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THE SCHOOL STATEMENTS OF ACCOUNT FOR 1892.

No one need now complain of there being unwillingness on the part of our School authorities to furnish all necessary information as to the receipts and expenditure of those Institutions, or of there being any lack of clearness and precision in the accounts they render. Their annual statements of account are now issued with the voting papers for the Spring election, and, to use a familiar expression, "he may run that readeth" them. The account for the

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for the year 1892 shows a total income from all sources amounting to £12,738 os. 5d., of which £10,419 11s. 3d., including £150 from Grand Lodge and £10 10s. from Grand Chapter, was, in respect of donations and subscriptions; £2012 7s. 3d. for interest on investments; £232 11s. 6d. for musical instruction; £52 10s. for legacy, by the late Dr. H. E. PRICE; and the small remainder for "Interest on Deposits" and "Admissions under Law 87." On the other hand, the expenditure amounted to £13,493 7s. 3d., the principal items being £3566 14s. 11d. for provisions; £1061 3s. 1d. for clothing; £415 10s. for house expenses; £859 17s. 2d. for alterations and repairs; £865 19s. 9d. for rates, taxes, and insurance in respect of School premises; £816 17s. 3d. for coals, gas, water, &c.; £255 5s. 4d. for school-books, stationery, &c.; £260 18s. 9d. for infirmary account; £411 10s. 6d. for gratuities and outfits to girls leaving; £111 13s. 4d. in respect of girls maintained out of the Institution; £105 19s. 5d. for recreation of girls during holidays, &c.; £1992 14s. 11d. for salaries and wages, School, and £1101 6s. for do., office; £611 2s. 2d. for office stationery, postages, &c.; £150 for pension to late collector; and £104 19s. 10d. for grants under Law 101. The items which have not been enumerated include the amounts paid for laying out grounds, rent, &c., of office, prizes and church accommodation, examination fees, Stewards' visit, votes of thanks to Stewards, election expenses, and Accountants' charges. Thus, there is a balance against the Institution of £755 6s. 10d., which has been met by an overdraft on the bankers. As regards assets and liabilities, the former amount to £176,941 2s. 8d., in which are included £100,075 4s. 10d., for freehold land and buildings at St. John's Hill, after making the necessary allowance for depreciation on, and additions to, buildings during the year; £69,637 10s. 1d., being the estimated value of £5,400 Consolidated Two and Three-quarters per Cent. Annuities, and £61,877 3s. 3d., Local Loans, Three per Cent. Consolidated Stock; and £7228 7s. 9d. for furniture, fixtures, and fittings at school and office, after allowing for the year's depreciation. The liabilities include £886 os. 6d. to sundry creditors; and overdraft on bank, less cash in hand, £886 8s. 2d.; the balance of £175,168 14s. representing the capital account on the 31st December last. It will be gathered from the foregoing figures that while the Institution is the owner of a substantial property at St. John's Hill, and has not far short of £70,000 invested property, its permanent income for 1892 amounting, as it did, to but little more than £2000, and its "donations and subscriptions" and other minor sources of income, were insufficient to meet the outlay by £755. This materially strengthens the appeal we considered it our duty to make a fortnight since on behalf of the Institution in view of the near approach of the date appointed for the celebration of its 105th Anniversary Festival. We then stated that the permanent income was "within £2500," while the outlay was "between £11,000 and £12,000," whereas in 1892, the former was only a few pounds in excess of £2000, and the latter only a few pounds less than £13,500. We, therefore, understated rather than overstated the case, and the deficit to be made good—at all events as regards the year in question—should have been set down, not at about £10,000, but at about £11,500. We trust these figures will be borne in mind by the brethren who are acting as Stewards and by the Craft generally to whom the Institution is under the necessity of looking for the support required for the current year.

The statement of account for 1892 in respect of the

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shows a total receipt of £14,355 3s. 3d., with a total expenditure of £11,672 4s. 7d., the balance to the good being £2682 18s. 8d. Here the income included £13,164 12s. 9d. in respect of donations and subscriptions from lodges and individuals and the grants by Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter; dividends amounting to £875 14s. 7d.; interest on deposit account, £51 1s. 9d.; legacies, £142 10s., and sundry small items. The expenditure included £2774 3s. 6d. for provisions, and £1676 12s. 9d. for clothing; £3265 9s. 5d. for salaries and wages at the Institution and at the offices; £941 19s. 2d. for rent, rates, taxes, &c., gas and water; £427

for coals, coke, and firewood; £140 18s. 11d. for household requisites; £311 8s. 9d. for repairs and removals; £116 9s. 5d. for infirmary; £102 9s. 5d. for sanatorium; £173 12s. 7d. for postages, telegrams, &c.; £111 for maintenance and education of boys out of Institution; £317 10s. 3d. for printing and general stationery; and £91 3s. 9d. for travelling expenses. The smaller sums comprise, among others and in round figures, £34 for holiday expenses; £46 for advertising; £30 for examination expenses; £40 for gratuities to boys on leaving; £54 for Stewards' votes of thanks; £29 for prizes, and for prize day and Stewards' visit £62. The special expenditure in respect of alterations in Preparatory School, new tar paving, fencing, &c., reached £629 18s., but of this £335 6s. was met by Income Tax and Inhabited House Duty and insurance premiums refunded, while under the head of pensions there was an outlay of £76 10s. Here, then, the income sufficed to meet the expenditure, leaving a margin in hand of £2682 18s. 8d., a state of things which may be ascribed principally to the very successful result of the 1891 Festival. But in the case of this Institution, though, under the new régime, it has been making good progress, and though what has been done has had the effect of bringing about a renewal of confidence on the part of the Craft generally in the governing powers, there is nevertheless a very weak point which is disclosed by the statement of account in question and its accompanying explanatory letter. Of the whole sum received during the past year only £1036 4s. 7d. was in respect of permanent income, made up of dividends, £875 14s. 7d., and grants from Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter to the extent of £160 10s. Moreover the invested funds, including the purchase money received for Five Perpetual and three Life Presentations, sundry prize funds, and the old Sustentation of Building Fund now merged in the General Fund, amount to no more than £31,732 4s., while the estimated value of the land and buildings at Wood Green is only £30,400; the excess of assets over liabilities being set down in the Balance-sheet as £65,652 17s. 11d. Here, then, we have an Institution which, though it has fared well enough during the past year—that is to say, it has paid its way, and has a goodly balance in hand after meeting all current expenditure—is at a very serious disadvantage by reason of the very small amount of its invested funds. That a very substantial addition was made to these funds during the year 1892, by which they have been raised to their present total, is very much to the credit of the Board of Management; but a capital of less than £32,000 is decidedly less than such an Institution should have to rely upon in the event of a series of its Festivals proving unproductive enough for its requirements. We are not alone in our opinion that the permanent income of an Institution of this character should bear a greater proportion to its total income than is the case with our Boys' School at the present time; and when the Girls' School Festival has been held and we feel ourselves at liberty to make the necessary appeal to the Craft without detriment to the interests of the senior Charity, the point on which it will be our duty to insist most strenuously is the very small amount of its assured resources as compared with the outlay to which it stands committed.

THE DEAN OF YORK ON FREEMASONRY.

The Defence Lodge, No. 1221, Leeds, has arranged for a series of addresses to be delivered from time to time on Freemasonry, and they have been fortunate enough to enlist the services of the Very Reverend the Dean of York to inaugurate the series. We have much pleasure in presenting to our readers the address in question:—

It is a good thing, I am sure you will agree with me, for I speak for the most part to men of business, to take stock from time to time of whatever we have in hand, to recall its professed object, to review its materialism, to reconsider its capabilities, and to acquire a fresh and comprehensive grasp of the subject for our future dealing therewith. Our loyalty to this Order is, no doubt, unimpeachable, our satisfaction undiminished, our pride, in being recognised members of the Craft, untarnished; but, nevertheless, we may not be altogether conscious of the opportunities and privileges which we enjoy, or fully estimate, as it deserves to be estimated, the membership of our great and ancient body corporate.

At a time like the present, when for reasons which perhaps lie outside the strict ken of Freemasonry, I am not wont to attend social gatherings, and it seems to me that I can most consistently fulfil the task which your kindness has imposed upon me by dwelling upon a legitimate province and practical work of Freemasonry at the present day.

And first let us clear away all misapprehensions of the subject which shall linger and indispose many to join our ranks, though I will not

suppose that they obtain amongst those who have been enrolled in our Fraternity.

The proper conception of Freemasonry which prevailed in days gone by is, I think, altogether exploded. Men do not think of us and represent us to be such as old caricatures and squibs portrayed us—mere gluttons and bibulous people, whose conversation was flavoured with coarseness, and whose actions savoured of indecency. The whole truth and character of the Craft now-a-days forbids such imputations to be even suggested, but, still, there is an idea that, whatever we may profess, Freemasonry is really a good fellowship club. Our pedantic and archaic expression of "banquets" conjures up in the public mind a profuse and intemperate participation in the luxuries of the table rather than that "refreshments" which precedes or closes the season of "labour." There is no reason why such frugal enjoyment should be intermitted. And it seems indeed a fact consistent with humanity itself that the partaking of food should be social rather than solitary, and that "the feast of reason and the flow of soul" may not only be compatible with, but actually in a great measure promoted by, aye! and in its turn, reacting on and influencing the necessary nourishing and strengthening of the body.

Good fellowship is not the aim of our society, though in its true and legitimate sense it becomes an element in it, and in its due proportion and position is a feature which none need deprecate or be ashamed of.

Secondly, Freemasonry is not a mere benefit society. That many members of the Craft do, in their seasons of adversity and need, receive substantial assistance from our funds is true. It is our pleasure and pride that it should be so, and part of our labours is to make the acquisition of our Charity funds as great, and the expenditure as efficient, as possible.

Freemasonry would cease to be entitled to the very name of Fraternity if we merely greeted each other as brethren in the name of health and prosperity, and never "extended the right hand of fellowship" to one another in the season of happiness, sorrow, or adversity, unheeded the cause of the widows and fatherless children.

But it is one thing to rule Freemasonry because therein we feel there is a great opportunity and an unique agency for doing this, and another thing to enter it really with an eye to benefit ourselves. The two courses suggest two distinct and varied motions, the former that of the highest and most unselfish philanthropy, the latter that of very natural, very lawful, perhaps, but still simply commonplace self interest. It may be an act of prudence to enter a benefit club, and it is, no doubt, great want of prudence to belong to nothing of the sort, and to make no provision for possible dark days, or for those dependent on us, but surely it is a different and a higher course if the object is not self but others, not what we may get for ourselves, but how we can best utilise our means and capacities to promote the welfare of our brethren. In the former instance Freemasonry becomes a mere waste of time and money if we have never made a claim upon it, or, at the best, it is a certain expenditure of time and money in the present, with a very improbable contingency of some possible advantage at some indefinite future. In the latter case Freemasonry becomes the means of a present and ever increasing advantage, and enlisting us amongst those who place Charity in the forefront of their lives, and associating us with those who can give effect thereto in the most practical and substantial manner, very often kindling, always encouraging and stimulating the spirit of Charity, initiating many, furthering others in the pleasure and privilege of active interest in the welfare of others, which will in future animate and pervade their whole lives. And all this is utterly negatived if there is a consciousness that, after all, they are doing a sagacious stroke of business for a future day—one word for their brethren, two for themselves. No, no! let us have benefit clubs by all means, and let the benefit be in the forefront. That is a legitimate and commendable duty. But let us not mix up philanthropy with self-interest, and parade the former, while we are really labouring to promote the latter. Let the latter be regarded as the accident, the remote contingency, the reluctant possibility; the former as the aim and object which we have in view, and which as true and lawful Masons we desire to promote.

Again, Freemasonry is not a mere opportunity for indulging our taste in aesthetics and gratifying our latent yearnings for ritualism. That such a predilection lurks generally in the human heart there is no denying, and when separated from the "No Popery" cry, there is a general hankering for it. Where can you find an instance of enthusiasm which did not in some way express itself thereby, and the present appetite for it, and its willingness to be satisfied with a very feeble instalment of it, and very little beyond is shown in the rapid development of the Salvation Army. But our Craft has this invaluable protection against the abuse of this natural and necessary feeling, in that so much of our ceremonial takes place in private. There are a few special occasions when the Masonic regalia is exhibited before uninitiated eyes, but these are the exception, not the rule. For the most part it is only seen in a lodge "close tiled," and much of it only by the members of those different sections of our community to which it specially appertains. And there is great wisdom and strength in this. Our vestments and our ritual have distinctive and recognised meaning, and they are only seen by those who understand it. Ours is no empty parade of mere fanciful posture and tinsel to astonish the weak minds of those around us and to exalt ourselves, we practice it amongst those only who appreciate it. It has a definite significance to us, and is emphatically, in our lodges, a tongue understood of the people. Hence we are, happily, free from those discords on these subjects which prevail outside. Those who have no sympathy therewith keep away from our fellowship. Those who identify themselves with us become more and more satisfied with what is but the harmonious exponent, and illustrative of what is approved and practised by us all.

And, lastly, Freemasonry is not a religion. Many seem to fancy that in joining the Craft men in some way supersede or dishonour the faith which they hold; renounce their Christianity for some vague and mystic theism; and substitute strange doctrines for the recognised Articles of the Christian faith. Freemasonry is not and does not profess to be a religion, but it recognises religious truths, it inculcates and practices much which lies at the base of all true religion, and promotes a frame of mind and a temper which are most helpful to religion. I say nothing of the later developments of our Order, which profess and practise distinctive Christian dogmas and precepts, but speaking as a Master Mason, and therefore of Masonry as a whole, and in the widest and most comprehensive meaning of the word, it occupies, as it were, the

ground which is common to all who hold anything deserving to be recognised as serious and sensible religious opinions it accentuates, dwells upon, inculcates, and encourages those cardinal principles and spiritual foundations without which anything worthy to be called a religion cannot exist, and when we meet we do not suppress the very name of God as if His very being were out of place in social life and philanthropic work. The bible has its prominent and honoured place in our very midst, and reverence for things sacred is the very axiom of our society and the virtues which religious teaching circulates and enjoins are here commemorated and extolled, and the typical religious man is here ever held up as an example to which every one should strive to attain. God forbid that any one should renounce his Christianity for Freemasonry and accept the Craft in lieu thereof, and fancy that any attendance in lodge can be regarded as a substitute for it. But on the other hand no one can attentively listen to what is rehearsed and advocated here without feeling the more disposed to seek in those means which he holds most dear, the power to obtain to that tone of life and character which here are unanimously adopted and incessantly set out before him, and I do not say that it always do, because such is human nature and men of liveliness become indifferent to what is familiar to them, and words and phrases even the most commendable become mere sounds and repetitions. But it is sometimes in an age when men are enticed to associate themselves together where the very name of God and the very mention of religion would be deemed an intrusion and a discord, jarring with the accepted routine and at variance with the purpose of their gatherings, to feel that, at any rate, there is nothing in Freemasonry which can chill any devout aspirations, wound any tender conscience, or quicken any feelings or aspirations which are at variance with the best interests in this life or in another. I doubt if any really religious man has ever been pained by the recognised procedure of our Craft, and I would fain think that many wisely have been led to feel how true, how elevating, how really desirable is all that is upheld and advanced here, and has turned away to seek in the way which may best commend itself to his faith, how he may attain to the practice of such a "reasonable service."

To sum up thus we may say that the object of our society is to cultivate social intercourse and fraternal fellowship with the view of promoting acts of benevolence and Charity, and exalting and inculcating the practice of morality, and due reverence and loyal allegiance to the powers that be, whether of heaven and earth. And let us now glance at the constitution of the society, I mean of the individuals of which it is composed, and what a wide and comprehensive gathering of all sorts and conditions of men, and may I say without irreverence of "all nations, and kindreds, and peoples, and tongues," for it embraces almost every nationality and permeates every quarter of the globe. But to confine ourselves to our own land first, it gathers together men of all ranks and stations, from the heir to the throne to the working man, perhaps few of the latter, but if we may so speak it is abundantly recruited from the upper and middle classes of society. And they are men of all shades of politics and all schools of religious thought, of the highest as well as the simplest intellectual culture, men of every profession and calling, clerical and lay, men of different temperaments and dispositions of varied gifts, of various professions, the richest to the poorest, the man of business and the man of leisure, the man of study and the man of action, the man of commerce and the man of agriculture, the man of science and the man of politics, the employer and the employed, the man of the most independent and of the most subordinate positions. What a wonderful organisation which masses all these together, brings them on to a common neutral ground, where (apart from all earthly circumstances and surroundings, all political or religious opinions) they meet and are honoured, not so much for their rank or position without, as for their position and rank within, and it is a social democracy, and yet controlled by a discipline, which is legally submitted to, and cheerfully recognised and governed by, an executive which retains the confidence of the members generally, and is obeyed and honoured. The members (as a body) are content with their status; there are no factions or parties, no "caves" or latent movements of disaffection and sedition. A policy of mutual kindness and goodwill animates the whole, and nowhere is genial courtesy and kindly interest shown more generally than in a lodge. I do not want to colour the picture too highly, or to imply that there are no blunders and no exceptions to the rule; but, speaking in general terms, I think that I am fairly representing the condition of the Craft at the present time. Now, surely such an organisation is not effeted out of date at the present time. If the Masonry of primitive days had its mission and its sphere of usefulness, when the world was for the most part rude and uncivilised, surely it has a different perhaps, but an equally, nay, a far more important, sphere of usefulness at the present time, and when life is so busy and active, and the rapid progress of events and opinions seems acting with centrifugal force, and whirling men apart from each other, even while they cry the most loudly for unity. It would be indeed a shame, a grievous abuse of great opportunities, a criminal waste of a grand and intricate organisation (which seems to have been permitted to grow together for some great purpose), if it was allowed to subside into a mere occasion for indulgence, for mere parade, for mere utterance of familiar formularies, and mere platitudes, and the mere assumption of costume. Such a corporate body ought to have an active and a telling influence upon the world (political and religious and social) around us, and none the less real, none the less powerful, because it should be indirect and not direct. We do not want to have politicians soliciting the Freemason's vote; we do not want to have gatherings to report the Freemason's conscience; we do not want to identify ourselves, as a body corporate, with any one man, or any one party of men; but what we may do, and what it would be a great thing to do, would be so to influence the temper and tone of the times that questions of importance may be discussed on their merits, apart from that heat of temper and those angry personalities, which too often effectually bar any really profitable action, and the cause of success tempered, and the cause of defeats soothed, and thus differences prevented from resulting in mutual severance and dislike. I believe that Masons individually differ only widely upon all questions natural and religious, and I hope that they will continue to do so, for it is the best evidence of what I may call the catholicity of our body; but the frequent gathering together on a common ground and mutual associations on a common subject must soften any feeling of asperity and animosity amongst us, and if it produce no change of conviction, at least make them "agree to differ." I do not suppose that all the world are going to become Freemasons, and that in due time we shall enrol all the great and divergent parties in Church and State, but a good example is very catching, and the evidence on such a large scale as ours, of men able to differ, and yet able to teach a fellowship of harmony and mutual respect, will not be ineffectual if only it is sincere. We can notice many instances where differences have provoked animosities, and

the differences remain unhealed, not really for the sake of the matter at issue, but because of the animosity which neither will surrender, I venture to think that herein lies the crucial problem of the present day. The very facility for combinations for the maintenance of supposed rights, or the remedy of supposed wrongs, tends to create little factions, not the less, but the more bitter, because they are little, and activity and independence inaugurate a constant discourse which mars the very peace of society, and the comfort and enjoyment of life, and we want some alteration sometimes which shall prevent our country degenerating into a mere nation of Ishmalites, and with every man's hand against every man, and I feel that Freemasonry is qualified to supply this invaluable solvent.

Will it do so? Well, that depends upon what Freemasonry is, and that upon what each lodge is, and that upon what each member thereof is. It is of no use to waste time in mere generalities, or, like some Masonic Pope, to speak *Orbi et Urbi*, and "Charity begins at home;" but let the Charity be real, and it will not only begin at home, but develop its influence like the stone cast into the pool, in every widening yet concentric circles. Let Masonic Charity begin at home, in the inner chamber of its house, the lodge, and with the key-note struck there, let the banqueting chamber be maintained in harmony, then the life outside will follow in its true gradation of personal life, home life, social life, business life, political life, in fine, the whole being of man. And if each lodge will thus endeavour to acquire and maintain a high standard according to the true Masonic ideal, the progress may be slow, but it will be genuine. No doubt there are abuses which cause one good to be evil spoken of, which make Masonicship at the least unprofitable, and hinder many really desirable men from joining the Craft. The old leaven which did so much to tarnish its reputation, is not altogether extinct, and such are the infirmities of humanity that it is always ready to reassert itself. It is useless to parade high aims and intentions if Masonic gatherings are mere excuses for self indulgence, and unless there are real practical efforts made by each to acquire and practice the high principles of morality and conduct which he extols here, the mere recognition, therefore, will rather debase and harden than elevate the daily life. On the other hand, the frequent association and fellowship, with other high aims and genuine purposes, will brace the moral system, prove a very tonic to the human nature, and find a man back to his business life, social life, domestic life, stronger in will and purpose, and tone, than he was before, and the weakest brother will feel constrained to make vigorous efforts to overcome his propensities, and if the confirmed evil done finds that the Freemason's lodge no longer associates him with kindred spirits, and furnishes opportunities for excess, he will depart from such uncongenial society, and rid the Craft of a plague-spot and a reproach.

Forgive me if I have over-stepped the limits of your indulgence and forbearance. I believe that there is a great opportunity before our Craft. I seem to see that the busy world is needing that which our organisation has the capacity to supply. I venture to recognise the hand of the Great Architect in the wonderful progress and prosperity which has attended our Craft during the last half century. I cannot believe that such has been vouchsafed without a purpose, and I sincerely desire that each member may recognise and appreciate it, and do what in him lies to make it a reality and a power for good, not only to our Craft, but to our Fatherland.

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF ENGLAND AND WALES.

A meeting of the Grand Council was held at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., on the 9th inst. The Most Ill. Comp. the Earl of Euston, Grand Master, presided.

Grand Council having been opened, the GRAND RECORDER read the minutes, which were confirmed. A report of the progress of the Cryptic Rite was next received, showing that 29 certificates had been issued during the past year, making a total of 592 registered members. The report—which deeply deplored the loss of Sir Francis Burdett and Saml. Rawson—was adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes.

On the motion of Ill. Comp. W. VINCENT, Ill Comp. R. Berridge was re-elected Grand Treasurer, for whose absence the GRAND RECORDER apologised on the ground of ill-health.

The GRAND MASTER appointed Lieut.-Col. A. B. Cook as Deputy Grand Master, and also made the following appointments:

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| Ill. Comp. R. Clowes | ... | ... | Prin. G. Condr. of W. |
| " Rev. J. M. Vaughan | ... | ... | } G. Chaplains. |
| " R. Peake | ... | ... | |
| " R. Berridge | ... | ... | G. Treasurer. |
| " C. F. Matier | ... | ... | G. Recorder. |
| " B. R. Bryant | ... | ... | G. Lecturer. |
| " A. R. Carter | ... | ... | G.D.C. |
| " Col. Wyndham Hart | ... | ... | A.G.D.C. |
| " George Cooper | ... | ... | G. Capt. of Guards. |
| " Alfred Cooper | ... | ... | G. Cond. of Council. |
| " Dr. E. M. Lott | ... | ... | G. Org. |
| " E. E. Street | ... | ... | } G. Marshals. |
| " E. Whitaker | ... | ... | |
| " W. H. B. Atkinson | ... | ... | |
| " C. W. Carroll | ... | ... | } G. Stwds. |
| " G. F. Carr | ... | ... | |
| " E. J. Mills | ... | ... | G. Sentinel. |

The GRAND RECORDER announced the receipt of a large number of apologies for non-attendance, and the council was closed.

The Degree of Royal Master was then exemplified in a very impressive manner by Ill. Comps. B. R. Bryant, C. F. Matier, and W. Vincent.

A banquet was afterwards held under the presidency of the Grand Master, at which the usual toasts were honoured.

"The Queen and Cryptic Masonry" was first given,

Ill. Comp. F. R. RICHARDSON, P.D.G.M., in proposing "The Health of the Most Illustrious Grand Master," said the Order had passed through many phases and had not been so prosperous as it was now under the rule of the Earl of Euston. He hoped that next year there would be many more present at the anniversary meeting, and that they would be able to make this a great Order in Masonry. All present would join in heartily drinking the health of the Grand Master, hoping that he might be long spared to rule over them.

The Earl of EUSTON, Most Ill. G. Master, in reply, said he did not know that he had done much good to the Order, except attending

occasionally to business of the office and visiting one or two outside conclaves. The Order was going on slowly and surely, which was the best way to progress. If those in the different provinces would try and augment their forces and bring them up to this special meeting it would be a good thing, and induce others to join, for they had seen admirable work that night by the G. Lecturer and others, who worked so well. He hoped and trusted they would be all able to continue amicably working for the prosperity of Freemasonry, and for the one great good for which every Order in Freemasonry was established—Charity.

The GRAND MASTER next proposed "The Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Officers," and said he was certain that the Grand Officers who had honoured him by accepting office would do good suit and service for the Order.

Ill. Comps. Rev. J. M. VAUGHAN, G. Chap., and A. R. CARTER, G.D.C., replied.

The G. MASTER then said there was one companion, although a P. Dep. G.M., had taken upon himself the office of G. Recorder, and to him the thanks of G. Council were most heartily given. He therefore proposed "Ill. Comp. Matier's Health," wishing him every prosperity he could possibly wish for himself.

Ill. Comp. C. F. MATIER, G. Recorder, in response, said the words of praise and of hearty and kindly consideration could not fail to stimulate him to still further exertions for the good of the Order. He made claim to be amongst those who first introduced that Order into England, and he had been connected with it in one capacity or another ever since. He had always done everything in his power to promote its prosperity and its increase, and was happy to think, from the success of the present meeting, over which the G. Master had so kindly and gracefully presided, that they were approaching a new era. A warrant had been granted in India, which he hoped would be the beginning of a large and important increase to the Order.

"The Health of the Heads of the Order in America, Canada, and Scotland" was heartily honoured, and the proceedings terminated.

NEW WORK ON ROYAL ARCH MASONRY.

The most valuable work on Royal Arch Masonry has just been issued from the press, the publisher being Bro. Richard Jackson, of Commercial-street, Leeds, who is famous in the north for the importance and interest of the grand tomes he has published of late years. The present volume is of great value to the students of Masonic Degrees, for it places in their hands a treatise on the subject superior to all its predecessors, one not likely to be soon equalled, and certainly in no danger of being surpassed, either as respects interest or artistic worth.

Dr. Dassigny's "Serious and Impartial Enquiry," printed at Dublin in the year 1744, has been known to the Masonic world, more or less, since it was partly reprinted in Bro. Hughan's "Memorials of the Masonic Union," 1874. As however, that volume of the Hughan Series is known only to most Craftsmen by name, and has long been out of print—copies being at a very high premium—brethren have been wishing for some time to possess an exact and complete reproduction of this scarce and valuable work of early last century.

Bro. Jackson has come forward and supplied that want in a manner wholly satisfactory, and at the small cost of half-a-guinea net per copy. The facsimile of the whole book of 80 pages is done by the photo-litho process, and is a triumph in every way. Practically, the original is to be had for the small outlay of a few shillings, though there have been but two copies traced in the world. One is preserved in the "Bower Collection," owned by the Grand Lodge of Iowa, U.S.A. (from which Bro. Hughan's reprint was made), and the other is in the famous West Yorkshire Masonic Library and Museum, from which the present facsimile has been so scrupulously and artistically made.

The Prov. G.M., the R.W. Bro. Thomas W. Tew, J.P., the donor of this treasure, has kindly consented to its being so reproduced, and we feel assured that this additional evidence of Bro. Tew's sympathy with Masonic studies will be much appreciated by the Fraternity.

When it is remembered that there are no existing minutes of the Royal Arch Degree being worked in England prior to 1762, and none anywhere dating before 1753 (though there are indications that the ceremony was known in Stirling by the year 1743), it will be seen that Dr. Dassigny mentioning Royal Arch Masonry as early as 1744, and stating it was known then in London, York, and Dublin, is a matter of supreme importance in relation to the Degree itself, and renders his "Enquiry," now produced in full, for the first time, simply invaluable to brethren who desire reliable information as to the origin and character of this attractive ceremony.

The work is also most interesting for other reasons, not the least being because it contains the Laws of the Grand Lodge of Ireland for 1741, which is ten years earlier than the oldest code possessed by that Grand Lodge, and with these, side by side, are the Regulations of the Grand Lodge of England 1723-38. The list of subscribers reprinted is an extraordinary roll, beginning as it does with the then Grand Master of Ireland, Lord Allen, the next name being our sister, "Hon. Eliz. Aldworth," and these two worthies are followed by over 400 brethren.

The songs will no doubt "suit those who like that sort of thing," and for the period are not so objectionable as some. The list of Dublin lodges is a most important one, and full of suggestiveness to the Irish Masons, to whom aught of the year 1744 is a veritable *rara avis*.

Last, but not least, Bro. Hughan has written an Introduction, entitled "Royal Arch Masonry, 1743-1893," which, though only just issued, has already been hailed as the standard treatise on the subject. It is beyond question, the most valuable summary of the facts respecting the ceremony which have been brought to light of late years, and covers all the ground for 150 years in a most thorough and masterly manner. This portion of the volume alone will be eagerly sought after by Masonic students, and read and re-read, as the latest contribution by one of England's chiefest Masonic historians, and, as respects Royal Arch Masonry, the best informed of all. No review can do justice to this comprehensive Introduction, but as the handsome volume is likely soon to be subscribed for, only 300 copies being for sale, we hope ere long to refer to it at length.

This beautiful Reproduction and able Introduction have been dedicated to Bro. William Watson, by Editor and Publisher, and a better choice under the circumstances could not have been made, for the scarce book was secured through Bro. Watson's enterprise, and as Honorary Librarian of the celebrated Masonic collection of West Yorkshire, our brother's name is known and respected far and wide.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 1893.

Masonic Notes.

Rumour is busy just now as regards the brethren on whom his Royal Highness the M.W. Grand Master intends to confer Grand Office at the Grand Festival next month, and not a few names have been mentioned as being likely to find places in the list. There is, however, we believe, no reason to doubt that Bro. the Earl of Yarborough and the Right Hon. A. Akers-Douglas, M.P., will be the new Grand Wardens. The former is comparatively a young Mason, having been initiated not so very long ago. He is, however, Prov. Grand Mark Master of Lincolnshire, and moreover, may be said to take an hereditary delight in Masonry and the success of its various bodies. An ancestor of his—who was at the time Lord Worsley, M.P.—was S.G. Warden in 1838, and presided as Chairman at the Jubilee Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Subsequently, he became Deputy Grand Master and was for many years Past Grand Master of Lincolnshire. It was, likewise, the father of this same Lord Worsley, who was Prov. Grand Master of the Isle of Wight. Thus it seems quite natural that the Lord Yarborough of to-day should fill an office in Grand Lodge which was for many years so ably filled by the Lord Yarborough of half-a-century since.

Of the Junior Grand Warden that is to be—Bro. A. Akers-Douglas, M.P.—we can only say that he has held many important positions not only in the Craft and Royal Arch, but likewise in other branches of our Masonic system, and that he has acquitted himself well in all of them. He has, indeed, been a very active member of our Society, and having done it signal service, well deserves the honour which his Royal Highness has in store for him next month.

Several other brethren have also been mentioned as being called upon to receive the honours of the purple, the most noteworthy among them being Bro. Littler, Q.C., to whom is assigned the senior of the six new Grand Offices, the creation of which Grand Lodge, at the instance of the Grand Master, has felt justified in sanctioning, namely, that of Deputy Grand Registrar. Bro. Littler is a distinguished Mason as well as a distinguished lawyer, and cannot fail to establish an exceptionally high standard of merit, which later Deputy Grand Registrars will have some difficulty in equalling.

Bro. William Watson, of Leeds, the Honorary Librarian of the celebrated West Yorkshire Masonic Collection, was affiliated as a member of the "Lodge of Edinburgh," No. 1, Scotland, on Tuesday, the 14th inst., by being personally obligated as a member of that ancient lodge, which has records from the year 1599 to the present time. The oldest of the kind in the world.

The election took place some time since, but Bro. Watson was unable to afford the time to attend ere now. The honour undoubtedly is well deserved, and his many English friends will be delighted to hear that Bro. Watson has had such a special compliment paid him in the North.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE LEICESTER UNION LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 523.

The annual festival meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 10th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Halford-street, Leicester, under the presidency of Bro. the Hon. Paulyn Hastings, W.M. 2431, P.M. 779, Prov. S.G.W. The acting officers present on the occasion were Bros. E. Holmes, W.M. 279, P.G. Sec.; J. T. Thorp, P.M. 523, P.P.S.G.W., &c.; and R. B. Starkey, P.M. 1391, P.P.A.G.P., Preceptors; Reginald Pratt, M.D., S.D. 1360, as W.M.; H. J. Blakesley, F.R.C.S.E., I.G. 1560, as I.P.M.; J. Cunningham, 1391, as S.W.; H. Beckenbach, 1265, as J.W.; John Clifton, S.D. 270, as Treas.; J. J. W. Knowles, J.W. 1007, as Sec.; C. F. Spencer, Stwd. 2081, as S.D.; F. Seale, 1391, as J.D.; H. Goodacre Marriott, 2028, as D.C.; W. Ingram, 279, as I.G.; J. G. Bower, P.M. 1391, P.P.A.G.P., as Steward; and James Tanser, Tyler 279, as Tyler. There were also about 70 other brethren present, forming a body truly representative of the province.

The lodge was duly opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and Bro. Cunningham was appointed to act as W.M. at the next meeting in April.

The D.P.G.M., Bro. S. S. Partridge, P.M. 523, &c., accompanied by Bro. the Hon. Paulyn Hastings, Prov. S.G.W., and attended by about 20 of his Present and Past Officers, entered, was received with due honours, and together with his companions was duly saluted.

The Acting W.M., after tendering the gavel to the D.P.G.M., forthwith declared the special affair of the evening to be in hand.

This consisted of a perambulation of the lodge with explanatory remarks upon the paintings, engravings, &c., that line its walls, by brethren as follows: Bro. THORP, Preceptor, on a trumpeter's banner (date 1787), centenary tablet, of St. John's Lodge (date 1891), engraving by Bartolozzi of procession of orphan children of Masons to St. Paul's Cathedral, procession of "Scald Miserable" Masons, list of lodges in connection with Grand Lodge of England (date 1735), photographic copy of address to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales on occasion of his opening the Abbey Park, Leicester, as a public recreation ground.

Bro. HOLMES, Preceptor, on H.R.H. the Prince of Wales as he appeared on the occasion of his installation as Grand Master of England, portraits of Bros. W. Cooke, C. Stretton, W. Napier Reeve, and A. Howe.

Bro. STARKEY, Preceptor, on portraits of Bros. John of Gaunt, F. C. Daniel, Cardinal Wolsey, Geo. Oliver, D.D., and Robert Burns.

Bro. R. PRATT, M.D., as W.M., S.D. 1560, on portraits of Bros. Earl Howe, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales (son of George III.), Sir F. G. Fowke, Bart., H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex, another of the same person in penmanship, the Earl of Zetland, the Earl of Moira, Wm. Kelly, and Rodwell Wright.

This was followed by the examination of a number of curios and Masonic relics exhibited by various brethren, notably Bros. Wm. Kelly, F.R.H.S., &c., P.P.G.M., and Wm. Withers, 523, and explanatory notes on the same from Bros. WITHERS and THORP, Preceptor, who took the opportunity of urging upon the brethren present to do all they can towards founding and enriching by their contribution of suitable objects a Masonic museum in connection with the Leicester Masonic Hall. The idea was favourably received by the brethren.

The lodge was closed, and then about 60 of the brethren did ample justice to the excellent supper provided by the Steward, Bro. J. G. Bower, P.M. 1391, P.P.A.G.P.

The toasts of the evening after the customary loyal ones, were: "The Presiding Officer," "Prosperity to the Union Lodge of Instruction," and "The Visitors," and the proceedings were enlivened by songs and recitations from, among others, Bros. G. I. Pegg, E. C. Killy, J. Hall Lees, W. Barrow, Mus. Doc., H. G. Marriott, E. P. Marriette, and A. Chamberlain.

The Empress Frederick of Germany took leave of her Majesty at Windsor on Monday and travelled thence to London, where she has taken up her residence in Buckingham Palace. The Princess Louise Marchioness of Lorne and the Marquis of Lorne also left the Castle the same day on the termination of their visit to her Majesty.

The Princess of Wales, who, with her daughters the Princesses Victoria and Maud and the Duke of York, is cruising in the Mediterranean on the Yoyal yacht Osborne, after visiting Elba journeyed by rail to Rome, where she visited the King and Queen of Italy. Subsequently the Royal visitors called upon the British Ambassador, and inspected the Colosseum and the Forum.

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.]

"HEARTY GOOD WISHES."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

As Bro. Wingfield Meadows is good enough to name my "Handbook" in connection with the above subject, may I ask, with all due diffidence, to be allowed to give my views on this matter.

We, as Masons, are professedly brothers and equals, and every regular lodge of our own, or any recognised Constitution, is the peer of every sister lodge; therefore, it appears to me that every member of any lodge when visiting another lodge should have the inherent right, without any special permission given or asked, to give expression to those feelings of friendship and amity which bind us in the mystic tie, on behalf of that body to which he belongs.

It would appear an absurd piece of red-tapeism if when a brother found himself able to "visit" he should be obliged to inform his W.M. of the fact before he could extend one of the pleasantest courtesies of the Craft to the brethren whose hospitality he was about to receive.

I do think that in some ways we are tending towards a widening of our brotherly bonds, instead of striving to bring them into still closer accord with our obligations and legends.—Fraternally yours,

FREDK. W. CROWE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

What I have pointed out in my own lodge is that the W.M. of a lodge alone has the privilege of offering "Hearty good wishes" from his lodge, as the proper representative of the lodge. Other visitors should say "Hearty good wishes" from a member of the ——— Lodge.—Yours fraternally,

M. O.

March 18th.

VISITING WORSHIPFUL MASTERS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In reference to your answer to "P.M." which appeared in last week's *Freemason* on the subject of a W.M. of a lodge wearing his collar and jewel of office when visiting another lodge, let me beg you to observe that in Rule 308 there is a "stop" after the word "Masters." Bearing this in mind, the meaning of the rule seems to me to be that "The collars of the officers of private lodges are to be worn only in their own lodges, or when representing their lodges as Masters or (when representing their lodges as) Wardens in the Grand Lodge or in their Provincial or District Grand Lodge." I cannot help thinking, therefore, that our brother Director of Ceremonies is right in the view he takes of the matter, still it must be admitted that the wording of the rule is somewhat confused, and might be amended with advantage.—I am, Dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

[REV.] AUGUSTUS JACKSON,
M.A., W.M. 77.

March 10th.

NON-CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Can the minutes of a lodge meeting by not being confirmed at the next regular monthly meeting upset the election of a brother who has been elected Treasurer for the remainder of the year, through the late Treasurer resigning?—I am, yours fraternally,

AN OLD SUBSCRIBER.

[According to the usages of the Grand Lodge, minutes may be not confirmed in whole or part, and hence a similar course may be followed by lodges in which the election of Treasurer, by not being confirmed, would be void.—Ed. F.M.]

March 20th.

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MASONIC JUG AND PUNCH BOWL.

Bro. James De Bels Adam, P.P.S.G.W. of West Lancashire, has recently presented to the Grand Lodge two excellent mementos of the convivial customs of our Masonic ancestors in the shape of a jug and punch bowl, a description of which may not be uninteresting.

DESCRIPTION OF JUG.

Leeds Ware, transfer printing, height 9½ in. On one side at top, Level, with cherub, and sun, moon, and seven stars, below this the All-seeing Eye over a wreath, apparently of olive and palm, enclosing the following motto:

"The world is in pain
Our secrets to gain
But still let them wonder and gaze on
For they ne'er can divine
The word or the sign
Of a free and an accepted Mason."

Below this, five-pointed star with G in centre, at the sides of star, square, and compasses, enclosing bible

and the ladder, level, and other emblems. Under the spout, square, and compasses displayed fellowcraft, with letter G in centre of an irradiated triangle. On the other side of jug are wreath of olive and palm, square pavement, on which stand two pillars surmounted by figures of Faith and Charity; Hope in centre supported by anchor and seated on book. Under this last figure is space between pillars, sun, moon, and stars; the All-seeing Eye, level, plumb, rule, and trowel; square and compasses fully displayed and resting on bible, cross pens, pick and spade, mallet, cross keys, hour glass, chisel; motto—"Memento Mori" in scroll, 42 Prop. Euclid; coffin, five-pointed star, with letter G; cock, and beehive and bees. On right hand pillar, motto—"Vide Audi Tace." On left hand pillar, motto—"Sit lux et lux fuit." This jug is of graceful design, somewhat egg-shaped in the body, and is about five inches in diameter at bottom and four inches at top.

DESCRIPTION OF PUNCH BOWL.

Same ware as jug, diameter 9½ inches, height 4½ inches. Inside round rim, Masonic emblems in four groups. First group, plumb rule and square interlaced with ribbons, behind these a tracing board; second group, a jewel similar to Grand Master's jewel of present day, sun in centre, interlaced as before; third group, mallet and trowel with ribbons as before; fourth group, square and compasses, the compasses only cross the longer leg of square, ribbons as before. In bottom,

Motto—"A heart that conceals

And the tongue that never reveals."

The All-Seeing Eye, under this a shield, interlaced with Masonic emblems inside the shield. W. Master sitting in front of a pedestal and holding compasses. Motto—"Amor honor et justitia." Small shield containing crest, arm upraised, hand holding trowel. Two male figures standing on pedestals with S. and J.W. jewels, two pillars, square, two castles above and one below, square pavement. Motto—"Sit lux et lux fuit." On pavement three lights, triangle, various emblems, including hive and bees. On outside of bowl, square and compasses displayed, F.C. with letter G in centre similar to that on jug on two sides. Similar design to that inside bowl but without first motto or shield, also on other side the Eye. Motto—"Deum time et regim honora." Two pillars, old P.M. jewel with sun, surrounded by various emblems similar to those on jug except cock.

Reviews.

THE DORSET MASONIC CALENDAR, A.D. 1893.

The editor of this compact, exhaustive, and well printed directory is Bro. Jno. A. Sherrin, F.R. Hist. S., of St. Mary-street, Weymouth, who is also the printer and publisher. In all respects this annual is as near perfection as possible, includes within its 108 pages all that could reasonably be looked for in a manual of the kind, and indeed much more than could be fairly expected considering the labour involved in the compilation of so many particulars. There are 13 lodges in Dorset with 639 members, seven Royal Arch chapters, with 205 companions (a large number in proportion to size of province); five Mark lodges (one in abeyance, unfortunately), with some 100 members; two Knight Templar Preceptorships, and two Rose Croix chapters. Lists of Grand Officers, Prov.G. Officers, Past Masters, Past Principals, &c. Names of all the brethren and full table of votes for the Charities, the grand total being 2903 (arranged under lodges) are all duly tabulated, and dates of appointments carefully noted. Statements of accounts are also inserted, and important "Masonic notes" which cannot fail to prove most useful to the Masters and Secretaries who occasionally need a little "brushing up" as to their duties, especially on entering on the responsibilities of office. The "Dorset Masonic Charity," with Bro. S. R. Baskett as the efficient Secretary, is to the fore, as usual, and is doing real good work. All we can say is that if the editors of such pre-eminently useful publications as this Calendar, and some others already reviewed, are not warmly thanked for their valuable services they ought to be, for they well deserve unstinted praise.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Vitruvian Lodge (No. 87).—There was a numerous attendance of brethren at the installation meeting of this lodge held at the Bridge House Hotel, on the 8th inst. The members present were Bros. Charles Carter, W.M.; W. H. Dallimore, S.W.; W. H. Bale, P.M.; Treas.; Wm. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; J. J. Holmes, J.D.; J. H. Clayson, S.D.; J. H. Gray, I.G.; J. Davidson, Stwd.; E. W. Nightingale, P.M.; J. Irving, P.M.; E. Chamberlain, P.M.; A. Timothy, P.M.; A. E. Birch, P.M.; and many others. Visitors: Bros. J. S. Leeming, P.M. 276; Thos. R. Cass, S.D. 1320; B. T. Gales, 38; C. M. Morris, 1571; W. H. Stone, 1287; A. C. Wood, W.M. 1586, P.M. 720; D. Jones, 1586; P. R. Bates, 1929; J. J. Fisher, J.W. 192; J. E. Gerlach, S.D. 145; George Gardner, P.P.G.S.B.; F. Hurdle, 15; H. Manley, J.W. 1586; A. Hanson, 704; W. Wright, P.M. 1897, P.P. G. Org. Middx.; W. Williams, 1602; J. Smith, A.D.C. 1598; C. W. Mayo, S.D. 1686; E. Mann, 1638; J. Harris, 1564; G. B. Gray, 1700; G. F. Hopkins, 1595; M. Mildred, P.M. 2024; C. Moser, 1610; E. Blandford, 2202; R. S. Colden, 1981; George Wallis, 2347; G. Lintern, 1564; Z. Greenfield, 2455; J. Sparks, 720; A. Weston, 201; W. W. Lee, W.M. 2381; and others.

After the formal opening of the lodge, and the confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Wm. H. Dallimore was impressively installed as W.M. by Bro. W. H. Bale, P.M., Treas. The following officers were invested: Bros. C. Carter, I.P.M.; J. Clayton, S.W.; J. J. Holmes, J.W.; W. H. Bale, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; J. H. Gray, S.D.; J. Davidson, J.D.; J. Conquest, I.G.; E. Chamberlain, P.M., D. of C.; W. Wright, P.P.G. Org. Middx., Org.; W. A. Hardy and T. Wood, Stewards; and J. Lee, Tyler. The W.M. at once proved his proficiency in the ritual by ably initiating Messrs. R. Chenery, C. Poupard, W. H. Langley, J. S. Purser, and I. J. Russell.

Other business was transacted, and the lodge was closed. After a substantial banquet the customary toasts were honoured.

Bro. C. Carter, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said he could see how much the members appreciated the time and attention Bro. Dallimore had given to Freemasonry, and they were all agreed that he would be a great and distinguished Master of the lodge. The W.M. had shown them what he could do that evening, and evidence pointed to the probability of his doing more in the future. Bro. Dallimore had gone through all the offices in a manner that did him great credit, and during his Mastership he would give the brethren great pleasure and enjoyment.

Bro. W. H. Dallimore, W.M., having thanked the I.P.M. for his kind remarks and the brethren for their reception, said he had arrived at the height of his ambition in that lodge, which was to fill the chair. He was proud of the position, and proud to see such a large number of brethren around him. If he was spared during the year he would do his utmost to satisfy the brethren of the lodge, and if he had succeeded that evening, the thought gave him great pleasure, and was his reward. He intended going up as Steward for the Boys' School, and the lodge had voted 20 guineas. He had also added 30 guineas, and hoped to add another 30. If any brother had anything to give in the cause of Charity, he hoped they would give it. He now wished to propose "The Health of the I.P.M.," who had not perhaps been blessed with five initiates, but was, however, equal to the work if he had but been afforded the opportunity. Bro. Carter had gone through the chair creditably, and he (the W.M.) had a great deal of pleasure in pinning a Past Master's jewel upon his breast, and asking him to accept it on behalf of the lodge. The members hoped the I.P.M. would have long life to wear it and be proud of it.

Bro. C. Carter, I.P.M., said he hardly knew how to express himself in fitting terms for the honour done him in voting that jewel. He valued it very much, and hoped to transmit it to his child after him. He regretted not having been able to initiate any candidates, but if the opportunity had arisen he would have done his best, as he was fairly well prepared. He thanked them very sincerely for the manner in which they had drunk his health, and more especially for the kind vote which had placed the jewel on his breast.

The W.M. next proposed "The Installing Master," and said he doubted if any brother present had ever heard the ceremony more creditably performed. Bro. Bale, P.M., was always ready to perform any ceremony, and was the first to come to the assistance of the I.P.M.

Bro. W. H. Bale, P.M., Treas., thanked the W.M. for the flattering terms in which he had proposed the toast. It was a pleasure and honour to install so worthy a brother into the chair, having started Bro. Dallimore in Freemasonry and watched his progress very carefully since. He looked to the W.M. for great things for the lodge. It was only seven or eight years ago since a few pioneers, including the Past Masters present that evening, took the lodge in hand, and he asked all the brethren present had they made it a success? They were still not satisfied, and wanted to do more. They had now placed the lodge in a foremost position, and had done more for the Charities during the last seven or eight years than any lodge in London.

"The Initiates" having been honoured, "The Visitors" was acknowledged in cordial terms by Bros. G. Gardner, P.P.G.S.B.; Mildred, P.M.; and Wood.

Other toasts followed, and a pleasant evening terminated with the Tyler's toast.

Bro. W. Wright, P.P.G. Org. Middx., presided at the pianoforte during the evening, and the following assisted in a musical programme: Bros. A. Weston, J. Davidson, E. Devey, T. Lane, and others.

Kennington Lodge (No. 1381).—The last meeting for the season of this lodge was held at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, on the 7th instant. Amongst those present were Bros. Alfred Lundie, W.M.; Heard, S.W.; Millsom, J.W.; George Everett, P.M., P.G. Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Thomley, I.G.; Hopkins, Org.; Chisholm, Stwd.; Dennis, I.P.M.; H. Higgins, P.M.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M.; Cockburn, P.M.; R. La Feuillade, P.M.; Foaie, P.M.; and F. Reinhardt, Tyler. Among the visitors were Bros. W. Morgan, P.M. 1155; A. Wood, 1185; D. J. Witte, 1324; H. Huntley, 1425; R. W. Huntley, 1480; and others.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. F. J. Dickens and S. Leese were passed to the Second Degree. The ballot was taken on behalf of Messrs. Richard Whitley Brading and Charles Brock, and it being unanimous, the first-named being in attendance was initiated. The W.M. performed both ceremonies in a highly creditable manner. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. C. H. Köhler, P.M.; W. W. Westley, P.M.; R. Lingley, P.M.; Colwell, S.D.; Dr. Burrows, J.D.; and others.

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

Upon the removal of the cloth the customary toasts received full justice.

Bro. George Everett, P.G. Treas., responded for "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," in a genial and effective speech.

The I.P.M., in giving "The W.M.," congratulated Bro. A. Lundie upon the excellent manner in which he had performed the ceremonies of passing and initiation.

The W.M. having replied, gave in quick succession the remaining toasts in order that the brethren might have an opportunity of hearing and enjoying the instrumental and vocal abilities of several of the members of the lodge and their professional friends.

The proceedings throughout were highly successful.

Corinthian Lodge (No. 1382).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place at the George Tavern, Cubitt Town, on Wednesday, the 15th inst., Bro. G. A. Saunders, W.M., presiding, supported by Bros. R. J. Pitt, P.M.; W. J. Millington, P.M.; J. B. Smith, P.M.; R. Perry, P.M.; and J. Morrison, P.M. The officers in attendance included Bros. J. S. Linn, S.W., W.M. elect; W. Blois, J.W.; A. H. Oakley, Sec.; S. G. Bonner, S.D.; F. Bassett, J.D.; W. J. Millington, P.M., D.C.; Geo. Parrett, P.M., Org.; B. Burcham, I.G.; W. Creatorex, Stwd.; and J. Williams, Tyler. Among the many members present were Bros. A. W. Flint, W. Schultz, W. T. Howell, J. Bunting, T. B. Kidd, J. H. Nightscapes, R. Lock, Chas. Gildersley, W. C. Flint, J. S. Ives, J. Salt, H. Carter, Chas. Pike, H. Hawkins, G. W. Williams, F. Dawson, Josh. Horrocks, C. Chatfield, R. Wake, R. Ralston, E. T. Selves, W. Lea, R. Allen, D. Knowell, R. Stoneham, W. McGuire, H. A. Bailey, C. McKenzie, J. Murrell, Geo. Pile, Jas. Martin, H. Raymond, H. A. Dunn, H. W. Welch, F. W. Osbaldistone, Jas. Hards, J. W. Willis, D. Williamson, J. S. Archer, L. J. Innocent, and many others. Among the visitors were Bros. C. W. Raymond, W.M. 1716; Arthur Bull, P.M. 1707; J. Hudson, 975; W. Evans, 212; J. Mills, 1765; S. Finch, P.M. 861; E. James and M. Bleick, 2374; T. G. Vohman, P.M. 871; G. C. King, 212; Jeffery Stewart, 1716; B. H. Spencer, 1076; Alf. Fowler, 1349; G. H. Walker, 1049; Toye, 1441; G. Bingham, 508; J. B. Edwards, 2264; G. H. Seage, 781; J. Bisset, 1586; F. J. Waterson, 1716; F. Dusterwald, 1586; J. H. S. Bullion, 765; W. T. Allen, 79; C. J. Baker, 65; W. T. Millan, 898; and C. P. Lardin, 147.

Lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Mr. George was initiated. Bro. J. S. Linn, W.M. elect, was then introduced by Bro. Finch, P.M., who acted as D.C., as a fit candidate for the chair of K.S. A Board of Installed Masters was then formed, and Bro. J. S. Linn inducted into the chair. The following officers were then invested: Bros. W. Blois, S.W.; S. J. Bonner, J.W.; R. J. Pitt, P.M., Treas.; A. H. Oakley, Sec.; F. Bassett, S.D.; B. Burcham, J.D.; W. J. Millington, P.M., D.C.; T. B. Kidd, Org.; E. Brindley, I.G.; W. Creatorex and A. Flint, Stwds.; and J. Williams, Tyler. Bro. Millington, P.M., who acted as Installing Officer, then delivered the addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and brethren respectively. As on past occasions when he has performed the beautiful ceremony of installation, the ritual was rendered by him with the utmost precision, and in a manner adequate to its solemn import. Bro. Finch, P.M. 861, efficiently assisted him as D.C.

All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was generously provided for them under the purveyorship of the host, Bro. Innocent.

The loyal toasts and that of "The Grand Officers" having been drunk with enthusiasm, Bro. Saunders, I.P.M., proposed "The W.M.," and wished him a successful year of office.

Bro. Linn, in responding, hoped the brethren would have no fault to find with his conduct of the lodge, for he would use every endeavour to work it successfully.

The Installing Master, Bro. Millington, in reply to the toast of his health, referred to Bro. Geo. Linn, the father of the present W.M., as long associated with the lodge. For his own part, he felt proud of doing his work as a Mason, especially in the presence of one so well versed in it as Bro. Finch.

Bro. Saunders briefly acknowledged the toast of "The I.P.M."

For the toast of "The Past Masters" Bro. J. Morrison, in response, claimed to be, in common with Bro. Millington, one of the oldest members of the lodge, and hoped that he would long be able to support them.

Bro. Parry also, as an old associate of the late Bro. Geo. Linn, was only too glad to welcome his son, Bro. John Linn, to the W.M.'s chair.

Bro. Millington also added a few words.

Bro. Raymond, W.M. 1716, in responding for "The Visitors," said he was present when the late Bro. G. Linn was installed, and hoped the son would have as successful a year of office.

Bro. Vohman also said he was in office with Bro. E. Linn.

Bro. Bull said, as a young Past Master, he was proud of the privilege of responding to that toast. He could sympathise with the W.M. when he was under pressure of work, and must rely on the assistance of the older brethren.

Bro. Bullion, as an old schoolfellow of the W.M., was delighted to welcome him in his honourable office.

The initiate, Bro. Piles, briefly responded to the toast of his health.

In replying for "The Officers," Bros. Blois, S. G. Bonner, F. Bussett, E. Brindley, and others expressed their determination to fulfil their respective duties.

Bros. Parrett, Saunders, Creatorex, and others contributed to the harmony till the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BRADFORD.

Acacia Lodge (No. 2321).—A regular meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 2nd inst. Bro. J. Niven, W.M., presided, and was supported by Bros. A. Stephenson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., as S.W.; Joseph Wilson, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., as J.W.; S. A. Auty, P.M., Chap.; J. T. Last, Treas.; J. B. Fearnley, Sec.; C. H. Ellis, S.D.; J. Morton, as J.D.; G. Root, I.G.; J. Hirst, Org.; A. E. Harris, S. of W.; R. S. Hird and J. A. Drake, Stwds.; H. Holmes, Tyler; C. Wood, S. A. Bailey, P.M.; A. Gwaine, J. S. Marsland, J. W. Bland, W. P. Sykes, J. Harland, and R. Harland. Visitors: Bros. J. Marsland, P.M. 381; E. Mackay, W.M., Thos. Norfolk, P.M., P.G. Stwd.; J. Tilley, W. Rycroft, W. Foster, F. Galpine, A. Graham, and W. Vaux, of 600; C. W. O. Smith, W.M., and A. P. Rendell, S.D., of 974; H. J. Sutherland, P.M., S. Smith, and T. Twiny, of 1018; H. F. Hartman, Sec. 1054; and H. Jongh, Generosity Lodge, Holland.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Marsland was raised to the Third Degree by Bro. S. A. Bailey, P.M. The working tools were explained by Bro. Joseph Wilson, P.M., acting J.W., and the charge given by the W.M. The ballot was taken in sections A and B of the Lodge Benevolent Association, Bro. A.

Holmes being successful in the former, and Bro. J. W. Bland in the latter, and it was understood that both brethren would represent the lodge as Stewards at the coming Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Girls. By means of the Benevolent Association connected with the lodge a number of the brethren of this young lodge are annually becoming Life Governors of the Central Masonic Benevolent Institutions. Apologies were tendered for the unavoidable absence of several of the brethren, and after "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

After refreshment had been partaken of, the usual toasts were duly honoured.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing "The Visitors," gave them a very cordial welcome to the lodge.

Bros. E. Mackay, W.M. 600, and C. W. O. Smith, W.M. 974, responded, complimenting the lodge on the satisfactory manner the ceremonies had been conducted.

Bro. Jongh also acknowledged the toast, and remarked on the universality and beneficence of Freemasonry, which was exemplified that evening by the cordial greeting which had been extended to him, a member of a foreign jurisdiction, and but a casual visitor to their town. He further stated that if any English Masons chanced to visit Holland, the Dutch brethren would extend to them the same generous hospitality which it had been his pleasure to share that evening.

Bro. E. Mackay, W.M. 600, proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and complimented the lodge on having such a worthy brother to preside over them.

The toast was suitably acknowledged by Bro. Niven, W.M., who thanked the brethren for the hearty manner the toast had been received.

The Tyler's toast closed a very pleasant meeting, which had been rendered harmonious by the music and songs contributed by Bros. Sykes, Harland, Hirst, Rendell, and Gwaine.

DERBY.

Arboretum Lodge (No. 731).—The annual festival and installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on the 8th instant, when there were present Bros. W. H. Wright, W.M.; Geo. Sutherland, I.P.M.; John Jones, S.W.; G. H. Ward, J.W.; Rev. Thos. Orrell, Chap.; W. W. Haywood, S.D.; S. Tinkler, J.D.; B. Toft, D.C.; W. Forman, Org.; J. A. Arnold, I.G.; H. J. Burdett, Stwd.; Thos. Day, Tyler; Sir John Smith, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; T. R. Gee, P.M., P.P.G.T.; Thos. Cox, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; J. Bland, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; C. Webster, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; J. Copestick, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; Edgar Horne, P.M., P.P.G.R.; J. W. Brigg, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; J. Walker, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; F. G. Sanderson, P.M.; F. Ball, Arthur Roberts, Walter Eastman, H. Horne, W. Lynch, and many others. Visitors: Bros. W. Elphinstone, P.M. 506; R. Hall, P.M. 1495; T. C. Drabble, W.M. 1495; T. E. Briddon, W.M. 1028; J. R. Fielding, W.M. 884; A. J. Waller, P.M. 802; A. Nicholson, P.M. 1085; Hon. C. W. Trollope, P.M. 2129; Dr. Hoskyns, P.M. 787, W.M. 2425; A. Eaton, P.M. 802; W. Glossop, W.M. 787; G. Tarver, W.M. 353; G. Holderness, W.M. 1179; R. Wiekes, P.M. 506; J. H. Marshall, P.M. 279 and 1007, P.P.S.G.W. Leicestershire and Rutland; W. J. Hughes Hallett, P.M. 2224; H. V. Edwards, W.M. 253; R. Slater, P.M. 802; J. Holbrook, W.M. 506; A. J. Flint, P.M. 253; J. H. Day, P.M. 1334; W. Burton, P.M. 733; J. R. Cain, P.M. 353; A. E. Voules, P.M. 681; W. O. Plowright, W.M. 681; W. W. Randall, W.M. 1435; W. J. Piper, P.M. 802; Thos. Oldham, P.M. 802; D. W. Bardill, W.M. 802; C. D. Hart, P.M. 1085; W. H. Marsden (Mayor of Derby), P.M. 255, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Morrison McLeod, P.M. 884, P.P.S.G.W., Sec. R.M.I.B., and many influential brethren. Bros. W. Whittaker, P.M., P.P.G.R., Treas.; A. Butterworth, Sec.; and J. W. Whitton, Steward, were unable to be present through various causes, and sent apologies for absence.

The formal business having taken place, a Board of no less than 46 Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. John Jones was installed into the chair of K.S. in a most admirable manner by Bro. W. H. Wright, the retiring W.M., ably assisted by Bro. J. Bland, P.M., as D.C. The newly-installed W.M. invested his officers for the year as follows: Bros. W. H. Wright, I.P.M.; G. H. Ward, S.W.; W. W. Haywood, J.W.; Rev. Thos. Orrell, Chap.; Geo. Sutherland, P.M., Treas.; A. Butterworth, Sec.; S. Tinkler, S.D.; J. A. Arnold, J.D.; B. Toft, D.C.; W. Forman, Org.; H. J. Burdett, I.G.; J. W. Whitton and T. J. Beck, Stewards; and T. Day, Tyler. On the motion of Bro. J. Bland, P.M., seconded by Bro. T. R. Gee, P.M., a Past Master's jewel was voted to the retiring W.M., and a very handsome one was then presented to Bro. Wright by the W.M., who, in a few well-chosen words, thanked him for the excellent services he had rendered the lodge during his year of office. Bro. Wright suitably acknowledged the gift, and expressed his intention of still doing all he could to further the interests of the lodge with which his late father, Bro. G. T. Wright, was so many years connected. The W.M. having been selected to represent the lodge at the next Festival of the Boys' School, a notice of motion was given by Bro. T. R. Gee, P.M., to vote the sum of 20 guineas from the lodge funds to be placed on his list. Four candidates for initiation were proposed, and apologies for inability to be present were read from a large number of brethren in all parts of the province.

"Hearty good wishes" having been tendered by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed, and the brethren to the number of 108 adjourned to the banquet which had been arranged in the Lower Hall. The comfort of this large gathering of brethren had been well looked after in every way by Bros. Edgar Homes, P.M., and Thomas Day, Tyler, who were heartily congratulated for the energy displayed.

The various loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

"The Health of the Worshipful Master" was proposed by Bro. John Walker, P.M., who originally proposed him as a candidate 10 years ago. This met with a most hearty reception, and a very feeling response from the W.M.

Amongst many other toasts, that of "The Masonic Charities" was well received, and elicited an excellent speech from Bro. J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B., himself a P.M. of the Derwent Lodge, and P.P.S.G.W. of the province.

The Tyler's toast, at a late hour, brought another happy gathering to a close.

The musical arrangements were as usual left in the practiced hands of Bro. W. L. Dodd, P.P.G. Org., who was ably assisted by Bros. W. N. Marsden, P.M. 253; R. H. Richards, 1085; B. W. Pike, P.M. 1085; and J. V. Woodward, 731.

HAMPTON COURT.

Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—This lodge met at the Greyhound Hotel, on the 16th inst. Amongst those present were Bros. J. Smith, W.M.; J. W. Clarke, S.W.; R. Eales, P.M.; Steward, P.A.G.P., acting J.W.; J. C. Jessett, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; Capt. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., Sec.; Trotter, S.D.; Hopkins, J.D.; G. J. Tagg, I.G.; G. Ransford, P.M., D.C.; P. Cronin, A.D.C.; C. Wheatley, Steward; W. Spearing, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; E. Clark, P.M.; A. F. Scholding, P.M.; W. Fisher, P.M.; W. Plimsaul, P.M.; and J. Gilbert, P.G.T., Tyler. Bros. Lodge and G. Ransford, jun., were visitors.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Messrs. G. C. Brooks and C. E. Page, and it being unanimous they were duly initiated. Bro. E. Morris was passed to the Second Degree. The I.P.M. then, by request of the W.M., assumed the chair, and impressively raised Bro. E. M. Jones to the Degree of M.M. A handsome sum of money was voted to the widow and family of a recently deceased member accidentally drowned. He was only raised to the Third Degree at the February meeting. Bros. H. Robinson, J.W.; Fairer, Org.; and others sent apologies for absence.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of an excellent banquet.

Bro. R. Eales responded on behalf of "The Prov. Grand Officers."

"The W.M." was given by Bro. W. Fisher, who, in the course of his speech, reminded the brethren that their W.M. would represent the lodge at the Festival of the R.M.I. for Boys this year.

Bros. Lodge and Ransford acknowledged the toast of "The Visitors."

Bros. W. Fisher and A. E. Scholding responded for "The Past Masters." The latter brother mentioned the circumstance that Bro. W. Fisher would be a candidate for the position of Prov. Grand Treasurer, which his long services to the cause of Freemasonry warranted him in aspiring to.

The respective toasts of "The Treasurer and Secretary," "The Masonic Charities," and "The Officers" brought the proceedings to a conclusion.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.

Dobie Lodge (No. 889).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 15th instant at the Griffin Hotel, when Bro. A. M. Levy, W.M., assisted by all his officers, opened the lodge, and after the dispatch of ordinary business, proceeded with the installation of Bro. James Edgell into the chair of K.S., who was prevented by illness from attending the meeting in January, which is the usual time for that to be done. Bro. J. H. Joseph, P.M. 43, P.P. J.G.D. Warwickshire, filled the S.W.'s chair; Bro. Gobb, P.M. 902, acted as J.W.; and Bro. Montgomery, W.M. 244, P.D.D.G.M. Malta, kindly acted as I.G. Bro. Chapman, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., was D.C., and Bro. Long, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., presented the W.M. elect to the W.M., who followed the example of his five immediate predecessors by performing the ceremony of installation himself. There was a large attendance of visitors, 31 in all, and also a full complement of the members of the lodge. The Board of Installed Masters was composed of 23, wearers of the Purple predominating. The ceremony of installation was performed most ably throughout, and Bro. Levy brought his year of office to a close with *éclat*, thus completely justifying the presentation to him by the lodge of a Past Master's jewel for his efficient and able services during his period of Mastership. The new W.M. having been duly installed, he appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Levy, I.P.M.; J. Bond, S.W.; Tom Wilkinson, P.M. 1420, J.W.; J. Drewett, P.M., Treas.; W. Drewett, P.M., Sec.; C. Gardner, S.D.; A. E. White, J.D.; Edgell Westmacott, I.G.; F. Honeywell, P.M., Org.; W. H. Gaze, Director of Ceremonies; A. Watkin, Steward; and J. Gilbert, Tyler. The three addresses were admirably delivered by the Installing Master, and when he received the presentation jewel at the hands of the W.M. the plaudits which greeted him showed that he was considered well worthy of the honour. A proposition for joining and another for initiation having been made, and "Hearty good wishes" tendered, the lodge was closed.

It should be added that Bro. Chapman, P.M., who went up as Steward to the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, reported that his list amounted to nearly £40 and that Bro. J. Drewett, P.M., undertook to represent the lodge at the approaching Festival of the Boys' School, upon which a vote of ten guineas was made to his list, being the second such sum for the Charities this year.

An excellent banquet was served by Bro. Herbert Clifford, at which the guests numbered 59, the hospitality of the lodge being extended to five sister Institutions meeting near, while the W.M. and others invited visitors with a free hand.

The menu and toast list was embellished with an excellent photograph of the W.M., who had also contributed to the interest of the card as a souvenir by affixing most appropriate quotations to all the toasts, taken from the works of Tennyson, and with scarcely an exception each extract formed a "peg" on which to hang proposal or reply.

The speeches were short and to the point, and from every point of view the installation of Bro. Edgell was the occasion of one of the most successful gatherings in the annals of the Dobie Lodge. The new W.M. was initiated in May, 1886, and has gone through most of the offices leading up to the chair of his mother lodge. Bro. Edgell is Clerk to the Kingston Board of Guardians and the authorities affiliated with it, Clerk to the Thames Ditton and West Molesey School Boards, a member of the Middlesex County Council and of the Local Board of Teddington, and is Senior Warden of the Company of Playing Card Makers.

LEEDS.

Excelsior Lodge (No. 1042).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, on Thursday, the 16th instant, when the following brethren were present: Bros. J. W. Blackburn, W.M.; T. Thorp, I.P.M.; J. B. Mays, S.W.; H.

Banks, J.W.; R. J. Smith, Sec.; W. Flockton, P.M., D.C.; R. Waide, S.D.; A. H. Dougill, J.D.; J. E. Davenport, I.G.; G. Tooley and H. Whitfield, Stwds.; J. H. Newton, Tyler; R. Thompson, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; W. M. Tyers, P.M.; W. Bingham, P.M.; H. Cowbrough, P.M.; A. Atkinson, O. Hartley, F. Bagshaw, J. W. Dobson, J. A. Milne, V. R. Morley, F. C. Nettleton, J. H. Gash, E. R. C. Marshall, and G. Tyers. Visitors: Bros. G. F. Carr, W.M. 1542, P.P.G. Org.; W. M. Tate, W.M. 306; T. Batt, P.M. 306; C. Middleton, P.M. 2069; J. Cockerlyne, 304; A. M. Richardson, 1221; W. Crosland, 1211; G. W. Pratt, 2069; and J. P. Carr, D.C. 2328.

The minutes of the last regular lodge having been read and confirmed, Bros. Dobson and Milne were duly and impressively raised to the Sublime Degree, the former by the W.M., and the latter by Bro. Thompson, the concluding portion of the ceremony being taken by Bro. Bingham. Bros. Marshall, Nettleton, and Gash signed and received their Grand Lodge certificates. The Treasurer's Balance-sheet for 1892 was presented and adopted. It was reported that the Prov. G.M., Bro. T. W. Tew, had presented to the lodge a copy of Bro. William Watson's transcription of the "Stanley Masonic MS.," and it was resolved to tender the best thanks of the brethren to the Prov. G.M. for his valuable and interesting gift. The names of a joining member and a candidate for initiation were proposed.

"Hearty good wishes" having been tendered by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed.

Prudence Lodge (No. 2069).—Saturday, the 11th inst., was a memorable day in the annals of this young but flourishing lodge, although the occasion was a sorrowful one, viz., the parting with two eminent brethren, both of whom are leaving Leeds—Bros. the Rev. T. C. Smyth, D.D., P.G.C. England, Prov. S.G.W., and Tudor Trevor, Prov. G.D.C. There were present Bros. R. Abbott, W.M.; Bullerworth, S.W.; B. Syke Bailey, J.W.; Rev. W. Wilkinson, Chap.; Edward Ellis, Sec.; H. B. Abbott, S.D.; J. T. Jones, J.D.; J. Buckley, I.G.; J. C. Kirk and R. Jones, Stewards; Rev. T. C. Smyth, P.G. Chap. England, P.S.G.W.; Edwin Woodhouse, P.P.G.W.; C. Letch Mason, P.P.G. Treas.; Tudor Trevor, P.G.D.C.; A. Cooke, W.M. 2397; Charles Middleton, P.M.; Tom Atkinson, P.M.; F. G. Dimery, P.M.; R. A. Smithson, Alfred Swann, M.D., J. J. Wilkinson, W. R. Ingamells, W. Brown, S. J. F. Watson, B. W. Richardson, H. Appleyard, W. H. Mason, J. H. Newton, W. Masters, 2128, G. Stwd. England; T. W. Embleton, 1513, P.P.S.G.W.; John Barker, 1102, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. Laycock, 1108, P.P.G. Std. Br.; G. F. Carr, P.P.G. Org.; J. Richardson, P.P.G.P.; C. A. Phillips, P.A.G.D.C.; Scarth, P.G. Stwd., D. R. Glover, P.P.G.D., E. Wales Smith, P.M., and C. A. Braime, W.M., of 289; W. M. Tate, W.M., Tom Batt, P.M., D. Thompson, P.M., C. E. Brean, P.M., J. Thrippleton, P.M., and J. Blackburn Jovett, of 306; Jos. Richard, P.M. 304; G. J. Hawsworth, 304; C. Normanton, P.M. 304; J. W. Blackburn, W.M. 1042; H. Cowbrough, P.M. 1042; Henry Marsh, W.M. 1221; J. W. Teale, 1221; H. G. Blackburn, W.M. 1311; W. D. Hollis, P.M. 1311; Walter S. Blackburn, P.M. 1311; T. G. Milner, 57; J. T. Palmer, 810; R. J. Smith, 1042; M. A. Briggs, 1311; J. W. Howarth, P.M. 810; A. Wilson, P.M. 1542; and others.

The lodge being opened, the Grand Officers, Provincial Grand Officers, and the Worshipful Masters of the Leeds Lodges and other visiting Masters were saluted. The minutes of the previous lodge having been read and confirmed, Bro. Wm. Brown was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by Bro. the Rev. Dr. Smyth. The working tools were explained by Bro. Tudor Trevor. Bro. the Very Rev. the Dean of York, Dr. Purey Cust, P.G. Chap. Eng., and Bro. T. B. Whythead, P.G. Std. Br. Eng., entered the lodge, and were duly saluted. Bro. E. Woodhouse, P.P.G.W., then presented Bro. the Rev. Dr. Smyth and Bro. Tudor Trevor each with a beautifully-illuminated address. In doing so he alluded in eloquent terms to the high estimation in which the two brethren had always been held by their intimate associates in Lodge Prudence, and not only in Lodge Prudence, but both in the City of Leeds and the province generally. In leaving Leeds, he could well believe that their hearts would not be much heavier than those of the brethren whom they were leaving behind, for their residence amongst so many friends must needs have been a very pleasant one. The career of Dr. Smyth had been both varied and remarkable alike as a distinguished servant of her Majesty the Queen in India, as a distinguished member and clergyman of the Church of England, and as a distinguished Mason. The position he had attained was one of honour and esteem. Lodge Prudence was especially indebted to him for the great care he had taken in imparting instruction to the brethren, and for the good work he had done in the lodge. Indeed, the very name of Dr. Smyth had become synonymous with that of good work. In alluding to the painful circumstances connected with his recent domestic affliction, Bro. Woodhouse assured Bro. Dr. Smyth of his personal feeling of regret, and said that he spoke the feeling of every member of the lodge and of every Mason when he said that their hearts beat in deepest sympathy with him. Bro. Dr. Smyth, in accepting the address, thanked the brethren in earnest, feeling terms for their kindness. Referring to his return to Freemasonry after a somewhat long interval, as S.W. of Lodge Prudence on its formation, he said that since that time honours had been showered upon him with a profusion that was almost bewildering. While appreciating and enjoying these honours, he had always felt that his greatest happiness was in the close and friendly intercourse with the brethren of his lodge. His regret at being obliged to leave them were many, but he could not help feeling some gratification in looking forward to serving the cause of Freemasonry in the East Riding along with such distinguished brethren as Bro. the V. Rev. the Dean of York and Bro. Whythead, P.M. Bro. Woodhouse, in presenting a similar address to Bro. Tudor Trevor, alluded to the important part that Bro. Trevor had taken in the founding of the lodge, its formation being mainly due to his indefatigable efforts, and its subsequent success being largely due to his constant attendance and active/zealous work. He asked Bro. Trevor to accept the address as some slight proof of the esteem in which he was held by the brethren of the lodge, concluding with a humorous reference to the aristocratic air of Cheltenham to which he was going. Bro. Woodhouse said he trusted that Bro. Trevor would not forget in that fashionable resort his humble brethren in West

Yorkshire, but would ever reserve for them a warm remembrance. In accepting the address, Bro. Trevor said they could easily imagine how full his heart was; but, nevertheless, that heart should speak out of its fullness, and he prayed them to accept its feeble utterances. He accepted the very beautiful address with much pride and satisfaction, because he regarded it as a genuine token of their esteem and affection, and he assured them it should occupy a very prominent position in his new house. He said he felt that he had been credited with more than he deserved with regard to the foundation of the lodge, and he must give the honour where it was most justly due. For had he not been so fortunate as to make the acquaintance of Bro. Charles Letch Mason, P.M.—an acquaintance which had ripened, he was glad to feel, into a much prized, and he trusted a life long friendship—Lodge Prudence in so far as his solitary efforts were concerned would never have had an existence, because Bro. Mason possessed influence in the town and Craft whilst he was a complete stranger, and Bro. Mason also had the knowledge requisite for the occasion, whilst he was quite ignorant of it, so he ascribe to him the chief share of the successful initiation of the lodge and its subsequent prosperous career was also much indebted to his guiding hand. Bro. Trevor said he was deeply moved, both at the object and nature of that large and ever to be remembered assembly. For when he saw gathered before them so many of his friends and brethren of Lodge Prudence, and also such distinguished brethren from the other lodges, and last of all he was honoured with the presence of so distinguished a brother as the Dean of York, the highly valued friend of his dear deceased father, and also of his old school-fellow, Bro. Whitehead, he could not help feeling greatly impressed and deeply moved at these manifestations of affection and regard towards him. Bro. Woodhouse most truly observed in the kind remarks he had addressed to him, that his life in Leeds had been a happy one. He could truly say that that was the case, and that a large share of that happiness had been due to his connection with Freemasonry, and consequently his associations with the brethren would ever be amongst the pleasantest memories of his life. He trusted he had made no enemies, and he asked pardon from all he had offended. He rejoiced he had made a large number of friends, whose friendship he trusted he should retain till the end of his life. Bro. the V. Rev. the Dean of York then delivered a short address, touching on the pleasure it gave him to be present to see the high estimation in which his friends, Bros. Dr. Smyth and Trevor, were held. He passed on to speak of the satisfaction to be gained from a close and intimate study of Freemasonry, and his wish that an ever-increasing number of the clergy might join the Order, and derive the same benefit as he himself had done from his connection with Freemasonry.

"Hearty good wishes" having been expressed, the lodge was closed.

SOUTHEND.

Priory Lodge (No. 1000).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 16th inst., at the Middleton Hotel, when there were present Bros. A. Vandewood, W.M.; C. W. Barnard, S.W.; F. J. Cumine, J.W.; Rev. T. W. Herbert, P.P.G.C., Chap.; A. Lucking, P.M., P.G.P., Sec.; E. J. Bowmaker, S.D.; G. R. Dawson, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., as J.D.; C. H. Bowmaker, I.G.; J. A. Hobday, S.W. 160, Steward; A. W. Martin, Prov. G.T., Tyler; B. Thomas, I.P.M.; C. Floyd, P.M. 1817, P.P.A. G.P.; G. J. Glasscock, P.M. 1817, P.P.G.S.B.; E. H. Taylor, J. C. Cresswell, F. J. Wood, W. Trigg, B. Fearnside, J. Lindsell, T. A. Browning, and J. G. Jarvis. Visitor: Bro. C. Snowball, 2032.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes were read and confirmed, after which Bro. J. G. Jarvis was passed. The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

SURBITON.

Surbiton Lodge (No. 2146).—This lodge met at the Maple Hall on the 21st inst., when the W.M., Bro. T. H. R. Beck, P.S.G.D., was supported by all his working officers and a good muster of brethren. Bro. J. M. Chapman, S.W. 1981, was a visitor. There was a good array of work before the W.M. Mr. George Agars Sowerby was balloted for and initiated, the ceremony being excellently performed. Bros. Masters and Thomas were then passed, the work being also carried out in a manner very gratifying to the lodge and its officers. The W.M. having been chosen to represent the lodge at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, it was decided to grant 20 guineas from the lodge and Charity funds to start his list. Bro. Masters, of the Guildhall School of Music, received the hearty congratulations of the lodge on having been elected to a very good position in the musical world, and he made suitable reply.

In the refreshment interval "The Health of the Initiate, Bro. Sowerby," was toasted with good fire, and Bro. Sowerby acknowledged the compliment with really well-chosen words.

URMSTON.

Urmston Lodge (No. 1730).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 13th inst., at the Victoria Hotel, when there were present Bros. J. Hardwicke-Marsh, W.M.; W. H. Jolliffe, S.W.; Fred. Stretch, W.M. 2359, J.W.; E. L. Littler, P.M., P.P. G.P., Treas.; George R. Lloyd, P.M., Sec.; John Walton, jun., S.D.; Walter Bowers, J.D.; G. A. Myers, P.M., D.C.; G. G. Mends, Org.; James Ormrod, I.G.; G. Stott, T. French, W. Hallard, and J. Plozman, Stwds.; N. Jones, Tyler; Peter Heaton, P.M., P.P.G. Stwd.; John Bowers, P.M.; H. H. Jones, A. Hawkins, and W. Kirk. Visitors: Bros. F. Stevens, 633; E. Heyman, 1387; J. Sharples, W. Jepson, and Worstencroft, of 2359.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Kirk was passed to the Degree of F.C. by the W.M., the S.W. delivering the working tools. Bro. Arthur Hawkins was then raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. by Bro. R. Swindells, I.P.M., in a masterly and impressive manner, the working tools being delivered by Bro. W. H. Jolliffe, S.W. "Hearty good wishes" were tendered on behalf of the Prov. Grand Lodge and the following lodges: Nos. 613, 1387, 2231, 2359, and 2447.

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

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and well received by all the brethren.

Royal Arch.

St. Dunstan's Chapter (No. 1589).—This representative chapter met at Anderson's Hotel, on the 9th inst. Among those present were Comps. T. A. Woodbridge, C.C., I.P.Z., acting M.E.Z.; J. W. Gaze, H.; Farthing, P.Z., acting J.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.Z., S.E.; W. Nuding, S.N.; F. Farrington, P.Z., Treas.; R. Evens, P.S.; W. H. Clemow, P.Z.; W. E. Farrington, P.Z.; R. Skelton, and Lieut.-Col. H. Radcliffe, P.Z. (Hon. Member).

The minutes of the previous having been read and confirmed, the election of Principals and officers for the year ensuing took place as follows: Comps. J. W. Gaze, M.E.Z.; C. Moore, C.C., H.; W. Nuding, J.; T. C. Walls, S.E.; R. Evens, S.N.; T. A. Woodbridge, C.C., P.Z., Treas.; and J. Gilbert, Janitor. A Past Principal's jewel was voted to Comp. Major J. W. Beningfield, M.E.Z. A vote of thanks was also passed to Comp. F. Farrington for his past services as Treasurer. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. J. W. Beningfield, M.E.Z., and C. Moore, C.C., J.

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

Comp. T. A. Woodbridge, C.C., who presided, was the recipient during the evening of a handsome Past Principal's jewel.

The proceedings terminated at an early hour.

LANCASTER.

Rowley Chapter (No. 1051).—The 25th installation meeting of this chapter took place on Monday, the 20th inst., in the Masonic Hall, when Comp. Garnett, P.Z., P.P.G.J., presided, supported by Comps. Nuttall, H., Z. elect; B. Gregson, P.Z., as J.; Stanton, P.Z., S.E.; Willan, S.W.; Longman, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S., Treas.; Capstick, P.S.; Heald, Nicholson, A. Gorlon, J. L. Gorlon, Harrison, Wilson, W. Duff, P.Z.; F. C. Seward, P.Z.; McRaith, and B. Hamer, Janitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, Comp. Nuttall was duly installed into the chair of M.E.Z. by Comp. Garnett, P.Z., P.P.G.J., and Comp. Willan by Comp. Gregson, P.Z., into the chair of J., the Second Principal elect being unavoidably absent. The Board of Installed Principals being closed, it was unanimously resolved that the best thanks of the chapter be given to Comps. Garnett and Gregson for the very efficient manner in which they had acted as Installing Officers. On the motion of the M.E.Z. it was resolved that a letter of condolence be forwarded to the widow of the late Comp. Wilde, P.Z., P.P.G.O., expressing the sympathy of the Principals and companions in her bereavement.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned for supper.

TWICKENHAM.

Era Chapter (No. 1423).—This chapter met at the Albany Hotel, on the 11th inst. Among those attending were Comps. C. H. Köhler, P.Z. 1381, P.G.S.B., M.E.Z.; W. Fisher, H.; Henry Higgins, P.Z. 1381, 1423, P.P.G.D.C., acting J.; Capt. Walls, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S., S.F.; G. L. Wingate, P.Z., P.P.A.G.S.; W. H. Lee, P.Z., P.G.S.E.; and G. Harrison, Janitor.

The minutes of the previous convocation were read and confirmed. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. E. H. Thiellay, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C., Treas., and Andrew Macchi.

The chapter was then closed. A dinner followed, and the First Principal presided most genially.

Comp. W. H. Lee, P.G.S.E., responded on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers" in a neat speech.

"The Health of the M.E.Z." was given by the Scribe E.

Comp. Köhler, in his response, touched upon the long term of friendship he had enjoyed with several members of the chapter, and the great pleasure it had always afforded him to be present at the convocations of No. 1423. He had not forgotten the sympathy the members had extended to him at the time when he was sorely afflicted by a severe domestic trouble.

Comp. W. Fisher responded for "The Second and Third Principles; Comps. G. L. Wingate and H. Higgins for "The Past Principle; and the S.E. acknowledged the toast of "The Treasurer and Officers."

The proceedings then terminated.

Mark Masonry.

TWICKENHAM.

Sir Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 181).—This very prosperous lodge met on the 15th inst. at the Albany Hotel. There was a numerous attendance. Among those present we noticed Bros. William Thomas, P.J.G.O., W.M.; E. W. Davis, Prov. G. Stwd., S.W., Master elect; Woodruff, J.W.; W. Fisher, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., P.G.S., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B., P.P.G.W., P.M., Sec.; Bonney, S.D.; Pentelow, acting I.G.; E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S. of W., P.M.; J. T. Briggs, P.G. Std. Br., &c., P.M.; H. Higgins, P.P.G. Std. Br., P.M.; C. H. Köhler, P.P.G. Stwd., P.M.; W. J. Porter, P.M.; A. J. Simmonds, P.M.; and R. W. Forge. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Col. A. B. Cook, J.P., P.G. Master; F. Mead, P.G. Sec., Grand Treas. elect; Davis, P.G. Std. Br.; and Austin.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the Secretary installed Bro. E. W. Davis, S.W., as W.M., the dispensation from Grand Mark Lodge being first read. The following appointments were made: Bros. Woodruff, S.W.; H. Von Joel, P.G. Stwd., J.W.; George everett, M.O.; Meacock, S.O.; Bonney, J.O.; W. Fisher, P.M., Treas.; T. C. Walls, P.M., Sec.; W. W. Westley, R. of M.; Pentelow, S.D.; R. W. Forge, J.D.; and Harrison, Tyler. Upon the proposition of the Secretary, a sum of money was voted to the Mark Benevolent Fund, per Bro. W. Thomas as Steward to the forthcoming Festival of that Institution. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. H. Von Joel, G. Everett, W. W. Westley, and others.

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

The W.M. gave the numerous toasts in an effective manner.

In responding to his health the Provincial Grand Master spoke in high terms of the lodge and its members, and hoped to see them again ere long.

Bro. F. Mead, P.G. Sec., also expressed himself as being highly pleased with No. 181, and for the cordial reception accorded to him and his brother visitors.

Other replies followed. The success of the day's proceedings was mainly due to the exertions of the executive members of the lodge, headed by Bro. W. Fisher, Treas.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

NEPTUNE LODGE (No. 22).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 20th inst., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham. Present: Bros. Warran, W.M.; Windsor, S.W.; Janau, J.W.; W. W. Westley, Preceptor; J. Andrews, Sec.; Laker, S.D.; King, J.D.; Lipscombe, I.G.; Weeks, Tyler; Shaw, H. Mitchell, and Lyall.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last lodge read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Shaw having answered the usual questions, was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Shaw ably raised to the Degree of a M.M. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Andrews, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, and closed in the Third and Second Degrees. The W.M. rose for the first time, and dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Windsor, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. He returned thanks, and appointed his officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

ROBERT BURNS LODGE (No. 25).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 21st inst., at "Frascati's," 30, Oxford-street, when there were present Bros. J. Mason, W.M.; A. Beeker, S.W.; H. Sillis, J.W.; F. Marx, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; J. Blundell, Treas.; F. Bonham, Sec.; F. Klein, S.D.; E. J. Gittins, J.D.; J. J. Dixon, I.G.; and W. Shales.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Gittins being candidate. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Shales being candidate. The lodge was then closed in the Third and Second Degrees. Bro. Marx worked the 1st Section of the Lecture. The S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

WESTBOURNE LODGE (No. 733).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 16th inst., at the Prince Alfred Hotel, 111, Queens-road, Bayswater, W., when there were present Bros. W. J. Lovegrove, P.P.S.G.W. Salop, W.M.; T. Middleweek, S.W.; G. D. Mogford, J.W.; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.S.G.D. Essex, Preceptor; Major F. Reed, S.D.; A. L. Butters, J.D.; and J. Kemsley, I.G. Visitors: Bros. C. S. Mote, P.M.; and S. Dowsing, 167.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Dowsing being the candidate. The W.M. gave the charge in a very impressive manner. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and the brethren were instructed in entry drill and closed down. Bros. Mote and Dowsing were elected members, and acknowledged the compliment. Bro. Middleweek was elected W.M. for the next lodge meeting, and appointed his officers in rotation. A vote of thanks to Bro. Lovegrove, to be entered on the minutes, was passed for the admirable manner in which he had presided as W.M. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

BLACKHEATH LODGE (No. 1320).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Milkwood Tavern, Milkwood-road, Loughborough Junction, on Monday, the 20th inst., when there were present Bros: T. R. Cass, W.M.; Barr, S.W.; Pack, J.W.; F. Hilton, P.M., Preceptor; Cass, Treas.; C. H. Stone, Sec.; Rice, Asst. Sec.; Turner, S.D.; Telling, J.D.; Christmas, H. G. Martin, Hill, Plant, Clifford, and Lazenby.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Christmas being the candidate. Bro. Clifford, P.M. 2182, was elected a joining member. Bro. Stone invested his officers. The Secretary announced three ballots in the Charitable Association. The 15 Sections will be rehearsed next Monday as above, under the able Preceptorship of Bro. F. Hilton, P.M., and Bros. Voisey, S.W., and Elgar, J.W., commencing at 7 p.m. sharp.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 20th inst., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. Major E. J. Reed, W.M.; M. Rosenberg, S.W.; C. T. Brown, J.W.; G. Read, P.M. 511, Treas. and Preceptor; W. J. Ferguson, Deputy Preceptor; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, P.P.S.G.D. Essex, Sec.; W. N. Hatton, S.D.; W. J. Lovegrove, P.M. 1988, P.P.G.S. of W. Salop, J.D.; J. T. Haley, I.G.; H. Campbell, Stwd.; W. J. Mason, P.M. 1328; D. Gellion, P.M. 1425; W. L. James, E. A. Boughton, T. M. Lamble, R. W. Board, W. Hillier, and H. Windeat. Visitor: Bro. H. J. Lorch, 24, U.S.A.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Lamble was instructed as to his duties leading to the Third Degree. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. Bro. Windeat, at the request of the W.M., assumed the chair, and invested the officers. Bro. Read then re-assumed the chair. Bro. Read, assisted by the brethren, worked the 3rd Section of the Lecture. Bro. Rosenberg was elected W.M. for the next lodge meeting—officers to be in rotation. After "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 21st inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. R. Loomes, W.M.; G. T. Chretien, S.W.; R. Philip Upton, J.W.; J. W. Clarke, acting Preceptor; J. Petch, P.P.G.S.B. Herts, Treas.; C. M. Coxon and J. Duncan, Secretaries; G. T. Peall, S.D.; Milton Smith, J.D.; V. J. R. Longman, I.G.; W. J. Mason, P.G.S. Surrey; E. G. Young, J. T. Frost, A. Oliver, H. B. Harding, P.M.; and W. Rapley.

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. Young being the candidate, Bro. Clarke giving the ancient charge. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, when Bro. Frost answered the question leadings to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Frost being the candidate. Bro. Chretien was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The lodge was then closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 21st inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, when there were present Bros. E. W. Dennis, W.M.; J. W. Barker, P.M., S.W.; F. A. Barth, J.W.; R. H. Williams, P.M., &c., Deputy Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; H. G. Danby, W.M. 1056, S.D.; Lewis Beale, J.D.; J. J. Rumbal, I.G.; A. Williams, P.M.; E. E. Gellowski, W.M. 534; W. H. Dresden, W.M. 1602; W. B. Neville, and J. H. Neville.

The lodge was opened according to ancient custom, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Neville offered himself as a candidate for raising, and proving proficient, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Barker was elected W.M. for the next meeting. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Dennis for his able conduct as W.M. for the first time. The lodge was then closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 18th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, W. Present: Bros. Hillier, W.M.; Powell, S.W.; Guy, J.W.; A. Williams, Preceptor; M. Spiegel, P.M., Sec.; Edelstein, S.D.; McDermott, J.D.; Reid, I.G.; Craggs, P.M.; Biggs, Larkman, and Kirkham.

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, Bro. Biggs being a candidate for raising, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened to the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising duly rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The 1st Section of the lecture was worked by the Preceptor; and the 2nd and 3rd by the W.M. The W.M. rose for the first and second time, and Bro. Powell, S.W., was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

SURBITON LODGE (No. 2146).—The Preceptor of this lodge of instruction, Bro. F. P. Hill, a P.M. and founder of the Surbiton Lodge, No. 2146, originated recently a new departure in the instruction lodges of the district, viz., the practice of members of one lodge visiting another on meeting nights, and assisting in the work in progress. At the meeting of the lodge under notice on Tuesday evening, the 14th inst., the brethren received members of the Arnold and Brownrigg lodges of instruction, and there was a total muster of nearly 50 brethren. The work of the evening was the installation ceremony, which was carried out in an enjoyable manner by Bro. A. M. Levy, then W.M. of the Dobie Lodge, No. 889, but who on the next evening vacated the chair to install a new Master in Bro. James Edgell.

The working having been thoroughly rehearsed, the brethren spent the rest of the evening in harmony, many excellent songs being heard from musical brothers present.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, on Friday, the 17th inst., when there were present Comps. S. McI. North, M.E.Z.; H. G. Martin, H.; C. Plant, J.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; C. H. Stone, S.E.; G. Thompson, S.N.; T. H. Salmon, P.S.; Barr, Phillips, and Chabot.

The minutes of the previous weekly meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Barr personating the candidate. Comp. H. G. Martin was elected M.E.Z. for next meeting, when Comp. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor, will rehearse the three installation ceremonies.

Knights Templar.

Mount Calvary Encampment (D).—This old encampment met at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields, on the 10th inst., when there were present, among others, Sir Knights C. Slater, E.C.; Nelson Prower, M.A., 1st Captain; W. Maple, 2nd Captain; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.G.C. of G., P.E.C., Reg.; Harris Hills, Expert; F. W. Driver, M.A., P.E.C.; George Graveley, P.E.C.; H. J. Lardner, P.E.C.; and Egbert Roberts, Org. Sir Knight F. A. Philbrick, J.C., P.E.P., Great Chancellor, &c., honoured the meeting by his presence.

The minutes of the previous encampment having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. J. Moore Smith, 834, and it proved to be unanimous; but from unavoidable circumstances was prevented from attending. The summer banquet was arranged to take place at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court, on the 10th June next. Communications regretting inability to attend were received from Sir Knights Laurence Steele, C.E., I.P.E.C.; T. Wood, P.E.C.; Major F. J. Stohwasser, P.G.S.B., P.E.C., Treas.; W. Paas, P.G.B.B., P.E.C.; C. Pratt, O. Berry, Rev. R. C. Fillingham, B.A., and many others.

The encampment was then closed, and the sir knights adjourned to the banquet. A few toasts followed. During the proceedings Sir Knight Egbert Roberts entertained his hearers by his powerful and effective vocalisation.

St. George's Preceptory (No. 6).—This preceptory met at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, on Friday, the 17th inst., when there were present: Sir Knights Viscount Dungarvan, E.P.; A. W. Offord, Prelate;

A. R. Carter, C.; A. W. Orwin, Marshal; George Cooper, Treas.; C. F. Matier, Reg.; H. McKinnon and A. F. Church, Heralds; H. Carman, C. of G.; H. J. Sparks, E. Letchworth, J. Lea Smith, P. H. Waterlow, and Earl of Euston, P.E. Preceptors; C. H. Driver, Col. L. W. Taylor, C. W. Carrell, John Ramsey, R. Clowes, V. P. Freeman, H. R. Rose, J. H. Salter, R. J. Symonds, and Clifford Probyn. Visitors: Sir Knights F. Richardson, William Wright, and Frederick Bevan.

The muster roll was called, and the preceptory opened. The Great Sub Prior of England, with several Grand Officers, was received under the arch of steel, after which the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Sir Knight Alfred Williams, of Mount Calvary Preceptory, was elected a joining member. The candidates for installation were Comp. Robert Cozier, 1704, proposed by Sir Knights Fitzwilliam and Carter; and Comp. the Earl of Yarborough, 1591, proposed by the Earl of Euston, and C. F. Matier. Sir Knight A. R. Carter was presented to Sir Knight George Cooper, and by him was installed as E. Preceptor with all customary ceremonial, and afterwards appointed and invested the officers for the year as follows: Sir Knights Rev. A. W. Offord, Prelate; A. W. Orwin, Constable; Jabez Church, Marshal; George Cooper, Treas.; C. F. Matier, Reg.; E. B. Florence, Almoner; H. McKinnon, Sub Marshal; A. F. Church, 1st Herald; H. Carman, 2nd Herald; Sir Stafford Northcote, C. of Guard; H. R. Rose, Organist; and Frater Goddard, Equerry.

The preceptory was then closed. At the conclusion of the business, the sir knights retired to an excellent banquet, presided over by the newly-installed Preceptor, Sir Knight A. R. Carter.

The usual loyal toasts having been honoured, an admirable programme of music, under the direction of the Organist, Sir Knight H. R. Rose, was gone through.

PLYMOUTH.

Royal Veterans' Preceptory (No. 10).

—At the annual convocation held on the 17th inst., Sir Knight J. Kinton Bond, the E.C. elect, was installed by the P.E.C., Sir Knight W. Trevena, assisted by the P.E.C.'s, Sir Knights J. Wallis, J. R. Lord, J. B. Gover, J. R. Wilson, and G. Dunsterville. The officers appointed were Sir Knights J. Wallis, I.P.E.C.; A. Roberts, 1st. Captain; J. W. Cornish, 2nd Captain; W. H. Dillon, Reg.; J. R. Lord, Treas.; the Hon. H. V. Duncombe, Expert; T. C. Lewis, Prelate; Grey Skipwith, C.L.; C. Watson, Std. Br.; J. Rendle, 1st Herald; E. Binding, 2nd Herald; and W. H. Phillips, Guard. The V. E. Prov. Prior, Dr. Lemon, presented to the preceptory three silver Knights Templar emblems, mounted and framed.

STONEHOUSE.

Loyal Brunswick Preceptory (No. 24).

—The annual meeting of the above preceptory was held on the 16th inst., to install Sir Knight George Dunsterville as the E.P. for the year ensuing. The ceremony of installation was most ably performed by E. Sir Knight T. R. Wilson, P.E.P., P.P.G.T. Among the P.E. Commanders and Preceptors present were E. Sir Knights John Dupree, James H. Keats, F. Crouch, Samuel Jew, and John Wallis. The officers were invested as follows: E. Sir Knights J. R. Wilson, P.P.G.T., 30°, I.P.E.C.; F. R. Thomas, Constable; A. Trout, Marshal; Dr. T. W. Lemon, Chap.; J. H. Keats, Treas.; A. S. Verde, Reg.; E. Aslat, Sub-Marshal; J. Leonard, C. of G.; S. H. Hares, Almoner; S. E. Weightman, Std. Br.; and J. Gedley, Guard.

The fratres adjourned to the Freemasons' Club, Plymouth, where an excellent dinner was laid, and under the presidency of the E. Preceptor a pleasant evening was passed, the usual loyal and other toasts being duly honoured.

Order of the Secret Monitor.

Premier Conclave (No. 1).—A meeting of this distinguished conclave was held at the Holborn Restaurant on the 14th inst. There were present Bros. the R.W. J. M. Bastow, Supreme Ruler; Captain T. C. Walls, P.G. Std. Br., Councillor; W. G. Lemon, Grand Treas.; Charles Gross, M.D., P.G. Gdr., Sec.; the Rev. A. Oxford, M.A.; Dr. Stewart Browne; Dr. Roberts, P.G. Stwd.; H. Brown-Collins, P.S.R.; W. Spratling, G.S.R.; and others. Bro. Dr. Zachari, G. Supreme Ruler, was also present.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the report of the visiting Deacons was received. It being the night of election for Supreme Ruler, Bro. Capt. Walls was unanimously elected to that position; Bro. W. G. Lemon was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Freeman Sentinel. The Auditors having been elected, two brethren were nominated to the Grand Council as Grand Stewards for the year. Apologies from absent members were read.

The conclave was then closed and the brethren adjourned to a banquet.

The R.W. S.R. ably presided.

Some notable speeches were made by Bros. Dr. Zachari, W. Spratling, and W. G. Lemon.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. R. Grey, President of the Board, presided, and the Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents, Bros. Jas. Brett, P.G.P., and C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.P., occupied their usual positions. Bros. E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; A. A. Pendlebury, Asst. G. Sec.; William Dodd; and W. H. Lee represented the Grand Secretary's office. There were also present: Bros. S. Valentine, Charles J. R. Tjioj, George Graveley, Charles Dairy, James Bunker, Wm. P. Brown, the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, T. W. Whitmarsh, George R. Langley, J. H. Matthews, G. H. Goldschmidt, Henry Garrod, A. L. Woodward, E. C. Mulvey, Walter Martin, Richard Eve, George Powell, C. H. Webb, George Macfarlane, William Masters, G. Reynolds, Heather Bigg, R. J. Chillingworth, C. W. Davis, Thos. Bullock, W. Liddall, John Finch, R.

Forster, Lewis Peake, J. W. Burgess, George Gabb, R. J. Rogers, B. Kauffman, R. A. Hose, Ernest Candelier, J. M. Scarlett, W. E. Sutton, H. Mayer, Henry Colley, E. Cole, E. Morris, F. W. Row, W. J. Trappett, James Salmon, E. Moore, Frederick Hughes, J. T. Rinipple, W. T. Buck, John F. Jones, George E. Fairchild, Oliver Papworth, C. J. Smith, W. Robins, W. Wingham, Edwin Hill, A. G. Duck, W. Hayward, C. J. Lloyd, H. Massey, and H. Sadler, G. Tyler.

The brethren first confirmed recommendations made to the Grand Master at the February meeting to the amount of £310. There were 59 cases on the new list, which were qualified through lodges in the London district, and at Aldershot, Combermere, N.S.W., Secunderabad, Woking, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Brixham, Manchester, Chatham, Brecon, Newcastle-on-Tyne, High Wycombe, Cardiff, Spalding, Agra, Northwich, Slaidburn, Whitehaven, Ross, Exeter, Budleigh Salterton, Farringdon, Bareilly, Haworth, Boston, Barnstaple, Plymouth, Littlehampton, Cowes, Barrow-in-Furness, Liverpool, Bromley (Kent), Walton-on-Naze, Wigan, and Amlwch.

In the consideration of these cases the Board sat more than five hours. Five of the cases were deferred, being incomplete, and three were dismissed. The remainder were relieved with a total of £1225. There were four recommendations to Grand Lodge of £50 each, six recommendations to the Grand Master of £40 each, and 11 of £30 each. Seventeen grants were made of £20 each, 10 of £10 each, and three of £5 each.

In the course of the evening two irregularities occurred, which were strongly reprimanded by the President, and one of the irregularities caused two or three cases to be deferred.

Article 245 of the Constitutions was one of the rules violated. This article was—"A visit shall be paid to every applicant by the Master or some member of the lodge, or some other brother." In the cases deferred, neither the Master nor any member of the recommending lodge visited or attended. Another irregularity was that the Master and a Past Master of the same lodge attended, in face of the rule that only one member (the Master, or a Past Master who is still a subscribing member of the lodge) can attend any meeting of the Board. This is Article 227—"If the actual Master of the year of any lodge cannot attend, the Immediate Past Master may supply his place; should that brother be unable to attend, any other Past Master of such lodge may act for him; but in every case the Past Master must be a subscribing member of the lodge." The President drew from the Worshipful Master that the Past Master of the lodge (which is a lodge in the London District) really did not know the Book of Constitutions, and that they erred through ignorance. The President found that the P.M. had not voted on any case, and he informed both the W.M. and the P.M. that they were to spread as widely as they could a knowledge of the rule. The petitioning brother's case had been deferred from December, 1892, on account of the irregularity, that instead of being signed and recommended only in open lodge, it had been taken to private residences and lodges of instruction for signature, and the President said that the poor brother had already suffered by one irregularity, and he might have been prejudiced by the second. He would reprimand the brethren instead of dealing more severely. Ultimately the petitioner was relieved with £20.

BRO. STEVENS' LECTURE AT BIRMINGHAM.

Under the patronage of Bro. J. T. Collins, Deputy Prov. G.M. for Warwickshire, Bro. James Stevens, P.M., P.Z., of London, delivered a lecture on "The Ritual, Ceremonials, and Symbolism of Craft Masonry," at the Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, on Thursday evening, the 16th inst. There was a fair attendance of local brethren. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master presided, and the arrangements for the meeting were under the direction of Bro. A. W. Adams, P.M. 1644, and Preceptor of the General Lodge of Instruction for Birmingham; F. G. Swinden, P.M. 887, and Prov. G.S.E. Warwickshire; and H. E. Maynard, 74.

Among those present and representing their respective lodges were Bros. W. J. Ginder, W.M., W. P. Hoskins, J.W., C. Lee, P.M., G. E. Mewis, P.P.S. G.D., Treas., E. C. Newey, Sec., F. J. Collins, J.D., and J. Anslov, of 74; J. F. Pepper, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. Staffs., H. Payton, P.M., and F. Hughes, of 482; J. T. Smith, J.D. 473; Spearpoint and H. Denne, of 587; G. F. Locker, P.M., A. E. Parkes, P.M., C. Lamsdale, Sec., W. E. Thomson, S.D., and W. R. Brooke, of 739; Dr. A. Price, S.W., G. D. Wilmot, I.G., and W. H. Rollason, of 887; A. Pearson, P.M., Hans Graff, S.W., T. W. F. Newton, Sec., and W. Bate, 938; W. Dingley, 1016; F. C. Taylor, P.M. and Sec., and T. Waite, S.W., of 1163; W. Holman, P.M. 1180; J. Howell, W.M., F. Powell, J.D., and W. Hale, D.C. 1644; A. Bogguet, 1031; A. Money, P.M. 1707; John Tidmarsh, P.M. and Sec. 2163; W. Jordan, J. T. Sadler, T. Jones, E. Johnson, W. F. Davies, J. Hughes, and H. McKean, of 2385; and many others.

The DEP. PROV. GRAND MASTER, in introducing the lecturer, stated that he had been requested by the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Lord Leigh, who had expressed his regret that other engagements prevented his personal attendance, to preside on his behalf. He felt assured, from the good report which had preceded Bro. Stevens' visit to Birmingham, that the brethren

were about to hear matter of considerable interest and importance in relation to the working of the ceremonial and ritual of Craft Masonry, and claimed their attention on the lecturer's behalf.

Bro. STEVENS, after acknowledging the hearty reception accorded to him, then commenced an elaborate exposition of the present-day ritual and symbolism of lodge work, pointing out, in some instances, divergencies from the original scheme which here and there prevail, and, in others, lucidly explaining, by the aid of carefully prepared diagrams and illustrations, the connection of numerous symbols throughout the several Degrees, and the true interpretation of the allegories which veil the science. Although his extempore address was delivered without hesitation or interruption for a space of time extending considerably over two hours, the attention of his audience was rivetted throughout, and the brethren would willingly have listened further had it been reasonable to expect more.

The D.P.G.M. was obliged to leave during the lecture, but before doing so expressed his full satisfaction with the portion he had heard, and courteously offered his acknowledgments to the lecturer.

Bro. F. G. SWINDEN, P.G.S.E., presided during the short remainder of the evening, and, on the termination of the lecture, said: I have great pleasure in proposing a very hearty vote of thanks to Bro. James Stevens for the most interesting and instructive lecture which he has delivered this evening. As it is now getting late, my remarks must be few, but they will be none the less sincere. I wish there had been a larger gathering, but two reasons may be given for the absence of many who would have highly appreciated such an admirable exposition and explanation of our ritual work—one, the very short notice that we have had, and the other, that Bro. Stevens was, comparatively speaking, not well known to most of you. But I can assure Bro. Stevens that when he next comes to our city (I hope that that will be soon) he will have a much larger audience, for all who have heard the lecture this evening will carry away with them the desire not only to be present themselves on a future occasion, but to bring other brethren with them. Further, should Bro. Stevens visit any of our lodges in Birmingham, he will be pleased to find that the ritual is being carried out on the lines of the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, London, this being the result of our own lodge of instruction under the able Preceptorship of Bro. Adams, P.M.

The proposal was accepted with acclamation, Bro. J. F. PEPPER promising that Bro. Stevens should be heard in Staffordshire, in which province he could assure him of a hearty welcome.

The brethren then separated, much pleased with the evening's proceedings.

EASTER HOLIDAY RAILWAY ARRANGEMENTS.

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.

The Great Western Railway Company issue ordinary as well as excursion tickets at their City and West End Offices, viz.: 193 and 407, Oxford-street, W.; 23, New Oxford-street, W.C.; Cambridge Circus (corner of West-street, W.C.); "The Piazza," Covent Garden, W.C.; 29, Charing Cross, W.C.; 26, Regent-street, S.W.; 17, Brompton-road, S.W.; 4, Holborn Circus, E.C.; 5, Arthur-street East, London Bridge, E.C.; 82, Queen Victoria-street, E.C.; 43 and 44, Crutched-friars, E.C.; 67, Gresham-street, E.C.; 4, Cheapside, E.C.; 209, Strand, W.C.; and at the L.B. and S.C. Company's Excursion Office (under Grand Hotel), Trafalgar-square, at any of which places tickets can be obtained during the whole week preceding Easter for use on any day up till April 1st. Tickets can also be obtained at Victoria, Kensington (Addison-road), Aldgate, the stations on the Hammersmith and City Line, and at most of the stations on the Metropolitan and District Railways. The Booking Office at Paddington Station will be open for the issue of tickets the whole day on the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday, before Easter. Cheap tickets at special low fares, and available from March 30th to April 1st, will be issued from London to Bath, Bristol, Exeter, Plymouth, Falmouth, Penzance, Yeovil, Dorchester, Weymouth, and certain other stations in the South and West of England. On Thursday, March 30th, an excursion reaching Exeter in 5½ hours, and Plymouth in 8 hours, will leave Paddington at 7.45 a.m. Excursions will also be run on the same day to Bristol, Weston-Super-Mare, Taunton, Yeovil, Weymouth, Oxford, Birmingham, Shrewsbury, Chester, Cirencester, Gloucester, Cheltenham, &c. On Good Friday cheap trains will run to Maidenhead, Reading, Oxford, and other riverside stations. On Saturday, April 1st, an excursion will run to Bath and Bristol, and on Monday excursions will be made to Maidenhead, Reading Bath, Bristol, Cirencester, Gloucester, Cheltenham, &c. In addition to these excursions, cheap trains will be run to London from most parts of the provincial towns, and between the principal centres of population. On the Wednesday and Thursday before Easter most of the long distance trains will be duplicated; the first portion as a general rule, will take passengers for the longer distances and the second for less distant places, but both trains will stop at the usual places. On Good Friday, the trains will run as on Sundays, except that the 5.30 a.m. newspaper train will run as far as Oxford, Exeter, and Swansea, calling at the usual intermediate stations, and connecting at Oxford with trains at the Worcester, Birmingham, and Wolverhampton districts.

MIDLAND RAILWAY.

On Good Friday, the trains on the Midland Railway will run as appointed for Sundays, with the following exceptions: The Newspaper Express leaving St. Pancras at 5.15 a.m. will run to Bedford, Leicester, Nottingham, Derby, Sheffield, Leeds, Manchester, and Liverpool. The Up Night Express leaving Edinburgh at 9.45 p.m., Glasgow at 10.0 p.m., and Carlisle at 12.58 a.m. for London, will run on Good Friday night, March 31st, and Saturday

morning, April 1st, the same as on ordinary week-days. The 3.32 a.m. Carlisle to Stranraer, and 8.50 p.m. Stranraer to Carlisle, in connection with steamers to and from Ireland, will run on Good Friday the same as on ordinary week-days. To prevent inconvenience and crowding, the booking offices at St. Pancras and Moorgate-street Stations will be open for the issue of tickets all day on Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday, March 29th, 30th, and April 1st. Tickets to all principal stations on the Midland Railway will also be issued beforehand at their principal West End and City Receiving Offices, including 445, West Strand; 5, Charing Cross (corner of Northumberland-avenue); Piccadilly Circus; 495, Oxford-street; 33, Cannon-street; 13, Aldersgate-street; &c., &c., also at Messrs. Cook and Sons' Tourist Offices. The tickets obtained at these offices will be available from St. Pancras Station, and will be issued at the same fares as charged at that station, and dated to suit the convenience of passengers. Cheap excursion trains will be run from London to Leicester, Nottingham, Newark, Licholn, Birmingham, Burton, Derby, Manchester, Blackburn, Bolton, Rochdale, Oldham, Liverpool, Sheffield, Leeds, Bradford, Scarborough, Newcastle-on-Tyne, the Furness District, Carlisle, &c., &c., on Thursday, March 30th, returning the following Tuesday, and from London (St. Pancras) to Edinburgh, Glasgow, &c., returning the following Monday night, and tickets for joining these trains at St. Pancras Station can be obtained on the two days previous to the running of the trains at the above-named offices. Cheap excursion trains for six days will also be run to London from Carlisle, Bradford, Leeds, Sheffield, Liverpool, Manchester, Lincoln, Newark, &c., &c., on Thursday, March 30th, from Bradford, Leeds, Sheffield, Manchester, &c., for two or four days, and from Burton, Derby, Nottingham, Birmingham, Leicester, &c., for one, four, or five days, on Good Friday. Passengers will be booked by these trains at cheap fares to Brighton and other South Coast Stations, and to the Continent; those for the Continent having the privilege of returning by any ordinary train within 16 days. Cheap three-days' trips will also be run to London on Saturday, April 1st, from Colne, Blackburn, Bolton, Rochdale, Oldham, Manchester, &c. On Easter Monday, single-day trips from Burton, Derby, Nottingham, Leicester, Northampton, Bedford, Luton, St. Albans, &c., and a one or two-days' trip from Birmingham and the South Stafford District.

GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY.

The Great Northern Railway Company announce that on Thurs. ay, March 30th, cheap six days' excursions will be run to and from London (King's Cross), and Scarborough, Whitby, York, Bradford, Keighley, Halifax, Leeds, Wakefield, Doncaster, Huddersfield, Liverpool, Southport, Manchester, Sheffield, Leicester, Derby, Nottingham, Hull, Grimsby, Lincoln, Gainsborough, Lynn, Yarmouth, Norwich, Spalding, Wisbech, Cambridge, St. Ives, Ramsey, &c. A cheap excursion will also be run on Thursday, March 30th, from London to Edinburgh and Glasgow, returning April 3rd. On Good Friday, March 31st, the 5.15 a.m. express from King's Cross will be run through to Lincoln, Nottingham, Sheffield, Manchester, Wakefield, Leeds, Bradford, Halifax, York, Newcastle and Scotland. Cheap two or four days' excursions will be run from Manchester, Oldham, Sheffield, Hull, Keighley, Halifax, Bradford, Leeds, Wakefield, York, &c., to London. On Saturday, April 1st, cheap three days' excursion trains will be run from Liverpool, Manchester, Oldham, Huddersfield, &c., to King's Cross. On Easter Monday, April 3rd, cheap day excursions will be run from Victoria, (L.C. and D.), Ludgate Hill, Moorgate, King's Cross, Finsbury Park, &c., to St. Albans, Wheathampstead, Harpenden, Luton, Dunstable, Hitchin, Royston, and Cambridge. A cheap day trip will also be run from Moorgate, King's Cross, Holloway, Finsbury Park, &c., to Skegness, Sutton-on-Sea, and Mablethorpe. Cheap day excursions will also be run from York, Keighley, Halifax, Bradford, Leeds, Wakefield, Derby, Nottingham, Lincoln, Huntingdon, Cambridge, Luton, Dunstable, &c. To prevent inconvenience from crowding at the company's principal terminal station—King's Cross—tickets, dated in advance, will be issued at King's Cross (G.N.R.), Victoria (L.C. and D.), Ludgate Hill, Moorgate, Aldersgate, Farringdon, and Finsbury Park stations, and at the following ticket offices: 90, Tottenham Court-road; 285, Oxford-street; "Star" Office, 138, Victoria-street, Pimlico, S.W.; 139 and 141, Brompton-road; Albert Gate Office, 1, William-street, Lowndes-square, W.; 160, Edgware-road; Royal Oak Office, 6, Porchester-road, Westbourne Grove; Cambridge Circus; Shaftesbury-avenue; 328, Strand; "Bee Hive," Whitecross-street; 43 and 44, Crutched Friars; 80, Bishopsgate-street Without; Charles-street, Farringdon-street; 230, Essex-road, Islington; 264, High Holborn; 16, Fish-street Hill; 95, High-street, Borough; 190A, Westminster Bridge-road; 44, Bread-street; Cannon-street; Whittington-avenue, Leadenhall-street; 3, King Edward-street, Newgate-street; 22, Wood-street; 217, Old-street; 7, Beresford-square, South Woolwich; Royal Victoria and Albert Docks (G.N. Company's offices), at the offices of Messrs. Swan and Leach, 3, Charing Cross and 32, Piccadilly Circus, at the Army and Navy Stores, 105, Victoria-street, S.W.; and of William Whiteley, 151, Queen's-road, Bayswater.

LONDON AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY.

The London and North-Western Railway Company announce that the ticket offices at Euston, Broad-street, Kensington, and Willesden Junction will be open throughout the day, from Monday March 27th, to Monday, April 3rd, inclusive, so that passengers wishing to obtain tickets for any destination on the London and North-Western Railway can do so at any time of the day prior to the starting of the trains. The tickets will be dated to suit the convenience of passengers. Tickets for all the principal stations on the London and North-Western system and its connections can be obtained at any time (Sundays and Bank Holidays excepted) at the following town receiving offices of the company: 15, Queen-street, E.C.; Spread Eagle, 3, Whittington-avenue, Leadenhall Market, E.C.; Swan-with-Two-Necks, 65, Gresham-street; 13, Eastcheap; Cross Keys, 1, Wood-street, Cheap-side; 22, Aldersgate-street; 65, Aldgate; E.; 30, West Smithfield; 8 and 9, Clerkenwell-green; Bolt-in-Tun, 64, Fleet-street; 116, Holborn; George and Blue Boar, 285, High Holborn; 43, New Oxford-street; 3, James-street, Covent Garden; Universal Office, Spread Eagle, Piccadilly Circus; Golden Cross, Charing Cross; 34, Parliament-street, Westminster; Hotel Windsor,

Victoria-street; 231, Edgware-road; Atlas Office, 167, Tottenham Court-road; 70, St. Martin's-lane; Lion, 108, New Bond-street; 496, Oxford-street; Griffin's Green Man and Still, 241, Oxford-street; 33, Hereford-road, Bayswater; Knightsbridge, 34, Albert Gate; Kensington, 33, High-street; 117, High-street, Borough; 233 and 234, Blackfriars-road; Surrey Railway Office, 138, Newington-causeway; 194, Westminster Bridge-road; Islington, "Angel," 5, Pentonville-road; 8, Grand Hotel Buildings, Charing Cross; Railway Arch, Great Eastern-street, Shoreditch, E.; and Albert and Victoria Docks Office, Canning Town Goods Station. The tickets obtained at these offices will be available from either Euston or Kensington (Addison Road), and will be issued at the same fares as are charged at Euston. They can also be obtained at Gaze and Sons' Tourist Offices, 142, Strand, 4, Northumberland-avenue, 18, Westbourne-grove, W., and at the Army and Navy Co-operative Society's Stores, 105, Victoria-street, Westminster, at the same fares as at Euston Station. On Thursday, March 30th, a special express will leave Willesden at 2.55 p.m. for Bletchley, Northampton, Rugby, Trent Valley Stations, and Stafford; a special train will leave Birmingham for Rugby at 4.5 p.m., calling at Coventry, and passengers for Coventry and Rugby will not be conveyed by the 4.0 p.m. express from Birmingham; the 4.10 p.m., Euston to Kendal, will be extended to Windermere, and have a connection to Morecambe; special express trains will leave Euston Station at 4.20 p.m. and 6.50 p.m., for Birmingham, calling at Willesden Junction, Rugby, Coventry, and Stechford, arriving at Birmingham (New-street) at 7.0 and 9.35 p.m. respectively; the 12.0 midnight train from Euston will be extended from Warrington to Preston on Good Friday morning, arriving at Preston 6.2 a.m. A train leaves Preston at 8.25 a.m. for Lancaster, Carnforth, and the Furness Line. On Good Friday, March 31st, the 5.15 a.m. newspaper express train from London (Euston Station) will run to Northampton, Rugby, Nuneaton, Tamworth, Lichfield, Rugeley, Stafford, Crewe, Birmingham, Shrewsbury, Warrington, Runcorn, Liverpool, Manchester, Wigan, Preston, Lancaster, Carnforth, Oxenholme, Kendal, Windermere, Tebay, Penrith, Carlisle, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Perth, and Aberdeen. Numerous residential trains will be discontinued, the particulars of which will be advertised locally. The company also announce that they will run excursions to and from London, and Wolverhampton, Leamington, Coventry, Walsall, Leicester, Macclesfield, Stoke, Stone, Liverpool, Manchester, Chester, North Wales, Shrewsbury, Hereford, Oswestry, Preston, Wigan, Blackpool, Morecambe, Carlisle, the Lake District, Scotland, and other places on the occasion of the Easter Holidays.

Our Portrait Gallery of Worshipful Masters.



BRO. HARRY S. FOSTER, M.P.

whose portrait we have much pleasure in presenting to our readers, has attained to a position of considerable eminence in the financial world, and is in many other respects a notable man of our times. Though still within the age of 40 years, he has filled many offices of great importance. He has done good work as a member of the London School Board and of the London County Council, his qualifications for the former body being of a high character, and the services he was able to render proportionately great. At the last General Election he was returned as M.P. for the Lowestoft Division of Suffolk. He is also a Fellow of the Royal Geographical, the Royal Statistical, and the Geological Societies, as well as of the Society of Arts. To crown all, he has held the important office of Sheriff of London, and during his year of office won golden opinions from all sorts and conditions of men. In Masonry his career, so far as it has gone, has been similarly full of great promise. He was initiated in the Covent Garden Lodge, No. 1614, and at present occupies the post of its S.W. He is W.M. of the Temple Lodge, No. 101, and likewise a member of the Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1657; the Alliance Lodge, No. 1827; and the Unity Lodge, No. 71, Lowestoft. As regards his connection with Royal Arch Masonry, let it suffice if we state that he was installed in the chair of Third Principal of the Bayard Chapter, No. 1615, on the 6th inst. From such a record as this we may anticipate great things from Bro. Foster in the future.

BRO. ROBERT BURNS.

A choice souvenir of the connection of Robert Burns with the Craft has been issued by the celebrated "Quatuor Coronati" Lodge, No. 2076, London. It consists of a most interesting paper on "The Masonic Genius of Robert Burns," by the distinguished Bro. Dr. B. W. Richardson, who is a member of the "Inner Circle" of this great literary lodge. The particulars, so industriously collected by the Doctor, are both numerous and most suggestive in character, and they go far to confirm the belief that the world owes much more to Masonry for the publication of Bro. Burns' poems than has hitherto been acknowledged or even dreamt of. Publishers, printers, and subscribers, were mainly brethren of the "mystic tie," and chiefly to their support was the "Immortal Bard" incited to appear in print and collect his inimitable poems.

Bro. W. Fred. Vernon has written a most reliable "Addendum," and is dead against the investment of the bard as Poet Laureate of the Canonicate Kilwinning Lodge, No. 2, Edinburgh, in accord with Bro. W. Officer, P.G.D., who has evidently put the extinguisher on that part of the story. There are several illustrations, one especially calling for mention, being a two-page engraving of the investment in question, from the painting by Bro. Watson. The work is beautifully bound in cloth, and may be had for a crown from the Secretary, Bro. G. W. Speth, Lancaster-place, Margate. We may be assured that all the copies will soon be subscribed for.

Obituary.

BRO. F. E. H. DADSWELL.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. F. E. H. Dadswell, one of the founders of the Bishopsgate Lodge, No. 2396, and son of its Treasurer, Bro. Fredk. Dadswell, of 61, Bishopsgate-street, and Bognor. Our brother, who was 40 years of age, had been suffering for several months from consumption, and died at Bognor on the 12th inst. The funeral took place on Friday, the 17th inst., at Norwood Cemetery, a large number of friends following, including members of the Bishopsgate Lodge, Honourable Artillery Company, Bishopsgate Fire Brigade, Salvage Corps, and others.

The Craft Abroad.

CONSECRATION OF THE DUKE OF CLARENCE LODGE, AT BAHIA.

The first English working lodge under the Grand Lodge of Brazil was consecrated and inaugurated on Thursday, the 23rd ult., when the Brazilian lodges in Bahia assembled in full force, some 300 being present, and were all arranged by the Reception Committee. The Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Dr. Montenegro, was met at the entrance by Bros. H. J. Moon, R. Marshall, and F. W. Rielly, the Regularisation Committee appointed by the Grand Lodge of Brazil.

After the lodge had been opened by Bro. MONTENEGRO, he addressed the meeting at considerable length, and dwelt on the progress that Masonry had made in Brazil, and congratulated the founders, especially mentioning Bros. Moon and Rielly, who really had been the backbone of starting, and who had brought it up to its present success. He concluded by calling upon the brethren to wish the new lodge prosperity and success.

The installation ceremony was then proceeded with, when Bro. Henry J. Moon was installed in the chair of K.S. by Bro. Montenegro, assisted by Bros. Amaral, Jordaon, Bastus, and others.

After the installation the W.M. elected his officers for the ensuing year, as follows: Bros. R. Marshall, S.W.; J. W. Rielly, J.W.; G. C. Scott, Sec.; E. P. Cox, Treas.; A. Mitchell, S.D.; J. Maycock, J.D.; Rev. Z. Taylor, Chap.; T. W. Wilson and H. J. Stewart, Stwds.; A. Simmers, Org.; J. Maskell, I.G.; and T. J. Clements, Tyler.

The ceremony being ended, the brethren adjourned to the Club Caxialer—kindly lent for the occasion—where a superb *recherche* banquet was held, some 300 guests being invited. The chair was taken by the W.M., with Bro. Montenegro, P.G.M., on his right, and Bro. Leodnarda de Silba, P.G. Sec., on his left; the banquet table was tastefully laid out, and the presence of the ladies lent an enchantment to the view.

The W.M. called on Bro. Montenegro to propose the toast of the evening, viz., "The Queen and Craft."

The usual toasts followed, and were enthusiastically received.

Dancing commenced soon after and was kept up vigorously till 4.30 a.m., every one expressing themselves in terms of delight for the most enjoyable evening they had spent.

The lodge was furnished by Bro. George Kenning, London.

Bros. the Marquis of Carmarthen, M.P., the Earl of Dunraven, Lord Randolph Churchill, M.P., Sir W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., W. L. Jackson, M.P., Sir F. Dixon-Hartland, Bart., M.P., and Sir E. Lawson were among the guests at the dinner party given by the Earl Cadogan at Chelsea House on Saturday evening last.



Sir Somers Vine, F.R.C.S., F.S.S., will preside at a lecture on the typewriter to be delivered in Exeter Hall on the 29th inst.

The State apartments at Windsor Castle will be re-opened to the public on Monday next and will be accessible to visitors every week day but Wednesday, during the Queen's absence on the Continent.

The Prince of Wales was again present at the meeting held at the House of Lords on Wednesday under the presidency of Lord Aberdare, of the Royal Commission on the Aged Poor.

The relief fund raised for the benefit of the sufferers by the recent landslip at Sandgate amounts to about £6000 and an Executive Committee has just been appointed to administer it.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Londesborough are still sojourning at Cannes, and it is gratifying to hear that his lordship has greatly benefited by the change. It is expected that he will return to England about the end of next month.

Bro. Lord Carrington has been appointed Chairman of the Royal Commission, which has been appointed to enquire into, and report upon, the conditions under which land in Wales, and Monmouthshire is held, occupied, and cultivated.

The Empress Frederick of Germany visited the Imperial Institute on Wednesday and was conducted over the building by the Prince of Wales, Bro. Lord Herschell, Chairman of the Governing Body, Bro. Sir Frederick Abel, Organising Secretary, and Bro. Sir J. Somers Vine, Assistant Secretary.

The Duke of Westminster was present at the recent annual meeting of the Northern Workhouse Nursing Association, held at Chester under the auspices of the Bishop of Chester, and paid a well-deserved tribute to the skillful nursing which is to be found in the metropolitan workhouse hospitals.

At the close of the performance of "Becket" at Windsor Castle on Saturday evening last, which was given, by the Queen's command, by Bro. Irving and his company, her Majesty was graciously pleased to express her satisfaction and the pleasure she had derived from witnessing the performance of the late Lord Tennyson's drama.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction, No. 144, at the Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, on Good Friday, the 31st inst., at 6 o'clock. Bros. John Davies, P.M. 169, W.M.; G. E. Higginson, W.M. 1791, S.W.; E. C. Mulvey, P.M. 2202, 179, 2246, 704, and 2353, P.P.G.S.B. Surrey, J.W.; and W. H. Tucker, P.M. 144, Secretary.

Bro. the Marquis of Zetland, late Viceroy of Ireland, presided at the annual banquet which was held at the First Avenue Hotel on Wednesday evening, on behalf of the Benevolent Society of St. Patrick. Among the principal guests were Bro. the Earl of Arran, the Earl of Erne, the Right Hon. Ion Trant Hamilton, General Sir Hugh Gough, V.C., and Bro. Sir E. M. Shaw. The subscriptions amounted to £600, including £100 from her Majesty.

The annual banquet of the Institute of Civil Engineers was held by permission of the benchers in the hall of the Middle Temple, on Saturday evening last, the guests present including Bro. the Duke of Fife, the Duke of Teck, Bros. Lord Ashbourne, Lord Watson, and J. G. Shaw-Lefevre, M.P., the Lord Mayor, Bro. Sir Charles Mills, Mr. John Morley, M.P., Bro. S. Pope, Q.C., Sir Frederick Abel, and Field-Marshal Sir Lintorn Simmons.

The annual general meeting of the Royal General Theatrical Fund was held by permission of Bro. Henry Irving, at the Lyceum Theatre, on Monday. Mr. George Alexander presided, and there was an excellent attendance of friends and supporters of the Institution, including Bro. Irving. The report for the past year, which was very satisfactory, was adopted, and it was announced that Mr. A. W. Pinero would take the chair at the approaching anniversary festival.

The bands of the Grenadier Guards and the King's Dragoon Guards played for the last time previous to the Queen's departure for Italy in the grounds of Windsor Castle on Sunday afternoon last. Several thousands of the residents of Windsor and Eton, as well as visitors from London and elsewhere, were admitted by the Queen's command and greatly enjoyed the music. The Prince and Princess Henry of Battenberg strolled on the promenade, and the Prince of Wales walked with the Empress Frederick in the Quadrangle.

We have received notice from the directors of Spiers and Pond (Limited) that a third instalment of 4s. per share, less Income Tax, on account of dividend will be posted to the shareholders of the Company on the 1st prox., and that the share transfer books will be closed from the 20th to the 31st instant inclusive, for the purpose of preparing the warrants. This payment, with the two instalments paid on the 1st of October and the 1st of January last respectively, makes 12s. per share on account of the year ending 31st March, 1893, the full dividend for which will be declared in July next.

The Queen, accompanied by the Princess Henry of Battenberg, Prince Henry having started by an earlier train, and attended by the ladies and gentlemen of the Court, left Windsor Castle, on her visit to Italy, via Portsmouth, &c., on Monday afternoon, at 4 p.m. In a couple of hours Portsmouth was reached, and here her Majesty was received by the Duke and Duchess of Connaught and Admiral the Earl of Clanwilliam. The Royal party at once embarked on the Victoria and Albert yacht, which was moored to 38 buoy. On Tuesday, the Royal yacht, with the Trinity yacht, Irene, in attendance, and the twin-screw gunboat, Seagull, and the screw-cruiser, Indefatigable, as escort, made for Cherbourg, where her Majesty, who travelled as the Countess of Balmoral, and party disembarked, and commenced the long railway journey of 44 hours, Florence being reached on Thursday afternoon. The Queen will remain abroad till about the end of April.

Saturday was the anniversary of the birth of the Princess Louise Marchioness of Lorne, and in honour of the event the bells of Windsor were rung, and a Royal salute fired in the Long Walk.

Bro. Sir Algernon Borthwick, M.P., intends, it is said, to spend Easter at Invercauld and enjoy some salmon fishing. Lady Borthwick, however, and Miss Borthwick will remain at Florence.

It has been arranged that this year's Army Summer Manœuvres shall be held on the borders of Berkshire and Wiltshire, the centre of the manœuvring ground being Swindon. The troops will assemble in all probability in September.

Madame Patti's departure for America to fulfil the series of concert engagements for which she is under contract to Mr. Marcus Meyer has been fixed for the 28th October, when she will leave England on board the new cunarder, Lucania.

The Duke of Montrose, the Earls of Enniskillen and Coventry, Lord Hastings, Lord Marcus Beresford, Bro. Sir Frederick Milner, and General Owen Williams were among the members of Bro. the Duke of Portland's party at Welbeck during the present week.

The Duke and Duchess of Teck and their daughter, Princess May, have signified their intention of being present at the International Football Match (Association game), which will be played on the Athletic Association ground, Richmond, on Saturday, the 1st prox.

We are asked to announce that La Tolerance Lodge of Instruction, No. 538, which was formally held at Portland Arms, now meets every Wednesday evening at the Yorkshire Grey, Woodstock-street, Oxford-street. The preceptor is Bro. John Paul, P.M. 1287, and the Assistant Preceptor Bro. J. J. Lonsdale, P.M. 382.

The Lord Mayor opened the 13th Easter Annual White-chapel Fine Art Exhibition at St. Jude's Church, Commercial-street East, on Tuesday. The principal contributors to this collection are Messrs. Alma Tadema, Herkomer, Briton, Riviere, F. Dicksee, Leader, Israels, Corot, MacWhirter, and Watts.

The Countess Spencer has left London for Paris, en route for Florence, and will be joined by the Earl—who is First Lord of the Admiralty—in a day or two. Subsequently the Earl and Countess will visit Malta and the other naval stations in the Mediterranean in the Admiralty yacht Surprise, and will be abroad altogether for some three or four weeks.

The Prince of Wales gave a dinner party at Marlborough House on Wednesday evening, when the guests included Prince Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, the Dukes of Norfolk and Sutherland, the Earls of Morley, Northbrook, and Selborne, Bro. Lord Wantage, the Lord Mayor, Bro. Sir Reginald Welby, Sir Charles Ryan, Sir Henry Hawkins, and others.

A morning concert is being organised by Madame Guilia Volla on behalf of the sufferers by the Sandgate disaster. It will take place at St. James's Hall on the 10th prox., and will be under the patronage of the Duke of Edinburgh, Princess Christian, the Duchess of Teck, Bro. the Earl of Radnor, the Lord Mayor of London, and Bro. Sir Augustus Harris.

St. Margaret's House, Victoria Park-square, Bethnal Green, the new centre of ladies' work in connection with the Oxford Mission, was declared open by the Duchess of Teck on Tuesday afternoon. Her Royal Highness, who met with a very hearty welcome, was received by the President, Vice-Presidents, the Hon. Secretary, and other ladies interested in the good work, and the Bishop of Bedford conducted a short service in connection with the opening.

Bro. Arthur Evans will deliver his successful and interesting lecture on the Passion Play at Oberammergau, illustrated by lime-light pictures, on Good Friday evening, in the Westminster Town Hall. As the proceeds of the lecture will be devoted to the diocese of New Westminster, British Columbia, of which our esteemed Bro. Dr. A. W. Sillitoe is the Bishop, we hope as many brethren as can make it convenient will be present.

The Prince of Wales dined with the Incorporated Law Society at the Law Institute on Tuesday evening. Mr. Richard Pennington, the President of the Society, occupied the chair, and among those invited to meet his Royal Highness were Bro. the Duke of Abercon, Bro. Lord Herschell (Lord Chancellor), the Master of the Rolls (Lord Esher), Sir Henry Hawkins, Mr. A. J. Balfour, M.P., Mr. John Morley, M.P., Mr. Goschen, M.P., Sir W. Harcourt, M.P., Sir C. Hall, M.P., and Bros. Sir F. Knollys, and Sir E. Clarke, M.P.

The University Boat-race was rowed over the usual course, from Putney to Mortlake, on Wednesday afternoon. The weather was magnificent, and there was a vast concourse of spectators along the whole line of route, who lustily cheered the rival crews as they strained every muscle to win. Oxford was the favourite, and justified the confidence of practical oarsmen by winning, after a tremendous struggle, by two-and-half lengths, in 18 min. 47 sec.—the shortest time on record. The Light Blues struggled gamely to the very last, as may be shown by the fact that till Chiswick Eyot was reached, their opponents were never quite a full length ahead.

On the 17th inst. the annual social meeting and assembly in connection with Lodge Royal Arch, No. 122, was held in the lodge room, Parliamentary Close, Perth. At the social meeting there were over 500 persons present, presided over by Bro. John Mackenzie, I.P.M. After tea, vocal and instrumental music was given by the Misses Fyfe, Miss Fraser, Miss Nelson, Miss Thomson, Miss Alexander, and Messrs. E. R. Broome, H. G. Mitchell, and J. W. Broome. Bro. Knight gave a recitation, which greatly delighted the audience. The Rev. A. J. B. Baxter and Bailie Alexander delivered interesting addresses. At the assembly which followed there were 50 couples. Mr. W. M. Smith was M.C., and the music was supplied by Donaldson's quadrille band.

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We regret to record the death at Ramsgate, on the 20th inst., after a long illness, of the wife of Bro. Thomas Cohn, P.M., of the Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192.

The City Corporation will give 150 guineas in special prizes, the first of which will be a silver cup of the value of 30 guineas, to be competed for at the Bisley Meeting.

A billiard match has just been arranged between John Roberts and Charles Dawson of Huddersfield. The terms are that the champion shall concede 9000 out of 24,000, and that the stakes shall be £1000 aside. The match will commence on April 1st.

It has been finally arranged that the German Emperor will visit Cowes during the yachting week this season. His Majesty is expected to arrive on the 20th July, and his yacht, the Meteor, will be again fitted out, though there are reasons for believing that she will not be raced as frequently as she was last year.

The Empress Frederick, accompanied by the Prince of Wales, visited Mr. A. Gilbert's studio in Maida-vale on Thursday, to inspect the model of the recumbent figure of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, which he is executing for the sarcophagus in the Albert Memorial Chapel, Windsor Castle.

The Princess of Wales, accompanied by her daughters, the Duke of York, and suite, arrived at Naples on Thursday evening from Rome, and proceeded at once on board the Royal yacht Osborne, which is lying in the military port.

The latest reports as to the health of the Marquis of Salisbury, who has been suffering from an attack of influenza, are to the effect that his lordship has been making fair progress towards recovery—in fact, his recovery has been thus far so satisfactory that his lordship has by no means abandoned his hopes of being able to fulfil his political engagement in Belfast on the 4th prox.

Princess Mary Adelaide, Duchess of Teck, and her daughter dined with Lord and Lady Wimborne, at Wimborne House, Arlington-street, on Wednesday evening, when the Prince of Hohenlohe, the Marquis of Abergavenny, the Marchionesses of Londonderry and Downshire, Marquis Camden, Viscount and Viscountess Chelsea, the Speaker and Miss Peel, and Bro. Sir Algernon Borthwick were among the guests.

THE LONFIELD LODGE, No. 2450.—We are asked to supply an omission in our report of the consecration of the above lodge which appeared on the 11th inst., to the effect that the Consecrating Officers, Bros. Letchworth, Slingsby Roberts, and H. Langton, together with the Installing Master, were unanimously elected honorary members of the lodge, on the proposition of the W.M.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught has graciously signified to Bro. Lennox Browne his pleasure to become Patron of the Central London Throat and Ear Hospital, Gray's Inn-road, of which the Archbishop of Canterbury is President, and has headed the list of subscribers to the Building Extension Fund, rendered necessary by the increased demand for accommodation, by a donation of 20 pounds.

The City Corporation met on Thursday for the last time before the Easter holidays, and in the course of their sitting voted 200 guineas to the Sandgate Relief Fund, and 100 guineas to the Queensland Relief Fund. The report of the Sanitary Committee for the Port of London was at the same time adopted, having for its object the protection of our shores from the possible introduction of cholera in the coming season, for which desirable end all practicable precautions appear to have been taken without regard to expense.

In the person of Bro. William Martin, who died in Aberdeen, on the 7th instant, in his 93rd year, the Craft in that province has lost its oldest member. Bro. Martin has been connected with the Operative Lodge, No. 150, since December, 1823, and was thus in the 70th year of his membership. He was laid aside several years ago by failing health, and has since been maintained by the lodge, and latterly was admitted as annuitant under the extended scheme of Scottish Masonic Benevolence. Bro. Martin leaves a daughter and a granddaughter.

CHICAGO EXHIBITION.—A private view of the carriages for the Chicago Exhibition was given at Messrs. Morgan and Co.'s West-end branch, Old Bond-street, W., on Wednesday and Thursday last. Amongst those that call for special mention is a fine drag, which is hung much lower than usual, the wheels of which are 3 inches nearer together than any drag hitherto made. A new and clever patent of Morgan's is a connecting rod between the hind bed and the cross spring to prevent the body swaying when the break is used. The whole exhibit (which consists of eight carriages) will fully represent the carriage building industry of England, as we understand Messrs. Morgan and Co. are the only English firm of coachbuilders sending to Chicago.

The Prince of Wales visited the Public Record Office on Monday, and inspected a number of the historic treasures which are there collected. His Royal Highness lunched with Lord Esher, Master of the Rolls, at his official residence—the Rolls House—the Danish Minister and Madame de Bille, the Marquis of Londonderry, Earl and Countess Stanhope, Bro. the Earl and Countess of Wharcliffe, the Earl and Countess of Romney, and Bro. Henry Irving being among the guests invited on the occasion. The treasures which had been selected for the Prince's inspection included Domesday Book, the White Book of Cornwall, the Charters Roll, containing the authority for the creation of the first Prince of Wales, the Treaty between Henry VIII. and Francis the First signed on the Field of the Cloth of Gold, the will of Henry VIII., the Duke of Marlborough's dispatch announcing his victory at Blenheim in 1704, the logbook of the Victory, including the record of the victory at Trafalgar and the death of Nelson, and Wellington's dispatch announcing the victory at Waterloo.

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