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FREEMASONRY AND ITS OBJECTS.

There are few more competent exponents of the aims and objects of Freemasonry than our reverend brother the Dean of YORK, and the address with which he recently inaugurated the series of lectures which will be delivered from time to time under the auspices of the Lodge of Defence, No. 1221, Leeds, is a model of what such an address should be. It was clear and precise in its several parts, easy of comprehension by the general body of Craftsmen, and a truthful presentation of the purposes which Freemasonry has set itself to accomplish. No doubt our distinguished brother would have felt equally, if not more, at home in addressing an audience of highly cultured Masons desirous of learning more about the abstruser mysteries of the Craft. But we doubt very much if a learned address would have been as generally acceptable as that which we had the pleasure of publishing last week, for the reason that it would not have been so readily comprehended by the general body. It would not have appealed so directly to their sympathies or to those of the general public, who, though they are not themselves members of the Masonic Fraternity, are nevertheless greatly interested in its proceedings. But let us accompany our reverend brother through the several sections of his address, and we shall then be in a better position to appreciate its value. He began by pointing out that the old conception as to the character of Freemasonry, however much of truth it may have contained in former days, holds good no longer. People do not now caricature us, and set us down as "mere gluttons and bibulous people, whose conversation was flavoured with coarseness, and whose actions savoured of indecency." The habits of society, of which Freemasons are an important part, forbid any such suggestion. But the belief is still widely prevalent that Freemasonry is a kind of goodfellowship club, and he is probably not far wrong in ascribing this belief to the habit so common among brethren of describing what is nothing more than the simple and necessary refreshment which should always follow labour by "the pedantic and archaic" term of "banquets." We meet together for the discharge of our appointed duties, and when we have discharged them we dine or sup together or spend an hour or two in taking some light refreshments. This refection, slight or substantial, as the case may be, is magniloquently described as a "banquet," and hence, no doubt, the belief he referred to that Masons are a "goodfellowship club," who meet together for no other purpose than that of enjoying themselves. But even if they merit this appellation, there is, as he truly says, a sufficient apology for their conduct. There is, indeed, no reason why frugal and necessary refreshment should not be taken by members of the Masonic body when they meet together for the transaction of business. It is "consistent with humanity itself that the partaking of food should be social rather than solitary." In short, we meet as a lodge and dine or sup together as a family. This we do some eight or ten times in the course of 12 months, and the people must indeed be censorious who can deduce harm from customs so simple and indulged in at intervals so rare.

Again, as our reverend brother points out, Freemasonry is not a benefit society; it does not lend itself, except on very special occasions, to anything in the nature of spectacular display, and, above all, it is not, neither has it ever advanced any claim to be, a religion. It is not a benefit society, because men do not join our ranks for the sake of any benefits they may hope to derive from it on their own account, but in order to be able, through its instrumentality, to render services to others. Benefit societies are, no doubt, useful, and, as the Rev. Bro. PUREY-CUST remarks, "it may be an act of prudence" to belong to one, "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, as he goes on to add, "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 capabilities to promote the welfare of our brethren." Again, Freemasonry is no religion, but "it recognises religious truths; it inculcates and practises 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." It occupies 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." Moreover, "it is something 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 our best interests in this life or in another."

Having shown that Freemasonry is not any of the things he enumerated, our reverend brother proceeded to define "the object of our Society" as being "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 or earth." As regards the constitution of our Order, he took occasion to point out that, in this country at all events, "it gathers together men of all ranks and stations, from the Heir to the Throne to the working man." There may not, perhaps, be many of the latter, but there is little doubt the Fraternity is "abundantly recruited from the upper and middle classes of society." It includes "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 and 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." That such an organisation as this—which "masses all these different classes of the community together"; which "brings them on to one common neutral ground," where they "meet and are honoured, not so much for their rank and position without as for their position and rank within," which is "a social democracy, and yet controlled by a discipline which is loyally submitted to, and cheerfully recognised, and governed by an executive which retains the confidence of the members generally, and is obeyed and honoured"—should win the admiration of so competent a judge is not to be wondered at; neither is it surprising that he should give voice to the opinion that "it would be indeed a shame, 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 for the mere assumption of costume." Equally important is it to note that "a good example is catching, and that 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."

Much else might be quoted from this instructive address, but we have selected enough to show how justly the objects of Freemasonry are understood by the Dean of YORK, and how grand a future lies before the Craft, if only its members will appreciate and act up to his teachings. It is, indeed, an able exposition of Freemasonry, and the Lodge of Defence will be fortunate indeed if the rest of the series of the lectures which are to be delivered under its auspices equal, or even approach, the one we have just been summarising.

INTRODUCTION TO BRO. VERNON'S SCOTTISH MASONIC HISTORY.

The following introduction by Bro. W. J. Hughan to Bro. Vernon's work recently published, has been reprinted by permission of the Author, and will, we think, prove of interest to our readers:—

I am exceedingly pleased that Bro. W. Fred. Vernon has so promptly responded to the wishes of several students in writing a comprehensive "History of Freemasonry in the Province of Roxburghshire and Selkirkshire," not only as such a work is much needed (containing as it does numerous particulars respecting old lodges from 1674 to 1892), but primarily because my friend is most thoroughly conversant with the subject, and has virtually been preparing for this "labour of love" (though without intending it) for many years past. Amidst the multitudinous duties of a busy life he has contrived to find time to do justice to the important records of the old Lodge of Melrose, with minutes from 1674; the Lodge of Kelso from 1701, and those of the extinct lodge at Haughfoot, from 1702, besides other ancient *ateliers* whose transactions are duly described in musty volumes, and now, for the first time, see the light by being placed at the service of the universal Craft for examination and comparison with kindred MSS. More even than this will be found in the following pages, for all the lodges in the two counties concerned have their histories portrayed by a master hand, so that those dating from the present or 18th century,

as well as still earlier organisations, have at last obtained the prominence they so well deserve, being thus fitly and fully made known by an ardent and capable Craftsman.

Scotland is exceptionally situated as respects ancient Masonic documents; England (and all other countries) being far behind, unless in regard to copies of the "Old Charges," those preserved in the southern part of Great Britain being much more numerous and valuable.

Notwithstanding, however, all that has been done to reproduce and make known these relics of the past by competent brethren in Scotland, much remains to be done, and many are the old lodges which are, as yet, lacking historians to unfold their treasures and describe their eventful past.

Chief among the brethren who have sought to place the main facts relating to these ancient lodges at the disposal of Masonic students throughout the wide world is Bro. D. Murray Lyon, whose "History of the Lodge of Edinburgh (Mary's Chapel), No. 1" (1873), takes front rank, and is a model of research and condensation of extraordinary records dating from 1599, practically continuous to the present year of Grace. The same indefatigable brother (with whom I have long been a fellow labourer), also wrote a series of articles on "Mother Lodge, Kilwinning, No. 0," in the defunct "Freemasons' Magazine and Masonic Mirror," as also "Recollections of the Lodge of Freemasons at Thornhill" (1866), and is now engaged in preparing an official history of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

The senior lodge on the Scottish roll (No. 0) has likewise been attended to by Bro. Robert Wylie, who has compiled a most interesting volume (editions 1878 and 1882). There were really three "Heid Luges" in Scotland, Edinburgh being the "first and principal," Kilwinning "the second," and Stirling "the third Lodge," according to the supplemental statutes of 1599, promulgated and signed by "William Schaw, Maister of Wark, Warden of the Maisonis." A usage, however, not peculiar to that country, *Strasbourg*, *Cologne*, and *Vienna* being an example of another such extraordinary trio (of the fifteenth and later centuries) under the wing of the Steinmetzen.

The ancient Lodge of Melrose is now No. 1 bis; the junior of the trio numbered "One," being the old Lodge of Aberdeen with records from 1670, and, like its immediate predecessors, having worked for many years previously—possibly centuries—all being veritably of time-immemorial antiquity.

"Canongate Kilwinning, No. 2," Edinburgh dates from 1677, as a pendicle of No. 0, its history having been written in a most efficient manner by Bro. Allan Mackenzie, one of its Past Masters. The Lodge of "Glasgow St. John," No. 3 bis, is believed to be of great age, what seems to be the same organisation being mentioned in the Incorporation Records of the 17th century. One of its souvenirs suggests an early observance of the time-honoured loyal toast, viz., an old chest, possibly used by the "Box Master," having thereon the words "God save the King and Masons' Craft, 1684." Like its fellow No. 3 (Scone and Perth of the 17th century), no account of its Records, save a few brief sketches, has yet appeared.

Bro. Edward Macbean tells us that "Glasgow Kilwinning," No. 4, possesses minutes of the "Third Degree," proving that it was worked therein on April 1st, 1735, which is thus the second oldest reference in Scottish Records to that ceremony, the first to claim that distinction being No. 2, Edinburgh, slightly earlier in the same year. It will be noted that Bro. Vernon cites a very curious entry in the minute book of the extinct lodge at Haughfoot, originally made known by Bro. Robert Sanderson, dated 22nd December, 1702, a certified extract of which was kindly sent me by that zealous Craftsman. Bro. Vernon agrees with me, that the reference is not to a *separate* degree, but only to a ceremony, at which Apprentices were eligible to be present; just as with the passing of Fellow Crafts, or Master Masons in the Lodge of Edinburgh, as illustrated so fully in Bro. Lyon's valuable history. The minute reads—

"Of entré as the apprentice did leaving out (the Common Judge) Then they whisper the word *as before*, and the Master Mason grips his hand after the ordinary way."

Evidently there was no additional information imparted at this ceremony, whether it related to the position or grade of a Fellow Craft or Master Mason, as the words in italics confirm. No such statement would be a correct account of the conferring of the second or third *degrees* under the modern regime.

"Canongate and Leith," No. 5, is an offshoot of No. 1, Edinburgh—"Masones in the Chanongate and North Lith, having presumptuously used the libartay to unite among themselves and antar and pass within our presink, and having eraked a loge amonge thamselves, without any Roiall or Generall Wardones athoretay," from the year 1688. The mother lodge was powerless to heal the schism; neither was it able to prevent a similar secession in 1707-9 of a number of Craftsmen, founders of the "Journymen" Lodge, who eventually, on an appeal to the Lords of Council and Session, were legally empowered to meet as a lodge, to communicate "the Mason Word," and transact ordinary Masonic business, subject to the oversight of No. 1; by a Decree Arbitral of 8th January, 1715. Bro. William Hunter's "Incidents in the History of the Lodge of Journymen Masons, Edinburgh, No. 8" (1884) are interesting, and should be consulted by all who desire to become acquainted with this singular episode in Scottish Freemasonry. Another capital volume to be studied is "Freemasonry in Inverness," by Bro. Alexander Ross (1887). "St. John's Old Kilwinning, No. 6," was started long before 1678, though its Warrant of Confirmation only takes effect as from that year.

Although the ancient Lodge of Kelso did not cast in its lot with the Scottish Grand Lodge before 1754, it will be seen by reference to Bro. Vernon's skilful sketch of its transactions that minutes exist of its meetings back to 1701, many of which are of considerable importance, especially one excerpt of 18th June, 1754, in which it is admitted that the lodge had knowledge of but two Degrees—Apprentice and Fellow Craft. This "defect in their Constitution" was rectified by the services of six visiting brethren from Edinburgh, who duly "raised" several members "to the rank of Masters," or, as we should say, to the Degree of a Master Mason.

Bro. James Smith is engaged in writing a History of "Dumfries Kilwinning Lodge, No. 53," and has already done good service as historian of No. 140, which is known as the "Operative Lodge" of that town*. The records date back to A.D. 1687, though neither No. 53 or No. 6 at Inverness

(both of the 17th century, or earlier) appear in the Roll of Lodges authorised by "Mother Kilwinning," as prepared by Brothers Lyon and Wylie; and yet they are called after that time honoured centre of Masonry. As the last warrant issued was numbered 79, and only 35 have been traced in the records (inclusive of Antigua, Virginia [two], and Dublin), there evidently must be many entitled to use the affix "Kilwinning," even though their Charters may not be registered in the archives.

Brethren familiar with Bro. Lyon's work, before noted, or Bro. Gould's noble "History of Freemasonry," will be aware of the numerous minute books in existence (even of lodges which have collapsed) relating to the Scottish Craft, such as Atcheson's Haven, Dundee, Perth, Dunblane, Banff, Haddington, Peebles, Biggar, Bathgate, and others of the 17th century, or slightly later.

These, and the old lodges already referred to, beginning with the year 1599-1600, testify to the extreme simplicity of the mode of reception or initiation, and prove that noblemen, gentlemen, and various Craftsmen, *in addition to Operative Masons*, were received into the lodges as members, being termed "*Geomatic*," and the other class "*Domestic*" Masons; in fact, in not a few the *speculative* composed the majority of the members. It is impossible for me herein to even glance at the curious customs described in the records, but those cited by Bro. Vernon will amply serve to cast a bright light on some of the proceedings of our beloved Fraternity during the past two hundred years or more in a province noted for its Masonic antiquity and activity.

I am confident that the following pages will be found to be a most important and valuable contribution to Masonic literature, and justify me in offering a very hearty greeting to Bro. Vernon on behalf of the rapidly increasing Guild of Masonic Historians and Students.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

CONSECRATION OF THE UNITY CHAPTER, No. 2341, AT OLDHAM.

There was a very large assembly held at the Queen-street Schools—buildings admirably adapted for the purpose—on Wednesday, the 22nd ult. Comp. Col. Le Gendre Nicholas Starkie, G. Supt., presided on the occasion, and was supported by a large number of his Prov. Grand Officers, including Comps. James H. Sillitoe, Prov. G.H.; A. H. Jefferis, Prov. G.J.; John Chadwick, Prov. G.S.E.; Rev. John Clayton, acting Prov. G.S.N. (through the unavoidable absence of Comp. E. Bigoe Bagot, Prov. G.S.N., through indisposition); and Scott Younge, Prov. G.D.C., who carried out his difficult portion of the proceedings in a most efficient and admirable manner.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of the Prov. Grand Organist. The vocalists were Comps. W. H. Kershaw, P.Z.; N. Dumville, P.Z.; P.P.G.S.B.; J. Clifton, P.Z.; P.P.G.O.; and A. S. Kinnell.

The companions assembled in the large hall, and stood to receive the G. Superintendent and his officers, and a conclave was formed. After the admittance of the rest of the companions, the ceremony was at once proceeded with.

The G. SUPERINTENDENT then addressed the companions very effectively upon the nature of the meeting.

Comp. J. CHADWICK, P.G.S.E., stated the wishes of the companions of the proceedings they had taken with respect to the chapter.

The officers being approved of by all present, the G. SUPERINTENDENT called upon Comp. the Rev. W. R. Clayton, P.Z., for the oration, which he gave with great impressiveness, having had no notice whatever that he would be called upon. He said:

I, having been called upon, quite unexpectedly, to fulfil a duty which would otherwise have devolved upon our Prov. G.S.N., Comp. Bagot, I feel myself at a considerable disadvantage. First, on account of the suddenness of this call to duty; secondly, because of my inability to perform it in the able manner in which Comp. Bagot would have done. There is not given to every man the same ready flow of words, or the power of clothing his sentiments in the same eloquent language for which our esteemed Comp. Bagot is noted. However, I think I may safely assure you of this, that what you will lose in eloquence on the present occasion you will gain in brevity. I will content myself with drawing your attention to one great point taught in this Sublime Degree, which, to my mind, ought to be thoroughly impressed upon us all, viz., "Reverence for Holy things." In the wonderfully beautiful ceremony of exaltation in this Degree, the candidate is taught at a very early stage in the proceedings to regard the name of the Most High with the greatest awe; that he must not approach the sacred altar on which it is displayed without the customary acts of adoration. Later on, the five signs are all intended to inculcate the same spirit of deep devotion and reverential awe towards God and all that pertains to His word and worship. I think it, then, most important that we should remember this in the present day, when there is so much of the spirit of secularism and atheism abroad. The consecration of this chapter, will, we trust, be the means of fostering and inculcating within the breasts of all who shall become members of it, a true spirit of reverence, that the name of the Most High may not pass their lips in a light and trifling manner; that the Sacred Volume, which contains the treasures of His will and word, may be treated by them with such respect and regard as they never give to an ordinary volume. One word as regards the ceremonies in a Royal Arch chapter. These are religious acts; they are conducted, or should be, in a religious manner. The blessing of the Most High is invoked on all occasions; portions of His Holy Word are appointed to be read. Let us see to it that all this is done in a reverent manner; that the companions stand properly to order with the P. or S. sign; that the readings are given with due expression; that the prayers are said as prayers should be; that there is nothing perfunctory about any part of the ceremony, but that it is all real and earnest. If this be done, I feel sure it will be edifying to the companions, and promote more surely than anything else the good of Royal Arch Masonry, a general spirit of true religion, and the fear and love of God, and the honour and glory of His Holy name.

The anthem "Behold how good" was then rendered, and the ceremony concluded by the "Patriarchal Benediction" by the P.G.S.N.

The G. SUPERINTENDENT then requested Comp. J. H. Sillitoe, P.G.H., to take the chair as M.E.Z., and Comp. Abram Clegg, P.P.G.J., as H., whilst Comp. A. H. Jefferis, P.G.J., was in his place, in order to install the Principals.

* My introduction to Bro. James Smith's important work will include a sketch of all the copies of the "Old Charges" in Scotland, and will thus include the *Melrose* version. [Since published.]

The ceremonies throughout were rendered by Comps. Sillitoe and Jefferis in a most impressive manner, several companions present remarking that they had never seen them rendered so beautifully.

Comp. Clement V. Haworth was installed as first M.E.Z.; Comp. H. Andrew, H.; and Comp. Bottomley, J.; and the officers were invested by the M.E.Z.

The chapter was then closed.

Immediately Comp. Col. Starkie resumed his chair, and opened Prov. Grand Chapter.

Upon calling over the roll of Prov. Grand Officers, all were found to be present, with the exception of the Prov. Grand Chaplain, who, as we have before mentioned, was indisposed.

All the chapters in the province were represented, with the exception of two, and they were ordered to be fined.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the yearly report was read by the Prov. Grand H., Comp. SILLITOE, which proved the Province of East Lancashire to be in a highly flourishing condition.

The Treasurer's accounts were adopted, and there being a considerable balance in hand, Comp. SILLITOE proposed 20 guineas be given to the East Lancashire Systematic and Educational Benevolent Institution.

This was unanimously carried.

Comp. W. F. Lean was appointed Auditor, with another, whose name we did not catch.

The Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year were then invested as follows:

Comp. J. H. Sillitoe	...	...	Prov. G.H.
" J. Heelis (by Deputy)	...	...	Prov. G.J.
" John Chadwick	...	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" Rev. J. Clayton, P.Z.	...	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" Wm. Forrest, P.Z.	...	...	Prov. G.P.S.
" Wm. Hardcastle, P.Z.	...	...	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
" H. S. Duckworth, P.Z.	...	...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" James Butterworth, P.Z.	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" H. Taylor, P.Z.	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Dr. Foreman, P.Z.	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" J. Hothersale, P.Z.	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" J. Holyoak	...	...	Prov. G. Org.

Immediately the Prov. Grand Chapter was closed, and subsequently a banquet was held at the Union Club, where a first-class musical entertainment had been arranged by Comp. J. Clayton, assisted by the before-mentioned companions.

CONSECRATION OF THE BOOTLE-WILBRAHAM LODGE, No. 2463, AT KNOTTY ASH.

The consecration of the above lodge, bearing a name which is honoured, not only in West Lancashire, but throughout the world where English Freemasonry exists, took place on Thursday, the 23rd ult., at the Village Hall, Knotty Ash, West Lancashire, when there was an attendance of about 90 brethren, nearly half of whom were Grand and Prov. Grand Officers. The name of the new lodge is in honour of Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, G.C.B., Pro G.M., P.G.M. West Lanes., and the hint thrown out by his lordship at the Provincial Grand Lodge some years ago will be adopted in connection with the new lodge. This was to the effect that it was desirable if lodges would devote all initiation fees, after deducting the Grand Lodge expenses, to the cause of the Masonic Charities. The Village Hall, Knotty Hill, Knotty Ash, is a handsome erection, is most admirably adapted for Masonic purposes; and was decorated for the occasion in a suitable manner. The initial meeting was of the most genial and successful nature.

Bro. W. Goodacre, P.G.S.B. England, Prov. G. Sec., efficiently fulfilled the duties of Presiding Officer, and he was assisted in the impressive consecration ceremony by Bros. T. Forrester, P.G. Std. Br.; R. Wylie, P.G.D.; J. Christie, P.J.G.W.; W. Savage, P.G. Treas.; J. J. Lambert, P.P.G.R.; D. M. Gaskin, P.P.G. Treas.; R. Armitage, P.G. Reg.; C. Heywood, P.G.D.C.; Rev. J. Pemblett, P.G.C.; R. G. Bradley, P.G.S.; and W. Johnson, P.S.G.W.

The founders of the lodge were Bros. C. Fothergill, P.G.S.; E. H. Cookson, P.P.J.G.W.; W. Oversby, P.M. 1393; G. Holme, jun., W.M. 2294; E. Berry; W. H. Bucknall, P.P.A.G.D.C. Staffordshire; Samuel L. Fraser, P.M. 1264; W. Rawthorne, P.M. 1182; Hedley Oliver, 1264; H. Whittingham, 216; T. Holme, J.D. 1182; W. Pye, P.M. 1094; W. Lothian, 249; G. Barclay, 2316; D. Lothian, J.W. 1182; Dr. R. J. Richardson; Thomas Scotson; J. R. Clarke, 1182; and W. J. Davidson, 1182.

There were also present—

Bros. J. T. Callow, P.P.G. Treas.; J. C. Robinson, P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. M. Smythe, P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. R. Bottomley, P.P.A.G.D.C.; R. Foote, P.P.G. Treas.; J. B. Mackenzie, P.P.S.G.D.; A. Cotter, P.P.G.S.B.; Eli Brooks, P.J.G.D.; R. Sharrock, P.G.S.; W. E. Coxon, P.P.G.S.; J. Shield, P.M. 1086; H. B. Wright, Org. 1182; T. J. Sparling, Sec. 2114; R. W. McLachlan, P.M. 241; W. Griffiths, W.M. 2114; T. Vernon, P.M. 292; E. B. Ironsides, W.M. 1264; J. Tarbuck, W.M. 2316; W. J. Garrett, P.M. 2290; J. Scott, I.P.M. 2294; A. Morris, I.P.M. 1182; J. Procter, I.P.M. 667; J. Leach, W.M. 1299; H. J. Pye, P.M. 249; J. Edwards, P.M. 1182; G. Banner, P.M. 32; T. Edwards, W.M. 460; C. Stewart, P.M. 2375; R. Tunnicliffe, S.W. 1182; W. H. Bicknell, S.W. 2294; and numerous other brethren.

In the course of the ceremony an eloquent oration was given by Bro. the Rev. J. DIMBLETT on "The Nature and Principles of the Institution."

At the conclusion of the consecration ceremony, Bro. C. Fothergill, P.G.S., was installed the first W.M. of the lodge, and the officers were the following: Bros. E. H. Cookson, P.P.J.G.W., S.W.; W. T. Oversby, P.M., J.W.; W. Pye, P.M., Treas.; G. Holme, jun., Sec.; Samuel L. Fraser, P.M., S.D.; W. Rawthorne, P.M., J.D.; W. H. Bucknall, P.M., D.C.; H. Whittingham, Org.; E. Berry, I.G.; and Dr. R. I. Richardson, D. Lothian, Hedley Oliver, and G. Barclay, Stwds.

The names of four gentlemen were then proposed for initiation, including that of the Rev. Frank J. Powell, M.A., Vicar of Knotty Ash. There were also many brethren proposed as joining members.

An excellent banquet was provided by Bro. J. Casey, and the music of the ceremony, as well as at the after gathering, was very charmingly rendered by Bros. Kirkham, Edwards, Heginbotham, Whittingham, and others.

SUPREME GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF SCOTLAND.

The meeting for annual election and installation of office-bearers was held on Monday, the 20th ult., in Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh. The Right Hon. the Earl of Haddington, M.E. Past G. Principal Z., opened Grand Chapter, after which apologies for absence were read from Comps. the Right Hon. Lord Saltoun, M.E.G.Z.; the Most Hon. the Marquis of Breadalbane, G.H.; and others.

The G.S.E. then read over the list of nominations to the various offices, and the following companions were elected and installed:

Comp. James Dalrymple Duncan	...	...	Depute G.Z.
" Major F. W. Allan	...	...	G.J.
" Robt. S. Brown	...	...	G.S.E.
" J. McNaught Campbell	...	...	G.S.N.
" James Melville	...	...	G. Treas.
" C. C. Nisbet	...	...	G. Recorder.
" Col. John Campbell	...	...	G. Chancellor.
" John Carruthers	...	...	G. 1st Soj.
" James Simpson	...	...	G. 2nd Soj.
" Major Adam Elliot Black	...	...	G. 3rd Soj.
" Sir Jas. R. G. Maitland, Bart.	G.S.B.
" Lieut.-Col. N. Ivison Macadam	G.D. of C.
" James H. Forshaw	G. Depute D. of C.
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At the conclusion of the installation ceremony the M.E. Acting Grand Z. installed Comp. James Berry as P.G. Superintendent of Angus and Mearns, and Comp. George Christie as P.G. Superintendent of Stirlingshire.

The Grand Chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the Board Room, there to celebrate the Festival of the Vernal Equinox by dining together. The chair was taken by the Right Hon. the Earl of Haddington, and the croupiers were Comps. James Simpson and John Carruthers.

On the removal of the cloth the usual loyal, patriotic, and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, "The Supreme Grand Chapter" being given by Comp. L. MACKERSY, and responded to by Comp. J. D. DUNCAN.

The CHAIRMAN replied to the toast of "The Grand Lodge of Scotland," proposed by Comp. WM. OFFICER, and Comp. LINDSAY MACKERSY replied for "The Supreme Council of Scotland, 33°," proposed by Comp. J. DALRYMPLE DUNCAN.

Other toasts followed.

THE RELIGION OF FREEMASONRY.

The Old Charges, which are still ordered to be read at the making of a Freemason, demand of him the belief in the existence of a Supreme Being; and an active belief in God is the foundation of all religion.

They further "oblige him to that religion in which all men agree," qualifying it by the additional words: "to be good men and true, men of honour and honesty," that is, to be strictly moral men. These two ideas in their combination give us the "Religion of Morality," to which no sane man can or will object.

The axiom, that man by nature is a religious being, is deduced from general observation. The fact of an inherent religious sense, common to all people, leads to the conception of a general religion, the source of all particular religions and religious sects, having for its object the veneration of God, and the goodness, piety, and morality of men: and this is the "Religion of Freemasonry," all the rest being dogmatic by-work; different in the different religions, in which all people never can nor will agree.

The people, pre-eminently endowed with this innate sense of religiousness in antiquity, were the Jews, who went even so far as to establish their political government on a religious idea, called "theocracy, or Divine government." Christianity is the historical, logical, and therefore, legitimate, outcome of Judaism.

But man has not only a religious soul, he is also possessed of the faculty of the mind which varies in its operations according to environments and the individual nature of persons and peoples. Acting upon this inborn religious disposition, it became, by its diversifying power, the factor of the various religions and religious sects of the world, of which each and every one pretends to be the only true one, condemning all the others as spurious and false—hence their mutual conflict which, stimulated by fanaticism, often led and still does lead to the most cruel and merciless prosecutions.

The grand and sublime idea, underlying as a solid foundation the structure of Freemasonry, is the spirit of tolerance and reconciliation.

The primeval conceptions of all religious manifestations were in their origin polytheistic, which a higher intellectual development of the mind reduced to the idea of monotheism. The Jews, originally Elohist (from Elohim, a plural expression), became, in the course of time, Jehovahists.

From the innateness of the religious sense, as we have seen, sprang by the diversifying power of the mind the various religions of the world, and to this source by the same power, in its final harmonising tendency, all must ultimately return again.

If, in the comparative study of all these various religions, we merely look at their outwardness, if we only consider them in their spirit according to the letter and their historical traditions; they all diverge in different directions. But if we examine and weigh them according to their true inwardness and intrinsic value, their primeval source and fountain, we find that the most prominent religions converge again towards a common centre.

But that these religions may meet, there must be a place, a temple must be built for this purpose.

Such a temple is our temple—the sublime Masondom! Here we shall be re-united again by reason and intelligence, by the spirit of love and reconciliation, what Popes and anti-Popes of all religions by their mutual curses in the name of God have divided and separated. Such is the lofty and divine mission of universal Freemasonry. A man must not have a spark of true religion in his soul if he cannot comprehend this noble duty.—E. R., in the *Freemasons' Journal*.

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Masonic Notes.

It was only seven years since that the Domatic
Lodge, No. 177, celebrated the centenary of its con-
stitution by the Grand Lodge of the "Ancient" or
"Atholl" Masons, and now we have the pleasure of
recording that the chapter which bears the same name
and number, and which was founded in 1793, celebrated
its centenary on Thursday of last week. We have a
full report in type, which will appear in our columns
next week. In the meantime, however, we tender our
very cordial congratulations on this most auspicious
event to the chapter, and especially to Comp. H.
Nelson Price, who, having presided as W.M. at the
lodge centenary in 1886 had the rare good fortune of
presiding as I.P.Z. at the gathering on the 23rd ult.

The installation of Bro. the Right Hon. Lord George
Francis Hamilton, M.P., as R.W. Provincial Grand
Master of Middlesex, will take place on the 6th of May,
at Teddington. It is hoped that the ceremony will be
performed by the Earl of Lathom, M.W. Pro-Grand
Master of England.

According to a paragraph in the *Philadelphia
Keystone*, a certain Comp. Thomas H. Brown was in-
stalled a Knight Templar in the Holy Cross Com-
mandery, No. 51 on the roll of the G. Commandery
of New York, on the 14th February last. Sir Knight
Brown was born on the 22nd January, 1791, and was
made a Mason in 1821. He was therefore 102 years
of age at the time of his installation. Our contem-
porary mentions a case in which a candidate was in-
stalled K.T. in the Mary Commandery, No. 36,
Philadelphia, and we have read of a candidate for
Masonic light was initiated in one of our English lodges
at the ripe age of 86; but this case of Sir Knight
Brown beats the record, as far as our knowledge goes.
There is one thing to be said, our venerable Bro. the
Rev. Sir J. Warren Hayes, Bart., is an older Mason
than Bro. Brown, having been initiated in the Apollo
University Lodge of Oxford in 1819—the year of its
constitution.

At the meeting of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania,
which was held at the Masonic Hall, Philadelphia, on
the 2nd ult., under the presidency of M.E. Comp. Edgar
A. Tennis, M.E.G.H.P., the M.M.M. Degree was exem-
plified by Comp. Richard M. Johnson, Grand Scribe,
in a manner which has evoked a well-merited eulogium
from the *Keystone*, who describes the exemplification
as having, "in a sense, resembled well-adjusted
machinery," each officer "performing his part at the
proper time and in a proper way." "But while the
precision of machinery was exhibited in the rendition
of the ceremonies, yet, our machines but living men were
engaged in them, for their enthusiasm and earnestness
fully developed their interest in a thorough preparation
for the duties assigned them." In other words, the
rehearsal went smoothly and successfully from first to
last, which is no more than we have a right to expect
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The celebration of the 75th anniversary, or, as it
is called, the "Diamond Jubilee," of the constitution
of Meridian Sun Lodge, No. 158, on the roll of the
Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, which was held at the
Masonic Hall at Philadelphia, on the 4th ult., appears
to have been a very grand function. Bro. Michael
Arnold, M.W.G.M. Pennsylvania, was present by in-
vitation from the lodge, as were likewise quite a strong
contingent of Grand Officers, among whom were Bros.

Thomas R. Porlton, G. Treas., and Michael Nisbet, P.G.M., G. Sec., to the father of the latter of whom the lodge owes it that in 1831, when the anti-Masonic crusade was in full swing, and the year following when the cholera was raging, the warrant was not surrendered. The review of the history of the lodge, which was read by the Secretary, and the enumeration of the services of former members, appear to have been much appreciated by the large muster of members and visitors which had been brought together in honour of the event.

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The 64th annual convocation of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee was held at Narbutte on the 23rd January last. The M.E. Comp. John B. Garrett, G.H.P., presided, and 52 out of the 59 chapters on the roll were represented. The G.H.P. in his address expressed regret that his efforts to revive sundry dormant chapters had not proved successful, but one new chapter had been added to the roll, and Royal Arch Masonry was generally prosperous throughout the jurisdiction. The aggregate membership of the 59 chapters was returned at 2472, while the financial position appears to be sound. The new G.H.P. is Comp John T. Williamson, while Comp. W. A. Clendinning retains the post of Grand Secretary.

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The 105th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut was held in Newhaven on the 18th and 19th January, under the presidency of Bro. Hugh Sterling, M.W. Grand Master. There was a large attendance of Grand Officers, Present and Past, and all the lodges on the roll but one were represented. The past year appears to have been disturbed by the attempt on the part of one of the lodges to withdraw its allegiance to Grand Lodge, because the Grand Master's acts were not in accordance with its wishes, but in the end the lodge had to yield and acknowledge the error of its ways, and harmony again prevails throughout the jurisdiction. Bro. Sam Barrett is now Grand Master, and Bro. Jos. Wheeler still Grand Secretary.

Correspondence.

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

SWALLOWING THE CAMEL!

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am sorry to observe that at least in one province a desire exists to make a visitor feel other than at home, and this is, I think, to be regretted. I was recently invited to an installation in the Province of Blankshire, and the brother who kindly and with the best of intentions sought my presence on that occasion was too much occupied with ceremonial and other work to devote much attention to me. His situation, too, by virtue of his Masonic rank was in the East. At the banquet I was for some time pleasantly supported by a "vacant chair" on either side, that were not even of the favourite Charles Dickens shape, that seems to rest one so nicely all over. Unfortunately for me, the time arrived when a speaker made a remark with which I agreed, and more unfortunately still, I resorted to the old-fashioned and time-honoured custom of clapping my hands in token of approval. Across the banquet board this brought the censure of a very severe looking Past Provincial Officer, who sternly reminded me that the clapping of hands was not Masonic applause in the Province of Blankshire. In looks, "I very humbly apologised to mine informant for my lamentable ignorance," and wished myself comfortably home in my cosy hotel. Just this word of warning may prevent someone of your readers falling into a like error should they visit Blankshire; but as well as being prepared for gnawing-straining, it will at once be wise for them to be prepared for a camel-swallowing. During the installation just prior to the above occasion alluded to, I heard a buzzing sound coming from various points of the lodge room. I looked round and saw five little groups of twos and threes in conversation. The Installing Master reproved the brethren later in the evening, and said: "You don't know how hard it is to be trying to do your best with several brethren talking." There is no doubt much of the ceremony was lost in the West through these impromptu conversations. Now let the provincial brother who reproves for clapping hands at the banquet table, if he wants to mend his lodge, begin in the right place, let him put his foot down on conversation in the open lodge whilst solemn ceremonies are proceeding, rather than reprehend a visiting brother from appreciating a speaker in the manner that is customary in his country. When correction is requisite there is, too, a kind and gentle way so peculiar to many of our gifted brothers, which is preferable to the loud and blustering. It may be remembered, too, that the Constitutions insist on attentive behaviour in lodge, and allows a certain freedom at the festive board.—Yours fraternally,

CONSISTENT.

NON-CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In your last publication "An Old Subscriber" inquires if the minutes of the previous meeting can be upset.

On the highest authority, and without fear of contradiction, I beg to say minutes *must* be confirmed, if correctly recorded, with three exceptions, viz.:

1st. The election of W.M.

2nd. Spending money out of the lodge funds, which are not the regular and necessary expenses; and

3rd. Alteration of by-laws.

In a case in Grand Lodge this was so decided.—Yours fraternally,

M. SPIEGEL, P.M., P.Z.

March 28th.

Reviews.

FREEMASONS' CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY FOR THE PROVINCE OF LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND, 1893.

This perfectly-printed and ably-edited annual has attained its majority this year, and is a great credit to its painstaking editor, Bro. B. A. Smith, M.A., L.L.M., as well as to the printers and publishers. The particulars afforded are so numerous as to leave little room for regret that more have not been inserted, for even the names of all the members of the 14 lodges are given, amounting to 709, and full lists of officers, &c. The five Royal Arch chapters return rather over 200 companions, and the four Mark lodges have 156 members. The voting power for 1893 is in advance of all previous years, and is now practically 2000 for the three Institutions. The management is excellent as respects these Charities in relation to local effort, and indeed the same thing may be said of all the various bodies concerned, in any way Masonically interesting to the Leicester Craft. The "Masonic Notes" are most helpful for Masters and Secretaries of lodges, and, excepting a statistical account of the province in a table showing the condition of the lodges for a few years back, we fail to find even a single lack of anything, as compared with the best of the local directories issued in England. A striking portrait of the late Bro. Samuel Cleaver and an appreciative memoir adds to the interest of this welcome annual.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Peace and Harmony Lodge (No. 60).—

This lodge held a meeting on Friday, the 24th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Among the numerous brethren present we noticed Bros. W. H. Kempster, M.D., P.M. 890, P.G. Stwd., &c., W.M.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M. 141, P.P.G.W., &c., S.W.; R. Masters, G. Stwd., J.W.; H. Young, P.M., P.G. Stwd., Treas.; F. Binckes, P.G.S.B., P.G. Stwd., Sec.; W. H. Kempster, jun., F.R.C.S., S.D.; H. J. Lardner, P.M. 1745, P.P.G.D.C., J.D.; T. Cotton, I.G.; Horace Slade, P.G. Stwd., I.P.M.; Chancellor, P.M., P.G. Stwd.; Barton, P.M., P.G. Stwd.; Josling, P.M., P.G. Stwd.; E. Rogers, P.M., P.P.G.D., P.G. Stwd.; Debenham, P.M., P.P. G.S.B.; and others. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Candler, W.M. 890; Henry Higgins, P.M. 1381; Kingston, 1420; Glaeser, 1627; and Godwin, 1673.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. George Higgins was passed to the Second Degree. Bro. Capt. T. C. Walls, S.W., was unanimously nominated to the Most Worshipful Grand Master as Grand Steward for the present year. Bro. Masters having been appointed as Steward to the R.M.I. for Boys, a notice of motion was given to vote him £5 5s. from the lodge funds. A sum of money was voted from the Alms Fund to the widow of the recently deceased Tyler of the lodge. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. E. Rogers for his kind and generous gift to the lodge of an old and interesting presentation jewel, given many years ago to a P.M. of No. 60. The lodge agreed that the jewel should be held for the year of office, and worn by successive immediate Past Masters. The arrangements for carrying out the details of the summer outing—to be held on the 23rd June next—were left in the hands of the Permanent Committee. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, served under the genial supervision of Bro. Mantel.

The usual toasts followed.

Bro. Masters, G. Stwd., responded on behalf of "The Grand Officers."

Bro. H. Higgins and others acknowledged the toast of "The Visitors;" Bro. H. Slade "The Past Masters;" Bros. H. Young and F. Binckes "The Treasurer and Secretary;" and Bro. H. J. Lardner replied to the pledge of "The Officers."

The proceedings terminated at an early hour.

United Pilgrims Lodge (No. 507).—

The installation meeting of this popular and very flourishing lodge was held at the Bridge House Hotel, on Thursday, the 23rd ult. Present: Bros. C. Thomas, W.M.; C. H. Stone, S.W., W.M. elect; R. B. Gilson, J.W.; J. A. Laing, S.D.; C. W. Peters, P.M., Sec.; G. W. Beste, J.D.; W. Lipscomb, acting I.G.; J. S. Terry, P.M., Stwd.; F. C. Atkinson, Org.; G. Harrison, Tyler; S. Ellison, P.M.; P. Michaelis, P.M.; H. E. Joyce, P.M.; Chaney, Knowles, G. W. Terry, Casson, Comfort, Robin, Noehmer, P.M.; and C. W. Stone. The visitors were Bros. Rev. O. Brien, 1297; W. Eckersall, P.M. 217; Harrison, 810; Westley, P.M. 186; T. R. Cass, S.D.

1320; Ashley, 2206; Brewer, 1853; Cockle, 334 (Cape of Good Hope); Laing, I.G. 231; Day, 1853; E. Gauntlett, P.M. 1901; Fridmore, Treas. 2148; Bing, P.M. 1962; W. Davies, P.M. 1901; H. Wood, S.W. 101; V. T. Murché, P.M. 1963; W. Towers, P.M. 15; J. Lightfoot, W.M. 1901; G. Hamilton, P.M. 1446; Stonham, 2646; Lambert, P.M. 1556, P.P.G.D.; D. D. Mercer, P.M. 1329, P.G.P.; Burlfoot, S.W. 1223; R. J. Pugh, S.D. 2147; Armstrong Pynegar, I.G. 890; Lane, 1009; T. Grummant, P.M., Sec. 1559; Spencer, I.G. 461; T. H. Salmon, J.D. 1475; Watson, S.D. 1734; G. F. Hipkins, Stwd. 1598; B. Morgan, W.M. elect 1901; Dickinson, 913; Bunn, S.W. 822; Smith, 180; Sanders, 1853; E. A. Rice, 1320; Seex, P.M. 1429; Morris, P.M. 1997; Robinson, 27; Rushton Odell, 2077; Baron, 890; Perceval Nairne, 176, G.D.; Skelton, I.G. 1691; Evans, 1421; and Isaac Dunn, P.M. 1622.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. C. Thomas, W.M., vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Joyce, P.M., in order to raise Bro. Chaney, which was performed most impressively, especially the traditional history. Bro. Thomas resumed the chair, and Bro. C. H. Stone, W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. Ellison, P.M., to receive at the hands of the W.M. the benefit of installation, which ceremony was commendably carried out in a Board of 25 Installed Masters. The addresses were ably rendered. The W.M., Bro. C. H. Stone, invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. C. Thomas, I.P.M.; R. B. Gilson, S.W.; J. A. Laing, J.W.; C. W. Peters, P.M., Sec.; J. S. Terry, P.M., Treas.; G. Beste, S.D.; C. C. Knowles, J.D.; S. Ellison, P.M., D.C.; H. E. Joyce, P.M., and W. Lipscomb, Stewards; F. C. Atkinson, Org.; and G. Harrison, Tyler. The investing of Bro. Dixce, I.G., was deferred till next meeting. A ballot was taken for Mr. C. W. Stone, son of the W.M., which proving unanimous, he was initiated in a most exemplary manner. A vote of £5 was granted from the Benevolent Fund to a distressed brother, formerly of the lodge. A matter of alteration of a by-law was also deferred. The W.M., Bro. C. H. Stone, announced that he hoped to represent the lodge at the coming Festival of the Girls' Institution. Letters of apology for non-attendance were read from Bro. Cockell, P.M., through illness, with whom sympathy was shown, and also from Bro. Dixce, through being detained on important business.

The business of the lodge ended, the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, provided in Bro. Pearce's *recherché* style, and personally superintended by him.

On the cloth being removed, the loyal and Masonic toasts were most ably given, and right royally received.

The Worshipful Master, in presenting the toast of "The M.W. Pro G.M., Earl Lathom; the R.W. Deputy G.M., the Earl of Mount Edgcombe; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," remarked that ever since the lodge, through its Master, had presented him with the J.W.'s collar, and had received the injunction to properly represent the lodge at Grand Lodge, he had done so on every occasion. Therefore he was somewhat an authority, and could testify to the excellent manner the Grand Officers always performed their duties for the benefit of the Craft. They were greatly honoured by the presence of two Grand Officers, Bro. Nairne, G.D., and Bro. D. D. Mercer, P.G.P., both of whom were members of his mother lodge, the Crichton, No. 1641, of which he was exceedingly proud. A most cordial greeting was given to the toast.

In reply, Bro. Nairne said he rose at the earliest possible moment to express his thanks at the cordial manner in which the toast had been given and received. In fact, the way in which it was presented and the reception it had always proved the confidence of the brethren for the ruling officers of Grand Lodge. It was a matter of peculiar interest to him and Bro. Mercer also to be there on that occasion to witness the W.M., Bro. Stone, installed, as they were present at his installation 12 years ago, in the Crichton Lodge, and it was an additional gratification to have been able to have seen him initiate his own son that night, thus starting another generation on the high road of Freemasonry.

Bro. Mercer also expressed the extreme pleasure it gave him to be present at the installation of the W.M., and hoped the brethren would ably assist him, and he was confident they would have every reason to be proud of the work which would be performed during his year of office.

The I.P.M., Bro. Thomas, in some very appropriate terms, next gave the toast of "The Worshipful Master," which was received with acclamation.

The Worshipful Master, in response, said he was deeply sensible of the manner and kind terms spoken by Bro. Thomas, I.P.M., and the cordial greeting it received. He had then arrived at that honourable position which he had steadily aimed at for the last 12 years, and he would promise the brethren he would do all in his power to maintain the prestige of the lodge, and carry out its duties to the best of his skill and ability.

The toast of "The Installing Master" next followed, the W.M. remarking he had carried out his duties for the past year in a faithful and assiduous manner, and he (the W.M.) thanked him for the manner he had been inducted into the chair. The I.P.M. had had a very pleasant year of office, and for his services rendered to the lodge the brethren had unanimously voted the handsome jewel which he then pinned upon his breast, hoping he would long be spared to wear it, and witness many years' working in the lodge. The W.M. stated he had yet another pleasing duty to perform, which was presented by a few brethren of the lodge, viz., a Past Master's collar and jewel to mark their appreciation.

In reply, Bro. Thomas thanked a 1 most heartily for their mark of appreciation, and especially the officers, who had served so faithfully for the past year.

In proposing the toast of the evening—"The Initiate"—the W.M. remarked that that occasion was one of exceptional notoriety, as the candidate was his only son, and that year was the jubilee of the lodge. What he had seen and heard that evening was only the beginning of his Masonic career, and he strongly urged him never to deviate from the strict path of duty, and prove himself worthy of the honourable Order, and specially the United Pilgrims Lodge.

The Initiate, in reply, remarked that it was the proudest day in his life, and he fully appreciated the honour they had done him in enrolling him a member of the ancient and mystic art. He was deeply struck with the beautiful and impressive ceremony through which he had passed, and hoped to fulfil everything that was asked of him in the lodge, so that he might be no disgrace to the United Pilgrims Lodge in particular, and Freemasonry in general.

The toast of "The Visitors" followed, the W.M. stating the toast was one always most cordially welcomed by the lodge. They had a long array, among whom were some of his oldest and dearest personal friends. He hoped they would all have a most happy evening.

In reply, Bro. J. Lightfoot said the United Pilgrims Lodge stood very high in the estimation of the brethren of South London, and he looked upon it as a particular honour to be present that night, and take the opportunity of congratulating the members of the lodge upon the advantage they have received in electing and installing as their Worshipful Master so worthy a member as Bro. C. H. Stone. He looked upon Bro. Stone as an ideal Englishman, he possessed all those aggressive qualities which have made England what she is. He was certain nothing would be wanting on his part to uphold the dignity of the lodge.

Bro. Eckersall, in responding, said, it was a moment of peculiar pleasure to be present and witness his esteemed friend, Bro. Stone, in the chair of K.S. He had known him for many years, and could safely say among his acquaintances he did not know a Freemason so enthusiastic, so willing, and so obliging as their W.M. It had been his great pleasure to initiate his son, which did not happen to many brethren, which greatly affected him (Bro. Eckersall), as he had hoped to have performed a similar ceremony, but the Great Architect had willed it differently. He trusted the brother initiate would follow in the footsteps of his father (the W.M.), and would prove, he was assured, a brother of whom any Freemason might be proud.

Bros. Murche, Hamilton, Gauntlett, and Grummant also ably responded, particularly Bro. Gauntlett, who said in replying to the thanks of the W.M. for the splendid production of his portrait presented to every brother, stated that if all were pleased with that souvenir he was equally pleased in producing the same. As regarded the initiate, from his own personal knowledge of him for years past, he was sure he would be a worthy son of a worthy father.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was given in high terms of eulogism, and ably responded to by Bros. Thomas and Terry.

In giving the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. stated he was proud to have the able services of two such excellent Masons, and he was quite assured to have their valuable assistance.

Bros. Peters and Terry most ably responded, pledging themselves to do all they could for the interests of the lodge.

The toast of "The Officers" received its just merits, the W.M. remarking on their excellent work, specially thanking Bro. J. Laing, J.W., for the beautiful adorning of the banquet tables.

Each officer most suitably replied, pledging himself to do his best for the benefit of the lodge.

The Tyler's toast closed a most auspicious meeting. An excellent programme of music was provided by Bro. G. Beste, S.D., the artistes being Miss Rosabelle Best, Mr. Spenser West (Vocalist), Mr. L. Cockell, and Bros. R. Odell and C. W. Stone. Bro. F. C. Atkinson ably presided at the piano.

Camden Lodge (No. 704).—There was a large assembly of brethren at the regular meeting of this lodge at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Tuesday, the 21st ult., and the occasion was taken advantage of for presenting to Bro. J. Simpson a handsome diamond ring, in recognition of the secretarial duties performed by him in connection with the recent successful ball held at the Freemasons' Tavern for the benefit of the Masonic Charities. The members present included Bros. Edwin Styles, W.M.; D. Ososki, S.W.; A. A. Nottingham, J.W.; F. Trinder, P.M.; Treas.; Dr. N. Goodchild, P.M.; Sec.; Dr. N. J. Goodchild, P.M.; Asst. Sec.; C. Gammon, J.D.; Jno. Simpson, I.G.; W. Seaman, D.C.; J. Sandow, A.D.C.; G. F. Challis, Steward; W. Morrell, P.M.; H. E. Coffin, P.M.; E. C. Mulvey, P.M.; &c.; A. T. Evers, P.M.; J. Slyman, P.M.; A. Barfield, P.G. Treas.; W. H. Williams, W. T. Hawkins, P. Freeman, A. Mills, E. W. Churton, A. Hanson, F. A. Bint, C. Towerzey, G. Cartwright, F. V. Mackenzie, A. J. Barrell, J. Harrison, A. Dupree, W. Law, G. H. Henwood, E. W. Cutting, A. J. Lane, T. Battrum, E. Kemm, C. Robertson, and E. W. Cutting.

Bro. F. Robinson, I.P.M., was unavoidably absent in consequence of a domestic bereavement. The lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The W.M., Bro. Edwin Styles, then proceeded to raise Bros. Freeman and Hudson to the Degree of M.M., to pass Bros. Ward and Hanson, and to initiate Mr. Edward Wm. Churton, the ceremonies being performed in an impressive and masterly manner. Before the closing of the lodge the W.M. said he had a very pleasing duty to perform. The brethren knew the success the recent ball had achieved, which undoubtedly meant a great labour to their esteemed Bro. Simpson, who voluntarily undertook the secretarial duties. The lodge desired to show its appreciation of such services, and accordingly voted a sum which had been supplemented by subscriptions from individual brethren of the lodge, with which had been purchased a handsome diamond ring, which it was his privilege and pleasure, in the name of the lodge, to ask Bro. Simpson's acceptance of, whom he trusted would be long spared to wear it as a memento of the good feeling towards him by the brethren of the Camden Lodge.

Bro. Simpson sincerely thanked the brethren for their tangible recognition of any services he had rendered. The duties he undertook were undertaken and carried out by him as a labour of love, and with the sole view of benefiting the Charities in connection with their Institution, which they, one and all, so much admired. They were all aware that their esteemed W.M. would have the honour of representing the lodge at each of the festivals of the Masonic Institutions, and he was glad to know that the proceeds from the ball would tend to benefit in some degree each of those Institutions, and a corresponding benefit would accrue to the lodge in perpetuity. As in the past, so in the future, he should continue to take a warm interest in the affairs of the lodge, and always have its interest at heart. He desired especially to thank their I.P.M., Bro. Robinson, whose unavoidable absence he regretted; also Bro. Charles Gammon for the interest they had displayed on his behalf in connection with that handsome presentation.

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

City of London Lodge (No. 901).—This successful lodge held its installation meeting at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., on Monday, the 20th ult., when there was a very large attendance of members and visitors. The former included Bros. E. Venner, W.M.; G. Rubardt, I.P.M.; G. M. Gross, S.W.; R. Gillard, J.W.; J. Hughes, P.M.; P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, D.C.; J. Hatton, Sec.; F. Eade, S.D.; W. Venner, J.D.; T. W. Venner, D.C.; P. C. Rogers, D.C.; J. F. Haskins, P.P.G. Org. Essex, Org.; W. H. Haylock, P.M.; G. A. Aundy, P.M.; David Hughes, P.M.; Danl. Hughes, P.M.; A. Ginger, P.M.; J. Lawrence, P.M.; and Beaumont, P.M., P.P.G.D. Essex. Visitors: Bros. W. Poole, 172; J. Farmer, 1615; F. W. Whitt, 1702; H. Tunes, 165; E. B. Leathely, P.M. 1681; C. C. Cruikshank, P.M. 177; T. E. Taylor, 101; B. P. Lucas, 1489; Julian Hooper, W. W. Lee, W.M. 2381; W. Davison, P.M. 742; T. Fauer, Org. 1572; H. J. Fowle, 2146; J. Oxley, P.M. 1306; F. Manley, P.P.G. Reg. Suffolk; G. H. Smith, 851; D. Rose, P.M. 73; C. W. Doggett, P.M. 1704; A. Clapp, 15; J. Byrne, W.M. 1446; H. Gross, P.M. 1314; C. Wise, P.M. 1158; G. Amos Duke, S.W. 1608; D. Phillips, 2222; W. F. Foale, P.M. 1351; E. J. Green, 865; B. Noakes, P.M. 92; J. W. Slumper, P.P.J.G.W.; W. J. Righton, 1681; G. M. O. Hanlon, P.M. 1441; W. Thomas, W.M. 2222; A. B. Chapman, 1321; and F. H. Salmon, J.D. 1475; and others.

After the opening of the lodge and the confirmation of the minutes a candidate was impressively raised to the Third Degree. Bro. G. M. Gross was next presented for installation, and was ably installed as W.M. by his immediate predecessor, Bro. E. Venner, who thus preserved a precedent which has for many years obtained in this lodge—that the retiring Master should install his successor. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. E. Venner, I.P.M.; R. Gillard, S.W.; F. Eade, J.W.; J. Hughes, P.M.; Treas.; J. Hatton, Sec.; T. W. Venner, S.D.; P. C. Rogers, J.D.; M. T. Tuck, I.G.; A. Ginger, P.M.; W. S.; G. English, D.C.; and A. South, Steward. A sum of 20 guineas was voted from the lodge funds to the R.M. Inst. for Girls to be placed on the list of the W.M. Other business was transacted and the lodge was closed.

After banquet the usual toasts received hearty recognition.

Bro. E. Venner, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said he had known Bro. Gross for some years, having worked with him through the various offices. He knew the W.M. possessed considerable ability in the working, as he had heard him frequently rehearse the ceremonies. It was therefore with great pleasure he submitted the toast of the W.M.

Bro. G. M. Gross, W.M., said he hardly knew how to find words to express his gratitude to the I.P.M. for the very kind manner in which he had proposed the toast. As the I.P.M. had said, they had gone through the offices together, and he (the W.M.) had then reached the chair. The kindly consideration shown by the members of the City of London Lodge was so pleasant to the officers that even to be a junior officer was a great pleasure, but when a member was called upon to be the chief officer, how much more great must that pleasure be. He thanked them most heartily for electing him to that honourable position, for the very kind way in which he had been installed, and also for their attendance in such large numbers to give *éclat* to the proceedings. Whilst responding he would mention a matter dear to all of them—the success of the Charities. It had been the custom for the W.M. of that lodge to go up as Steward for one of the Charities. It was his intention to represent the lodge on behalf of the Girls' School, and, as they were aware, a sum of 20 guineas had been placed on his list. He hoped that many brethren would add to the list in order that he might take up an amount of which they would be proud.

The W.M. next gave "The Installing Master," and said they had all enjoyed the very fine and effective manner in which the installation ceremony was performed. It was his great pleasure to present to Bro. Venner, I.P.M., a Past Master's jewel, which the lodge had voted in consideration of his splendid services during the past year. No jewel had been more thoroughly deserved, and he hoped the I.P.M. would live for many years to wear it in the lodge as the Past Masters had done before him. He had also much pleasure in presenting Bro. Venner with a Past Master's collar, which had been subscribed for by the officers, as a small tribute to the excellent way in which he conducted the work.

Bro. E. Venner, I.P.M., returned thanks for the kind reception accorded the toast, and also for the splendid jewel voted and presented by the lodge. He should always wear it in their lodge with pride, for he had always considered it was a proud moment when a member could walk into the lodge room with a Past Master's jewel on his breast. He took that opportunity of thanking the officers for the collar presented to him, and for the assistance rendered during his year.

Bro. Slumper, P.P.G.J.W., replied for "The Visitors" in an effective speech, and congratulated the I.P.M. of the lodge on the working.

Bros. W. Thomas, W.M. 2222; Noakes, Oxley, and Gross, also responded.

Other toasts were given, and the Tyler's toast closed a very pleasant and enjoyable evening.

A capital selection of music was performed, under the direction of Bros. J. F. Haskins, P.G. Org. Essex, and Alfred South, assisted by Miss Marie Riversdale, Miss Jessie Browning, Bro. John Bartlett, and Mr. Roland Henry.

Covent Garden Lodge (No. 1614).—The regular meeting of this popular lodge was held on the 14th ult., at the Criterion, Piccadilly-circus, S.W., when there were present Bros. A. L. Bullen, W.M.; G. H. Foan, I.P.M.; Henry S. Foster, M.P., S.W.; G. C. Bond, J.W.; E. Jacobs, P.M.; Treas.; G. Reynolds, P.M.; Sec.; G. Stacey, P.M.; Org.; T. Middlewick, acting as S.D.; C. O. Burgess, I.G.; R. F. Potter, Tyler; G. Coleman, P.M.; G. H. Reynolds, P.M.; J. H. Mills, T. Warren, J. Mayo, C. Liddiard, H. G. Walker, A. Addenino, F. Costa, A. H. Stockley, and other members. Visitors: Bros. J. J. Hough, I.P.M. 733; and J. Rowe, 2191.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, letters and telegrams regretting being unable to be present were read from Bros. T. A. Dickson, P.M.; W. Belsham, S.D.; F. Cox, and many other brethren. Bro. A. Stockley having been raised

to the Degree of a M.M., the lodge was closed. The W.M. and the officers carried out their respective duties in a clear and precise manner, especially the W.M., who was perfect in his work.

Highbury Lodge (No. 2192).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, on the 23rd ult., when Bro. Jas. Terry, P.G.S.B., was installed as the W.M. Present: Bros. Wm. Shurmur, P.P.G. Treas. Essex, W.M.; J. Terry, P.G.S.B., S.W.; W. Maple, P.P.G.D. Middx., J.W.; W. H. Baker, P.M.; Treas.; C. F. Hogard, P.G.S.B., Sec.; H. Sprake, S.D.; E. S. Crick, J.D.; John Barnett, P.M.; C. Cope, D.C.; W. Wright, P.P.G. Org. Middx., Org.; D. W. Bell, I.G.; W. Thompson, T. A. Dennison, and T. Glass. Visitors: Bros. C. E. Keyser, J.G.D.; W. G. Gardner, 2409; W. Metcalfe, W.M. 2372; J. R. Cordell, P.M. 813; A. J. C. Hargreaves, Grand Lodge Brazil; W. C. Hodgkinson, S.D. 1707; G. P. Pointer, I.P.M. 1613; J. G. Stevens, W.M. 554; W. J. Crutch, P.M. 1298; H. B. Rodney, P.M. 1471; J. E. Terry, P.M. 1964; J. Potter, J.W. 1693; G. S. Elliott, P.M. 749; and W. W. Lee, W.M. 2381.

Lodge was opened, and a dispensation from the M.W. G.M. read, authorising the brethren to meet a week earlier than usual. The minutes were confirmed, and the report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted, after which Bro. C. Thompson was raised to the Third Degree. Bro. J. Terry, P.G.S.B., having been presented, was duly installed into the chair of W.M. by Bro. W. Shurmur, P.P.G. Treas. Essex. The following officers were appointed: Bros. W. Shurmur, I.P.M.; W. Maple, S.W.; H. Sprake, J.W.; W. H. Baker, P.M.; Treas.; C. F. Hogard, P.M.; Sec.; E. S. Crick, S.D.; C. Cope, J.D.; D. W. Bell, D.C.; W. Wright, P.G.O., Org.; T. A. Dennison, I.G.; W. R. R. Baker and T. Glass, Stewards; and Morley, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M., and a sum of five guineas was voted to the R.M.I. for Boys, to be placed on the list of Bro. Sprake.

Lodge was closed, and after banquet the usual toasts were honoured.

In proposing "The Grand Officers," the W.M. congratulated Bro. Keyser on the success achieved at the recent Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Bro. C. E. Keyser, J.G.D., in replying, said, he trusted that the Grand Officers had, to some extent, earned the confidence of the Craft. It was part of their duty during their year of office to assist at the consecration of new lodges, and he had himself become an honorary member of 10 or 12 lodges and chapters as one of the consecrating officers. It was always a pleasure, not only to see old lodges keeping on, but new lodges rising up. Knowing the difficulty in which Bro. Terry was placed in connection with the last Festival of the R.M. Ben. Inst., he consented to take the chair, and he hoped the Institution did not lose by it. This would probably be one of the last occasions on which he should have to speak as a present Grand Officer, and in this lodge they had good examples of Past Grand Officers in Bros. Terry and Hogard. He congratulated the lodge on having such a W.M. and Secretary, and was pleased to have had the opportunity of seeing his old friend, Bro. Terry, placed into the chair, he believed for the 12th time.

Bro. Wm. Shurmur, I.P.M., proposed "The Worshipful Master," and said they were justly proud of having such a distinguished Freemason to preside over them. They had very pleasant recollections of the graceful and kindly manner in which Bro. Terry stood back some three years ago in order to allow Bro. J. Barnett to take the chair, for they knew their W.M. was never so thoroughly happy as when contributing to the happiness of others. The members sincerely congratulated Bro. Terry and that noble institution he loved so well on the splendid success last year, for they knew he worked day and night in order to attain that success. They were also aware that it was through him that the Institution had the good fortune to have such a worthy chairman on the last occasion. The brethren would all unite in wishing their W.M. long life, health, and happiness, and a very happy and prosperous year of office.

Bro. Jas. Terry, P.G.S.B., W.M., in response, said it was a source of great gratification to be installed into the chair of this lodge, he being the last of the founders to reach that position. Should there be new members coming in his best endeavours would be used to impress upon them the beauties of Masonry. He thanked the I.P.M. and Bro. Keyser for their kind expressions. He had known Bro. Keyser in Herts for many years, and no one rejoiced more than himself when that worthy brother caught the eye of the M.W.G.M., and was honoured with the collar of Grand Office. If the Highbury Lodge was not numerous, it was united, and it made up for its numbers by the largeness of its contributions to the Charities, and in every way endeavoured to evince gratitude to the M.W.G.M. for granting the warrant.

"The Visitors" having been duly honoured, Bro. A. J. C. Hargreaves (Brazil), replied in an effective manner, and was followed by Bros. J. G. Stevens, W.M. 554; W. Metcalfe, W.M. 2372; and G. Pointer, I.P.M. 1613.

In giving "The Past Masters," the W.M. said he ventured to think that Bro. Shurmur that night surpassed himself. They had witnessed his work in that lodge and chapter and in Chingford in the William Shurmur Lodge, one of the largest lodges of recent creation, and they were proud of him as one who had done good suit and service to the great Institutions. Bro. Hogard rendered good work by performing the duties of the second W.M., and Bro. Barnett also gave valuable assistance. Bro. Hastings Miller was away at Nice, or would have been present. Those Past Masters were men of mark, who had been of great service to the Order.

Bro. Wm. Shurmur, I.P.M., expressed his deep sense of gratitude for the very cordial way the toast had been received. It had given him great pleasure to be present and install their good friend, Bro. Terry, for the twelfth time into the chair. Anything the Past Masters could do to support him they would certainly do. In the lodge the W.M. was good enough to refer to an ambition of his (Bro. Shurmur's), to which he must plead guilty. Some of his friends had been good enough to think he ought to aspire to the very proud position of Grand Treasurer. He did so with a very great amount of confidence, and assured them that if they thought he was worthy of that office, and if they carried their thoughts into effect by electing him, he would most strenuously endeavour to prove himself in every

way worthy of their confidence and worthy of that distinguished honour.

Bro. Manle, S.W., responded for "The Officers," after which the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

Bro. W. Wright, P.P.G. Org., presided at the pianoforte during the evening.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.

Industry Lodge (No. 48).—The annual meeting of this steady-going lodge was held on Monday, the 27th ult., when there was a splendid attendance of members and visitors. Owing to the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. Wm. Brown, P.M., D.C., presided, and was supported by Bros. Wm. Dalrymple, P.M.; E. Shedbrooks, P.M.; Wm. M. Pybus, P.M., P.P.G.R.; J. G. Smith, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; Robert Whitfield, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; D. Sinclair, P.M.; James Shaw, P.M., 424; T. R. Short, P.M., 424, P.P.G. Stwd.; R. Stewart, S.W., 424; J. M. Bruce, W.M., 481; J. A. G. Ross, P.M., 481; E. Hollis, W.M., 1803; G. Blair, P.M., 991; Thos. Wright, W.M., 1342; Isaac Taylor, P.W., 1342; F. Turnbull, S.W., 481; J. U. Simpson, S.W., 400; W. M. Lyon, P.M., 406; and many others too numerous to mention.

The ballot was taken for Mr. R. J. Hindmarsh, who was initiated by Bro. Wm. Brown, P.M., Acting Master, in an effective manner. Bro. W. Dalrymple, P.M., as J.W., explained the working tools. The W.M. elect, Bro. W. J. Jobson, S.W., was presented by Bro. Robert Whitfield, P.M., for installation, and was duly inducted into the chair of K.S. by Bro. Wm. Brown, P.M., who also delivered the charges incidental to the ceremony. The manner in which Bro. Brown performed his arduous duties was most praiseworthy, and gave universal satisfaction to everyone present. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros M. R. Wright, I.P.M.; Wm. Stafford, S.W.; the Rev. W. Bowker, J.W.; M. Corbitt, P.M., Treas.; the Rev. E. W. Drage, Chap.; A. Dodds, Sec.; T. W. Bagnall, S.D.; Hugh Jackson, J.D.; Wm. Brown, P.M., D.C.; Wm. Douglass, I.G.; R. Ferry, Org.; W. J. Campbell and W. C. Holzappel, Stwds.; and Joshua Curry, Tyler. Two propositions for initiation were made, and the newly-installed W.M., having received the hearty congratulations of the visiting brethren, closed the lodge.

The annual festival was held in the evening at the Half Moon Hotel, at which there was a full muster of brethren—about 70 in all. The dinner supplied was very satisfactory, and reflected great credit on the management.

The loyal and Masonic toast list, interspersed with songs, entertained those present until 11 p.m., when the company separated after a very pleasant entertainment.

STONEHOUSE.

Metham Lodge (No. 1205).—A meeting of this lodge was held on the 20th ult. at the Metham Masonic Hall, when Bro. J. J. Facey was installed W.M. The Board of Installed Officers included Bros. W. Powell, P.P.G.T.; D. Cross, P.P.G.T.; R. Dickson, P.P.D. G.D.C.; P. J. Dunn, P.P.G. Stwd.; G. Wilson, H. E. Sitters, A. Trout, A. W. King, G. Perring, Rev. Dr. Lemon, P.P.J.G.W.; F. P. Thomas, 189; S. Jew, 2258, P.P.G.T.; R. Pike, 230, P.P.G.O.; E. J. Knight, 202, P.P.G.P.; G. Milford, 1847; Byron Elliott, G. Gurney, J. R. Lord, P.P.G.T., P. G. L. Pearce, and W. H. Hamlyn, of 1247; Godfrey Evans, 1550; W. J. Pengelly, 2025; H. Roberts, and T. Stoner, of 159; and J. Duckett, 893, P.S.G.D. Cornwall. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. G. Perkins, I.P.M.; W. H. Ambrose, S.W.; W. J. Pearce, J.W.; D. Cross, Treas.; P. J. Dunn, Sec.; A. E. Maddock, S.D.; J. Wills, J.D.; and J. Gidley, Tyler.

UNBRIDGE.

Royal Union Lodge (No. 382).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 20th ult., at the Chequers Hotel, when there were present Bros. J. A. Carter, W.M.; C. Mead, S.W.; H. J. Bragg, J.W.; E. Cotton, Treas.; H. W. Nicholson, Sec.; W. H. Reed, S.D.; A. Foyer, J.D.; Taplin, D.C.; G. J. Mercer, I.G.; H. Mercer, Stwd.; Duffin, Tyler; Fehrenbach, P.M.; Fleming, P.M.; Rowles, P.M.; Wilson, P.M.; A. Newman, W. A. Hardy, W. Blackwell, A. Grey, A. Maylott, C. Hall, E. Reed, T. Twamley, A. Hanson, A. A. Hardy, W. T. Harvey, A. F. Hawkes, C. Brown, C. Rose, T. W. Howse, W. L. Eves, H. T. Cherry, J. T. Anderson, A. Bailey, G. J. Mercer, A. Chappell, and H. C. Hanson. Visitors: Bros. J. Hill, J.D., 2133; L. B. Liddall, and W. H. Liddall, I.P.M., of 45; W. A. Cocks, W.M., C. C. Sanger, W. F. Sanger, and J. J. Fewkes, of 2103; L. H. Walker, Org., R. H. Catling, S.D., and H. B. Elkin, of 2157; E. Prince, I.P.M., 209; and J. Barnes, 213.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The installation of Bro. C. Mead followed, the ceremony being most ably rendered by Bro. J. A. Carter, the retiring W.M. Bro. Mead, the W.M., then invested his officers as follows: Bros. Bragg, S.W.; W. H. Reed, J.W.; E. Cotton, Treas. (the having been unanimously re-elected by the lodge); H. W. Nicholson, P.M., Sec.; A. Foyer, S.D.; H. Mercer, J.D.; Taplin, D.C.; Fleming, Org.; W. T. Harvey, I.G.; Brown and A. A. Hardy, Stwds.; and Duffin, Tyler. The votes of the lodge for the Boys' and Girls' Schools were given to Bro. J. Taplin, as representative of the lodge at the Charity Committee of the province.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to refreshment, which Bro. Twamley catered for in his usual excellent style, during which the I.P.M. was presented with a very handsome Past Master's Past collar, and the evening was greatly enlivened by the assistance of Bros. Walker, Bragg, Catlin, Elkin, and Harvey, by whom the thanks of the lodge were deserved for a very enjoyable evening.

Deaths.

CREW.—On the 13th ult., on board the Union Co's s.s. Mexican, off Madeira, Charles Crew, of Lewcombe, Dorset, and 86, Cannon-street, London. Age 52 years. Buried at sea.

BASKETT.—On the 26th ult., at Evershot, Dorset, Charles Henry Baskett, solicitor, aged 76.

Royal Arch.

DARLINGTON.

Vigilance Chapter (No. 111).—The installation meeting was held on the 14th ult., at the Masonic Hall, when there were present Comps. Dr. Hill Drury, Prov. G.H., M.E.Z.; H. A. Massingberd, H.; C. H. Backhouse, J.; and others.

The minutes of the last chapter were confirmed, and the ceremony of installation proceeded with. Comp. Hill Drury installed the First Principal, Comp. Massingberd, who installed Comp. Backhouse as Second Principal. The Third Principal, Comp. Rev. R. Coulton, was installed by Comp. Hill Drury, assisted by Comp. Backhouse. The other officers were invested as follows: Comp. W. C. Barron, S.E.; W. Mitford, S.N.; B. S. Beckwith, Treas.; J. K. Wilkes, P.S.; J. Robinson, Asst. S.; T. M. Barron, P.Z., P.P.G. Treas., D. of C.; and J. Tovey, P.Z., P.P.G.O. Org. The Treasurer's accounts were then presented and adopted.

There being no further business the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquetting room to celebrate their annual festival.

Mark Masonry.

Egerton of Tatton Lodge (No. 400).—This important and influential lodge met on Friday, the 24th ult., instead of the 31st, by dispensation from H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., G.M., at Mark Mason's Hall. Among those present were Bros. Belgrave Ninnis, M.D., P.M., P.G.S.B.; H. W. Kiallmark, P.M.; G. Stwd.; C. F. Matier, P.G.W., G. Sec.; Richard Eve, P.G.O.; William Vincent, A.G.D.C.; J. Lewis Thomas, P.G.D.; G. Harley Thomas, F.S.A., W.M. elect; W. Thomas, P.J.G.O. Middx., J.W.; Henry Wright, M.O.; Dr. G. Danford Thomas, S.O.; A. W. Peckham, J.O.; H. E. Juler, S.D.; Raymond Tucker, J.D.; Henry E. Foster, M.P., I.G.; and E. J. Mills, Tyler.

In the unavoidable absence of Bro. Lennox Browne, W.M., on account of important engagements, Bro. H. W. Kiallmark, P.M., G. Stwd., occupied the chair. The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, the dispensation from Grand Mark Lodge being first read. After the election of a Tyler for the ensuing year, Bro. Kiallmark, Worshipful Master in the chair, then requested the acting Secretary to read the dispensation from the Grand Mark Lodge authorising the installation of Bro. Surgeon-Capt. Geo. Trevor Harley Thomas, F.S.A., W.M. elect, who had not been installed into the chair of K.S. in a regular Craft lodge. He then installed the worthy and distinguished brother into the chair in a very able and impressive manner, and after congratulating him on having attained to the high honour of Master of his lodge, the Board of Installed Masters was closed, and the brethren were admitted. The W.M. appointed and invested the following officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Lennox Browne, P.G. Stwd., I.P.M.; William Thomas, P.M., P.J.G.O. Middx., S.W.; Henry Wright, J.W.; Dr. Danford Thomas, M.O.; A. W. Peckham, S.O.; H. E. Juler, F.R.C.S., J.O.; H. W. Kiallmark, Grand Stwd., Treas.; Charles Moore Jessop, M.R.C.P., Sec.; Raymond Tucker, S.D.; and Harry S. Foster, M.P., J.D. After the addresses had been well delivered by the Installing Master, the ballot was taken for Bro. Baron de Bush, F.C.S., F.S.S., 1827, and Bro. Lieutenant Maurice Portal, 1899, which proved unanimous in their favour. They were then advanced to the honourable and distinguished Degree of M.M.M. by the newly-installed W.M. in an exceptionally clear and impressive manner, who was ably supported by his officers, each of whom were well acquainted with the ritual of their respective offices. Bro. W. Vincent, A.G. D.C., was unanimously elected an honorary member of the lodge.

There being no further business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern, and sat down to a nice banquet.

The usual toasts were given by the W.M. in a few, but well-selected, sentences, and were all well received by the brethren.

Bro. C. F. Matier, P.G.W., G. Sec., in responding to the toast of "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," said it gave him great pleasure in attending that evening. He had the honour and pleasure of consecrating the lodge a few years ago, and congratulated the brethren on the continued prosperity which attended it, and the very efficient working he had witnessed that evening, and he was especially pleased to see two brethren like Bros. Bush and Lieut. Portal advanced to the Honourable Degree of Mark Master. He thought the lodge ought to be exceedingly proud that they had that night advanced and enrolled among its members the son of so distinguished a Mark Master Mason as his old friend the late Bro. Canon Portal, M.W.G.M.

The Worshipful Master responded to the toast of his health, proposed by Bro. Lennox Browne, I.P.M., and Bro. J. Lewis Thomas, P.G.D. (father of the W.M.) replied in a very humorous speech for "The Visitors," and the S.W. and Treasurer for "The Officers."

After the Tyler's toast, coffee was served, and the brethren then left, having spent one of the most delightful evenings ever experienced in the Egerton of Tatton Lodge.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

NEPTUNE LODGE (No. 2).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 27th ult., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham. Present: Bros. Windsor, W.M.; Janau, S.W.; King, J.W.; W. W. Westley, Preceptor; J. Andrews, Sec.; Lipscombe, S.D.; J. Mitchell, J.D.; Russell, I.G.; Nettleship, Gilbert and Warran.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last lodge read and confirmed. The 2nd Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Andrews, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed with Bro. Warran as candidate. The ceremony of passing was announced, and Bro. Nettleship answered the usual

questions and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Nettleship, duly passed to the Degree of a Fellow Craft. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the W.M. rose for the first time, and dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Janau was elected W.M. for the ensuing fortnight. He returned thanks, and appointed his officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and lodge was closed.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 24th ult., at the Six Bells Hotel, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. F. Crages, P.M., W.M.; R. Reid, S.V.; A. Williams, P.M., J.W.; M. Spiegle, acting as Preceptor; W. Hide, S.D.; E. Fox, J.D.; G. E. Stafford, I.G.; and J. Banks.

Lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. J. Banks offering himself as a candidate for initiation, that ceremony was rehearsed by the W.M. The brethren then, under the direction of Bro. M. Spiegle, P.M., worked the 2nd and 3rd Sections of the Lecture. The lodge was then closed.

BURGOYNE LODGE (No. 902).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 23rd ult., at the King's Arms, John-street, W.C., when there were present Bros. Juby, W.M.; Rashleigh, S.W.; Andrews, J.W.; Baldwin, P.M., Preceptor; Fred. Reeves, Sec.; Cowland, S.D.; C. Reeves, J.D.; A. W. Humphreys, I.G.; F. J. Humphreys, and S. Fisher.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last lodge read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. F. Humphreys being the candidate. Bro. Baldwin desiring to leave early, his place was taken by Bro. Andrews. The 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture were worked by Bros. F. Reeves and Andrews, assisted by the brethren. The W.M. rose for the first time, and, on the proposal of Bro. A. W. Humphreys, seconded by Bro. Reeves, Bro. Fred Humphreys was duly elected as a joining member. Dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Andrews proposed, and Bro. Cowland seconded, that a cordial vote of thanks be accorded to Bro. Juby for the very able manner in which he had performed the duties of W.M. that evening for the first time in his Masonic career—carried unanimously. Bro. Juby thanked the brethren in suitable terms. Bro. Andrews proposed, and Bro. Cowland seconded, that Bro. Rashleigh be W.M. at the next meeting. Bro. Rashleigh, in responding, stated that he would be pleased to stand aside on that occasion in order to give Bro. Fred. Reeves the opportunity of presiding as W.M.—officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and all Masonic business being ended, 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 27th ult., when there were present Bros. Hilton, W.M.; Voisey, S.W.; Elgar, J.W.; J. Hooper, Deputy Preceptor; T. R. Cass, Treas.; C. H. Stone, Sec.; Rice, Asst. Sec.; Hill, S.D.; Salmon, J.D.; Niblett, I.G.; A. J. Martin, Ballard, Cornford, W. C. Smith, Christmas, Telling, Dawson, Kirby, Dr. Smith, Loader, Watson, T. H. Raw, Hurdell, Cooke, Pike, Reilly, H. G. Martin, Jackson, Grummant, Sly, and Plant.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the First Degree. The 1st Section was worked by Bro. Ballard; 2nd, Bro. Hooper, P.M.; 3rd, Bro. Hill; 4th, Bro. Dawson, 5th and 6th, Bro. Salmon; and 7th, Bro. Dawson. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The 1st Section was worked by Bro. Telling; 2nd, Bro. Rice; 3rd, Bro. Stone, W.M., 507; 4th, Bro. Elgar; and 5th, Bro. Voisey, P.M. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The 1st Section was worked by Bro. Cass; 2nd, Bro. Plant; and 3rd, Bro. Grummant. Bros. H. Cornford, 1922; Watson, 1337; and R. Jackson, W.M., 2182, were elected joining members. A hearty vote of thanks was unanimously accorded the Section workers, also a vote of thanks to Bro. Hilton, P.M., Preceptor, for the excellent manner in which he had presided that evening, and the way he had trained the Section workers. The lodge was then closed.

CRUSADERS LODGE (No. 1677).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 17th ult., at the Northampton Arms, Goswell-road, E.C. In generous response to special request, the ceremonies of consecration and installation were, as a rehearsal, beautifully rendered by Bro. James Terry, P.M., 228, 1278, 1363, P.G.S.B., P.P.S.G.W. Norths and Hunts, Sec. K.M.B.I. A very large number of brethren were in assembly, Bro. J. Bladon, P.M., being S.W.; Bros. A. Humphreys, J.W.; C. Weeden, P.M., Preceptor; Dr. Hunter, Treas.; E. Dimes, Sec.; A. J. Dixie, P.M., D.C.; J. Speller, P.M., I.G.; and F. Humphreys, Org. Bro. Arthur Millward conducted the musical portions of the ceremonies, assisted by Bros. J. Culver, W.M., King, and Gray. In the second portion Bro. Terry acted as Installing Master, and at the close of these a vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Terry as Consecrating and Installing Officer, and to all the brethren who had assisted and been in readiness to assist him in the important and all interesting duties. The thanks returned were full and complete in their character, and the memorable proceedings closed with the usual ceremonies.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 1012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 25th ult., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, W. Present: Bros. Powell, W.M.; Guy, S.W.; Reid, J.W.; A. Williams, Preceptor; M. Spiegel, P.M., Sec.; McDermott, S.D.; Waldon, W.M., J.D.; R. J. William, I.G.; Crages, P.M.; Sims, P.M.; Hyde, Whiteley, Hillier, Fox, Lobson, Larkam, Edelstein, Kirkham, Hiscott, Bone, and Cronin.

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Hillier, and the 2nd Section by the Preceptor. Bro. Johnson being a candidate for passing, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened to the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The lodge was opened to the Third Degree, and closed in this Degree. The lodge was also closed in the Second Degree. The W.M. rose for the first and second time, and Bro. Guy was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The votes for the Boys' institution were handed to Bro. A. Williams, P.M., Preceptor. The lodge was then closed.

CHICHESTER—**LODGE OF UNION** (No. 38).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Dolphin Hotel, on Thursday, the 23rd ult., when there were present Bros. D. Waddington, W.M.; G. Fielder, S.W.; H. H. Moore, J.W.; J. St. Clair, P.M. 38, 1726, W.M. 38; P.P.J.G.W. Sussex, Preceptor; Edward King, Sec.; C. R. B. Knight, S.D.; S. Baker, J.D.; E. B. Wannop, I.G.; J. H. Hawes, P.M. 38; C. F. Charge, G. C. Vernon-Inkpen, A. J. Raven, C. Brassfield, and Beatson, Tyler; Visitors: Bros. A. Buquet and F. Swinburne.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Brassfield personating the candidate. The W.M. presented the working tools in this Degree, and delivered the charge. The W.M. rose for the first and second times. Bro. Raven announced the resignation of Bro. Green. Bro. Doman was unanimously elected W.M. for the next lodge meeting, and his officers were elected in rotation. Nothing further offering the lodge was closed.

Knights Templar.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES.

Mount Grace Preceptory (No. 118).—The installation meeting of this preceptory was held on Monday, the 13th ult., Sir Knight Henry Macdonnell, E.P., in the chair. The preceptory and sir knights were in mourning for the death of the late Provincial Prior.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the Treasurer's report was received and adopted. The Eminent Sub-Prior of the province and the Provincial Grand Officers were then announced, and entered the preceptory.

The Provincial Grand Priory was then opened by the Prov. Sub-Prior, Sir Knight J. J. Wilkes, who in feeling terms alluded to the great loss Knight Templary in the province had sustained through the death of the V.E. Provincial Prior, Sir Knight Charles James Banister, and he moved that the great regret felt by all be recorded on the minutes of the Prov. Grand Priory, and that a letter of condolence be sent to the widow and family of their departed chief. This was seconded by Sir Knight Dr. Hill Drury, Prov. Grand Constable, and carried. Provincial Grand Priory was then closed.

The further business of the Mount Grace Preceptory was resumed, and Sir Knight E. Hudson was installed into the Preceptor's chair, the ceremony being performed by Sir Knight Dr. Hill Drury. The E.P. then invested his officers, and other routine business being transacted, the preceptory was closed.

Rosicrucian Society of England.

YORK.

York College.—The obligatory meeting of this successful college was held in the Masonic Hall, St. Saviourgate, on Saturday, the 18th ult., Dr. Hill Drury, Hon. VIII., Celebrant, presiding. There was a large attendance of members.

The minutes of the last meeting, held at Leeds, were read and confirmed. Three aspirants were then received into the 1st grade, the ceremony being performed by Frater Monks, assisted by the Celebrant, Frater Hill Drury. The Treasurer's accounts were received and adopted. Frater Monks and Atherton were elected as nominees to represent the College on the High Council. Frater Wm. Flockton was then installed as Celebrant for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by Frater T. B. Whytehead, Chief Adept. Other routine business having been transacted the meeting was dissolved, and the fratres adjourned to the North Eastern Hotel for tea.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

HUDDERSFIELD.

Prince of Wales Chapter (No. 69).—This chapter met in solemn convocation on the 18th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, the following being present: Bros. E. A. Beaumont, M.W.S.; F. Whiteley, Prelate; R. Hodgson, 1st G.; T. Pickles, 2nd G.; H. Shaw, P.M.W.S., Treas.; J. L. Atherton, 30°, P.M.W.S., Recorder; T. Norfolk, Raphael; J. P. Priestley, D.C.; J. Marshall, 30°, P.M.W.S.; J. W. Monckman, P.M.W.S.; C. Crabtree, 30°, P.M.W.S.; A. Gill, 30°, P.M.W.S.; H. S. Holdsworth, P.M.W.S.; W. Gaukroger, and G. R. MacGregor.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the M.W.S. said: E. and P. Brethren,—It is my melancholy and sorrowful duty to speak of the death of our revered S.G.I.G., Illustrious Bro. Charles James Banister, 33°. By reason of this the chapter has been placed in deep mourning. The G.A.O.T.U. has thought fit in His wisdom to remove from our midst our dearly beloved brother. The loss of him is a heavy one for our noble Order in general, and for this chapter in particular. His deep love for this chapter was always manifested when he was present, and whenever he addressed us his words of wisdom, encouragement and true brotherly affection touched our hearts, and created in us the most sincere affection for him. His ardent love of Freemasonry in its truest sense was exemplified in his life and character by his enthusiasm in spreading its glorious tenets; by his truly consistent conduct, wherein an example of earnest piety was always to be observed, denoting a strong faith in the principles of our Order, hope of a bright future inheritance, and Charity in all things to all men. Personally I feel to have lost one who was dearer to me than a brother, and upon whom I have long looked with feelings of reverence and deep affection. It was my great privilege to be perfected by him on my admission into this princely chapter, and I was further honoured in being installed by him as M.W.S. last year. In a few moments I shall vacate this proud position, but I cannot do so without reverting to the remarkable coincidence that my last duty is to move that his death be recorded on the minutes of this chapter with the greatest regret, and that a letter of condolence be sent by the Recorder

to Mrs. Banister, expressing the most profound sympathy of every member of the chapter with herself and family in their bereavement.

"The pains of death are past,
Labour and sorrow cease,
And life's long warfare closed at last,
His soul is found in peace.
Soldier of Christ; well done;
Praise to thy new employ:
And while eternal ages run,
Rest in thy Saviour's joy."

The proposition was then made by the M.W.S.; Ex. and P. Bro. Henry Shaw, P.M.W.S., Treas., one of the first candidates perfected, and the senior member of the chapter seconded the proposition.

The Recorder in supporting the motion observed that he attended the mournful obsequies of their departed chief who had become endeared to, and was beloved by each and every member of the chapter. To think they would never look upon that dear face again was scarcely yet realisable, but the stern fact was before them all. How strange the turn of events as remarked upon by the M.W.S. Little did they think, 12 months ago, when their illustrious brother so faithfully and impressively discharged the duties involved by the installation ceremony, that he would no more come amongst them. On that occasion he spoke fervently on the loss the chapter had sustained by the death of Illustrious Bro. Jonas Craven, 33°, and now a similar duty had to be done in regard to him. In all the cares and vicissitudes of this earthly pilgrimage, there was no event that so touched the emotional part of their nature and awakened their sensibilities as the removal hence of those they loved. They were being constantly reminded by first one and then another whose voyage of life had attained its completion, that their own frail crafts were being borne down the river of time amid all their griefs and all their joys. A great writer had observed—"We may be shipwrecked, we cannot be delayed, whether rough or smooth the river hastens to its home till the roar of the ocean is in our ears, and the tossing of the waves is beneath our feet, and he land lessens from our eyes, and the floods are lifted up around us, and we take our leave of earth and its inhabitants, until of our further voyage there is no witness save the Infinite and Eternal." Brethren, the Recorder continued, it is by such thoughts as these that we can improve to ourselves the death of the one who was so dear to us. It is a well-known fact that at a man's death his virtues or vices stand forth in bold relief. In the case of our departed brother the excellencies of his character shine prominently before us. He was a man of unsullied reputation, and whatever may have been his failings, "leaned to virtue's side." His tread on the path of life was manly, noble, and honest, and all his actions had the stamp of sterling worth, being marked by unvarying consistency and integrity. We who so well knew and appreciated him will carry during the remaining brief period of our existence a grateful recollection of the privilege of having been associated with that good man, and although his labours here are at an end, his works will follow him in the bright example he has left behind, an example well worthy of our imitation. Until comparatively a recent period our brother had enjoyed good health, notwithstanding that he had, by some years, outlived the allotted span of human life, and we naturally surmised that his once vigorous frame would regain sufficient strength to have allowed of his sojourn amongst us still yet a few more years, but the inscrutable will of the Most High decreed otherwise, and his death came upon us and his dear family somewhat suddenly, for it was only a few days before his dissolution that he contemplated being sufficiently well to attend a local lodge. He gradually became worse, however, and peacefully breathed his last on February the 20th. For nearly 40 years Bro. Banister laboured incessantly in the cause of Freemasonry, and up to the last his zeal remained unimpaired. For the past 20 years he was most actively engaged as S.G.I.G. of the Northern and North-Eastern districts, and up to some two or three years ago he was seldom absent from any chapter meeting under his rule. In the A. and A. Rite Bro. Banister was a pillar of strength, and in this, as in every other chapter where he had so closely identified himself by the sacred ties of friendship and love, his loss will be keenly felt. Whilst deploring his death as Rose Croix Masons, we do, according to the spirit of the motion before us, regard with great solicitude the irreparable loss to his aged partner in life and other members of her family. To them he had long been attached by the closest ties of affection, not only in the relation he bore as husband and father, but as companion and guide. Their overwhelming affliction calls forth our deepest sympathy and concern. May the great Giver of all good sustain and console them in their affliction.

Illustrious Bro. John Marshall, 30°, also supported the resolution, remarking that although a link had been broken here upon earth, another had been forged in heaven, therefore the loss the chapter had sustained was Bro. Banister's gain in every sense of the word. The resolution was carried unanimously. Bro. Whiteley, M.W.S. elect, was presented by Bro. Hodgson for installation to Bro. Holdsworth, who very efficiently discharged the duties of Installing Officer, and afterwards delivered the customary address with much impressiveness. The M.W.S., Bro. Whiteley, appointed his officers as follows: E. and P. Bros. Richard Hodgson, Prelate; Thomas Pickles, 1st General; A. H. J. Fletcher, B.A., 2nd General; Henry Shaw, P.M.W.S., Treas. (elected); Ill. Bro. J. L. Atherton, 30°, P.M.W.S., Recorder; E. and P. Bros. Thomas Norfolk, Marshal; Joshua Paget Priestley, Raphael; Charles Jacob Schott, D. of C.; George Carbert, Herald; J. B. Matthewman, Captain of Guard; W. H. Jessop, Organist; and Wm. Gaukroger, J.P., Outer Guard. Apologies for unavoidable absence were acknowledged on behalf of Bros. F. W. Banister, P.M.W.S.; A. H. J. Fletcher, B.A.; C. Greenwood, C. J. Schott, G. Carbert, W. Emmott, and W. Slicer, of the chapter; also from Bros. C. L. Mason, M.W.S. 77, and H. J. Garnett, P.M.W.S. 16. The M.W.S. gracefully thanked the brethren for having placed him head of the chapter. He felt proud to hold such a high position, and with the mutual assistance of those who had been appointed to render him service, he believed they would experience a prosperous and successful year. Although he might not be able to equal the efforts of his predecessor in the chair, he would do his best. The I.P.M.W.S. thanked most heartily the officers who had so ably assisted him during his year. Bro. Dr. MacGregor

alluded to the imminent dissolution of the wife of Bro. W. Slicer as the cause of that brother's absence that day. As there were peculiarly painful circumstances connected therewith, he proposed that a letter of sympathy from the chapter be sent to Bro. Slicer, condoling with him in his great trouble. The motion was seconded by Bro. Priestley and carried unanimously.

The balance sheet having been unanimously adopted, and the alms collected, the chapter was closed at 5.50, when the brethren retired for tea.

The usual toasts were given and responded to. Kindly remarks were made by the M.W.S. and other brethren, but the melancholy gloom which had been cast upon the chapter by the mournful proceedings of the day asserted sway the whole evening.

The names of the deceased brethren of the chapter were called over, and the toast "To the memory of the honoured dead" was given in silence deep and profound. The brethren afterwards sang "Shall we gather at the river," which was touchingly affecting.

Bro. Wm. Gaukroger suggested that as the funds of the chapter would allow it, he should, at the next convocation, propose that, as a mark of esteem and respect for our late Ill. Bro. Banister, 33°, the sum of 10 guineas be voted to the Charities.

The Recorder intimated that he would have great pleasure in seconding such a proposition, and suggested that the donation should in some way be identified with the name of Chas. Jas. Banister. That such a sum should be voted and so identified had the concurrence of all the brethren present.

The proceedings then terminated.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF EAST LANCASHIRE CHARITY COMMITTEE.

The annual meeting of the above Charity was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on the 17th ult. The petitions of several candidates for election on the Metropolitan Charities were considered and approved. Bro. J. H. Sillitoe, P.G. Std. Br., was unanimously elected as Chairman in succession to Bro. E. G. Harwood, P.P.G.W., who, having occupied that honourable position for four years, desired to retire. Bro. J. T. Newbold was then unanimously elected Vice-Chairman. The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Prov. G. Secretary (Bro. John Chadwick), were appointed a deputation to represent the province at the Metropolitan elections. Bro. E. G. Harwood was re-nominated to represent the province on the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

At the close of this meeting the annual meeting of the General Committee of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution was held. The various Sub-Committees were elected, and Bros. Sillitoe and Newbold were respectively elected Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. W. H. BULLOCK, LIEUTENANT R.N.R.

The Mayor of Liverpool recently visited the offices of the Liverpool Local Marine Board, which, after undergoing considerable alterations and improvements, are now completed. His Worship, and several members of the Board, and others, were conducted over the premises, which have cost about £3750, and with which he expressed himself well pleased. He then presided at the annual meeting, at which a full and very gratifying report of the work accomplished by the Board was submitted.

When this report had been read, the Mayor rose and addressed those present: He said that he must apologise for being in the chair, because there were present gentlemen more intimately connected with shipping than he was; in fact, his friend, Mr. Cookson, would fill the chair better than himself. It was one of the pleasures of life to get a little insight of the very good work being carried on in their midst. He had come before them in this respect as a novice, and he was astonished to see what was being done by the board. It struck him that the work was a very great and important one. It was connected with the government of our great national industry—shipping. In looking over the report, he considered that it was one to which public attention should be drawn. His Worship then traversed the several items contained in the report. With regard to the transmission of seamen's wages, he said that attempts were being made to induce the Government to arrange that wages should be transmitted from abroad to England. His Worship then made a presentation of a silver medal, awarded by the Board of Trade to Bro. W. H. Bullock, sub-Lieutenant R.N.R., of the steamer Floridian, for a special and second act of bravery in saving life. The rescue was effected under the following circumstances: At 9.30 p.m. on the 31st July, 1892, the Floridian was lying alongside the wharf at Colon, Central America. The night was dark, raining, with heavy thunder and lightning. A large number of seamen and fireman were returning from the town on board the steamer, and being very quarrelsome Bro. Bullock went amongst them, and succeeded in getting them on board with the exception of J. Ferris, a fireman, who, in the confusion, fell over into the water, which swarms with sharks. A cry of a "man overboard" being raised, Bro. Bullock, without waiting to divest himself of his clothing, jumped into the water, when a flash of lightning, fortunately revealing the drowning fireman, who was unable to swim, Bro. Bullock was quickly at the man's side, and succeeded in dragging him in among the piles, which, being covered with a thick crust of oysters and barnacles, offered but a very uncertain hold. A rope having been lowered down, Bro.

Bullock managed to secure it round the fireman; but, from some cause, the latter, when nearly to the top, slipped out of the bowline, and fell down again upon the head of his rescuer, knocking him stupid for a while. Recovering Bro. Bullock again got hold of his man, and had the satisfaction of seeing him safely hauled on the wharf, he himself essaying to climb up the shell-encrusted pile, which, being much eaten through by the tire worm in the submerged portion, broke off at the water's edge, and precipitated him into the water. He, however, managed to seize a rope, and was drawn up safely. On another occasion, it may be interesting to remark, Bro. Bullock received the bronze of the Board of Trade for gallantry in swimming a long distance and rescuing a little boy, son of Captain Dunn, of the Athelstan, in Chanaral Bay, Chili, where sharks abound, the rescue being effected under very trying circumstances.

His **Worship** said that he thought it was a very pleasing duty to acknowledge such distinguished acts of bravery, and, in the name of the Board, he had very great pleasure in presenting Mr. Bullock with the medal.

Bro. **Bullock**, in reply, said he thanked them heartily. These medals were most highly prized by the members of the mercantile marine. He must admit that it was pleasanter to receive such a reward than to appear before the board and answer questions as to why he put his ship ashore.

Mr. **Anderson** then proposed a vote of thanks to the Mayor for presiding. He observed that his worship had said it was a pleasant duty to make these presentations. They had had no small number in Liverpool during the past year. He considered that the spirit which prompted those rescuers were relics of the same spirit which animated our sailors in the days of old.

The resolution was heartily carried, and the **Mayor**, in reply, said he was very much obliged for the way in which they had received the resolution. If during his term of office he could be of any assistance he would be only too glad. Concluding, he said he was glad to see the large and comfortable improvements which had been made in the building.

The interesting proceedings then terminated.

Bro. **Bullock** is the son of Bro. **W. H. Bullock, P.M.** of the Northern Counties Lodge, and he himself is an initiate of that lodge.

We may add that Bro. the Earl of Lathom, Pro G.M., and Prov. G. Master of West Lancashire, had expressed a wish to be present on the occasion, but his lordship is away yachting, and was thus prevented from realising his wishes.

AN ADDRESS.

The following address was delivered before the District Grand Lodge and brethren, Barbados, on the consecration of St. Michael's Lodge, No. 2253, by the Deputy District Grand Master:—

It is worthy of note and will be recognised a coincidence that the earliest constituted and warranted Masonic lodge in this island and the first specially erected building for Masonic purposes should be designated of St. Michael. The original lodge of the name was founded in 1740, and numbered 104, Bro. Alexander Irving appearing as the first W.M., who was also the bearer of the warrant from England. So highly was he esteemed that on his death the brethren built a tomb in St. Michael's Church-yard, now the Cathedral, at the right hand entrance of the principal door (in St. Michael's Row), which may be seen to this day, where he was buried. It may be interesting to note in passing that just 100 years later, in 1841, the grave was re-opened for the burial of his Excellency, Bro. Sir Evan J. Macgregor, K.C.B., who is described by the Prov. Grand Master of that day, his honour Sir R. Boucher Clarke, Chief Justice, as "a most distinguished, exemplary, and upright brother, and that it was fitting the Masons' tomb should be a soldier's grave."

The first St. Michael's Lodge had a long life, and was in existence in 1842, when owing to some difficulties in which a brother elected W.M., but whom the Past Masters did not see their way to instal, the lodge came to an end and the warrant returned in 1843. It may also be interesting to note that a lodge designated St. John's was working in 1757, but I can discover no further information respecting it.

On the occasion of the centenary of the Albion Lodge, No. 196, in 1890, I had the privilege and pleasure of congratulating that old and respectable lodge on its lengthened career of usefulness, when I generally reviewed the progress of Freemasonry in Barbados. Since then, owing to the kind researches of our Worshipful Past Provincial Grand Officer and P.M., Bro. James Fraser, as well as from information gathered from old minute books of the Albion Lodge from 1820, courteously placed at my disposal by the Worshipful Master, I am enabled to place further facts and details before you, and find that in 1823, though there were lodges working in the island under the several Constitutions of England, Scotland, and Ireland numbering seven in all, they were up to that date apparently governed by a Provincial Grand Master, his Honor Bro. Joseph A. Beckles, Chief Justice, appointed by the Grand Lodge of England, in which year the Irish lodges seceded, and applied for a Grand Lodge of their own. In 1828 there seems to have been six lodges in existence: the St. Michael's, Albion, and Concord (E.R.); Amity and Hibernian (I.R.); and Scotia (S.R.); the last, I am glad to say, working, and I trust prosperously to this day. By the end of 1841, the Concord Lodge (E.R.) had disappeared, and as the brethren wished to revive the Provincial Grand Lodge, it was necessary to add a third to the

remaining two, and the curious event happened of the brethren of the Lodge Amity, Irish Register, returning their warrant to that Constitution, and applying under name of "Amity Lodge" for a warrant from the Grand Lodge of England. This was granted, and in 1842 his Honor Sir R. Boucher Clarke, Chief Justice, became Provincial Grand Master. I may mention that the Amity Lodge had a chequered life, and the warrant was finally returned by Bro. James Fraser to Grand Lodge in 1853 or 1854, when the second Provincial Grand Lodge terminated after an existence of 11 years.

I have in my possession the minute book of the Shamrock Lodge, No. 282, Irish Register, founded in 1842 under excellent auspices. It lasted only two years, the end being hastened, if not caused by the want of energy and interest by the brethren, who did not take the trouble to qualify themselves for (the chair) duties and responsibilities of Worshipful Master.

During many subsequent years, Freemasonry seems to have been in a more or less depressed condition until 1881, and when our distinguished Brother, Col. John Elliott, C.B., arrived in the island, there was only one Lodge under the English Register, the Albion, No. 296, in existence, and on more than one occasion even this was on the point of dissolution. Bro. Elliott at once joined this Lodge, and soon after was elected to the chair. In 1887, thanks to this worthy brother's exertions, joined by other brethren, the Victoria Lodge, No. 2196, E.R., was formed, and in 1888, in order to provide for the still further extension of Freemasonry, the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 2253, was constituted, the same distinguished brother being its senior founder, as well as the first Worshipful Master. In 1889 the coping-stone of the Masonic edifice was completed by the institution for the third time in the history of the Craft here of a District (or, as it was formerly called) Provincial Grand Lodge, which, by your presence here, affords evidence that it is highly appreciated, and that an important part of the work peculiar to it, viz., the laying of the foundation-stone and consecration of our lodge has the warmest interest for its members as well as of the Craft generally. The work of the former, as you all know, having been done by the Right Worshipful District Grand Master, who will also perform the latter, and whom may the Great Architect of the Universe long preserve in health and happiness.

A few words appear desirable as regards the raising of the building fund. It was begun by the munificent donation of £300 by Bro. Fred. Taylor, a newly-admitted Mason, supplemented by gifts from other brethren of this lodge, notably Bro. E. K. Taylor, and also from lodge funds; the entire cost of the site, building, and fitting costing about £800. The exterior dimensions of the building, which is all of block stone, are 74½ feet in length, 25 feet 6 inches in width, 28 feet 6 inches high. The lodge room measures interiorly 53 feet in length, including the apse of 11 feet, the width 22 feet. Immediately below the lodge is the reception room, besides which there are preparation rooms as well as out offices.

I have thought that considering the various places that during the long period of 150 years have been the dwellings of Freemasonry in this Colony, and that now, for the first time, a building has been erected solely for its purposes the key-note of the few further words I shall speak is the dear and familiar word "Home." What various emotions it calls up in our minds; to some it signifies many years passed in peace and quiet under the glowing light and genial breezes of the tropics; to others remembrances of times long passed in the colder northern countries, and of faces not seen for years, and perhaps never more to be seen in this life; while to others, again, whose lives are passed amidst constantly changing scenes, the word "home" inspires a longing for a place of rest, and the presence of those near and dear to them; but to all the word conveys the idea of some happy time and place, and faces to be cherished and loved. It will not, therefore, be out of place to view the word in connection with this our new building now about to be consecrated; its two stories, with the lodge above and reception room below, may be taken as symbolical of the intimate, and indeed necessary, connection of work with rest, labour and refreshment, and of our moral and social duties and responsibilities by the proper exercise of each acting and re-acting on one another, we are fitted to take our places as members of regularly organised society.

Regarding the peculiar attraction of a Masonic lodge considered as "Home," I cannot do better than read you an extract from an address given to our brethren of bye-gone days by our late eminent Provincial Grand Master, Sir R. Boucher Clarke, in 1842, wherein he says: "Brethren are enabled conscientiously to meet in one calm scene whatever their creed or political bias, because it was there that the poor and rich could be associated together: upon terms of perfect equality, without any violation of decorum, and without offering any interference with the regulations of social life." Included in these noble words are the sentiments of rest, comfort, confidence, continuance, harmony, and hospitality, which, I trust, may be handed down in the fulness of practice to the brethren who shall come after us for many generations, and to us who have the privilege of being the first workers in this new lodge, may it be the beginning of faithful work, both in its external ritual, as well as in its symbolical teachings, influencing our lives for good, so that when we are called from this sublunary abode we may ascend to that Grand Lodge above, where the world's Great Architect lives and reigns for evermore.

MASONIC MEETINGS (Metropolitan)

For the week ending Saturday, April 8, 1893

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 1.

RAFT LODGES.

1621, Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1949, Brixton, Horns Tavern.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

MONDAY, APRIL 3.

RAFT LODGES.

69, Unity, Inns of Court Hotel.
83, United Lodge of Prudence, Albion Tavern.
144, St. Luke's, Anderson's Hotel.
256, Unions, Freemasons' Hall.
1319, Asaph, Freemasons' Hall.
1669, Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1853, Caxton, Freemasons' Hall.
2020, St. Botolph's, Albion Tavern.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

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

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.

MARK LODGE.

5, Mallet and Chisel, Mark Masons' Hall.

TUESDAY, APRIL 4.

Colonial Board at 4.

RAFT LODGES.

18, Old Dundee, Cannon-street Hotel.
101, Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
217, Stability, Anderson's Hotel.
255, Harmony, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond.
1159, Marquis of Dalhousie, 33, Golden-square.
1259, Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, 1, West India Dock-road, E.
1261, Golden Rule, Cafe Royal.
1472, Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich.
1693, Kingsland, Cock Tavern.
2190, Savage Club, Freemasons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E. at 8.
Copper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6.
Clarence and Avondale, Masonic Hall, Leytonstone, E., at 8.
Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, at 7.
Caucus, The Old White Hart, High-street, Borough, at 8.
Clarence, Midland G. and Hotel, St. Pancras Station, at 7.30.
Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.
Dalhousie, Middleton Arms, corner of Queen's-road and Middleton-road, Dalston, E., at 8.
Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, at 7.
East Surrey Lodge of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 8.
Emblematic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
Eiffel, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-rd., Rotherhithe, 8.
Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, at 8.
Finsbury, The Ghouse and Gridiron, London House Yard, St. Paul's Churchyard, E.C., at 7.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, 2nd and 4th Tues., at 7.30.
Friars, The White Horse, 94, White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., E., at 7.30.
Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.
Joppa, Boundary Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C., at 7.30.
Kensington, Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes-square, Kensington, 8.
Lily, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.
Mount Edgcombe, Crown Tavern, Lambeth-road, S.E.
Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8.
New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8.
Pilgrim (German language), Gaudinall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues., at 8.30.
Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, at 8.
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.
Robert Burns, Old King's Arms, Poland-street, W.
St. George's, New Cross Hall, at 8.
South Middlesex, Beaufort House, Waltham Green, S.W., at 7.30.
Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Rotherhithe New-road, at 8.
Wandsworth, St. Mark's School-room, Battersea Rise, S.W., 8.
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney, at 8.
Camden Chapter, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, at 8.
Earl of Carnarvon Chapter, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8.
Metropolitan Chapter, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, at 6.30.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 1, Grand Masters, Hotel Victoria.
 1208, Moira, Albion Tavern.
 92, Temperance, White Swan, Deptford.
 169, Mark LODGE.
 355, Royal Savoy, Criterion.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hotel.
 1208, Royal Standard, Cock Tavern.
 1208, Athenaeum, Camden-road.
 1401, Rothsay, St. James's Hall.
 1079, St. Leonard's, Town Hall, Shoreditch.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 7.
 Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, at 8.
 Confidence, Deacon's Tavern, 3, Walbrook, at 7.
 Crays Valley, National Schoolroom, St. Mary Cray, at 8.
 Doric, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street, at 8.
 Duke of Albany, Masons' Arms, 169, Battersea-park-road, at 8.
 Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, at 8.
 Duke of Lathom, Joiner's Arms, Denmark Hill, S.E., at 8.
 Earl of Stanhope, Streatham Common, at 8.
 Ebury, Greyhound Hotel, Roman-road, Barnsbury, N., at 8.
 Fidelity, Alfred Tavern, Roman-road, Barnsbury, N., at 8.
 Guelph, Plough and Harrow, Leytonstone-road, E., at 8.
 Hammersmith, Board Room, Bath and Wash-house Co., Blacks-road, Hammersmith, at 7.
 Hendon, Lower Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8.15.
 Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford, at 8.
 La Tolerance, Yorkshire Grey, Woodstock-st., Oxford-st., at 8.
 Lonsborough, Berkeley Arms, John-street, Mayfair, at 8.
 London Scottish Rifles, Albert Hotel, Victoria-st., S.W., at 8.30.
 Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse, 7.30.
 Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Mitcham, at 8.
 Mount Lebanon, Half-Moon Hotel, Boro', at 7.30.
 New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.
 Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7.30.
 Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516, Old Kent-road, at 8.
 Plucknett, Bald-faced Stag, East Finchley, at 7.45.
 Prosperity, Old Parr's Head, Knight-ridge-street, Doctors Commons, at 7.
 Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8.
 Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rushey Green, Catford, at 8.
 Royal Jubilee, The Crown, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8.
 Royal Oak, Lord Clyde, Wotton-road, Deptford, at 8.
 St. Leonard, Pr. of Wales Hotel, Bishop's-road, Victoria Park, 8.
 Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 8.
 Strong Man, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 6.30.
 Temperance in the East, Greenwich Pensioner, Bow-lane, Poplar, at 7.30.
 United Mariners, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto-road, Nunhead.
 United Strength, Hope Tavern, Stanhope-st., Euston-road, at 8.
 Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., at 7.30.
 Warrant Officers, 35, St. Martin's-street, W.C., at 7.
 Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8.
 Andrew Chapter, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., at 8.
 Domestic Chapter, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 55, Constitutional, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
 898, Temperance-in-the-East, 6, Newby-place.
 1196, Urban, Freemasons' Hall.
 138, Granite, Holborn Restaurant.

MARK LODGE.

- Grand Masters, Mark Masons' Hall.

THURSDAY, APRIL 6.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 10, Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall.
 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel.
 45, Strong Man, Guildhall Tavern.
 154, Yarrowburgh, Green Dragon, Stepney.
 174, Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace.
 812, Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall.
 1155, Excelsior, White Swan, Deptford.
 1178, Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel.
 1216, Macdonald, Surrey Masonic Hall.
 1351, St. Clement Dances, The Courts Restaurant.
 1674, Mornington, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.
 1707, Eleanor, Great Eastern Hotel.
 1772, Homicide, Victoria Mansions Restaurant.
 1790, Old England, Masonic Hall, Thornton Heath.
 2171, St. Pancras, Midland Hotel.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Belgrave, Albion Tavern, Russell-street, Covent Garden, at 8.
 Burdett-Coutts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
 Burgoyne, King's Arms, John-street, Bedford-row, at 7.
 Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly, at 8.
 Creation, Bush Hotel, Shepherd's Bush, W., 8.
 Crescent, King's Head Hotel, Twickenham, at 8.30.
 Duke of Edinburgh, Eastern Hotel, Commercial Road, Lime-house E., at 7.30.
 Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham.
 High Cross, Coach and Horses, High-road, Tottenham, at 8.
 Highgate, Falkland Arms, Falkland-road, N.W., at 8.
 Horsely, White Hart Masonic Rooms, Lewisham, S.E., at 8.
 Ivy, Railway Tavern, Battersea Rise, S.W., at 8.
 Justice, Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, at 8.
 Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, at 8.
 Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, at 5.30.
 Leopold, City Arms Restaurant, St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7.
 Montebello, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
 Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, at 7.
 Priory, Berrymead Priory, Acton, at 8.15.
 Regent's Park, Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, at 8.
 Royal Albert, White Hart Hotel, Abchurch Lane, at 7.30.
 Royal Savoy, Blue Posts, Charlotte-st., Fitzroy-square, W., 8.30.
 Rose, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.
 St. John's, Court House, Harlesden, N.W., at 7.30.
 St. John's, Queen Victoria Tavern, Exmouth-st., Stepney, at 8.
 Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.
 Sir Hugh Myddelton, Star and Garter, Upper-st., Islington, at 8.
 Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester-street, Kennington, 8.
 The Great City, M.H., Masons'-avenue, E.C., at 6.30.
 Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington-road, Bow-road, at 7.30.
 Union, Waterloo, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-street, Woolwich, 8.
 Victoria Park, George Tavern, Broadway, Stratford, at 7.30.
 Westbourne, The Prince Alfred, 112, Queen's-road, Bays-water, at 8.
 Chaucer Chapter, George Hotel, High-street, Borough, S.E., at 8.
 Clapton Chapter, Three Sisters Hotel, Hackney Downs, at 8.
 Industry Chapter, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, at 8.
 Prince Frederick William Chapter, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-road, Maida Vale, at 7.30.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

- 2, St. James's, Freemasons' Hall.
 145, Mount Moriah, Albion Hotel.
 131, Kennington, Horns Tavern.
 1716, All Saints, Vestry Hall, Bow.

MARK LODGE.

- 44, Trinity College, 13, Mandeville-place.

FRIDAY, APRIL 7.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 706, Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, Woolwich.
 490, Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel.
 489, Marquis of Ripon, Cock Tavern, Highbury.
 627, Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

- Albion, The Swan's Nest, Great Swan Alley, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 7.
 All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
 Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, at 8.
 Clapton, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, E.C., at 7.
 Crusaders, Northampton Arms, Goswell-road, at 8.30.
 Earl of Carnarvon, Kensington-park Hotel, Lancaster road, Notting-hill, at 8.
 Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.
 Emulation, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.
 Euphrates, Green Man, Mansell-street, Whitechapel, E., at 8.
 Gavel Club, Freemasons' Tavern, at 8.
 Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 8.
 Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, S.E., at 8.
 Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms, High-street, Wood Green, at 7.30.
 Loyalty, Private Rooms, 206, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8.
 Metropolitan (Victoria), Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, at 7.
 Queen's Westminster, Criterion, Piccadilly, W., at 8.
 Ranelagh, Six Bells, Queen-street, Hammersmith, W., at 8.
 Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, 81, Holloway-road, at 8.
 Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8.
 St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-road, S.E., at 8.
 Selwyn, Montpelier Tavern, Choumert-road, Peckham, at 8.
 Stability, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, at 6.
 Stanhope, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Putney, at 8.
 Temperance, Railway Tavern, New Cross-road, at 8.
 The Abbey, The Town Hall, Westminster, 7.30 till 9.30.
 United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
 Woodgrange, Princess Alice Hotel, Forest Gate, E., at 8.
 Eastern Star Chapter, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 2nd and 4th Fri., at 7.
 Hornsey Chapter, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terrace, Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., at 8.
 Lily of Richmond Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, at 8.
 Mount Zion Chapter, Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Hackney, 2nd and 4th Fri., at 7.30.
 Pythagorean Chapter, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, at 8.
 Star Chapter, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-st., Camberwell, 8.
 Strawberry Hill Chapter, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, S.W.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

- 259, Prince of Wales, Whitehall Rooms, Hotel Metropole.

MARK LODGE.

- 8, Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern.

SATURDAY, APRIL 8.

CRAFT LODGES.

- 108, London, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
 173, Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall.
 1440, Mount Edgumbe, Bridge House Hotel.
 1607, Loyalty, London Tavern.
 1612, West Middlesex, Municipal Buildings, Ealing.
 1671, Mizpah, Albion Tavern.
 1743, Perseverance, Anderton's Hotel.
 2309, Cornish, Mark Masons' Hall.
 2384, Mitcham, Vestry Hall, Lower Mitcham.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

- 1928, Gallery, Anderton's Hotel.

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For the week ending Saturday, April 8, 1893.

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The first meeting of the Board of Stewards of the forthcoming Festival of the Girls' School will be held at the Board Room, Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 5th inst., at 5 o'clock.

The Rev. W. P. Swaby, D.D., who was consecrated as Bishop of British Guiana on Saturday last in Westminster Abbey by the Archbishop of Canterbury, is a member of the Universities' Lodge, Durham.

We hear that Bro. W. Hancock, W.M. of the Anglo-American Lodge, No. 2191, and Preceptor of the Islington Lodge of Instruction, is on his way to Constantinople. We wish him a safe journey and a speedy return to his native land.

The Empress Frederick of Germany visited the Hospital for Diseases of the Throat, Golden-square, on Monday, when her Imperial Majesty was pleased to dedicate the Children's Ward to the memory of her son, Prince Waldemar, who died in 1879, at the age of 11 years, of diphtheria.

The Marquis of Salisbury, who was able to be removed from Arlington-street, to Hatfield, is progressing very favourably, and has been able to take carriage exercise. His private secretary, Mr. Gunton, who likewise had an attack of influenza, is also making satisfactory progress towards recovery.

Bro. Sir E. B. Malet, the British Ambassador to the Court of Berlin, and Lady Ermyntre Malet left the German capital on Monday for the purpose of attending the funeral of the late Duke of Bedford at Chenies. The late Duke and Lady Malet were brother and sister.

Her Majesty's new cruiser the Royal Arthur, bearing the flag of Rear-Admiral Stephenson, sailed from Portsmouth on Tuesday, and after calling at Las Palmas, will continue her journey to Valparaíso and Stanley (Falkland Islands). She will relieve the Warspite at Sandy Point, Straits of Magellan, on the 7th May.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Wharnclyffe have gone to Wortley Hall, Sheffield, for the Easter recess; Bro. Lord and Lady Tweedmouth to Bath; Bro. Lord and Lady Brassey to Normanhurst Court, Battle; and Bro. Lord and Lady Cremorne to Port Eliot, Cornwall, on a visit to the Earl and Countess of St. Germans.

An entertainment will be given, by permission of Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton, at 7, St. James's-square, on Thursday, the 13th inst., in behalf of the Mendicity Society. The entertainment will commence at 3 p.m., and will be under the special patronage of the Queen and the Duchess of Teck, the latter of whom has signified her intention of being present.

Bro. Lord Brassey presided on Monday at the special general meeting of the Royal Colonial Institute, which had been called for the purpose of considering the proposed amalgamation with the Imperial Institute. The speakers were nearly unanimous in their opposition to the scheme, a resolution being adopted to maintain the independence of the Colonial Institute, while working harmoniously with the Imperial.

Bro. the Marquis of Breadalbane gave a dinner party at Harcourt House on Saturday evening last, at which the guests included the Right Hon. the Prime Minister, the Earls of Kimberley and Chesterfield, Lords Acton, Sandhurst, and Reay, Bro. Sir George O. Trevelyan, Bart., M.P., Mr. Herbert Gladstone, M.P., Sir Edward Bradford, Bro. M'Lagan, M.P., Sir Andrew Clark, and Bro. Dr. Farquharson.

The funeral of the late Duke of Bedford took place at Chenies, Bucks, on Tuesday. Her Majesty was represented by General Lyndoch Gardiner and the Empress Frederick of Germany by Colonel the Hon. William Carrington. Lord Herbert Russell, only son of the late Duke, Bro. Sir E. B. Malet, Lords Charles and Alexander Russell, Bro. Lord Amphil, and other members of the Russell family and relations were present on the mournful occasion.

The annual general meeting of the Actors' Association was held at the Garrick Theatre on Monday under the presidency of Bro. John Hare, Messrs. G. Alexander, F. R. Benson, F. H. Macklin, and G. P. Hawtrey, and Misses Beatrice Lamb, Fanny Brough, E. Thorne, and Pauncefort being among those present. The annual report, which showed a membership of 881—of whom 271 joined last year—and an excess of expenditure over income of £124, was adopted, and Bro. Henry Irving re-elected President of the Association.

The Princess of Wales, with her daughters, the Princesses Victoria and Maud, and her son, the Duke of York, have been making the most of their cruise in the Mediterranean, landing from the Royal Yacht Osborne, from time to time, and visiting places of interest within easy reach of the Italian seaboard. Her Royal Highness has ascended Vesuvius, and after other excursions, returned to Naples from Castellamare on Tuesday. It is expected that the Royal party will reach Athens on Friday, the 7th inst., where they will remain for some time, on a visit to the King of Greece, who is brother to her Royal Highness.

The silver wedding of the King and Queen of Italy will be celebrated in Rome and throughout Italy towards the close of the present month. The Queen will be represented on the occasion by the Duke of York, who will arrive in the Italian capital on the 20th or 21st instant, and will be received at the railway station on his arrival by King Humbert, the Italian prince, and the British Ambassador. It is the expressed wish of King Humbert that the auspicious event should be celebrated by works of charity, and the Italian community in London will found as a memorial of the wedding a benevolent institution for the instruction of Italian children in the trades for which they may be the most fitted. In honour of the visit of the Emperor and Empress of Germany, who will visit Rome on the occasion, a grand tournament will be held at the Villa Borghese on the 25th instant, which will comprise illustrations of four great epochs in the history of the House of Savoy, and at which some 350 knights will take part in the proceedings.

Bro. Lord Brassey will preside at the annual dinner of the officers of the Royal Naval Reserve, which will be held at the St. George's Club, Hanover-square, on the 5th May next.

Count Torneilli, the Italian Ambassador, gave a dinner party at the Embassy in Grosvenor-square, on Monday evening, in honour of the French Ambassador and Madame Waddington.

Comp. Magnus Ohren, P.G.D.C., Assoc. M. Inst. C.E., will be installed as M.E.Z. of Grand Masters Chapter, No. 1, at the next meeting, to be held on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at the Hotel Victoria.

The Yost Typewriter has been awarded the gold medal and diploma at the Universal Exhibition at Monaco. This makes the third gold medal awarded to the Yost within the last few months.

The Duke of Connaught has become patron of the Central London Throat and Ear Hospital, Gray's Inn-road, and has presented a donation of £20 towards the Building Extension Fund.

We much regret to hear that Bro. G. H. Foan, I.P.M. of the Covent Garden Lodge, No. 1614, and Preceptor of the Covent Garden Lodge of Instruction, is suffering from a severe affliction. We heartily wish a speedy recovery.

The Duke of Cambridge has presented a handsome stained glass window to Kew Parish Church as a memorial to his mother, the late Duchess of Cambridge. It is placed behind the communion table, close to the mausoleum, where the remains of the late Duchess are interred.

The annual meeting of the Fellows of the Royal College of Physicians was held on Monday evening under the presidency of Sir Andrew Clark, who was re-elected to the office of President for the ensuing year. The annual banquet, which followed, was held at Limmer's Hotel.

Bro. A. J. Altman was the recipient, on Thursday evening last, of a testimonial, consisting of a very beautiful silver salver, suitably inscribed, as a mark of his colleagues' appreciation of his courtesy, geniality, and good services during his year of office as Chairman of the Coal and Corn and Finance Committee of the Common Council.

Bro. Sir Augustus Harris, P.G. Treas., presided at a Court dinner of the Patten Makers' Company on Thursday, the 23rd ult., at the Cannon-street Hotel. A special significance was attached to this gathering, as it celebrated the election of Sir Augustus Harris as Master of the company for the second time.

Princess Christian, Princess Louise Marchioness of Lorne, and the Duchess of Edinburgh have become patronesses of the Children's Salon "At Home," which will take place at the Westminster Town Hall, on the 20th April, towards completing the endowment of the Memorial Cot in the Victoria Hospital for Children, which is named after the late Duke of Clarence and Avondale.

The Drapers' Company have lately made a grant of £150 a year, for three years, to the Rev. S. A. Barnett's Committee for helping pupil teachers to finish their training at Oxford or Cambridge. The expense of the University is greater than that of an ordinary training college, but the advantages are, of course, considerable. The Committee seeks to raise the amount at its disposal for these scholarships to £500 per annum.

A CORRECTION.—In our report of the meeting of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of England and Wales last week, it is stated that the Rev. J. M. Vaughan was appointed Grand Chaplain, and replied for "The Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Officers." It should have been the Rev. H. Maugham, M.A., Vicar of Whitstable, Chaplain of the Invicta Council, No. 14, meeting at the Masonic Temple in Canterbury.

The Prince of Wales has made known his intention of laying the memorial stone of the new wing of the Royal United Service Institution—lately the Chapel Royal, Whitehall—on Tuesday, the 6th June, while immediately after the ceremony a Naval and Military Costume Bazaar will be opened under the patronage of the Queen in aid of the building fund. Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar is Chairman, and Prince Adolphus of Teck and Count Gleichen are members of the Committee in charge of the arrangements for the function.

THE LATE DUKE OF CLARENCE.—A large window of Munich glass has just been placed in St. Bartholomew's, Moorfields, in a screen over the western entrance, in memory of the Duke of Clarence and Avondale. The subject is the Angel of the Resurrection greeting the Holy women at the Sepulchre, and pointing to a scroll in which are the words—"He is not here. He is risen." A plinth in the lower part of the design exhibits the names and date of the death of his Royal Highness, and a tablet is in course of erection with an appropriate inscription.

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.—The following official notice has been issued by Bro. Murray Lyon, Grand Secretary: "The Most Worshipful the Grand Master Mason, Brother Colonel the Right Hon. the Earl of Haddington, has directed that arrangements be made for the undernoted functions: 1, Installation of the Right Worshipful Brother, George Christie, Provincial Grand Master of Stirlingshire, within the Golden Lion Hotel, Stirling, on Tuesday, 4th April, at five o'clock, afternoon. 2, Grand Visitation to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Dumbartonshire, in the U.P. Church Hall, Dumbarton, on Wednesday, the 5th April, at five o'clock, afternoon. 3, Grand Visitation to the Provincial Grand Lodge of Renfrewshire West, and installation of its Provincial Grand Master, the Right Worshipful Brother, M. Hugh Shaw-Stewart of Carnock, M.P., in the Council Chambers, Greenock, on Tuesday, 6th April, at half-past five, afternoon. Evening dress."

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Diseases of the Skin.—No case of disease of the skin, be its nature what it may, has failed to be benefited when these potent remedies have been properly applied. In scrofulous and scorbutic affections they are especially serviceable. Scaly eruptions which had resisted all other modes of treatment, and gradually become worse from year to year, have been completely cured by Holloway's cooling Ointment and purifying Pills, which root out the disease from the blood itself, and leave the constitution free from every morbid taint. In the nursery Holloway's Ointment should be ever at hand; it will give ease in sprains, contusions, burns, scalds, and infantile eruptions, and may always safely be applied by any ordinary attendant.

The State Department at Washington has been officially informed that her Majesty has been graciously pleased to raise the rank of Sir Julian Pauncefote from Minister Plenipotentiary to that of Ambassador.

The "Isaac Newton University Masonic Hall Building Committee" announce that the "Hall" will be opened with due ceremony on Thursday afternoon, June 2nd next ensuing. The ceremony will be performed by Bro. Colonel R. T. Caldwell, P.G.M., assisted by the Provincial Grand Officers.

The Lord Mayor will not personally attend the usual service at Christ Church, Newgate-street, on Easter Tuesday, but will be represented by Alderman Sir Whittaker Ellis, his *locum tenens*. In other respects his lordship will do duty at the Mansion House throughout the holidays.

The directors of the City of London General Pension Society, on the motion of Mr. J. H. Batty, C.C., seconded by Dr. Osborne Smith, have passed a special vote of thanks to Lieut.-Col. Lambert, F.S.A., their president, "for his generous support and the great interest he has taken in the welfare of the institution. The lieutenant colonel is to be offered, we hear, a special presentation enabling him at the ensuing election to nominate a pensioner to receive without election the sum of £18 12s. per annum. The pension will be called the "George Lambert Pension."—City Press.

At the annual meeting of the Accident Insurance Company (Limited), held on Wednesday, the Directors reported that the income for the year ending 31st December, 1892, amounted to £52,061 13s. 4d. The claims paid amounted to £24,174 9s. 11d., and the bonus allowances to policyholders to £3508 1s. 5d. A dividend of 5 per cent., free of income tax, was declared, making, with the interim interest already paid, 10 per cent. for the year, while a sum equivalent to 2 per cent. was set aside to increase the paid capital account. A reserve of about 50 per cent. on the premium income was carried forward.

The widespread ruin that has been brought about through the failures of the Liberator and other kindred building societies is awakening general sympathy, and many offers of assistance are pouring in upon the Committee who have kindly consented to raise a fund for the benefit of the sufferers. Mr. Horace Sedger has most opportunely proposed, with the sanction of the General Committee, to give a series of performances of "The Golden Web" at the Lyric Theatre during the coming season, when the whole proceeds will be devoted, in their entirety, to this highly-deserving object.

On Sunday the death occurred suddenly, it is understood, from apoplexy, of Bro. George Joseph Westbury, landlord of the City Arms, Church-street, Worcester. Bro. Westbury, who was well known in the town, was formerly a commercial traveller. He was an old and prominent Mason, being a member of Lodge No. 529, and of one of the Dudley lodges, and a Past Prov. J.G.W. The members of the Semper Fidelis Lodge, No. 529, assembled at the cemetery at 12.30 p.m., on Thursday, to render the last tribute of affectionate regard to their late brother. Two beautiful wreaths were provided, one by the Semper Fidelis Lodge, composed of as many sprigs of acacia as there are members, the other of blue and white hyacinths, from Dudley Lodge, in the shape of a double triangle.

MEMORIAL TO SIR FRANCIS BURDETT.—Messrs. Whitehead and Sons of the Granite Works, Aberdeen, will in the course of another fortnight erect in the churchyard of Foremark, Derbyshire, a very handsome memorial, composed of polished red granite, Sicilian white marble and stone, with a bronze raised recumbent cross. The inscription to be placed upon the memorial reads as follows: "In loving memory of Francis Burdett, 7th Bart., late Lieut.-Colonel, 17th Lancers, and Colonel, her Majesty's Guards, 1st Provincial Grand Master of Freemasons in Middlesex, 1st Provincial Grand Master Mason for Middlesex and Surrey; representative from Grand Lodge of Ireland at the Grand Lodge of England; Inspector-General 33rd Degree Ancient and Accepted Rite. Born March 23rd, 1813; died May 31st, 1892. 'As in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.'"

A large audience attended the concert given on Wednesday evening at the Grocers' Company's School, Hackney Downs. Two familiar sacred works were performed, the rendering in both cases affording proof of the fact that the study of music is pursued at this institution to excellent purpose. In Mendelssohn's motet, "Hear my Prayer," Master R. H. Hobday distinguished himself not a little by his singing of the solo part; while Spohr's "Last Judgment" gave Mr. Ernest Newton's choir abundant opportunity for displaying its good qualities. The choruses of this latter work were sung in most creditable fashion, the well-known "Holy, Holy, Holy!" being treated with especial care and delicacy. Welcome assistance was rendered in the tenor and bass solos by Bros. Reginald Groome and Franklin Clive, both artists, it is scarcely necessary to say, bearing off their full share of the evening's laurels.

DEVON MASONIC EDUCATIONAL FUND.—The General Purposes Committee of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund met on the 21st ult. at the Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, Bro. J. R. Lord, P.G.G. and Treasurer to the Fund, presiding. There were also present Bros. J. B. Gover, P.P.G.S., Sec.; H. Steele, P.P.G.D.C. Cornwall; S. Jew, P.P.G.T.; J. Griffin, P.P.G.D.; R. Pengelly, P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. Gidley, P.G. Std. Br.; J. Leonard, P.M. 202; W. Ashford, P.M. 202; C. Mutton, I.P.M. 1550; E. M. Ellis, P.M. 666; and W. H. Dillon, S.W. 1099. The Secretary announced that three candidates for election on the fund who were unsuccessful at the meeting in October last were still eligible, one of them bringing forward 316 votes, a second 272, and a third 28 votes. In addition two further applications had been received, one in respect of the child of a deceased brother from Torquay, and the other on behalf of a child of a deceased brother of Benevolent Lodge, Princetown, making five candidates for the two vacancies to be filled at the forthcoming meeting. It was decided to put the whole of the names on the list, and the election will take place at Plymouth on Tuesday next.

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