King, and that it has enjoyed for many years the patronage of Royalty, nothing more need be said to recommend it to the attention of such of our readers as are not patrons of the Royal seed establishment at Coggeshall.

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Bros. Will E. Chapman, James Fernandez, and H. S. Foster, M.P., the newly-installed W.M. of the Temple Lodge, No. 101, were elected, on Monday, to the three Principals' chairs of Bayard Chapter, No. 1615.

The Duchess of Albany and her children left Claremont for Cannes on Thursday. They will take up their residence at the Villa Nevada, where the late Duke was on a visit at the time of his death, and remain for about six weeks.

The Duchess of Teck and the Princess May visited the Exhibition of British Lace which is intended for the Chicago collection, and were received on their arrival by the Duchess of Abercorn, President of the British Lace Section, Bro. the Duke of Abercorn, and the Ladies Hamilton.

The Queen will hold a Drawing Room at Buckingham Palace, on Tuesday next, the 28th inst., and will be accompanied to London by the Empress Frederick of Germany. It is understood that her Majesty will not leave England on her visit to the continent till the 20th prox., and that she will be accompanied by Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg.

Mr. George Lock, of the firm of Collinson and Lock, has had the honour of submitting to the inspection of their Majesties the Queen and the Empress Frederick the collection of silks, brocades, and gold and silver tissues, all of British manufacture, that are being sent by them to the Chicago International Exhibition.

The 23rd annual grand ball, in aid of the funds of the Metropolitan and City Police Orphanage, will take place on Thursday, 20th April next, at the Cannon Street Hotel, City, under the distinguished patronage and presence of the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, the Sheriffs and Under-Sheriffs. Two ball rooms with suite of apartments have been engaged for the evening.

Bro. Chas. F. Forshaw, LL.D., of Bradford, the author of "Wanderings of Imagery," "Thoughts in the Gloaming," and numerous other volumes of verse, was on the 23rd instant, elected an Honorary Member of, and Poet Laureate to the Peebles Kilwinning Lodge, No. 24 (S.C.), the warrant of which dates from 1716. Bro. Dr. Forshaw composed an ode on the occasion, which he recited after being invested.

The Prince of Wales attended and took a deep interest in the proceedings of the fifth meeting, on Tuesday, of the Royal Commission on the Aged and Infirm Poor. The Earl of Aberdare presided, and most of the Commissioners were present. The evidence of Mr. Hedley, Metropolitan Inspector of the Local Government Board, was brought to a conclusion, and that of Mr. Davey, another Inspector of the same Board, commenced.

The annual ball given by the brethren of Arkwright Lodge, No. 1495, Matlock, took place at the New Bath Hotel, on Thursday, the 16th inst. There were upwards of 70 present, including Masons from all the adjoining towns, and these appeared in full regalia by special dispensation. Dancing commenced at 8.30 to the strains of Barnes' orchestra, and was maintained until 3 a.m. The M.C. was Bro. H. B. Boag, and the Stewards comprised the chief officers of the lodge.

THE PEARL ASSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.—The annual report and statement of accounts just issued again presents a satisfactory and encouraging record of the Company's progress during the past year. Under all heads an improvement is shown—452,587 new policies were issued during the year, representing a new income of £202,145, and the total income of the Company shows an increase of £23,643 over that of the previous year. The claims paid during the same period amounted to £151,735. A dividend of 10 per cent. was declared at the meeting on Monday last, and the whole of the resolutions were unanimously adopted.

The announcement of the death of Bro. Charles Bargery, at his residence, 22, Walton-road, will be received with sincere regret by a large number of Masonic and other friends. The deceased had held the important post of supervisor of Inland Revenue for many years, and all who were brought into business contact with him will remember his unflinching courtesy in the prosecution of his somewhat arduous duties. As a Freemason, Bro. Bargery was held in the very highest esteem by all members of the Masonic lodges in the West Lancashire Division. At the time of his death he was Past Master of the Kirkdale Lodge, No. 1756, and in recognition of the valuable services that he rendered to Masonry in general, and to Masonic Charities in particular, the Provincial Grand Master some years ago appointed him to the position of P.P.S.G.D. The remains of the deceased will be interred at Anfield Cemetery.

OLD MASONIANS.—The usual monthly social evening of the above Association was held at Anderton's Hotel on Friday, the 17th inst., the chair being taken by Mr. Haroldson Hare, who was supported by a large and appreciative gathering of members and visitors. The programme was carried out by Bros. A. Church, T. Sweeney, W. Miles Smith, and Messrs. J. Horncastle, W. G. Churcher, Bob Rae, W. Edwards, A. Slade (cornet), W. Sweetman (bones), and Chas. Capper, the well-known siffleur. Messrs. David Davies and Frank Churcher presided at the piano. Messrs. Rud Ibachson kindly lent the splendid instrument. If the enthusiasm of the audience can be correctly gauged by the number of encores demanded, it is evident the concert gave the utmost satisfaction to all those present. "The Health of the Chairman" was proposed by Bro. W. D. Church, P.M. 1365, who, in a hearty and lucid manner, placed the objects of the Association before the assembly, announcing also that he had great pleasure in becoming an honorary member, as also had Bro. J. R. Robert, P.M. 65. He concluded by congratulating Mr. Hare on the performance of a somewhat responsible duty, and asked the audience to drink his health, which they did with musical honours. We are pleased to announce that Bro. W. Shurmer, P.P.G.T. Essex, and Vice-Patron of the Schools, was present, and signified his willingness to become a Vice-President of the Association.

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Her Majesty has forwarded a further contribution of 20 guineas to the East London Hospital for Children, Shadwell.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the Duke of York, and a distinguished company of mourners attended the funeral of the late Col. the Hon. Oliver Montagu, at Brampton Church, Huntingdon, on Thursday.

A dramatic performance was given by the staff of the London and South-Western Bank at St. George's Hall, on Saturday evening last, in aid of the Bank Clerks' Orphanage. There was a very full house, and the programme went off very successfully, and will doubtless be beneficial to the Orphanage.

The Duchess of Connaught has been suffering from a severe cold, which prevented her being present, on Tuesday, at a concert on behalf of the Portsmouth and South Hants Eye and Ear Infirmary. On Thursday her Royal Highness was convalescent, and in the afternoon, accompanied by the Duke of Connaught, returned to Osborne.

An entertainment by the Albany Dramatic Club will take place at the Manor Rooms, Hackney, on Thursday next, March 2nd, in aid of the Metropolitan Hospital, Kingsland-road. It is hoped that the funds of this deserving Institution, which now stands in great need of money, will be benefited. Tickets—3s., 2s., and 1s.—may be obtained of many local residents, or of Mr. J. W. Rees, Hon. Sec., 84, Shoreditch, E., and Mr. W. R. Bennett, Hon. Treas., 75, Stapleton Hall-road, Stroud Green, W.

A "Magdalen" by Murillo, stated to have been purchased for £3000 from the collection of the Queen of Spain, was offered at Willis's Rooms and realised only 310 guineas. At the same sale a "Marriage of the Virgin," by Van Eyck, for which as much as £1500 had been paid, brought only £540. On the other hand, two very unpretentious pictures of farmyard life, painted by George Morland—not at all improbably to wipe off a score at some village alehouse—were knocked down at £430 and £270 respectively.

Lord Mayor Knill and the Lady Mayoress entertained at dinner at the Mansion House on Saturday evening last the Duke and the Duchess of Teck and the Princesses Victoria and May and Prince Adolphus of Teck. Among the guests invited to meet them being Bro. Alderman Sir Henry and Lady Knight, Bro. Alderman Sir James and Lady Whitehead, Bro. Alderman Joseph and Lady Savory, Bart., Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Renals and Mrs. Renals, and Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Wilkin and Mrs. Wilkin.

The Primate, with six of his suffragans and a dozen representatives of the Lower House, journeyed to Windsor, on Thursday, with the object of laying before her Majesty in person the loyal and dutiful address of the Convocation of the Province of Canterbury. At Windsor Railway Station carriages from the Castle met his Grace and party, who were also (in accordance with precedent) entertained by the Queen at luncheon. The address included a protest against any interference with the historic position of the four Welsh dioceses in the Province of Canterbury.

The Queen has presented Mr. George Miller, Mus. Bac., Bandmaster of the Royal Marine Light Infantry, with an ivory bâton, gold-mounted, and bearing the following inscription: "Presented to Mr. George Miller, Bandmaster Royal Marine Light Infantry, by Victoria, R.I., Osborne, February 10th, 1893." The following letter accompanied the gift: "Sir H. Ponsonby is commanded by the Queen to send the enclosed conductor's bâton to Mr. Miller in recognition of his services, especially during the last month at Osborne."

The Duke of Edinburgh visited Exeter on Tuesday, for the purpose of distributing the new service decoration to the Volunteer officers of the district. His Royal Highness was received by the Mayor, and presented with an address at the Guildhall, and after luncheon with Col. Milne-Holme and the officers of the 11th Regimental Depot, he proceeded to the Drill Hall, where he bestowed the medal on 21 officers. In the evening the Duke was entertained at dinner by the Mayor and Corporation, among the principal guests being Lord Clinton, Bro. Col. Sir M. Walrond, M.P., the Bishop of Exeter, the High Sheriff of Devon, and Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe.

At the inaugural dinner of the Hyde Park Club on Thursday night an important addition was made to London club life. The premises, which occupy a considerable portion of Hyde Park-court, Albert-gate, are of the most commodious and luxurious description. Many of the chief apartments overlook the park, and especially is this the case with the drawing-room, which forms part of a special suite set apart for the entertainment of ladies, the guests of members. The club is strictly non-political, and already the list of original members is nearly completed. The Duke of Teck, who was expected to take the chair, telegraphed his inability to be present. The vice-chair was occupied by Captain the Hon. Randolph Stewart, who was supported by a large and distinguished company.

Archdeacon Farrar, in presence of a large gathering of friends of temperance, from all religious denominations and all classes of society held in the Egyptian Hall of the Mansion House under the presidency of the Lord Mayor, presented to Lady Lawson the portrait of her husband, Sir Wilfrid, President of the United Kingdom Alliance, as an acknowledgement of the efforts he has made for years in the cause of temperance and social reform. The painting is by Mr. Cecil Burns, and was exhibited in the Academy last year. Sir Wilfrid, in acknowledging the gift on behalf of his wife, made a humorous speech illustrative of the difficulties of a temperance reformer's career, but expressed pleasure that the artist had not carried principle to the extreme of painting the picture in water-colours.

The Queen has been pleased to approve the appointment of the Right Hon. Robert William Duff to be Governor of New South Wales, in the room of the Earl of Jersey, resigned. Mr. Duff was a Junior Lord of the Treasury from 1882 to 1885, and Civil Lord of the Admiralty in Mr. Gladstone's last Administration. The right hon. gentleman is the first untitled Governor of the Colony for many years. He is 57 years of age, and married, in 1871, a daughter of the late Sir William Scott, of Ancrum. The appointment creates a vacancy in the representation of Banffshire, for which Mr. Duff has sat continuously since 1861. He thus enjoyed the distinction of being the senior member from Scotland in the House of Commons. At the General Election he was returned by a large majority.