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RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF HADDINGTON, M.W. GRAND MASTER OF SCOTLAND; AND THE GRAND MASTERS  
OF MANY FOREIGN GRAND LODGES.

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## GOOD WORK IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Whether the movement to establish a sovereign and independent Grand Lodge for South Africa will ultimately succeed or not remains to be seen. There are those who see no reason why the Craft in South Africa should not follow the example set them by the Craft in the different Australasian Colonies, and on the strength of the success which has attended the latter, are busily engaged in pressing their opinions on the brethren without troubling themselves to consider whether time and circumstances are altogether so favourable as they were when the several schemes to establish the Grand Lodges of South Australia, New South Wales, Victoria, and Tasmania were started. On the other hand, there are many who deem it better in the interests of the Craft generally to let things remain as they are. There is very little doubt Freemasonry in South Africa is in a fairly prosperous condition, and we cannot blame brethren who desire to "leave well alone," preferring to endure the occasional friction which may arise among the members of the different Constitutions rather than risk other inconveniences they wot not of. But whichever of these parties may ultimately prevail, there is, as we have said, no shadow of a doubt that the Craft in South Africa is at the present time in a condition of prosperity, and that of late years especially, it has been doing excellent work, which is greatly to its credit, and of which it has every reason to be proud. Thus, as the *South African Masonic Record*—the new Masonic organ to which we referred a short while since—points out, "The Masonic Education Fund of South Africa" is becoming every year more and more worthy of support. It was founded in 1887, on the suggestion of sundry members of the Lodge "De Goede Hoop," Cape Town, as a memorial of the Jubilee of her Majesty's accession to the throne. It was not, however, till the close of the year 1889 that anything like a practical result followed, and then the cost of educating two boys and one girl was undertaken. In July, 1890, two more boys and two more girls were taken in charge, and in March, 1891, the number was increased to 10. A year later there were 17 children being provided for, of whom all but three were boys, while at the present time there are 25 children who are being educated at different schools in the Colony, the school fees being at the rate of £5 to £6 per child. According to the Statement of Account for the year ended the 31st March, 1892, the amount received from the brethren in donations and subscriptions was not far short of £300, while the Balance Sheet showed investments and cash at bank amounting to £540. For the half year from 1st July to 31st December, 1892, the donations and subscriptions reached £227, and as the Fund becomes stronger so will its ability to undertake further responsibility be enlarged. The support it receives is derived from the lodges and chapters under the different Constitutions and individual brethren, and, from the article in our aforementioned contemporary—which, by the way, is signed by the Hon. Secretary of the Fund, Bro. W. H. TIFFANY—it is evident the Charity has already established itself firmly in the affections of our South African brethren, who appear to have made up their minds that a scheme, which is in itself so beneficial, and which was started as a memorial of our Gracious Sovereign, shall be well and generously supported.

But this is not the only evidence we are able to place before our readers that Freemasonry is in an extremely flourishing state in this part of the British Empire. On the 14th January last there were grand doings in Woodstock, a suburb of Cape Town, in honour of the function appointed for that day in connection with the proposed Suburban Hospital. His Excellency the Governor of the Cape, Bro. Sir H. B. LOCH, G.C.B., had very kindly undertaken to lay the first stone of the new building, and the Craft turned out in considerable numbers, under Bro. the Very Rev. C. W. BARNETT-CLARKE, M.A., District Grand Master of the Western Division of South Africa, to support him on the occasion. The municipal authorities, among whom were the Mayor and Town Clerk of Cape Town and the Mayor of Woodstock, were likewise present in great force, and there were the children from the local schools, the band of the local rifle corps, and a very large number of spectators, who were delighted with the opportunity of witnessing so unaccustomed a spectacle. But naturally the chief attrac-

tion was the Masonic Craft, who appear to have turned out to the number of quite 200, and marched in procession to the site of the proposed hospital, conspicuous in the ranks being the Very Rev. the District Grand Master and his Excellency the Governor, while immediately preceding them was Bro. Sir RICHARD SOUTHEY, Past District Grand Master of South Africa. The lodges represented were five under the English, three under the Dutch, and three under the Scottish Constitution, together with the officers of District Grand Lodge, members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Netherlands, with the Deputy Grand Master for the higher Degrees, visitors from sundry lodges, and members of an English Royal Arch Chapter and Dutch Rose Croix Chapter. At the outset the Mayor of Woodstock presented an address of welcome to the Governor, and the Hon. Secretary of the hospital read a report, from which it appeared that the cost of erecting the hospital is set down at £1500, of which about £200 has yet to be raised; but the Committee appear to be in hopes that the requisite sum will be forthcoming. The Governor, having acknowledged the address, was presented with a silver trowel, suitably inscribed, while the District Grand Master received, as a memorial of the event, a handsome mallet, and the stone having been laid in accordance with ancient usage, the Very Rev. the District Grand Master delivered a long and eloquent address, which was listened to with profound attention by those present, and which will be found to contain sundry injunctions and remarks which, coming from a brother occupying so exalted a position in Freemasonry, who is at the same time a dignitary of the Anglican Church, may be accepted as a complete refutation of the absurd charges which are every now and then directed against our Order. How, for example, can a Society be engaged in war against constituted authority, when, as Bro. BARNETT-CLARKE points out, "loving loyalty to the throne and to all rightful authority is one of our distinguishing characteristics and ennobling traits, and has been our boast and glory and custom for centuries?" Why should this ridiculous assertion that we are the enemies of all government be repeated again and again, though it may be in different forms and under varying conditions, when, as Bro. BARNETT-CLARKE rightly says: "We are bound to be obedient to all ruling powers lawfully constituted, be they Imperial, Monarchical, Republican, or Masonic, in the land in which we dwell. The QUEEN—God bless her!—is our Masonic Chief Ruler and Potentate, for our Sovereign Lady commands an affectionate allegiance as a holy, godly, virtuous matron, and as a gracious, mighty monarch. Her Majesty is the daughter of a Freemason; she is the matron and patron of English Freemasons. Her sons and grandsons, with her full and free assent, are rulers in the Craft." "Do we need any further refutation of the charge that our work is diabolical? If so, let us note the District Grand Master's impressive invocation—which was more particularly addressed to the Mayor of Woodstock—"May God grant that within these walls suffering may find solace, pangs be mercifully alleviated, weakness strengthened, life prolonged, Death's terrors and throes be mitigated by loving medical skill and patient devoted nursing. May the Great Ruler of the Universe bless and prosper your Worship the Mayor, the municipal rulers and officers, and all who zealously have, in times past or shall in the future, put forth the full strength of their best efforts to make Woodstock a thriving, healthy, and wealthy suburban township." Again, so far from Masonry being an irreligious or anti-religious Society, Bro. BARNETT-CLARKE affirms that it is "a religious organisation in its faith, its ritual, and its precepts." "It is easy," he told his hearers, "to asperse and vilify Masonry; for in all that is good and excellent a child or a dotard, a wise or an unlearned, male or female, may spy out faults and decry defects in their nearest and dearest flesh and blood. The sun has its spots, and Freemasonry, too, being human, is in the same position precisely as nations, as empires, as rulers, as peoples, as churches, as communities. There are Masons and Masons, as there are citizens and citizens, good men and bad men." Much more having the same tendency to uphold our Society as one that is continually engaged in doing good might be quoted, but enough has been done to show that Masonry—under the English Constitution at all events—is well and wisely governed, and its acts directed into channels which cannot be otherwise than beneficial to South Africa. Its presence at this laying of the first stone of a cottage hospital, and the report of its Educational Fund show further that it is able as well as willing to promote all works of Charity, and we are but too pleased to have had this opportunity of giving publicity to its acts, if for no other reason than that it enables us to show how admirably the work of our Society is being carried on in this remote part of the British Empire.

## UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

The Quarterly Communication of the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. The Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, D.G.M., presided. Bros. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M. Hants and the Isle of Wight, acted as Deputy Grand Master; Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, Prov. G.M. East Lancashire, as Past Grand Master; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap., as S.G.W.; Rev. J. N. Palmer, P.G. Chap., as J.G.W.; and there were also present, among some 500 brethren, Bros. Sir J. B. Monckton, P.G.W.; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg.; Thomas Fenn, Pres. Bd. Gen. Purposes; A. J. R. Trendell, C.M.G., P.A.G.D.C.; E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; Capt. J. D. Murray, G. Treas.; Capt. N. G. Phillips, P.G.D.; Charles Barry, G. Supt. of Wks.; George Everett, P.G. Treas.; Richard Eve, P.G. Treas.; Asher Barfield, P.G. Treas.; T. F. Halsey, M.P., Prov. G.M. Herts; James Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; Hugh D. Sandeman, Rev. J. R. Lansdell, P.G.C.; W. G. Lemon, P.A.G.D.C.; Richard Clowes, P.G. Std. Br.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; C. W. C. Hutton, Robert Grey, Pres. Bd. Ben.; C. F. Matier, P.G. Std. Br.; F. R. W. Hedges, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.I.G.; A. A. Pendlebury, A.G. Sec.; E. M. Lott, Mus. Bac., P.G. Org.; and E. Cutler, Q.C., G. Org.; the latter playing some beautiful music on the organ previous to the opening of Grand Lodge and during the procession of the Grand Officers.

Grand Lodge having been formally opened, the minutes of the Quarterly Communication of December 7th, 1892, were read by the GRAND SECRETARY, put by the GRAND MASTER in the chair, and confirmed.

The Earl of MOUNT EDGCUMBE then said he was deputed by the Pro Grand Master to move the two resolutions which stood under head No. 2 on the agenda paper. Before doing so he would say that the Pro Grand Master would not be present that day because he was on a holiday tour abroad. He hoped he was enjoying a cruise in the Mediterranean—a holiday which he did not often award to himself. The brethren would see the first resolution referred to a vote of a sum of 200 guineas from the Fund of General Purposes in alleviation of the distress of Masonic brethren in St. John's, Newfoundland. They would remember that at the Quarterly Communication of September 7th, 1892, on the motion of the M.W.G.M. a sum of 300 guineas was voted by Grand Lodge for the alleviation of the general distress of the inhabitants of Newfoundland in consequence of the great fire, that sum to be handed to the Lord Mayor for the Mansion House Fund. At the time that motion was brought forward there was a question in the minds of brethren whether that sum ought to have been for the general alleviation of the inhabitants or for the benefit only of brethren in Masonry; but it was voted, and he thought rightly, to be given to the general fund; but at the same time he was authorised on behalf of the M.W.G.M. to say that probably on some future occasion, if circumstances offered to justify it, he would ask Grand Lodge to give a further sum for the alleviation of distress caused specially among the Masonic brethren in St. John's, who, they knew, suffered great losses during the fire. In fulfilment of that promise he now, by the authority of the M.W.G.M., moved the resolution which he would read, and which he hoped would commend itself to Grand Lodge.

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.

Bro. W. BEACH, Acting D.G.M., said he had great pleasure in seconding the motion.

The motion was carried unanimously.

The EARL of MOUNT EDGCUMBE said he now came to the second resolution on behalf of his Royal Highness, the M.W.G.M., who proposed a vote for the alleviation of the distress occasioned by the recent earthquakes in the Island of Zante. The Island of Zante was no longer a Dependency of the British Crown. The Ionian Islands, as the brethren would remember, were ceded to Greece in, he thought, the year 1864; while these islands were still under the British flag, a lodge called the Star in the East was established in the Island of Zante, and, as he had been told, was a still flourishing and excellent lodge. And when these terrible earthquakes took place an appeal came from that lodge by telegram, and it was in response to that appeal that he now asked Grand Lodge to agree to this vote. The telegram was on 31st January and it was on behalf of the inhabitants to the Grand Lodge of England stating that in consequence of the earthquakes half the inhabitants were houseless. Although that was sent off in the first panic of distress he believed that it did not exaggerate the facts. But ten days after a letter was read from the Secretary of the lodge who stated that it was in consequence of the continuous nervousness they had been placed in that the delay occurred, and the repeated shocks which succeeded each other that they had neglected to confirm the telegram. He might say that he had no doubt that that was perfectly correct, and that the brethren would now carry out the suggestion of his Royal Highness the M.W.G.M.

Bro. BEACH said he begged to second it.

The Earl of MOUNT EDGCUMBE said he would read it out—

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.

The Consul General of Greece in London had been interviewed on the subject, and he was perfectly willing to take charge of this money and see that it was properly distributed.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Bro. THOMAS LEAN WILKINSON, P.M. 92, then rose to propose the re-election of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M. He said: M.W. Grand Master in the Chair and Brethren,—I have now the honour to propose that his Royal Highness Albert Edward, Prince of Wales, be elected Grand Master for the ensuing year. Brethren, it has long been the custom amongst what have been called "the free nations of the North" to select for high officers in the Craft members of the reigning houses. It has been so in Germany, in Holland, in Denmark, in Sweden, and more especially here in England. It is now just 111 years since the Grand Master's chair was first filled by a Prince of the Blood, and during 79 years

that chair has been occupied by a son of the King or Queen of England. Brethren, this result is not alone due to the feeling of loyalty which is so strongly the characteristic of English Freemasons, it is due also to the unflagging skill, zeal, and tact with which the Royal occupants of the chair have ever brought to the fulfilment of the duties of their high office. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has in all these high qualities been pre-eminent. In the transaction of the business of the offices which he has held now for 18 years he has more than satisfied the great traditions of his illustrious house, and therefore it is, brethren, that I feel that I am only feebly giving voice to the unanimous wish of the Craft when I propose for the 19th year that you should elect his Royal Highness, and I utter the prayer that he may long live to rule over us. (Cheers.)

Bro. WALTER HUGHES, P.G. Std. Br., P.M., Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge, No. 4: M.W.G.M. in the chair, I second the proposition for the re-election of H.R.H. as our M.W.G.M. of the greatest Craft in the world. During the time H.R.H. has been the Grand Master, Freemasonry has gone by leaps and bounds, and the last few years have shown what Freemasonry can do to assist the Charities of the Order. The cloud which unfortunately overshadowed the Royal House has prevented his Royal Highness coming among us as much as he would have desired, but we have seen a silver lining to that cloud, and we trust that he and his family may have every blessing, and that he may preside over Freemasonry with the same benefit to the Craft for many, many years to come.

The motion was carried amidst enthusiastic applause, and Bro. THOMAS FENN, President of the Board of General Purposes, in the absence of Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter), G.D.C., proclaimed his Royal Highness as duly elected.

Bro. Samuel Cochrane, P.M. 3, was declared by the Earl of MOUNT EDGCUMBE duly elected Grand Treasurer, there being no other candidate for the office.

On the motion of Bro. ROBERT GREY, President, seconded by Bro. JAMES BRETT, S.V.P., the following recommendations of the Board of Benevolence were confirmed:

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

On the motion of Bro. THOMAS FENN, Pres. Bd. Gen. Purps., seconded by the Vice-President, Bro. Dr. ERNEST POCOCK, the following report of the Board of General Purposes was taken, read, and ordered to be entered on the minutes:

## 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	
Photographs (2) of Interior of Freemasons' Hall, Lahore	Joseph Wilson, P.M. No. 1155.
Constitutions of 1769	H. J. Whympers, C.I.E., P.D.G.M. Punjab.
Ebrietatis Encomium; or, the Praise of Drunkenness	
Architecture, by R. Blomes, 1686	The Grand Lodge of New York.
Early Printed Literature of Freemasonry	
History of Freemasonry in New York (Vols. 1, 2, and 3)	Brackstone Baker, P.G.D.
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	W. J. Hughan, P.G.D.
Picart's Religious Ceremonies, &c. (Abridged Translation)	
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, Ben Igo, 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 £3821 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.

Bro. THOMAS FENN thought it but right to say that, in consequence of the regular meeting of the Board taking place this year the Tuesday after instead of the Tuesday before the meeting of the Board of Masters, they had not been able to make the report of their last meeting in February. He

thought it only due to those brethren who had so liberally given to the library and museum to publish their names each year. The library was now assuming large proportions, and the Board were considering how they could find room to accommodate it by a better room than it was in at present. They thought perhaps that the publication of these names, which was only due to these brethren, might stimulate others to send any contributions to the library, in order to add to its extension. There was no resolution arising out of the report.

Bro. JAMES TERRY: M.W.G.M.,—Will you allow me to ask that a correction may be made in the report. It is stated in this report that I presented to the library a History of the Royal Masonic Boys' Institution. It is the History of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution I had the honour to present.

Bro. THOMAS FENN: This alteration shall be made.

The report of the Auditor of Grand Lodge accounts was taken as read, on the understanding that it would be printed in the report of Grand Lodge, and Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

### MARK GRAND LODGE.

The Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown was held on Tuesday evening at Mark Masons' Hall. Bro. the Earl of Euston, D.G.M., presided; Bro. Baron de Ferrieres acting as D.G.M.; Bro. Capt. N. G. Philips acted as S.G.W.; and Bro. Sir John B. Monckton as J.G.W. Among the other brethren present were Bros. Col. A. B. Cook, A. Williams, Frederick West, J. S. Eastes, R. Loveland-Loveland, President of the General Board; Frank Richardson, G. Reg.; C. F. Matier, G. Sec.; J. S. Cumberland, C. F. Hogard, C. H. Driver, R. Berridge, G.D.C.; Lord Amphil, and Richard Clowes.

Grand Lodge having been formally opened,

Bro. C. F. MATIER read the minutes of the Quarterly Communication of December 6th, 1892, which were put and confirmed.

On the motion of Bro. R. LOVELAND-LOVELAND, President, seconded by Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, G. Reg., the following report of the General Board, was taken as read, and ordered to be received and entered on the minutes:

During the three months ending 31st December, 1892, there have been issued: Mark certificates, 301; total number registered, 30,469; warrants for new lodges, 5.

- No. 450, Crystal Palace, Upper Norwood.
- " 451, Bollingbroke, Battersea Rise.
- " 452, Bective, Keswick.
- " 453, West Sussex, Bognor.
- " 454, Tuscan, London.

Royal Ark Mariner certificates, 75; total number registered, 3792.

Warrant for new Ark Mariner Lodge Excelsior, to be attached to the Excelsior Lodge, No. 359.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, M.W. Grand Master, has been pleased to appoint R.W. Bro. the Hon. Alan de Tatton Egerton, M.P., to be Provincial Grand Master for Cheshire, in succession to the M.W. Bro. the Right Hon. Lord Egerton of Tatton, P.G.M., who has for the last 20 years ruled the province with the greatest advantage to the Order; and to re-appoint R.W. Bro. Rev. Canon Tristram, D.D., Provincial Grand Master of Northumberland and Durham, for a further period of three years.

On the consideration of an irregularity in St. Swithun's Lodge, No. 445, where two brethren were elected joining members and appointed to office, on the day of consecration, contrary to Article 136, which provides that every candidate for joining membership of a lodge, shall be proposed at a regular meeting and balloted for at the next regular meeting, after his name has appeared in the summons calling such meeting, the Board decided that the so-called election was null and void, and that these brethren must be proposed and balloted for in strict accordance with Article 136, Book of Constitutions, and further that the lodge be, and is hereby, censured for the irregularity.

The Board have great pleasure in fully concurring with the recommendations of the Grand Registrar, whose report is as follows:

IN RE THE LATE PROVINCE OF MIDDLESEX AND SURREY IN THE DEGREE OF M.M.M.

The Grand Registrar begs to report that in pursuance of the resolution of Grand Lodge, on the 6th December, 1892, a meeting of the Executive Committee of the late Province of Middlesex and Surrey, and of the Executive Committees of the present provinces respectively of Middlesex and Surrey, was summoned to meet at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., on Saturday, 17th December, 1892, and was attended by W. Bro. Hammerton, P. Dep. Prov. G.M., and three representatives of the late Province of Middlesex and Surrey; R.W. Bro. Col. A. B. Cook, Prov. G. Master, and eight representatives of the new Province of Middlesex; and R.W. Bro. Col. G. N. Money, C.B., Prov. G.M., and seven representatives of the new Province of Surrey; by also the Grand Registrar and the Grand Secretary.

The meeting was presided over by the Grand Registrar, who having stated the object of the meeting and the reasons for which it was called, the following resolutions were unanimously passed:—

1. Proposed by W. Bro. C. Hammerton, P. Dep. Prov. G.M. Middlesex and Surrey, seconded by W. Bro. Newington Bridges, P.G. Stwd., P. Prov. G.W. Middlesex and Surrey—"That the cash balance be equally divided between the present Provinces of Middlesex and Surrey."

2. Proposed by R.W. Bro. Sir John Monckton, J.G.W., Prov. S.G.W. Middlesex, seconded by W. Bro. F. Mead, P.G. Stwd., Prov. G. Sec. Middlesex—"That the votes of the Mark Benevolent Fund at present to the credit of the late province, be equally divided between the present Provinces of Middlesex and Surrey."

3. Proposed by W. Bro. A. Stewart Brown, Middlesex, seconded by W. Bro. C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br., Surrey—"That the property of the late Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex and Surrey, as per schedule of V.W. Bro. Gordon Robbins, P.P.G. Treas., with the exception of the sword and the letter-press, be presented to Grand Lodge."

4. Proposed by W. Bro. C. F. Hogard, seconded by W. Bro. A. Stewart Brown—"That the sword and press and the two chains (should the latter prove to be the property of the late province) be divided between the present Provinces of Middlesex and Surrey respectively, as shall be decided by the respective Provincial Grand Masters of those provinces."

The Grand Registrar, therefore, respectfully submits these resolutions to Grand Lodge, and begs to recommend them for approval.

FRANK RICHARDSON, P.G.W., G. Registrar.

4th January, 1893.

### FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.

The Board have elected on the Educational Fund, without a poll: Wilhelmina Maud Dalton and Alice Beatrice Dalton, Doncaster.

The following cases have been relieved:

Bro. J. R. F. (Lodge No. 39)...	£5 0 0
Miss E. P. (daughter of a brother of No. 39) ...	10 0 0
The children of a brother of No. 398 ...	10 0 0
Mrs. E. B. (widow of a brother of Lodge No. 377) ...	5 0 0

The Board recommend the following grants to Grand Lodge:

£20 to Mrs. P. N. (widow of a brother of No. 218).

£20 to Bro. J. B., of No. 6.

R. LOVELAND LOVELAND, President.

FRANK RICHARDSON, Vice-President.

C. FITZGERALD MATIER, G. Secretary.

Bro. R. LOVELAND LOVELAND then said he had now to move that the several recommendations arising out of the report be adopted. In that report, as every member of Grand Lodge would see, there were certain recommendations made at a meeting presided over by the Grand Registrar, and they were four in number:

That the cash balance be equally divided between the present Provinces of Middlesex and Surrey.

That the votes of the Mark Benevolent Fund, at present to the credit of the late province, be equally divided between the present Provinces of Middlesex and Surrey.

That the property of the late Provincial Grand Lodge of Middlesex and Surrey, as per schedule of V.W. Bro. Gordon Robbins, P.P.G. Treas., with the exception of the sword and the letter-press, be presented to Grand Lodge.

That the sword and press and the two chains (should the latter prove to be the property of the late Province) be divided between the present Provinces of Middlesex and Surrey respectively, as shall be decided by the respective Prov. Grand Masters of those provinces.

The chains had been found, since the report of the General Board was made, to be the property of the Provincial Grand Master and the Deputy, and therefore they were not to be disposed of by being divided between the two new provinces. The motion he had to make upon the recommendations was: "That the Report of the Grand Registrar be adopted, and that the Grand Treasurer be, and is, hereby authorised to sign cheques for £52 15s. 1d. in favour of the Provincial Grand Treasurer of Middlesex, and for £52 15s. in favour of the Provincial Grand Treasurer of Surrey."

Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, G. Reg., seconded the motion, and, for the information of the brethren, said that at the meeting over which he presided, by direction of the Earl of Euston, the resolutions were carried unanimously. The old Province of Middlesex and Surrey, as well as the two new provinces—the one of Middlesex and the other of Surrey—were fully represented by the most prominent members of each province. The resolutions were put, and in each case carried unanimously. Therefore, he would submit that it was but right that this Grand Lodge should confirm what the General Board had recommended.

Bro. the Earl of EUSTON said that the brethren had heard what the President and the Grand Registrar had said, and what had been proposed and recommended as to the adjustment of the funds and property between Middlesex and Surrey. He thought that the two provinces having met together, and amicably come to such an arrangement in this equitable shape and form at the meeting presided over by the Grand Registrar, the Grand Lodge should carry the recommendation. He did not know whether any brother wished to make any remark with a view to an alteration. If no one did he would put the motion.

The motion was carried *nem. con.*

The report was then adopted.

Bro. EUGENE MONTEUUIS: Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master and Brethren,—At the last Quarterly Communication it was my great privilege to nominate his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as our Grand Master. On this occasion it is with very great pleasure I rise to submit his name to your suffrages. I am quite sure it requires no recommendation on my part, for you all know the great interest the Prince of Wales takes in Freemasonry. You all know also the great progress Freemasonry has made and the high estimation in which it has been held since he joined it, and the great strides it has made under his sway. Therefore to say more would be to paint the lily and to gild the pure gold. I therefore now propose that his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales be our Most Worshipful Grand Master for the ensuing year.

Bro. Lord AMPHILL: I beg to second it.

Bro. the Earl of EUSTON: Brethren, it is hardly necessary to put the proposal before you, but for the sake of form I will do it.

The motion was formally put and carried, and Bro. ROBERT BERRIDGE, G.D. of C., proclaimed his Royal Highness duly elected Grand Master, amidst cheers.

Bro. A. R. CARTER, in the absence of Bro. Gordon Miller, proposed Bro. F. Mead as Grand Treasurer, and said it required no words of his to praise what Bro. Mead had done to forward the interests of Mark Masonry. There was certainly no one more fit to discharge the duties of Grand Treasurer during the year than Bro. Mead.

Bro. W. VINCENT seconded.

There was no other candidate, and Bro. Mead was declared duly elected.

Bro. R. LOVELAND LOVELAND said there was yet another matter to be brought before Grand Lodge. He had to ask the acceptance by Grand Lodge of a full-length painting of his Royal Highness the Grand Master, as a present from the General Board. It was a very faithful likeness, and he was sure Grand Lodge would accept it. The Mark Masons would always be pleased to see their Grand Master, whom they so highly prized, if not present in person present on canvas.

Bro. the Earl of EUSTON said he thought that this Grand Lodge could not do otherwise than most heartily and thankfully accept the handsome present now offered to them from the General Board. The walls of Grand Lodge wanted covering by degrees, and there was no doubt about it that the chief person in Mark Masonry at the present moment was his Royal Highness the Grand Master, and therefore his was the most fitting picture to begin with. It was not only a thoughtful and kind gift, but one which the Grand Lodge wanted more than any other on its walls. He would propose that the thanks of Grand Lodge be presented to the General Board for the gift, and that it be accepted and placed on the walls.

Bro. Capt. PHILIPS, Acting S.G.W., said he had great pleasure in seconding the motion.

Bro. Sir JOHN B. MONCKTON, J.G.W., put the motion, which was carried.

Bro. the Earl of EUSTON said, I beg, Bro. Loveland, to announce to you that the hearty thanks of Grand Lodge are given to you, which I will announce at the next general meeting.

The Grand Lodge was then closed in due form.



## CONSECRATION OF THE DUKE OF YORK LODGE, No. 2449.

The Province of East Lancashire is making rapid strides in the Sublime Art, it having recently added to the number of its lodges No. 2449, consecrated on the 20th January, of which we gave a report in our issue of 28th January, 1893, and the Duke of York Lodge, No. 2449, which the P.G.M., Bro. Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie was privileged by the G.A.O.T.U. to consecrate on the 23rd ult. The lodges mentioned have both been commenced under most favourable auspices, and they promise to be shining lights in the Province of East Lancashire. It is with pleasure that we notice that the founders of the Palatine and Duke of York Lodges comprise brethren of known Masonic standing and earnestness in their work, and the P.G. Master is to be congratulated upon having brethren of such ability connected with his two recently-consecrated lodges. It is within our memory, and must be within the memory of many well known brethren of East Lancashire, that the scene of the consecration of the lodges we have mentioned, and, indeed, we might say, with truthfulness, nearly every room in the building of which the lodges are held are fraught with happy memories and pleasant recollections to nearly every old brother in the province. We can therefore well understand the feelings of the Prov. G. Master when he stated how proud he was to be present at the Palatine Hotel in Manchester—a place associated with many pleasant memories of bygone days in his Masonic career, he having taken most of his degrees in this hotel, and to have the privilege of consecrating in a building so associated with Masonry as the Palatine Hotel was, two new Masonic lodges within two months, whilst the earnestness with which he called up the old and solemn associations in the hotel sufficiently proved to the brethren present the depth of feeling which had been called up in the mind of the Provincial Grand Master. We may perhaps be permitted to add that it is just such associations of past memories in an experienced and worthy Mason's life which so forcibly conveys to the minds of the younger brethren the dignity and high importance of the Order.

The brethren assembled in large numbers, and were marshalled into the lodge room by Bro. W. H. Peak, P.G.D.C. Bro. Col. Starkie opened the lodge in the Three Degrees, and performed the ceremony of consecration, assisted by Bros. Fitz Reiss, P.S.G.W., as S.W.; N. A. Earle, P.G.R., as J.W. (who also acted as Installing Master); W. B. Russell, P.D.G.D.C., as I.G.; W. H. Peak, P.G.D.C.; John Chadwick, P.G.S.B., P.G. Sec.; H. Stevens, P.G. Org.; and Rev. J. O. Jelly, P.G. Chap., who gave the following beautiful oration:

None of us can attentively study the elaborate order of proceedings in this consecration without being struck with the high estimation in which Freemasonry is held by the brethren. It could hardly be possible that so many would have here assembled, unless they had felt the high beneficial good which a consecration ceremony has for them. Our art needs no outside display to make it attractive or useful, it appeals to a higher tribunal, the inner conscience. To cultivate the highest morality is its aim, it seeks by the application of the arts and sciences, to become a beautiful allegory of the whole of human conduct. By the aid of what we see, it passes by analogy to the unseen, to bring out in all its beauty, the value of a life spent in piety and virtue. Thus it leads every candidate for its mysteries to make a public confession of his faith in God, whose being, character, and attributes, it seeks to reveal in the various steps he takes to reach the full dignity of a Master Mason. At the outset it would be well for us to inquire why there is so much suspicion in the outside world as regards us. Why is it that so frequently a strong objection is manifested towards Masonry and all things Masonic in the minds of our fair sisters? Have they had no cause for it? Is it not a fact that we, like other bodies of men, are judged by the number of our black spots, and not by the otherwise spotless nature of our characters? We are gradually awakening to this fact, and great care is being spent in the admission of candidates. Fuller commands are being sent from head-quarters, urging that such as shall be admitted would be those whom we would trust in our own family circles. That a man suffers no harm from Masonry, but is rather benefited, is well recognised by us all. It should be our duty to impress this fact upon others, to set forth in season and outside the foundations of our system, in fact all the essential points on which we work, carefully guarding those Masonic secrets, whereby we know each other, and are distinguished from the rest of the world. If rightly used, it may become a help to religion, for as there are some things which can be only known by revelation, so there are other things which can be discovered through nature—there is the natural as well as the revealed. The revealed is from above; from the Great Architect of the Universe. It is the Volume of the Sacred Law which teaches us the important duties we owe to God, to our neighbour, and to ourselves; whereas the natural is the result of observation and contemplation, deducing from reason and sight. One of the grandest exhortations ever given was that each should know himself. To do so involves a life-long study. Not only the seen but the unseen have to be grappled with. If anything, therefore, can assist us in our search, surely we may without evil make use of it. If such a nature is Masonry, with its symbolic teaching and its high ritual art, fixing as it does our minds on the truths that nature teaches, we are led to realise the design in the order of things, and that there is the proof of Divine love in all the Great Architect's dealings with us. Thus His wisdom is understood, His power and strength, and the harmony of His nature, each and all of His attributes being brought out by the various tools and properties used in the Craft. By knowing Him, we know ourselves; the blue vault of heaven an emblem of His protection, and of our needs; the stars shining through a witness of His unceasing watchfulness and our especial danger, the earth on which we live, teeming with its marvels, setting forth our lowliness and ignorance in comparison with Him who dwells beyond the stars in His eternal glory. The glimmering ray which guides our contemplations apart from revelation points out that in this life there is nothing clear or sure. It is only when the light of revealed truth comes that the natural light is able to be unravelled. The reason of our existence cleared up. In that a bond is set up between this our lowly lodge on earth and that glorious lodge above, where the Architect lives and reigns supreme. Upon the sacred writings is built up the spiritual ladder by which angels ascend and descend between earth and heaven—traversing those rungs which are of pure gold—Faith, Hope, and Charity. Faith in Him, Hope in the future, and Peace with all men. Thus we can find true happiness, and if Masonry can in any wise impress these upon us, surely we are not to blame in using them. The soul needs a sheet anchor, a sure resting-place; it finds it Divine trust, and in the Divine promises of Holy Writ. It tends to fill us with that blessed peace which comes from a feeling of security and satisfaction, leading us to practice the highest virtue, the heaven-born gift of Charity. Happy are

all who possess this sacred gift, who believes not the voice of slander, harbour not malice, and are ever forgiving at the same time of their abundance, supplying the needs of others, especially their brethren. In this way Masonry can be of great value, if it teaches us to benefit our neighbour. It is sad to see any falling short of their profession, neglecting their sacred promises for the poor pleasures of the after proceedings. This was never contemplated in Masonry. Its object is to elevate and stimulate by precept and example; not to pander to the animal wants and passions. Though seeking for harmony, then, let us never lose sight of the high object of our art; let us continually advance in Masonic knowledge. We pray that the cause of this new lodge may be a blessing to many who shall enter it; that they may find consolation and strength in all their trials; peace and happiness in all their workings; truth and justice in all their dealings. If only the principles of our Order are zealously carried out in it, we are sure there is a prosperous career before you, and that our work to do in launching this new home for the brethren will not have been in vain.

The founders of the lodge are the following brethren, chiefly members of the Strangeways Lodge: Bros. W. T. Schofield, 219 and 1219; Wm. Boden, 1588; Frederick Warburton, 225 and 1219; Simeon Mamelok, 1219, 1502, and 1798; Philip Whyman, 1219; Thomas Taylor Hardicker, 1052; Robert Meggitt, 985 and 1219; John Kinsey, 941 and 1219; Clement John Hall, 1219; George Alfred Bowden, 1219; Thomas Henry Stott, 1219; James Andrew, 1219; and William Oswald Olivant Wilkinson, 1219.

The following brethren were appointed to office for the ensuing year: Bros. Wm. T. Schofield, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., W.M.; Jas. Andrew, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., I.P.M.; Wm. Boden, P.M., S.W.; Fred. Warburton, J.W.; S. Mamelok, P.M., Treasurer; C. J. Hall, Sec.; Thomas T. Hardicker, S.D.; Philip Whyman, J.D.; Robert Meggitt, D.C.; John Kinsey, I.G.; and Geo. A. Bowden and Thos. H. Stott, Stwds.

Bro. Fritz Reiss addressed the W.M., Bro. J. W. Abbot, P.P.G.D.C., the Wardens, whilst the brethren were addressed by Bro. G. A. Earle, Installing Master, at the close of the ceremony.

On the motion of Bro. W. T. Schofield, seconded by Bro. Andrew, P.P.S.G.D., a vote of thanks was accorded to the Prov. G.M. for his attendance.

The PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER having replied, several propositions were received, and the lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

Subsequently the customary banquet was held.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Stevens, P.G. Org. Efficient vocal services were also rendered at the banquet by Bros. Nelson, J. Stokes, Ridsdale Bowley, Kenneth Stewart, and W. Howard. Bro. B. Hopkinson, P.M. 1459, 993, and 1140, was the accompanist.

The following brethren were present:

Bros. J. H. Sillitoe, P.G. Std. Br., P.P.G.W.; J. O. Jelly, P.G.C.; J. J. Meakin, P.P.J.G.W.; W. H. Peak, P.G.D.C.; J. H. P. Leresche, P.P.G.R.; F. N. Molesworth, P.G.R.; J. D. Murray, G. Treas.; J. W. Abbott, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Booth, P.G.D.; T. A. Lowe, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Kershaw, P.P.G.D.C.; J. Clifton, P.P.G.O.; J. Andrew, P.P.G. Std. Br.; W. B. Russell, P.A.G.D.C.; J. Hancock, P.P.G. Std. Br.; R. Andrew, P.P.S.G.D.; J. Stewart, P.G. Std. Br.; G. Hilton, P.G.S.; C. Cooper, P.P.G.P.; C. E. Hindley, P.P.S.G.D.; G. H. Holt, P.S.G.D.; J. Newton, P.A.G. Sec.; G. Board, P.P.G.D.; A. H. Batty, P.M.; J. Robinson, W.M.; W. Baron, J.W.; J. Dixon; H. Stevens, P.G.O.; W. Jaffray, P.P.G.D.; J. Pollard, P.G. Treas.; J. Sandiford, P.G.P.; J. Marsden, P.P.A.G.D.C.; W. M. Boden, P.M.; S. Mamelok, P.M.; J. Schofield; C. J. Hall; E. J. Gadd; Oates Rushton; R. Meggitt; J. Whitcomb; J. T. Whittle; G. A. Bowden; W. Biggs, P.M.; W. Howard; J. W. Taylor; F. Neild; F. R. Bowley, W.M. 2216, T. T. Hardicker; T. B. Grimshaw; C. W. Godby; A. P. Parkinson; N. Stokes; J. Beswick; Mather Agar; J. Kinsey; G. W. Davies; J. T. Turner, W.M. 2341; R. E. Walker, P.M. 993; W. H. Bibby; Henneth M. Stewart; James Robinson, W.M. 1219; W. O. O. Wilkinson, S.W. 1219; T. H. Stott; A. H. Batty, P.M.; W. Hand; John Partington, P.M.; W. Baron, J.W. 1219; E. Nathan, P.M.; F. W. Lean; G. S. Smith, P.M.; J. Barker, 2359; and J. Laurisch, 2359.

All the very handsome furniture, jewels, and regalia were presented by two brethren, and had been specially designed and manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

We are convinced that under the Mastership of Bro. W. T. Schofield, who has been an ardent student of Freemasonry for 25 years, the lodge is bound to lead to success.

## VERNON'S MASONIC HISTORY.

Bro. W. Fred Vernon has responded to the wishes of several Masonic students, and written a "History of Freemasonry in the Province of Roxburgh, Peebles, and Selkirkshires from 1674 to the present time." He has done much more, however, for originally many of us only contemplated a re-issue of his admirable papers in the "Masonic Magazine," but this really handsome volume is a Masonic work *de novo*, and lavishly illustrated.

No history of the Craft can be too attractively produced to please me. When one, however, considers "ways and means," it is not easy to understand how this most artistic volume, running to over 300 pages of closely-printed matter, and so abundantly illustrated, that a list of the plates would run to considerable length, can be made to pay at the small subscription of *ten shillings per copy*. That is not my business, but nevertheless it is a marvel to me, and I trust the numerous subscribers that should be obtained on its merits becoming known, at all events, will prevent a loss accruing to author and publisher by the publication of this noble work. It is quite clear to me that there is not only no margin for profit, but that only by the prompt sale of the edition can the heavy cost be met.

The frontispiece is an excellent portrait of the esteemed M.W. Grand Master of Scotland, the Earl of Haddington, K.T., to whom Bro. Vernon has appropriately dedicated his handiwork, and I feel assured his lordship will much appreciate the compliment. There are numerous other portraits, three being most welcome to many of us outside the large province immediately interested, viz., that of the *Author*, the Prov. G.M., Dr. James Middleton, and the veteran Prov. G. Secretary, Bro. R. Sanderson, to whom we were originally indebted for a history of the extinct lodge at Haughfoot, with very many important records, dating from the year 1702, which were made known in the defunct "Freemasons' Magazine." These are reproduced by Bro. Vernon, with due credit given to the brother named, and add much to the value and interest of the volume.

Other illustrations call for mention, such as those of Melrose Abbey, and also Kelso and Jedburgh. Happily these plates have not been spoilt in the printing, but come up most creditably, and tend to make the work as perfect typographically as it is Masonically. One feature is most pleasing, and doubtless will be most heartily welcomed by Mark Masons as well as the archaeologist, and that is the several plates of *Masons' Marks* from the Records of Old Lodges and the three Abbeys named. The periods when the latter were made being distinguished (Norman Transition, *Kelso*, Decorated Gothic, *Melrose*, Early Norman, Decorated 15th century, &c., *Jedburgh*), and also the portions of the buildings from which the marks were copied. It would be a grand time for Mark Masonry if every Masonic lodge in England and Scotland had a copy of this work in their custody and lent it to their members for careful reading and examination. Its testimony conclusively illustrates the fact that in early days *Speculative* as well as *Operative* Masons selected marks and had them enrolled just as did the brethren of the Lodge of Edinburgh from the 16th century and other old lodges in Scotland.

Some of the smaller illustrations and less important engravings are little gems in their way, and make the volume "a thing of beauty" as well as a joy and delight to all lovers of Masonic histories so accurate and trustworthy as Bro. Vernon's.

Some idea may be formed of the extraordinary character of this massive History by noting the periods covered by several of the lodges, such as the *Melrose* from 1674 to 1892 (!), which remained separate from the Grand Lodge until 1891, and is now No. 1 *bis*, *Kelso* from the year 1701, but not joined the Grand Lodge before 1754; and particularly the extinct *Haugh* "at Lodge, with its most interesting and curious Records from 1702, which never appears to have thrown in its lot with the regularly-constituted Masonic authority for Scotland, though possibly some of its lineal representatives have done so.

It is impossible to consider the various lodges of later date, graphically sketched in this most attractive volume, dating from early last century down to modern times, for to render those of importance even scant justice, they would have to be dealt with in detail, as Bro. Vernon has so ably done. The fact is, that the work must be perused to be appreciated, and unless one is well up in Scottish Masonic history, considerable surprise will be experienced in noting the wealth of material, and the value and importance of the extracts from the old minute books.

The sketch of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Roxburghshire and Selkirkshire is a most welcome addition to the history, dating as it does from the year 1747; and nothing seems to be lacking in the volume from beginning to end.

I congratulate Bro. Vernon most sincerely and heartily on the production of this long-expected history, and am very gratified also to note its typographical excellence, which is not to be wondered at, seeing it was printed by Bro. George Kenning, of 16, Great Queen-street. I trust the work will meet with all the success it so richly deserves.

Of my part in the enterprise—the Introduction—I say nothing save to express the hope that Bro. Vernon will consent to its being printed in the *Freemason*, so as to indicate the scope of his meritorious labours.

W. J. HUGHAN.

## THE GRAND LODGE OF ULSTER.

By HENRY SADLER.

(Continued from page 103).

Masonry, but from the report of his private virtues, and the correctness of his Masonic conduct. According to your desire, I enclose you, for the information of the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of England, an authentic transcript of that part of the transactions of the Grand Lodge of Ireland on the 2nd April last respecting the expulsion of Mr. Seton, and for the further information of the Grand Lodge, I shall state, as shortly as possible, the leading circumstances which occasioned his expulsion.

On the death of Bro. Thos. Corker, Mr. Seton was appointed to the office of D.G.S. by Bro. Irvine, then Grand Secretary. In June, 1805, Bro. Irvine was promoted to the rank of Junr. G. Warden, and Bro. Leech was elected Grand Secretary in his room—Bro. Leech re-appointed Mr. Seton as his Deputy. On the 1st of May, 1806, the same Grand Officers were re-elected by the Grand Lodge for the ensuing year. The appointments of the D.G. Sec. and D.G. Treasurer is, by our Laws, [vested] in the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, subject by a late regulation to the approbation of the Grand Lodge. Mr. Seton having failed in the regular communication which he ought to have held with the Grand Secretary and with the other Grand Officers, Bro. Leech, on the 2nd May, informed him by letter that he could not continue him as his Deputy, and desired him to deliver up the Books and other documents of the Order. This Mr. Seton refused to do. The Committee of the Grand Lodge (which is composed of the Masters of all the Lodges in Dublin) then sent a deputation to Mr. Seton to demand the Books, &c., the property of the Grand Lodge. Mr. Seton's answer was that he did not consider the Grand Lodge sitting in Dublin as the Grand Lodge of Ireland; that on the first Thursday in June he would shew them who composed the Grand Lodge of Ireland; and that he would keep the Book for that body. I immediately interposed as Deputy Grand Master, but he equally denied my authority. On the 5th of June, 1806, there appeared in the Grand Lodge between 70 and 80 persons, who, Mr. Seton said, were representatives of Lodges in the North of Ireland, they evidently acted in concert with him, and under his direction. They wanted to undo the regular and legal election of Grand Officers held the month before. This I resisted as contrary to all law and custom of the Order, and after much violence and disorderly conduct on their part, I was obliged to close the Grand Lodge at a very late hour (past 1 o'clock in the morning.) After I and the Dublin members (a few excepted) had retired, they affected to open the Grand Lodge again, and to rescind the election of Bro. Boardman as G. Treasurer, and Bro. Leech as G. Secretary, and to elect in their room Bro. Latouche (who has never acted, nor will not act), and Bro. Irvine, and also to appoint Mr. Seton Dep. G. Sec. for life. On the 3rd July, 1806, a number of these people again attended, and exhibited such evident marks of a turbulent disposition that I refused to open the Grand Lodge, both to preserve the public peace and to avoid a repetition of such disgraceful scenes as occurred on the 5th of June; for this I received the thanks of the Committee, who warmly approved of my conduct, and requested me to discontinue the meetings of the Grand Lodge for some time, to try whether the spirit of violence and insurrection would not subside, and to give an opportunity for misguided, but probably well-disposed, Brethren to inform themselves of the truth, and to become sensible of the impropriety of their conduct. Mr. Seton and his party continued, however, their meetings, at which they affected to transact business as a Grand Lodge. On the 12th of March last, they even went the length of issuing summonses, to Bro. Boardman to deliver up to them the funds of the Order before the 7th of May, and

to Bro. Leech, the Gd. Secretary, to appear on said day and to shew why he had presumed to issue counterfeit certificates; both notices to be complied with on pain of expulsion. At the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Ireland on the 5th of March last, a notice was ordered to be served on Mr. Seton, requiring him to deliver up the Books and Muniments of the Order on or before the 12th of March; to this he gave no answer whatever, and in consequence, for this, as well as the other repeated instances of his contempt of the authority of the Grand Lodge, and of the laws and constitutions of the Craft, he was by the Grand Lodge, at its meeting on the 2nd of April last, expelled. On the 7th of May last, Mr. Seton's Grand Lodge, crowned their other acts of violence and rebellion, by pretending to exclude Bro. John Boardman, Gd. Treasurer, Bro. John Leech, Grand Secretary, and Bro. Wm. Francis Graham, Dep. G. Treasurer, from the rights of Masonry. On a line of conduct so extraordinary and so unexampled in the annals of Masonry it is unnecessary to remark. I shall only observe that in this country, where dangerous political principles have produced so much mischief, Masons, who by the Constitutions of the Craft ought to be good and loyal subjects, should be the last to set the example of disorder, contempt of authority, and violation of law.

The party, with the exception of two or three individuals, is composed of persons of a very inferior description, and unless when assisted by the attendance of their brethren from the North, they have assembled only to the number of from six to fifteen. The Northern brethren are, with few exceptions, of the lowest class; are ignorant of the Constitutions and usages of the Order, and, irritated by the misrepresentations of the malcontents here, who tell them they have been ill-treated by the Grand Lodge, they obstinately close up their minds against the truth, and become the blind tools of interested individuals.

I will be extremely happy in opportunities of testifying my respect for the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of England according to the Antient form, and for its Officers; and I will always zealously maintain that harmony and cordial intercourse which ought, and I hope will, subsist to the end of time between it and the Grand Lodge of Ireland.

I remain with due regard, Right Worshipful Sir, your very obedient Servant and faithful Brother,

ALEX. JAFFRAY,

Dep. G. Master of Ireland.

The Rt. Worshipl. Thos. Harper, Esq.,  
Dep. G. Master of England.

The reception given to the foregoing, and the action taken thereon by the "Ancients" will be found in the *Freemason* of the 11th inst., wherein is also mentioned a printed circular relating to the business. A copy of this circular soon found its way into the camp of the enemy, where it doubtless occasioned some little commotion—indeed, this appears to have been the first real check received by the hitherto victorious rebels, and from this period may be dated the decline of their power, culminating some few years later in their total extinction as an organisation. It would appear, however, that the idea of surrendering at this their first reverse of fortune had not for a moment entered their calculations. Hitherto the only persons mentioned as having taken a prominent part in the scheme are Alexander Seton and Gorges D'Arcy Irvine, but it is evident that they must have had abettors in the ranks of the Dublin brethren, or they could not have carried on the campaign in that city so long, and as future historians may be desirous of information on this point I shall embrace the present opportunity for rescuing from oblivion the names of some of their colleagues, and at the same time furnish another example of the cool audacity which characterised all their proceedings.

As the following has not previously been printed I shall take the liberty of quoting it at length. It is addressed to Robert Leslie, the Grand Secretary of the "Ancients":

Extract from the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, held at Taylor's Hall in the City of Dublin on the 12th day of November, 1807.

The Grand Lodge met, the Right Worshipful Walter Wade, M.D., Past Grand Master on the Throne. Present, the Representatives of 74 Lodges.

A Paper purporting to be a Transaction of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of England, according to the old Institutions, dated September 2nd, 1807, affecting to contain certain Resolutions of this R.W. Grand Lodge, and also affecting to state who are the Grand Officers thereof, having been read, "It was unanimously resolved, that said Paper be referred to a Committee of five, viz.—Brothers Holden, Fowler, Greene, Warr, and Smyth, and that said Committee be and are hereby instructed and authorized, in the name of this R.W. Grand Lodge, to open a communication with the R.W. Grand Lodge of England, on the contents of said Paper."

(Signed)

WALTER WADE,

P.D.G.M. of Ireland.

Dublin, 21st Nov., 1807.

Right Worshipful Sir and Brother,

We the Committee to which the above-mentioned Paper was referred by the R.W. Grand Lodge of Ireland, on the 12th inst., request that you will take the trouble to inform us by return of post, under cover to Brother Smollett Holden, No. 26, Parliament Street, Dublin, whether the Resolution contained in said Paper is a transaction of the R.W. Grand Lodge of England, the same not being authenticated by any signature whatever. We hope you will not suffer any delay to occur in a case so plain and urgent, as it is our Instructions to make a full communication to the R.W. Grand Lodge of England on the subject (which it appears by said paper is to meet on the 2nd of December next), the manner of which communication must in a great measure be governed by your answer.

We have the honor to be, R.W. Sir and Brother, Yours &c.,

S. HOLDEN,

J. FOWLER,

THO. GREENE,

WM. WARR,

SAM. H. SMITH.

This letter bears the signature of each member of the Committee, and evidently they were all practised penmen. It was received by the Grand Secretary on the 1st of December, the day before the meeting of the Grand Lodge, but no notice whatever appears to have been taken of it, although probably Bro. Leslie deemed it too valuable a document to be destroyed off hand, as I gather from an endorsement on the cover that he paid 4s. 2d. postage for it. The postage now would be one penny.

This so far as I can ascertain practically closes the correspondence referring to the Irish Masonic schism. During the year 1808, as has already been shown, the Ulster party relinquished their bold attempt to pose as the Grand Lodge of Ireland, declared their independence, and formed a Grand Lodge in their own province. Probably Seton discovered a falling off in the number of his supporters when it was found that his certificates were of no value for the purposes of "raising the wind." Again, the distance of his forces from his base of operations would be another serious obstacle in the way of his carrying on a Grand Lodge in Dublin for any considerable period.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 1893.

## Masonic Notes.

As we anticipated, the two resolutions which were  
moved from the chair in behalf of his Royal Highness  
the M.W. Grand Master at the Quarterly Communica-  
tion of United Grand Lodge on Wednesday were  
accepted by the brethren present unanimously. These  
resolutions were (1) That a sum of £210 should be  
voted towards making good the heavy losses sustained  
by our Newfoundland brethren through the destruc-  
tion of the City of St. John by fire last summer.  
(2) That £105 be voted to the Fund that is being  
raised for the relief of the sufferers by the recent  
earthquakes in the Island of Zante. It should be  
mentioned in connection with the Newfoundland grant  
that it is separate and distinct from the vote of £315  
in September last, which was paid over to the General  
Relief Fund.

We are pleased to find, from the report of the pro-  
ceedings of Grand Lodge on Wednesday, that Bro. S.  
Cochrane, P.M., has advanced a further stage on the  
road to Grand Office. In December last he was  
Grand Treasurer nominate; now he is Grand Treasurer  
elect, while next month he will figure as Grand  
Treasurer.

The governing body, and, indeed, the Governors  
generally, of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls  
may well be proud of their *protégés* scholastic achieve-  
ments, and equally so of the Head Governess, Miss  
Davis, and her able staff of Assistants. We recently  
chronicled, with much pleasure, the fact that 45 of the  
Girls had passed the College of Preceptors without a  
single failure, and we have now the great satisfaction  
of adding the results of the Cambridge Local Examina-  
tions. For this the 19 more advanced pupils were  
entered, and the whole of these also have passed—  
nine with honours. When the youth of the Girls is  
remembered, the facts are little short of marvellous,  
looking at the doctrine of averages and chance, and  
nothing could testify more eloquently to the excellence  
of the system and the evenness of the training  
pursued at this admirably-conducted Institution. The  
large and increasing body of Stewards for the May  
Festival, under Lord Euston's presidency, have a  
splendid text whereon to found their appeals for good  
subscription lists.

We have very great pleasure in correcting a clerical  
error which occurred in our "Analysis of the Returns"  
last week, under the head of "Durham," to which our

attention has been called by Bro. C. S. Lane. We  
said: "In 1892—not 1891, Bro. Lane—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." In this state-  
ment the Old People's share should have been set  
down as £720 5s.

The final meeting of the Board of Stewards for the  
recent Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic  
Benevolent Institution will be held at Freemasons'  
Hall, on Monday next, at 4 p.m., when a statement of  
receipts and expenditure will be presented, the bills  
ordered to be paid, the accounts closed, and the Board  
dissolved.

The Managing Committee and the Hon. Secretary—  
Bro. Captain W. Lurcott—of the North London  
Masonic Benevolent Ball for the current year are to be  
congratulated on the success of their latest efforts in  
behalf of our Masonic Charities. The balance-sheet  
in respect of the current year's ball shows that after  
defraying all expenses, there remained sufficient to  
allow of 13 Life Subscriptions—representing the  
sum of £68 5s.—being distributed among our Institu-  
tions. Well done, North London!

We have much pleasure in announcing that Comp.  
D. M. McLeod, LL.D., judge at Maulmein, has been  
appointed to the office of Grand Supt. of Royal Arch  
Masonry in Burmah, rendered vacant by the resigna-  
tion of Comp. J. Fairclough. Comp. McLeod was also  
District Grand Mark Master of the same province, and  
we feel sure the appointment will give the utmost satis-  
faction among the Craft in the district.

The half-yearly convocation of the District Grand  
Chapter of Bengal was held on the 30th August last,  
under the presidency of Comp. H.H. the Maharaja of  
Cooch-Bihar, District Grand H., as Grand Super-  
intendent. The proceedings were of a formal character  
and all we learn from the acting Grand Superintendent's  
address is that there was a slight increase in the total  
membership during the half-year to 30th June, 1892,  
and that the funds of the District Grand Chapter are  
in a flourishing state. Three chapters—Nos. 1066,  
1210, and 1870—are in abeyance.

## 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,

As I have already intimated, I have no desire  
to prolong a discussion in print, but kindly grant me  
space for my last word.

My second letter appearing in your last week's issue  
anticipated, I think, most of your correspondent's re-  
marks. I have again to thank the brother who was  
"Not a Steward," for the friendly tone of his response.  
If, on a future occasion, he would enrol himself as a  
Steward for the Annual Festival of the Emulation  
Lodge of Improvement, that lodge, I am sure, would  
highly appreciate his services, and he and all who  
would then range under his banner would, I hope, be  
as gratified with what they would witness as those  
brethren were who favoured us with their presence last  
Friday evening—a noble company, upwards of 400—  
including R.V.'s, V.W.'s, W.'s, and a considerable  
number who, as yet, have not attained the rank of I.M.

Considering the number of years I have been a  
member of the Craft, and my present position in it, I  
suppose I ought to know the Book of Constitutions by  
heart, but I don't. I had not the particular point at  
question in my memory and fell into error in conse-  
quence. If by that inadvertance I have neglected to  
pay honour to whom honour is due, I am sorry for it,  
for I would not intentionally pay disrespect to anyone,  
particularly a brother. My having placed the proper  
prefixes to the names of the Grand Officers is explained  
by my having taken them from the printed Quarterly  
Communication issued by Grand Lodge, the various  
copies of which I keep at hand.

My own reference to the late Grand Secretary was  
only a repetition of the words of your first correspondent  
on this subject. It appears to have made the impres-  
sion that I have regarded him as a sufficient authority  
on the point in question. Had I not been so pressed  
in consequence of my preparations for the festival at  
hand, I should probably have replied with more care  
and accuracy. I take the Book of Constitutions as the  
only authority, and I have now been reminded that it  
is as well to know it by heart and to stick to it.

I am afraid I must plead guilty to never having  
strictly observed etiquette, Masonic or otherwise; but,  
on the other hand, I hope and believe that in my



Masonic career I have absorbed into my being the grand truths our ritual teaches. I love the simple term "brother," and all that it conveys to us, common to Masons all the world over. And amongst the many characteristics which should distinguish us, I have a special regard for "sincerity" and "plain-dealing."

What a good thing it is for the Craft that when one does make a mistake one is soon corrected? Would that the same care were observed in regard to the grand principles which underlie the ritual we teach.—Yours truly and fraternally,

W. G. KENTISH.

February 28th.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I think W. Bro. Kentish will see that no higher compliment can be paid to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement than is implied by a jealous watch against any innovation being introduced under the sanction of such a powerful, and usually correct, body.

If W. Bro. Kentish looks back he will see that the omission to which "Not a Steward" drew his attention has been made—not one year, but every year since his name appears as Secretary, so far back as 1888; and also in 1887, when Bro. Jones was Secretary; and that in 1886, when Bro. Spauld was Secretary, no prefix was given to any brother. It would not therefore have been unreasonable to suppose that the omission was intentional, especially as the note to Article 6 appears, I believe, for the first time in the Constitutions of 1884.

I am glad to note W. Bro. Kentish's frank and courteous avowal that it was an oversight, and I am sure he will see his attention is drawn to it in no captious spirit.

I have failed to find the circular alluded to by "Not a Steward" in your columns for 1880. It is, of course, of no great importance now, but I should be glad if you, or "Not a Steward," or any other brother can tell me the exact reference in your columns, that I may note it up as a matter of history.—Yours fraternally,

ANOTHER PROVINCIAL.

27th February.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I referred to the circular letters issued "by command" in 1880, because it is the first authoritative pronouncement on the prefix "W.," but both it and the note in the Book of Constitutions are defective.

The former omits reference to "M.W." altogether, and the latter omits, *quid* "M.W.," Past G. and Past Pro G. Masters, and, *quid* "R.W.," Past Deputy G. Masters.

I doubt if you will think it worth while to insert this—but if you do, perhaps you will kindly allow me to add that "fugans" in my last letter should have been "fugaces."—Faithfully and fraternally yours,

NOT A STEWARD.

February 28th.

VISITING WORSHIPFUL MASTERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Some misapprehension exists as to the rendering of paragraph 308, page 128, Book of Constitutions, relating to a W.M. of a lodge wearing his collar and jewel of office when visiting another lodge. I hold that by this paragraph he is entitled to do so; but my opinion is disputed. As a D.C. of a lodge, I am anxious to be correct.—Yours fraternally and faithfully,

P.M.

February 11th.

["P.M."]—You are in error. The collar of a W.M. of a lodge is only to be worn in his own lodge or at Provincial Grand Lodge and Grand Lodge; not in any other lodge. Past Masters are entitled to wear their collars at all Masonic meetings.—*Vide* Rules 306A and 308.—Ed. F.M.]

THE BALLOT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

If you can find room for the following I should greatly like to hear the opinions of some of your correspondents, learned in Masonic usages, thereupon:

A case occurred under my own notice the other day in which a ballot was taken for admission of a candidate into Masonry. He had been regularly proposed and seconded at the previous meeting of the lodge, and his name sent out to all the members in the summons convening present communication. Now it appears that a certain brother had reasons for socially disliking this gentleman, and for believing that he would not be a very acceptable addition to the lodge, at the same time, he did not consider his objections sufficiently Masonic to justify him either in privately objecting or using a black bean, he therefore solved the difficulty, as he thought, by not voting at all.

So much by way of explanation of attendant circumstances.

There happened to be a very small attendance of members, and on the W.M. inspecting the ballot (which was "clear") it was noticed that there was a bean short—in other words, some brother had not voted. A discussion then arose, some brethren asserting that the ballot was, by this omission, rendered

null and void, others (amongst them the writer) denying that there was any rule or constitution compelling a brother to vote if it seemed good to him to abstain from doing so. Eventually it was agreed to postpone the matter until next meeting, the Secretary being desired to obtain the opinion of some competent Masonic authority on the point, which opinion was—that the ballot was null and void.

The matter was never brought to a point in the lodge, for, before its next meeting, the Secretary received a communication from some member which obliged him to withdraw the candidate's name from ballot entirely.

What do my English brethren think of the case? Apologising for length of letter, I am yours fraternally,

LEWIS (I.C.)

28th February.

A CURIOUS ADVERTISEMENT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The following copy of an advertisement, which appeared in the *London Daily Post and General Advertiser* for 1736, may interest your readers.—Yours fraternally,

W. DOUGLAS, P.M. 1475.

February 27th.

By Order of the Grand Master.

The Annual Feast of the Antient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons, will be held on Thursday the 15th Instant, at Fishmongers Hall, Thames Street.

Tickets to be had at the following Places.

At the Mount Coffee-House in Grosvenor Street; Forrest's Coffee-House, Charing Cross; The Horn Tavern in King Street Westminster; The Rainbow Coffee-House in York Buildings; Oates's Coffee-House in Great Wild Street; Mr. Moody's at Temple Bar; Mr. Atkins's Stationer, at the Queen's Head and Half-Moon in Cheapside; Mourning Bush at Aldersgate; Mr. Jeffreys's, Hair Merchants on Snow Hill; Swan and Rummer in Finch Lane, Cornhill; Hoop and Griffin in Leadenhall Street; and The Theatre Tavern in Goodman's-Fields.

N.B. Those Brethren who intend to go in the Grand Procession, are desired to meet at the Right Hon. the Earl of London's, Grand Master Elect, at his Lordship's House in the Privy Garden, Whitehall, at Twelve o'clock, at Noon precisely, thence to proceed in Coaches or Chariots to the Hall above mentioned.

No Hackney Coaches to be admitted in the Cavalcade, nor any Brother into the Hall unclad'd, or arm'd.

## Reviews.

### FREEMASONS' CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY FOR THE PROVINCE OF DURHAM.

This most compact and well-filled volume is annually published by authority of Provincial Grand Lodge, and this year appropriately contains an excellent photograph of Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., the P.G.M., who has held that high office from January, 1885. Bro. Robert Hudson, the energetic Prov. Grand Secretary, conducts this indispensable directory on the old lines, but all is brought down to date, carefully revised, and due attention paid to the minutest details. *Thirty-five* lodges (since increased to 36, but No. 2462 only just granted), *sixteen* Royal Arch chapters, *eleven* Mark lodges, and other Masonic bodies, require a lot of pages to enumerate all their Present and Past Officers, Prov. Grand Lodge, &c., and hence it is not to be wondered at that over 160 are utilised for that purpose for Durham. The Charities are well looked after, but the local "Masonic Education Fund" does not progress so rapidly as many expected, the actual subscriptions from the members for the year only amounting to some £50. True, there is a capital of over £1400, and it may be thought that a slight addition annually is all that is needed. The table of "Durham Stewards" for the Central Masonic Charities—1879 to 1892—proves how our Northern brethren work for the Institutions. Bro. C. S. Lane is credited with lists amounting to over £2000, and other brethren are also honourably distinguished for the period named. The total voting power of the province is 3311 for the four branches of the Charities, and Bro. T. Bradley, Stockton, is the efficient Secretary.

### FREEMASONS' CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY FOR THE PROVINCE OF GLOUCESTER.

Bro. R. V. Vassar-Smith, D.P.G.M., was the editor of this handsomely got-up annual, but is succeeded by Bro. R. P. Sumner. So far, however, as the text and general arrangement are concerned, no one would be aware of the change, and it is as well done now as it was under the editorship of Bro. Vassar-Smith. There are 15 lodges with 622 members, and between them there are 4089 votes for the Charities. This is an enormous total, and proves how ably the province is worked, and how ready the brethren are to respond to the appeals issued by the "Charity Committee," through Bro. Sumner, the Honorary Secretary. There is no better arrangement of the Charity votes in any of the directories, and, in fact, none could be fuller or more accurately and systematically arranged. All the Degrees worked are duly cared for, and the result is a beautifully printed and ably edited annual, of which any province might well be proud.

The Queen, accompanied by the Empress Frederick of Germany and the Princess Beatrice, left Windsor Castle for Buckingham Palace, on Monday, and the day following held a Drawing Room, at which a number of presentations, which had been previously submitted to and approved by her Majesty, were made. On Wednesday her Majesty returned to Windsor. The Prince of Wales, the Dukes of York and Edinburgh, and Prince Christian visited her Majesty during her sojourn in town.

## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

### Craft Masonry.

#### METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

**United Pilgrims Lodge (No. 507).**—The election meeting of this flourishing lodge was held at the Bridge House Hotel, on Thursday, the 23rd ult., when there were present Bros. C. Thomas, W.M.; C. H. Stone, S.W.; R. B. Gilson, J.W.; H. R. Grellett, P.M.; Treas.; J. A. Laing, S.D.; Geo. Beste, J.D.; J. H. Dixce, acting I.G.; J. S. Terry, P.M., Stwd.; T. C. Atkinson, Org.; G. Harrison, Tyler; S. Ellison, P.M.; Thos. Noakes, P.M.; H. E. Joyce, P.M.; H. E. Cockell, P.M.; G. W. Terry, W. Lipscombe, C. H. Gold, P. C. Low, Wm. Chaney, W. Robin, and G. Casson. The visitors were Bros. J. H. Laing, I.G. 231; H. T. Bing, P.M. 1962; and Alf. Norris, P.M. 1997.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Chaney was passed in a very complimentary manner. The by-laws were read. Bro. C. H. Stone, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bros. J. S. Terry, P.M., Treas., and F. C. Atkinson, were elected honorary members. The Audit Committee was appointed. Bro. C. H. Stone, W.M. elect, proposed his son, Mr. C. W. Stone, as candidate for initiation at the installation meeting in March. Apologies were tendered from Bros. C. W. Peters, P.M., Sec., and Bowles, I.G., for non-attendance.

The business of the lodge ended, the brethren adjourned to an excellent supper, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were ably given and received, as also that of "The Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. Ellison, I.P.M., gave the toast of "The Worshipful Master" with very great pleasure, and in that position for the last time. He had conducted the business of the lodge with great credit to himself and satisfaction to the brethren. The toast was drunk most cordially.

The Worshipful Master responded in terms of high appreciation for such able remarks, and thanked all most heartily.

The toast of "The W.M. elect, Bro. Stone," was given in complimentary terms by the W.M., who stated the business of the lodge, he felt confident, would be ably carried out in the coming year, and he congratulated him most highly on his election.

In reply, Bro. C. H. Stone heartily thanked the brethren for the honour done him, and said it would be his utmost endeavour to emulate all who had preceded him in the chair, and keep up the prestige of the lodge.

That of "The Visitors" was well given and received, and responded to by Bros. Norris, P.M., and J. H. Laing in some well-chosen remarks.

The toast of "The Past Masters" received at the hands of the W.M. its due merit.

Bros. Terry, P.M., and Joyce, P.M., responded, and stated their willingness at all times to render able service to the lodge, and specially promised the W.M. elect, as far as possible, to make the coming year thoroughly successful.

"The Officers" was next given by the W.M. in some well-chosen remarks, who expressed his thanks for their able assistance and punctuality.

Bros. Stone, S.W.; Gilson, J.W.; and J. H. Laing, S.D., responded.

The Tyler's toast closed a very pleasant evening.

Some capital harmony was given by Bros. Beste, Ellison, P.M.; Joyce, P.M.; and Atkinson, Org.

**Doric Lodge (No. 933).**—The installation meeting of this old and well-known lodge was held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Tuesday, the 14th ult. Bro. Jas. Smith, W.M., occupied the chair, the following being present: Bros. A. R. Walker, P.M.; R. Tucker, P.M.; J. H. Brown, P.M.; J. West, P.M.; R. Ayton, P.M.; T. Crane, P.M.; T. G. Scott, S.W., W.M. elect; W. A. Moss, J.W.; A. Calver, P.M., Sec.; F. W. Cates, I.G.; J. Rushforth, D.C.; W. Blakey, W. C. Poole, W. A. Hine, R. Reed, W. Caslake, J. Barber, C. Sherry, F. Barber, A. Duffield, C. T. Sole, W. J. Harris, G. Heavens, and others. The long list of visitors comprised Bros. J. T. Camp, 1695; W. Maxfield Mead, W.M. 1805; C. W. Brock, 857; C. Eschwege, 1349; W. Boshier, 1901; H. W. Clark, W.M. 1625, Sec. 2409; A. Robertson, P.M. 2409; A. R. Trew, P.M. 2409; J. Boulton, P.M. 28, 1056, and 2291, W.M. 2442; J. T. Wayland, 95; G. W. Scrutton, 2291; J. Mills, 1765; E. H. S. Green, I.P.M. 1139; E. T. H. Seddon, P.M. 174; G. S. Ayres, P.M. 95; J. A. Abrahams, 1349; W. E. Goodwins, 2278; C. A. Reeves, 869; J. West, P.M. 97; and R. Fokett, 1625.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Bro. T. G. Scott, S.W., W.M. elect, was then presented by Bro. John West, P.M., who acted as D.C., to Bro. J. Smith, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, Bro. Scott was inducted into the chair of K.S., and afterwards appointed and invested the following as his officers: Bros. W. A. Moss, S.W.; F. W. Cates, J.W.; R. Ayton, P.M., Treas.; A. Calver, P.M., Sec.; W. Caslake, S.D.; J. Rushforth, J.D.; W. Blakey, I.G.; A. Duffield, Steward; and J. Rawles, Tyler. The Installing Master, Bro. J. Smith, then delivered the addresses to the W.M., the Wardens, and the brethren respectively. His performance of the beautiful ceremony was precise, and the delivery of the various parts of the ritual impressive.

All Masonic business being ended, and the lodge closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where they paid adequate honour to the splendid repast provided.

After the loyal toasts and that of "The Grand Officers" had been proposed and received with the usual Masonic fervour,

Bro. Walker, I.P.M., proposed in happy terms "The Health of the W.M.," and prognosticated a good term of office, and a renewal of success to the lodge.

The W.M. responded briefly, but to the point.

In proposing "The Past Masters," the W.M. said they had built up the lodge, and were a bulwark of strength to it. As in the past they had supported it, so would they do in the future.



In responding, Bro. Walker, the I.P.M., as the youngest Past Master of the lodge, said the Past Masters had never failed in their duty, and he felt sure they would never be behind from want of zeal, but rather for lack of opportunity.

Bro. Ayton said he had been connected with the lodge for 25 years. He felt it a proud day when he was initiated, still more when installed, and no less so when he became a Past Master. In spite of any vicissitudes, he was still proud of the Doric Lodge.

Bro. Tucker said he was raised by the veteran Bro. T. Barner 25 years ago, and hoped to remain a member 25 years longer.

Bro. John West said that was the time for them to support their lodge. Good men must come to the front if the weak men fell from the ranks. The strong must stand shoulder to shoulder, then the Doric Lodge would rise like a Phoenix from its ashes.

Bro. Hall Brown added a few words, and

Bro. Crane said that although he had retired from the lodge, yet he was an old member of 25 years' standing. He raised the I.P.M. and initiated the present W.M., and was pleased to see him in the chair. He was happy and at home in the Doric Lodge, and its welfare was at his heart.

Bro. Calver also added a few eloquent sentences.

For "The Visitors," Bro. Eschwege, Mead, Trew, Foskett, Boulter, and others, replied, expressing their gratification with the excellence of the working of the lodge, and their sense of the hospitality with which they had been received.

In proposing "The Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. referred to the excellence of Bro. Ayton as a financial man, and the ability of Bro. Calver to second him.

Bro. Ayton, P.M., said in spite of their recent reverses, he was proud to occupy his office, and would do his best for the prosperity of the lodge.

Bro. Calver said that to him the duties of Secretary were a matter of love. Although they had met with a drawback, their position was sound. They would be obliged to refrain for a short time from their wonted liberality in supporting the Charities.

For "The Officers," Bros. W. A. Moss, S.W.; F. W. Cates, J.W.; W. Caslake, S.D.; A. Duffield, Steward, and others, replied, expressing their determination to attend to their respective duties.

Bros. Heavens, Cates, W. E. Goodwins, Poole, Sole, and Boshier, sang, and Bros. Eschwege and Calver delivered two powerful recitations, the first—"Mark Anthony's Oration," and the latter, Tennyson's poem, "The Revenge."

**Pimlico Lodge (No. 1772).** The regular meeting of this ever-growing lodge was held at Cloots' Restaurant, Victoria-street, Westminster, on the 2nd inst., when there were present Bros. R. Wake, W.M.; Geo. Sinclair, J.W.; F. Whiting, Sec.; R. Warner, S.D.; W. Oliver, J.D.; Fred. Higham, Org.; E. De Vere, I.G.; Thos. Bowler, Tyler; A. N. Carey, R. G. Knowles, J. Williams Cragg, F. Nopole, Fred. Harvey, Harry Anderson, W. Handcock, J. L. Harvey, W. G. Gage, Geo. White, P.M.; W. H. Rivers, I.P.M.; V. L. Samuel, H. G. Appleyard, G. L. Manning, E. Cain, T. A. Soar, L. R. Morgantham, Joe Elvin, and A. Holloway. Visitors: Bros. R. Shaw, P.M. 1087; A. Clapp, 15; and R. T. West, 1744.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Messrs. Henry Guyon Appleyard, Victor Lyon Samuel, and George Lewis Manning, and they were initiated by the W.M. in an excellent style. Bro. Handcock was then passed, and the following brethren raised:—Bros. Anderson, Pink, Fred Harvey, Carey, J. L. Harvey, and Napoli. On the motion of Bro. Warner it was unanimously resolved that 20 guineas be taken from the lodge funds and placed on the list of the W.M. as Steward for the "Boys," for which the W.M. gave his best thanks, and remarked that if the brethren would make up the amount to £50 out of their own pockets, he would himself give £50, which would swell the amount to £100. It is pleasing to record that this amount was immediately forthcoming. It was unanimously resolved to send a letter of condolence to Bro. Palmer on the death of his wife.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of a superb banquet which was prepared by Bro. Cloots, in his usual good style.

## PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

### BARNET.

**Gladsmuir Lodge (No. 1335).**—The regular meeting was held at the Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, on Friday, the 24th ult. Bro. G. Blizard Abbott, W.M., presided, and among those present were Bros. F. Thompson, S.W.; F. C. Collingwood, J.W.; C. Gray, P.M., Sec., P.P.G.S.B.; R. Fisher Young, P.M., D.C., P.P.G.D.; J. Brittain, P.M., P.P.G.W.; S. Tryon, I.P.M., Prov. G. S. of W.; W. Lewis, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. P. Enerby, P.M., P.P.G.P.; J. E. Cussans, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; R. W. Oldfield, S.D.; W. H. G. Ball, J.D.; J. Anneveld, I.G.; Tibbatts, Stwd.; Goddard, Tyler; Mason, Ellis, Inglis, Rainsford, Billson, Attree, H. Grimwade, C. Grimwade, Withaus, Baddeley, and W. G. Marshall. Visitors: Bros. Wright, Rowe, Dr. Haskins, and others.

The minutes of the previous lodge having been read and confirmed, Bro. Mason read the Report of the Audit Committee, which was adopted unanimously. Mr. Harry Dade, who had been elected in January, was then introduced and initiated. A ballot was taken for a Life Governorship, which was won by Bro. Charles Gray, P.M., Sec., and the other business having been dispatched, lodge was closed.

The brethren dined together, the short speeches made during the proceedings being rendered doubly acceptable by the songs of Bros. Enerby, Lewis, Grimwade, and Mason, with which they were interspersed.

### CROWLE.

**Isle of Axholme Lodge (No. 1482).**—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic rooms, on Tuesday, the 28th ult., when there were present Bros. J. M. Behrendt, as W.M.; R. Wood, P.P.G.S.B., Sec.; J. Constable, Chap.; W. Chamberlain, as S.D.; C. Fox, S.W.; J. Falkner, J.D.; W. Pickering, J.D.;

R. Wressell, Stwd.; W. W. Scholey, I.G.; and G. Naylor, Tyler.

A successful ballot was taken for Mr. Henry Hoe, and the Secretary announced that at the next lodge, on the 28th inst., Bro. Sissons, D.P.G.M., would visit the lodge.

### DARWEN.

**Lodge of Harmony and Industry (No. 381).**—On Thursday, the 9th inst., the annual meeting of this lodge was held in the beautiful suite of rooms in the Masonic Hall for the installation of the W.M. elect and the investiture of his officers. After the usual formalities attendant upon the opening of the lodge, the W.M. elect was presented for the benefit of installation, the Installing Master being Bro. Franklin Thomas, P.M. 345, P.P.S.G.W., P.P.G.R., who performed the beautiful ceremony with care and solemnity, and in so masterly a manner as to call forth high words of praise from the members. It is worthy of remark here, that Bro. Thomas has for at least 30 years performed the ceremony of installation at this lodge, and so satisfied have the Past Masters been with the ceremony, that during the last year those Past Masters who are still living presented to Bro. Thomas an enlarged photo, in Masonic colours and suitably framed, of himself, and at this installation meeting the same body of Past Masters presented him with a beautifully bound photo album containing photos, as far as possible, of all the Past Masters of the lodge whom Bro. Thomas has installed during the last 30 years. Bro. J. Wardley, P.M., made the presentation on behalf of the Past Masters in suitable terms, and the recipient received the present in a few kindly and well-timed sentences, running over the named period of his connection with the lodge with mingled feelings. Although Bro. Thomas appears a hale and hearty brother, his advancing age begins to bear a slight trace of his fingers, and together with the fact of having lost his partner in life during the last few months, the respected brother was visibly affected during his reply. The Province of East Lancashire is to be complimented in having had the services of so valuable and able an exponent of Freemasonry in all its various branches as we have in this venerable and distinguished brother. After the installation Bro. J. Wardley, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., invested the following officers: Bros. W. Stubbs, S.W.; T. Duxbury, J.W.; Sam. H. Shorrocks, I.P.M., Treas.; J. Wardley, P.M., D.C.; James Aspsden, P.M., Charity Representative; B. Horrocks, S.D.; Ralph Shorrocks, J.D.; J. E. Place, Org.; H. Woodcock, I.G.; Robt. Shorrocks, Stwd.; and J. H. Bury, Tyler. The investing officer, Bro. Wardley, is an old member of 381 and has acted as Deacon to Bro. Thomas in the installation of W.M. for many years, and also taken the office of Investing Master in his mother lodge for a similar period, and is a brother highly respected by his brethren, and the investiture was performed in a praiseworthy manner.

The brethren afterwards celebrated the Festival of St. John in the large lodge room, and afterwards the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly given and Masonically honoured.

Bro. Wardley acted as D.C. during the period of going through the toasts, Bro. Stubbs, S.W., presented on behalf of the officers of last year, to their retiring W.M., Bro. Sam. H. Shorrocks, a magnificent Past Master's jewel, which was suitably acknowledged by Bro. Shorrocks, who by his zeal and assiduity on behalf of his mother lodge has made his mark as an ardent and zealous Mason.

The meeting concluded with the last toast by the I.P.M., who prefaced the toast with a recitation of a piece of admirable poetry called "The last Toast," which brought a pleasant meeting to its close. Visiting brethren were present from 146, 269, 281, 345, 346, 369, 463, 1493, 1775, and 2322.

During the evening there was a collection for Masonic Charities, which realised the sum of £10 1s. 7d.

### HAMPTON COURT.

**Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).**—This rapidly-increasing lodge met at the Greyhound Hotel, on the 10th ult., when there were present, among others, Bros. John Smith, W.M.; J. W. Clarke, S.W.; H. Robinson, J.W.; J. C. Jessett, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; Capt. Walls, P.P.G.W., Sec.; Trotter, S.D.; W. Hopkins, J.D.; G. J. Tagg, I.G.; G. Ransford, P.M., D. of C.; Cronin, A.D. of C.; R. Eales, P.M., P.G.P., and C. Wheatley, Stewards; W. Spearing, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; H. Wheatley, P.P.A.G.D.C.; E. Clark, P.M.; W. Fisher, P.M.; and W. Plimsaul, P.M. Amongst the visitors were Bros. J. T. Briggs, P.M., P.P.G.D.; A. Tucker, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; Stafford, 902; Lodge, 1567; F. Bridge, 1733; Calthrow, 1733; and others.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. E. Clark, by the W.M.'s request, duly raised Bro. G. Dixon to the Third Degree. The Secretary proposed—"That the sum of 10 guineas be voted to the list of Bro. John Smith, W.M., as Steward to the R.M.I. for Boys." This was seconded, and unanimously carried. Bro. Fairer was invested with the collar of Organist by the W.M.

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

The customary loyal and Craft toasts having been given, Bro. J. T. Briggs, P.P.G.D.C., responded exhaustively for "The Prov. Grand Officers."

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed in kind terms by the I.P.M.

In reply, the W.M. thanked the brethren for the handsome amount that they had voted him that evening as their Steward to the Boys' School. He hoped to have plenty of work to do during the coming year.

Bro. A. Tucker replied to the toast of "The Visitors." He said that it was always a pleasure to attend the lodge, everyone appeared to act so thoroughly in accord. The work of the lodge had always been well done when he had had the honour of being present. No. 1512 was also fortunate in having several very talented Past Masters, whose exertions could not be too highly praised.

In giving "The Past Masters," the W.M. coupled the name of Bro. William Fisher, I.P.M., with the toast, who, he hoped, would occupy the position of Provincial Grand Treasurer at the next Provincial Grand Lodge.

The I.P.M. having replied, the toast of "The Officers," coupled with the names of Bros. J. W. Clarke and H. Robinson, terminated the proceedings.

**Wolsey Lodge (No. 1656).**—An emergency meeting of this lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel, on Monday, the 13th ult. Amongst those in attendance were Bros. Thos. Grant, W.M.; H. Bond, S.W.; J. Spooner, J.W.; J. Featherstone, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; Capt. Walls, P.P.G.W., Sec.; A. T. Peat, S.D.; R. W. Rice, J.D.; R. W. Simpson, I.G.; H. Sapsworth, P.M.; and E. Dare, P.M. Amongst the visitors were Bros. W. Tucker, 795; E. J. Packington, 1793; W. B. Pentelow, 2032; and B. Hooper, 2045.

Bro. T. J. Crocker, J. Satchwell, F. W. Pyke, and J. J. McCarthy were raised to the Third Degree, and Bros. J. D. O'Hara and J. Kerswell passed to the Second Degree. Messrs. G. Bond, T. J. B. Liddell, and A. H. Sturges, having been balloted for, were duly initiated into Craft mysteries. The W.M. is to be congratulated on the manner in which he performed the three arduous ceremonies, ably assisted by the exertions of his Wardens and officers. Communications from absent brethren having been read, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent repast, ably catered for by Bro. Gedda.

A few toasts were given.

The I.P.M. gave "The W.M." in well chosen terms. In the course of his remarks he mentioned the circumstance that since Bro. Grant's accession to office he had initiated 16 gentlemen into Freemasonry. This prosperous state of things had again brought the Wolsey Lodge well to the front on the Middlesex roll of lodges. The Worshipful Master's year had been, and would prove to be, before he left the chair, the most progressive and arduous of any Master's since the foundation of the lodge.

This toast having been well received,

The W.M. expressed his acknowledgments in fluent but modest terms.

In the intervals of the speeches, Bros. Packington, Jehu, J. J. McCarthy, and others instrumentally and vocally entertained the brethren.

### KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.

**Noel Lodge (No. 2444).**—A regular meeting was held at St. James's Hall, on the 22nd ult. Present: Bros. J. Montgomery, W.M.; Herbert, Treas., as S.W.; M'Farlane, as J.W.; F. H. Reynolds, J.W., as Sec.; Lister, S.D.; Hall, J.D.; Packington, Org.; James, Steward; Levy, as I.P.M.; Free, I.G.; Youlden, Hullett, Watkins, Chapman, Cable, Bradbury, and Price. Visitors: Bros. G. M'Farlane, 2386; E. Davy, and W. Packer, 1424.

The minutes of the last regular meeting having been confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. Handley as a joining member, which proved unanimous, and Bro. Handley returned thanks. Bro. Bradbury was afterwards passed to the Second Degree in the usual able and impressive manner of Bro. Montgomery. The W.M. then gave the lecture on the second tracing board in a most efficient and instructive manner.

After "Hearty good wishes" had been tendered from various lodges, the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned for refreshment, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

### LEICESTER.

**Golden Fleece Lodge (No. 2081).**—The annual festival and installation meeting of the above lodge was held on Monday, the 20th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall. There was a large and representative gathering of the brethren of the province, and also visitors from some distant provinces. The outgoing W.M., Bro. W. H. Swingle, undertook the principal work of installing his successor, Bro. W. H. Staynes, in which he was ably assisted by Bro. J. L. West, P.M., and J. P. Thorp, P.M. After the completion of the ceremony the newly-installed W.M., Bro. W. H. Staynes, invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. H. Swingle, I.P.M.; A. J. West, S.W.; A. Jahn, J.W.; A. Chamberlin, P.M., Treas.; E. C. Kilby, Sec.; F. S. Waterman, S.D.; C. F. Spenser, J.D.; G. Jessop, D.C.; R. Goodacre, Org.; J. H. Lees, I.G.; and C. Shardlow and A. Tacey, Stewards. Bro. W. H. Staynes then presented a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Swingle as a mark of esteem from the brethren, and as a token of their appreciation of the capable manner in which he had performed the duties of the chair of K.S. Bro. Swingle suitably acknowledged the gift. Apologies were read from many brethren regretting their inability to be present, amongst others, from Bros. Earl Ferrers, P.G.M.; S. S. Partridge, D.P.G.M.; and W. Kelly, P.P.G.M., whose continued ill-health caused his absence.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren, to the number of 70, partook of a banquet, under the presidency of Bro. Staynes, W.M.

Replying to the toast of his health, Bro. Staynes expressed the pride and gratification he felt in that the brethren of his mother lodge had so shown their confidence in him by placing him in the position of W.M. of this lodge. He assured them that no effort should be wanting on his part to make his year of office one agreeable to the members of the lodge, and he trusted to make it a year of prosperity also. It was his earnest desire to see the Lodge of Golden Fleece become one of the, if not the most successful in the province. To this end he should use every endeavour, and he hoped that at the end of his term of office of W.M., the brethren would feel justified in his election.

Both the toast and the Worshipful Master's reply were enthusiastically received.

Several brethren, amongst whom were Bros. A. Page, C. H. Page, and J. McRobie, added to the enjoyment of the evening with songs, and Bro. Dr. W. H. Barrow, Mus. Doc., P.M. 523, presided at the pianoforte.

### OLD TRAFFORD.

**Talbot Lodge (No. 2231).**—The last regular meeting was held on the 17th ult., when the following were present: Bros. R. E. Strengleman, W.M.; F. Batty, I.P.M.; John Roberts, S.W.; C. Mackay, J.W.; F. G. Goodacre, P.M., Treas.; Edwin Faulkner, Sec.; W. Lowsby, S.D.; H. Hicks, J.D.; C. Martyn, P.M., D.C.; G. R. Lloyd, P.M., Charity Representative; W. G. Batey, Org.; F. Green, I.G.; G. Unsworth, S. J. Silvester, and T. K. Peacock, Stewards; W. Chesshyre, Tyler; John Allin, Wm. Dyson, C. H. Roberts, Evans Jackson, and H. Edwards. Visitors: Bros. J. Bowles, P.M. 1730; W. Hall, P.M. 1387; John Niven, W.M. 2321; H. Goldman, 323; J. Hawker, 1045; H. Martyn, S.W. 1387; A. Dunkerley, 1147; W. J. Widdowson, 2216; J. Atkinson, 2144; and H. Kay, 2359.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Telegrams and a letter apologising for non-attendance were received from Bros. Greenhalgh, Happold, and Rawson. A ceremony of initiation was taken by Bro. C. Martyne, the J.W. giving the working tools and charge, a ceremony of passing by the W.M., the working tools being given by the S.W., and a ceremony of raising by Bro. F. G. Goodacre, who also presented the working tools. On the proposition of Bro. F. Batty, seconded by Bro. Lloyd, and supported by the W.M., the sum of 10 guineas was unanimously voted to the West Lancashire Alms Benevolent Institution. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. John Roberts, S.W., for having so kindly had the lodge furniture repaired and restored.

"Hearty good wishes" were given by the visiting brethren, and reciprocated by the W.M., and the lodge was closed.

Subsequently refreshments were served, and a pleasant social evening spent by the brethren and visitors, during which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and fully honoured, interspersed by songs and recitations from Bros. Goldman, Green, Mackay, and Allin, Bros. Allin and Bowers acting as accompanists.

#### PLUMSTEAD.

**Ordinance Lodge (No. 2399).**—Bro. Col. C. Vansittart, W.M., presided at the usual monthly meeting on Friday, the 10th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, and presented the lodge with a handsome silk banner, bearing the old Ordinance arms and the name and number of the lodge emblazoned on it, as also the fact of his (the W.M.'s) generous gift, in a suitable inscription. The thanks of the lodge was voted to the gallant colonel, and it was resolved that the vote should be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. J. Bilton, S.W.; Capt. W. E. Woollett, J.W.; Rev. J. W. Horsley, Chap.; T. Robertson, P.M., Sec.; Capt. G. Spinks, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; J. Lee, S.D.; T. Hully, J.D.; W. Hurst, D.C.; C. Heir, I.G.; Captain W. Weston, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; A. Penfold, P.M. 913, P.P.G.D.; C. Jolly, P.M. 1472 and 2214; E. B. Hobson, P.M., and J. Sanderson, P.M., of 700; W. Sayle-Edwards, P.M. 1536; A. Banister, P.M. 1632; J. Matvey, W.M., A. Deans, S.W., and A. McQueen, I.G., of 13; M. Edwards, 759; W. Wheeler, P.M. 1536; and others.

#### PORTSMOUTH.

**Duke of Connaught Lodge (No. 1834).**—At the regular meeting of this lodge, held on the 28th ult., there was a very large attendance of brethren, invitations having been sent out to the Worshipful Masters and officers of every lodge meeting in the neighbourhood—some 16 in number, and altogether about 130 visiting brethren were present, including many Prov. Grand Officers.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the installation meeting were read and confirmed. A Committee was appointed to revise the by-laws of the lodge and to bring up a report. The W.M., Bro. Alexander Howell, who is the local Secretary in the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge Correspondence Circle, then delivered a most interesting lecture upon "The History of the Constitutions of the Fraternity," commencing with the Regius MS., the oldest Masonic document extant. Extracts from the charges in this ancient poem were read, and the opinions of commentators upon its age and characteristics were quoted, wherein it is argued that "the Old Charges or Manuscript Constitutions had become fixed or crystallised before the 'Regius MS.' took form as a writing," and that it points to the actual existence of a symbolical or speculative Masonry at the date from which it speaks. Several versions of the Manuscript Constitutions were then referred to, and the charges contained in the "Grand Lodge No. 1 MS. Roll," of 1583, were read at length in order to show to the brethren the nature of the regulations of the Craft at that early date. A sketch of the "History of Masonry, or Legend of the Guild," as contained in the several MS. Constitutions, was given, after which Bro. Howell referred to the copy of the Old Charges in the handwriting of Randle Holme, the Chester Herald, made about 1665, in which the form of oath to be administered to candidates is given, and which "reveals the fact that the Masonic tokens of recognition were even then of a complex nature." The erection of the Grand Lodge in 1717 having been related, the first edition of Dr. Anderson's Book of Constitutions came under review, the unauthorised additions to the Legend of the Guild being noted, and the "Regulations" then for the first time necessary, in consequence of lodges being subordinate to Grand Lodge, were considered. The second edition of Anderson's Constitutions was also referred to. The Constitutions of 1815 next claimed attention, and several of the new Regulations were mentioned, and, finally, the editions of 1884 and 1888 were briefly referred to. The W.M. exhibited the several volumes of Reprints of the Old Charges and of Anderson's Constitutions, which have been issued by the Quatuor Coronati Lodge.

A discussion followed, in which several of the visiting brethren took part, and a hearty vote of thanks having been accorded to the W.M. for his lecture, the lodge was closed.

As a memento of his installation, Bro. Alexander Howell has presented each member of the lodge with a copy of Crowe's "Master Masons' Handbook," in which has been inserted a reprint from our pages of the report of his installation, the presentation being made "In the sincere hope that the valuable information herein contained will prove an incentive to the study of Masonic literature."

### Royal Arch.

**Jerusalem Chapter (No. 185).**—This chapter met at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on the 14th ult. Among those present were Comps. Hardy, M.E.Z.; F. Smith, P.Z., P.P.G.J., H.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S., J.; G. Davis, P.Z., S.E.; Dr. Frye, P.S.; Harfeld, P.Z., Treas.; N. Moss, L.C.C., P.Z.; Cleghorne, P.Z.; and Staley, P.Z.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The election for Principals and officers then took place, with the following result: Comps. F. Smith, M.E.Z.; Capt. Walls, H.; Mussared, J.; G. Davis, P.Z., S.E.; Harfeld, P.Z., Treas.; Dr. Frye, S.N.; Hills, P.S.;

Blakley, 1st A.S.; and E. Mallet, Janitor. A Past Principal's jewel was unanimously voted to Comp. A. Hardy, M.E.Z. The S.E. read a letter that he had received from Comp. P. Robinson, P.Z., acknowledging with thanks the honorary membership that had been conferred upon him.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to banquet.

Upon the removal of the cloth a few toasts were proposed.

"The Health of the First Principal" having been given, he duly responded. In the course of his remarks, he stated that he greatly regretted that there had not been any candidates during his year, and consequently no work to do, but in all other respects everything had passed off most satisfactorily.

In giving "The Second and Third Principals," the M.E.Z. said that the chapter had that night elected to fill the important positions of First and Second Principals two old and respected Past Principals of that chapter. He felt confident that under their auspices No. 185 would flourish.

Comps. F. Smith and T. C. Walls having replied, the toast of "The S.E. and Treasurer" followed.

The First Principal, in his speech, stated that he had to thank Comps. G. Davis and Harfeld for the kind assistance they had rendered him during the year. The chapter owed a great deal to those hard-working companions.

This toast having been drunk with enthusiasm, Comp. Harfeld responded for himself and colleague in a witty speech.

During the evening Comp. F. Smith, with the assistance of his son, gave some very charming instrumental and vocal selections.

**Selwyn Chapter (No. 1901).**—The regular convocation of this flourishing South London chapter was held at the Montpelier Hotel, Choumert-road, Peckham, on Thursday, the 9th inst., when there were present Comps. Walter Davies, M.E.Z.; Edwin Gauntlett, H.; John Lightfoot, J.; W. H. Hook, P.Z., Treas.; Chas. Hy. Stone, S.E.; J. Evans, S.N.; H. R. Hobbs, P.S.; Fred. F. Ford, 2nd A.S.; R. Weddall Thomas, D.C.; Thos. Bowler, Janitor; E. Eagle, H. Hayward, L. E. Eagle, Frederick Pow, and C. A. Adams. The visitors were Comps. T. Grumman, P.Z. 1275; R. J. Vincent, P.Z. 1320, P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; Frank Swinford Smith, 2182; R. J. Voisey, P.Z., M.E.Z. 1216; W. Wills, 2nd A.S. 1348; Chas. Thomson, S.N. 1297; W. H. Mackley, 2nd A.S. 2005; and G. Etheridge, 1329.

The minutes of the last convocation, December 8th, 1892, were read and confirmed. Bro. C. A. Adams, already approved and balloted for, was entrusted and afterwards exalted into Royal Arch Masonry in a very able manner, the three lectures being most efficiently rehearsed. It was proposed by Comp. W. Davies, M.E.Z., and seconded by Comp. Gauntlett, H., "That the honorary membership of the chapter be conferred upon Comp. T. Grumman, P.Z. and Treas., 1275, for able services rendered before and since the consecration." This being put in most complimentary terms, was carried unanimously. Comp. Grumman thanked the companions for this mark of appreciation, which he considered a very great honour indeed. He had taken a great interest in the chapter from the very moment of its inception, and would continue to do so to the very best of his ability. He was confident of its success. A volume of the Sacred Law was presented by Bro. Bowler, Janitor, for which he received the thanks of the companions, the M.E.Z. remarking it showed his kindly feelings towards the chapter. Letters of apology were read from Comps. Alford and Burkmar, and also one from Bro. Wimble, P.M. 1901, hoping to be with the companions on the next convocation in April. The business of the chapter ended, it was closed, and the convocation adjourned.

The companions next partook of an excellent supper, supplied by Comp. F. Pow, the proprietor, in his usual capital style.

The cloth removed, the toasts of "The Queen and R.A. Masonry," together with that of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.E.G.Z., and the rest of the Grand Officers," were given and received in a thoroughly loyal manner.

The M.E.Z. next gave the toast of "The Exalte," whom he had known for many years, and one whom they were not ashamed of. All had noticed the progress he had made in the Craft in the Selwyn Lodge, and he heartily welcomed him into the chapter. His health had not been good, and he was very unwell then, but still had striven to be present that evening. All wished him better health, and gave him a hearty reception.

In reply, Comp. Adams thanked the M.E.Z. for such flattering terms. He had been much impressed, and wondered why he had not joined R.A. Masonry before. That ceremony had a most peculiar interest to him, it was the anniversary of his deceased father's natal day (who was a firm supporter of R.A.M.), and also he was wearing his father's sash and apron. He trusted he should wear it and prove himself worthy in every sense.

The toast of "The M.E.Z." was given in excellent style by Comp. Hook, P.Z., Treas., dilating upon his perfect working in the Craft and R.A.M., and also to his kindly and painstaking manner and genial conduct, and the remark at close of the year would be, well done, good and faithful M.E.Z.

The M.E.Z. thanked the companions most heartily for such a cordial greeting. He would always do his duty in the way it should be done, and would never disgrace his position. He then referred to the H. and J., of whom the companions were proud, for they had performed their respective duties most admirably.

Both officers most suitably replied, trusting to emulate the M.E.Z., and do their utmost to promote the chapter in every way. The toast of "The Visitors" was given most cordially, and responded to by Comps. Voisey, Vincent, Thomson, and Wills.

In proposing the toast of "The Treasurer and S.E.," the M.E.Z. stated two better officers could not exist, and he was pleased to ask the companions to drink to their health. He had known their Treasurer for many years, and the longer one knew him the more they loved him.

The toast of "The Officers" followed in terms of strong approval and compliment upon their respective duties, and was responded to most suitably by all.

The Janitor's toast closed a most enjoyable and instructive meeting.

The evening was enlivened with some excellent harmony from Comps. Hook, Stone, Grumman, Frank Swinford Smith, R. J. Voisey, Thomson, Etheridge, and Vincent, Comp. F. S. Smith ably presiding at the piano.

#### DONCASTER.

**St. Magdalen Chapter (No. 242).**—The installation convocation was held in the St. George's Masonic Rooms, on Friday, the 24th ult. Present: Comps. R. B. Ogle, M.E.Z.; G. G. Wilkie, H.; S. Pegler, J.; F. D. Walker, P.Z., acting S.E.; J. Constable, S.N.; F. Webb, P.S.; F. J. Forth, H. A. Fenton, F. Rand, P.Z.; C. Woodhouse, acting Janitor; H. Foster, C. Goldthorpe, W. H. Chambers, and Ensor Drury, P.P.G.H. Visitor: Comp. J. V. Thomas, S.E. 1892.

The chapter having been opened, Comp. Ensor Drury, assisted by Comp. S. Pegler, acted as Installing Principals, and placed Comp. G. G. Wilkie in the chair of M.E.Z.; Comp. S. Pegler in that of H., and Comp. F. Webb, J. The following officers were also invested: Comps. F. J. Forth, S.E.; J. Constable, P.S.; W. H. Chambers, S.N.; E. Newsum, 1st A.S.; S. Lester, 2nd A.S.; G. Brooke, P.Z., P.P.G.J., Treas.; and J. Hoist, Janitor. A vote of condolence was passed to the relations of the deceased Comp. T. Foster, S.E., whose sad and sudden death had caused such grief among all the Doncaster brethren.

After the usual congratulations, the chapter was closed. An excellent banquet took place in the ante-room, when the usual Masonic toasts followed.

#### LANCASTER.

**Rowley Chapter (No. 1051).**—The regular meeting took place on Monday, the 20th ult., Comp. Relph, M.E.Z., presiding. In the unavoidable absence of the Treasurer, the accounts were read by the S.E., and, being duly audited, were passed by the companions, after a few complimentary remarks on the flourishing condition of the chapter. The ballot was then taken for the election of officers for the ensuing year, and resulted as follows: Comps. Nuttall, M.E.Z.; Stanley, H.; William, J.; R. Stanton, P.Z., S.E.; Copstick, S.N.; Longman, P.P.G.P.S., Treas.; Heald, P.S.; Nicholson, 1st A.S.; A. Gorton, 2nd A.S.; and B. Hamer, Janitor. The chapter was then closed.

#### OLDHAM.

**Tudor Chapter (No. 277).**—The annual installation of principals and investiture of officers took place on Monday, the 20th ult., at the Union Club. The chapter was opened by Comp. Thos. H. Duckworth, M.E.Z. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. W. E. Clegg, and proved unanimously in his favour. The M.E.Z. then invited Comp. J. Hill Sillitoe, P.G. Std. Br., P.P.G.H., to occupy the chair, as he has done for many years at this occasion, in order to install the three Principals. He appointed as his Installing Officers Comps. A. Clegg, P.P.G.H., as H., and Wm. Edwards, P.P.A.G.D.C., as J. Comp. Hamlet Lees, H., M.E.Z. elect, was presented by Comp. H. L. Hollingworth, P.P.G. Treas., as were Chas. Watson, as H., and J. W. Mellor, as J. The impressive ceremonies were then proceeded with, and rendered in a style which we have never heard equalled. The following officers were then invested and addressed: Comps. Hamlet Lees, M.E.Z.; C. Watson, H.; J. C. Varley, S.E.; J. Green, S.N.; J. Bottomley, P.S.; J. Hilton, 1st A.S.; John Chadwick, 2nd A.S.; H. L. Hollingworth, P.Z., P.P.G. Treas.; J. Broadbent and J. Wardle, Stewards; and C. Green, Janitor. When "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed from Provincial Grand Chapter, the M.E.Z., Comp. Hamlet Lees, said he desired before the meeting closed to accord a sincere and hearty vote of thanks to Comp. J. H. Sillitoe for his kindness in coming to perform the installation ceremony that day, and which he had accomplished in a most masterly and impressive manner. For himself, he felt by the way the ceremony was carried through that it added many beauties to the Royal Arch chapter. Comp. Sillitoe had come to install in the chapter for about 16 years, and they were greatly indebted to him, and hoped he would be spared many, many years to come amongst them. Comp. Sillitoe, in a few kindly remarks, responded.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to a banquet, where the usual loyal and other toasts were given and responded to.

The following were present: Comps. T. W. Duckworth, M.E.Z.; Hamlet Lees, H.; Chas. Watson, J.; J. Bottomley, S.E.; J. Green, S.N.; J. W. Mellor, P.S.; H. L. Hollingworth, P.Z., Treas.; W. Edwards, P.Z., P.P.A.G.D.C.; Abraham Clegg, P.Z., P.P.G.H.; Jos. Braddock, P.Z.; J. C. Varley, John Chadwick, F. Kelly, J. Dawson, Jno. Chadwick, T. Partington, J. Wardle, E. B. Laycock, J. D. Kershaw, Jos. Broadbent, Jas. Hilton, Chas. Green, W. Taylor, Herbert Andrew, E. Heywood, J. H. Sillitoe, P.P.G.H. and P.Z., and G. S. Smith, P.P.G.O.

### Mark Masonry.

**Prince Leopold Lodge (No. 238).**—This lodge met at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 21st ult. Amongst those in attendance were Bros. A. Clemow, W.M.; W. Harvey, S.W.; Holroyd, J.W.; Nelson Prower, M.A., P.M., P.P.G.O., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.P.C.W., Sec.; C. Chaffourier, P.P.G.O., I.P.M.; T. O. Harding, M.A., P.M.; and the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, B.A., J.O. Bros. A. McDowall, P.A.G.D.C., and F. W. Driver, M.A., P.G.S., were visitors.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Harvey stated that he did not desire to be a candidate for the office of W.M. this year, and he hoped that the suffrages of the brethren would fall upon the J.W. The ballot was then taken, and Bro. Holroyd, J.W., was unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. N. Prower, M.A., P.M., Treasurer; and Bro. Goddard, Tyler. Upon the proposition of Bro. Prower, Treasurer, the advancement fee was increased to £3 3s. A Past Master's jewel was voted to the W.M., and the report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted.

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

Bro. Andrew McDowall replied on behalf of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past."

The I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said in the course of his remarks that a great number of Metropolitan Masons knew Bro. A. Clemow as one of the most kind and obliging of brethren. To know him was to like him.

The W.M. having replied, gave "The Visitors," to which toast Bro. F. W. Driver responded in a speech of some merit.

Bros. Chauffourier and Harding replied to the toast of "The Past Masters," and Bro. N. Prower acknowledged the pledge of "The Treasurer and Secretary" in a characteristic and fluent speech.

Bros. Harvey and Holroyd responded for "The Officers." The proceedings then terminated.

**Scots Lodge (No. 406).**—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Mark Masons' Hall on Monday, the 20th ult., when there were present: Bros. John Whitehead, W.M.; C. W. Carrell, S.W.; J. Whitehead, J.W.; John Smith, S.O.; Robert Berridge, Treas.; C. F. Matier, Sec.; George Reed, J.D.; Hy. Peck, Stwd.; R. Clowes; R. Loveland Loveland, President of the General Board; Col. A. B. Cook, Prov. G.M. Middlesex; James Moon, P.G. Treas.; Lord Amphill; J. Balfie Cockburn, P.G.D.; L. G. Turner, 251; Alfred F. Church; A. R. Carter, P.G.S.B.; George S. Lowe, P.M. 50; R. L. Andrews, J.O. 104; J. R. Green, P.M. 112; J. De Bels Adams, H. Massey, R. B. Clowes, Major Clifford Probyn, P.M. 354, P.G. Stwd.; Jabez Church, 106 P.G.O.; H. W. Andrews, 104; and W. Fraser Rae.

Bro. C. F. Matier, G. Sec., advanced two brethren—Bros. Drummond and Davis—and afterwards installed Bro. C. W. Carrell, S.W., W.M. elect, as W.M. of the lodge. The following brethren were appointed officers for the year: Bros. Joseph Whitehead, S.W.; Dr. Ogilvie, J.W.; J. Smith, M.O.; J. McCulloch, S.O.; G. J. Reed, J.O.; R. Berridge, Treas.; C. F. Matier, Sec.; D. Gellion, S.D.; H. E. Peck, J.D.; C. F. Drummond, I.G.; and E. J. Mills, P.M., Tyler.

After the closing of the lodge, the brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern to banquet, and subsequently honoured the usual toasts.

Bro. Col. A. B. Cook, in replying to the toast of "The Pro Grand Master," &c., said that in that Degree they had an advantage not offered in the Craft—the system of promotion. In the Craft when Grand office was obtained by a brother he remained in that position for the remainder of his days. In the Mark it was somewhat different; Grand Officers who had taken very great interest in the Degree might go higher.

Bro. John Whitehead, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," whom, he said, had taken great interest in that lodge, and had worked hard to bring it to its present position. Under him it would still further increase in popularity.

The W.M., in replying, said he was made a Mark Mason in the lodge, and had been a member of it ever since. He aspired to the chair when he first joined it, and he was now extremely glad to fill the position of W.M. He was pleased to see so many friends rally round him. He then proposed "The Visitors."

Bro. Lord Amphill, in reply, said that although usually he did not like to return thanks unexpectedly, he could honestly say that he never had greater pleasure in doing so than then. Not only had he and the other visitors had an extremely pleasant evening, but he had seen what to him was entirely new, that the visitors were in number three times that of the members of the lodge. The hospitality of the lodge could not be exceeded.

Bro. Fraser Rae also responded.

Bros. Drummond and Davis replied to the toast of "The Advancers," and Bro. Reed, S.D., for "The Officers," in the absence of the S.W. and J.W., and the Tyler's toast, given by Bro. Mills, closed the proceedings of a most pleasant evening.

#### JERSEY.

**Cæsarean Lodge (No. 74).**—The steady progress this branch of Freemasonry is making in the Channel Islands could not have been more forcibly or more satisfactorily exemplified than in the proceedings of this lodge on Wednesday, the 15th inst. That much of the zeal and energy now exhibited in the practice and exercise of this important and most interesting Degree is undoubtedly due to the warm support and encouragement of the Prov. Grand Master is admitted by all. Bro. Colonel Malet de Carteret was one of the first to re-establish this lodge and to start it as a thoroughly efficient working lodge, after a long period of flickering existence and semi-abyeance, and when some four years ago he consented to accept the chair and to conduct the duties of W.M. he most effectually fitted in the keystone of its prosperity. Since then his successors, Bros. Bois, P.M., and F. J. Godfray, P.M., have worthily followed in his footsteps, and it must indeed have been highly gratifying on that evening to the indefatigable Secretary, Bro. J. W. Hamling, whose labours, long continued, zealous and unremitting, have been none the less valuable because conducted in a quiet and unobtrusive manner, to see so crowded a meeting and to receive from the Auditors so satisfactory a statement as regards the financial condition of the lodge.

The first business of the evening consisted in advancing Bro. E. Walden, which was done in a very excellent manner by the W.M., Bro. F. S. Godfray. The W.M. then requested Bro. Dr. Holford Cockburn, P.G.D., to occupy the chair and install the W.M. elect. Bro. C. Malet, the W.M. elect, having been duly presented by Bro. Bois, P.M., the ceremony of installation was conducted in a most impressive manner. The Installing Officer, in the investment of the officers, in addition to the usual ritual, addressed to each a few kindly words, impressing upon them their duties as good men and citizens. The officers invested were Bros. Major F. J. Godfray, I.P.M.; P. G. Hamilton, S.W.; J. Goldsmith, J.W.; Captain Barette, M.O.; Captain Stevenson, S.O.; S. Gilley, J.O.; C. E. Malet de Carteret, R. of M.; W. T. Pugsley, Treas.; J. W. Hamburg, Secretary; T. Vincent, S.D.; H. Broudhurst, J.D.; A. Hadley, D.C.; Dr. M. Le Cronier, I.G.; and E. L. Bisson and E. J. Dodman, Stewards.

Amongst the Past Masters and visitors present were Bros. Col. Malet de Carteret, W. T. Pugsley, John Gray, T. Stone, P. Bois, Dr. Aubin, J. L. Randell, T. Leat, and Brece, P.J.W.

The lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where an excellent supper was served by the Tyler, Bro. Rogers, whose abilities as a caterer are equally well known and appreciated.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. A large meed of praise must be given to Bro. C. Wilson, whose great musical abilities added much to the enjoyment of the evening, both in lodge and in the banquet room.

## Ancient and Accepted Rite.

**Mount Calvary Chapter (No. 3).**—This distinguished chapter met at the Masonic Hall, Golden-square, on the 10th ult., when there were present, amongst others, Bros. Major F. J. Stohwasser, 30°, M.W.S.; G. Pigache, Prelate; Major W. B. Williamson, J.P., 30°, 1st General; G. Graveley, 30°, P.M.W.S., acting 2nd General; W. Paas, 30°, P.M.W.S.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M.W.S., Recorder; Nelson Prower, M.A., 30°, P.M.W.S.; W. Maple, C. of Gds.; Dr. E. M. Lott, 30°, Org.; Egbert Roberts, Asst. Org.; Corrie Jackson, F.R.C.S., Herald; N. Jagielski, M.D., A.D.C.; T. Coffin, M.D., 30°, P.M.W.S.; F. W. Driver, M.A., P.M.W.S.; G. A. Berkeley, P.M.W.S.; H. J. Lardner, 30°, P.M.W.S.; and Capt. A. E. Baldwin. Amongst the visitors were Ill. Bros. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., 33°, P.M.W.S.; H. H. Shirley, M.A., 30°, P.M.W.S.; and Ex. Bro. J. H. Hawkins.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Herbert J. Adams, P.M., P.G.S.B., who had been duly balloted for, was ably perfected by the M.W.S. in a manner that left but little to be desired. The sum of five guineas was voted to Ill. Bro. H. J. Lardner, 30°, as Steward to the R.M. Ben. Instn. Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from Ill. Bros. Lieut.-Col. G. Lambert, F.S.A., 33°; E. Letchworth, 33°; Ex. Bros. C. Tayleur, M.A., P.M.W.S.; H. Hills, A. Humphreys, and many others.

The chapter was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet at the Café Royal.

Upon the removal of the cloth, the usual toasts received full justice.

Ill. Bro. F. A. Philbrick, 33°, responded in fluent terms upon behalf of "The Supreme Council."

The Most Wise presided most ably and genially, and his health was drunk most enthusiastically.

An agreeable feature of the evening's proceedings was an excellent programme of music, in which Ill. Bro. Dr. Lott, Ex. Bros. Egbert Roberts and Francis Smith took part. Bros. F. W. Driver, Major W. B. Williamson, and J. H. Hawkins contributed several recitations of merit.

The proceedings, which were throughout of a most agreeable nature, terminated with the toast of "The Officers," to which Bros. Williamson, N. Prower, and W. Maple replied.

## Royal Ark Mariners.

**Prince Leopold Lodge (No. 238).**—This lodge met at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 21st ult., when there were present, among others, Bros. C. Chauffourier, W.C.N.; F. W. Driver, M.A., J.; N. Prower, M.A., P.W.C.N., Treas., acting S.; Captain Walls, P.G.C., &c., Scribe; Harvey, S.D.; Holroyd, J.D.; T. O. Harding, P.W.C.N.; and Goddard, Warder. Bro. A. McDowall was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. F. W. Driver, M.A., was unanimously elected W.C.N.; Bro. N. Prower, M.A., Treasurer; and Bro. Goddard, Warder. The lodge passed a vote of thanks to Bro. C. Chauffourier for his services, which was ordered to be entered on the minutes.

The lodge was then closed, after which the brethren dined, under the presidency of the W.M. of No. 238 Mark Lodge.

#### WHITEHAVEN.

**F. R. Sewell Lodge (No. 213).**—The quarterly meeting was held on Friday, the 24th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, when Bro. G. Dalrymple was enthroned as W.C.N. by Bro. T. Brakenridge, W.C.N., and the following were invested as officers: Bros. Rev. J. Anderson, J. and Chap.; Dr. Muir, S.; T. Atkinson, P.W.C.N., Treas.; H. Burns, Scribe; G. Starkey, S.D.; Spencer Broadbent, J.D.; W. Heathcote, D.C.; D. H. Cook, Org.; W. Robinson, Guardian; and J. Cisson, Warder.

The lodge having been opened, the Treasurer read a statement of accounts, which showed a good balance to credit. Three candidates were proposed for elevation, and, after other general business, the lodge was closed.

## Allied Masonic Degrees.

#### EASTWOOD.

**Prince Edward Council (T.I.).**—The regular meeting of this council was held on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., at the Freemasons' Private Rooms. The council was opened by Bro. Thomas Wrigley, W.M., Grand Sword Bearer. There were two candidates approved of. The minutes of the previous council were read and confirmed. Bro. John Marshall, P.M., was then requested to take the chair, and performed the ceremonies in a most perfect manner.

There were present Bros. Thos. Wrigley, G.S.B., W.M.; J. J. Green, S.W.; W. Cockcroft, J.W.; John Marshall, P.M., G.S.D., Sec.; David Bradley, I.G.; T. Hodgson, O.G.; W. Shackleton, P.M.; J. R. Black, J. Cookson, G. S. Smith, Thos. Mellor, J. W. Monckman, W. Smyth Barlow, and Joseph Olive.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The following is the result of the Junior Cambridge Examination, Christmas, 1892:

HONOURS.—1ST CLASS, 2ND DIVISION.—Coupland (with mark of distinction in Religious Knowledge).

2ND CLASS.—Higgison (with mark of distinction in Mathematics); Bingham (with mark of distinction in Arithmetic); Crompton, and Matthews.

3RD CLASS.—Fortune.

PASSED.—Broad, Brewer, Davis, Doughty, C. W. Green, Groombridge, Jarman, Jewitt, C. T. Johnson, J. H. Marsden, Melhuish, Murless, Scarfe, Sladen, Stephenson, and Stoward.

TOTAL.—Six honours and 16 pass certificates.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The following are the results of the Cambridge Examinations, Christmas, 1892:

SENIOR.—CLASS II.—A. Lucy Smith and Bertha Dunn, Honours.

SENIOR.—CLASS III.—Amy Cutbush, Honours; and Ethel Gillett, Passed.

A.—Distinction in Arithmetic.

JUNIOR.—CLASS II.—Jessie Beilley, Evelyn Conti, and Florence Bextord, Honours.

JUNIOR.—CLASS III.—Hester Burt, Nellie Cooper, and Helena Tuns, Honours.

D.—Distinction in Drawing.

Mary Allen, Ethel Croft, Kate Grundley, Nellie Grammer, Hilda Kemp, Florence Obey, Edith Poundfoot, Ethel Sanders, and Kate Broughton, Passed.

## ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE EMULATION LODGE OF IMPROVEMENT.

The annual Festival of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement was held on the 24th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, when about 450 brethren, among whom were many Grand Officers, assembled to see the First Lecture worked. Bro. Thomas Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes, presided, and among other brethren present were Bros. Sir J. B. Monckton, P.G.W.; the Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap.; the Rev. J. N. Palmer, P.G. Chap.; the Rev. Stanhope Spencer, P.G.C.; Geo. Everett, P.G. Treas.; Edward Letchworth, Grand Secretary; Charles E. Keyser, J.G.D.; Percival A. Nairne, J.G.D.; Peter de Lande Long, P.S.G.D.; Frank Richardson, P.S. G.D.; Ralph Gooding, M.D., P.S.G.D.; Sir Geo. D. Harris, P.G.D.; H. J. Philip Dumas, P.G.D.; Jos. C. Parkinson, P.G.D.; Vincent Payne Freeman, P.G.D.; Frederick West, P.G.D.; Hamon Le Strange, P.G.D.; G. H. Hopkinson, D.G.D.C.; Rudolph G. Glover, P.G.D.C.; Charles Belton, P.G.D.C.; Dr. H. J. Strong, A.G.D.C.; Charles Martin, P.A.G.D.C.; Thos. J. Ralling, P.A.G.D.C.; G. Kelley, P.G.S.B.; Frederick Mead, P.G.S.B.; E. Monteunis, P.G.S.B.; Wm. P. Brown, G. Std. Br.; Charles Fitzgerald Matier, P.G. Std. Br.; Charles Frederick Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; Henri Bue, P.G. Std. Br.; R. Clay Sudlow, P.G. Std. Br.; Richard Clowes, P.G. Std. Br.; Edward Cutler, Q.C., G. Org.; Samuel V. Abraham, G. Purst.; Samuel Vallentine, P.G. Purst.; Henry Garrod, P.G. Purst.; Walter Hopekirk, P.G. Purst.; Thos. W. Whitmarsh, P.G. Purst.; David Dixon Mercer, P.G. Purst.; and Hy. Sadler, G. Tyler.

Bros. R. Clay Sudlow, P.G. Std. Br., was I.P.M.; W. H. Kirby, S.W.; F. T. Rushton, P.G. Stwd., J.W.; W. P. Reynolds, S.D.; J. C. Mortimer, J.D.; and J. J. Black, I.G.

The brethren who assisted Bro. Fenn to work the First Lecture were—

1st Section by Bro. Temple C. Martin.	
2nd " " " D. D. West.	
3rd " " " Henry Pritchard.	
4th " " " J. C. Mortimer.	
5th " " " J. J. Black.	
6th " " " W. P. Reynolds.	
7th " " " W. G. Kentish.	

At the conclusion of the work, which was beautifully performed,

Bro. W. W. B. BEACH, M.P., proposed, and Bro. Sir JOHN B. MONCKTON seconded, a vote of thanks to the working brethren.

The motion having been carried,

Bro. FENN acknowledged the vote, and said the brethren who had worked the Sections were extremely gratified with the approbation of the brethren. He stated later on, when new members were proposed, that there were 6000 past and present members of the lodge, that the joining fee was 2s. 6d. and the contribution each night a member attended 1s., that the whole of the money, with the exception of a small sum for working expenses, was devoted to the Charities; that last year the lodge gave £40 to the three Institutions, besides £10 to the unsuccessful candidates for the Benevolent Institution.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern, where Bro. W. W. B. Beach presided in the large hall, and Bro. Sudlow in the drawing room.

When the cloth was cleared Grace was said, and the toasts were proposed.

"The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M.," and "The Pro G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers" having been drunk,

Bro. Sir JOHN MONCKTON, P.G.W., replied to the last of these toasts, and, in the course of his observations, said, with reference to the good Masons did for the Charities, that after the meeting of the General Committee of the Girls' School, the day before the quarterly meeting of the Committee Dinner Club, the building of the new Alexandra Hall was mentioned, and the President said what a pity it was the hall had not an organ. The motion was considered a good one, and, before the brethren—16 in number—left the table, four trustees were appointed, and a subscription of £120 was raised.

Bro. JOSEPH C. PARKINSON, P.G.D., proposed "The Chairman," the Prov. G. Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight, a country gentleman deservedly popular, a true English sportsman well known in the hunting



field, equally well known in the House of Commons, and also for his services in the Craft.

Bro. BEACH, in replying, and in proposing "Success to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement," said it was a great pleasure to preside over such an influential body of Freemasons. It gave him great pleasure to do whatever he could that was for the advantage of Freemasonry. Sometimes people said to him "I wonder you attend so many Masonic meetings," but his answer also was "Where there's a will there's a way." They knew something about dovetailing, and when anyone knew anything of Freemasonry, they knew that other engagements could be dovetailed with Freemasonry, and that time could be found to attend to it. He could only say that from the first time he was accepted in Freemasonry in the Province of Oxford he had taken very great interest in Masonry there, and he thought he introduced a lodge of instruction. Those who took an interest in Freemasonry should see that its precedents were well carried out, and they could not carry them out better than by seeing that in all parts of the country the lodges were well and efficiently worked. There was nothing which impressed the neophyte in the Order more than a beautiful working of the ceremonies. This could not be done without some agency, and there must be a great deal of trouble taken to instil in those wanting to progress the necessity of attending to work, and the consequence was that in attending a lodge of instruction able Freemasons were found to put their shoulders to the wheel and set an example in working to others. He could not too much compliment this Emulation Lodge of Improvement upon the manner in which the brethren performed their duty and set an example to the Craft. The lodge had done much for the advantage of the Order. The ability with which the various speakers in it had shown what attention should be paid to the ritual and what perfection might be arrived at. He would ask them all whether it was not a healthy sign in Freemasonry that so large a number of brethren were gathered together that evening to see the work thoroughly well performed. In asking the brethren to drink the toast, he would couple with it the name of Bro. Fenn, a brother well-known in Freemasonry, to whom it was unnecessary further to allude, who had by his ability and knowledge shown he was well qualified to be a Preceptor in this time-honoured lodge.

Bro. THOS. FENN, in replying to the toast, said: R.W. Bro. in the chair.—In former years it was the custom for the brother, whose duty it was to respond to this toast, to give an account of the origin of this Lodge of Improvement and some justification for our claiming that the ritual it teaches is that which received the authority of Grand Lodge after the Union, and which was ordered to be used throughout the Craft. I have had the honour of representing the Committee on these occasions for some years, and I followed the custom up to three years ago, when I was advised to discontinue it on the ground that the reputation of this lodge was so firmly established, and the excellence of its work was so generally recognised that a repetition of the story was unnecessary. I am, however, this evening about to revert to the old custom for two reasons, first, because I have been asked to do so by a provincial brother, present here to-night, who is desirous of introducing our mode of working into his province, and wishes to be armed with the means of combating opposition, and secondly, because, while I have a retraction to make, I have a new story to tell, and some further proofs, in support of our claim, to bring under your notice, which, to my mind, are incontestable. I must premise that at the Union of the two rival Grand Lodges in 1813 the method of working the ceremonies was found to differ materially, and it became necessary that a uniform system should be agreed to, which would be acceptable to both parties to the Union, and which could, without sacrifice of principle, be universally adopted. In accordance, therefore, with a special provision in the Articles of Union, a warrant was issued for the formation of the "Lodge of Reconciliation," to consist of an equal number of so-called "Moderns" and "Ancients," under the presidency of Bro. Rev. Dr. Samuel Hemming. The duty assigned to this lodge was to construct from the elements of both systems a ritual which should receive the sanction and authority of the United Grand Lodge. Bro. Stephen Barton Wilson, as many of you doubtless recollect, used to relate that the work was interrupted by Dr. Hemming becoming afflicted with mental incapacity, that it was left by him uncompleted; that the Duke of Sussex appointed Bro. Williams (the compiler of the new Book of Constitutions adopted at the Union) to carry on the work; that Bro. Williams undertook to do so, on the condition of his being permitted to start *de novo* from the same elements; that the work thus completed by Bro. Williams, was approved by Grand Lodge; and that Bro. Peter Gilkes became the acknowledged teacher of this work. Now comes my retraction. I have frequently repeated this narrative on Bro. Wilson's authority, but I have now good reason to doubt its authenticity, so far at least as relates to the ceremonies. The minutes of the Lodge of Reconciliation tell us very little, not one word of the ritual agreed upon being permitted to be written; but there is a record of the names of the members, and of those who attended, and also of its labours having been completed in 1816. And we find in the written minutes of Grand Lodge of that year that the ceremonies were rehearsed by members of the Lodge of Reconciliation at two special meetings of Grand Lodge, presided over by the Duke of Sussex, and, were after some few alterations, approved and adopted, and that a vote of thanks was given to

Bro. Hemming, so that there can be no doubt that it was Dr. Hemming's work that was adopted, and not Bro. Williams's. It is also on record that Dr. Hemming constantly attended Grand Lodge until 1821, frequently acting as S.W., so that his mental incapacity must have occurred long after the ritual was settled. Some light has been thrown on the story by a letter from Bro. Broadfoot, which our indefatigable Sub-Librarian, Bro. Sadler, has brought to light, a copy of which he was good enough to send me two days ago. Bro. Broadfoot was one of the members of the Lodge of Reconciliation, and the founder of the Stability Lodge of Instruction, and it is clear from this letter that the story must have referred to the lectures which were not settled for some time afterwards, for he says Bro. Hemming, after arranging the first lecture, could not be induced to go on with the second and third, and his mind after some time becoming enfeebled, he (Bro. Broadfoot) was obliged to arrange them himself. These were not our lectures, but those practised at the Lodge of Stability. This is corroborated by the fact that Bro. Peter Gilkes, in 1819, brought a complaint before the Board of General Purposes against Bro. Broadfoot and others for working unauthorised lectures. The Emulation Lodge of Improvement was founded in 1823, and was shortly after joined by many eminent working Masons who had been members of the Lodge of Reconciliation or had attended its meetings, notably Bro. Edwards Harper, Grand Secretary, who had acted as Secretary to the Lodge of Reconciliation, and Bro. Peter Gilkes, who had attained the highest eminence as an instructor, and who afterwards became Preceptor of this lodge, and continued to hold that office until his death in 1833. He was succeeded by his friend and pupil, Bro. Stephen Barton Wilson, who presided over the lodge until his death in 1866. It was from him many now living received their instruction in Masonry, and we have frequently heard him say, and he has repeated it from this place, that while admitting having made a few additions to the lectures, he had made no alteration whatever in the ritual taught him by Bro. Gilkes, which he always told him was the exact work of the Lodge of Reconciliation which he had been authorised by that lodge to teach. That Bro. Gilkes was so authorised, I can now give you the further proofs with which I have recently become acquainted. They consist of two letters only, but they appear to me to settle the question without a doubt. I must tell you that at the Union two Grand Secretaries were appointed, one of whom had been Grand Secretary of the "Modern," and the other of the "Ancient" Grand Lodge. Bro. W. H. White was one, and Bro. Edwards Harper the other, the former acted as Treasurer, and the latter as Secretary of the Lodge of Reconciliation, and attended all its meetings. The first letter is to be found in Bro. Sadler's "Notes on the Ceremony of Installation," a book which specially commends itself to all who are interested in this lodge. It is from Bro. White, and is dated in 1813. He says: "In reply to your letter enquiring whether any alterations have been made in the ceremonies of initiation, &c., since the late Peter Gilkes was in the country, I beg to say (without knowing at what period that visit took place) that no alterations have been made since the Grand Lodge formally approved and decided on them in the year 1816. Bro. Gilkes was fully Master of all the Ceremonies, and, I believe most strictly observed them." The next letter I found in an interesting history of Freemasonry in Shropshire, by Bro. Graham, and it is, perhaps, more conclusive than Bro. White's, having been written as far back as 1818, two years after the Lodge of Reconciliation had completed its labours. It is from Bro. Edwards Harper, who was, you will bear in mind, not only Grand Secretary, but Secretary of the Lodge of Reconciliation, he says—" . . . in referring you to Bro. Gilkes, I mentioned he would instruct you in the correct method adopted since the Union. It is quite useless to enquire of me which is correct; more I cannot say by this mode of communication." This letter was discovered by Bro. Graham pasted into a blank page of an 1815 edition of the Book of Constitutions, and Bro. Graham's conjecture respecting it is obviously correct. He says—"it evidently refers to some changes in ritual, which cannot be written of, which were settled by the Lodge of Reconciliation after the Union." You will observe that the oral tradition by which the ritual reaches the present generation from the Lodge of Reconciliation comes through only Bro. Gilkes and Bro. Wilson, many of Bro. Wilson's pupils being still alive. It is important to bear in mind that these two brethren were both possessed of a remarkably retentive memory; that they were in constant communication with each other, and were continuously engaged in working and teaching in the same lodge and in the presence of each other, so that it is impossible to believe they could have varied the work by inadvertence. Having therefore established the authority of Bro. Peter Gilkes, I submit we have proved our case. It is a characteristic of Freemasonry which is perhaps worthy of note, because it does not seem to exist, at least to the same extent, in any other institution that at all times and in regular succession men have been found who, without unseemly canvas, have been noiselessly selected by their fellows and as if by general consent recognised as leaders, men who, in this lodge week after week and year after year, out of pure love of Masonry, give up their time to its teaching without remuneration or the expectation of reward, save only that of the approval at these annual gatherings of the distinguished Grand Officers and eminent leaders in the Craft who are wont to honour us with their presence and support. For my-

self, I have no longer the right to pose as one of the Committee, having for some years ceased by reason of my many Masonic engagements and my increasing years to take any other part than that of a consulting member, but in returning you thanks in the name of the Committee for your cordial reception of this toast, I may, I am sure, say that they feel greatly gratified at seeing themselves supported by so large a number of Grand Officers this evening, and their gratification is enhanced by being presided over by one of the oldest, of the ablest, of the most popular; aye, I will add with a certainty of an echo from the hearts of you all, one of the most beloved of our Provincial Grand Masters. I am sure that Bro. Sudlow and the other active members of the Committee are fully sensible of their responsibility for the maintenance in its integrity of the great trust to which they have succeeded, and that they highly appreciate your good wishes as a recognition of their past, and as an incentive to future exertions.

Bro. the Rev. R. J. SIMPSON, P.G.C., proposed "The Lodge of Unions," under which the Emulation Lodge of Improvement works.

Bro. G. BOOTH HEMING, P.M. and Sec. 256, replied, and said when that toast was proposed for acceptance, he was rather at a loss to know whether he was a father or a mother, or represented a father or a mother, but whichever he was, the Lodge of Unions took it as a great honour to be either father or mother of a grand institution such as the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. The members present were very small in number, but they were good as regarded work, and although the Lodge of Unions had many brethren well known in Masonry, yet he was sorry to say that through illness they were not at the present meeting, and for that he offered apologies. Among these was Bro. Farnfield. He (Bro. Heming) therefore had the rather difficult, but at the same time pleasurable, task of replying to that toast, and he offered his best thanks for the way it had been proposed and drunk.

Bro. C. E. KEYSER, J.G.D., proposed "The Masonic Charities," and said he could not tell the brethren what an honour he felt it to bring before that great assembly that time-honoured toast. It was one he felt that should be peculiarly honoured on that occasion, for he was in the presence of those brothers who were doing their utmost to perfect their great Masonic work; and, as they knew, one of the chief points of Masonic work was in introducing gentlemen to the Craft to do their best to instil into their minds the principles of the Order, and, as they knew, the principles of the Order were founded on three great virtues—Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth—it was, therefore, only right that on such an occasion as this they should give full honour to the brotherly love, relief, and truth, which was the essence and foundation of their existence, and which they showed in their most practical way by the manner in which they maintained their three great Masonic Charities. It was a matter of no small credit to the Craft, and one which they might fairly boast about that although, as Masons, they contributed to Charities outside Masonry, they could raise among themselves, the sum of about £50,000 a year to relieve the wants of those who were especially connected with it. It was hardly necessary in that great assembly to point out what they were doing with regard to the Masonic Charities, but he would say that two days ago they celebrated the Festival of the Benevolent Institution, over which he had the extreme honour to preside. That Institution only had its foundation in 1842, but it had so far grown as to be so greatly supported by the Craft that it was now able to give pensions to no less than 463 aged Masons and widows. To do that they had to raise annually a large sum. Last year they got no less than £69,000, the largest sum ever contributed on one occasion to any one Charity, and it was only natural that it was expected by everybody that so large a contribution as that would bring a reaction this year. Some brethren thought that if only £5000 was announced it would do well. He was glad, however, to say they got £8300, and he sincerely hoped that, in order that they might not have to trench on the funds of the Institution which were invested, when all the lists came in it would amount to £10,000. Then came the Girls' School, an admirably-conducted Institution, the Festival of which was next in order. As one who had had the privilege of going down to that School, and knowing the Committee who looked after its interests, and seeing the influence in the School, he could say it was entitled to the utmost support of every member of the Craft. It was maintaining 270 children, daughters of Freemasons, and anyone who had the opportunity of meeting those children would acknowledge that their time at the School must be the pleasantest of their lives. The whole tone of the Institution was so admirable that it must commend itself to every member of the Craft, and he would appeal to the brethren to keep it up in the fullest sense, which could only be done if the brethren subscribed £12,000 every year. With regard to the Boys' School, he was proud to be a member of the Committee of that Institution. It had 268 boys now in it, and required as much to keep it going as the Girls'. It had passed through a crisis, but it had an excellent Committee and an admirable Secretary. The Board of Management were doing everything in their power to meet the wishes of the Craft, and to make the tone of the Boys' School equal to the tone which existed in the Girls'. He appealed heartily to the brethren not to relax in their support of this School.

Bro. J. M. McLEOD, Sec. R.M.I.B., responded, and said that the Chairman had said everything which he would have said with regard to the Charities. The

Emulation Lodge of Improvement was doing everything it could to carry out the principles of Masonry, for not content with doing the ritual of Masonry to perfection, it devoted all its surplus money to the Charities. It also assisted the Management of the Institutions by training the excellent representatives who occupied seats on the various committees.

Bro. F. MEAD, P.G.S.B., proposed "The Working Officers," to which Bro. KIRBY replied.

Bro. W. G. KENTISH replying to the toast of "The Stewards," said he could not find words enough to thank the Chairman for the eloquent words in which he had expressed the thanks of the brethren for what the Stewards had done. It was very true that there was great work connected with this lodge and the festival, and it seemed to him that he hardly knew where he was. But it was a great gratification to him that, with the assistance of the Board of Stewards, whose services, he could assure them, he appreciated, he was enabled to bring this festival to a satisfactory conclusion. After the little he had done it was enough for him to know that Bro. Fenn, who presided over the Board of General Purposes, gave his assistance; Bro. Robert Grey, who presided over the Board of Benevolence, worked with him, and that many other brethren worked; therefore, he thought the little the Stewards did they should be glad to be able to do, as he was himself. They always hoped to do the best they possibly could for Freemasonry, even to putting their hands in their pockets.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

Before and after the ceremonies in lodge, Bro. E. Cutler, Q.C., G. Org., played some beautiful compositions on the organ.

#### RECENT FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The following new lists or additions to lists have been received since the publication of the Returns in our last week's issue:

Lodge	LONDON.	£	s.	d.
19	Bro. J. H. Whadcoat, additional ... (raising his list to £28 7s.)	2	2	0
183	„ S. Richardson, additional ... (raising his list to £27 6s.)	1	1	0
554	„ J. G. Stevens, additional ... (raising his list to £116 14s.)	7	5	0
1964	„ Major G. A. Potter (new Steward) new list ...	10	10	0
2291	„ G. Watson Kidd, additional ... (raising his list to £36 15s.)	5	5	0

#### THE PROVINCES.

Lodge	DEVONSHIRE.	£	s.	d.
328	Bro. J. Chapman, additional ... (raising his list to £26 15s.)	5	15	0

#### HERTFORDSHIRE.

Bro. C. E. Keyser (Chairman) additional ... (raising his list to £579 6s.)	10	10	0
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#### UNATTACHED—KENT.

Bro. F. Hughes Hallett, additional ... (raising his list to £21.)	3	3	0
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Lodge	LANCASHIRE (W. DIVISION).	£	s.	d.
1313	Bro. F. Wood, new list ...	10	10	0
1313	„ J. G. Emmison, new list ...	10	10	0

Lodge	SURREY.	£	s.	d.
889	Bro. W. Chapman, additional ... (raising his list to £38 11s.)	1	1	0

#### Scotland.

##### PEEBLES.

**Peebles Kilwinning Lodge (No. 24).**—A special meeting of this ancient lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, on the 23rd ult., the R.W.M., Bro. G. Bridges in the chair, supported by Bros. J. McNeill, S.W., and D. McIntosh, J.W. The meeting was one of the largest that has been held for many years. Wor. Bros. J. Kenworthy Blakey, F.G.S., P.M. 1214, (E.C.), and Charles F. Forshaw, L.L.D., S.D. 1214 (E.C.), were unanimously elected honorary members, and Bro. Dr. Forshaw was elected and invested Bard of the lodge. Bro. Councillor John Sheldon of Bradford was passed to the Second Degree by Bro. McIntosh, and Bro. Stocks Hammond, F.S.A. Scot., was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason by the R.W.M.

After the lodge was closed, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to as follows: "The Queen and Craft," and "The Three Grand Lodges," by the R.W.M., the last toast being replied to by Bro. Dr. Forshaw; "The Provincial Grand Lodge," by the Secretary, replied to by Bro. McIntosh; "Last Laid Stones," by Bro. McIntosh, S.W., replied to by Bro. Hammond; "Visiting Brethren," by Bro. McIntosh, replied to by Bro. Dr. Forshaw; and "Steward," by the R.W.M., reply by Bro. Hope.

Songs, readings, and recitations were contributed by Bros. Redford, McIntosh, Hammond, Thom, Fairbairn, Forsyth, Dr. Forshaw, and Dr. Ramage.

During the course of the evening Bro. Dr. Forshaw presented each member of the lodge with a volume of his poetical works, and also presented the lodge with a portrait of Bro. Stocks Hammond and Councillor John Sheldon. The donor was very warmly thanked by the members of the lodge for the handsome gift.

#### PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF GLASGOW.

The Quarterly Convocation of the Royal Arch Chapter over the Lower Ward of Lanarkshire was held on Friday, the 24th ult., in St. Mark's Hall, 213, Buchanan-street, Comp. Major F. W. Allan, 32° (designate Grand Joshua), the M.E. Grand Superintendent, presided, and was sup-

ported by Comps. Major Black, Prov. G. H.; J. R. Paton, Prov. G. J.; James Balfour, Prov. G. Scribe, E.; John Sanderson, Prov. G. Scribe N.; and most of the elective officers, besides a goodly muster of visitors.

The exhaustive minutes of the previous meetings, including that of the installation of the present Board by the Right Hon. Lord Saltoun, M.E. Grand Z., on the 19th December, having been found correct, the Grand Superintendent proceeded in his usual felicitous manner to chair as his Deputy, Comp. Edwd. Macbean, Grand Chancellor of Scotland.

In acknowledging the very high compliment paid him, the new D.P.Z. mentioned that this was the first appointment to the office recently created by Supreme Grand Chapter, and said that he could the more readily promise faithful service, because assiduity and punctilious discharge of duty were well-known characteristics of their beloved Superintendent, who was therefore not likely to "depute" much of his own work to his assistant.

The annual report of the Prov. Grand Chapter visitations showed that a high standard of efficiency was maintained throughout the province. The funds as a whole had considerably increased, and the exaltations numbered 110, as against 100 for the previous year.

Comp. Major Adam Elliott Black, Prov. G.H., presented a magnificent sword, complete, to be carried before the Grand Superintendent and companions. Comp. J. R. Paton, Prov. G.J., offered a handsome baton for the use of the Prov. G.D.C. Cordial thanks were accorded the donors for these welcome additions to the property chest.

Refreshment followed labour, and it is almost needless to add that the usual toasts were heartily received, and a pleasant time spent by the companions.

#### ANNUAL BALL OF THE WILBERFORCE LODGE, No. 2134.

On Monday night in last week the hall of the West Hull Liberal Club was given over to the festivities in connection with the eighth annual ball of the Wilberforce Lodge, No. 2134. As by special dispensation Masonic clothing and jewels were permitted to be worn, the bright effects of colours presented by the gentlemen present almost made the affair as bright and pretty as a fancy ball. The furnishing had been entrusted to Bro. F. Eustace, and the floral decorations to Bro. George Leigh, W.M., while the flags which draped the building were supplied by Bro. T. J. Bell, D.C., who had done all their utmost to enhance the striking appearance of the hall. Mr. Collinson's orchestral band furnished the music, and Mrs. Tine catered in her usual first class manner for the supper and refreshments à la buffet!

The upwards of 250 ladies and gentlemen present were indefatigably looked after by the M.C.'s, Bros. J. Mackail, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. and J. Wilkinson, J.D., by the Stewards, Bros. J. Strickland, S.W., T. Heaton Haller, J.W., T. J. Bell, D.C., Geo. Eckles, jun., I.G., W. C. Bell, R. Smith, and F. Waudby, and by the W.M., Bro. Geo. Leigh, who was assisted by Bro. T. B. Redfearn, P.M., P.A.G.S., and other past officers. Amongst the visiting brethren were Bros. J. D. Wallis, W.M. 1511; P. Gaskell, P.M. 1511; W. C. Bradley, W.M. 57; and J. Wildbore, 57.

Dancing was kept up with great spirit till an advanced hour. As is usual with the Wilberforce Lodge's festivities the affair was a complete success. Amongst those who had worked hard to obtain this result the names of Bros. J. Meanwell, Treas., and J. T. Belt, Sec., must not be forgotten.

#### Obituary.

##### BRO. TOM FOSTER.

On Wednesday, the 22nd ult., Bro. Tom Foster, J.D. 242, Doncaster, died very suddenly, and was only found in the morning and on the floor of his bedroom by the servant. He was only a young Mason, but had shown zest, enthusiasm, and interest in the work, and gave promise of proving a Mason of the highest order and worth. His general manners and willingness to take part in any good work proved him to be "a brother indeed." He was highly respected by all classes, and had been cashier at the Old Bank, Doncaster, for many years. He was Secretary of the New Masonic Club, and was S.E. of the Magdalen Chapter, No. 202. He was buried on Saturday afternoon at Doncaster Cemetery, and a very large procession followed him to his grave, consisting of his own relatives, including Bro. H. Foster, of Retford; then followed officers of the Old Bank, and then upwards of 50 brethren, amongst whom were members of St. George's Lodge, No. 242: Bros. F. Webb, W.M.; J. Fitzgerald, I.P.M.; F. Rand, P.P.G.D.; H. T. Bellerby, P.Z.; F. F. Walker, P.P.J.G.D.; C. Goldthorpe, P.M.; A. Fremwell, P.M.; G. Brooke, P.P.S.G.W.; F. J. Forth, P.M., Sec.; E. Newsum, S.W.; W. Blake, J.W.; W. Buckland, I.G.; S. H. White, Org.; S. Lester, G. Smith, and H. T. Turner, Stwds.; J. Venus, W. Goodur, J. Rayner, C. Hopkinson, C. H. Woodhouse, W. Hinchliff, P. Jenner, H. Smith, F. Hanson, W. W. Peacock, J. Gunby, and W. Hurst and W. Mason, Tylers; and others, together with Bros. J. Constable, W.M., A. L. Peace, P.M., Treas., and T. Barber, J.D., of 2259; J. Reed, P.M., and S. M. Peace, W.M., of 2078; S. Fogden and F. Duff, of 975; and J. Hardy, 204. Members of the Doncaster Corporation and a numerous host of friends brought up the rear of the procession. Bro. the Rev. Stocks read the burial service, the musical portion being under the management of Bro. H. C. White. The Masonic odes were sung—one in the cemetery and one at the graveside—where many a tear was shed, and hearts full of grief at the loss of one so beloved. A lodge of emergency was held in the lodge rooms on Thursday evening, when the Masonic burial ritual was gone through.

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#### LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

Darlington ... 111	Marvport ... 371	Wootton-under-Edge ... 855
Whitewater ... 119	Hallifax ... 418	St. Helens ... 897
Margate ... 127	Croydon ... 463	Willington (Quay) ... 991
Weymouth ... 170	St. Austell ... 496	Bootle ... 1472
Liverpool ... 241	Aylesbury ... 591	Kingston Hill ... 1638
Batley ... 264	Cleckheaton ... 603	Huddersfield ... 1783
Dartford ... 239	Richmond ... 820	Buckingham ... 1787

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8.

CRAFT LODGES.	Walsende ... 1135	Maidstone ... 2046
Plumstead ... 13	Seaton ... 1181	Manchester ... 2156
Rochdale ... 54	Ramsgate ... 1209	Hampton Court ... 2183
Hythe ... 125	Douglas ... 1242	Thorne ... 2259
Bolton ... 140	Scarborough ... 1248	Grimsby ... 2382
Ipwich ... 225	Aldershot ... 1331	Waverley ... 2394
Jersey ... 244	Newcastle ... 1342	Middlewich ... 2384
Thull ... 250	Liverpool ... 1356	Chatham ... 2494
Newchurch ... 274	Dalton-in-Fur-ness ... 1398	Connahs Quay ... 2423
Oldham ... 277	Workington ... 1400	Wigan ... 178
Lancaster ... 281	Ormskirk ... 1403	Macclesfield ... 295
Todmorden ... 288	Hayward's Heath ... 1465	Shipley ... 357
Stockport ... 233	Liverpool ... 1547	Bedford ... 540
Croydon ... 403	St. Columb ... 1549	Liverpool ... 594
Gravesend ... 483	Stanfield ... 1582	Runcorn ... 758
Dudley ... 493	Hebburn-on-Tyne ... 1643	Abergavenny ... 818
Seaham Harbour ... 661	Eye ... 1663	Cambridge ... 859
Dartmoor ... 666	Bromley ... 1662	Barrow-in-Fur-ness ... 1021
Aberdare ... 670	Witney ... 1703	Plymouth ... 1255
Chorley ... 730	Grange-over-Sands ... 1715	Woolston ... 1461
Derby ... 731	Rayleigh ... 1734	Landport ... 1776
Llandudno ... 755	Manchester ... 1798	Teddington ... 1793
Salford ... 851	Middlesborough ... 1848	Belvedere ... 1773
Shaw ... 854	Pympton ... 1855	MARK LODGES.
Gloucester ... 1005	Oldham ... 1868	Exeter ... 15
Bradford ... 1018	Amble ... 1879	Worcester ... 59
Tamworth ... 1060	Spennymoor ... 1932	Accrington ... 159
Burnley ... 1064	Hove ... 1947	Yeovil ... 162
Stalybridge ... 1088		Cockermouth ... 229
Ivybridge ... 1091		Haverfordwest ... 297
Liverpool ... 1094		
Reading ... 1101		
Tiverton ... 1125		

#### LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

Chatham ... 20	Haverfordwest ... 464	Liverpool ... 1264
Ryde ... 175	Ventnor ... 551	Herne Bay ... 2099
Bingley ... 439	Middlesborough ... 632	Hendon ... 2206
Canterbury ... 972		

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 9.

CRAFT LODGES.	Walsende ... 1135	Seacombe ... 2132
Cowes ... 35	Liverpool ... 1035	Widmermer ... 2217
Hinckley ... 50	Manchester ... 1055	Rickmansworth ... 2218
Sunderland ... 97	Lytham ... 1061	Westbury ... 2227
Exeter ... 112	Tredegart ... 1098	Guildford ... 2234
Southampton ... 130	Stoke Damarel ... 1099	Worlington ... 2295
Ringwood ... 132	Denbigh ... 1143	Whitchurch ... 2311
Sheffield ... 139	Ashton-under-Lyne ... 1144	Bedford ... 2343
Bury ... 191	Accrington ... 1145	Cheshunt ... 2372
Haslingden ... 215	Manchester ... 1147	Colville ... 1428
Liverpool ... 210	Liverpool ... 1172	Manchester ... 2449
Preston ... 333	Malvern ... 1204	R.A. CHAPTERS.
Radcliffe ... 344	Eccles ... 1213	Cheltenham ... 82
Farnworth ... 350	Sittingbourne ... 273	Dewsbury ... 208
Clitheroe ... 359	Chorlton-cum-Medley ... 1387	Norwich ... 213
Darwen ... 381	Hardy ... 1416	Guernsey ... 243
Wincanton ... 437	Thirsk ... 1434	Bacup ... 280
Peterborough ... 442	Old Brompton ... 1457	Hebden Bridge ... 307
Birkenhead ... 477	Loughton ... 1495	Stockton-on-Tees ... 509
Portsmouth ... 487	Matlock Bath ... 1514	Hartlepool ... 531
Bideford ... 489	Lindley ... 1514	Jersey ... 590
Longton ... 546	Oxford ... 1515	Salford ... 935
Gusborough ... 561	Towyn ... 1583	Melton Mowbray ... 1130
Salisbury ... 586	Waterfoot ... 1697	Pontypridd ... 1578
Seaford ... 588	Pembroke ... 1750	MARK LODGES.
Brighton ... 732	Clevedon ... 1803	Devonport ... 16
Birmingham ... 739	Tynemouth ... 1911	Stony Stratford ... 291
Deal ... 784	Northampton ... 1915	Leed ... 314
Liverpool ... 786	Whitby ... 1992	Birmingham ... 403
Littleborough ... 816	Cardiff ... 2016	Camborne ... 417
Abingdon ... 945	Alton ... 2038	
Batley ... 971	Langport ... 2038	

#### LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

Plymouth ... 70	Rochester ... 1050	Shanklin ... 1884
Uxbridge ... 351	Sudbury ... 1224	Wallingford ... 1887
Maldstone ... 503	Romford ... 1437	Carshalton ... 1802
Manchester ... 581	Hatfield ... 1580	Carshalton ... 1973
	Sandown ... 1869	

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 10.

CRAFT LODGES.		Leighton Buz-	Southwold	...	1983
Cardiff	... 36	zard	...	Plumstead	... 2399
Woodbridge	... 81	Mirfield	...	R.A. CHAPTERS.	
Weymouth	... 170	Phimstall	...	Leeds	... 306
Liverpool	... 680	Hull	...	Harrogate	... 1001
Hulme	... 815	Newark-on-	...	Nottingham	... 1435
Eastbourne	... 916	Trent	...	Warminster	... 1478
		Newcastle	...		
LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.					
Richmond, Yorks	123	Leeds	...	Leicester	... 1371
Bristol	... 187	Bristol	...	Liverpool	... 1393
Keighley	... 265	Southend	...	Maidstone	... 2046
		Bristol (Province)	...		

#### LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

Richmond, Yorks ... 123	Leeds ... 306	Leicester ... 1391
Bristol ... 187	Bristol ... 326	Liverpool ... 1393
Keighley ... 265	Southend ... 1000	Maidstone ... 2040
	Bristol (Province)	

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 11.

	Birkenhead ... 498	
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#### LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

Birkenhead ... 418		
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The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will hold their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday next, the 8th inst., at 4 p.m.

There will be a consecration of a new chapter, to be called the Minty, at Oldham, on the 22nd inst. Comp. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, Grand Superintendent, will be the presiding officer, whilst Comp. C. V. Haworth will be the First Principal.

The Provincial Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the Eastern Division of Lancashire will be held at the Queen-street Schools, Oldham, immediately after the above; Comp. Col. Starkie will preside.

The Queen, according to present arrangements, is expected to leave England about the 20th inst. for Florence. Her Majesty, who will be accompanied by Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg, will spend Easter at Florence, and return to Windsor Castle in April.

Two battleships were commissioned at Portsmouth on Thursday, the Royal Arthur, by Captain Trent, as the flagship of Rear Admiral Stephenson to relieve the Warspite flagship on the Pacific Station, and the Achilles, temporarily commissioned to convey a relief crew to the Victoria about to recommission in the Mediterranean.

The Crystal Palace Gas Company will hold its ordinary half-yearly meeting on the 10th inst. The directors recommend that a dividend be declared for the half year ended 31st December of 6 per cent. on the preference stock, 7 per cent. on the ordinary 7 per cent. stock, and 10 per cent. on the ordinary 10 per cent. stock, amounting to £14,875.

The Princess Louise, Marchioness of Lorne, presented the prizes to the 4th Volunteer Battalion of the Essex Regiment, at Hackney, on Saturday the 25th ult. Her Royal Highness met with a most enthusiastic reception, among those present being Field Marshal Sir J. Lintorn Simmons, General Sir F. Grenfell, Colonel Maguire, and Brigadier General Yorke.

The Countess Stanhope gave her second At Home during the present season at her residence in Grosvenor-place, on Saturday evening last. The guests included the French Ambassador and Madame Waddington, the Turkish Ambassador, Bro. Lord Herschell (Lord Chancellor), Bro. the Earl and Countess of Arran, Bro. Lord Ashbourne, and the Hon. W. Gibson, Bros. Lord Alcester and Cremorne, and the Right Hon. the Speaker, and Miss Peel.

Bro. Sir Algernon Borthwick, M.P., presided at the annual meeting of the supporters of the Newspaper Press Fund, which was held at the Society of Arts, John-street, Adelphi, on the 25th ult. The report, which was read and unanimously adopted, showed that there were 400 London and 416 country members; that the grants during the past year amounted to £1509; and the invested funds to £23,000. A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

The Duke of York, as President of the Highland Agricultural Show, which will be held at Edinburgh in July, has offered as prizes three champion cups, value £10 each, the first to be given for the Shorthorn, Aberdeen-Angus, Galloway, West Highland, and Aberdeen breeds of cattle, the second for horses, and the third for sheep. The Society itself has offered nearly £200, and private contributors £500 for prizes in the various classes.

The first part of the new serial issue of "Casell's Popular Gardening" is published this week. The work is edited by Mr. D. T. Fish, and contains contributions by Mr. Edward W. Badger, F.R.H.S., Mr. James Britten, F.L.S., Mr. William Carmichael, Mr. William Coleman, Mr. Richard Dean, Mr. William Earley, Mr. G. S. Jenman, F.L.S., Dr. Maxwell T. Masters, and other authorities. A special feature of this new serial edition is that the best and latest varieties of flowers for cultivation will be described.

Bro. the Earl of Jersey, M.V.G.M. of the United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, who has just resigned his post of Governor of the Colony, was entertained at a grand banquet at the Central Hall, Sydney, on Monday. Upwards of 500 of the leading citizens of the capital were present, the retiring Governor's health being proposed by the Premier, Sir G. R. Dibbs, and gratefully acknowledged by his lordship. "The Health of the Countess of Jersey" was proposed by the Mayor, who presided, and briefly acknowledged by her ladyship.

In pleasant weather practice for the Boat Race was resumed on Thursday by Mr. Moore taking out Messrs. Bayford and Waller in the gig pair. About 11 o'clock the eight was manned, and at a slow stroke of 28 the crew paddled up to the Grass Wharf, and thence to the Soap Works, where they turned. The men made a short rest at the Crab Tree, and then started to row down. At 29 to the minute they went on to just below Putney Bridge, and then went ashore. Cambridge were afloat again at half-past three, and after going as far as Mortlake turned and rowed on a strong ebb between Barnes and Hammersmith Bridges in 5min. 22secs., striking an average of 30. A change has been made in the boat, Fogg-Elliott going three and Bayford two. Oxford paddled to Chiswick and back.

The 100th night of "Liberty Hall," Mr. R. C. Carton's dainty domestic comedy, was celebrated at the St. James's, on Wednesday, with all due honours. The members of the audience were limited only by the holding capacity of the house, and the greatest enthusiasm prevailed. The souvenir presented to each member of the audience was really a delightful and valuable memento of the occasion, consisting of a photographic reproduction of a fine cabinet portrait of the manager himself, and eight fine groups of the members of the company taken at different moments of the play. Mr. Alexander must be admitted to have produced the most generous, suitable, and artistic souvenir up to date. A very warm call brought him before the curtain to gracefully express his thanks. There is no need for us to recapitulate our opinion of the acting. It was expressed at the time of the production in superlatives, and they remain unqualified.

Bro. John Nelson, P.P.G. Reg., was installed W.M. of the Sewell Mark Lodge, No. 421, at Egremont, on Thursday, the 3rd ult.

In our report of the meeting of the Mount Edgcumbe Lodge last week, it was stated that the chair of J.W. was filled, during the temporary absence of Bro. J. Whitehead, by Bro. H. A. Brown. We should have said that it was occupied by Bro. Jesse Masters.

At the monthly meeting of the Fletcher Mark Lodge, No. 213, held at Whitehaven on the 24th ult., Bro. Major Spencer Broadbent, P.S.G.D., W.M., intimated that it was his intention to go up as Steward to the Mark Benevolent Fund Festival in July next, and he hoped to have the united support of the province.

Bro. Sir Algernon Borthwick, M.P., presided at the 54th annual general meeting of the Newsendo's Benevolent and Provident Institution held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Tuesday. The report, which was adopted, showed that the income during the past year was £1256, and the amount of invested capital £13,000.

The Queen's Drawing Room on Tuesday was attended by the Prince of Wales, the Duke d'Aosta, the Dukes of York and Edinburgh, Prince and Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg, the Duke of Teck and his son, Prince Adolphus, and Prince Louis of Battenberg.

A lodge of instruction has been formed under the warrant of the Robinson Lodge, No. 2046, and will hold its meetings at Freemasons' Hall, Brewer-street, Maidstone, every Friday evening at 8 o'clock. The permanent officers elected are as follows: Bros. F. W. Wright, P.M., Prov. J.G.D. Kent, President; W. Payler Dickinson, Treas.; and T. P. Dickinson, Sec.

Bro. the Duke of Fife presided at the 155th anniversary festival of the Royal Society of Musicians of Great Britain, which was held at the Hôtel Métropole on Saturday, the 25th ult. Among the guests present on the occasion were Bros. Sir W. Cusins, Sir Joseph Barnby, W. Kuhe, Lennox Browne, and Barton McGuckin. The subscriptions amounted to about £700.

The ninth annual Spring Exhibition of the Royal Commission on Horse Breeding, the Hackney Horse Society, and the Hunters' Improvement Society, was opened at the Royal Agricultural Hall, Islington, on Tuesday, and was visited on Wednesday by the Prince of Wales and the Empress Frederick of Germany. The number of thoroughbred stallions was 108, as against 134 in 1892, but, on the other hand, the Hackney stallions were 221 to 196.

The moneys at present unclaimed in the custody of the Chancery, Queen's Bench, and Probate Courts, and the names of the parties connected with them are not by any means so large as is generally supposed. A special *Gazette* has been published in reference to them. The list occupies 187 pages, but it is explained that one-half of the accounts do not exceed £150, and only one-sixteenth go beyond £1,000.

The report of the Guards' Employment Society show that of 612 names of former Guardsmen registered for employment 233 were provided with work by the Society and 56 by the Post Office, while employment had not been found for 77. Of the remainder a considerable number had not reported themselves and in all probability had found engagements. Only in 81 cases had it been found difficult, owing to character, health, or other cause, to find the men places.

The funeral of Bro. Herbert W. Madeley, of Heavitree Brewery, took place on Friday, the 17th ult., in the burial ground at Brynmawr, South Wales, with every mark of respect, between 40 and 50 friends attending at the grave side. Several members of the Masonic body were present, including Bros. Dr. Brown (medical attendant), Dr. Evans Beaufort, and Vergin. A very handsome wreath was sent, with fraternal sympathy, from Lodges Nos. 30, 1332 (of which the deceased was a P.M.), and 1284. Bro. Madeley was held in high esteem by all who knew him.

Mr. Edward Cutler, whose recent compositions, "An Arab's Song," and "Child and Mother," had fair to rival many of his earlier productions in popularity, is a Q.C., well known in copyright cases as well as by the National Union of Teachers, for which body he has never lost a case. He is also distinguished musically as the first amateur whom the Prince of Wales honored with the appointment of Grand Organist (Freemasonry). He was born at Canons Park, the seat of his grandfather, Sir Thomas Plumer, Master of the Kolls, and was educated at Eton (being in the Eleven in 1849), and at Touraine and Dresden. The family is of French extract, and claims descent from Henri de Guise.—*Morning Leader*.

THE CANCER HOSPITAL (FREE) BROMPTON, S.W.—The 42nd annual meeting of the Governors of this Charity was held in the board-room of the hospital, Brompton, on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., Sir George Samuel Meason, J.P., occupied the chair. From the report of the Committee it appears that during the past year 2100 new patients were received, 811 as in-patients, and 1289 as out-patients, whilst the total number of attendances of out-patients was 9279, these figures being largely in excess of any previous year since the hospital was founded. This continued increase in the work points to the necessity for increased funds, the reliable income of the Charity being about £3000 a year less than the ordinary expenditure, and an earnest appeal is made by the Committee for continued support to enable them to carry on the important work of the hospital. Considerable additions and alterations have recently been made in the hospital, including the erection of a chapel and extra sleeping accommodation for nurses, &c. The Samaritan Fund for assisting discharged patients had proved very successful, some being sent to convalescent homes and others receiving pecuniary aid. The report and balance-sheet were adopted, and the usual vote of thanks accorded, after which the proceedings terminated.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Good Digestion.—Holloway's Pills are universally acknowledged to be the safest, speediest, and best corrective for indigestion; loss of appetite, acidity, flatulency, and nausea are a few of the inconveniences which are remedied with ease by these purifying Pills. They strike at the root of all abdominal ailments, they excite in the stomach a proper secretion of gastric juice, and regulate the action of the liver, promoting in that organ a copious supply of pure, wholesome bile, so necessary for digestion. These Pills remove all distension and obstruction, and from their harmless composition are peculiarly well adapted for delicate persons and young children; whilst casting out impurities these excellent Pills strengthen the system and give muscular tone.

Princess Louise and the Marquis of Lorne arrived at Windsor Castle on Thursday evening on a visit to the Queen.

The ballets at the Empire Theatre are now, by desire, played as follows: "Round the Town" at 8.30, and "Katrina" at 10.30.

"The Golden Webb" will not be seen at the Lyric until the 11th inst., one of the leading ladies being unable to free herself from her present engagement for an earlier date.

The Duchess of Teck, who was accompanied by the Duke and their son, Prince Francis, distributed the prizes to the 3rd Volunteer Battalion East Surrey Regiment at Kingston on Saturday last.

Mrs. Gladstone is fast recovering from the attack of influenza with which she was overtaken while tending her daughter, Mrs. Drew. One of the Queen's Equerries called by her Majesty's command to make enquiries.

The Prince of Wales, the Dukes of York and Edinburgh, the Princess Louise Marchioness of Lorne, and the Hereditary Prince of Hohenlohe Langenburg dined with the Queen at Buckingham Palace on Tuesday.

Mr. A. J. Balfour, M.P., though still having the appearance of being out of health, was so far recovered from his recent attack of influenza as to be able to resume his duties in the House of Commons on Tuesday.

General Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar and Bro. the Marquis of Breadalbane, Lord Steward, dined with Lord Vernon and the corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms at their Mess Room in St. James's Palace on Tuesday evening.

The new cruiser, Edgar, was commissioned at Plymouth on Thursday by Captain W. A. Dyke-Acland, with a complement of 544 officers and men, to relieve the Undaunted, Lord Charles Beresford, on the Mediterranean Station.

Lord Mayor Knill presided at the 75th Anniversary Festival, which was held at the Hôtel Métropole on Tuesday evening, in aid of the German Society of Benevolence. The subscriptions announced during the evening amounted to £1640.

It is generally supposed that, owing to the unfortunate death of Captain Middleton last year, and the fact that Mr. Weston Jarvis is no longer a member, the House of Commons Point-to-Point Steeplechase will not be held this spring.

A Cottage Hospital is about to be erected at Northallerton as a memorial to the late Hon. J. C. Dundas, brother of Bro. the Marquis of Zetland, who, with Lord Marham, the Duchess of Leeds, and others, have subscribed to the fund.

We are glad to hear that Miss Kate Phillips, who lately badly damaged her ankle, is progressing favourably, and soon hopes not only to be able to leave her sofa, but give us once more those welcome touches of comedy which so brighten "Becket."

The Prince of Wales was present at the meeting, on Tuesday, of the Royal Commission on the Condition of the Aged Poor. Lord Aberdare presided, and Mr. John Allen, Guardian of St. Pancras, and Mr. S. B. Fuller, Chairman of the Paddington Guardians, gave evidence.

The Princess of Wales, accompanied by the Princesses Victoria and Maud, arrived at Marlborough House from Sandringham on Monday, and in the course of the day the Princess visited her eldest daughter, the Duchess of Fife, at her residence in Portman-square.

The inauguration of the Imperial Institute has been fixed by the Queen for Thursday, the 11th May. The ceremonial will be one of full state and with the exception of specially invited guests, only Fellows of the Institute will be eligible for admission—so far as the accommodation will permit.

The annual meeting of the Actors' Benevolent Fund was held by the kind permission of Bro. Henry Irving, on the stage of the Royal Lyceum Theatre on Tuesday afternoon, the chair was occupied by Bro. Irving, and among those present were Bros. S. B. Bancroft, J. L. Toole, W. Ferriss, and T. H. Bolton, M.P.

The Queen has graciously accepted from the Library Committee of the Corporation of London a handsomely-bound volume of beautifully-executed reproductions of some of the finest and most beautiful of the art treasures which formed part of the Loan Collection exhibited in the Guildhall last summer.

Bro. Sir James Whitehead presided at a meeting of members of the House of Commons interested in the question of Railway Rates, which was held on Tuesday for the purpose of considering the steps they should take in order to bring the question before the House at as early a date as possible.

EMPIRE THEATRE.—Menotti, the famous Austrian soubrette—who might almost be called the Nelly Farren of Vienna—will appear at this theatre on Monday, the 6th inst., when she will sing, in German, the principal songs of her *répertoire*. This is the first appearance in England of one of the most popular artistes on the Continent, where she is equalled famed for the expressiveness of her singing and the charm and piquancy of her dancing. She has been the leading favourite of Vienna for several years.

Freemasons are, perhaps, met with less frequently among lawyers than in any other profession. That is to say, few barristers or solicitors mention their connection with this form of Brotherhood, whether they are participators in its secrets or otherwise. There is, of course, a Freemasonry of another kind existing in legal circles, and that, perhaps, has been the reason why the Chancery Bar has not up to the present been represented by a special lodge. The ceremony of inaugurating this new lodge will be an important one, and the Benchers of Lincoln's Inn—the traditional Chancery Inn—have granted the use of the great hall for the occasion. The consecration of the lodge will be performed by the Earl of Lathom, and the Prince of Wales will probably be present in his capacity of Grand Master.—*Daily Telegraph*.

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