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THE APPROACHING SCHOOL ELECTIONS.

The voting papers for the School Elections, which will be held next month, have been issued, and in both cases we find an increase in the number of candidates—an increase which in that of the Girls' School is slight, but which in the case of the Boys' School is over 30 per cent. as compared with the number which competed for vacancies at the election in October last. As regards the ballot for the

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which will be held in the great hall of Freemasons' Tavern on Thursday, the 13th April, there are 30 candidates for 19 vacancies, the former being distributed in manner following: London furnishes seven candidates, and has a joint interest with sundry of the Provinces in three others, while the Provinces and Abroad furnish the remaining 20. The seven London girls are all of them new applicants, and comprise Nos. 4 and 11; No. 13, who has this only chance afforded her of obtaining admission into the School; and Nos. 16, 25, 26, and 28. The three in whom London has a part interest are No. 3, whose father was initiated in London and migrated to Birmingham, and who brings forward 753 votes from the election in October, 1892—which, as this is her last chance, ought to suffice to make her election sure; No. 9, whose father was initiated in Trowbridge, and subsequently joined the Victoria Lodge, No. 1056; and No. 17, whose father started on his Masonic career at Llanelly, in the Western Division of South Wales, and subsequently joined lodges at Pernambuco, in Ceylon, and in the Punjab. The 20 Provincial and Foreign candidates comprise three from West Lancashire; two each from Hants and the Isle of Wight, South Wales (Western Division), and West Yorkshire; one from each of the nine Provinces of Buckinghamshire (No. 27), Cornwall (No. 29), Essex (No. 1), Kent (No. 10), Lancashire East (No. 18), Lincolnshire (No. 22), Somersetshire (No. 23), and Yorkshire, North and East (No. 7); while No. 20 has claims on Kent and Surrey, and No. 8 hails from the District of Northern China. The three West Lancashire girls are No. 19, whose father was a subscribing member for 12 years, and who has this one and only chance of success; and Nos. 21 and 24. The Hants and Isle of Wight pair are No. 2, who scored a few votes in October last, and No. 6; the South Wales, West, girls are placed at Nos. 14 and 15; and the West Yorkshire at Nos. 5 and 7, the former having only this one chance of gaining admission. It should be added that the Essex child, who stands at No. 1 was a candidate for the first time in October last, when she had 111 votes polled for her. In the case of about one-third of the candidates, their fathers rendered services to one or more of the Institutions either as contributors or Festival Stewards, while as regards one half of the children, their fathers were subscribing members to a lodge or lodges for 14 years and upwards. Three girls have both parents living, two have lost both, one is motherless and the remaining 24 fatherless. But the material point to be borne in mind is that No. 3 (London and Warwickshire), No. 5 (West Yorkshire), No. 13 (London), and No. 19 (West Lancashire) are last cases; that is to say, if they do not win places at this election, their names will be removed from the list as being no longer eligible in respect of age, and we trust, therefore, that strenuous efforts will be made in order to prevent this very serious disappointment befalling them.

The election of candidates into the

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will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, on Friday, the 14th prox., when 23 boys will be chosen by ballot from an approved list of 49. Of the latter, four commenced their candidature in April, 1892, and eight in the following October, the remaining 37 being newly accepted applicants, whose petitions have been examined and approved since the last election. In the case of this Institution, London furnishes only 10 candidates, and has a part interest in another, the remaining 38 hailing from the Provinces and Abroad. The London boys are as follow, namely: Nos. 7, who polled 1479 votes; 8, who fared nearly as well, by obtaining 1476 votes; and 9, who scored 1085 votes, at their first ballot in October last, and who, as they have these votes standing to their credit respectively, can hardly fail to win places if their friends exert themselves sufficiently. The other seven are Nos. 15, 17, 21, 26, 36, 41, and 42, while a candidate in whom London has an interest conjointly with Essex and Lincolnshire, stands at 13. Of the Provinces—Devonshire, Lancashire, West, Sussex, and Yorkshire, North and East, send up three candidates each, the Devonshire three, comprising No. 3, who brings forward 60 votes from his two previous ballots; No. 10, who scored 33 votes last October; and No. 30. The three West Lancashire lads are No. 14, who has this one and only chance of obtaining admission; No. 44, who is in the like predicament, and No. 48; while No. 38 has claims on the same

Province as well as on Hants and the Isle of Wight. The Sussex cases are No. 5, who starts with 270 votes, brought forward from the election in October, 1892, and who, as his name will be removed from the list if he does not win a place this time, will need all the support which his friends can procure for him, in order to carry him in; No. 11, who polled 1037 votes last time, and has this much in the way of advantage over most of his competitors; and No. 22; while the three who hail from North and East Yorkshire are Nos. 18, 19, and 40. Dorsetshire, Kent, and Norfolk furnish each of them two cases, those hailing from the first-named being No. 1, who starts well with 837 votes to the good from the elections in April and October of last year, and No. 16, whose name will be removed from the list if he fails to gain a place next month. The Kent boys are placed at Nos. 32 and 37, and the Norfolk at Nos. 4 (with 37 votes from his two previous attempts) and 28 respectively. There remain 19 candidates to be accounted for, and on reference to the list it will be found that 15 of them hail from the Provinces of Cheshire, Cornwall, Derbyshire, Essex, Gloucestershire, Hants and the Isle of Wight, Hertfordshire, Jersey, Middlesex, Northumberland, Oxfordshire, Shropshire, Somersetshire, South Wales (East Division), and Suffolk, the other four having claims on Cheshire and Derbyshire (No. 24); Dorsetshire and Hants and the Isle of Wight (No. 31); Leicestershire and Rutland and Hertfordshire (No. 34); and Bengal and Gloucestershire (No. 43). As regards other particulars, we note that in not far short of 20 cases the fathers of the children did what they could to support our Charities by subscribing to their funds or obtaining donations and subscriptions as Stewards, while upwards of 20 were subscribing members of a lodge or lodges for 10 years and upwards. There are 38 of the children who are fatherless, and one motherless, while five have lost both parents and five have both parents living, though one of the latter may be set down as being as good as fatherless, seeing that the father is in a lunatic asylum. But, as in the case of the Girls' School, the detail on which we lay the greatest stress is that Nos. 5 (Sussex), 14 (West Lancashire), 16 (Dorsetshire), 18 (North and East Yorkshire), 44 (West Lancashire), and 49 (Hants and the Isle of Wight), have this solitary chance afforded to them of obtaining the benefits which they have found worthy to receive, and we trust that no efforts will be spared by their friends and supporters to obtain sufficient votes to prevent them from being rejected. Let all who are not already committed to the support of any particular candidate or candidates, either for election into this or the Girls' School, give their votes and influence to these children, and we shall have the satisfaction of knowing that none of the applicants have been sent away empty.

Be it added that the elections will take place at the respective School Quarterly Courts, and that the chair will in each instance be taken at 12 noon, punctually.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

A meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Cambridgeshire was held at the Lion Hotel, Cambridge, on Tuesday, the 14th instant, for the dispatch of Masonic business. Comp. Col. R. Townley Caldwell, Grand Superintendent, presided, and of the officers appointed in 1891 the following were present: Comps. C. Geldard, 859, Prov. G.H.; W. H. Jarrold, 88, Prov. G.S.E.; G. Cole, 441, Prov. G.S.N.; J. V. Pryor, 88, Prov. 1st A.G.S.; J. Sheldrick, 441, Prov. 2nd A.G.S.; Frank Piggott, 88, Prov. G. Std. Br.; and C. H. Ellis, 88, Prov. G. Janitor.

The attendance also included Comps. B. Chennell, acting P.G.J.; J. S. Youngman, F. Dewberry, Oliver Papworth, A. E. Chaplin, L. R. Tuttiert, W. P. Spalding, W. B. Money, J. Fuller, H. King, W. Bray, M. Cox, W. H. Francis, A. Morrell, G. Chennell, and others.

The Prov. G. Treasurer's accounts were shown to be in a healthy state.

The Grand Superintendent appointed and invested the following Prov. Grand Officers:

Comp. W. Bray, 809	...	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" J. S. Youngman, 441	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" W. H. Jarrold, 88	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" J. V. Pryor, 88	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" A. E. Chaplin, 88	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. Sheldrick, 441	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" F. Piggott, 88	...	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" Mark Cox, 809	...	...	...	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
" W. H. Francis, 859	...	...	...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" W. P. Spalding, 88	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" E. M. Money, 859	...	...	...	Prov. Std. Br.
" H. E. Greef, 441	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" F. Dewberry, 441	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" C. H. Ellis, 88	...	...	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

The revised by-laws were considered and adopted, with slight verbal alterations.

Upon the motion of Comp. O. PAPWORTH, it was agreed to vote £10 to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to be placed on Comp. B. Chennell's list.

The Provincial Grand Chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to banquet.

CONSECRATION OF THE ST. PANCRAS CHAPTER,
No. 2271.

On Monday, the 13th instant, a new chapter, called the St. Pancras Chapter, and attached to the St. Pancras Lodge, No. 2271, was consecrated at the Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras, by Comp. E. Letchworth, G.S.E., as M.E.Z., who was assisted by Comps. Major-Gen. J. Crossland Hay, C.B., as H.; Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, G. Supt. Bucks, as J.; C. F. Matier, P.D.G.D.C., as D.C.; and C. E. Keyser, as S.N. Comp. E. P. Delevanti acted as Organist, and was assisted in the musical portion of the ceremonies by Comps. Sidney Barnby, Arthur Thomas, Henry Prenton, and Walter Banks.

The following is a list of the other companions present:

Comps. W. A. Scurrah, Henry Longman, H. R. Graham, M.P., James Irvine, A. H. Scurrah, W. M. Stiles, M. Powell, T. C. Edmonds, Alfred C. Spaul, P.P.G.S.N. Middx.; E. M. Money, P.Z. 28; G. H. Lewis, 1622; H. Massey, P.Z. 619 and 1928; H. Sadler, G. Janitor; George Lambert, P.G.D.C.; Geo. Everett, P.G. Treas.; J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G.S.B.; W. F. Smithson, P.G.S.B.; T. W. Whitmarsh, P.A.G.D.C.; Capt. N. G. Philips, P.G.S.N.; W. H. Lee, Prov. G.S.E. Middx.; W. W. B. Beach, M.P., G.J.; James Stephens, P.Z. 749; Samuel Green, P.Z. 10, P.P.A.G.S. Gloucestershire; Henry Lovegrove, P. Prov. G. Treas. Middx.; and J. T. Rowe, P.Z. 753.

After the chapter had been formally opened, Comp. LETCHWORTH, in commencing the proceedings, said: It is difficult to realise that nearly five years have passed since I was privileged to assist at the consecration in this building of a lodge which has since been known as the St. Pancras Lodge. That lodge started into existence under most favourable auspices. It had for its first Master an old and valued friend of my own, the late Sir Robert Fowler, and since then it has enjoyed a career of, I believe, unbroken success. Under such circumstances it is only natural indeed that the members of the lodge should desire to place the copestone to the edifice they have built, and to have a Royal Arch chapter attached to their lodge. They accordingly petitioned the Supreme Grand Chapter, and Supreme Grand Chapter, as you all know, without the slightest hesitation acceded to their prayer, and I am here to-day for the purpose of constituting and consecrating this new chapter. I think it is fortunate for the founders of this chapter that they have exercised a very wise discretion in selecting for their First Principal a companion who has had considerable experience in the Craft, especially in Royal Arch Masonry. He is an enthusiastic Mason, a companion of experience, a companion of ability, and I feel sure under his able guidance this chapter will have a career not unworthy of that of the lodge. With these few words I will now proceed with the object we have in view in the consecration and constitution of this chapter.

Comp. the Rev. J. S. BROWNRIFF delivered the oration, and said:

The Masonic community to which he belonged was to the operative Mason of old, the home into which his whole professional life was gathered; the centre round which all his professional interests revolved. He entered it as a boy, acquired a

knowledge of his craft slowly and carefully, and by regular gradations worked himself up to an honoured position only when he proved by his work that he was a skilled Mason, and by his general behaviour that he was an honourable man. It was almost an unknown thing for him to leave the community which had taught him his craft, and to transfer his work to another. All the traditions of his Order taught him loyalty to his mother lodge. To her alone he devoted the energy of his youth, the strength of manhood, and the matured wisdom of his old age. The speculative Mason of the last century was not unlike his operative brother. He chose his lodge and kept to it, forming therein friendships which lasted a life-time. Even now some of the older members of our most honoured lodges are men of one chapter and one lodge. I am fully aware that the altered circumstances of our age, the varied conditions under which we find ourselves, the new

work which is being done by our Craft, its extension into every branch of society, and into every class of the commonwealth have obliged us to modify our old rules and customs. Many of us are called upon as a matter of duty to work under several Masonic jurisdictions, between which there is perfect amity and unity, but a difference of constitution, order, and procedure. It would not be possible or desirable to revert to the custom which prevented the great bulk of our fraternity from joining other communities, and perhaps more than one Masonic body in each of those communities. Even in bye-gone days there were exceptions to the general rule when good reasons could be given, and the Grand Lodge of England has wisely refrained from imposing any limit to the number of lodges and chapters to which a brother may belong. But is there no lesson to be learned from the old system? Is there no danger that the present liberty may not run us into a dangerous extreme, and that perhaps our very zeal and interest may lead some of us into undertaking more than we are able to do properly and well? It

is no uncommon thing to hear a brother boasting of the number of lodges and chapters to which he belongs. It is thought by some to be a creditable thing to be able to write oneself down a subscribing member to many bodies in each of our great Masonic jurisdictions. I will frankly confess that I cannot help being a little suspicious that some of these most well-meaning Masons are likely to fail to do good Masonic work because they are undertaking too much. But there is even a more serious aspect of the matter. It is a real evil done to our Craft, a real scandal, if the practice of it is permitted to interfere with the more serious professional business of our lives, if we spend upon it money which duty tells us ought to be given elsewhere. Do not mistake me. I am not classing our Craft as a mere luxury and enjoyment, but I am emphasising the fact that it is subordinate to that profession or business unto which the Great Architect of the Universe has called us. That we are acting distinctly contrary to one of the fundamental principles of our Order if we became so

engrossed in it as to neglect those things which demand our daily care and attention, or spend upon it money to which other objects have a prior and more natural claim. I cannot sum up these few words, which will, I hope, not be misunderstood, than by the simple advice never in the Craft undertake more work than you can do properly; never allow claims upon your Charity and liberality to suffer through your expenditure upon the Masonic community to which you belong.

After the completion of the consecration and dedication Comp. W. A. Scurrah, P.P.G. Soj. Middx., P.Z. 749 and 2048, was installed as M.E.Z. by Comp. Letchworth. Major General Crossland Hay installed Comp. H. Longman first as J., and then as H., in splendid style, and Comp. Scurrah installed Comp. H. R. Graham, M.P., H. 10, as J. Comp. Arthur Scurrah was elected S.E., Comp. James Irvine as S.N., and Comp. M. Powell, as 2nd Asst. S. A special vote of thanks was passed to Comp. Letchworth, who was elected an honorary member of the chapter, and the same compliments were afterwards passed to the other Consecrating Officers. Some formal business was then transacted, and the chapter was closed. A splendid banquet followed.

After the usual opening toasts, Comp. BEACH, G.J., responded to that of "The Pro G.Z., &c.," and said it was a great thing to be associated with two such excellent Masons as the Earl of Lathom and the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, who did their utmost to fulfil the trust placed in them. Since he (Comp. Beach) had filled the office of G.J., he had felt he should do something to foster and encourage Royal Arch Masonry. He

had important Masonic duties in his own province, and he was but a Principal in London chapters, but he had not attended many until now. In his position of G.J., he felt it was his duty to attend every chapter to which he was invited. He thought he might congratulate the companions of the St. Pancras Chapter most sincerely on having established it in connection with the lodge. It was a legitimate ambition among Freemasons to aspire to extend their researches to a higher sphere and become Royal Arch Masons. The establishment of a Royal Arch chapter was a matter for congratulation provided there was sufficient stimulus and energy in the companions to enable them to carry it on with success. As he felt there was no doubt that the eminent Masons appointed to preside over the St. Pancras Chapter took deep interest in the Degree, he was sure Royal Arch Masonry in that chapter would be successful. He only hoped its services would be commensurate with the expectations entertained of it. He had been very pleased himself to attend the chapter, and was sorry his Parliamentary engagements did not allow him to come earlier. He wished the chapter entire success in the future.

Comp. Capt. PHILIPS also replied, and said that at the consecration of the St. Pancras Lodge he was J.W., consequently he was very proud to be at the consecration of the St. Pancras Chapter.

Comp. W. A. SCURRAH proposed "The Consecrating Officer, Comp. Letchworth," observing that no one who had been accustomed to be present at the consecration of lodges and chapters had ever witnessed the ceremony more impressively or ably done than it had been that evening. He thanked Comp. Letchworth most heartily for his kindness and courtesy in attending and for the splendid manner in which he had done his work.

Comp. LETCHWORTH said he availed himself of the earliest opportunity of thanking the M.E.Z. for the more than kind manner in which he had introduced this toast, and he also thanked the companions for their cordial reception of it. In the course of his remarks in the chapter that afternoon he referred to the fact that he had the privilege of being present and assisting at the consecration of the St. Pancras Lodge, and he could assure the companions that his feelings on the present occasion were not untinged with sadness. He could not forget that the two principal officers on that occasion were the late Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke and Sir Robert Fowler. But it had been a great pleasure, nevertheless, to him to be present and consecrate the chapter. He felt, however, that the success of the ceremony was due in a great measure to the very able assistance he had received from those who



THE M.E.Z., COMP. W. A. SCURRAH.



THE H., COMP. H. LONGMAN.



THE J., COMP. H. R. GRAHAM, M.P.

had done him and the companions of the chapter the great honour of assisting him in the ceremony. He was sure they would all agree with him that the ceremony of installing the two Principals, H. and J., had never been more effectively performed than by General Crossland Hay. He had also had great assistance from Comp. Brownrigg and Comp. Keyser. He had never heard the Scripture passages read more effectively. He was sure they all regretted the absence of Comp. Frank Richardson, but his place as D.C. could not have been better filled than by Comp. Matier. He would now propose "The Health of the M.E.Z., Comp. Scurrah," and he most heartily congratulated the companions of the chapter on having for their First Principal one who was so capable in every way to conduct its proceedings during the first and most critical period of its existence. They all knew that Comp. Scurrah was an accomplished Mason, and had been connected with more than one chapter. He (Comp. Letchworth) had been connected with him on more than one Board in the Craft, and he knew the sort of man and Mason he was. While congratulating the companions on having him to rule over them, he wished him and the companions the greatest happiness and prosperity in the chapter.

Comp. SCURRAH said that, in thanking Comp. Letchworth for his kind and flattering remarks about him personally, it was a great pleasure to him to be in the first chair of the St. Pancras Chapter, which, he was sure, would become one of the best under the English Constitution. He could not help thinking of the past, when the St. Pancras Lodge was consecrated, and Sir Robert Fowler was installed as its first Master. Little did he think on that occasion that Sir Robert would be so soon called to the Grand Lodge above, but they knew not from one day to another what would befall any of them. No better man or Mason could be found than the first Master of the St. Pancras Lodge, and they had lost a true friend and citizen and brother by his death. And then, unfortunately, they lost the Consecrating Officer, Col. Shadwell Clerke, who was the Grand Secretary for several years and who had endeared himself to every Mason wherever he went, and who wore a cheerful face, was most genial, kindly and courteous. They had then a most enjoyable day and the ceremonies were conducted in a most masterly manner. From that day the lodge had progressed; he could not say they had made a Mark lodge but they had made a Masonic lodge in every sense, inasmuch as there had not been a single gentleman initiated in it whom they would like to see out of the lodge. They had not had many initiates, but those they had made were good Masons. He should always remember the remarks of Col. Shadwell Clerke when he advised them not to be in haste to make initiates but to be careful that they were men whom they would look up to and respect. They had carried out that injunction, and it was a great success. With regard to the chapter, he had by some unfortunate circumstance been placed at its head. It was some two years ago—before Sir Robert Fowler's death—decided that Sir R. Fowler should be the first M.E.Z. Through his death it was delayed 12 months. It was then decided that Dr. Powdrell should be the M.E.Z., but before they could carry out their intention Dr. Powdrell died. Then there was further delay, but ultimately they petitioned, and he was chosen for M.E.Z. He could assure the companions that he would do all he possibly could for the prosperity of the chapter. He would endeavour to do his work to the best of his ability, and try to prove as he had in the lodge—that the companions' confidence in him had not been misplaced. He then proposed "Major-General Crossland Hay," and said he had never attended an installation where he had seen the installation of H. and J. so beautifully performed. The impressiveness of the delivery was the great charm, but General Hay was always word-perfect.

Comp. Gen. CROSSLAND-HAY, in reply, said that he was asked by the G.S.E.—when, he might say, the G.S.E. allowed him the privilege of taking part in the ceremony—he, of course, made up his mind to do it to the best of his ability, because he thought whatever was worth doing at all was worth doing well, for no one ought to do anything unless he could do it fairly well. He had tried to do it so, but he was not prepared for the compliment, not only the M.E.Z., but Comp. Letchworth had paid him. It had given him great pleasure to be present and to take part in the ceremony, and anything he had done which could add to its effectiveness had been to him a pleasure and a labour of love. It would be very pleasing to him to visit the chapter on a future occasion, and he wished it every success.

The toast of "The Visitors" was next given by the M.E.Z.

Comp. GEO. EVERETT, P.G. Treas., in response, said it was always a pleasure to him to attend so important and interesting a function as that of the consecration of a new chapter, and that pleasure was much enhanced by the fact that a friend and fellow-worker in one of their Institutions (viz., the Boys' School), was the chief actor in the day's proceedings. The chapter had been brought into existence under most favourable auspices, and with such a capable and zealous Mason as Bro. Scurrah as its first M.E.Z., it was certain to be a success. He was glad to be present at its birth, and to witness the delightful manner in which the ceremony had been performed. They had spent a very pleasant evening, and felt greatly indebted to the founders for their liberality and kindness.

Comps. W. F. SMITHSON, J. E. LE FEUVRE, and A. S. SPAULL also responded.

Comp. KEYSER replied for "The Masonic Charities."

Comps. LONGMAN and GRAHAM replied for "The Officers."

The other toasts having been proposed and responded to, the companions separated.

The whole evening was most enjoyable, and every effort was made by the companions of the chapter to ensure the success of the proceedings.

ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE GRAND IMPERIAL CONCLAVE OF THE RED CROSS.

The annual assembly of the Grand Imperial Conclave was held at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Monday, the 6th instant. The Earl of Euston, M. Ill. G. Sovereign, presided, and was supported by Sir Knts. Baron de Ferrieres, G.V.; C. H. Driver, G.J.G.; Viscount Dungarvan, Col. A. B. Cook, Rev. S. Maude, G.H.P.; Rev. A. W. Oxford, G.H.P.; C. F. Hogard, G. Treas.; H. H. Shirley, G.H.A.; C. F. Matier, G. Rec.; H. J. Lardner, G. Ch.; C. E. Keyser, G.A.; A. Bateman, G. Orator; H. C. Heard, W. M. Bywater, and C. Chaufourier, G. Senators; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.G. Gen.; G. Powell, P.G. Sen. Gen.; Geo. Mickley, P.G.J. Gen.; Jas. Moon, P.G.S.B.; G. R. Cobham, G.V.C.; J. Read, T. Graham Robinson, Nelson Prower, J. J. Nicholson, W. H. Hay, Frank Richardson, J. Pierrott, G. Phillips, R. Clowes, R. C. Fillingham, Theodore E. Worledge, W. C. S. Burney, P.G.T. Kent; and W. W. Lee.

The Grand Conclave was opened in Imperial form, with solemn prayer, and the minutes read and confirmed. The annual report of the Executive Committee was read by the Grand Recorder, and, on the proposition of Sir Knight F. RICHARDSON, it was received and adopted.

Sir Knight Col. A. B. COOK proposed the re-election of the Earl of Euston as M.I.G. Sovereign, observing that during the short period he had held that position he had done what he could for the Order, as he had for every Degree with which he was connected.

Sir Knight C. F. HOGARD seconded the nomination, which was unanimously agreed to, and the Earl of Euston was proclaimed by the G. Herald.

The Earl of EUSTON, in returning thanks for his re-election, said that if there was anything he could do for the advancement of the Order, he would readily do it, or if any sir knight from the provinces thought he could assist them by his presence, if they would give him timely notice of their meetings he would endeavour to attend.

On the proposition of Baron de FERRIERES, Viscount Dungarvan was elected Grand Viceroy, and, having been invested, he was duly proclaimed.

Sir Knight C. F. Hogard was unanimously re-elected as G. Treasurer.

The Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign then appointed the following members of Grand Council: Sir Knights Frank Richardson, G. Sen. General; Col. A. B. Cook, G. Jun. General; Rev. A. W. Oxford and Rev. S. Maude, G. High Prelates; H. H. Shirley, G. High Chan.; Charles F. Hogard, G. Treasurer; C. F. Matier, G. Recorder; C. E. Keyser, G. High Almoner; R. Berridge, G. Chamberlain; A. H. Bateman, G. Architect; F. Graves, G. Marshal; H. C. Heard, G. Orator; and G. R. Cobham, G. Historiographer.

Grand Senate: Sir Knights J. A. Gartley, G. Preceptor; A. R. Carter, G. Examiner; C. H. Chaufourier, G. Prefect; Rev. R. C. Fillingham, G. Sub-Prelate; Nelson Prower, G. Vice-Chancellor; and Alex. Howell, G. Asst. Recorder.

The following were elected Grand Senators, and appointed to office: Sir Knights W. V. Robinson, G. Sub-Almoner; T. Le Secler, G. Insp. of Regalia; W. Lake and J. H. Thompson, G. Std. Bearers; H. Roberts, G.S.B.; J. D. Murray, G. Organist; W. M. Bywater, G. Preceptor; S. J. Brice, G. Vice-Chancellor; G. Dalrymple, G. Asst. Marshal; Valentine Brown and W. J. Nicholls, G. Heralds; and H. P. Hay, G.D. of C.

The G. Sovereign nominated Sir Knight Baron de Ferrieres as President, and Sir Knight J. Lewis Thomas as a member of the Executive Committee.

Sir Knights C. H. Driver, J. Mason, Capt. T. C. Walls, W. G. Lemon, and G. Powell were elected members of the Executive Council, and Sir Knights C. F. Hogard, R. Berridge, and J. Moon were elected members of the G. High Almoner's Committee.

Sir Knight J. Gilbert was re-elected G. Sentinel, and the sum of 10 guineas was voted to the R.M.I. for Girls, at the Festival of which the Earl of Euston will preside.

On the proposition of Sir Knight BATEMAN, a vote of thanks was accorded Sir Knight Baron de Ferrieres for stepping into the breach last year, and accepting the office of Viceroy when the Order required assistance.

The G. Conclave was closed, and a Commandery of St. John the Evangelist was held, at which the Orders of K.H.S. and St. John were conferred upon Sir Knight Theodore E. Worledge. The ceremony was very ably and impressively rendered by Sir Knights H. H. Shirley, H. J. Lardner, Capt. T. C. Walls, and G. Bateman.

A banquet was afterwards held, at which the Earl of Euston, Most Ill. G. Sov., presided.

"The Queen and Christian Masonry" was the first toast honoured.

Baron de FERRIERES, P.G.V., submitted "The Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign," and said they felt not only highly flattered, but very gratified to have him ruling over them, because the Earl of Euston was one who thoroughly performed his duty. They regarded him not only as a genial gentleman, but also as a good Mason, and therefore they ought to be gratified at having him to rule over them.

The Earl of EUSTON, Most Ill. G. Sov., in reply, thanked them for their kindness. The Council had helped him to rule over them, and if they would only go on and work together, whatever their rank, they would be a very happy, prosperous, and successful Fraternity. This was an Order he should like to see increased, if possible, but many things were declining in value, and people were not so inclined to go in for other Degrees. He was sure that if any sir knights who belonged to the provinces had a chance they would do their best for the Order, and, by a larger number of recruits, make it more prosperous than it was at the present moment. If any help was wanted from him, if he received notice, he should be pleased to attend and help in every way.

"The Grand Viceroy" was next given by the M.I.G. SOVEREIGN, who referred to Viscount Dungarvan as taking a deep interest in other Degrees, and as the Grand Viceroy he would do good service for that Order.

Sir Knight Viscount DUNGARVAN, G. Viceroy, in response, said there was no one more aware of the responsibilities of his present position than himself, and as that was the first time he had had the honour of being Grand Viceroy, he could only say he would endeavour by following the example of his illustrious predecessor to try to uphold the dignity of his office.

Sir Knight F. RICHARDSON, G. Sen. General, acknowledged "The Grand Officers," and said he esteemed most highly the honour conferred upon him. The Grand Officers would do their utmost, not only to increase the Order, but to promote its further prosperity.

In proposing "The Health of Sir Knights H. H. Shirley, Capt. T. C. Walls, H. J. Lardner, and A. Bateman," the M.I.G. SOVEREIGN, congratulated them on their working, and expressed the hope they would long remain to be an honour to the Degree. Personally, he had been very much interested, and thought the work was perfectly done.

Sir Knight H. H. SHIRLEY, G. High Chancellor, in response, said he took the very greatest interest in every kind of Masonry. He had exerted himself in every way to perfect himself in that Degree, but whatever exertions he had put forward, the working of the ceremony would have been of no avail unless he had been assisted by Capt. Walls, who had rendered him most valuable service. Sir Knight Lardner was thoroughly perfect in every detail and rendered the traditional oration in a splendid manner. He could not forget the services of Sir Knight Bateman, to whom they owed a great deal for bringing the necessary paraphernalia. He hoped they would all long survive to be of some service to that Order.

Sir Knight T. C. WALLS, P.G. General, said he was only the "walking gentleman" of the walls for they owed a great deal to Sir Knight Shirley, who invited them once a year to rehearse the ceremonies of the Red Cross. They were fortunate in securing the services of Sir Knight Lardner. He (Sir Knight Walls) had endeavoured to make the Premier Conclave successful having introduced 25 since he had been a member, and the St.

Andrew's Conclave had also shown their loyalty to their Grand Sovereign. They had a most invaluable Recorder in Sir Knight Matier, and a most valuable servant in Sir Knight Hogard, and he should therefore like to see their annual festival better supported.

Sir Knight H. J. LARDNER, also replied, and attributed the success to Sir Knight Bateman who had travelled a long distance to provide the necessary appliances.

"The Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder" was the last toast given by the M.I.G. SOVEREIGN.

Sir Knight C. F. HOGARD, G. Treas., said he had been connected with the Order for a great many years, and although it had not gone on by strides, still he thought they had done fairly well.

Sir Knight C. F. MATIER, G. Rec., also replied. He said that when he had the honour of being appointed, he thought of a great many ways by which they might possibly render the annual meeting more attractive, and the only thing was to follow the good example of the Knights Templar Order and work a ceremony. He was glad to see that that night they had more than doubled the attendance of last year, and, speaking personally, his best services were at their disposal.

The proceedings then closed.

THE GRAND LODGE OF ULSTER.

By HENRY SADLER.

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When, in response to friends in Ireland, I began my contribution towards the elucidation of the history of the almost unknown Grand Lodge of Ulster, I was not aware that the subject had previously been dealt with by anyone in this country. I have, however, since found that, in 1871, my esteemed friend, Bro. Hughan, of Torquay, published in the *Freemason* of that year, a series of most interesting articles, entitled, "Freemasonry in Ireland," containing much valuable information relating to the Ulster secession. Of course, I ought to have known this before, and probably I did know it when the articles were written, but, unfortunately, my memory is a long way from being infallible, and I therefore humbly apologise to Bro. Hughan for my forgetfulness. I gather from Bro. Hughan's articles that among certain printed papers lent him in 1871, relating to Freemasonry in Ireland, were some emanating from the Grand Lodge of Ulster, but as the earliest of these is dated 8th of May, 1808, very little repetition will be found in my present treatise on the same subject. This document of the 8th May, 1808, is important, inasmuch as it proves that so late as the morning of 5th of the same month, the Northern faction held a meeting on the Grand Lodge premises, in Back-lane, describing themselves "the Grand Lodge of Ireland," and later in the day again met at the Ormond Tavern, when 79 lodges were represented, and it was decided to remove their head-quarters to Dungannon, and formally establish the Grand Lodge of Ulster, a meeting for this purpose being held there on the 6th of June following, when officers were elected and a series of Resolutions passed, which, as both Bros. Hughan and Crossle have given in *extenso*, I shall not now reprint. The document last quoted is not in the archives of the Grand Lodge of England, but the one mentioned by Bro. Crossle, dated 6th December, 1809, is. It bears an impression of the seal here appended. We have also reports of meetings of the Grand Lodge of Ulster held at Dungannon on the 7th of March and the 6th of June, 1810, both of which are known to Bro. Crossle. The latter contains a long circular from Alexander Seton, which Bro. Hughan has reprinted *verbatim* in the *Freemason* of April 8th, 1871. No later printed papers bearing on the subject have come under my notice, neither can I find any reference to it in the written correspondence, nor the records of either of the two Grand Lodges of England until after their Union in 1813.

The following seems to indicate that the Grand Lodge of Ulster was in existence as late as the year 1814:

At a Conference held in Free Masons' Hall, London, on Monday, the 27th of June, and continued by adjournment to Saturday, the 2nd of July, 1814, and of Masonry 5814

Present—

The M.W. His Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex, Grand Master of Masons in England.

The M.W. His Grace the Duke of Leinster, Grand Master of Masons in Ireland.

The M.W. The Right Hon: The Earl of Donoughmore, Past Grand Master of the same.

The M.W. The Right Hon: Lord Kinnaid, Grand Master of Masons in Scotland.

The R.W. The Right Hon: The Earl of Rosslyn, Past Deputy Grand Master of the same.

The R.W. the Right Hon: Lord Dundas, Deputy Grand Master of Masons in England.

The R.W. James Perry, Past Dep. Grand Master of the same.

The R.W. James Agar Ditto.

The R.W. Thomas Harper Ditto.

The R.W. Arthur Tegart, Past Grand Warden of the same.

The R.W. James Deans Ditto.

The V.W. William H. White } Grand Secretaries of the same.

The V.W. Edwards Harper }

His Grace the Duke of Leinster, Lord Kinnaid, the Earl of Donoughmore, and the Earl of Rosslyn having been appointed a Deputation from the Grand Lodges of Ireland and Scotland to the Grand Lodge of England to settle the points of communion, intercourse, and fraternization among the three Grand Lodges of the United Kingdom; to ascertain the identity of obligation, discipline, and practice; and to form such Regulations for the maintenance, security, and promotion of the Craft as should appear to them advisable. His Royal Highness desired the attendance at this Assembly of His Deputy Grand Master, and the Commissioners of the Union recently effected between the two Fraternities of Masons in England, now happily incorporated in one, together with the Grand Secretaries of the same.

At this conference eight resolutions were passed, but as only one of them touches upon the Grand Lodge of Ulster I shall reserve the remainder until the Editor of the *Freemason* can find space for the whole of the document, the contents of which I have no recollection of having met with before either in print or manuscript, and, in my humble opinion, it

is of sufficient importance to merit preservation in the annals of the great Masonic Union of the Craft in England.

5th. That for the security of the intercourse which so happily subsists among the Brethren of the Three Grand Lodges, and also to guard the Funds of Benevolence from irregular and improper applications for relief it is judged necessary that each of the Three Grand Lodges shall fix a sum under which no Grand Lodge Certificate shall be granted, and that no Certificate nor Diploma shall be granted to any Brother applying for the same without his producing a Certificate signed in open Lodge by the Master Wardens and specifying the respective days on which he received the various Degrees after due examination as to his qualifications. And it is expressly agreed and Resolved that no member of any one of the Three Grand Lodges, or of Lodges holding of them respectively, shall be entitled, as a matter of right, to admission into the Lodges of either of the other two, or to relief from their Funds of Benevolence without being furnished with a Grand Lodge Certificate or Diploma from the Grand Lodge to which his particular Lodge belongs. And, the Grand Secretaries having laid before the Assembly a Letter, from a person of the Name of A. Seton describing himself as "The Deputy Grand Secretary" of a Society calling themselves "The Ulster Grand Lodge," and which has been set up without the sanction or authority of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, it was unanimously Resolved and agreed that members from Ireland holding and possessing Certificates from the Grand Lodge of which His Grace The Duke of Leinster is the present Grand Master can alone be admitted to any Lodge or Fraternity of Masons, holding of the Three Grand Lodges, or be entitled to relief from the Funds of any one of them—it being the practice and invariable Law that there can be but one Grand or Mother Lodge holden in each of the Three Countries, and that no Assembly, Convocation, Meeting or Lodge called or held in any place within the jurisdiction of either of the Three established Grand Lodges without their several Warrants can be recognised or suffered to exist, the same being contrary to the Ancient Laws and Constitutions of the Fraternity.

The important question to be decided is—When and how did the Grand Lodge of Ulster become extinct? The records of the Grand Lodge of Ireland ought surely to contain some information on this point, but, failing definite evidence to the contrary, I am inclined to the opinion that the determined action of the Grand Lodges of the United Kingdom as evinced in the document last quoted contributed largely to its *quietus*, if, indeed, it was not then practically at the end of its tether. I have before me printed lists of the lodges under the Grand Lodge of Ireland, with the names of the Grand Officers for the year 1813, and "from the 24th June, 1814, with the names of the Masters and Wardens appended to each lodge, the last lodge on the former is No. 1007, and on the latter, No. 1010. Of course, there are many vacancies in both lists, but, whereas, the former only contains 657 lodges, the latter shows 705. It would appear from this that many of the rebellious lodges had returned to the fold between the printing of these two lists. We all know what an atrocious crime rebellion against constituted authority is, unless it succeeds, then, of course, it is "a glorious revolution," and the wonder to me is, that in the face of such powerful opposition, the men of Ulster were able to hold their own so long as they did; it says much for their determination and tenacity of purpose. I think, then, that the period of existence of the Grand Lodge of Ulster as a separate and independent body was at the most between six and seven years, and that there was no such thing as unconditional surrender on the part of the rebels, nor any particular concession or conciliation offered by the Dublin authorities, that many of the recalcitrant lodges returned to their allegiance of their own accord, because the members had sense enough to see that this was their best course, while others died out from sheer inanition.

"Out of evil cometh good"—is an old established maxim, it holds equally good in affairs both Masonic and mundane, and is clearly exemplified in this instance, as from the period of this extraordinary turmoil may be dated the marked and material progress of Freemasonry in Ireland from being about the worst organised Masonic system then in existence to the present prosperous and highly respectable position it now occupies.

CONSECRATION OF ST. ANNE'S LODGE, No. 2457, AT ST. ANNE'S-ON-THE-SEA.

The consecration of the above lodge took place on Monday, the 27th ult., at the New Mission Rooms, St. George's-road, St. Anne's-on-the-Sea. The meeting was a highly successful one, and included many Grand and Prov. Grand Officers of great distinction, including Bros. Capt. J. D. Murray, G. Treas.; William Goodacre, P.G. Std. Br. England, Prov. G. Sec.; and Rev. C. Hesketh Knowlys, P.P.G. Chap.

The brethren assembled in the new lodge room, which had been tastefully furnished, Bro. Wm. Goodacre, P.G. Sec., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. the Earl of Lathom, P.G.M., being the Presiding Officer, and appointed as his Installing Officers Bros. J. W. Johnson, P.S.G.W., as S.W.; John Christie, P.J.G.W., as J.W.; Rev. C. Hesketh Knowlys, P.P.G.C., as Chap.; T. Forrester, P.G.S.B. England, as Sec.; and J. D. Murray, G. Treas., as D.C.

With such an array of celebrities known in the Masonic world, it will be conceived at once that the ceremony of consecration was beautifully rendered and successfully carried out. After the final benediction, Bro. W. Goodacre called upon Bro. W. Simpson, P.M., to act as Installing Master, and it is needless to say that office was performed in a masterly manner.

Bro. James Lawrence, P.P.G.S.B., W.M., invested his officers as follows, and their duties were explained by the Installing Master: Bros. A. R. Rogerson, S.W.; W. B. Turner, J.W.; Rev. W. G. Ferry, W.M. 113, Chap.; W. H. Hargreaves, P.M., Treas.; Leyland Eccles, P.M.; Sec.; J. H. Hughes, P.M., S.D.; W. Cross, J.D.; J. Thornley, I.G.; and J. Gooden, Stwd.

The musical portion of the ceremony was conducted by Bro. Atkin, assisted by several brethren.

The W.M. proposed a vote of thanks to the Consecrating Officer, and those brethren who had so ably assisted him.

This was acknowledged by Bro. W. GOODACRE.

At the close of the meeting a banquet was held, at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and replied to.

Among those present were—

Bros. W. Goodacre, P.G.S.B., P.G. Sec.; J. D. Murray, Grand Treas. England; Thos. Forrester, P.G.S.B.; C. Heywood, P.G.D.C.; Rev. C. Hesketh Knowlys, P.P.G. Chap.; J. W. Johnson, P.S.G.W.; John Christie, P.J.G.W.; G. Harridon, P.P.G.T.; T. Milligan, P.P.G.D.; Rev. S. Y. B. Bradshaw, P.P.G.C.; H. M. Ormsby, P.P.G.P.; T. P. Yates, P.P.G.P.; W. W. Elton, P.P.G.D.C.; G. L. Giles, P.P.G. Sec.; P. D. Pochin, P.P.G. Reg.; Rev. W. H. Baynes, P.P.G.C.; Geo. Wray, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Housman, W.M. 2376; S. Widdows, P.M. 730; J. Hardwicke-Marsh, W.M. 1730; G. A. Myers, P.M. 730, 2359; John Walsh, 703; N. Preston, and others.

The lodge was furnished by Bro. George Kenning.

ANNUAL BALL OF THE ALBION LODGE AND CHAPTER, No. 9.

A very successful ball was held in connection with the Albion Lodge and Chapter, No. 9, at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on the 28th ult. There was a numerous attendance, and thanks to the kindly exertions of Bros. W. Drew, W.M.; W. H. Holroyd, P.M.; and W. Dennis, I.G., who officiated as M.C.'s, and of Bro. L. W. Harvey, P.M., the indefatigable Secretary, the proceedings throughout were of a very enjoyable nature, and the ball was pronounced by all present to be an emphatic success.

When half of the dance programme had been carried out, an adjournment was made to the supper room, at which Bro. W. Drew, W.M., presided with his customary geniality.

A few toasts were afterwards given, "The Queen and the Craft" being first honoured.

Bro. L. W. HARVEY, P.M., Sec., briefly proposed "The Health of the W.M.," and said the numbers in which the ladies and brethren had come to support Bro. Drew, W.M., was proof positive that he was appreciated, and was a W.M. whom they liked to follow and admire. The W.M. had spared no trouble or expense to make the ball a success, and therefore his health would be received heartily, and all present would wish him a happy new year.

Bro. W. DREW, W.M., in reply, said the Secretary had highly eulogised his efforts to bring about the success of that ball, but the success was due more to Bro. Harvey than to himself, for that brother had been a moving spirit in bringing a large number there. He (the W.M.) was very proud to belong to that old lodge, which dated back to a very early period of Freemasonry in England. The lodge, though not large in numbers, was very select. He thanked the Secretary for the kindly remarks respecting his consort, who deserved even more than Bro. Harvey could say. He hoped the success of their lodge ball would continue for a long time, and he would at times do what he could to further that end.

Bro. ARTHUR ROBERTS, in proposing "The Health of the Ladies," said that to his intense surprise, and, he must say, delight, he had been asked to propose a toast which to him came somewhat foreign. As an old and experienced traveller, he was very proud to be allowed the privilege of proposing the toast in as few words as possible. Without the ladies they would be a miserable lot of beings. As the W.M. had said, the brethren present were a choice lot, and the ladies had come up with a nice little lot. The faces of the brethren were all smiling, because they were graced with the sweet presence of the ladies, and he, therefore, begged to propose the toast.

Bro. R. WHITE, P.M., replied; and the company then returned to the ball room, where dancing was heartily indulged in until the small hours of the morning.

The company separated with hearty thanks to the W.M. and brethren for having afforded them the opportunity of spending a very enjoyable and pleasant evening.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE WANDSWORTH LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1044.

The annual festival of this popular and successful lodge of instruction was held on Tuesday, the 7th inst., at Mint's Hall, Clapham Junction. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. Colonel G. Noel Money, C.B., J.P., Prov. G.M. of Surrey, who had promised to preside, Bro. Frederick West, P.G.D., D.P.G.M. Surrey, proved an admirable substitute, and was supported by Bro. Robert Clay Sudlow, P.M., P.G. Std. Br. Eng.; Bro. Dr. Dempster, P.G.S.; and 150 brethren.

The First Lecture was worked by Bro. Higerty, P.M., P.P.G.D. Surrey, Preceptor, as W.M.

- 1st Section by Bro. G. Fortesque, 1585 and 2437.
- 2nd " " W. D. Jessemann, J.W. 1044.
- 3rd " " M. Cutting, W.M. 1564.
- 4th " " J. M. Parsons, P.M. 1564.
- 5th " " T. W. Foady, S.W. 1044.
- 6th " " T. W. Reddy, S.D. 2417.
- 7th " " H. Baker, J.W. 1360, S.W. 2437.

Twenty-five brethren were elected members of the lodge.

The brethren then adjourned to the banquet. Covers were laid for 160. While the resources of the caterer were taxed, they proved equal to the occasion.

After the loyal toasts had been duly honoured, the toast of "The Grand Officers," coupled with the name of Bro. Sudlow, was drunk with enthusiasm.

Bro. ROBERT CLAY SUDLOW replied, and said: Mr. President and Brethren,—On behalf of the Grand Lodge in general, and on my own behalf in particular, I thank you heartily for the way you have received this toast. The Grand Officers, as a body, take a great interest in these lodges of instruction. They consider that they are a very important factor in our noble Institution. Many Grand Officers themselves are good workers and students of our sections and it would interest you to know that in the Emulation Lodge of Improvement the very lecture we have so impressively given to-night was, a short time ago, worked by seven of the Grand Officers. You have all heard of the splendid services of Bro. Fenn. Well, those who are interested in the system taught at the Emulation, and I think every brother here is interested in that system, will do well to read the speech made by him at the festival of that lodge last week. The system taught

by that lodge has been accepted by Grand Lodge as the work that should be adopted, and this work has been carried on unaltered for at least 70 years.

In proposing the toast of "Prosperity to the Wandsworth Lodge of Instruction," Bro. FREDERICK WEST said, I hardly think it necessary in such an assembly as we have here to-night, in this great gathering of Masons, to attempt to justify the existence of this lodge of instruction. I am given to understand it has been established 28 years, and judging from what I have seen to-night it must have done excellent service in years gone by. The working we have witnessed to-night has most thoroughly justified this lodge of instruction. If a Mason wishes to get on and excel in his work the more he attends his lodge of instruction the more he will get on. This lodge is an immense success. My friend on my right (Bro. Sudlow) is an excellent judge of good working, and the work done to-night has been done admirably. Anything equal to it I have never seen out of Emulation lodges. If other evidence of the success of the lodge were wanting, look around on this great gathering. You are fortunate in being presided over by such Preceptors as Bros. Carter and Higerty. In Bro. Carter you have a Preceptor who has done good service; he is followed by a brother of my own province, and I am glad you so thoroughly appreciate the work they have so well done. I have now a most pleasing duty devolving upon me, and that is to ask Bro. Higerty to accept this liqueur case, as a mark of appreciation from the members of this lodge of instruction. Brethren, you cannot do more than appreciate the good work our brethren have done, and by transmitting the knowledge you have gained from them you will be doing lasting service to the Craft. I ask you now to drink prosperity to this lodge of instruction, coupled with the names of Bros. Carter and Higerty.

In reply, Bro. CARTER, P.M., remarked that, having been a member of this lodge of instruction for nearly a quarter of a century, you may be sure how gratified I feel at being present on this auspicious occasion. We have gone on, loyally assisted by our members week by week and year by year, until it has reached a pitch of which we are proud. It has at times been at a very low ebb, but, by patience and strict attention to work, we have gained what we see to-night—the sympathy and help of this vast assemblage. As long as I am spared, nothing shall be wanting in my power to further the interests of this lodge of instruction.

Bro. HIGERTY said: I feel quite at a loss how to commence, how to continue, and where to finish. First for this handsome gift and the kind words that have accompanied it. It there is one thing that has touched me more than anything else it is the kind words of my friend and colleague, Bro. Carter. In looking round this vast assembly I see evidence of another patent feature—the loyal support we get from our members. After the very gratifying and flattering remarks from our distinguished brethren we shall go home with a more haughtier gait than that with which we left. I ask you now to drink "The Health of our worthy President," and thank him for the very excellent manner he has discharged his duties.

Bro. WEST suitably replied, and proposed "The Health of the Officers of the Evening," coupled with the name of Bro. Reddy.

The Tyler's toast brought to a successful close a memorable evening in the history of the Wandsworth Lodge of Instruction.

LADIES' NIGHT OF THE DERBY ALLCROFT LODGE, No. 2168.

The annual banquet of this prosperous and representative lodge took place at the Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras, after the usual lodge meeting on Thursday, the 9th inst., when the W.M., Bro. Walter Frewen Lord, had the pleasure and satisfaction of presiding over a brilliant gathering of upwards of 150 ladies and brethren.

Amongst the company present were: Bro. and Mrs. Lord; Bro. and Mrs. Wm. Thomas; Bro. and Mrs. Dixon; Bro. E. Y. Jolliffe, Miss Jolliffe, and Miss Dixon; Bro. Wm. Lawrence, Mrs. Lawrence, and Miss Lucy Forster; Bro. and Mrs. Smerdon; Bro. and Mrs. R. D. Cummings, Mr. Gus Cummings, and Miss Nellie Cummings; Bro. and Mrs. Haskins and Miss Katie Young; Bro. and Mrs. Corbett; Bro. William Towle, Mrs. Browning; Bro. and Mrs. J. P. Fitzgerald, Miss Fitzgerald; Bro. and Mrs. Demetrius; Bro. and Mrs. George E. Fairchild; Bro. and Mrs. James "Charity" Stephens; Bro. and Mrs. Mogford; Bro. and Mrs. Nathan Robinson, Miss Cummings, Mr. F. Depree, and others.

The company then sat down to an exquisite banquet, during which Bro. Henry Tinney's salon orchestra performed an admirable selection of music.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been honoured,

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER proposed the toast of the evening, "The Ladies," and thought the same was pleasing to the ear of all of the company, and that it was a fallacy in thinking the ladies did not like Freemasonry, and the Worshipful Master hoped the ladies would go away with a good impression of Freemasonry, especially of that lodge, as its object was to better mankind, improve humanity in general, to diffuse happiness, to alleviate sorrow, to help those in distress and give Charity, and the principal object was Charity. To show how the ladies appreciated the objects of Freemasonry he referred to last year's Festival of the Old Peoples' Benevolent Institution, when there were

several lady Stewards, and the total amount collected on that occasion amounted to £69,000, and at this year's Festival one of the lady Stewards (Mrs. Stephens), who he was delighted to see present, headed the list with £330, and on a former occasion the same lady collected the sum of £300.

The toast was ably responded to by Bro. J. P. FITZGERALD on behalf of the married ladies, and he laughingly quoted the tale of how a certain lady, the Hon. Mrs. Aldworth, became a Freemason, and witnessed the ceremony of the First and Second Degree by removing a brick there with a pair of scissors. He hoped they would have again the pleasure next year of meeting the ladies.

Bro. Dr. WHOLEY very suitably responded on behalf of the single ladies.

Bro. Corbett, P.M., next proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master." He was pleased to say the members of the Derby Allcroft Lodge were proud of their brother who now occupies the chair, especially considering he was the first initiate of the lodge who had arrived at that distinguished position, and he had had the courage to continue as a zealous Freemason, and he asked the brethren present to receive the toast with the enthusiasm it deserved.

The W.M., Bro. WALTER FREWEN LORD, in responding, thanked them for the way they received the toast, and that it would always be his aim to promote the welfare of the lodge in sincerity and in truth.

Bro. Wm. THOMAS, P.M., S.W., next proposed the toast of "The Visitors," and in doing so said it was one that commended itself to every member of that lodge, and he hoped some of the visitors before the end of the year would show their appreciation of the brotherly love and concord existing in that and other lodges by joining them. He coupled with the toast the names of Bro. Geo. E. Fairchild, P.M. (who had rendered signal service to Freemasonry), Bro. James Stephens (a member of 16 lodges), and several other brethren, who all expressed their high appreciation of the entertainment accorded them.

After the toast of "The Health of the Past Masters," the W.M. proposed the toast of "The Treasurer," and remarked that it must be patent to everybody from the indefatigable services which he had rendered, and the lodge tendered him their hearty approbation and gratitude. He was the beloved of the lodge, and always recognised under the familiar style of "dear old Jolliffe," to which Bro. JOLLIFFE responded in very affecting terms, and thanked them all for the way in which they had received the toast.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in proposing "The Health of the Secretary," thanked him for the untiring energy with which he conducted the affairs of the lodge and the responsibilities they involved, and he was sure the brethren present fully appreciated what had been done by the Secretary, especially on that occasion, and it was fair to say that it was in a great measure that the present position that lodge had attained was due to his unceasing efforts.

Bro. R. D. CUMMINGS, the Secretary, responded.

The toasts were delightfully interspersed with a selection of music, under the direction of Bros. Haskins and W. Bradford, and performed by Mr. Herbert Schartau's Part Singers, and the solo on the cornet—"The Lost Chord," by Bro. Wm. Short, was powerfully given, and received a well-deserved encore, and the solo on the bassoon—"Lucy Long," by Bro. E. F. James, was fully appreciated, and brought forth a loud encore.

The Steward, Bro. W. Mackie, P.M., was thanked cordially for his services that evening.

The entertainment was brought to an end with the Tyler's toast.

Special mention must be made of the artistic programme of music, menu cards, and book of words, which were greatly admired, and thanks to Bro. George Kenning who supplied them.

CONSECRATION OF THE DURBAN ROSE CROIX CHAPTER, No. 127.

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Bro. Cook was duly installed by Bro. Finnemore in the chair of M.W.S., after which draft by-laws were read and submitted. A number of candidates for joining and perfection were duly proposed. Bros. Francis and Leigh were elected hon. members.

In view of Ill. Bro. Finnemore's intention to leave for London by the ss. Ifafa about the 15th March, on a short visit to the mother country, a resolution was passed, conveying to him and Mrs. Finnemore the "Hearty good wishes" of the chapter for a pleasant voyage, happy sojourn in England, and safe return to the colony. Bro. Finnemore was also asked whist in London to convey to the rulers of the Order a loyal message from the Colonial brethren.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 1893.

Masonic Notes.

Bro. G. W. Taylor has written "A Short History of St.
George's Chapter, No. 140, Greenwich, compiled from
the Records," and brought the narrative not only down
to the centenary celebration in April, 1887, when the
distinctive centenary jewel was first worn, but has
wisely concluded the brochure with an account of the
six hundredth convocation, November, 1892, when it
was agreed that at the following meeting a short history
of the chapter should be read.

This has been done in a satisfactory manner by the
companion selected, for within the compass of some
40 pages, a fair and succinct sketch of the chapter,
from its advent in 1787 to 1892, has been carefully pre-
pared. The author appears to have confined himself
to the actual records; for else he might have added to the
information given. The chapter was numbered 49 on
its origin, and so continued until the union of the two
Chapters in 1817, when it took the number of the
lodge under whose wing it worked. On this point the
"Introduction on Royal Arch Masonry 1743-1893,"
by Bro. W. J. Hughan, which is the preface to the
facsimile of Dr. Dassigny's work of A.D. 1744, should
be noted.†

† Bro. R. Jackson, Commercial-street, Leeds.

The chapter was known by the name of "Hope"
long before it is mentioned in the records of 1801.
It affiliated with the "Lodge of Friendship," No. 354,
Deptford, whose number was changed to No. 248 in
1832, though not so recorded in the minutes until many
years later, and again, in 1863, it became No. 206,
mentioned in 1865. In 1872 the chapter preferred to
unite with the St. George's Lodge, Greenwich, and so
became No. 140, and also changed its name from
"Hope" to "St. George's," at which it still remains.

In 1800 the celebrated Brother the Rev. Jethro
Inwood joined the chapter, who was Prov. Grand
Chaplain of Kent, and delivered a full share of sermons
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what many more brethren might do for their lodges
and chapters, and thus preserve in print a brief history
of the bodies to which they belong.

The address delivered by Bro. the Hon. H. T.
Prinsep, District Grand Master of Bengal, at the
Quarterly Communication of the District Grand
Lodge is most encouraging. A substantial increase in
the number of lodges has been, or is in progress of
being, made. Lodge Invicta, No. 2440, at Chakrata,
had already commenced its labours under a provisiona]l
warrant, and the Grand Lodge warrant had since been
received. A second lodge—the Thomas Jones, No.
2441, Calcutta, so named after the worthy late Deputy
D.G.M. Bengal—has since been consecrated; the
warrant for the Nripendra Navain Lodge, No. 2446,
Cooch Behar, had also been received; and the District
Grand Master added that there was every prospect of
yet another lodge being placed on the roll. This shows
that Freemasonry must be as popular as ever in the
Bengal Presidency, and is strong, in spite of the diffi-
culties in the way of stability with which all our lodges
in India have to contend.

The Craft is in a highly prosperous state financially,
and the brethren have taken advantage of this to
decorate their hall with a portrait of his Royal High-
ness the M.W. Grand Master, or rather a commission
had been entrusted to Bro. Marks—who painted the
portrait of Bro. the Earl of Lathom, Pro Grand
Master, which was last year hung in United Grand
Lodge—for a portrait of his Royal Highness, which,
however, it was feared would not arrive in time to be
unveiled at the Quarterly Communication which is held
in Calcutta during the present month. It has also
been decided to place a portrait of Bro. Thomas Jones,
lately Deputy D.G.M., in Freemasons' Hall, and a sum
of 500 rupees was voted on account towards the cost of
the work.

Similar good fortune appears to have attended the
proceedings of the brethren in the District of Northern
China. So, at least, we gather from the very able and
interesting address of Bro. J. I. Miller, District G.M.,
at the Quarterly Communication of the District Grand
Lodge, which was held at the Masonic Hall, Shanghai,
on the 7th January last. On that occasion representa-
tives of the lodges holding under the Scottish and
Massachusetts Constitutions were present and offered
their congratulations to the District Grand Master,
who was also well supported by Bros. C. Thorne, Past
Dist. G.M.; C. H. Dallas, Past Dist. G.M. Japan;
and T. W. Kingsmill, his worthy Deputy D.G.M. and
P.A.G.D.C. England. The meeting throughout was
of a most harmonious character, while the reports of
the Executive Officers disclosed a position both as
regards the lodges and the funds, which is most satis-
factory.

The 23rd Annual Communication of the Grand
Lodge of Quebec was held on the 24th January last,
under the presidency of Bro. Frank Edgar, Grand
Master. Reference was made by the Grand Master
in his address, "to the friendly relations existing with
the Grand Lodge of England, and the hope was
expressed that the time was not far distant when the
three lodges in Montreal still working under that
Grand Lodge would be under the same jurisdiction
with their Quebec brethren." It was further shown
that there had been a satisfactory increase in the mem-
bership of lodges, and it was announced that a sum of
\$8000 (£1600) had been set apart for benevolence and
Charity, which would be increased if the necessity
should arise. The new Grand Master is Bro. Lieut.-
Col. T. P. Butter, Q.C., D.C.L., while Bro. Isaacson
returns to his post of Grand Sec.

Correspondence.

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

HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY IN THE PROVINCE OF ROXBURGHSHIRE, &c.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In your issue of the 4th current I note that Bro. Hughan, after passing some very complimentary remarks upon my recently published "History of the Province of Roxburghshire, Peebles, and Selkirk," asks my consent to allow him to print in your columns his very valuable introduction. I should have thought my permission was hardly necessary; but as he has so courteously and publicly proffered his request, I can only grant it in the same public manner, and take the opportunity, at the same time, of tendering him my sincere thanks for his great kindness. Not only has he stamped the work with the mint mark of his approval in the shape of an introduction which is a concise epitome of what follows, but by many valuable suggestions and careful supervision during its progress through the press, he has laid me under a debt of obligation that makes my words seem all too feeble and inadequate to express my acknowledgments. To his valuable and experienced assistance I can candidly attribute any success the work may have attained, and I am glad to learn that it has had from both press and the public a very favourable and, I might almost say, flattering reception. I am sure if you can find room for Bro. Hughan's introduction in your columns, it will be greatly appreciated by the Craft, and more especially by, yours faithfully and fraternally,

W. FRED VERNON.

March 13th.

A QUESTION OF "HEARTY GOOD WISHES."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I should like through the medium of your valuable paper to draw attention to the diversity of opinion among members of the Craft regarding the correct form to be observed by visiting brethren when returning "Hearty good wishes" to the W.M. on behalf of their respective lodges.

I take it to be generally accepted that this ancient custom has the approval of the majority of English Freemasons—though perhaps the form of its observance may not in every instance be the same—and that its expression conveys a token of respect to the Master of the lodge visited, united with the good wishes of the giver to all and every one of the brethren present.

In that excellent work by Bros. Crowe and Hughan, entitled "The Master Mason's Hand-book," it is recommended that, on occasions when more than one visiting brother from the same lodge is present, the senior in office acts as their spokesman, the others merely standing to order during the delivery of the "Hearty good wishes," and resuming their seats on the completion thereof.

The point actually at issue, and that, too, on which so much diversity of opinion exists, appears to be whether the observance of this custom by a visiting brother should be taken as implying on his part a merely private and personal expression of goodwill and fellowship; or whether, on the contrary, this observance resolves itself into a statement by him of the sentiments of the lodge to which he may belong.

At a lodge of instruction recently, it was pointed out by a Past Grand Officer that no brother could legitimately return "Hearty good wishes" unless with the express sanction of the Master of his lodge.

It will be observed that, under the former hypothesis, the addition of the name and number of the visiting brother's lodge is made solely with the object of fixing his *locus standi*, while, under the latter, this addition designates the brother as acting as spokesman and representative of a particular lodge, and also implies a request on the part of such lodge for an expression of "Hearty good wishes" on their behalf.

Since this custom is observed in many lodges almost as a matter of routine, and since also there are equally as many others where its observance is discouraged, I trust that the insertion of this letter may remove some of the misapprehension existing upon so important and so widely a vexed point.—Yours faithfully and fraternally,

WINGFIELD MEADOWS.

March 13th.

THE BALLOT.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

"Lewis (I.C.)" omits to state whether the case he mentions occurred under the E.C. or I.C. I imagine, from his allusion to the decision of the authorities, that it occurred in a lodge holding under the Irish Constitution. If so, the decision was, I think, right.

Art. 108 of the Irish Constitutions runs: "Balloting must in all cases be with beans, one black bean to exclude, except in the case of brethren already members of the Order seeking affiliation, where admission may be according to the by-laws of the lodge. If a lodge has no by-law on the subject, the admission must be unanimous; in every case the proposer or seconder must be present at the ballot."

Unless, therefore, the lodge had a by-law on the subject, the admission had to be unanimous; and unless the last clause of the Article can be held to apply only to joining members—which I hardly think it can—then, as it has already been stated that *one* black bean is to exclude, the only meaning to be attached to the words, "the admission must be unanimous" seems to be that on a ballot every brother must vote.

I admit that the wording is somewhat ambiguous, but this seems to be the meaning of the law.

Bro. Kelly, in his excellent little work, "The Freemason's Pocket Companion," says, after quoting this article, "Throughout the States of America generally unanimity is necessary in voting for the admission of candidates. In England, however, the mode is that one or two black balls may, but three must exclude, although according to the Constitutions of 1723, unanimity was then considered necessary. They are to signify their Consent or Dissent in their own prudent way, either virtually or inform, but with unanimity."

Bro. Kelly then goes on to state that in a ballot for the admission of candidates, no brother should be exempted from a share in the responsibility of admission or rejection, and gives sound reasons why a brother should not be allowed to remain in the lodge without voting.

Bro. Kelly, however, quotes "Mackey's Lexicon," p. 384: "In reply to the question whether every member present at a lodge is expected to vote upon a ballot, the Grand Lodge of England has ruled that it is not necessary for a brother to take part in a ballot unless he desires to do so."

I think, therefore, that Bros. Lewis (I.C.), and "P.P.S.G.D." will see that the answer to the question must depend upon where the case arose.—In haste, yours fraternally,

LEX SCRIPTA.

Reviews.

FREEMASONS' CALENDAR FOR THE PROVINCE OF NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

This most comprehensive Masonic directory is edited by Bro. Arthur Stubbs, the Prov. Grand Secretary, and ably has that brother discharged such an onerous and difficult duty. It is in its 14th year of publication, and is issued under the sanction and by the authority of the Dep. Prov. Grand Master. The expenses of printing are defrayed by the province, and copies are sent direct to all members of Provincial Grand Lodge and to the Secretaries of lodges for distribution to all Master Masons registered in the province on June 30th, 1892. There are 16 lodges, eight chapters, three Mark lodges, two Royal Ark Mariners' lodges, one Knights' Templar preceptory, and two Rose Croix chapters, the names of the officers, and all the members, being given for each of these subordinates. An enormous labour, and yet arranged and placed in order of admission, in an excellent manner. The list of subscribers to the Masonic Institutions has been carefully and concisely arranged by Bro. Thos. Salisbury, Secretary of the Benevolent Committee Notts, and shows a grand total of 1007, being a large and most gratifying increase on the roll of honour of last year. The Masonic Notes are indeed valuable for reference, but would it not be better to add amongst the returns noted to be made annually, that of the list of members of each lodge to the Clerk of the Peace? What say you, Bro. Stubbs? It seems rather ungracious to ask for more information, when already the Prov. Grand Secretary has so crowded the pages with so much interesting and valuable matter, but that is a needful return, and is apt to be lost sight of.

FREEMASONS' MANUAL AND OFFICIAL DIRECTORY OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE, &c., KENT, FOR 1893.

Bro. T. S. Warne, the originator of this well-known annual, and editor from its first issue until now (16 years), has done his part exceedingly well, and produced a manual of which any province might be proud. He has often obtained Bro. Hughan's services in the supply of notes as to old lodges and chapters in the province. This time Bro. Hughan has most kindly and ably written a sketch of the "Royal Kent Lodge of Antiquity, No. 20, Chatham," from 1723, with several wood-cuts of the signs at which that ancient lodge was held, a most interesting contribution and a special feature of the year's directory. Another addition is a carefully compiled calendar for 1893 of all the lodges, chapters, &c., which cannot fail to prove most useful; also a list of lodges of instruction, which is an example that might well be generally followed by the editors of these indispensable directories. The 58 lodges have now 3218 members, or an average of over 55 to each lodge, which is a large proportion, and the largest total yet reached. There are 23 chapters with 523 companions, 20 Mark lodges and 472 members, the latter being exceptionally large for that Degree, and suggests how popular the Prov. G.M.M., the Rev. T. Robinson, M.A., is, and also Mark Masonry. The Charity votes have been again well compiled by Bro. J. D. Terson (Dover), the publisher, and, as the total amounts to 14,358, this says a deal for the zeal of the Kentish Craft. Again we say, well done, editor and publisher!

We regret to hear that Bro. the Marquis of Granby, M.P., has been suffering from an attack of influenza. His lordship has, in consequence, been ordered by his medical adviser to seek change of air and will consequently be unable to resume attendance on his Parliamentary duties for some days.

The subscriptions to the Liberator Relief Fund now amount to some £13,000, among the latest contributors being Messrs. Huntly and Palmer, £105, the Lady Victoria Wellesley, £100, and the Duchess of Grafton, £100. Lord Armstrong and Bro. Lord Robertes have been added to the Committee.

REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Faith Lodge (No. 141).—This lodge met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 28th ult., when there were present Bros. J. Cockram Taylor, W.M.; J. Trott, S.W.; White, J.W.; W. Carter, P.M.; Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Godfrey, S.D.; Swale, J.D.; Gluckstein, I.G.; E. Hopwood, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Chas Dairy, P.M.; J. Rumball, P.M.; Capt. Walls, P.M.; Coop, P.M.; Hakim, P.M.; Hudson, P.M.; Langdale, P.M.; and Welch, I.P.M. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Cottebrune, P.M., P.G.P.; Moody, W.M. 1853; T. H. Clapp, P.M. 15; J. Nowakowski, P.M. 534; Grundy, J.W. 1585; A. Clapp, 15; Cadling, 193; and H. Wallart (G.S.)

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. J. Reichenberg was most impressively raised to the Third Degree. The ballot was taken on behalf of Messrs. William James and Harry Bell, and it being unanimous, the first-named, who was in attendance, was duly initiated into Craft mysteries.

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

Upon the removal of the cloth, the customary toasts followed.

Bro. C. Cottebrune, P.G.P., responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers." Having fully dealt with the subject toast, he said that he had visited the Lodge of Faith several times before, but he had never seen the work better performed than it had been that night. The W.M. was to be congratulated upon the success which had attended his efforts.

The I.P.M., in giving "The Health of the Worshipful Master," said that Bro. Cottebrune had spoken so kindly and well of Bro. Taylor, that he had left him (the I.P.M.) nothing to add, except to fully endorse all that he had said about the excellent working of the W.M.

The Worshipful Master having replied, the other toasts were given quickly.

Bro. Hakim responded for "The Past Masters" in a characteristic and fluent speech.

Bro. Moody and others for "The Visitors;" Bros. W. Carter and W. Stuart for "The Treasurer and Secretary;" and Bros. Pratt, White, and Godfrey for "The Officers."

During the evening Bros. Langdale, Fawkes, Moody, and others, entertained the brethren.

The Great City Lodge (No. 1426).—The election meeting was held at the Cannon-street Hotel, F.C., on Saturday, the 11th inst., when there were present Bros. D. T. Keene, W.M.; G. W. Robson, S.W.; J. K. Gwyn, J.W.; N. B. Headon, P.M., Treas.; J. Stevens, P.M., Sec.; R. Brookman, S.D.; F. E. Bailey, W.M. 167, J.D.; G. M. Fraser, I.G.; R. Lawson, D.C.; R. Potter, Tyler; C. T. Smith (Mayor of Chatham), P.M.; W. F. G. Cook, P.M.; R. Fendick, P.M.; W. F. Kibble, P.M.; R. Greening, P.M.; L. B. Mozley, P.M.; J. W. Colmer, H. F. Frost, J. K. Hooper, B. C. W. Peterson, and other members. Visitors: Bros. J. C. Yates and Walter Lawley, of 2248.

The previous minutes having been confirmed, the by-laws were read. Bro. G. W. Robson was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year; Bro. N. B. Headon was re-elected Treasurer; and Bro. R. Potter, Tyler. An Audit Committee and Almoners were appointed. Motions for the thorough renovation of the lodge furniture, and for the presentation of a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Keene, the outgoing Master, were agreed to, and sundry lodge business having been discussed and disposed of, the lodge was closed.

Subsequently the brethren dined together, and spent a most agreeable evening under the presidency of the W.M.

Islington Lodge (No. 1471).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 9th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, Bro. C. M. Coxon, presiding. The following officers and brethren were present: Bros. R. Loomes, S.W.; A. Cox, J.W.; A. C. Halestrap, P.M., Treas.; E. Blinkhorn, P.M., Sec.; J. A. Blount, S.D.; D. C. Ritchie, J.D.; C. H. Stevenson, I.G.; W. G. Hiller and E. J. Harrison, Stwds.; H. Stafford Trego, Org.; G. Couchman, Tyler; H. B. Harding, I.P.M.; H. Hunt, P.M.; Sidney Napper, P.M.; Wm. Pannell, C. Weber, T. E. Newman, G. E. Walker, A. Pope, W. Jarvis, F. Meyer, H. Dove, D. C. Attwater, W. Taylor, C. Isler, F. Simmonds, and J. Amand. Visitors: Bros. J. Petch, P.M. 2278, P.P.G. Std. Br. Herts; G. T. Chretien, W.M. 1338; J. Duncan, P.M. 59; J. W. Clarke, S.W. 1512; E. H. Moore, S.D. 2278; A. R. Bride, P.M. 2045; and F. Cakebread, 1178.

The minutes of the installation meeting in February were confirmed. Bro. Wm. Pannell was passed to the Degree of F.C., and a ballot was taken for Mr. David Charles Attwater, and the same proving unanimous in his favour, he was duly initiated. Bro. Couchman, absent, through illness, at the installation meeting, was invested as Tyler. A candidate for initiation was proposed and seconded, and a notice of motion given by the Secretary to amend a by-law. This completing the business, after "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors, the lodge was closed.

After an excellent dinner the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and heartily received.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing that of "The Grand Officers," said at their last meeting they were honoured by the presence of a distinguished Grand Officer, Bro. C. E. Keyser, J.G.D., from whom they heard an eloquent appeal on behalf of the Masonic Charities in general and the Benevolent Institution in particular. The successful result of Bro. Keyser's Chairmanship at the late Festival must have been noted by every brother with satisfaction. He was proud to be connected with the Province of Herts, which on that occasion made an effort to do honour to the Chairman, and contributed upwards of £1400, inclusive of Bro. Keyser's personal donation of 500 guineas, the sum being largely in excess of any other province. They honoured Bro. Keyser for his services to the Craft and its Charities.

"The Health of the Worshipful Master" was proposed by Bro. Harding, I.P.M., and very cordially received by the brethren.

The Worshipful Master briefly replied, thanking them for the kindness they had shown him at all times, and for the support they were evidently prepared to give him during his year of office. He hoped with their assistance to make the meetings more attractive, and to bring back to the lodge the run of prosperity it had formerly experienced.

"The Initiate" was proposed by the W.M., who said he might tell their brother who had just been received into the Brotherhood of Masonry, that the better the Mason the more proud would he be of his membership of their ancient Order, which held the foremost place among institutions formed for edifying social intercourse and the promotion of Charity. Quoting a Masonic poet—

"If thou'rt a Mason in deed and thought,
Loving thy neighbour as Craftsmen ought;
Sharing thy wealth with the suffering poor,
Helping all sorrow that hope can cure,
All God's angels will say, 'Well done,'
Whenever thy mortal race is run."

He hoped their newly-made brother would consider himself pledged to take an active interest in his lodge, and prove himself as time went on a good and worthy brother and Mason.

Bro. D. C. Attwater replied in suitable terms, thanking the brethren for the hearty and kindly reception they had given him.

In giving the toast of "The Visitors," the W.M. said that he was pleased to welcome that evening so many brethren with whom he had been so long connected in the work of the Islington Lodge of Instruction. Bros. Petch, Chretien, and Duncan and his wife, and one or two others, were the oldest members who now took any active interests in it. Bro. Duncan had just been kind enough to undertake the joint Secretaryship with him, and thus relieve him (the W.M.) of some of the work during his occupancy of the chair in the parent lodge. In every properly constituted and well-ordered lodge the presence of visitors was always heartily welcomed. The Islington Lodge was thoroughly alive to its duty in that respect.

Other toasts were given, the Tyler's toast bringing to a close a most successful and enjoyable meeting.

A lengthy musical programme was a most attractive feature of the evening's proceedings. Some high class songs were rendered with much ability by Bros. Moore, Stevenson, Isler, Newman, Amand, and the initiate, Bro. Attwater, Bro. H. Stafford Trego, Mus. Bac. Oxon, accompanying.

City of Westminster Lodge (No. 1563).

—The regular meeting of this flourishing lodge was held on the 23rd ult., at the Café Royal, Regent-street, and was numerously attended by members and visitors. There were present Bros. W. H. Bolt, W.M.; L. Marles, S.W.; T. H. Beach, J.W.; E. B. Cox, P.M.; P.P.G. Std. Br. Bucks, acting Sec.; H. Fonseca, S.D.; J. W. Martell, J.D.; A. H. Marks, I.G.; C. Hilton, P.M.; M. Goldstein, S. H. Fitzjames Arthur, H. Amelot, F. Dennis, W. Goldstein, J. Ralston, P. Reynolds, G. E. Highland, S. Lamothe, H. Butat, S. Fonseca, L. James, T. H. Stevens, J. Barry O'Callaghan, F. H. Limozin, M. M. Taylor, R. Goldstein, E. Rutherford, H. T. Culliford, C. S. Culliford, F. E. H. Chambers, W. C. Henderson, D. W. Holland, W. F. Sanderson, T. J. Rose, C. E. Homer, Wm. Dean, T. Mollison Smith, D. Phillips, H. Clark, J. T. Townsend, E. C. Wiseman, R. F. Potter, Tyler; and others. Amongst the visitors were Bros. H. Isaacs, 223; T. S. Smith, 177; E. J. Wickenden, 1599; C. W. Mayo; M. Devereux, 2430; H. T. Schwaz, 1425; H. Campbell, 742; C. A. Hooper, 1613; T. Richards, 1585; C. E. Eade, 975; J. W. Grover, 186; and R. T. West, 1744.

The lodge was opened, and after the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, the W.M. raised Bro. Reynolds. The ballot was then taken for the election of Messrs. David Phillips, J. Thos. Townsend, and Henry Clarke, and, it being unanimous, they were initiated by the W.M. Bros. Butat and Sanderson were afterwards passed. The W.M. did the working of the Three Degrees in excellent form, and the lodge is fortunate in having such an efficient officer. A gentleman having been proposed for initiation at the next meeting, the lodge was closed.

The brethren partook of an excellent and well-served banquet.

At the conclusion of the feast the W.M. gave the usual toasts with commendable brevity, and which were duly honoured.

Bro. Filhon, I.P.M., in giving the toast of "The W.M.," stated that his working was perfection. He had done wonders for the Charities, and was always ready to put his hand in his pocket for a distressed brother. He heartily wished him a happy and prosperous time while he was their W.M.

The toast was well received, as was the Worshipful Master on rising to respond. He was much gratified at his reception, and said that he would do his utmost to uphold the lodge. He and the lodge had the good fortune to look to the illustrious Past Masters for assistance.

The Worshipful Master, in a few well-chosen words, proposed the toast of "The Initiates." There were three present that night, and he was very glad to receive them in the lodge.

Bro. D. Phillips responded in eloquent terms, remarking that he was very proud to be a member of the lodge where he had so many friends.

Bros. Townsend and Clarke also suitably replied. The Worshipful Master proposed "The Visitors," whom he cordially welcomed.

Bro. Hooper, in reply, complimented the W.M. on the grand working that evening. He ventured to think no other W.M. in the Metropolis could do better.

Bros. Grover, Campbell, Schwaz, Lemaire, and Isaacs, also responded in suitable terms.

In giving "The Past Masters," the Worshipful Master remarked that the brethren would agree with him that they were the guiding stars of the lodge, and they were ever ready when called upon to do anything to assist, and their services were highly appreciated.

Bro. Filhon, I.P.M., replied. He reminded the brethren that he was a Steward for the "Boys," and that his list of subscriptions amounted to £220 odd. He was a poor beggar, but he would not be satisfied until he made it one of the largest. He earnestly urged those members who had not already subscribed to do so, and to help him and the lodge to the front rank.

Bros. Brander and Cox also responded. In eulogistic terms the W.M. gave "The Officers of the Lodge." He was fortunate in having such good officers, who would doubtless hereafter give a good account of themselves, and maintain the dignity of the lodge.

Bros. Beach, J.W., and A. H. Marks, I.G., made suitable responses. The Tyler's toast brought the happy proceedings to an end.

During the evening Bros. Prof. J. A. Maccaun (concertina solo), T. Smith, Schwaz, and Wickenden entertained the brethren.

Creaton Lodge (No. 1791).—A most enjoyable meeting was held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Thursday, the 9th inst., there being present Bros. G. E. Higginson, W.M.; A. Love, I.P.M.; G. B. Johnston, S.W.; C. H. Bull, J.W.; F. Austin, P.M., Treas.; J. J. Cattle, P.M., Sec.; R. N. Larter, S.D.; J. Fryer, J.D.; P. G. Sturges, I.G.; H. B. Jupp, Asst. Org.; J. G. Moore, Stwd.; J. B. Colwill, P.M.; A. J. Taylor, P.M.; I. Sansom, J. Campbell-Johnstone, C. Williams, C. Langley, T. S. Melville, F. S. Thomas, J. Taylor, J. Judd, R. Symmons, G. Tremeer, G. Wedmore, C. Marshall, and several other brethren and visitors.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, Bro. James Taylor was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by the W.M. in a most impressive and perfect manner, and Bros. C. G. Tremeer, A. G. Wedmore, and C. Marshall were then passed to the Degree of F.C. A proposition was made by Bro. E. Austin, P.M., Treas., and seconded by Bro. T. S. Melville (member of the Charity Committee), "That the sum of 25 guineas be voted from the Charity Fund, and placed upon the list of Bro. A. Love, I.P.M., who was representing the lodge for the Girls' Institution." This was unanimously approved by all present, as the general funds of the lodge were in a most flourishing condition, and the Charity Fund in particular could well afford this gift. Other business having been transacted, it was announced by Bro. J. J. Cattle, P.M., Sec., that a very handsome photographic album had been presented to the lodge for the purpose of preserving photographs of all the brethren. This was presented, particularly to commemorate the official year of the W.M., Bro. G. E. Higginson, by Bro. J. G. Moore, who had also presented a number of photographs of the highly esteemed founder of the lodge, Bro. Col. Creaton. These, however, were to be sold, and the proceeds placed in the Charity fund. The kindness of Bro. J. G. Moore was very graciously acknowledged by the W.M., and the gifts accepted with cordial thanks.

This concluded a most successful meeting, and, after closing the lodge, the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where a tempting banquet was in readiness, and to which the company did full justice.

The toast of "The Queen and the Craft" and other usual toasts were proposed in appropriate language by the W.M., and heartily responded to, the visitors' responses particularly causing much amusement from the very brief, but pointed, way in which they were given.

The musical arrangements were well presided over by Bro. H. B. Jupp, Asst. Org., who was assisted by Miss May Jupp in her beautiful rendering of "Angus Macdonald" and "The Bonnie Banks of Loch Lomond"; Bro. J. J. Castle, who gave "The Village Blacksmith" and "Old Pilot Jim"; Bro. T. S. Melville in "Queen of the Earth" and "The Lighthouse Keeper"; Mr. F. J. Jupp in "The Holy City," "Never give up the Ship," and "The Waiter"; Bros. Elkin, Catling, and Tremeer (glees) "Fair Flora decks" and "The winds whistle cold"; and Bro. Strugnell in his popular and masterly rendering of "Admiral Pom." The harmony of the evening was greatly enhanced by a very amusing sketch by Bro. D. Beveridge, entitled "The Coroner's Inquest."

The Tyler's toast closed a highly successful evening, and, although this was only an "off-night," the support it received fairly warrants it a position among the best and most enjoyable meetings held by the lodge, one of the best features being that Bro. A. Love, I.P.M., succeeded in getting over £100 placed upon his Steward's list for the Girls' Institution.

Alliance Lodge (No. 1827).—A meeting was held at the Guildhall Tavern, on Wednesday, the 8th inst., the chair being occupied by the W.M., Bro. the Rev. G. J. Scott, and among the members and visitors present were Bros. Sir John B. Monckton, P.M., P.G.W.; Sir John Hanham, Bart.; Baron De Bush; H. Clarke, C.C., L.C.C., P.M., Treas.; Col. T. Davies Sewell, P.M., Sec.; George Hand (who is one of the candidates for the Shrievalty); Jackson, I.P.M.; Col. L. G. Dundas, P.M., P.P.G.W.; Capt. Gordon Carey; H. C. Morris, C.C.; J. Perkins, C.C., P.M.; ex-Sheriff Col. T. Clarke, Capt. Vickers Dunfee, S.D.; Dr. E. Clarke, J.D.; Capt. E. Pugh, Roberts, H. P. Monckton, Westcott, and others.

The lodge having been opened, Mr. F. R. N. Phillips was initiated by the W.M. in a most able manner, assisted by Bros. Capt. Wright, acting S.W.; the Rev. J. H. Smith, J.W.; and the other officers of the lodge.

The banquet was subsequently held at the Guildhall Tavern.

Southgate Lodge (No. 1950).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Bro. Folkes' Railway Hotel, on Thursday, the 2nd inst. Lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Bros. J. Powell, H. B. Brenkler, A. Annewell, and A. Hardaway were passed to the Second Degree. Bro. Alf. Trewinnard, P.M. 228, 1693, then proceeded to install Bro. A. Lefeber as W.M., the ceremony being performed in a very impressive manner. The following were appointed as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. G. R. Newman, S.W.; W. T. Winsor, J.W.; Duck, I.P.M.; Phipos, Treas.; Alfred H. Trewinnard, Sec.; R. Gilmour, S.D.; Davies, J.D.; C. Emery, I.G.; Clarke, D.C.; Broadberry, Steward; and Simpson, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was then presented to Bro. Duck for his valuable services during the past year. The Auditors' Report was presented by Bro. Winsor, and accepted, it showing the lodge to be in a flourishing condition.

The Masonic business being concluded, the brethren adjourned to a banquet, presided over by the new W.M., who, in response to the toast of his health, thanked the brethren for the honours conferred upon him after his long connection with the lodge, he being one of the founders and Treasurer for 10 years. The lodge was numerously attended by visitors from several lodges.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

ALTRINCHAM.

Stamford Lodge (No. 1045).—The brethren of this lodge met under very painful and melancholy circumstances on Monday, the 6th inst., on account of the sudden decease of Bro. Thomas Walker, S.W. and W.M. elect. Consequently the usual festival was not held, but at the same time a large number of brethren were in attendance to try and console each other in the irreparable loss they had sustained by the death of the W.M. elect, who was beloved by everybody. Bro. Walker was a barrister, practising principally in the Northern Circuit, in which position he was looked upon with great respect and esteem, and had risen to eminence.

Bro. Blunsum, W.M., took the chair and opened the lodge, and the minutes of the previous regular meeting were read and confirmed—with the exception of one portion, after which Bro. Richard Newhouse, P.G. Sec., made a few appropriate and sympathetic remarks, and referred to the great calamity they especially experienced of one who was so good and true. Bro. F. W. R. Lindsell, P.P.J.G.W., in very sympathetic, genuine, and kindly terms proposed a vote of condolence with the deceased's family. This having been seconded, and supported by several brethren, the lodge was closed.

The brethren all remained standing whilst the Organist played the "Dead March" in Saul, which was most impressive.

ASPATRIA.

Solway Lodge (No. 1220).—The annual meeting for the purpose of installing the W.M. of this lodge was held on Monday evening, the 6th instant, and attracted a large gathering of brethren from the various lodges of the province, the W.M. elect, Bro. Dr. H. J. Webb, being very popular amongst an extended circle of the Craft. Bro. Webb, having been an initiate of Lewis Lodge, No. 872, his mother lodge, was well represented at the meeting. A number of letters of apology had been received from eminent brethren, amongst these being one from Bro. G. Dalrymple, P.M. 872 and 1660, P.P.S.G.W., Prov. G. Sec., who regretted his inability to be present. Besides the officers and members of the lodge, the following from a distance were present: Bros. E. J. Burgess, P.M. 327, P.P.G.D.C.; Chas. Gowan, P.M. 1089, P.P.G.S.B.; Dr. J. F. Muir, P.M. 872, P.P.J.G.D.; J. Bewes, P.M. 327, P.P.J.G.W.; J. W. Hayton, 1532; E. G. Mitchell, P.M. 371; A. W. Johnston, W.M. 872; Thos. Annison, W.M. 371; J. R. Clark, 327; L. Rumney, S.W. 1089; J. A. Fowler, J.W. 872; W. J. Wren, S.W. 371; John Hall, 327; J. Brown, J.D. 872; J. D. Bell, 1989; R. Leach, J.W. 371; E. Hope, J.W. 327; D. Atkinson, P.M. 872; and J. Messenger, Tyler 371.

The Installing Masters were Bros. Frank Richardson, I.P.M., P.G.R., and W. S. Pontin, P.M. 327, P.P.G.P., and on Bro. Webb being duly installed, he appointed and invested the following as his officers: Bros. J. Forester, S.W.; G. H. Askew, J.W.; Frank Richardson, P.G. Reg., Treas.; W. S. Pontin, P.P.G.P., Sec.; Rev. C. H. Gem, P.P.G.C., Chap.; J. C. Tait, S.D.; Dr. W. Edwards, J.D.; J. Temperley, I.G.; W. Frear and J. W. Reid, Stewards; and W. Ralston, Tyler.

On the conclusion of the lodge business, Bro. Webb invited the brethren to the Station Hotel, where a banquet had been prepared by Bro. Frear, the genial host of this well-known hotel. The menu was in every sense first-class, and Bro. Frear was highly complimented on this, the first occasion of his catering for the Craft.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts customary at such gatherings received due recognition, and were both heartily proposed and responded to.

Several musical brethren contributed songs, which added to the harmony of a most enjoyable evening.

The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings of this rising and prosperous lodge.

BEAMINSTER.

Beaminstor Manor Lodge (No. 1367).—At a regular meeting of this lodge held at the White Hart Hotel on Tuesday, the 7th instant, there were present Bros. A. Hann, W.M.; R. R. Samson, I.P.M.; C. M. Beament, S.W.; W. Oxley, J.W.; Jas. Andrews, P.M., P.P. J.G.W., Treas.; F. Kitson, Sec.; W. R. Pile, S.D.; Rev. E. H. G. de Castro, J.D.; S. R. Baskett, P.M., P.P.G.R., D.C.; Chas. G. Purkis, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., Org.; G. Roberts, I.G.; R. Toleman, P.M., P.P.G.R., Stwd.; J. Keech, Tyler; J. S. Webb, P.M., P.P. S.G.W.; H. Maunder, P.M.; C. Hann, P.M.; C. Toleman, P.M.; J. Giles, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W. Hants, &c.; W. Frost, J.W. 707; and T. A. Goodchild.

The lodge was opened, and after the minutes of the former meeting had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. F. Cooper, 707, as a joining brother, and proved favourable. Bro. Goodchild was passed to the Second Degree in an able manner by the W.M. The charge to the initiate was impressively rendered by Bro. Wells.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned for refreshment. The only toasts honoured were "The Queen and Craft," "The Initiate," and "The Visitors."

DIDSBURY.

Doric Lodge (No. 2359).—The regular meeting was held on Saturday, the 11th inst., at the Didsbury Hotel. There was a large attendance of brethren. There were two initiations, the ceremonies being performed by Bro. F. Stretch, W.M., and Bro. C. E. Towell, I.P.M. The following brethren were present: Bros. F. Stretch, W.M.; C. E. Towell, I.P.M.; George Alfred Myers, S.W.; A. K. Boothroyd, J.W.; J. M. Veal, Sec.; J. Walker, S.O.; F. Thomas, J.D.; G. S. Smith, P.M., D.C.; Jos. Ward, I.G.; James Sharples, F. Morgan, and Julius Laurisch, Stwds; W. W. Wilkinson, A. R. Brett, John Moore, J. W. Moore, J. J. Booth, William Sharples, W. J. Barker, R. J. H. Sayers, Harry Shuter, E. W. Rowsell, F. J. Ratchford, J. Dearnaley, C. Worstencroft, F. B. Ratchford, Joseph Smith, and H. Ashton Kay.

HARROGATE.

Harrogate and Claro Lodge (No. 1001).—The regular meeting of the above lodge was held on Friday, the 10th instant, at the Masonic Hall, the following being present: Bros. R. H. Walters, W.M.;

J. A. Macnab, J.W.; R. G. Howson, P.M., Chaplain; G. Thompson, P.M., Treasurer; A. B. Booty, Secretary; W. Davey, S.D.; W. P. Bell, J.D.; A. J. Spinks, I.G.; Thomas Linskill and W. H. Turner, Stwds.; W. Child and H. Bungay, Tylers; J. B. Griffiths, B.A., I.P.M.; A. J. Bodman, P.M.; T. Lawrence, P.M.; T. A. Marsh, P.M., P.P.G.O.; W. T. Marshall, P.M.; F. Smith, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; J. Graham, P.M. 521; W. Watson, P.M. 61; B. W. Richardson, 2069; and John Wood, 1001.

The lodge was opened, the minutes read and confirmed, and the ballot taken for W.M. for the ensuing year, which proved unanimous in favour of Bro. J. A. Macnab, who expressed his thanks for the high compliment paid him. Bro. Thompson, P.M., was re-elected as Treasurer. A special feature of the evening's business was a lecture given by Bro. William Watson, P.P.G.S. of W. and Hon. Librarian of West Yorkshire, his subject being—"Freemasonry in England down to A.D. 1813." The lecturer illustrated his address with many rare and interesting books and curios, and kept the brethren in rapt attention during his highly instructive and interesting lecture. A special vote of thanks was accorded him for his kindness in attending to entertain the brethren with his admirable discourse.

The lodge was closed, and afterwards the supper was held in the banqueting room, where the rest of the evening was spent in social harmony, duly honouring the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

The installation ceremony takes place on Friday, April 14th.

MANCHESTER.

Duke of York Lodge (No. 2449).—The first regular meeting after the consecration—which we reported fully in our issue of the 4th inst.—was held on Thursday, the 9th inst., at the Palatine Hotel. There were all the founders present, as well as a large number of other brethren. There were three initiations, the ceremonies being performed by Bro. W. T. Schofield, W.M., and S. Mamelock, P.M., Treas. A very interesting event occurred during the evening. Several presentations took place in the form of founders' jewels, which had been prepared for the occasion by Bro. George Kenning, and were particularly beautiful. All of them were of 18-carat gold, of the finest workmanship, depicting the arms, in coloured enamel, of the Duke of York. Three of them were presented by Bro. Clement J. Hall, the first Secretary, to Bros. W. T. Schofield, P.P.G.D., W.M.; F. Warburton, J.W.; and Philip Whyman, J.D.; and three others were presented by Bro. Philip Whyman, the first J.D., to Bros. W. Boden, P.M., S.W.; Clement J. Hall, Sec.; and R. Meggitt, D.C. We need hardly say the gifts were duly acknowledged by the respective recipients.

NORTH WOOLWICH.

Henley Lodge (No. 1472).—The installation meeting of the above prosperous lodge was held at the Three Crowns Hotel, on the 7th inst., and was in every way a most successful and pleasant one. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. C. Powling, and the minutes having been confirmed, the ballot was taken for Messrs. W. H. Turvey, W. G. Smith, J. M. Pettitt, J. H. Hood, W. Oliver, and R. A. Prince, and these gentlemen, having been strongly recommended, after due inquiry, were unanimously elected. Bro. the Rev. Alfred E. Clarke, M.A., 457, Curate of St. John's, North Woolwich, was then unanimously elected an honorary member of the lodge, and subsequently invested as Chaplain, for which he returned thanks. Bro. Benjamin Collup Curtis, S.W. and W.M. elect, was then presented to the W.M., to receive at his hands the benefits of installation, and in due course he was placed in the chair of K.S. and saluted. He appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. C. Powling, I.P.M.; J. Glading, S.W.; J. Delo, J.W.; Rev. A. E. Clarke, M.A., Chap.; C. H. Canning, P.M.; P.P.S.G.D. Essex, Treasurer; C. Jolly, P.M., Secretary; T. Reeves, S.D.; W. Turvey, J.D.; C. Barwick, I.G.; J. Palmer, D.C.; J. Baldie, A.D.C.; J. Savage, P.M.; W. Baker, and T. H. Lait, Stwds.; and J. Lackland, Tyler. Messrs. Turvey, Smith, Pettitt, Hood, Oliver, and Redman (the latter approved of at a previous meeting) were then prepared, but before being admitted the Secretary read a dispensation received from Grand Lodge allowing the above candidates to be initiated in one day and in one lodge, and it was ordered to be entered on the minutes of the lodge. The candidates were then admitted and initiated by the new W.M. in a most perfect and impressive manner. Bro. Jolly, P.M., Sec., then gave the addresses, and so concluded the ceremony of installation. Bro. Powling was unanimously accorded a vote of thanks for the able manner in which he had inducted the W.M. into the chair, and it was resolved that the usual testimonial to the value of five guineas be presented to him. He was also presented with a handsome and valuable Past Master's jewel of the value of ten guineas, for both of which Bro. Powling returned thanks.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned by special train to Fenchurch-street Station, and at Bro. Start's splendid establishment, the London Tavern, banqueted; the viands and wines were of the choicest, and served with lavish hospitality, thanks to Bro. Start in the first place, and to the indefatigable work of the Stewards in the next.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. Dr. W. Vance, P.M.; C. Wood, P.M.; A. Knight, P.M.; J. Ives, P.M. (Hon.); F. Langton, T. Neasbey, S. Bow, R. Stephenson, E. Morgan, D. Ross, A. Wren, C. Carter, R. Alabaster, J. Ward, F. Charlton, J. Colledge, W. Steer, H. Carter, G. Webb, S. Chaplin, G. Wooster, H. Wooster, C. Stamford, J. Howe, D. Tumber, C. Davidson, A. McNair, O. Stephest, H. Painter, S. Evans, J. Ireland, T. Welch, J. Dowsett, G. P. Weaver, and W. Harris, all of the lodge. The visitors were as follows: Bros. J. Matthey, W.M., A. Deans, S.W., and J. Barnes, J.W., of 13; F. Taylor, W.M., W. Lawson, S.W., H. Tufnell, J.W., J. H. Roberts, P.M., Treas., J. Warren, P.M., Sec., S. E. Southgate, P.M., G. H. Porter, J.D., W. Long, A.D.C., A. Walklin, J. Plume, J. Chennells, and W. Chambers, of 700; W. Sayle-Edwards, W.M., J. Bilton, S.W., E. Sinnett, J.W., G. Kennedy, P.M., F. Stretton, and G. Bull, of 1536; Col. C. Vansittart, W.M., Capt. W. E. Weston, P.M., P.P.S.G.D. Kent, and Capt. Greenwood, of 2399; J. White, W.M., W. H. Ware, J.W., and C. J. D'Oyley-Mears, P.M., of 1076; C. Potter, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br. Essex, and W. Light, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W. Kent, of 299; J. D. Woodland, P.M. 169; H. J. Day, P.M. 1457, P.P.G.P.

Essex; J. Byford, and J. Byford, jun., P.M., of 898; W. Hewett, P.M. 957; J. Fox, 860; G. Fennell, D.C. 1805; W. Martin, 898; P. J. King, P.M. 211; J. Dickman, 340; C. Hiscock, 898; C. Howell, 147; and H. Skinner, 356.

The usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts were proposed by the W.M., and loyally responded to.

The Worshipful Master, in responding to the toast of his health, eloquently put by Bro. Powling, I.P.M., said he hardly knew how to thank the brethren sufficiently for their kind and flattering reception of the toast. Bro. Powling had referred to him as "one of the most prominent Masons in the East of London," but he (Bro. Curtis) was very much afraid he should have to wait a long while before he achieved that distinction, but meant to try to be worthy of it some day. With regard to the position he then held, he need hardly assure them that he looked upon it as the crowning of his Masonic life, and the day as one of the proudest in his existence. He was proud of the lodge, its grand name for good working and unbounded hospitality, and hoped to be spared long to witness its prosperity and brotherly love.

The next toast was that of "The Past Masters and Installing Officer," and Bro. Powling having responded for the latter, the other Past Masters severally returned thanks.

The other toasts were "The Visitors," "The Initiates," "The Officers," and the Tyler's toast, and then, after a magnificent evening's enjoyment, the proceedings terminated.

Bro. H. J. Roberts, 700, presided at the piano, and some splendid singing by Bros. Barwick, Stamford, French, J. Plume, Delo, and others, was much enjoyed.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

SALFORD.

Newall Lodge (No. 1134).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 7th inst., Bro. Edward Webb, W.M., presided. There was a very large assembly of brethren present on the occasion, probably on account of the treat they expected to hear Bro. Webb perform the ceremony of raising, and in this they were not disappointed for it was beautifully rendered, Bro. A. H. Duffin giving the latter charge. The following brethren were present: Bros. G. Webb, W.M.; G. S. Smith, P.M.; B. Eckersley, S.W.; C. Driver, J.W.; J. Holroyd, P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; John Waring, P.M., Sec.; H. Waterhouse, S.D.; J. Ogden, J.D.; A. H. Duffin, P.M., D. of C.; R. W. Martin, I.G.; James Green and A. Caldwell, Stwds.; Hy. Manwaring, P.M.; S. Aylard, P.M.; W. Hands, W. Flett, W. H. Browne, G. Gaskell, J. M. Graham, P.M.; M. Tellow, G. Rufus, E. H. Shepherd, R. Lingard, T. E. Rigby, P.M.; Henry Smith, P.M., P.P.G.D.; and Thos. W. King.

SOUTHALL.

Jersey Lodge (No. 2163).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Railway Hotel, on Monday, the 6th inst., when there were present Bros. W. A. Cocks, W.M.; G. Harper, I.P.M.; C. Mead, S.W.; W. Freemantle, J.W.; A. J. Hanson, Treas.; J. Tidmarsh, P.M., Prov. G. Stwd., Sec.; C. C. Sanger, S.D.; A. L. Butters, J.D.; E. H. Moseley, I.G.; R. G. Pontifex and J. A. Webb, Stwds.; G. L. Duffin, Tyler; R. Hamman, A. A. Hardy, F. W. Noakes, W. H. Poole, W. W. Roaks, L. H. Walker, J. Webb, T. Payne, W. F. Sanger, W. A. Buckland, and W. H. Matthews. Visitors: Bros. T. W. Harvey, 382; and W. Graves, Org. 1085.

The lodge having been opened with commendable punctuality, the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The chief business of the evening was the passing of Bros. Roaks and Matthews to the Second Degree, and the ceremony was very efficiently worked by the W.M. and his officers. Bros. W. F. Sanger and L. H. Walker were appointed auditors of the ball accounts, and their election afforded the W.M. an opportunity of congratulating the Committee on the brilliant success, which attended their efforts on January the 20th.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the supper room where a most enjoyable evening was spent. Songs were given by Bros. Harvey, Buckland, Fewkes, Pontifex, and W. Graves, Org. 1085, contributed some exquisite selections on the pianoforte, which were deservedly appreciated.

During the evening the list of the W.M., who is acting as a Steward for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, was largely augmented.

SUNDERLAND.

Londonderry Lodge (No. 2039).—One of the largest gatherings which has ever assembled at a lodge meeting took place at the above lodge on the 6th instant, on the occasion of an exceptionally interesting and impressive musical ceremony being performed, under the direction of Bro. C. D. Hill Drury, M.D., P.S.G.W., the service being fully choral, and taken part in by the brethren of the Durham Cathedral choir, and others. The meeting took place at the Masonic Hall, Park-terrace, and was attended by no less than 45 Prov. Grand Officers, and over 80 other officers and brethren. The lodge was presided over by Bro. Thos. Hutchinson, Mus. Bac., Oxon., W.M., who was supported by the following officers: Bros. J. C. Moor, I.P.M.; James Lee, S.W.; W. Scott, J.W.; F. S. Cowper, P.P.G. Stwd., Treas.; N. Lee, Sec.; J. Deans, P.M., D.C.; W. A. Priestley, P.M., P.P.G. S. of W.; J. Goldman, S.D.; T. A. Milburn, J.D.; and others, who entered the room in procession, the Organist playing the "Tuscan March" (J. E. Newell).

The lodge having been opened, the brethren rose to receive the Prov. Grand Officers, who included Bros. C. D. Hill Drury, P.S.G.W.; W. R. Staveley, P.J.G.W.; Rev. J. J. Brown, P.P.G.C.; R. Hudson, P.G.S.B. England, Prov. G. Sec.; R. W. Halfnight, P.P.G.T.; J. R. Catter, P.P.G.T.; R. Singleton, P.P.G.D.; C. J. Seaman, P.S.G.D.; J. W. Chater, P.J.G.D.; D. Cameron, P.P.J.G.D.; S. Wilkinson, P.G.S. of W.; Thomas Dunn, P.G.D.C.; William Barlow, P.D.G.D.C.; John M. Moore, P.G. Org.; J. R. Pattison, P.A.G. Sec.; G. B. Hall, P.G.P.; T. Grieves, P.G. Tyler; G. W. Hudson, P.P.G.S.; Andrew Farmer, P.P.G.D.C. Yorks; John C. Moor, P.P.J.G.D.; John G. Marshall, P.P. S.G.D.; Walter Beattie, P.P.G. Treas.; H. C. Jepps, P.P.G.W. Surrey; Wm. Birch, P.G. Stwd.; J. H. Clegg, P.P.G.S.; M. B. Dodds, P.G.R.; Rev. Dr. Randall, P.P.G. Chap.; Geo. Wanless, P.P.G. Std. Br.; D. Huntly, P.P.S.G.D.; S. W. Rackley, P.G.S.; Alf. Gray, P.P.G.S. of W.; L. R. Davies, P.P.G. Stwd.; T.

Henderson, P.P.G.S.B.; T. Atkinson, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Wm. Lyon, P.P.S.G.D.; T. Banks, P.A.G.D.C.; H. H. Pinkney, P.P.J.G.D.; A. Peters, P.P.J.G.D.; F. Toogood, P.P.G. Stwd.; and others, the march from "Scipio" (Handel) being played. The Provincial Grand Officers were then saluted, the minutes of the last regular meeting read, and the ballot taken. Bro. Dr. Hill Drury then took the chair, and in a most impressive manner initiated Dr. Wm. Fulton into the Order and gave the charge, the W.M. presenting the working tools. The incidental music consisted of the following: Opening hymn, "Hail Eternal!" "Largo" (Handel), strings only; "If God be for us, who can be against us" (Handel); "Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened" (Handel); "Behold how good," Psalm 133 (Dr. J. Clarke-Whitfield); "Give alms of thy goods"; "Senator's march" (A. Graham); and the closing hymn, "Now the evening shadows." The ceremony being ended, hearty congratulations from several provinces and private lodges were given, and the lodge was closed, the Provincial Grand Officers retiring while the march from the "Occasional Overture" (Handel) was played.

The brethren then, to the number of over 80, adjourned to refreshment. The W.M. presided, and was supported by Bros. Dr. Hill Drury, P.S.G.W.; W. Staveley, P.J. G.W.; R. Hudson, P.C.S.B. England, Prov. G. Sec.; and several Grand Officers.

The loyal toasts were duly given, the brethren joining heartily in the National Anthem and "God bless the Prince of Wales."

The toast of "The R.W. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Prov. G.M.; the V.W. Rev. Canon Tristram, Dep. Prov. G.M.; and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," followed, and the ode "Hail Masonry divine," was splendidly rendered by Bro. Whitehead, of the Durham Cathedral choir.

Bro. Hill Drury, P.S.G.W., in repl'ing for "The Prov. Grand Officers," spoke of the great pleasure it had given him to be present and conduct the ceremony that night, and thanked the officers of the lodge for the painstaking manner in which they had supported him, and paid a due compliment to the musical brethren for their part. He had given them an illustration of the way in which music was adopted to increase the solemnity and beauty of their ritual, and hoped that what they had seen and heard might be the means of the introduction of more music into the work, and tend to a greater interest in the careful performance of Masonic ceremonies. He sat down amid loud applause and many hearty congratulations on the success of his efforts.

"The Health of the W.M." was proposed by Bro. R. Hudson, Prov. G. Sec., the first Master of the lodge, and very heartily received by the brethren.

The new Masonic song, "Yours Fraternally," composed by the W.M., Bro. Hutchinson, Mus. Bac., Oxon, was sung with great *éclat* by Bro. Wilkinson, and elicited hearty applause.

Other toasts and music followed before the brethren separated after having spent an evening which will long be remembered in the annals of Durham Masonry.

The music was rendered by Bros. Leatham, Whitehead, and Nutton (of Durham Cathedral), Lyall (of Newcastle Cathedral), S. Wilkinson, and R. B. Franklin, while the instrumentalists were Bros. Geo. Vincent and Hardy (of Sunderland), Nutton and Whitehead (of Durham), and J. E. Boynes (of Darlington).

Royal Arch.

Fidelity Chapter (No. 3).—This chapter met at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 3rd inst. Among those in attendance were Comps. C. E. Birch, M.E.Z.; Radcliffe, H.; Stevens, J.; W. J. Collens, P.Z., P.P.G.S.N., S.E.; J. Heming, P.Z., Treas.; S. Cochrane, M.E.Z. designate 2345, P.S.; Captain T. C. Walls, 1st A.S.; Mapleton, 2nd A.S.; H. J. Lardner, P.Z. 1745, P.P.G. Std. Br., D.C.; Weeks, P.Z.; Nash, and Goddard, Janitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. F. McDougall, P.Z.; F. Graves, P.Z.; Pearce, P.Z.; Capt. W. Williams, I.P.Z.; Larcombe, S.N.; and others. A sum of money was unanimously voted to the Cochrane Testimonial Fund.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to a banquet. The M.E.Z. gave the toasts briefly, but to the point, and the proceedings terminated.

Guelph Chapter (No. 1685).—A meeting of this prosperous chapter was held on Monday, the 13th inst., at the Red Lion Hotel, Leytonstone. Comp. Wm. Shurmur, M.E.Z., presided, supported by Comps. C. Rawle, H.; C. G. Cutchey, J.; G. Graveley, I.P.Z.; W. G. Bridges, S.E.; J. Speller, S.N.; B. Nicholson, Treas.; A. G. Duck, P.S.; J. Holland, A.S.; C. MacColla, C.S.D.; J. Wilson, P.Z.; D. Legg, P.Z.; D. H. M'Gowan, P.Z.; C. Horst, F. Butler, Org.; T. B. Gibbs, J. J. Caverley, W. J. H. Stephens, and R. Frewer.

The chapter having been opened, four brethren were exalted to the Supreme Degree of R.A. in a most perfect and impressive manner. The three lectures were delivered, and after "Hearty good wishes" the chapter was closed.

An excellent banquet was afterwards served, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Comp. McGowan, in responding to the toast of "The Visitors," thanked the companions for the hospitable manner in which they had been received. He warmly congratulated the chapter upon the unbounded success, which he attributed to the deserved popularity of the M.E.Z., whose working was *par excellence*. He had visited many chapters, but had never heard anything approaching it. The companions would be glad to hear their M.E.Z. had consented to nomination for the office of Grand Treasurer, 1894, and he had no doubt that Comp. Shurmur would be elected by an overwhelming majority.

Farrington Without Chapter (No. 1745)—This chapter met at Arderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 27th ult. Among those present were Comps. Nelson Prower, M.A., M.E.Z.; E. B. Lane, Mus. Bac., H.; J. Young, P.Z., J.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S., S.E.; H. J. Lardner, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br., Treas.; Plummer, P.S.; T. Simpson, P.Z.; and G. Herbert

P.Z. Comps. the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, B.A., and T. O. Harding, M.A., were visitors.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. J. Strugnell, P.Z.; H. Herbert, S.N.; and others. The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to dinner, the M.E.Z. presiding most ably.

In response to his health, which was fluently proposed by Comp. G. Herbert, I.P.Z., Comp. Prower stated that he greatly regretted that for some time past no brethren had presented themselves for exaltation. The mother lodge was a numerous and prosperous one, and should occasionally send recruits. However, he must say that other chapters which he visited in the Metropolis and elsewhere appeared to be languishing for want of new members. The Royal Arch was a beautiful and impressive Degree, and therefore it seemed to him incomprehensible why the Order was not better supported. In conclusion, he hoped that before he left the chair it would be his good fortune to exalt at least one brother into the chapter.

A few other toasts followed, and the remainder of the evening was devoted to music. Comps. E. B. Lane, Mus. Bac., J. Young, P.Z., and G. Herbert, P.Z., being the principal contributors.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

NEPTUNE LODGE (No. 22).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 13th ult., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham. Present: Bros. Gilbert, W.M.; Warran, S.W.; Janau, J.W.; J. Andrews, Sec.; Wyre, S.D.; Rankin, J.D.; Westley, I.G.; Weeks, Tyler; Cochrane, P.M.; Folkard, P.M.; Beaven, P.M.; Shanam, and Cheese.

Lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last lodge read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Andrews passed to the Degree of a Fellow Craft. Bro. Rankin answered the question leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Rankin ably raised to the Degree of a M.M. Lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and the W.M. rose for the first time, and dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Warran was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. He thanked the brethren, and appointed his officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

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

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Brown being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Ruthven being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Broughton was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 13th ult., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. R. J. Rogers, W.M. 733, W.M.; Major E. J. Reed, S.W.; M. Rosenberg, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas. and Preceptor; W. J. Ferguson, P.M. 177, Deputy Preceptor; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; T. M. Lamble, S.D.; C. T. Browne, 733, J.D.; G. Godfrey, W.M. 2021, I.G.; G. Weaver, Stwd.; D. F. Guellion, P.M. 1425; J. C. Conway, W.M. 1891; J. W. Curtis, P.M. 733; E. A. Boughton, Capt. J. W. Ackland, J. T. Haley, H. Barnett, and H. Campbell. Visitors: Bros. Wm. Roberts, J.D. 733, and C. T. Brown, S.D. 733.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Haley being the candidate. Bro. Ackland was instructed in his duties leading to the Second Degree, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Campbell being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Read, assisted by the brethren, worked the 2nd Section of the Lecture. Bros. Roberts and Brown were re-elected members, and duly acknowledged the compliment. Bro. Read was elected W.M. for the next lodge meeting—officers in rotation. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Campbell, to be entered on the minutes, for his present of a handsome curtain, who acknowledged the vote in suitable terms. After "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 14th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. J. W. Clarke, W.M.; R. Loomes, S.W.; G. T. Chretien, J.W.; W. Hancock, Preceptor; C. M. Coxon and J. Duncan, Secretaries; E. G. Young, S.D.; D. C. Ritchie, J.D.; R. Philip Upton, I.G.; J. M. Scarlett, P.P.G.W. Essex; G. T. Peall, A. Oliver, S. Lewis, D. C. Attwater, C. Smith, C. Isler, H. B. Harding, Burdett, and Frost.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Attwater being the candidate. Bro. Attwater answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Lewis being the candidate. Bros. Attwater, Burdett, and Frost were elected members of the lodge. Bro. Loomes was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

CRUSADERS LODGE (No. 1677).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 10th inst., at the Northampton Arms, Goswell-road, E.C., when there were present Bros. Wren, W.M.; J. Bladon, P.M., S.W.; A. J. Blake, J.W.; W. J. Hunter, P.M., Treas.; E. Dimes,

Sec.; F. G. Scheit, S.D.; C. Hobbins, J.D.; R. M. H. Griffiths, I.G.; and others.

The lodge was opened in the First and Second Degrees. The ceremony of passing was then rehearsed, Bro. A. W. Humphreys acting as candidate. The lodge was then closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 14th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, when there were present Bros. W. Hillier, W.M.; E. M. Dennis, S.W.; James W. Barker, P.M., J.W.; George Read, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; F. A. Barth, S.D.; W. Thwaites, J.D.; J. J. Rumbal, I.G.; W. B. Neville, H. G. Danby, W.M. 1056; Lewis Beale, and J. H. Neville.

The lodge was opened according to ancient custom, and the minutes having been read and confirmed, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Danby having offered himself as a candidate for raising, he was duly examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed, inclusive of the traditional history. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. Bro. Dennis was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 11th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, W. Present: Bros. G. Gardner, P.M., Treas., W.M.; Hillier, S.W.; Dickey, J.W.; A. Williams, P.M., Preceptor; M. Spiegel, P.M., Sec.; Reid, S.D.; Clarke, J.D.; Whiteley, I.G.; J. Sims, P.M.; F. Craggs, P.M.; McDermott, Edelstein, Wood, and Kirkham. Visitor: Bro. Larkman, 780.

This being the meeting for the officers of the mother lodge, Bro. Gardner, P.M., opened the lodge in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and resumed to the Second Degree. Bro. Larkman being a candidate for raising, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. The W.M. rose for the first and second times. Bro. Larkman was elected a joining member, and the lodge was closed.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, on Friday, the 10th inst., when there were present Comps. G. L. Moore, M.E.Z.; S. Mcl. North, H.; J. Loader, J.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; C. H. Stone, S.E.; C. Plant, S.N.; W. Dawson, P.S.; Hill, Bannister, Phillips, H. G. Martin, Salmon, Benedetti, Grumant, Powell, Addington, and Lewis.

The chapter was regularly opened by the Principals and Past Principals. Comp. Hill installed Comp. North into the chair of J. The minutes of the previous weekly meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Salmon personating the candidate. Comp. North, H., was elected M.E.Z. for next meeting, when an installation ceremony will be rehearsed.

Red Cross of Rome and Constantine.

Original or Premier Conclave.—This conclave met at Mark Masons' Hall, on the 6th instant. Amongst those present we noticed Sir Knights C. E. Keyser, J.P., G.C., M.P.S.; Purrott, Sen. Gen.; Heard, P.M.P.S., G.S., Acting Jun. Gen.; H. H. Shirley, M.A., G.C., P.M.P.S., Acting Treas.; Captain T. C. Walls, P.M.P.S., P.G. Gen., Acting Recorder; G. Graveley, Prelate; J. J. Pakes; the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, B.A.; George Powell, P.G. Gen., P.M.P.S.; Dr. Micklethorp, P.G. Gen., P.M.P.S.; H. J. Lardner, G.C., P.M.P.S.; Nelson Prower, M.A., P.M.P.S.; and others.

The minutes of the previous conclave having been read and confirmed, Sir Knight Purrott was unanimously elected M.P.S.; Sir Knight T. G. Robinson, V.E.; Sir Knight H. H. Shirley, M.A., P.M.P.S., Treas.; and Frater F. Reinhardt, Sentinel. A Past Sovereign's jewel was voted to E. Sir Knight C. E. Keyser in recognition of his services. E. Sir Knight Thomas Cubitt, P.G. Gen., P.M.P.S., having resigned the Treasurership and active membership of the conclave in consequence of ill-health, he was unanimously elected an honorary member. The report of the Audit Committee was adjourned till the next meeting. Communications from absent members were read, viz., from Sir Knights John Mason, P.P. Gen., P.M.P.S. Recorder; W. Lake, P.M.P.S.; L. Steele, W. A. Scurrah, and T. G. Robinson. The conclave was then closed.

The members then repaired to the Grand Conclave, and subsequently dined at the Freemasons' Tavern under the distinguished presidency of Sir Knight the Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, Grand Sov.

LADIES' BANQUET OF THE CONFIDENCE LODGE, No. 193.

Last year this old lodge for the first time in its career, tried the experiment of a ladies' banquet, which proved such a decided success that a repetition this season was inevitable. Bro. Joseph Hart, I.P.M., during whose Mastership the innovation was inaugurated, presided at the banquet which followed the usual lodge business on the 13th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. The company numbered 146, and a dispensation having been obtained for the brethren to wear Masonic clothing, the banquet room presented a very animated appearance.

After dessert Bro. J. Hart, I.P.M., briefly proposed "The Queen and the Craft," "H.R.H. the M.W.G.M.," and "The Grand Officers."

"The Health of the Worshipful Master" was given by the I.P.M., who said it was only the natural bashfulness of Bro. Belchamber, W.M., that prevented him from taking the chair that night. The W.M. commended himself to every member of the lodge and

was a very excellent Mason, for he had devoted a large portion of his time to the good side of Masonry. The distinctions worn by the W.M. had not been thrust upon him, but were the result of hard laborious work in Masonic Charity. The Confidence Lodge rejoiced in a Master who had distinguished himself in all the Charities connected with Masonry and was thoroughly sincere.

Bro. W. BELCHAMBER, W.M., thanked the I.P.M. for his kind remarks, and said he should always endeavour to do his duty as a Mason.

Bro. J. HART, I.P.M., then said: I now have the pleasure of proposing the toast of the evening, and I can assure you I could truly have wished it had fallen into abler hands than mine. The toast I have the pleasure to propose you will see by your list is "The Ladies." It is always a very pleasing duty to propose the toast of the ladies, for to them we owe the brightest side of our life, and, speaking Masonically, I have no doubt of the fact that being Masons, sometimes takes us out of their pleasant society, only to return with renewed appreciation of it. This lodge to-night, and every gentleman here is, I am sure, very much indebted to, and should be very proud of, the brilliant assemblage of ladies who have honoured us with their presence. I must take it as a personal compliment, and I am certain the W.M. regards it as even a greater compliment. We are quite young and inexperienced in inviting ladies to our banquets, and any shortcomings I hope will be very favourably overlooked. We are not here to make speeches; but still there is one thing I should like to say. Speaking as a Mason to the ladies who are here to-night, and whose husbands are Masons, I would ask them not to think their husbands are always assembled at the festive board when spending a few hours out of their society. We are hoping by our unity and our wisdom to deal with those who are distressed and in need of our assistance, and I am quite sure no lady here but would take it as a pleasure and pride to know that some portion of her husband's time was devoted to the good work of Charity. We sometimes get rather hard knocks from the ladies. Some time ago I felt very proud in walking home from my last night in the chair, having received the gold jewel voted by my mother lodge. My wife asked what it was, and I said "It is a Past Master's jewel." She said "Oh, I thought it was the first prize for staying out late at night." To those ladies whose husbands are Masons I would say deal generously with us. To those ladies whose husbands are not Masons, or are about to be, I would say "Let them be Masons as soon as possible."

Bro. SIDNEY W. FIELDS briefly replied, after which the I.P.M. proposed "The Visitors," which was acknowledged by Bro. PITT, P.P.G.S.B. Surrey.

Bro. W. WOOD, P.M., Sec., proposed "The I.P.M., Officers, and Stewards," who had all so ably assisted in carrying out the work of that evening. The claims of the I.P.M. had already been spoken to at some length. Last year was the first occasion on which ladies' nights had been held in the lodge, and on that occasion Bro. Hart was the W.M. This year was even a greater success than last, and he hoped that next year they would be obliged to hold their ladies' banquet at a larger establishment. The officers were efficient in their duties, and, together, with the Stewards, had rendered great assistance to the arrangements for the evening.

Bro. J. HART, I.P.M., having returned thanks, said his year in the chair had been spoken of as a success, and he could only tell them how sorry he was to vacate it. During that time he had the good feeling of every member of the lodge, and the success was mainly due to the great assistance he received from such excellent officers. He intended breaking the record of the 101 Masters who had preceded him in the lodge, and with the assistance and co-operation of the members, he was pleased to say he had. That would always be his great pride to look back upon. Bro. Wood was the most indefatigable Secretary that ever lived, and was in fact a heaven-born Secretary, who seemed peculiarly fitted for the office. The Stewards had also worked hard, and if the success of the evening had afforded the ladies and other visitors any pleasure, those brethren were amply repaid. If it was their pleasure that the ladies should be present again next year, those officers would again be ready to give them a hearty welcome, and the affair would, no doubt, be as successful as it had been that night.

The speeches were interspersed with items from an excellent musical programme, under the direction of Bro. J. C. Searle, Hon. Org., assisted by Miss Florence Bethell, Miss H. Hotten, and Bros. Edgar Barnes, R. Grice, and Mr. C. Greville. Bro. R. B. Hopkins again delighted all present with charming solos on the silver bells, each being heartily encored.

The company adjourned to the ball-room, where Bros. J. C. Turner, C. E. H. Audain, and A. Jay courteously officiated as M.C.'s, and under whose management dancing was indulged in until the first streaks of dawn warned all present that the time had arrived for a most enjoyable entertainment to terminate.

The officers present were Bros. W. Belchamber, W.M.; J. Hart, I.P.M.; C. E. H. Audain, S.W.; F. Haines, J.W.; B. D. Kershaw, P.M., Treas.; Walter Wood, P.M., Sec.; F. S. Plowright, S.D.; T. Kingston, J.D.; and A. D. Rae, I.G.

The Stewards for the evening were Bros. M. Baillie, G. F. Bushell, W. Cuthing, E. J. Davey, P.M.; D. Elvin, J. E. Fells, P.M.; Sidney Fells, A. Jay, H. King, E. Magness, G. P. Nightingale, P.M.; E. Pennock, A.D.C.; G. Spice, E. J. Talbot, J. C. Turner, T. Thorogood, and J. Westley.

RECENT FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC
BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

The following new lists and additions to former lists have been received since our report of last week:

Lodge	LONDON.	£	s.	d.
1964	Bro. Capt. W. Lurcott, additional... (raising his list to £96 12s.)	5	5	0
THE PROVINCES.				
KENT.				
77	Rev. A. Jackson, additional... (raising his list to £28 15s.)	0	10	0
OXFORDSHIRE.				
357	R. A. S. Paget, additional... (raising his list to £40 6s. 6d.)	2	2	0
478	M. U. Weyland, new list	28	7	0
CYPRUS.				
2277	G. C. E. Meyer, new list	10	10	0

ANNUAL BALL OF THE KENSINGTON LODGE,
No. 1767.

The seventh annual ball and supper in connection with this lodge took place at the Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, on Friday evening, the 3rd inst., and the success attending it fully exemplified the very friendly feeling existing among its members, a characteristic which has to a marked extent always distinguished them. The hearty welcome given and attention shown by the Stewards to their fair visitors, and the brethren and gentlemen who accompanied them, appeared to be most warmly appreciated. Dancing commenced at 9 o'clock and continued with animation until 11.30, when the party to the number of 108 adjourned to the supper room and partook of an elegant repast provided by Mrs. Linscott, the highly esteemed proprietor of the hall, and her son, Mr. Linscott.

The only toasts proposed were "The Queen" and "The Ladies."

Dancing was renewed until nearly four o'clock, when the company dispersed, all admitting it had been an evening of delightful enjoyment.

Among those present were Bros. Freeman, W.M.; Bro. Makay, S.W., and Mrs. Mackay; Bro. Vassie, J.W., Mrs. and Miss Vassie; Bro. Wiggins, P.M., Mrs. Wiggins and party; Bro. C. A. Walter, P.M., Mrs. Walter, Miss Walter, and large party; Bros. Barker, P.M., Treas., A. Barfield, Past G. Treas., Hon. P.M., and party; Bro. W. B. Neville, Mrs. and Miss Neville and party; Bro. G. Read, P.M., Sec., and party; Bro. F. Norman and party; Bro. John Gartley, P.M., and others.

Bros. Mackay and Vassie were most efficient M.C.s, and thanks are especially due to Bro. Lewis Beale for his kindness in undertaking the office of Secretary to the Committee, and the efforts used by him to promote the comfort and pleasure of all. Mr. Lings-Bareham's band was highly effective.

The Craft Abroad.

FREEMASONRY IN RAWAL PINDI.

On Thursday, January 26th, the Money Rose Croix Chapter, No. 76, held its installation meeting, when Ill. Bro. Col. H. S. Brownrigg, 32°, was enthroned as M.W.S. for the ensuing year, and appointed the following as his officers: Bros. Capt. J. H. Leslie, R.A., H.P. and Recorder; Major F. A. Bowles, R.A., 1st Gen.; Capt. G. B. Preston, 2nd Gen.; H. J. Whympier, C.I.E., 32°, Treas.; C. E. Beresford, G.M.; J. C. Hunter, Raphael; R. Griffin, Herald; and Capt. O. S. Nugent, Capt. of Guards. The prospects for the year are bright, as the chapter has at present 22 members.

On Friday, January 27th, Bro. Whympier entertained most of the leading lights in Freemasonry, "their dames and daughters," at a "reparte," to meet and greet Bro. Col. C. F. Massy, the Dist. Grand Master designate of the Punjab.

An emergency meeting of the Ardvorlich Mark Lodge, No. 219 (E.C.), was held to advance Bro. C. F. Massy to the Degree of M.M. This lodge now numbers 29 members, 16 of whom were present on this occasion.

On the same day the Stewart Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1960 (E.C.), held its regular January meeting. Two candidates were exalted to this Supreme Degree, 21 companions being present. This chapter is now very strong, numbering 42.

On Saturday, January 28th, the annual installation meeting of Stewart Lodge, No. 1960 (E.C.), took place. A large number of brethren were present, including 10 Past Masters, most of whom wore the dark blue. Bro. Capt. J. H. Leslie, R.A., who was initiated in this lodge and served in the offices of Secretary and S.W., in 1891 and 1892, was duly installed in the E. chair, the ceremony being performed in the most impressive manner by Bro. F. A. Bowles, D.S.G.W. of the Punjab, and a P.M. of the lodge. The W.M. appointed and invested the following officers for the year: Bros. A. Murray Smith, S.W.; J. W. Litchfield, J.W.; Major H. F. L. Montgomery, I.P.M., Treas.; James Brown, Sec.; Capt. O. S. Nugent, S.D.; Capt. T. Longridge, J.D.; Major F. A. Bowles, R.A., P.M., D. of C.; G. W. Dundas, Org.; C. H. Blackburn, I.G.; and Adarbad Sorabji Katrak, O.G.

At the conclusion of the ceremony the brethren adjourned to the ball room at the club, where they were joined by several non-Masonic friends, and immediately proceeded to the business of the banquet.

The usual Masonic toasts followed the banquet, and some excellent speeches were made.

Bro. Massy responded for "The D.G. Officers of the Punjab," and in alluding to the Masonic Charities, said he thought that Freemasons in India—the majority of whom ended their days in England—did not do enough to support the English Charities, and that it seemed very hard that a Mason, who had subscribed liberally and for many years to the Punjab Charity, should be refused help in his need in after years because he had severed connection with the Punjab. He hoped during his tenure of office as D.G.M. to be able to take some steps to put this matter on a more satisfactory basis.

Sir Wm. Elles, K.C.B., responded for "The non-Masonic Guests," and in the course of an excellent speech, said that this being the second year he had attended the Stewards' Lodge banquet, he felt convinced that he had succeeded in discovering some of the cardinal points in Freemasonry. He observed that there was an E, a W., and a S., but so far he had heard no reference to the N. He also felt sure that there was some secret virtue in dark blue, as compared with the lighter shade.

Bro. J. R. B. Bell proposed the toast of "The Officers of the Lodge" in most humorous terms, remarking that as the older members of a lodge approached the end of their Masonic and official career in India, and proceeded to the West, it was always a matter of congratulation to find young and zealous Masons appearing on the Eastern horizon. He also gave some interesting information with reference to that mysterious point—the N.

During the evening some excellent music was given by Bro. G. W. Dundas, the lodge Organist, and songs by Messrs. Smith, Hill, and Gooch.

Freemasonry in Rawal Pindi is now in a most flourishing state.

Obituary.

BRO. R. McVICAR, P.M.

We announce with much regret the death of Bro. R. McVicar, of the Mitre Hotel, Maidstone, which took place on the 2nd inst., after suffering for a long time from diabetes, and during the last three months was unable to leave the house. The deceased brother took a deep interest in Freemasonry, being the I.P.M. of the Robinson Lodge, No. 2046; and S.W. of Malling Abbey Lodge, No. 1067. He was also 2nd A.S. in the Belvedere Chapter, No. 503; and J.W. of Robinson Mark Lodge, No. 255. The remains of the deceased were interred in the Maidstone Cemetery, on the 8th inst., in the presence of a large concourse of people, and amid many manifestations of esteem and respect. The cortege left the Mitre Hotel at 2.30, and was met at the cemetery gates by a large number of brethren representing the lodges with which the deceased was connected. The coffin was completely covered with beautiful wreaths, and the service at the grave was performed by Bro. the Rev. J. Roe, Chaplain of the Belvedere Lodge, No. 503, after which the brethren filed past, throwing sprigs of acacia into the open grave. Among those present were the following brethren: Bros. W. P. Dickinson, W.M., H. F. Wyman, S.W., E. Gratwick, J.W., F. Taverner, S.D., W. Jenkinson, J.D., T. P. Dickinson, I.G., J. B. Groom, P.M., Sec., G. R. Dann, Treas., Geo. Ker, P.M., Charity Representative, J. Ker, P.M., T. W. A. Neech, P.M., Hinton, Dyke, Ellis, Burnard, Weston, Roberts, Tyrer, and D. Ker, all of 2046; E. Weller, W.M., Appleyard, P.M., P.S.G.D. Kent, Sage, P.M., Maskell, Hickmott, Arthur, Epps, A. C. Brissenden, and D. T. J. Lyle, P.M., M.E.Z. all of 503; F. Gordon, P.M., H. M. Apps, S.W., and W. T. Wallond, of 1067; and Godfree, P.M. 315. The regular meeting of the Robinson Lodge was held the same evening, and a vote of condolence was passed and ordered to be forwarded to the family of the deceased brother.

BRO. EDWARD PALMER.

We regret to record the death of Bro. Edward Palmer, P.M. 913, P.Z. 913, P.M. (Mark), 226 and 44, P.P.S.G.W. Kent, which took place on Friday, the 3rd inst., at his residence, Alma House, Paget-road, Plumstead, at the age of 64. The deceased gentleman was engaged in making up his private ledger, when he broke a blood vessel and expired. The deceased had been in weak health for some time past. The funeral took place on Wednesday, the 8th inst., the first part of the service, which was choral, being performed at Holy Trinity Church. The funeral cortege consisted of a glass panelled car, four mourning carriages containing deceased's relatives and friends, and ten broughams filled with members of the Masonic body of which deceased was a member. The funeral service was read by Bro. the Rev. J. W. Horsley, Chap. 913, who gave a Masonic address at the grave side. Among the brethren round the grave were Bros. Coupland, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., A. Penfold, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., E. Denton, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., E. Edmonds, P.M., W. C. Taylor, Dr. E. Bryceson, S.W., C. J. Clapham, J.W., W. Sanders, E. Morris, R. Saunders, A. Wallis, J. Griffiths, D. Capon, A. Capon, D. Davies, Littlewood, J. Taylor, and E. M. Taylor, of 913; J. H. Roberts, P.M., Treas., J. Warren, P.M., Sec., S. E. Southgate, P.M., R. Naylor, P.M., J. Miller, P.M., G. Mitchell, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., G. Nichols, and Capt. W. Ward, of 700; W. Tailbey, P.M. 13; C. Jolly, P.M. and Sec. 1472; and a number of the gentry and leading tradesmen of the town. At the conclusion of the burial service an eloquent oration was delivered by the Chaplain of the lodge.

MASONIC MEETINGS (Metropolitan)

For the week ending Saturday, March 25, 893

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries for Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Rose Croix Chapters, Preceptories, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place, day, or month of meeting.

SATURDAY, MARCH 18.

RAFT LODGES.

715, Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel.
1320, Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1364, Earl of Zetland, Guildhall Tavern.
1732, King's Cross, Anderson's Hotel.
1767, Kensington, Ladbroke Hall.
2308, Viator, Anderson's Hotel.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

1706, Orpheus, Holborn Restaurant.
2302, Regent's Park, York and Albany Hotel, Gloucester Gate.

MONDAY, MARCH 20.

RAFT LODGES.

1, Grand Masters, Freemasons' Tavern.
5, British, Freemasons' Hall.
21, Emulation, Albion Tavern.
185, Tranquility, Guildhall Tavern.
720, Panmure, Balham Hotel.
867, Whittington, Freemasons' Hall.
901, City of London, Guildhall Tavern.
1537, St. Peter Westminster, Criterion.
1057, Aldersgate, Albion Tavern.
1091, Imperial, Clo's Restaurant, Victoria-street.
1728, Temple Bar, Anderson's Hotel.
2060, La France, Cafe Royal.
2265, Barnato, Cafe Monico.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Blackheath, Milkwood Tavern, Milkwood-road, Herne Hill, at 8.
Carnarvon, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 6.30.
Dorset, Eagle Hotel, Snarebrook, at 8.
Cripplegate, Goldsmiths' Arms, Gutter-lane, at 6.30.
Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Atlantic-road, Brixton, at 8.
Eleanor, Rose and Crown, High Cross, Tottenham, at 8.
Hyde Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terr., Bishop's-rd Paddington, at 8.
Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.
Marquess of Ripon, Lord Stanley, Paragon-road, Mare-st., at 8.
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.
Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30.
Perseverance, Ye Old Cheshire Cheese, 23, Aisle-street, Wood-street, E.C., at 7.
Rose of Denmark, L. & S.W.R. Institute, Wandsworth-rd., 7.30.
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30.
Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, at 8.
St. Ambrose, Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwards-square, Kensington, at 8.
St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance) at 8.
St. Luke's, Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, at 8.
St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.
Savage Club, Albion Tavern, Russell-street, at 8.
Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, at 8.
Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 6.
Tyssen-Amherst, Amherst Club, Amherst-road, Hackney, 2nd and 4th Mon., at 8.
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Church-rd., Upper Norwood, at 8.
Upton, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E., at 8.
Waltham-ow, The Chequers, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.
Wellington, White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, at 8.
Zetland, York and Albany, Park-street, Regent's Park, at 8.
Doric Chapter, Duke's Head, 79, Whitechapel-road, at 8.
Hope Chapter, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 8.
Israel Chapter, Tupp's Restaurant, 8, Tottenham Court-road.
Lewis Chapter, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.
North London Chapter, Grosvenor Hotel, Canonbury, at 7.30.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

12, Prudence, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
1593, Trafalgar, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.

MARK LODGE.

333, Kintore, Surrey Masonic Hall.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

128, Oxford and Cambridge University, 33, Golden-square.

TUESDAY, MARCH 21.

Board of General Purposes, at 4.

RAFT LODGES.

30, United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern.
73, Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel.
95, Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
102, Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall.
194, St. Paul's, Cannon-street Hotel.
435, Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall.
704, Camden, Anderson's Hotel.
857, St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1420, Earl Spencer, White Lion Hotel, Putney.
1035, Canterbury, 33, Golden-square.
1805, Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bromley.
2001, Queen's, Westminster, Holborn Restaurant.
2022, Haven, Lyric Hall, Ealing.
2145, Wharton, White Hart, Willesden.
2408, Hampstead, Hampstead Conservatoire.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E. at 8.
Capper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6.
Clarence and Avondale, Masonic Hall, Leytonstone E. at 8.
Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, at 7.
Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-street, Borough, at 8.
Clarence, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Station, at 7.30.
Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.
Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, corner of Queen's-road and Middleton-road, Dalston, E., at 8.
Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, at 7.
East Surrey Lodge of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 8.
Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
Enfield, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-rd., Kottenhithe, 8.
Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, at 8.
Finsbury, The Goose and Gridiron, London House Yard, St. Paul's Churchyard, E.C., at 7.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, 2nd and 4th Tues., at 7.30.