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THE RECENT SCHOOL ELECTIONS.

Very strenuous efforts appear to have been made at the School Elections last week by the friends and supporters of the different candidates, there being in each case a difference of less than 700 votes between the highest and lowest successful candidates, while, as regards the Boys' School, there were as many as six of the unsuccessful who polled upwards of 1200. There is also one other point which is worthy of notice. Of the four girl candidates who had this one and only chance of winning admission into the Institution, one was nominated by the Province of West Yorkshire under the BENTLEY SHAW Presentation, while the other three were placed at the head of the poll; but of the six boy candidates who were similarly circumstanced, only one was elected, and the names of the remaining five will therefore be removed under Law 70. Whether this result is due to the apathy of those who were in charge of the several cases or to the indifference of the Governors and Subscribers to the claims of these poor children to be admitted we are unable to say, but we do express our belief that the rejection of these boys after their claims had been recognised by the School authorities is the reverse of creditable.

The election into

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took place at the Quarterly General Court of Governors held at the Freemasons' Tavern, on the 13th instant. There were 19 vacancies to be competed for, and originally 30 candidates, but, at the last moment, this number was reduced to 29, by the nomination of one of the two West Yorkshire girls, as already mentioned, under the BENTLEY SHAW Presentation. The three highest places on the poll were secured by a London candidate, who scored 3035 votes; the London and Warwickshire girl, who increased her total of 753 votes brought forward from last October to 3021; and one of three West Lancashire lasses, whose poll reached 3018. These were last cases, and we congratulate them on their success. No. 4, from London, obtained 3009 votes, and No. 5, who had claims firstly on Wiltshire and then on London, 2923 votes. The next in order was the candidate from Northern China, who obtained support to the extent of 2848 votes, and who was closely followed by the Kentish child, with 2836 votes. Another London girl won the eighth place with 2801 votes, and the Buckinghamshire lass the ninth place with 2786 votes, while Kent and Surrey shared the honours of success in placing their candidate next with 2781 votes, Worcestershire secured the next vacancy with 2775 votes, East Lancashire won the 12th place with 2652 votes, and the West Yorkshire girl the 13th with 2633 votes. The two vacancies that followed fell to the remaining West Lancashire girls, which thus had the satisfaction of carrying its three candidates, the votes polled for these being 2604 and 2571 respectively, No. 16 hailed from North and East Yorkshire and obtained 2529 votes; No. 17 was from London and received votes to the extent of 2387, while Nos. 18 and 19, from Somersetshire and the Western Division of South Wales respectively, polled, in the former case 2384, and in the latter 2338 votes. Of the 10 unsuccessful children, who will be eligible in October next, there were four who made a respectable show, the Essex girl, who stood No. 1 on this portion of the list and brought forward 111 votes from the last election, polling 1449; a second South Wales (West Division) being next with 1363; a girl with claims on the same division of South Wales, and likewise on London and Foreign parts, standing next in order with 1261 votes; and a London girl coming next with 1117 votes. Two London girls stood next in order with 537 and 486 votes respectively, and the remaining four obtained amongst them between 100 and 150 votes. The general result may be summed up thus: London carried three out of its seven candidates, and two out of the three in which she had a part interest; the Provinces and Abroad, 14 out of 19 candidates, so that the latter undoubtedly secured the lion's share of the day's successes.

As regards the

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the election took place at the Quarterly Court, at Freemasons' Tavern, on Friday, the 14th instant, when 23 boys were chosen by ballot from an approved list of 49 candidates, reduced, by the withdrawal of the lad from Cornwall, to 48. London had the satisfaction of placing its candidate at the head of the poll with 2744 votes, and then followed one of the two who hailed from Kent, his total of votes being 2703. The third in order was a Dorsetshire youth, who had this one chance of winning admission, and his friends worked to such good purpose that they obtained for him 2671 votes. No. 4 hailed from Northumberland and polled 2671 votes, while Derbyshire secured the next place with a total of 2651 votes. No. 6 derived his claims for support from Bengal and Gloucestershire, and polled 2634. No. 7, from North and East Yorkshire, scored 2617; No. 8—one of three lads from

Sussex—who had 1067 votes already standing to his credit, increased his total to 2579; No. 9, whose father was originally a Leicestershire and Rutland Mason and then joined a lodge in Hertfordshire, secured 2577 votes; and No. 10, who derived his claims entirely from Hertfordshire, was only a little behind, with 2563 votes. The next on the list was a London candidate with 2562 votes, and then followed a boy who had claims on London, Essex, and Lincolnshire, and polled 2561 votes. No. 13, who came from North and East Yorkshire, won his place with a total of 2528, and No. 14, the second Kentish candidate, secured his with precisely the same number. No. 15, London, totalled up 2455 votes, of which 1476 were brought forward from October last, and No. 16, from Somersetshire, who began the day with 639 votes to his credit, had the satisfaction of receiving such further support as increased his total to 2450. No. 17, the Cheshire candidate, polled 2420 votes, while another London candidate stood next with 2400, of which 1479 were polled for him in October last, and 921 votes on this occasion. A second Sussex boy was 19th with 2358 votes, and the Shropshire lad next, with 2262; the last three to win places being the Gloucestershire candidate with 2225 votes; the Middlesex, who polled 2102 votes; and a fifth London boy, whose total was made up of 1085 brought forward and 985 obtained at this ballot. The highest unsuccessful candidate was a Londoner and scored 2023, which renders his success tolerably certain in October next, while the next in order, who was also a Londoner, scored 1880, and as he, too, is still eligible we may regard his admission into the School as being not very far removed from a certainty. Then followed a group of candidates whose totals were fairly close together, the Jersey candidate obtaining 1388 votes; the Oxfordshire 1374 votes, made up of 631 votes brought forward and 743 additional; the Essex 1286 votes; the second Dorsetshire boy, who started with 837 in hand from the two elections of last year, and raised his figure to 1276; and a London boy, who obtained at this, his first attempt, 1159 votes. Of the remaining candidates some three or four got into three figures, while the others polled less than 100, or, as in one instance, none at all. We have already mentioned that out of the six last cases, only one was successful in obtaining a place, the totals polled for the five whose names will be removed from the list being respectively 563—of which 270 were brought forward from October last, 28, 2, 23, and 180. The result of this election, so far as the future is concerned, is that of the 49 boys entered on the ballot proper, one was withdrawn before the day of election, 23 were elected to fill that number of vacancies, and five will be withdrawn under Law 70. There will thus remain 20 candidates who will remain on the list for the next election, and some of them, in the event of their being then unsuccessful, will still have further chances of success available.

THE TEXT OF THE STANLEY MS.

The Might of the father of heaven with the wisdom of his blessed Sonne, and ye goodnesse of the holy ghost be with us att our begining and send us good life here living that we may come to his blessed Kingdome that never shall have ending. Amen.

Good Brethren and fellows our purpose is to tell you how this worthy Science of Masonry was first begonne before Noah's flood, There was a man that was called Lamech as it is written in the fourth chapter of Genesis and this Lamech had two wives, the one named Adah and the other Zillah; by the first wife Adah, he begat two sonnes, the one named Jaball, and the other Juball, And on the other wife Zillah he begat a sonne and a Daughter, and these foure Children found out the begining of all crafts in the world. For the oldest sonne Jaball found out the craft of Geometry, And he parted flockes of sheep, And Lands in the feild: And first wrought houses of stone and tree, as it is written in the chapter affore said; his Brother Juball found the Craft of Musick and song of Harpes and Organs, The third Brother Tuball-Caine found out Smith Craft of Gold Silver Iron and Steele The daughter the Craft of Weaveing And the foure Children knew well that god would take vengeance for sinne either by fire or water wherefore they wrought their Sciences that they found in two pillars of stone that they might be found after the flood, And the one stone was Called Marble, and would not burne with fier and the other Stone was called Laternes and that would not drowne with water, And the names of the Seaven Liberall Sciences are these, the first is Grammer and teacheth a man to speake truly and to write truly. The Second is Dialecticke, and that teacheth a man to Discerne truth from falshood. The Third is Rhetoricke, and teacheth a man to speake faire in subtill Tearmes, The fourth is Arithmeticke and it teacheth to Reckon up all kind of Numbers and to cast account, the fifth is Geometrye & that containeth Mete and Measure, ponderation and waight of all manner of thinges in the world for without Geometry can no man buy or sell nor no craft in the world can be without some Mete and Measure, and that containeth Geometry which is called Masonry, The Sixth Science is Musicke and it Containeth voice of Tongue, and Harpe or Organ The Seaventh Liberall Science is Astronomie and it Teacheth a man to the Judgment of the Starrs and the planets; Now will I tell you how, and in what manner these stones were found, that these Sciences were written in the great Hermerens that was Juball his sonne, that was Noah his sonne thise same Hermerens, afterwards called Hermes the father of wise men, he found the one of these two pillars of stone, and found the Sciences written, and he taught them to other men, and at the makinge of the Tower of Babilon there were Masons, first he much made of the King of Babilon, that was called Nimrod which was a Mason himselfe, and Loved the craft of Masonry as it is said with the Masters of Histories, And when the city of Ninivie, and other cities of the East were made, then Nimrod the King of Babilon sent thither sixty Masons at the Rogation of the King of Ninevie his cosen and when he sent them forty, he gave them a Charge every man that they should be true each one to another and that they Love truly

together, and that they should serve the Lord truly for his pay; so that the Master have all belonging him and other more charges he gave them and those was the first times that ever any Mason had any charge of his Craft, Moreover when Abraham and Sarah his wife went into Egypt, there he taught the Seaven Liberrall Sciences to the Egyptians, and they had a worthy Scholler that was called Euclid, and he Learned right well, and was Master of the Seaven Liberrall Sciences, and in his Dayes it befell that the Lords and the states of the Realme had so many sonnes that they had begotten with their wives, and some by other Ladies of the Land (this Land is hott and plenteous of generations) so that they had no competent Liveing to find their children withall therefore they tooke a great Care, and then the king of the Land made a generall councell and parliament to know how they might find that their children might live honestly as gentlemen, And then made a great Cry throughout all the Realme that iff there were any man that could Informe them, he should come to them and he should be well rewarded for his paines, After the cry was made came the worthy scholler Euclid, and said to the king and to the Lords, iff you please to Lett me have your Children to governe, I shall teach them one of the seaven Liberrall Sciences, whereby they may live honestly as gentlemen, under a condition, that you will grant me a commission and them, that I may have power to rule them after the manner that the Science ought to be ruled and then the king sealed the commission, and then the worthy Doctor tooke to him these Lords, and taught the craft of Geometry in practise to build Churches, Temples and Castles, Towers and Mannors and severall manners of Buildings, and he gave them a Charge as followeth, First that they should be true to the king: or the Lord that they serve and that they ordaine the wisest of them to be master of the worke and that neither for Love, nor no great Learning, nor no favour to sett them that have little cunning to be master of the worke, which through the Lord should be evil served, and you also ashamed, Also that they should Call the governour of the worke Master, so Long as the worke Lasteth, and that worke with him: and other Charge that were too Long to tell, And to all these Charges he made them sweare a great Oath that men used at that time, and ordained a great pay for them, and reasonable, that they might live honestly And also that they might come and Assemble together every yeare once to know how they might worke best to serve the Lord for his profit and their worshipp, and to Correct within themselves them that had trespassed against the Craft, and thus was the craft grounded at the first, And that worthy master Euclid gave it the name of Geometry, And now it is Called throughout all the world Masonrye, Sith hence long after when the children of Israell were come into the land of Behastie, that was called the country of Jerusalem, King David begun the Temple that is now called Voo, and it is now called with us the Temple of Jerusalem, And this King David loved well Masons, and he gave them the charge as he had Learned by the Egyptians, and given by Euclid and other Charges that we shall heare afterward, After the decease of King David Salomon that was Davids sonne performed out the Temple that his father had begun, and he sent for Masons into Divers Countreys, and into diverse Lands And he gathered them together so; that he had foure score thousand workers of stone, and they were all Called Masons, Besides the Lords whome Solomon had appointed to oversee the worke, even Three thousand And Three hundred that were ordained to be masters and overseers of the worke And further there was another king of another nation, And called by men Huram and he loved well King Solomon and gave him Timber to his worke And he had a sonne named Apleo that was master of Geometry, and was chiefe of all the craft of his Masons and of the graveing, and of the carving, and of all manner of Masonry that belonged to the Temple, as it is in the Booke of the Kings, where Salomon considering the charges that his father had given him. And thus was the worthy craft of Masonry confirmed in that countrey, And in many others then after men walked into every countrey some because of Learning more Craft and Cuning, And some to teach others that had but little Cuning, And so it befell that there was a Cuning man named Neymus Grecus, that had been at the making of Solomons Temple And he Came into ffrance, And there he taught the Science to the men of ffrance, And there was one of Regalme in ffrance that was named Charles and he Loved well such advice, And he drew him to this Neymus Grecus and he Learned of him the craft and the Charge And the manners, And after by the grace of God he was Elect to be king of France, And when he was in his Estate, hee tooke Masons, And did help to make Masons that were none And sett them on worke, and gave them both Charges and good pay, as he had Learned of other Masons & confirmed a Charge from yeare to yeare to hold their Assembly when they would, and cherished them well And thus came the Craft into ffrance, And England in that season stood void as for any charge of masonry unto Saint Albons time, And in his time the king of England that was a Parragon did wall the Towne about that now is Called St. Albons, And St. Albons was a worthy knight & steward of the kings household, And Governour of the Realme and also of the walls of the Towne, and Loved well Masons and cherished them, and he made them pay Right good standing as the Realme did, for he gave them three shillings sixpence a weeke, and three pence to their man, finches, and before that time throughout all the Land, A Mason tooke but a penny a day and his meate untill St. Albon mended it, And gott a charter of the king and his Councell, to hold a generall councell, and gave it the name of an Assembly to make Masons, and gave them Charge as you shall heare afterwards, After the death of St. Albon there came warrs into England of diverse nations, so that the good Rent of Masonry was destroyed untill the time of Athelstone that was a worthy knight of England, and brought the land into good rest & peace And Buildd many great workes of Abbeys Castles Towers and many other Buildings, and he Loved well Masons, much more than his father did And he was practicer in Geometry, and he drew him much to talk with Masons, and to Learne of them the craft, And afterward for Love he had to Masons and to the Craft that he was made a mason, and gott of his father a charter and a Commission to hold every yeare one Assembly wheresoever they would in the Realme of England, and to correct within themselves the faults and Tresspasses that were done in the craft, and he held himselfe an Assembly, and made Masons in Yorke, and there he gave them charge, and taught them the manners and commanded that rule to be kept ever after, and tooke them the charter and Commission to keep, And made order that it should be renewed from king to king, And when the Assembly was gathered together he made a Cry that all old Masons and young that had any understanding of the Charges and manners that were made before in their Land that they should show them forth, and when it was proved; there was some found in ffrench, some in Latin, and some in English, and their Intent was allowed and he did make a Booke thereof how the craft was found, and he bad and Commanded it to be read when any Mason should be made, and for to give him his Charge; from that time to this time, manners of Masons have been kept in this forme, as well as men might governe it, and furthermore att Diverse Assemblies have been put and ordained certaine charges by the advice of masters and fellows.

THE CHARGE.

Then one of the Elders Lett him hold the Booke, that either he or they may put their hands upon the Booke, and they ought to read the precepts:

Every man that is a mason take good heed to his Charge, iff any man find himselfe guilty in any of these that he amend himselfe, iff it be Cheifly against god they that have bene Charged take heed principally that they keep their Charge for it is a great perill for a man to forswear himselfe on a Booke: The first Charge is that you shall be true men to God and the holy Church, and you use no Error nor heresy by your understanding; nor by wise mens teaching, And also that you shall be true Leige men to the king, without treason or any falshood; And also that you know no treason nor traytory but that you amend it, or else to shew the king and his councell And also that you be true one to another (that i

to say) every Mason that is a mason allowed he shall do unto him, as you would he should do unto you, And also you shall keep truly all counsels of the Lodge or Chamber, and all counsels that ought to be kept, by the way of Mason-hood, And also that you be no theife, nor thieves fellow as farr as you know, and also that you be true to the Lord, or Master that you serve, and truly see his profit and advantage; And also that you Call all Masons fellows or also Brethren, and no other foule name. And also that you shall not take your fellows wife in Villainry nor his daughter, nor his servant nor put him to any dishonour, And also that you pay truly for your meat and drinke wheresoever you Table, And also that you shall do no villainy where you go to Board, whereby the Craft may be slandered, These be the Charges that belongs to every true Mason, both Master and fellow, Now will I rehearse other things Singuler for masters And fellows, First that none take upon them no Lords worke nor other mans worke, Except he know himselfe able to p'forme the worke, whereby the Craft have no slander, Also that no master take no worke, but that he take a reasonable pay, so that the Lord be truly Served, and the master to live honestly, and pay his fellows truly, Also no master nor fellow shall supplant other of the worke (viz) and he have taken worke and stand master of a worke, Also that masters take no Appren-tices, under the Tearme of seaven yeares, And that the parties be able of Birth (viz) free men Borne and of good kindred and true, and no Bondmen, And that he have his Right Limbes, And also that no Master take no partis Except he be able to keep two or three fellows at the least in worke, Also that no master nor fellow put no lords worke to taske, that was wont to go to Journey. Also-Also that no master give pay to his fellows but as they may deserve; so that he be not deceived with false workmen Also that none slander other behinde their backs, to make him Lose his good name, or his goods And also that no fellow misorder himselfe within the Lodge, or without, neither be ungodly nor unreasonable without a Cause, Also that every Mason reverence his Elder and put him to worship, Also that no masons become players at Cards, or Dice or any other unlawfull games whereby the Craft may be disgraced Also that no Mason nor fellow go into the Towne in the night, Except he have a fellow with him, that may bear him witnesse where he was in honest Company or place, Also that every mason or fellow Come to the Assembly iff he be within fifty miles, and he have any warneing And iff he have Trespased the Craft, to abide the Award of masters and fellows, and also every mason that hath Tresspassed; to stand to masters and fellows to make them accord, And iff you Cannot accord to go to the Comon Law, Also that no Master nor fellow, make nor Rule nor square, nor mould to no Layer, nor to sett no Layer on worke, within the Lodge or without, to any moulded stones, Also that every master and fellow shall cherish strange Masons and fellows, when they Come over the countrey, and sett them in worke as the manner is and they will (viz) iff he have a moulded stone in his place, he shall give him a mould stone, and gett him in worke, And iff he have none he shall refresh with money unto the next Lodge, And also that every mason shall serve the Lord truly for his pay, and every mason make an end of his worke be it by day or Journey; And here you have all your Charge, And all those that you have you shall keep; help you and yours, and your holy-dome: and By this Booke to the uttermost to your power: 1677.

[The "doggerel lines" are omitted.—ED. F.M.]

The above has been transcribed by me this 20th day January, 1893, from the original document in the possession of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire.

WILLIAM WATSON.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

A meeting of the above Prov. Grand Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Bradford, on Wednesday, the 12th inst., under the banner of Old York Lodge (T.I.), Bradford. Present:

Bros. Chas. Letch Mason, P.G. Master; the Rev. T. C. Smyth, D.D., P.G. Chap., Dep. P.G. Master; T. W. Embleton, P.S.G.W.; C. J. Schott, P.J.G.W.; John Barker, P.G.I. of W., P.P.G.W.; G. Althorpe, P.P.G.W.; J. W. Monckman, P.G. Stwd., P.P.G.W.; R. Williamson, P.P.G.W.; W. D. Shoebridge, P.G.M.O.; Wm. Flockton, P.S.G.O.; M. Hayes, Old York (T.I.), as P.J.G.O.; Geo. Hill, P.P.G.O.; Geo. Marshall, P.P.G.O.; and others.

The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened the roll of lodges of Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers was called. Letters of apology for absence were received from various brethren.

The minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge held at Sheffield on 5th May, 1892, were taken as read, a printed copy thereof having been forwarded to all members of Provincial Grand Lodge.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then delivered the following address:

Brethren: My first words to-day shall be words of congratulation to the members of the Old York Time Immemorial Lodge, on the prosperous condition of their lodge. Since last we met in Bradford the lodge has changed its quarters, and I am told that under the new conditions of tenancy the brethren have greater facilities for carrying on the work of the lodge, and the due performance of our own peculiar rites and ceremonies. It is my pleasure to report that since our last meeting, one more lodge has been added to our roll. On the 8th February we consecrated the Legiolium Lodge, No. 457, at Castleford. The founders of the lodge number 14, many of them tried and worthy members of our Order, and we have every reason to hope that from the enthusiasm evinced, a good and flourishing lodge will exist; and I know that all of you will join with me in wishing the founders success and prosperity in their undertaking. Another matter I must bring before you, and which I do with great reluctance, and one I am sure you will all hear with deep regret. To-day we are losing the services of our tried and well-beloved brother, the Rev. Thomas Cartwright Smyth, D.D., Past Grand Chaplain of England, as our respected and esteemed Deputy Prov. Grand Master. The name of Bro. Dr. Smyth is a household one in Masonry. Both in England and in India, Dr. Smyth has worked for the welfare of Masonry, and we feel in losing him we are losing one of whom we may be justly proud. He has been ever ready to help in the various Degrees of Freemasonry, and render all the assistance he possibly could, and I feel sure that you will all join with me in conveying to him that vote of thanks which I shall propose shortly. I may also here mention that we shall ere the year passes away lose the services of our Prov. Grand Secretary, Bro. Tudor Trevor. Bro. Trevor has removed to Cheltenham, and will thus be unable to discharge the Secretarial duties during another winter session. The choice of a successor to Bro. Smyth was a matter of anxiety, but I think, brethren, I have been extremely fortunate in securing the services of our worthy Bro. John Barker, P.M., P.G.I. of W., and P.P.G.W. Bro. Barker has been ever ready and willing to render help to any lodge that required it, and I am glad I thus have the opportunity of publicly acknowledging the work he has done for the welfare of the Order in the Province of West Yorkshire. The appointment of a Provincial Grand Secretary will be announced at our next meeting, as I should like to have the advice and counsel of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master in making the appointment. I named at our last meeting I purposed to lay before you the work of our Mark Charities. I had hoped to have had the pleasure of the presence of our Grand Secretary, Bro. Matier,—the Secretary, likewise, of our Charities,—but an impor-

tant meeting has detained him in town. Suffice it to say that we have four West Yorkshire children on the education list, deriving a substantial benefit from the Charities. One of our Yorkshire boys received the silver medal from the Board for proficiency. Altogether, 19 boys and 14 girls are being educated; and we have on the annuitant list eight males and two widows. These are elected without expense or trouble, and I for one should be glad to see these Charities more used, instead of waiting, as is often the case, for long periods, for election on to the greater Charities. Brethren, I will not detain you longer to-day; thanking you for your attendance, and wishing you all happiness, in your Masonic lodges as well as in the daily routine of your lives.

The PROV. GRAND REGISTRAR read a statement of the numerical position of each lodge up to 31st December, 1892.

The PROV. GRAND TREASURER presented his balance-sheet to 31st December, showing a balance to the credit of £49 6s. 7d., which was received and adopted.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Rev. Dr. SMYTH, addressed the Prov. Grand Master, and said that owing to his approaching removal from the province to reside at Coatham, in North and East Yorkshire, he would be unable any longer to fulfil his duties, and felt obliged, to his great regret, now to resign the office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master, which he had held for so many years with so much pleasure to himself, and he trusted with some little advantage to the Order.

Bro. Dr. Smyth then delivered into the hands of the Prov. Grand Master his collar of office.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, in accepting Bro. Dr. Smyth's resignation and collar of office, said he felt sure that he expressed not only his personal regret, but that of every brother in the province at Bro. Dr. Smyth's resignation of the office of Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and after paying a high tribute to the efficiency with which Bro. Dr. Smyth had discharged his duties, and his character and bearing as a good clergyman, a courteous gentleman, and a hard-working Freemason, he moved the following resolution, which was seconded by Bro. ALTHORPE, P.P.G.W., supported by Bro. JOHN BARKER, P.P.G.W., and carried with unanimous and prolonged acclamation: "That the best thanks of this Provincial Grand Lodge be given to the V.W. Bro. the Rev. T. C. Smyth, D.D., Past G. Chap., for his services as Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and that the same be embodied in an address and presented to him."

The following address, beautifully illuminated and framed, was then read by the ACTING PROV. GRAND REGISTRAR, and formally presented to Bro. the Rev. Dr. Smyth by the Prov. Grand Master:

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF WEST YORKSHIRE.
To Very Worshipful Bro. Thomas Cartwright Smyth, Past Grand Chaplain,
Deputy Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire.

We, the members of the West Yorkshire Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England, Wales, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, desire, on your retiring from the office of Deputy Prov. Grand Master, to tender you our deep and sincere thanks for all the kind assistance you have rendered at all times in carrying on the business of our Provincial Grand Lodge. It is a matter of great regret to us that your leaving Leeds renders it necessary for you to vacate the office you have so worthily held for so many years, and we pray that it may please the Great Overseer of the Universe to preserve your life and grant that our Order may have the benefit of your valuable services for many years to come.

Given at Bradford this twelfth day of April, 1893.

ALFRED E. KIRKHAM, Prov. Grand Registrar.

TUDOR TREVOR, Prov. Grand Secretary.

C. LETCH MASON,

Prov. Grand Master.

Bro. Dr. SMYTH, in an eloquent and feeling reply, expressed his deep appreciation of the manifestation of regard which he had received, and the great pleasure his tenure of office as Deputy Provincial Grand Mark Master of that province had afforded him. After having expressed his warm satisfaction of the appointment by the Provincial Grand Master of so well-known and able a Mason as Bro. John Barker as his successor, he bade the brethren an affectionate farewell, with many sincere wishes for the future prosperity of that Provincial Grand Lodge.

Bro. John Barker was then conducted to the pedestal, and after being duly obligated by Bro. Dr. Smyth, P.G.C. England, P.D.P.G.M., &c., was duly invested by the Prov. Grand Master with the collar, and his patent of office handed to him, as Deputy Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire. He was then saluted.

The DEP. PROV. GRAND MARK MASTER briefly acknowledged the compliment, expressing his deep appreciation of the importance and dignity of the office he had just received, and his intention to endeavour to follow in the steps of his eminent predecessors, in their efficient discharge of the duties thereof.

Bro. Dr. Smyth retired from Provincial Grand Mark Lodge, escorted by the Deacons, and all the brethren rising in their places.

The W.M. of Truth Lodge, No. 137, Bro. W. E. SMITHIES, tendered a hearty invitation for the holding of next Provincial Grand Lodge at Huddersfield, under the banner of his lodge.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER, in accepting it, expressed his great pleasure at the improved and satisfactory progress Truth Lodge was making.

It was moved by the PROV. GRAND SECRETARY, and seconded by the DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER, and carried unanimously: "That the best thanks of this Prov. Grand Lodge be accorded to the W.M., Officers, and Brethren of the Old York Lodge (T.I.), for their cordial and hospitable reception of Provincial Grand Lodge this day."

The W.M. of the lodge, Bro. PARTINSON, briefly responded.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed.

FREEMASONRY IN QUEBEC.

Dr. Graham has written a noble volume, entitled "Outlines of the History of Freemasonry in the Province of Quebec," and collected therein an immense number of particulars concerning the Craft, not only in the province named, but also elsewhere. It is a monument of research and enthusiasm, and though not always carefully digested and arranged, yet considering it is the first real history of the kind, deals with matters spread considerably over a century and covers more than 600 pages. One can quite imagine that the wealth of material, the numerous facts, and much evidence that was conflicting in character must have been at times embarrassing and bewildering to the historian and author of this grand work.

Dr. Graham has wisely given a few particulars of the old Grand Lodges, the parents of regular Freemasonry throughout the world. As respects England, though he correctly names four Grand Lodges which were at one time or another in existence during the last century, only two concern Canada, or, indeed, any lodge or Grand Lodge outside England. These

are the original Grand Lodges, formed in 1717, and known later on as the "Moderns," or "Prince's Masons," and the Grand Lodge, started in 1751 as a rival organisation and called "Ancients" or "Atholl Masons." In December, 1813, these joined and constituted the "United Grand Lodge of England," which continues, happily, to this day.

The York "Grand Lodge of all England" was not so termed until after the original Grand Lodge of 1717 had long been at work, for before 1725 it was but a single lodge of "time immemorial" antiquity, and its chief officer, from time to time, was not termed "Grand Master" but "President." The title of G.M. was not used until 1725 at York. This body and its London subordinate, or creation, had died out before the century ended, and neither, at any time, granted any warrants out of England, neither did they in any measure recognise the "Ancients," so that all the talk about "York Masons" in Canada and other parts of America was, and is, wholly without any authority whatever. There never were any "Ancient York Masons" (A.V.M.) in America or anywhere out of England, all called so being "Ancient Masons," hailing directly or indirectly from the Grand Lodge of 1751, formed in London. All the warrants of the so-called "Ancient York Masons" are not dated at York, but London, England, or signed by Prov. G.M.'s, appointed by the latter body, so long known as the "Ancients" aforesaid.

The interesting facts relating to early Freemasonry, and also as to the province, as collected and described by Dr. Graham, form an excellent introduction to the general subject, and place the readers of the volume in a favourable condition to appreciate the surrounding circumstances of the period Masonically and historically.

When Freemasons first entered Quebec it is impossible to say, or when Freemasons' lodges were first held in that province, or, indeed, anywhere in British North America. Undoubtedly brethren who owned the Lodge of "Edinburgh" as their Alma mater emigrated to Canada early in the 17th century, and possibly met Masonically in lodges. Rebold is in error, however, as to English Freemasonry being taken to Canada in 1721, for it was not really introduced into France through a regularly constituted lodge until 1732, though evidently irregularly worked before.

The information afforded respecting military lodges is most valuable and important, for clearly the Canadian Craft is indebted to our military brethren for their first insight of warranted lodge Freemasonry, and mainly from the year 1756. The British Craft appears to have been planted on Quebec soil in 1759, and from that year the Canadian Craft has been directly or indirectly indebted to the military lodges for much of its knowledge of the Fraternity. In those days much that was considered "regular" would not pass muster now, but in judging of the period 1759-1791 we must apply the test then generally accepted, in deciding as to the *bona fide* character of organisations that were started, rather than those adopted by Grand Lodges of the present era.

Bro. John Lane, of Torquay, has done much to educate the various debatable points concerning the period named, and in his grand "Masonic Records, 1717-1886," and on his admirable table on the "Fraternity Co's," Masonic history has exhibited correctly and chronologically the lodges in Canada which were placed on the English roll. The misfortune, however, is that the names and other particulars of the lodges thus constituted, more or less, under English authority, were not forwarded in all cases—in fact rarely so—promptly as they should have been, and hence the dates of origin ascribed to such lodges, in our registers, are often later than they actually were.

The remarkable letters discovered by Bro. Henry Sadler, 'Freemasons' Hall, London, and first made known in his able "Life of Thomas Dunckerley," have thrown a flood of light on this subject, and I am glad to see that Dr. Graham not only quotes them, but duly credits Bro. Sadler with this important find.

It is evidently an error as to Colonel Sir Guy Carleton (afterwards Lord Dorchester) being appointed (provisionally) Prov. G.M. in succession to John Collins. It was Lieut.-Col. Christopher Carleton who was so appointed in 1786, and the draft of his patent has lately been found by Bro. Sadler. The same brother was also Grand Superintendent for the Royal Arch of Canada, as noted in my "Origin of the English Rite of Freemasonry." Doubtless the Christopher Carleton, J.G.W., referred to in the Quebec History, *re* "Warrant No. 6," is the same brother that became subsequently Prov. G.M., *i.e.*, provided he did succeed Collins as was intended.

There are a few points of difference between Dr. Graham and myself, of which the present Albion Lodge, No. 2, originally No. 9, "Ancients" is an instance. When the "Ancients" revived a number that had lapsed, and a lodge by purchase thereby secured a much higher position, such lodge still dated from its original warrant, and not from the year of origin of the lapsed lodge. So that No. 2, Quebec, really has precedence from the year 1781, being the year of issue of its first charter No. 213. This explanation must suffice for any others so circumstanced, and is selected because our Grand Lodge, unfortunately, granted a centenary warrant from a misconception of the facts. Had our No. 17 (which was once "Ancient" 9, and formerly 213) been still on the roll, I have no hesitation in stating that its special centenary jewel warrant, on petition, would have been changed for an ordinary one, as from the year 1881 (1781-1881) as was done under similar circumstances by and for No. 153, Gibraltar. The extracts from the minutes of so many old lodges are most interesting as well as curious and valuable, and render the massive volume most welcome to us in England, as well as to our Canadian brethren. Nothing like it or approaching it in value in these respects, has ever appeared before. Beyond question Dr. Graham has done a most important work for his Grand Lodge, and one that will not only live, but well deserves the great success it is receiving and will receive.

When Bro. J. Ross Robertson's history of the Grand Lodge of Canada is written, we shall then be circumstanced and able to rightly understand the origin and progress of the Craft in Upper as well as Lower Canada, and then I hope to have a few words to say on Canadian Freemasonry as a whole.

As to Royal Arch and Knights Templar Freemasonry in Canada, Bro. Robertson is doing a grand work to make their early history both readable and thoroughly well known. As to the Templars, he has ably succeeded, and will, doubtless, do the same good service for the Royal Arch.

But time and space forbid my saying or writing more now, save to most sincerely congratulate the Grand Lodge of Quebec on the noble work of their historian, and to express my thanks for an official copy of Dr. Graham's handsome volume. I do not make any mention of the sore point at issue respecting the three lodges on English register, at Montreal, as I hope they will soon join the Grand Lodge of Quebec.—W. J. HUGHAN, in the "Canadian Craftsman."

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To Correspondents.

OUR PORTRAIT GALLERY OF WORSHIPFUL MASTERS.

In future numbers of the *Freemason* we purpose
giving a series of portraits of Worshipful Masters
who have been recently installed. Recognising the
fact that no greater honour can be bestowed on a
brother than to be elected the Master of his lodge, we
desire to do our part towards creating a permanent
record of such event in his Masonic history by placing
his portrait before our readers. We shall be pleased
to furnish Secretaries of lodges and others who may
take an interest in our project whatever information
may be desired as to our proposed method of
procedure.



SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 1893.

Masonic Notes.

The House Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls at their monthly meeting on Thursday appointed—as under the rules they are empowered to do—Bro. A. C. Spaul, Vice-Patron, to fill the place vacated by the death of the late-lamented Bro. James Moon.

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We congratulate Bro. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., on the well-merited compliment which was paid him at the Quarterly Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls on the 13th inst. Bro. Hogg has been Honorary Surgeon-Oculist to this Charity for the last 20 years, and during that time has rendered important services to the School. It was, therefore, resolved, unanimously, on the motion of Bro. P. de Lande Long, P.G.D. seconded by Bro. G. Everett, P.G. Treas., that he have conferred upon him the rank of Vice-Patron of the Institution, with all the rights and privileges pertaining thereto. We trust that Bro. Hogg may be spared for many years to enjoy the rights thus handsomely conferred upon him.

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The result of the ballot for the election of 10 brethren to fill the vacancies on the Board of Management of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys caused by the retirement of that number of members by rotation, was made known before the close of the proceedings at the Quarterly Court on the 14th inst. For the five London vacancies there were six candidates, of whom five were the retiring members, and the result was the re-election of four of the latter—Bros. G. E. Fairchild, James Stephens, Henry Pritchard, A. C. Spaul—and the substitution of Bro. J. P. Fitzgerald for Bro. Robert Martin.

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For the five Provincial vacancies there were no less than 11 candidates, of whom only two—Bros. Harry Bevir (Wiltshire) and Hugh B. Diamond (Derbyshire)—were retiring members offering themselves for re-election, the other nine being new candidates. The result was the re-election of these two brethren at the head of the poll, the other successful candidates being Bros. William Russell (Kent), George J. McKay

(Cumberland and Westmorland), and Charles Pulman (Northumberland). The unsuccessful candidates were Bros. Thomas Bradley (Durham), H. Manfield (Northants and Hunts), E. Margrett (Berkshire), W. H. Spaul (Shropshire), Aaron Stone (South Wales, West Division), and the Rev. W. Whittley (Devonshire).

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Following on the lines that have proved so successful in the Craft and the Arch the brethren of French nationality residing in London have now formed a Lodge of Mark Master Masons, and the consecration ceremony took place at the Café Royal, Regent-street, on Tuesday, the 11th inst. The Deputy Grand Master, B. o. the Earl of Euston, very ably conducted the ceremony of consecration, in which he was assisted by Bros. Thos. Fenn, as S.W.; Frank Richardson, as J.W.; Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, as Chap.; R. Berridge, as D.C.; and Arthur Roger Carter, as I.G. The Grand Secretary, Bro. Matier, undertook the ceremony of installation, in which long practice has made him perfect. After this all the proceedings drifted into French. The Deputy Grand Master, in response to a congratulatory and grateful vote, replied in the mellifluous accents of our neighbours, and at the dinner table the toasts of "The Queen" and "The President" were as gracefully combined as were the strains of the National Anthems of the two countries.

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According to the *New Zealand Craftsman* of the 16th February, the balance-sheet of the unrecognised Grand Lodge of New Zealand for the year ended 31st December, 1892, will disclose balances on the several funds amounting in the aggregate to £989 6s. 4d. That on the General Fund is close on £515, and our contemporary suggests that as this is all the Grand Lodge will have to depend upon for the half year ending 30th June next, it will be as well for the executive to practise the strictest economy, "otherwise the expenditure will exceed the revenue." A very wise suggestion, no doubt; but is it not early days to be thus reminding the New Zealand Constitution—which, according to the flaming accounts we are occasionally treated to should be carrying everything before it—to be economical in its expenditure? We should have expected to find a plethora of money to the credit of a body, which we are told is knocking the other Constitutions into a cocked hat.

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The *New Zealand Craftsman* thinks it is high time the Masonic body should place "some restriction on the amount of money spent by lodges in intoxicants." If anything of the kind is done, then farewell to the doctrine that the rights and privileges of private lodges are sacred, so long as they are not exercised to the detriment of the general body.

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The *Square and Compass*, of Denver, Colorado, pays a glowing tribute of respect to the memory of Bro. R. A. Quillian, who was elected and installed M.W. Grand Master of Colorado in 1881, and at the same time publishes the official announcement of the sad event issued by Bro. W. D. Wright, the present Grand Master of the jurisdiction. Bro. Quillian was only in his 51st year, having been born in Georgia on the 5th May, 1842. He was already a member of our Fraternity when he settled down in 1873 in Colorado, and very soon made his mark among the brethren. He died on the 8th December, 1892, and as a mark of respect to him and the important services he rendered the Masonic body in his adopted jurisdiction, the announcement of his death was accompanied by an order for all lodges in the jurisdiction to be draped in mourning for a period of 30 days. As a citizen Bro. Quillian had taken an active part in public affairs. He was a leading member of the Southern Colorado Bar, and in his time had filled many offices of trust, with honour to himself and to the great advantage of the State.

Correspondence.

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

THE ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR INCURABLES—
BRO. J. H. GABALL.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I am glad to see that the application of Bro. J. H. Gaball to the Governors of the "Royal Hospital for Incurables" is so strongly supported, as per advertisement in the *Freemason* of to-day.

His connection so many years ago as journalist and overseer-printer, especially with the old "Freemasons' Magazine" and the *Freemason* (in its early days), should secure for him a large support from the Craft, particularly as his case is so strongly recommended by Bro. George Kenning, P.P.G.D., the proprietor of the *Freemason*.

Another who signs his memorial is our respected Bro. James Brett, P.G.P., &c., of 7, Rushmore-road, Clapton Park, N.E., who will be glad to receive proxies in due time, and who is making an earnest effort, with other members, for the ensuing election, knowing well how deserving our afflicted friend is of the much-needed benefit.

Will you allow me space to say that I hope Bro. Gaball will be elected next month, and any votes that can be spared by my friends should be sent as above.—Yours fraternally,

WILLIAM J. HUGHAN.

April 15.

NON-CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In reply to your correspondent "Number One," asking me for particulars of my authority, I have much pleasure in informing him that my authority comes from the Grand Registrar, who kindly answered my question on this subject to the effect that all minutes must be confirmed, and one meeting cannot upset the proceedings of the previous one, except, as stated (1), the election of W.M.; (2), voting money from the lodge funds; and (3), alteration of by-laws. Besides this letter, let me remind your two correspondents that in the year 1885 or 1886 a brother moved in Grand Lodge that the minutes be confirmed, except that part which alluded to the "P.M.s. wearing their respective collars when visiting other lodges." This was overruled by direction of the Grand Registrar, who decided that "minutes must be confirmed if properly recorded." By searching the Grand Lodge proceedings your enquirer can easily convince himself of the fact, as I did, when I wanted to be enlightened on that subject.—I remain, yours fraternally,

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

April 18th.

Reviews.

FREEMASONS' CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY FOR THE PROVINCE OF SOMERSET, 1893-4.

Bro. C. L. Fry Edwards is the editor of this large and ably compiled calendar, which doubtless circulates extensively in Somersetshire, at least, it should do so, for this year's issue—the 12th—is the best of the series, and reflects great credit on the painstaking editor. The frontispiece is an excellent portrait of the respected P.G. Secretary, Bro. J. C. Hunt, who has filled that important office from 1879, to the great satisfaction of all concerned. A new feature in this year's directory will be most welcome, and is one we have long advocated, as one of the chief desiderata of such useful publications, viz., a statistical account of the province, showing the work done during the past year, and the number of subscribing members to the 31st December last. There are 26 lodges, returning 1241 members, 68 initiations taking place during the year 1892. Another table, of a most comprehensive and valuable character, is the one concerning the Central Masonic Charities. The total votes amount to 3641, which is a most creditable number for some 1250 brethren, who assuredly have been well looked after by the Charity Representatives. The votes are arranged under lodges, and duly given in a summary. There are 11 Royal Arch chapters, nine Mark lodges, three Knights Templar preceptories, and four Rose Croix chapters in the county, full particulars of which are duly inserted by the editor, and carefully arranged. If under each lodge and chapter the provincial rank was given of the members, the addition would prove acceptable, for, although the offices are inserted under the roll 1854-1892, they would be handier if also printed under the several lodges. Bro. Edwards has once more acted as editor, and discharged for his province a laborious and troublesome task in a most excellent manner.

HISTORY OF THE LODGE OF PROSPERITY, No. 65. By Bro. C. E. FERRY, P.M. and P.Z., with an Introduction by Bro. WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN, P.S.G.D. England, &c. Second Edition, London: Published by the Author, at Crown-court, Old Broad-street. 1893 [7.6].

This book is a model of its kind, and should be consulted by all brethren who think of writing brief histories of their lodges. Bro. Ferry's plan is a very simple, yet comprehensive one. After dealing with the origin of the lodge in 1810, giving the warrant of the then 68, and other particulars, he then treats the matter chronologically, and, beginning with the year 1823, when the preserved minutes begin, the career of the lodge is ably and succinctly traced, year by year, down to 1893. Each year has the principal officers noted, and the names of the initiates and joining members, followed by interesting details, obtained from the minutes or other authentic sources. Head and tailpieces add to the artistic character of the volume, for it is evident that Bro. Ferry knows not only how to write, but also to print and "get up" a book in a masterly manner. In fact, he is author, printer, publisher, and artist combined, four of the appropriate illustrations being reproduced from sketches made by himself, viz., "The Earl of Durham," Hoxton, the "White Hart Tavern," Bishopsgate, "Our Inner Guard's Poignard," and "The Summer Outing on the 'Maria Wood,' 1878." The frontispiece represents "Some Officers and P.M.'s in 1867," and a double-page illustration aptly reproduces a large photo taken of the members who attended the Summer Outing at the "Star and Garter Hotel," Richmond, in July, 1882, by invitation of Bro. J. Roberts, the

W.M. Bro. Ferry's portrait is inserted at the end of the work, but why it is placed there does not appear, for it should have been at the beginning assuredly. The oldest minute book has a curious label, which has troubled many of us, and in the first edition of the history was not explained. Now the matter is set straight by the competent authority of Bro. W. H. Rylands, F.S.A., who considers it is no blunder, but due to a Jewish member, possibly, using the Hebrew letters as numerals, by which method, as respects the final forms, the letter P would represent 8. Hence the label "Lodge 91 A., M., 5P23." meant A.M. 5823, or A.D. 1823. How easy the solution. Yet no one thought of it before! Bro. Ferry has written most pleasantly and agreeably about his lodge, he is never "dry," or wearying as to needless details, and, beyond question, has taken out from the records every item that is really worth preserving. The lodge has done good work, and is, as it long has been, a power in the Craft, and we say "so mote it be" to the concluding words of the author, who trusts that No. 65 "may long continue in its prosperity and its useful career." Bro. Hughan's Introduction occupies seven pages out of the 130, and makes an excellent historical chapter on the origin and character of the several Grand Lodges in England, particularly as to the one from which the warrant of No. 65 was derived, as originally 68. As this readable and most useful historical sketch was written after Bro. Hughan had perused all the proofs of Bro. Ferry's handsome volume, his commendation is all the more valuable, especially so when such praise is from a brother who has written more introductions to English lodge histories, and done more to foster their production than all other Masonic authors put together. Bro. Ferry has dedicated the work to the Past Masters of No. 65, a compliment they will doubtless much appreciate. We hope that the lodge concerned will secure copies of the history before the edition is exhausted, and thus be able for some years to come, to present them to initiates, as Bro. Hughan suggests. The idea is worth following out by No. 65 and also by other lodges.

FORD'S MASONIC PRONOUNCING DICTIONARY.

This handy pocket guide, compiled by Bro. the Rev. J. A. Ford, P.M. (and Masonic lecturer), of Battle Creek, Michigan, U.S.A., is intended to supply "the pronunciation of the Masonic terms . . . and the pronunciation of the various Latin, Greek, Hebrew, Chaldean, Persian, Egyptian, Syriac, Hindoo, and English words and phrases used in the ritualistic work of the several Degrees, Orders, and Grades." There are some 50 pages of such words and phrases, with concise, and commendably brief, explanations, arranged in double columns on each page, and in alphabetical order. So far as we have tested these, the result has proved most satisfactory, for after more than one hour's examination we have only discovered one well-known quartette of letters (though not generally understood as to their meaning) which are omitted. We refer to the Knight Templars' "war cry," V.D.S.A. Another quartette is given, viz., "P.D.E.P.," the explanation of which is better known. There may be other omissions, but we have failed to detect them, and we can—after due perusal—confidently recommend the work as a safe and most useful aid to officers of the Fraternity, in connection with the principal Degrees, feeling assured that a careful study of its pages would go far to equip them for presiding at meetings, and correctly pronouncing and appreciating certain words, familiar as to sound, to Craftsmen generally, but not always correctly rendered or understood. Its price is half-a-dollar or a dollar, according to binding.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Islington Lodge (No. 1471).—The last regular meeting of the season was held on Thursday, the 13th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, the following officers and brethren being present: Bros. C. M. Coxon, W.M.; H. B. Harding, I.P.M.; R. Loomes, S.W.; A. Cox, J.W.; E. Blinkhorn, P.M., Sec.; D. C. Ritchie, J.D.; C. H. Stevenson, I.G.; H. Stafford Trego, Org.; E. J. Harrison, Stwd.; G. Couchman, Tyler; H. Cox, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. Wks. Herts; J. M. Scarlett, P.M., P.P. G.W. Essex; H. Hunt, P.M.; S. Napper, P.M.; D. C. Attwater, J. Amand, W. Pannell, C. Weber, F. Meyer, P. Faber, C. Isler, T. R. Newman, A. Pope, F. Simmonds, E. H. Bury, G. E. Walker, E. A. Beer, T. Hunt, W. J. Barnes, and W. Taylor. Visitors: Bros. R. W. Nicole, J.D. 2278; and F. Cakebread, 1178.

After the confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting, Bro. W. Pannell was raised to the Degree of M.M., Bro. D. C. Attwater passed to the Degree of F.C., and having successfully passed the ballot, Mr. William John Barnes was duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. An alteration was made in the by-laws on the proposition of the Secretary, Bro. E. Blinkhorn, P.M. The names of two gentlemen were submitted as candidates for initiation, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren then dined, after which the W.M. premised that the brethren had heard quite enough of his voice for one evening, and, having as an excuse the splendid programme which had been arranged for the evening's entertainment by Bro. Newman, stated his intention to limit the toast list to three important ones, the first submitted was "The Queen and the Craft," the second was "The Initiate," to which Bro. Barnes replied in a few words, and the third and last was that of "The Visitors." Bros. Nicole and Cakebread replied.

The programme of music was equal to any that has been given in the Islington Lodge, and was contributed to entirely by members of the lodge, including Bros. Simmonds, Stevenson, Amand, Attwater, Isler, Bury, and Newman. Thanks to these brethren a most pleasant evening was spent, their talent meeting with hearty applause. This very successful final meeting of the season was brought to a close by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the Tyler's toast. Bro. H. Stafford Trego, Mus. Bac. Oxon, was the accompanist.

Skelmersdale Lodge (No. 1599).—This flourishing lodge celebrated the completion of another year's successful existence on Thursday, the 13th instant, at the Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., when there was a large attendance of brethren. Bro. F. A. Lewis, W.M., was supported by Bros. J. E. Adams, S.W.; H. F. Knee, J.W.; G. J. Woodman, P.M., Treas.; G. Laker, P.M., Sec.; W. Howes, S.D.; E. J. Wickenden, J.D.; F. Horne, I.G.; J. P. W. Goodwin, Org.; C. S. Lee, P.M.; E. L. Mirov, P.M.; F. Dewsbury, P.M.; E. Howes, P.M.; E. H. A. Harris, P.M., and G. M. Thompson, P.M. Visitors: Bros. J. U. Streater, P.M. 687; St. J. Hunter, P.M. 1077; T. J. Bolton, 1087; E. F. Kibby, P.M. 1092; J. B. Hamond, P.M. 1030; A. South, 901; R. Jennings, P.M. 907; J. C. Tilt, P.M. 1962; F. Westcott, 188; H. Lazarus, 185; J. H. Latheran, 1904; C. Newland, J.W. 834; W. H. Lee, P.P. G.D. Middx.; H. Walter, 1455; W. C. Farthing, P.M.; H. Baxter; G. Edwards; H. A. Howe; B. Forster, P.M. 1086; G. Eade, 1077; G. May, 2000; and W. W. Lee, W.M. 2381.

After the formal opening of the lodge and the confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Geo. Laker, P.M., assumed the chair, and installed Bro. John Evan Adams as W.M. in a very able manner. The officers' collars for the ensuing year were distributed as follows: Bros. F. A. Lewis, I.P.M.; H. F. Knee, S.W.; W. Howes, J.W.; G. J. Woodman, Treas.; Geo. Laker, Sec.; E. J. Wickenden, S.D.; F. Horne, J.D.; H. Pearce, I.G.; C. S. Lee, D.C.; J. P. W. Goodwin, Org.; and Rawles, Tyler.

Lodge was then closed, and after an excellent banquet, the customary loyal and Masonic toasts received hearty recognition.

Bro. F. A. Lewis, I.P.M., said it was then his privilege and pleasure for the first time to propose "The Health of the W.M." In Bro. Adams they had a Master who would be able to cope with any little difficulty that might arise, and efficiently occupy the chair. Their W.M. had taken great interest in Freemasonry, had served as Steward for the Charities, and had the welfare of the lodge at heart. He hoped the members would give Bro. Adams an opportunity of distinguishing himself by bringing in candidates, and wished their W.M. a happy and prosperous year of office.

Bro. J. E. Adams, W.M., in reply, said that it was with some diffidence that he rose to respond for the very hearty reception accorded the toast. They could, however, imagine it was with great pride that he had arrived at the chair in the Skelmersdale Lodge. He felt he had deserved the respect of the Past Masters, officers, and brethren, and by his working had honourably attained the position. The I.P.M. had set him a good example, and had enforced a rule which had happily prevailed in their lodge that every occupant of the chair should deserve it. He felt that he (the W.M.) had deserved the honour, as he had endeavoured to the best of his ability to fulfil every condition laid down by the Past Masters. He was grateful indeed that the members had thought him worthy of election, and in occupying the chair he felt he had a lustre to maintain. If he obtained the assistance of the Past Masters and officers during his year he would leave the chair with that lustre undimmed. He hoped to have an opportunity of displaying what ability he possessed in working the Three Degrees.

The Worshipful Master then gave the next toast, "The Immediate Past Master," and said it gave him peculiar pleasure to do so, as he felt their esteemed Bro. Lewis had won the regard and affection of every member of the lodge by the admirable manner in which he had sustained the working. They had had an example of what working should be, and in leaving the chair, the I.P.M. had left a record worthy of any Past Master. There was another pleasure he had, which showed that the lodge appreciated every one who occupied the chair, and performed his work to their satisfaction. He had to present a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Lewis, the inscription on which was peculiarly appropriate, as it signified that the presentation was made for the able and efficient manner in which he had presided as W.M. The jewel carried with it the esteem and respect of every member, and they all wished Bro. Lewis long life to wear it, and a continuance of his support to Freemasonry, which he loved so well.

Bro. F. A. Lewis, I.P.M., said he could not express all he felt for the manner in which the flattering remarks of the W.M. had been received. During his Mastership he had endeavoured to carry out the duties to the best of his ability and promote the interests of the lodge. He thanked them all for the kind manner in which they had overlooked his failings, and for the great support rendered by the members and the officers, for if a W.M. was ever so efficient, that was useless unless he was supported by the officers. He had to thank them for the handsome Past Master's jewel presented to him, which he should ever value as a token of regard and respect from the members, and as a memento of his year of office, which had in every respect been a most happy one.

Bro. W. H. Lee, P.P.G.D. Middx., acknowledged the toast of "The Visitors," and returned thanks for the cordial manner in which it was received, and the generous hospitality with which they had been entertained. He was present 12 months ago when Bro. Lewis was installed, and was pleased to be present again to congratulate the brethren on what he understood had been a very happy and prosperous year. Having been associated with that lodge in its early days, it was always pleasurable to visit it again, and congratulate it on its successful state. He hoped that career of prosperity would continue for a long time to come, and that for many years he might have the pleasure and privilege of visiting them to witness it. He congratulated the W.M. on his accession to the chair, and the very able manner in which he had been installed by Bro. Laker, who had been associated with that lodge since its foundation, and had well earned the respect of the members. He wished the W.M. a very pleasant and happy year of office, and continued success to the lodge.

Bro. W. T. Farthing, P.M., said that was not his first visit, neither was he a stranger to the older members. He had the extreme pleasure of acting as Deacon to the tatter of the lodge, Bro. Laker, and initiated the next Past Master, Bro. Mirroy. Therefore he felt very much at home, and thanked Bro. C. S. Lee, P.M., for affording him the opportunity of visiting them.

Bros. Hamond, Kibby, Forster, and Tilt also replied. Other toasts were given before [the] Tyler's toast closed the pleasant proceedings.

Under the direction of Bro. J. P. W. Goodwin, Org., the following artistes assisted in an excellent musical programme: Miss Phyllis Hope, and Bros. R. J. Harris, H. Clinch, and Geo. May.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

Royal Kensington Lodge (No. 1627).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall on Friday, the 7th inst., when there were present Bros. W. Bellamy, W.M.; E. E. Ponard, J.W.; J. B. Stevens, P.M., Treas.; H. P. Hay, P.M., Sec.; J. Broughton, S.D.; C. F. Bennet, J.D.; J. B. Ehrmann, I.G.; L. Bertrand, Stwd.; R. F. Potter, Tyler; E. Delacoste, P.M.; J. H. Jarvis, P.M.; H. G. Hale, P.M.; F. Walker, E. N. Glaeser, F. M. Prince, F. Sander, A. G. Wilson, and H. J. Bliss. Visitors: Bros. C. Woodrow, I.P.M. 1708; H. R. Stephens, 1579; and R. Finlayson, 1017.

The lodge having been opened, Bros. Wilson and Bliss were raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M. A sum of £5 5s. was voted to be placed on the list of the W.M. as Steward for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The lodge was then closed.

After the banquet the W.M. made the gratifying announcement that his list as Steward amounted to the sum of 75 guineas.

Kingsland Lodge (No. 1693).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at the Highbury Railway Hotel, Highbury Station, and notwithstanding the day being the next to the first popular Bank Holiday of the year, there was a good muster of both members and visitors, which says a great deal for the popularity of its genial W.M., Bro. L. Simon, who opened the lodge, being ably supported by Bros. W. Elliott, S.W.; J. Potter, J.W.; A. W. Fenner, P.M., Sec.; S. Robson, J.D.; G. Cook, acting I.G.; A. White, D.C.; W. Windsor, Org.; J. G. Harrington and E. Dimes, Stwds.; C. Shepperd, Tyler; H. J. Hazel, P.M.; W. T. H. Mayer, P.M.; H. Hall, P.M.; T. Birt, A. J. Windsor, F. C. Maffey, C. W. Potter, W. E. Windsor, F. Richards, E. C. Windsor, and M. Düerr. The visitors included Bros. J. Maier, T. Gilbert, and J. L. Morris, of 217; L. Prevost, 1140; and R. P. Forge, 1097.

The business consisted of the confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting, the balloting for and initiation of Mr. A. T. Armstrong, after which the by-laws of the lodge were read. The next important business was the election of a W.M. for the year ensuing, which proved unanimous in favour of Bro. W. Elliott, S.W., who was duly declared W.M. elect. The election of a Treasurer was unanimously in favour of Bro. James Cooper, P.M., who has been elected as such for some years past. Bro. C. Shepperd was also re-elected Tyler. The Auditors were duly appointed. A Past Master's jewel and collar was voted to the W.M. on his retiring from the chair. Bro. A. W. Cooper, S.D., having had the misfortune to lose one of his children, a letter sympathising with him in his loss was directed to be sent him on behalf of the lodge by the Secretary.

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

The dinner having been done full justice to, the usual loyal toasts were given and heartily responded to.

The toast of "The W.M." was given by the I.P.M., Bro. Hazel, in a neat speech, in which he expatiated on the excellent qualities shown by Bro. Simon as W.M. of the lodge.

The toast was cordially received and honoured.

In replying, the W.M. thanked the Past Masters and officers of the lodge for their cordial support during his year of office, without which no W.M. could ever expect to be successful in carrying out the duties of the chair, and trusted all future Worshipful Masters would be as fortunate as himself in the possession of such an efficient staff as he commanded.

The toast of "The Initiates" was received with acclamation.

Bro. Armstrong, in reply, promised to do his best to make himself a worthy member of the Craft.

The toast of "The Visitors" was the next to secure full honours, to which each visitor responded in excellent speeches of a congratulatory character, both of the W.M. and his lodge.

The W.M. elect, in replying to the toast of his health, thanked the W.M. for the kind manner he had proposed his health, also the brethren for the cordial manner they had received it, and assured them he would do his utmost to discharge his duties as W.M. to their satisfaction, and hoped they would support him during his year of office as ably as they had the W.M.

"The Past Masters" and "The Officers" toasts were given in due order, and as heartily received, after which the Tyler's toast brought to a close one of the most enjoyable evenings it has been the lot of the writer to participate in (and they are many). May he live to enjoy many more.

The harmony, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all, was contributed by the following: Bros. W. Windsor (Org.), F. Richards, E. C. Windsor, L. Prevost (cornet soloist, who is about to depart for Chicago), W. E. Windsor, and W. Elliott, the W.M. elect, encores being demanded from all of them, and as kindly granted by each artist.

Montague Guest Lodge (No. 1900).—A meeting of this lodge took place on the 12th instant, when there were present Bros. Oscar Philippe, W.M.; Roger Henwood, I.P.M.; E. L. Shelton, S.W.; W. Goodman, J.W.; E. M. Doble, Treas.; W. H. Gardener, Sec.; G. Gray, S.D.; T. Hutchinson, D.C.; E. F. Viola, I.G.; T. W. Walford, Org.; Jas. Hopps, Stwd.; J. D. Collier, P.M.; John Stacey, P.M.; F. R. W. Hedges, P.M.; H. J. Capon, M.D., P.M.; H. Slyman, P.M.; John Goring, and W. F. Larkin. Visitors: Bros. Geo. Dale, 195; Geo. Thomas, P.M. 1194; James Webb, J.W. 2120; H. W. Roberts, P.P.G.W. Middx.; E. Hislop, W.M. 1037; Alfred Cocks, 174; Carlo Grassi, P.M. 1159; J. Wilson, P.M. 209; K. J. Bell, P.M. 209; and George Gardener, 2120.

The minutes of the lodge held on the 8th February were read and confirmed. After the ballot had been taken for a joining member, the brethren proceeded to the election of the W.M., and, in view of the magnificent services rendered, both in promoting the interests of the lodge generally, and in placing it in a foremost position amongst Metropolitan lodges in its support of the Charities, a desire was evinced on the part of the brethren to re-elect Bro. Oscar Philippe

to the chair. This was carried out with a unanimity that spoke volumes for the popularity and esteem in which the W.M. is held. Bro. Doble, too, was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bros. Walford, Lowthian, and Larkin were placed on the Audit Committee.

Bro. Hutchinson then presented a Charity Box to the lodge, which was gratefully accepted. On the proposition of Bro. Doble, seconded by Bro. Henwood, a Past Master's jewel and collar was voted to Bro. Philippe, and after the usual business, the lodge was closed.

A banquet afterwards took place, which was presided over by the W.M., when the usual toasts were duly proposed and responded to, the musical arrangements being under the directorship of Bro. Schartau.

We understand that Bro. Philippe's list for the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys has already reached £500. An amount equally creditable to the earnestness of the Steward and the liberality of the members.

Warrant Officers Lodge (No. 2346).—The installation meeting of this young but thriving lodge met at Freemasons' Hall, on St. Patrick's Day. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the following gentlemen were initiated: Messrs. N. J. Evans, M. A. Romain, F. H. Middleton, W. R. Carroll, and A. T. Wilson. The installation ceremony was ably performed by Bro. A. Molony, W.M., who installed Bro. J. Hitching, S.W. and W.M. elect. The W.M. then appointed and invested the following brethren as officers for the ensuing year: Bros. C. A. Pugh, S.W.; J. Lewis, J.W.; G. Cook, P.M., Treas.; W. F. Cheesman, P.M., Sec.; W. A. Greene, S.D.; J. Williams, J.D.; W. E. Bailey, I.G.; R. Jennings, P.M., D.C.; H. B. Dickinson, A.D.C.; F. R. Binskin and J. D. Lidbury, Stwds.; E. H. Ridge, Org.; H. Wall, Asst. Org.; and A. G. Young, Tyler.

After the lodge was closed, the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet served at the Holborn Restaurant.

The W.M. having given the loyal and Masonic toasts, which were received with enthusiasm,

The I.P.M., Bro. A. Molony, in a modest speech, proposed "The Health of the W.M.," remarking that the brethren must have been impressed with the able manner in which he invested his officers, and trusted that the same graceful and easy manner would be shown in his future working.

The W.M., in reply, stated he was honoured by his reception. If his working that night was satisfactory to the brethren, he was very proud and gratified.

In giving the toast of "The Visitors," the W.M. said that that was the toast of the evening. He was pleased to see so many present, and he gave them a hearty welcome.

The visitors were Bros. J. Pye, P.M. 215; J. W. Slater, 1743; J. Black, 706; A. Oliver, 820; W. Metcalfe, 2372; A. Haine, 1949; F. Orfern, 1305; R. T. Brickdale, 1023; G. Musson, 1604; J. Thomas, 2369; A. Harvey, 1903; H. Harding, 1536; J. Wagstaff, 509; S. Clarke, 706; and P. C. Rogers, 901.

Bro. Black responded, and said one always expected good working in the Warrant Officers Lodge, but that evening the I.P.M. had excelled himself.

Bro. S. Clarke also responded. He said the lodge was favoured in having such efficient officers, and the lodge was well known for its hospitality and the musical abilities of its members.

Several other visitors replied.

The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the I.P.M." and said that their virtues were well known, and their labours in the past had given the lodge the great reputation it enjoyed. He urged the members to follow the example of the Past Masters, and help to maintain the prestige of the lodge. He coupled with the toast the names of Bros. A. Molony, I.P.M.; M. A. McNerny, the first W.M.; and H. Gardiner, the second W.M.

Bro. M. A. McNerny recapitulated the "Battersea Park Conspiracy" in response.

Bro. H. Gardiner, in reply, said it was a pleasure to the Past Masters to do all they could for the interests of the lodge.

Bro. A. Molony, I.P.M., said the three years he had spent in the lodge were numbered with the best and pleasantest in his life.

In giving the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," the W.M. said they were both efficient officers. The books were well and regularly kept, and the brethren knew their capabilities.

They both suitably responded, Bro. W. F. Cheesman, P.M., Sec., stating the number recorded on the books was 115. Of that number they had lost by death and other means 12, making an average of four a year, the total subscribing members being 103.

Bro. G. Cook, P.M., Treas., said they were glad their services were appreciated, and both would continue to assist in any way to promote the welfare of the brethren.

The toast of "The Initiates" was well received, and responded to by each.

The W.M. next gave "The Officers of the Lodge." He said their guests that evening had been kind enough to say that they were good, and that was gratifying to him.

Each of the officers made suitable replies, to the effect that each would endeavour to make themselves efficient and eligible for higher offices.

The Tyler's toast concluded a very pleasant evening.

Bro. W. F. Cheesman, P.M., had charge of the musical arrangements, amongst those contributing being Bros. Stuart Lane (pianoforte solo), W. J. Boyle, F. H. Middleton, W. F. Cheesman, J. A. Hamilton (flute solo), A. J. Wilson, H. Gardiner, Sharp, Short, and Lidbury.

Æsculapius Lodge (No. 2410).—The last ordinary meeting for the present Masonic year was held at the Café Royal, Regent-street, on the 12th inst., when Bro. Dep. Inspector-General Belgrave Ninnis, M.D., P.M., G. Std. Br., the W.M., presided, supported by the following officers, members, and visitors: Bros. J. Brindley James, P.M., I.P.M.; F. Ernest Pocock, M.D., P.M., V.P.B. of G.P., S.W.; H. E. Ezard, M.D., as J.W.; G. Danford Thomas, M.D., Treas.; T. Dutton, M.D., P.M., Sec.; G. Crawford Thomson, M.B., S.D.; A. Nutt, J.D. and I.G.; Lennox Browne, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. Essex, D.C.; W. H. Kiallmark, P.M., Stwd.; Surgeon-Capt. R. Ashton Bostock, Frank Fowler, J. Davies, E. S. Bell, Lewis Lewis, M. Cheale, W. Arbuthnot Lane, M.S. Lond.; C. M. Simpson, T. H. Garland Wrighton, Felix Skene, E. E. Davies, 1597; and J. Durno, 2381.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes having been read and confirmed, Bro. Frank Fowler was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. in a very eloquent and able manner by the W.M. A ballot was then taken for a W.M. for the ensuing year, and the vote of the brethren was unanimous in favour of Bro. F. Ernest Pocock, M.D., P.M., V.P.B. of G.P. Bro. G. Danford Thomas was re-elected Treasurer, Bro. Samuel Ellis, Tyler, and Bros. H. W. Kiallmark, P.M., and E. H. Ezard, M.D., Auditors.

Other routine business being transacted, the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards sat down to a capital dinner, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. Lennox Browne, in proposing "The Health of the Worshipful Master," reminded the brethren that it was the last time he would preside at the festive board, and therefore the toast should be drunk with more than usual enthusiasm, for Bro. Belgrave Ninnis was not only a distinguished Mason holding at the present time an important office in Grand Lodge, but was an ornament to the medical department of the service he belonged to, having served his Queen faithfully in nearly every part of the world, and one special service should not be forgotten, viz., when Bro. Ninnis went through the adventurous Arctic Expedition, under the command of Sir George Nares, K.C.B., F.R.S.

The Worshipful Master, in replying, thanked the brethren for the very kind and cordial manner in which they had drunk his health, and said he would like to apologise for not attending to his duties more, but pleaded the exigency of the service he belonged to as an excuse. He complimented the officers upon the efficient manner they had performed their duties, and said with such officers the task of W.M. was an easy one. He concluded by praising the lodge on being so fortunate as to have such an excellent Mason as Bro. Pocock for their W.M., and felt sure that there was nothing but prosperity before the lodge when such Masons ruled over it.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BRADFORD.

Acacia Lodge (No. 2321).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Rawson-square, on Thursday, the 6th inst. Bro. John Niven, W.M., presided. There was also present Bros. E. Pearson Peterson, I.P.M.; Sam. A. Auty, P.M., Chap.; John Thornton, S.W.; John T. Last, Treas., as J.W.; James B. Fearley, Sec.; Chas. H. Ellis, S.D.; John Morton, as J.D.; G. Root, I.G.; Henry Holmes, Tyler; Alfred Stephenson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; Joseph Wilson, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; S. A. Bailey, A. E. Harris, S. of W.; Robert S. Hird, P.M., and Charles Wood, Stewards; Isaac Hirst, Org.; John W. Bland, John Harland, Albert Swaine, J. A. Marsland, and John J. Whitaker. Visitors: Bros. Henry Telford, W.M. 387; Wm. Oddy, P.M. 387; John W. Parker, 387; Geo. Shackleton, 387; A. Bulmer, P.M. 439; Jas. Tilley, 600; Saml. Jacob, P.M. 837, Prov. G. Org.; Rev. Ben. Mayor, Chap. 974, P.P.G. Chap.; F. Whitaker, P.M. 1302, P.P.J.G.D.; F. W. Durant, W.M. 1048; J. W. Hamsworth, 1048; and James Conchar, 1048.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Whitaker was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by Bro. Bailey, P.M., in a highly satisfactory manner, the working tools being explained by Bro. Last, acting J.W., and the charge delivered by the W.M. Apologies were tendered for the unavoidable absence of several of the officers and brethren.

After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly honoured.

The W.M. proposed "The Visitors," and stated that it afforded the lodge much pleasure to entertain visiting brethren, especially so when they came from a distance.

The toast was received with much applause. Bro. S. Jacobs, P.M. 837, Prov. G. Org., in responding, thanked the W.M. for the cordial, welcome, and generous hospitality accorded to the visitors, and stated that since he had received the provincial collar he had visited a number of the lodges in the province and he had no hesitation in saying that nowhere had he seen the ceremonies and working in the lodge done better than they had experienced that evening.

Bro. Whitaker, P.M. 1302, P.P.G.D., also responded, and referred to the hearty welcome the visitors had received. He also contrasted the careful rendering of the ceremonies in the lodge with the somewhat loose manner of the working he remembered in many lodges in bygone days.

The toast of "The W.M." was proposed by Bro. H. Telford, W.M. 387, in complimentary terms, and suitably acknowledged by Bro. John Niven, W.M.

The Tyler's toast concluded a pleasant meeting, which had been enlivened by songs by Bros. Durant, W.M. 1048; Harris, Whitaker, P.P.G.D., Tilley, and Hirst.

CHORLTON-CUM-HARDY.

Chorlton Lodge (No. 1387).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, High-lane, on the 13th inst. There was great interest manifested on this occasion, it being the 21st year of its existence, and, moreover, by the fact, the W.M. elect, Bro. Harry Hector Martyn, is such a favourite with all the brethren, and has been such a zealous worker in the lodge for many years, having filled every office. There was a very large assembly of brethren, numbering about 79 present, as well as a large number of regrets, not being able to be present through some cause.

When the brethren had placed themselves in the lodge, it was opened by Bro. F. S. Bedford, W.M., and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. F. S. Bedford, the Installing Master, then appointed as his Installing Officers: Bros. J. J. Lambert, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., as S.W.; T. Schofield, P.M., as J.W.; and J. Chadderton, P.M., P.P.A.G. Sec., as I.G. Bro. Harry Hector Martyn, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented to Bro. Bedford by Bro. Fred. Renshaw, I.P.M. A Board of Installed Masters was constituted, and Bro. Bedford installed his successor in a very creditable manner. The working tools were presented by Bro. Charles Martyn, P.M. The following officers were invested by the W.M., and addressed by Bro. J. Crompton, P.M.: Bros. J. Travers, S.W.; J. B. Wolstenholme, J.W.; J. Chadfield, Treas.; J. Crompton, P.M., Sec.; E. Heymann, S.D.; E. T. T.

Smith, J.D.; C. Martyn, P.M., D.C.; G. R. Swann, P.M., Org.; T. Shaw, I.G.; H. Ogden, A. Woodburn, John Mee, J. Mason, K. A. Jebara, and W. Politt, Stwds.; and W. Chesshyre, Tyler. The address to the W.M. was given by Bro. T. Schofield, that to the Wardens by Bro. Charles Heywood, and the brethren by Bro. J. Schofield. Bro. J. Chadfield was again elected unanimously Treasurer, and Bro. S. Locke, P.M., was elected Charity Representative. The Auditors' report of the Treasurer's account was presented and adopted, and they seemed to be in a very satisfactory manner, there being a considerable balance in the bank. Before the lodge was closed, the I.P.M., Bro. Bedford, presented to the lodge a complete triangle, of oak and beautifully mounted with brass, with windlass, pulley, and ashlar complete. He wished to commemorate his year of office by so doing, and begged of them to accept it. The present was graciously accepted by Bro. H. Martyn, W.M., for the lodge.

After all business had been attended to, and "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed from the Provincial and other lodges, the lodge was closed.

Subsequently a banquet was held, at which the loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

Bro. J. J. Lambert, P.P.G. Reg., in very eloquent and flowing terms proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and said that they had that day selected the right brother to preside over the lodge, more especially as it was the majority, and assured Bro. Harry Hector Martyn, W.M., that all the brethren had perfect confidence in him, and he wished him every success during his year of office.

Bro. H. H. Martyn rose to respond amidst great applause. He said he really felt that was the proudest moment of his life, and he always felt that it was a very high office to aspire to, more especially as it was his mother lodge. He was very grateful and pleased to think that his conduct had been such as had got him eventually to that high post. If he were to talk for a month he could not express to them all he felt. He looked upon Masonry as his religion, and he trusted that his conduct whilst in the chair would merit the confidence they had reposed in him.

The toast of "The I.P.M." was proposed by the Worshipful Master, and was received well, and duly responded to, as were others.

The toast list was interspersed with songs, recitations, and instrumental music.

The following brethren were present: Bros. F. S. Bedford, W.M.; F. Renshaw, I.P.M.; H. Hector Martyn, S.W.; John Travers, J.W.; J. Chadfield, Treas.; Chas. Heywood, P.G.D.C., Sec.; J. B. Wolstenholme, S.D.; Emil Heymann, J.D.; Chas. Martyn, P.M., D.C.; Geo. Swann, P.M., Organist; E. T. Trevor Smith, I.G.; M. Chesshyre, William Hale, P.M.; Thomas Wilson, P.M.; Samuel Pearce, Henry Cooper, H. Ogden, T. W. Franks, J. Crompton, P.M.; Alfred Woodburn, T. Schofield, P.M.; Jas. J. Lambert, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; E. Woodhouse, W. Politt, W. Richmond, Samuel Locke, P.M.; W. H. Milner, W. E. Pownall, P.M.; H. J. Farthing, R. Davies, P.M., P.P.S.B.; James G. Batty, P.M.; and D. Wood. Visitors: Bros. H. Andrew, P.M.; R. Hughes, P.M.; J. L. Smith, P.M.; Henry Nall, P.M.; C. Wharton, P.M.; W. H. Beaton, P.M.; G. S. Smith, P.M.; J. Ellwood, W. Sumner, A. Rushton, Edwin Faulkner, J. Roberts, C. Vickers, C. H. Beevers, W.M. 1375; J. Baxter, jun., J. L. Derbyshire, John Cantrill, W.M. 152; R. E. Stringleman, W.M. 223; H. G. Ward, 994; J. Schofield, J. Chadderton, P.M., P.P.A.G. Sec.; D. Conway, P.M.; J. W. Booth, G. R. Lloyd, P.M.; J. Hardwicke-Marsh, W.M. 1730; F. Spencer, John M. Simpson, R. Hughes, P.M.; George Graham, H. Morris, W.M. 1588; and C. V. Haworth, P.M.

JERSEY.

Royal Alfred Lodge (No. 877).—The installation meeting was held on Tuesday, the 11th inst., at the Masonic Temple. The lodge was opened by Bro. Capt. Hew Stevenson, W.M., and the minutes having been confirmed, Bro. J. N. de la Verrelle, 589, was balloted for as a joining member and unanimously elected, after which Bro. E. W. Newenham was passed to the F.C. Degree. Bro. Dr. John Le Cronier, D.P.G.M., then occupied the chair, and in a very able manner installed Bro. Dr. Maxwell Le Cronier, S.W., W.M. elect. The installation ceremony was the more impressive by the fact that it was the father who was installing his son as Master of the lodge, a circumstance which seldom occurs in the annals of Freemasonry. Both the Installing Master and the W.M. elect showed the utmost appreciation of the solemnity of the ceremony in which they were the chief actors. The brethren present were greatly impressed by the masterly manner in which the Installing Master discharged his duties, the more so on account of the great respect in which he is held by all the brethren of the province. The newly-installed Master then proceeded to invest Bro. Capt. H. Stevenson as I.P.M., and gave the explanation of the Past Master's jewel in such an efficient manner that it proved him to be thoroughly prepared for the position he now occupied. The Board of installed Masters, of whom no fewer than 20 were present, having been closed, the brethren were re-admitted, and the W.M. invested his officers; the charge to the Wardens and the final charge to the brethren being eloquently delivered by the Installing Master. The following officers were appointed: Bros. C. E. Malet de Carteret, S.W.; F. J. Godfrey, P.M. 1003, J.W.; Dr. A. C. Godfrey, P.M., Treas.; Dr. T. H. Godfrey, S.D.; J. N. de la Perrelle, J.D.; Capt. G. C. Swan, I.G.; and G. Rogers, Tyler.

At the close of the ceremony 51 brethren sat down to the banquet prepared by Bro. G. Rogers, which was in every way satisfactory. Amongst those present were Bros. Col. E. C. Malet de Carteret, P.G.M. of Jersey; Major Braithwaite-Wilson, Past G. Stwd. of England, P.P.S. G.W. of Cumberland and Westmoreland; H. E. Durell, P.M. 590; G. J. Renouf, P.M. and W.M. 590; W. H. Hamby, P.M. and W.M. 245; F. A. Jubel, W.M. 491; C. F. Luke, W.M. 958; Dr. T. J. Aubin, P.M. 491; Capt. J. C. Barrette, P.M. 245; C. Baker, P.M. 2114; and P. G. Hamilton, P.M. 1003.

After the usual loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly honoured, several brethren contributed to the harmony of the evening, amongst whom we noticed Bros. Spratt, McKee, Brodhurst, Stevenson, Bisson, and Wilson, whilst Bro. Fentum kindly accompanied them on the piano. Special mention must be made with regard to Bro. Spratt's (a visiting brother from England) magnificent voice.

The Tyler's toast terminated a most enjoyable and thoroughly harmonious meeting.

TWICKENHAM.

Strawberry Hill Lodge (No. 946).—The installation meeting of this old lodge was held on Wednesday, the 12th inst., at the Town Hall, when there were present Bros. W. J. Lyons, W.M.; H. E. Gomme, S.W.; F. R. Robinson, J.W.; H. Barton, S.D.; F. de Groot, J.D.; J. A. Oliver, I.G.; F. J. Oliver, P.G. Org., Org.; W. Langdale, P.M., Stwd.; A. Machin, P.M.; J. Auton, P.M.; E. Hopwood, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; and W. Beard, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Sec. Visitors: Bros. J. M. Stedwell, P.M. 788, P.G.S.; A. Aldin, W.M. 2032; A. Davies, J.D. 201; W. Humphrey, 1014; and R. W. Forge, P.M. 1793, P.P.G.D.C.

The lodge was opened, the minutes confirmed, and the report of the Audit Committee adopted. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Langdale, who impressively initiated Mr. J. A. Aldridge, and afterwards installed Bro. H. E. Gomme as W.M., the following being appointed to the several offices: Bros. T. R. Robinson, S.W.; H. Barton, J.W.; Wohlemuth, Treas.; W. Beard, Sec.; F. de Groot, S.D.; J. A. Oliver, J.D.; F. J. Oliver, Org.; W. Langdale, I.G.; J. W. Aldridge, D.C.; and Ball, Tyler.

The lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a most *recherché* banquet, served by Bro. Barton at the King's Head Hotel, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Lyons, I.P.M., and a cordial vote of thanks accorded to Bro. Langdale, Installing Master. A special and pleasing feature was the elaborate decoration of the banquet table, which we understand was entirely the work of Mrs. Barton.

The musical part of the arrangements was carried out by Bro. F. J. Oliver, P.G. Org., who was ably assisted by Bros. Barton, Davies, and others.

Era Lodge (No. 1423).—The installation meeting was held at the Albany Hotel, on Saturday, the 8th inst. Present: Bros. F. Tallack, W.M.; D. Hart-Davies, I.P.M.; F. W. Tallack, S.W.; H. T. Tallack, J.W.; J. Beresford Ryley, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; G. L. Wingate, P.M., P.P.G.R., Sec.; H. Saunton, S.D.; C. H. Wheatley, J.D.; J. Anderson, D. of C.; J. W. Wheatley, I.G.; Raymond H. Thrupp, D.P.G.M., J. Moss, P.M.; J. H. Brett, and T. J. Peckham. Visitors: Bros. W. G. H. Edwards, 2261; and T. R. McCarthy, 1021.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee, showing a balance of £35, was read, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Bro. F. W. Tallack was installed by Bro. Hart-Davies in a manner that called forth subsequently well-merited praise from the D.P.G.M. A vote of thanks to the Installing Master having been recorded, the officers for the ensuing year were appointed and invested. A handsome jewel was presented to Bro. F. Tallack, P.M., as a slight recognition of his able services in the chair.

A member for joining and the name of an initiate was proposed, and the lodge was closed, after which the brethren—16 in number—partook of an excellent banquet, when the usual loyal, Masonic, and complimentary toasts were given and responded to, several brethren contributing to the enjoyment of the evening by their vocal and musical ability.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

Sir Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 1503).—This lodge met for the dispatch of business at the Albany Hotel on the 12th inst., when there were present, among others, Bros. Col. R. Cuming, W.M.; the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, P.M., P.P.G. Chap., acting S.W.; E. W. Davis, J.W.; J. T. Briggs, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., Sec.; A. Toulmin, jun., I.P.M.; and others.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and Bro. Linnell was impressively raised to the Third Degree by the W.M. Subsequently he was appointed Inner Guard. The Treasurer then submitted his annual financial statement, which was in every way satisfactory. The name of Bro. W. Fisher, P.M. 1572, P.Z., &c., was proposed and seconded as a joining member for ballot at the next meeting. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. W. H. Saunders, P.M., P.P.G.D.; Capt. Perry, J.W.; A. Marchi, S.D.; L. Saunders, J.D.; and others.

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

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

The I.P.M. proposed "The Health of the W.M." In the course of his remarks he mentioned the circumstance that Bro. Col. Cuming, in order to be present that evening, had travelled all the way from Italy. They had seen how well he had done his work. Personally he hoped that their W.M. would have other opportunities of exhibiting his skill before he vacated the chair.

The W.M. having replied, gave "The Past Masters," coupled with the name of Bro. A. Toulmin, jun., I.P.M.

The latter, in the course of his reply, stated that he had been honoured with the collar of a Provincial Grand Steward, which position he had gratefully accepted.

Bros. Briggs and Walls acknowledged the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary." The former congratulated the lodge on its continued prosperity. He had done his best for 1503, and he hoped to be spared to do more. His efforts were in every way supported by the Secretary, who worked with him most loyally and harmoniously.

Bros. Davis and Linnell responded on behalf of "The Officers."

The proceedings then terminated.

WITNEY.

Windrush Lodge (No. 1703).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Corn Exchange, on the 12th inst., Bro. A. Buck, P.J.G.D., in the chair. A large muster of members attended, and also a number of brethren from Nos. 357, 349, 478, 599, 1515, 1399, and 2514. Bro. A. T. Mathews, P.M. 1703, P.P.S.G.D. Oxon., gave an interesting lecture on the Pyramids, as connected with Freemasonry and prophecy. The lecturer, whose views on the subject of the Pyramids are those associated with the name of Prof. Piazza Smyth, claimed prophetic inspiration for the builder of the great Pyramids of Cheops, or Shofa, identifying him with the Melchisedek of the scriptures. In defence of these views, he pointed out the extreme accuracy of the orientation of the building, and the curious coincidences in which the measurements of the sides, passages, and height give when compared with the length of the year, the pre-

cession of the equinoxes, and various great historical events. As regards Freemasonry, curious facts were given as to the N.E. corner-stone, the number and size of the interior passages, &c. At the conclusion of the lecture a number of questions as to the dates and measurements, and concerning other theories which have been advanced by eminent men holding different views were asked. A hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Mathews was moved by the W.M., and seconded by Bro. J. Bartlett, I.P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Oxon.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Marlborough Arms, where a substantial supper was provided by Bro. Elms, and subsequently returned to the lodge room, where a most musical and enjoyable evening was passed, the excellence of the solos, trios, quartets, and recitations, making midnight sound all too quickly.

At the next regular lodge the brethren are promised a lecture on the much controverted question of the Antiquity of Freemasonry.

Royal Arch.

St. Thomas's Chapter (No. 142).—PRESENTATION TO COMP. C. F. HOGARD.—The ordinary meeting was held on Saturday, the 15th inst., at the City Terminus Hotel, Comps. F. W. Levander, P.Z., M.E.Z.; J. A. Gartley, P.Z., H.; and George Motion, P.Z., J., presiding. Comps. A. V. Haines, P.Z., Treas.; C. F. Hogard, P.Z., S.E.; W. J. Nicholls, P.Z.; the Rev. H. A. Hebb, P.S.; Robert Martin; J. Jacobs, 1839; and H. Massey, P.Z. 619 and 1928, were also present.

The election for the ensuing year resulted in the unanimous choice of Comps. J. A. Gartley, as M.E.Z.; George Motion, as H.; the Rev. H. A. Hebb, as J.; A. V. Haines, as Treas.; C. F. Hogard, as S.E.; A. S. Tipson, as S.N.; S. W. Yockney, as P.S.; and Morley, as Janitor, Comp. Walkley having died. Comps. Hebb and Yockney were elected to serve on the Audit Committee, and then came a most interesting ceremony—the presentation of a testimonial to Comp. C. F. Hogard, P.Z., P.D.G.D.C., S.E. The M.E.Z., before making the presentation, introduced the subject by saying there was another little matter which was not on the agenda paper, but on which he should like to say a few words. Perhaps, as an introduction, he might be allowed to give a short explanatory history of the chapter, and in stating it he might say that about 15 years ago a proposition was brought forward in St. Thomas's Lodge that a chapter should be held in connection with it. St. Thomas's Lodge had celebrated its centenary then, but up to that time it had not possessed a chapter, although it was said at the commencement of the Book of Constitutions that pure and ancient Freemasonry consists of Three Degrees, and no more, including the Royal Arch. One of the members of the lodge was very active in his efforts to establish a chapter, their late lamented Comp. Lambert. After considerable exertions on his part the object was accomplished, and on May 5th, 1878, a preliminary meeting was held, which was attended by 11 members of the St. Thomas's Lodge. Of those 11 only five or six were then with them, and some had received their last summons. At the preliminary meeting all the details were settled as to what should be done. The officers were selected, and the companion chosen for the post of Scribe E. was the companion who on that day of the present meeting unanimously re-elected to fill that post. It was needless for him (the M.E.Z.) to say how troublesome was the work of the formation of a chapter, and what very great efforts were required in going through all the preliminary matters for securing that the chapter should be well launched. However, all this was successfully accomplished, and on September 25th of that year the chapter was consecrated. During the whole of the time that had elapsed since that date and the present day Comp. Hogard had virtually managed the finances of the chapter. The Treasurer would correct him if he was wrong, but he believed he was right in that respect. Not only so, but Comp. Hogard had acted as S.E. of the chapter, and had done everything that possibly could be done for the chapter from the commencement to its present successful position. His efforts had been continued all the way along, and they had been crowned with success. It was said that virtue was its own reward, but it was a pleasure to those who practised it to receive something which showed the value which others put on services rendered. Therefore it was thought by the members of St. Thomas's Chapter that as 15 years—a good slice out of a man's life—had elapsed, the present was a proper period and a good opportunity to evince to Comp. Hogard in some tangible way the feelings towards him of the companions of the chapter. It was, therefore, with very great pleasure indeed that he (Comp. Levander), on behalf of the members of the St. Thomas's Chapter, asked Comp. Hogard to accept a small token of their esteem and regard. The companions had rather a difficult task before them when the subject was mooted, because they would like to have made the presentation without Comp. Hogard having any foreknowledge of it, and yet they did not know what would be a presentation which would be acceptable to him. However, the result was that they put themselves in communication with him and he had decided on a coffee pot. This very handsome coffee pot he now presented to Comp. Hogard, and in presenting it he (Comp. Levander) was sure he was acting as the mouthpiece of the members of the chapter when he said he wished him long life, health, and happiness, expressing at the same time their great gratitude to Comp. Hogard for the services which he had rendered to the chapter. Comp. Levander then presented to Comp. Hogard a handsome solid silver coffee pot bearing the following inscription: "Presented to E. Comp. C. F. Hogard, P.D.G.D.C., P.Z. and S.E. of St. Thomas's Chapter, No. 142, by the members of that chapter as a mark of their appreciation of the valuable services he has rendered, 1878 to 1893. April 15, 1893." Comp. Hogard, in accepting the gift, said he could hardly find words to express his thanks to the Principals and the other members of the chapter for this very handsome testimonial which they had presented to him. The M.E.Z. had very justly referred to the inception of the St. Thomas's Chapter, which owed its origin to one of his friends, who, he was sorry to say, had been taken from them—Comp. Lambert. Unfortunately the three first Principals—Comps. H. C. Levander, Rooks, and Lambert—had all been taken, but there were several members now present who were founders of the chapter, and he (Comp. Hogard) was very proud himself to have been one of those founders. For the very poor services he had rendered to the chapter he

could only say it was a labour of love. He had always taken very great interest in everything that appertained to the Craft and to Royal Arch Masonry. When the M.E.Z. very kindly wrote to him saying that the companions of the chapter were anxious to make him some presentation, and yet were in a difficulty as to the form in which it would be most agreeable he felt deeply grateful to the companions, in the first place for their great consideration, and secondly for having wished to testify to their appreciation of his small services. It was exceedingly pleasing to him to have been allowed a voice in the matter. The M.E.Z. told him very kindly that it might have taken a form which might have doubled some possession he had. Therefore, he felt deeply grateful, although the presentation did not come with that surprise which it would have done if he had not previously known anything about it. He would like to have said a great deal more, but his heart was too full for him to give expression to all he felt. Under the circumstances he would say he appreciated most heartily and cordially the great kindness he had at all times received from every member of the chapter, but especially on the occasion of the present compliment paid him for services which the companions were pleased to say he had rendered to the chapter. Subsequently Comp. Gartley moved, and Comp. Motion seconded, that a bar should be added to the P.Z.'s jewel of the M.E.Z., in recognition of the performance of his duties in the chair during the past year. The motion was carried unanimously, and the companions afterwards closed the chapter, and adjourned to a very pretty banquet.

The usual toasts were given in due course, and a most agreeable evening was spent.

Jerusalem Chapter (No. 185).—This chapter met at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on the 11th instant. Amongst those present were Comps. A. Hardy, M.E.Z.; F. Smith, P.P.G.J. of Cheshire, P.Z., H., M.E.Z. elect; Cleghorne, P.Z., acting J.; G. Davis, P.Z., S.E.; Harfeld, P.Z. Treas.; Dr. Fry, P.S.; Staley, P.Z.; and E. A. Harris, P.Z. Visitors: Comps. Ward and Lewis.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. J. A. Withans, M.M. 185, and it being unanimous, he was most ably exalted by the M.E.Z. Comp. Dr. Fry was elected to the chair of J. The M.E.Z. then installed Comp. F. Smith as First Principal and Comp. Dr. Fry as Third Principal. The installation of Second Principal was, in consequence of the absence of Comp. Capt. Walls, P.Z., postponed. The I.P.Z. was presented with a handsome Past Principal's jewel. Comp. G. Davis was then invested as S.E. and Harfeld, P.Z., as Treasurer. The other investitures were deferred. Comps. N. Moss, L.C.C., P.Z., and Ellborn, P.Z., sent apologies for absence. The chapter was then closed.

An excellent banquet was furnished under the genial superintendence of Comp. Mantel.

The loyal toasts having been duly honoured, "The Health of the M.E.Z." was proposed in flattering terms by the I.P.Z.

Comp. F. Smith, in reply, said that he felt deeply touched by the remarks of the proposer of the toast. His health, indeed, had been very precarious during the past year. It was only by a great effort that he had managed to leave Hastings in order to be present that evening. He was looking over an old number of the *Freemason* the other day, and he saw a report of the Jerusalem Chapter meeting of April, 1876, on which date he left the First Principal's chair, which he had filled for 10 consecutive years. Many of the companions who were then in the full enjoyment of life and vigour had also since joined the great majority. It was a great honour to be elected for the third time in his career as their First Principal, and he would do his best to fill the position to their satisfaction.

"The Second Principal Elect and Third Principal" followed.

Comps. Captain Walls and Dr. Fry acknowledged this toast.

"The Exalte" came next in order, and was duly responded to by Comp. Withans.

Comp. Lewis acknowledged the toast of "The Visitors" in a telling speech.

In proposing "The Health of the Past Principals," the M.E.Z. said that he had been particularly struck by the working of Comp. Hardy, I.P.Z. He should look forward to his next exposition of the ceremonies with great pleasure. In fact, he might confess that increasing years, indifferent health, and memory would, in all probability, prevent his (the speaker's) doing much chapter work, but he would strive his utmost to render their "Fourth Degree" proceedings harmonious in more senses than one.

The I.P.Z. having replied to this toast in a modest speech, "The Health of the S.E. and Treasurer" followed. The M.E.Z. eulogised the services of Comps. Davis and Harfeld. He called them the pillars of the chapter; of the latter he would say that his kindness and liberality had been unbounded.

The toast having been duly honoured, the S.E. and Treasurer briefly responded.

The M.E.Z. had provided an excellent musical entertainment, in which Madame Florence Voryanger, Madame Clara Muntz, Miss H. Smith, Miss E. Reely, and Herr A. Voryanger took part. The programme comprised piano, mandoline, guitar, violin, and saxophone selections. Herr Voryanger's efforts on the latter quaint instrument being greatly admired. The vocal talents of Madame Voryanger and Miss H. Smith were seen to advantage in "It was a dream" and the duet "Gentle Spring." The members of the chapter were delighted with the long and varied entertainment provided for them so generously by the M.E.Z., and nothing but the advanced hour prevented them, like Oliver, from "asking for more."

Guelph Chapter (No. 1685).—The installation meeting was held on the 13th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Leytonstone, when the following were present: Comps. W. Shurmur, M.E.Z.; C. Rawle, H.; C. G. Cutchey, J.; B. Nicholson, Treas.; W. P. Bridges, S.E.; James Speller, S.N.; A. G. Duck, P.S.; T. Brandreth Gibbs, D.C.; W. C. Mann, A.S.; George Graveley, I.P.Z.; J. J. Caverly, H. Hyde, and R. W. Hunter. Visitors: Comps. W. J. H. Stephens, 135 (S.C.); J. Dipple, 1598; H. Massey, P.Z. 619 and 1928; M. Black, 2374; and McGowan.

Comp. Shurmur installed Comp. James Speller as J.; Comp. C. G. Cutchey as H.; and Comp. Charles Rawle

as M.E.Z. The following were afterwards invested with the insignia of their various offices: Comps. W. G. Bridges, S.E.; A. G. Duck, S.N.; B. Nicholson, Treas.; N. Fortescue, P.S.; T. Brandreth Gibbs, 1st A.S.; W. C. Mann, 2nd A.S.; and J. Ives, Janitor. Bro. W. Allen was exalted by the new M.E.Z., after which ceremony the Auditors were appointed, as well as a Committee to frame the by-laws.

After the closing of the chapter, the companions partook of banquet, and honoured the usual toasts.

Comp. Shurmur, I.P.Z., proposed "The M.E.Z.," and said Comp. Rawle had been associated with the chapter from its first formation, and had cordially co-operated with the other Principals in supporting the dignity of the Order, in promoting obedience to the ancient laws and regulations, and in preserving that bond of union and fraternal love which was the foundation of the whole Masonic structure. He was quite sure Comp. Rawle would prove that he was a worthy representative of King Solomon.

Comp. Rawle, in reply, said that was a new position for him to occupy, and, as he was a young Royal Arch Mason, although not a young Craftsman, he could only assure the companions that he would do his best in the position in which he was placed to maintain the reputation of the chapter for good working. If he should make any mistake he felt he would meet with the hearty indulgence of the companions.

Comp. Rawle then gave the toast of "The Installing Principal, the I.P.Z. of the Chapter." He said it was not every one who was privileged to follow in the wake of such an excellent Mason as Comp. Shurmur. As most of them knew, the reputation gained by Comp. Shurmur in Middlesex and Essex redounded to his credit. Certainly as far as the working of Royal Arch chapters was concerned, his (Comp. Rawle's) experience of Comp. Shurmur was very limited, but the reverent manner and the impressive way in which he had performed the ceremonies must impress itself upon every one's memory, and it would encourage those who were succeeding him in working. Comp. Shurmur was aspiring to be a wearer of the purple. He had done good work for Masonry and for its Charities in no mean measure; he had also belonged to several lodges, which had improved under his able guidance. It would be very pleasing when he responded as a Grand Treasurer, and the Guelph Chapter would never regret numbering him among its members. He trusted that those who had the privilege of attending Grand Lodge would support Comp. Shurmur's candidature. It was usual in lodges and chapters to recognise the able services of a Master or M.E.Z. by a substantial gift. In this way it now devolved upon him to present Comp. Shurmur with the jewel of I.P.Z., and he did it not only because Comp. Shurmur was I.P.Z., but also because he was the friend of every member of the chapter. He asked Comp. Shurmur to accept a handsome jewel as a testimonial of the gratitude and appreciation of the companions of the Guelph Chapter. In pinning it on Comp. Shurmur's breast he had to say that it was the first that had been given by that chapter, and he trusted Comp. Shurmur would prize it, although he had had many others.

Comp. Shurmur, in acknowledging the presentation, said he had endeavoured to discharge his duties as First Principal of the Guelph Chapter to the utmost of his skill and ability. If he had given satisfaction to the companions he was more than repaid for any time or trouble he had devoted to acquiring the beautiful ritual. He had a firm belief in the M.E. Grand Master, King Solomon—"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might." If a thing was worth doing at all it was worth doing well. If he had succeeded in his endeavours he was really pleased at that fortunate result. The M.E.Z. had referred to the position which, by the kindness of his many friends, he (Comp. Shurmur) aspired to. He had been surprised to find what a multitude of friends he possessed. He had not known before that such a retiring individual as himself could have so many good and true friends, but they had come forward, and he hoped he would be elected to the proud and distinguished position of Grand Treasurer. It was the highest honour the Craft could bestow upon anyone else but the candidate for the office of Grand Master. There were only two offices which it was the privilege of the blue to elect to—the Grand Master and the Grand Treasurer. If it should be his lofty privilege to be elected with the Prince of Wales it would be a great pride to him. He thanked the companions in anticipation for their promised support. If he should be elected he would strenuously endeavour to prove himself worthy of the confidence of the Craft. He also thanked the companions for the beautiful jewel they had voted him. He should certainly regard it as one of the most precious jewels he possessed. It would be a souvenir of a very happy year of office he had had, and it would continually remind him of the unvarying kindness which he had always received from every member of the Guelph Chapter. He then presented Comp. Graveley with a P.Z.'s jewel. They looked upon Comp. Graveley as the father of the chapter, and he really ought to have been its first M.E.Z. If he had been he would certainly have performed the duties better than he (Comp. Shurmur).

Comp. G. Graveley, who had acted as I.P.Z. for the first year, responded, and stated that he had endeavoured to do his duty as an all-round officer. That, however, would be of no use if other officers were not able to perform their duties. He hoped the chapter would succeed. He had endeavoured to make it pleasant, happy, and comfortable. The present jewel was his forty-seventh.

Comp. Cutchey, H., responding to the toast of "The H. and J.," said the idea of having the Guelph Chapter originated in his own brain, in October, 1891, without conferring with anyone inside or outside the Guelph Lodge. He got permission to form the chapter.

Comp. Graveley thanked the companions for Comp. Speller in the unavoidable absence of that companion. He added that if it had not been for Comp. Cutchey that chapter would not have been a chapter at the present day. Nevertheless, he was very proud to fill any office in the chapter. If ever they wanted a Janitor, give him the Janitor's job, and he should be just as pleased as to be sitting by the side of the M.E.Z.

Comp. Allen responded to the toast of "The Exalte," and said he tried to realise the ceremony as it went through, and he found it very beautiful. He believed the more he saw of it the better he would be pleased with it.

Comp. Stephens, who, as a Scotch Royal Arch Mason, made in Kilwinning Chapter, in Australia, had been obligated as an English Royal Arch Mason in the chapter with Comp. Allen, who also returned thanks, and said he hoped

he should never do anything contrary to the rules and regulations of the Order.

Comps. McGowan, P.Z., Dipple, Black, and Massey, responded to the toast of "The Visitors," and Comps. Bridges, Fortescue, Gibbs, Mann, and Hunter, to that of "The Officers."

Comp. Ives gave the Janitor's toast, and the companions returned to town, having passed a charmingly hospitable evening.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.

Industry Chapter (No. 48).—The regular convocation of this chapter was held on Thursday evening, the 13th inst., when there was a goodly attendance of members and visitors. In the absence of the M.E.Z., Comp. W. Brown, I.P.Z., presided. Comp. R. Whitfield, P.Z., acted as H., and Comp. T. R. Jobson J. The officers were as follows: Comp. J. Boazman, Treas.; Robert Stewart, S.E.; R. H. Holme, S.N.; Hugh Jackson, as P.S.; T. W. Bagnall, 1st A.S.; W. Holzapfel, 2nd A.S.; Robert Ferry, Organist; and Joshua Curry, Janitor.

Amongst those present were Comps. John Spearman, P.Z. 481; Thos. Dinning, M.E.Z. 481; J. Hammond, H. 481; W. E. Moffitt, M.E.Z. 240; C. Sutcliffe, P.Z. 240; Wm. M. Lyon, P.Z., H. 400; D. Cameron, Treas. 240; J. Linsley, P.S. 240; T. Chegwidden, W. J. Jobson, and others.

Bros. Wm. Douglass and J. H. Grant, both of lodge 48, were in attendance, and raised to this Supreme Degree in Masonry by the Acting First Principal. The Principals and other officers for the ensuing year were elected, and, after receiving the congratulations of the visitors, the proceedings closed.

LEEDS.

Alfred Chapter (No. 306).—The regular convocation was held in the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, on the 14th inst., when the following officers and members were present: Comps. A. Wilson, M.E.Z.; C. A. Phillips, H.; J. Thrippleton, P.Z.; J. Hartley, S.E.; C. E. Brean, P.Z., as S.N.; W. H. Jarvis, as P.S.; J. H. Hyde, 1st A.S.; J. N. Chadwick, 2nd A.S.; C. L. Mason, P.Z., P.P.G.H., Treas.; S. Freeman, P.Z.; D. Thompson, P.Z.; Tudor Trevor, P.Z.; F. Dunnill, P.Z.; T. B. Wilson, P.Z.; B. S. Bailey, G. E. Musgrave, W. Towers, and A. Redmayne. Visitors: Comps. C. Middleton, H. 304, S.E. 2009; J. W. Blackburn, P.S. 1022; and J. Ripley, 1042.

The chapter having been opened, the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed, and, after some formal business, a handsome P.Z.'s jewel from the members of the chapter was presented to Comp. Tudor Trevor, P.Z., P.P.G.D.C., on his leaving Leeds for Cheltenham.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions repaired to the banquet room, where the loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, "The Health of Comp. Trevor" drank, and a most enjoyable evening spent.

Mark Masonry.

WOOLWICH.

Florence Nightingale Lodge (No. 44).—The installation meeting of the above excellent lodge took place on Monday, the 10th inst., at the Royal Mortar Hotel, Beresford-square, by dispensation, when Bro. W. Campbell Taylor, the esteemed and respected S.W. and W.M. elect, was placed in the chair of A. Bro. E. Morris, W.M., opened the lodge, and advanced Bro. J. O. Cook, of the Patison Lodge (Craft), in faultless style. He then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. F. G. Nicholls, P.M. and P.P. S.G.D., the Installing Officer, and Bro. Taylor having been presented, was installed and saluted. The following officers were nominated, and those present were invested: Bros. E. Morris, I.P.M.; F. J. Down, S.W.; A. C. Hansard, J.W.; E. Sweny, Treasurer; E. Denton, Secretary; Rev. C. A. Solbe, Chap.; Baron H. de Worms, D.C.; A. W. Orwin, M.O.; C. J. Clapham, S.O.; G. W. Mitchell, J.O.; G. R. Nichols, S.D.; W. E. Soltan, J.D.; E. Bryceson, I.G.; J. O. Cook, Stwd.; and J. Lackland, Tyler. Bro. Nichols then gave the addresses in his usual impressive manner, and he concluded a splendid bit of work, for the excellence of which he was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, the same to be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge. Bro. Morris was presented with a handsome and costly Past Mark Master's jewel "as a mark of the esteem of the brethren, and as some recognition of his valuable services to the lodge during his year of office," for which he returned thanks, and then the lodge was closed.

The banquet was a most *recherché* one, and was much enjoyed.

Among the other brethren present were Bros. C. E. Birch, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., H. Mason, P.M., P.P.J.G.O., and J. H. Roberts, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., all of the lodge; C. Coupland, P.M., Treas., P.P.S.G.W., W. Moulds, P.M., P.G.D.C., G. Kennedy, P.M., Sec., P.P.G. Reg. of Marks, C. Jolly, W.M., P.P.G.O., and Col. C. E. Vansittart, S.W., P.G. Stwd., of 226; F. Wood, P.M. 309, P.P.G.M.O.; and Dr. E. Mugliston, M.D.

The usual loyal toast of "The Queen and Mark Masonry" having been honoured, it was followed by that of "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and then that of "The R.W. Pro G.M., the Marquis of Hertford," both of which were received most enthusiastically.

Bro. Coupland's name was coupled with that of "The R.W. Deputy G.M., the Earl of Euston," and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," who, in reply, said he had been a Past Grand Officer now for a considerable time, and expected that his office was and would be a stationary one. (No, no.) Well, he was very much obliged to the brethren for their good wishes. With respect to the Grand Officers, they were matured Masons, who had done good work for Masonry in general, and the Mark in particular, and so they ought to be. They were proud of such good brethren, and he was proud to have his name associated with so important a toast. He then proposed the toast of "The R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. the Rev. Thos. Robinson, M.A.," saying it was rather a melancholy toast, as their esteemed P.G.M. was at that time lying on a bed of sickness. They knew how often he used to come amongst them, and how kind and genial he was in all his relations with them. He was a Mason after his (Bro. Coupland's) own heart. He was one they all loved and admired, and while he trusted T.G.O.O.T.U. would soon

restore Bro. Robinson to health and strength, it was with a sad heart he proposed the toast.

Bro. Sweny, in responding for "The D.P.G.M., Bro. the Rev. H. Cummings, M.A., P.G. Chap. England, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," said that in the Province of Kent they were good Masons and charitable Masons, and were led by two excellent examples of what Masons were in Bros. Robinson and Cummings. With respect to the Past Masters they might look around and congratulate the lodge on the honours offered it in the persons of the Past Masters. He had visited other lodges and in other places, and had seen some curious work done, and after seeing Bro. Nichols do his work that day he could safely say that in him they had a good example of the Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers of the Province of Kent.

Bro. Morris, I.P.M., then proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and, in the course of an eloquent speech, spoke highly of Bro. Taylor's abilities as a Mason and genial character as a man, and prophesied under his rule a pleasant and successful year for the lodge.

Bro. Taylor, who was heartily cheered, said he would leave it to the brethren of the lodge to say at the end of the next 12 months whether the flattering remarks of Bro. Morris were correct or not. He trusted the Past Masters and officers would support him, and heartily thanked them for their cordial reception of the toast.

Bros. Jolly and Mugliston responded for "The Visitors," and, after "The Past Masters," "The Advancee," and "The Officers" had been honoured, the pleasures of the evening, which had been enhanced by some good singing and reciting, were brought to a close.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

NEPTUNE LODGE (No. 22).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 17th inst., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham, when there were present Bros. J. Mitchell, W.M.; J. Bate, S.W.; Warran, J.W.; W. W. Westley, Preceptor; J. Andrews, Sec.; Lyall, J.D.; Shaw, I.G.; Weeks, Tyler; and Innocent.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, with Bro. Innocent as candidate. The ceremony of passing was announced, and Bro. Andrews having answered the necessary questions, was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Andrews was ably passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft. Lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. Innocent, of the Metropolitan Lodge, was elected a joining member, and suitably responded. Dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Bate, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. He returned thanks, and appointed his officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

ROBERT BURNS LODGE (No. 25).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 18th inst., at the "Frascati," 30, Oxford-street, W., when there were present Bros. J. J. Dixon, W.M.; F. Hewson, S.W.; W. Truman, J.W.; J. Blundell, Treas.; F. Bonham, Sec.; A. Becker, S.D.; H. Sillis, J.D.; E. Webster, I.G.; F. Marx, P.M., Dep. Preceptor; J. Mason, F. Klein, and M. Taylor. Visitor: Bro. E. Webster.

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. Taylor being candidate. The W.M. here vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Becker, who performed the ceremony of passing with Bro. Taylor as candidate, and closed the lodge in the Second Degree. The W.M. then re-occupied the chair. Bro. Marx worked the 1st and 2nd Sections of the Lecture. Bro. E. Webster, of the Leigh Lodge, 957, was unanimously elected a joining member. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Dixon for the able manner in which he fulfilled the duties of the chair for the first time in this lodge. All Masonic business being ended the lodge was closed.

ST. LUKE'S LODGE (No. 144).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 17th inst., at the Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, when there were present Bros. Gellowski, W.M.; Olive, S.W.; Moody, J.W.; Carlstrom, Preceptor; Tucker, Sec.; Matthews, S.D.; Smith, J.D.; Wits, I.G.; Thomas, and Benson.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. Bro. Thomas, who had previously answered the usual questions and been entrusted, being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Benson being the candidate. The W.M. rose for the first time and dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Olive was unanimously elected to take the chair at the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 14th inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. A. Williams, W.M. 834, W.M.; E. Fox, S.W.; R. H. Williams, P.M., J.W.; D. S. Long, P.M., Sec.; J. Banks, S.D.; T. Jobson, J.D.; P. Cronin, I.G.; F. Craggs, P.M. 834; M. Spiegel, P.M.; W. Hide, and R. Reid.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Hide offering himself as a candidate for passing, was questioned and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. Bro. Reid offering himself as a candidate for raising, was questioned and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. Lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. The W.M. having risen, Bro. E. Fox, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

BLACKHEATH LODGE (No. 1320).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Milkwood Tavern, Milkwood-road, Loughborough Junction, on Monday, the 17th inst., when there were present Bros. Dr. Raw, W.M.; T. R. Cass, Treas., S.W.; Stunt, J.W.; J. Hooper, P.M., Preceptor; C. H. Stone, Sec.; G. A. Rice, S.D.;

Pearce, J.D.; Salter, I.G.; A. J. Martin, Cornford, Lord, Telling, Plant, Barr, Pack, Niblett, Turner, Hill, Sly, H. G. Martin, Palmer, Hurdell, H. T. Raw, and Porter.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, Bro. Hill having offered himself as a candidate to be raised, answered the usual questions, was entrusted, and retired. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Hill raised in due form. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. Telling being candidate. Bro. Turner, S.W., was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. Edwin Palmer, 2182, was elected a joining member. The lodge was then closed.

CRUSADERS LODGE (No. 1677).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 14th inst., at the Northampton Arms, Goswell-road, E.C., when there were present Bros. Willison, W.M.; Humphreys, S.W.; Griffith, J.W.; Hunter, P.M., Treas.; E. Dimes, Sec.; Shakell, P.M., S.D.; Wren, J.D.; Blake, I.G.; and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Dimes acting as candidate. Bro. Oliver answered the questions leading to the Second Degree. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Humphreys, at the request of the W.M., assumed the chair, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Willison resumed the chair. The lodge was resumed in the First Degree. Bro. Wren was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 17th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, when there were present Bros. T. W. Blott, W.M. elect 742, W.M.; Joseph Cox, S.W.; T. Jobson, J.W.; Jesse Collings, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; T. C. Dyer, S.D.; C. G. Hatt, J.D.; Philip Howard, I.G.; and others.

The lodge having been duly opened, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. A brother offered himself as a candidate for passing, and having given the necessary proofs, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony rehearsed. The lodge was then resumed to the First Degree, and the investiture of officers rehearsed. Bro. Cox was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 1012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 15th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, W. Present: Bros. R. J. Williams, W.M.; W. Hide, S.W.; R. J. Powell, J.W.; A. Williams, W.M. 834, Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec. (*pro tem.*); W. S. Whiteley, S.D.; R. Reid, J.D.; E. Fox, I.G.; J. B. Pinchbeck, Stwd.; W. Hillier, G. W. T. Kirkham, and W. R. Hatton.

The lodge was opened, in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and a brother offering himself as a candidate for raising, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The lodge was called off and on. The lodge having been resumed to the First Degree, Bro. Hide was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was then closed.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, on Friday, the 14th inst., when there were present Comps. H. G. Martin, M.E.Z.; J. Hill, H.; Bannister, J.; F. Hilton, P.Z., Preceptor; C. H. Stone, S.E.; G. Powell, S.N.; J. Dunn, P.S.; Kirby, and Benedetti.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Kirby personating the candidate. Comp. Newland was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting, when an installation ceremony will be rehearsed. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Comp. H. G. Martin for the courage, zeal, and determination with which he rehearsed the ceremony of Z. for the first time. A sum of five guineas was granted from the chapter of instruction funds, to be placed on Comp. Stone's list for the Girls' Institution. Comp. Stone cordially thanked the companions for this honourable mark of esteem, and the chapter was closed.

ANNUAL DINNER OF THE PERSEVERANCE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1743.

The third annual dinner of this lodge took place on Monday evening, the 17th inst., at the Daniel Lambert Hotel, Ludgate Hill. The worthy Preceptor, Bro. Poore, P.M., occupied the chair, assisted by Bros. F. Haines and G. S. Dauntton. Covers were laid for over 30 guests.

After the toast of "The Queen and Craft" had been duly honoured,

Bro. ROBINSON proposed "The Perseverance Lodge, No. 1743," which was suitably responded to by Bro. PARKES.

The toast of the evening, viz., "The Perseverance Lodge of Instruction," was then given by Bro. E. C. LEWIS, who, in earnest and cheering terms, eulogised the energetic action of the officers of the lodge, more especially dilating upon the practical and able tuition the members received from the Preceptor, Bro. Poore, P.M.; and at that period left the Secretary, Bro. G. S. Dauntton to present to the chair the lodge's gift of a handsome "Tantalus" liquor cabinet, the result of a spontaneous subscription from its members.

Bro. DAUNTTON, amidst applause, and in felicitous terms, at once made the presentation, the same being accompanied by an illuminated address, embodying the thanks of the lodge.

Bro. POORE responded, expressing his gratification at the gift, and his unabated zeal for the wellbeing of the Craft.

Other toasts followed, which were respectively proposed by Bros. F. HAINES and I. C. GRIFFITH, and responded to by Bro. ROBINSON for "The Lodge's Benevolent Association;" Bros. HOPKINS and H. C. EATON for "The Visitors;" and Bros. MARTINDALE,

CUTTING, F. HAINES, DAUNTON, FELS, and TULL for "The Officers and Stewards."

During the evening a recitation "Etiquette" was characteristically rendered by Bro. E. C. Lewis. Songs were forthcoming from Bros. Albert Chevalier, Gray, Tull, and Beadel, whilst a very skilful and talented campanological entertainment was given by Bro. Hopkins, evoking much applause. Great amusement was likewise caused by some capital sketches hit off on the moment by Bro. Vincent Cox, whose combinations of pencil and art were eagerly passed from hand to hand, and were most mirth provoking. Bro. G. B. Gray, giving "Auld Lang Syne," a very pleasant evening was brought to a close.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Quarterly Court of Governors and Subscribers to this Institution was held on Friday, 14th inst., at Freemasons' Tavern, when Bro. Richard Eve, Past G. Treas., was elected to the chair. He was supported by Bros. George Everett, C. E. Keyser, J. E. Le Feuvre, S. G. Homfray, Sir J. B. Monckton, James Willing, Henry Smith, D.P.G.M. West Yorkshire, Stanley J. Attenborough, A. C. Spaul, and Col. Thrale Perkins.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the January quarterly meeting, and the reading of other minutes for information, the election of Treasurer of the Institution was the next business on the paper, and the CHAIRMAN said that before proceeding to that election he thought it necessary and right to call upon the Secretary to read a letter which he had received within the last few days from their present Treasurer, Bro. George Plucknett, P.G.D.

Bro. McLEOD then read the following letter:

"46, Connaught-square, Hyde Park,
April 11th, 1893.

"To the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys:

"Brethren,—I desire very respectfully to bring to your notice that I do not propose at the next Quarterly Communication to offer myself for re-election as Treasurer to the Institution.

"My interest in the welfare of the Institution is undiminished, but I think the time has arrived when a change should be made.

"It would be wanting in duty on my part were I not to express to you my sincere thanks for the confidence which you have reposed in me for 20 years as Treasurer, and five years previously as a member of the House Committee, making together 25 years' consecutive service in the administration of the affairs of the Institution, and it has been most gratifying to me to have seen within those years the progress which has been made in the School, and the increase in the number of boys from 100 to 260.

"In conclusion, I earnestly hope for the continuous prosperity of the Institution, and that it may always realise the expectation and the wishes of the Craft.—I have the honour to be, brethren, yours faithfully and fraternally

"(signed) GEORGE PLUCKNETT."

The CHAIRMAN said that that letter having been read, Bro. George Everett, P.G.T., would make some observations and then lay a resolution before the meeting.

Bro. GEORGE EVERETT, P.G.T., then rose and said that prior to the election of a new Treasurer he had to submit a resolution to this meeting, which he was sure would be received with great heartiness and passed with the greatest acclamation. The motion was "That the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution desire to place upon record their high appreciation of the valuable services rendered to the Institution by George Plucknett, Esq., P.G.D., as Treasurer to the Institution for the last 20 years, and hereby tender to him their most hearty thanks." The brethren had heard the letter read in which it was stated that Bro. Plucknett had for 25 years taken the deepest interest in the affairs of the Institution, five on the Committee and 20 as Treasurer. The Institution and its supporters owed Bro. Plucknett a deep debt of gratitude for the manner in which he had performed his duties and for the great interest he had always taken, and did still continue to take in the Institution. Time was when Bro. Plucknett was very active among them, but he now felt from increasing years that he had not been able to pay so much attention to the hard work as he had previously devoted to it. The brethren all regretted to hear of Bro. Plucknett's resignation of the office of Treasurer, still, they could not, as he desired it, but accept it, and with great regret they lost the services of a brother who had performed all his duties to Freemasonry in a most exemplary manner. Bro. Everett concluded by formally moving the resolution.

Bro. HENRY SMITH, P.G.D., Deputy Prov. G.M., West Yorks, said he had very great pleasure in seconding the resolution, having been a witness of Bro. Plucknett's interest in Freemasonry during the whole of his career.

Bro. J. P. FITZGERALD asked whether the resolution should not also express the wish of the brethren that the vote should be engrossed on vellum and presented to Bro. Plucknett.

Bro. GEORGE EVERETT said he should be very happy to add that to the resolution.

The CHAIRMAN, in putting the motion, with the addendum, supported by Bro. Fitzgerald, said he begged to endorse all the observations that had been made about Bro. George Plucknett, the Treasurer of the

Institution, who had devoted a large number of years of his life to Masonry and to the Institution. They all hoped that his interest in the Institution would be continued for many years to come. He felt that the brethren were only doing their duty to themselves as well as to Bro. Plucknett in seconding this vote of thanks to him. The motion was enthusiastically carried.

The next business was the election of Treasurer in place of Bro. Plucknett.

The CHAIRMAN said that before proceeding with that business, he only wished to observe that the brethren must recognise the fact that that office was not by any means a continuous one; it was annual only. He regretted, however, that the resignation came so late, as it did not give the brethren an opportunity for obtaining the views of many desirable brethren as to whether they would consent to be put in nomination for the vacant office.

Bro. C. E. KEYSER, G.D., then said he rose with a sense of great responsibility to propose the election of a new Treasurer for the ensuing year, and he did so because, as the Chairman had pointed out, there had been only two days given by their late Treasurer to obtain a successor who was equally interested in the Boys' School. The brethren concerned did what they could yesterday to find a candidate when they found Bro. Plucknett would not present himself for re-election. But they took such opportunity as they had of communicating with a very considerable number of brethren, and of ascertaining what were their views with respect to a brother who would be acceptable to the brethren at large for this office. They found out what they expected, and they were proud to have found that there were probably many brethren of considerable eminence who took great interest in the Craft who would be willing to take the office, but who would not like any one put forward who would not have universal support. He was going to propose the name of Bro. Edward Letchworth, Grand Secretary, for the office of Treasurer of the Institution for the ensuing year. He was aware that Bro. Eve, Grand Treasurer, objected to a member of the paid officers of the Craft having those distinctions conferred upon them. But before Bro. Letchworth became Grand Secretary he was identified with this and the other Institutions. He had been a member of the House Committee of the Girls' School and had been on the Committee of the Benevolent. He had also shown great interest and anxiety for the Boys' School by allowing himself to be put in nomination as a candidate for the Committee of Management. For reasons which he would not now state, Bro. Letchworth thought it would be better that he should not be put in nomination for the Committee of Management, and he withdrew his name. It required a great deal of personal attendance at Wood Green and elsewhere, as he (Bro. Keyser) could testify, and Bro. Letchworth, if he properly attended to those duties would have to neglect duties he had at Freemasons' Hall as Grand Secretary. Therefore he thought it was not advisable to become a member of the Committee of Management. But the office of Treasurer would not entail any necessary attendance on Committees, although when the new rules were brought forward there would be more duties to be exercised than at present. The signing cheques and dealing with the financial work of the Institution he felt ought to be carried out by the Treasurer who was under the roof, and he could not imagine that those duties could be better fulfilled than by the gentleman actually living in Freemasons' Hall, and therefore in touch with the Secretary and the Committee of the Institution. Bro. Letchworth had been approached in order to know whether he would do the Institution the honour—for he was sure he might put it in that way—by allowing his name to be brought forward as candidate for the office of Treasurer, and he stated at once—as he (Bro. Keyser) knew—that he had not any greater ambition, and if his presence on the Board as Treasurer of the Institution would be of use to it he was willing to place his services at the disposal of the brethren. He (Bro. Keyser) had no doubt that as Treasurer of the Boys' Institution he would do the Institution a great deal of good. The Committee of Management for several years had by means of economy—looking after the School in every detail—recovered the confidence of the brethren, and he believed they had succeeded very well in doing so, and he was sure that they had perfected the connecting link between Grand Lodge and the Craft by making the School as thoroughly popular as he hoped were the other Institutions. The brethren had had no time to talk the matter over except in a conversational way, but Bro. Letchworth took an overpowering interest in the Institution, and as this office was only for a year they could not do better than elect him. Had more time been given the brethren might have been able to bring forward half-a-dozen good names. He believed his own had been mentioned. He hoped the name of Bro. Letchworth would be unanimously accepted. Bro. George Lambert had been asked, but he declined on account of his advanced age.

Bro. J. E. LE FEUVRE seconded.

The CHAIRMAN supported the nomination, but he wished to give his own views to the brethren, which were that he thought it was undesirable to elect a brother who was on the staff of Grand Lodge. There were so many brethren of many long years' standing, of distinguished position, who, by their name and ability had furthered the objects of the Institution, that they might have been selected. They would have felt themselves agreeably honoured by being selected. It was less than 48 hours that this matter was first mentioned to him, but he and the Secretary thought of Bro. George

Lambert, as the oldest Vice-Patron of the Institution, but he said he was 72 years of age. He (Bro. Eve) knew Bro. Letchworth would be a honour to the Institution, but he felt that there were a larger number of brethren outside the staff officers of the Craft who had done extremely good work who should be put into the office. The motion was carried.

On the motion of Bro. J. E. LE FEUVRE, seconded by Bro. JAMES WILLING, the following brethren were elected on the Council to represent the Life and Annual Subscribers: Bros. George Adamson, L.S.; W. T. Blackmur, L.S.; John French, L.S.; F. W. Levander, A.S.; Charles Greenwood, L.S. and A.S.; D. Jacobs, L.S.; R. T. Redfearn, L.S.; H. Webb, A.S.; F. R. Farrow, L.S.; W. J. Rowe, L.S.; J. H. Sillitoe, A.S.; and Henry George, L.S.

Bro. LETCHWORTH, who shortly afterwards came into the meeting, having been informed by the Chairman of the result of the motion, said: Bro. Chairman and Brethren,—I have to express to you my warmest thanks for the very great honour you have done me in electing me, most unexpectedly, to the very high position of Treasurer of this Institution. It is an honour which, as you know, is entirely unsought for by myself, but it is one which I very highly appreciate, and which I accept with the greatest possible pleasure. I am informed that the duties of the office are not very onerous, but whatever those duties may be, you may rely on my discharging them to the best of my ability; and I can assure you that I consider it a very great privilege to be permitted by your suffrages to assist the carrying out of the very admirable work which is being accomplished by those who had the honour of being charged with the management of the School. Allow me once more to thank you for the honour you have done me.

Bro. McLEOD announced that No. 27 and No. 44 on the list of candidates for the School were withdrawn.

The election for the Board of Management was then proceeded with. At the declaration of the poll the following was found to be the result:—

London Brethren—Bros. George E. Fairchild, 276; James Stephens, 265; Henry Pritchard, 210; Alfred Cross Spaul, 195; and James P. Fitzgerald, 181. Provincial Brethren—Bros. Harry Bevir, 183; Hugh E. Diamond, 183; William Russell, 169; George J. McKay, 166; and Charles Pulman, 117.

The Court then proceeded to elect 23 boys out of an approved list of 49 candidates, the result of which will be found in our advertisement columns.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Robert Grey, President of the Board, occupied the chair, and the Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents, Bros. James Brett and C. A. Cottebrune were in their respective chairs. Bros. E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; A. A. Pendlebury, Asst. G. Sec.; W. Dodd and W. H. Lee represented Grand Secretary's office; and the other brethren present were Bros. S. Valentine, William Vincent, Charles E. Ward, P. Prov. S.G.W. Lincolnshire; Charles J. R. Tijou, David D. Mercer, S. V. Abraham, Geo. R. Langley, Wm. P. Brown, S. H. Goldschmidt, A. C. Woodward, Jas. Bunker, Walter Martin, C. Dairy, W. Hopekirk, C. Braid, A. Stubbs, G. Coupland, S. W. Wilkinson, P.P.S.G.W. Cheshire; C. J. Frost, J. Cox, E. L. Horne, G. A. Reall, J. W. Row, Wm. Pound, J. H. Fryer, H. Massey, George W. Mitchell, W. Belchamber, A. Hubbard, A. Howell, E. Venner, J. Bott, H. Hooper, G. E. Fairchild, A. Calver, A. Dutton, R. M. Bibby, J. R. Owen, G. Flint, W. T. H. Mayer, B. T. Kimpton, T. Wills, S. S. Pearce, W. Lake, A. Darch, G. S. Peachey, C. Graham, J. M. Chapman, J. Tovell, F. Simmonds, J. E. Fells, J. N. Streater, F. R. H. Gooch, E. E. Gellowski, J. F. Jones, C. Pulman, and H. Sadler, G. Tyler.

The brethren first confirmed recommendations made to the Grand Master at the March meeting amounting to £570. Of the new cases there were 40 on the list, qualified through lodges in the London district, and at Cardiff, Spalding, Croydon, Ipswich, Cowes, Lincoln, Sandown, Sutton Bridge, Abergavenny, Plymouth, Truro, St. Austell, Redruth, Southport, Norwich, Nottingham, Stockport, Walton-under-Edge, Shepton Mallet, Hartlepool, Constantinople, Dartford, Beccles, Alnwick, and Erith. In the course of a sitting which lasted four hours-and-a-quarter two of these cases were dismissed and six were deferred. The remaining 32 were voted a total sum of £965. Two petitions were recommended to Grand Lodge for £75 each; nine were recommended to the Grand Master for £40 each; and six for £30 each; 13 were awarded £20 each; one received £10 and one £5.

PRESENTATION TO INSPECTOR GLOVER.

A farewell banquet was given to Inspector Glover of the Hampstead (S) Division at the Holborn Restaurant on Thursday, the 13th instant, Bro. Jas. Willing in the chair. During the evening a testimonial, consisting of a gold watch with a suitable inscription and a purse of £150, was presented. Inspector Glover joined the force in 1869, and now retires with every good wish from all those he was brought in contact with for many happy years of peace and happiness.

It is said that the Imperial authorities have signified their intention to the Government of Canada of conferring a decoration for 20 years' meritorious service to all Volunteer officers in the Dominion.

Scotland.

PEEBLES.

Peebles Kilwinning Lodge (No. 24).—The usual monthly meeting of this lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 13th inst., when a large number of brethren assembled to support the R.W.M., Bro. George Bridges. Bro. Councillor John Sheldon was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason by the R.W.M. On the motion of the R.W.M., seconded by Bro. Daniel McIntosh, J.W., it was unanimously resolved to elect Bro. Chas. F. Forshaw, LL.D., R.W. Depute Master of the lodge, in place of Bro. James Smith, resigned. Bro. Dr. Forshaw was afterwards installed, and having returned thanks for the honour done him, the lodge was closed.

On the following evening a large muster of brethren assembled in the Chambers' Institution to hear a lecture by Bro. Forshaw, entitled, "Freemasonry, Past and Present." Bro. the Rev. A. J. Murray, presided. Bro. Dr. Forshaw traced, in a very able discourse, the history of Freemasonry from the time of the Ancients to the present day, and his able remarks and interesting facts relative to the Craft were frequently applauded. Bro. A. Crew, now of Buffalo, U.S.A., but lately ex-Mayor of Peebles, also addressed the meeting, and on his proposition, it was resolved to present Bro. Dr. Forshaw with a neatly engrossed address, signed by the members of the lodge, conveying their hearty thanks to the lecturer for his masterly oration. A silver collection was made to defray expenses.

SOCIETAS ROSICRUCIANA IN SCOTIA.

The West of Scotland College held their obligatory meeting in St. John's Hall, 213, Buchanan-street, on Friday evening, the 14th inst. The V.W. Master of the Temple, Frater D. R. Clark, M.A. VIII°, presided, assisted by Frater W. S. Hunter, VI°, Dep. Master; T. R. Richards, IV°, Treas. and Sec.; J. W. Ruddock, IV°; J. Foulds, II°; J. A. S. Kerr, III°; F. W. Larter, III°; and a goodly number of fratres. Frater E. Macbean, Hon. VIII°, Suffragan of the province, was present.

After the Treasurer's report was submitted, which showed the college to be in a good financial condition, the election of office-bearers for the ensuing year was proceeded with as follows: Frater D. R. Clark, M.A., Master of the Temple; W. S. Hunter, Dep. Master; T. R. Richards, Treas. and Sec.; J. W. Ruddock, 1st A.; J. Foulds, 2nd A.; J. A. S. Kerr, 3rd A.; F. W. Larter, 4th A.; J. Sanderson, 30°, Conductor of Novices; J. Smith, Torch Bearer; W. Falconer, Guardian of the Temple; E. Berger, Org.; and W. Ross, Acolyte. Thereafter Frater J. Smith, J. Geddes, J. Carruthers, and W. Falconer were admitted into Grade II.

The college has shown its high appreciation of Frater Clark for his indefatigable exertions in promoting the welfare of the college by electing him Master of the Temple for the third year.

There is a probability of the York, Newcastle, and Glasgow Colleges meeting together during the summer, and it is to be hoped that Dr. Wynn Westcott, M.W. Supreme Magus, IX°, will honour them with a visit on the occasion.

Ireland.

GRAND MASONIC CONCERT AND CONVERSAZIONE.

The annual concert and conversazione in connection with Lodge No. 4 of the Masonic Order took place on Friday, the 14th inst, in the Antient Concert Rooms, Dublin. The affair was in every respect a brilliant success. The annual re-unions of this lodge have always been particularly agreeable functions, and on this occasion the Amusement Committee spared no effort to provide a most enjoyable entertainment, and they are to be congratulated on the highly satisfactory outcome. The proceeds were devoted to the Masonic Boys' School, that magnificent Institution which is a living monument of the splendid generosity of the Irish Masons. Several of the most prominent members of the Order in Dublin attended the conversazione, and a large number of ladies were present, so that the gathering was particularly brilliant and fashionable. A pleasing little concert was first given, after which there was a very enjoyable dance. The concert began at 8 o'clock, and the programme was an admirable one, the artistes being ladies and gentlemen whose names are well known in Dublin.

The following ladies and gentlemen contributed the vocal items: Miss Dorothy Bayly, Miss Amanda Wann, Miss J. Pounder, Mr. Edward Broadbury, Mr. Evan Cox, Mr. J. F. Jones, Mr. John Horan, and Mr. Charles Kelly. With such an array of talent it is needless to say that the concert was a most attractive one, and in addition to the vocal portion of the programme, instrumental music was provided by the string band of the 2nd Battalion of the Rifle Brigade, whose excellent playing was much appreciated.

The programme opened with a selection by the band from "Il Trovatore." The vocal items which followed were much appreciated. Miss Pounder sang "O mio Fernando," and Mr. W. C. Levey's "Esmeralda" with much sweetness and expression. Miss Amanda Wann did full justice to Hatton's song, "The Enchantress," and Miss Dorothy Bayly's sweet voice was heard to the utmost advantage in "For all Eternity," by Mascheroni, her rendering of this beautiful song being one of the most pleasing features of the concert. Mr. Jones, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Broadbury, and Mr. Horan were all in good voice, and they acquitted themselves in their

several items to the thorough satisfaction of the audience. There were also some concerted pieces, which were very well rendered.

After the concert there was dancing, the main hall and the smaller room adjoining being set apart for this purpose. The music was supplied by the band of the Rifles. Both halls were very tastefully decorated, and the beautiful plants furnished by Messrs. Ramsay, of Ball's Bridge, added a most artistic element to the scene, which, with the bright surroundings and the gay dresses of the ladies, was extremely picturesque.

Refreshments were served in the upper hall, which was handsomely upholstered for the occasion.

In every way the conversazione was a most genuine success, and all who had the pleasure of being present at it must have spent a most agreeable night. The arrangements, under the efficient management of the Hon. Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Frederick Redmond, were admirably carried out, and the whole entertainment was worthy to rank among the pleasantest of the re-unions that the lodge has given.

Our Portrait Gallery of Worshipful Masters.



BRO. FREDERICK HUGHES,

W.M. of the Lion and Lamb Lodge, No. 192, whose installation was reported in a recent issue, was initiated in the same lodge in December, 1886, and after filling various offices was installed W.M. on March 2nd, 1893. Bro. Hughes is a subscriber to the three Masonic Institutions.

Obituary.

BRO. JAMES MOON.

The funeral of Bro. James Moon, Grand Std. Br. designate, whose death we announced in our issue of last week, took place at Kensal Green Cemetery on Monday, 17th inst. A large number of friends and relatives attended, including many connected with the firm of Messrs. Gillow and Co., of which our late brother was a partner. The interment took place in the cat-combs. Amongst those present were the following brethren representing the House Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, of which Bro. Moon had been a member for many years, viz.: Bros. P. de Lande Long, Chairman of the month; Sir John B. Monckton, E. Letchworth, and H. J. Hunt. The Secretary of the Institution, Bro. F. R. W. Hedges, was also present. Amongst others we also noticed Bros. F. Binckes, C. F. Hogard, and E. M. Money. A great number of wreaths, including one from the Girls' School House Committee were sent.

BRO. ROBERT CROSS, M.D.

A well-known figure in Masonic and other circles in the Metropolis has recently departed from amongst us in the person of Bro. Robert Cross, M.D., of 14, Berkeley-square. Although little known to the younger generations, he has done good work in his time, and has left a record of devotion to duty and a life-long endeavour to be useful to his fellows that will cause his memory to be revered by all who had the privilege of his acquaintance, and in a scarcely less degree by the poor and helpless to whom he had for a long series of years administered both professionally and by counsel and advice. Bro. Cross was at his death the oldest member of the Percy Lodge, having been initiated in the year 1841, and it will perhaps enable our readers to more fully realise the length of time covered by his membership when we state that our well-known Bro. Col. George Lambert, P.G.S.B., was initiated by Dr. Cross in that lodge in the year 1844. The interment takes place to-day (Friday) at Norwood Cemetery, the body having been embalmed and brought home for burial.

The Craft Abroad.

CONVERSAZIONE OF THE STEWART LODGE, No. 1960 (E.C.), RAWAL PINDI.

The W.M. and brethren of this lodge held a conversazione at the Masonic Hall, Rawal Pindi, on the 20th ult., which was attended by nearly 150 guests. We trust that such a gathering will become an annual occurrence, as it was undoubtedly a great success. The W.M., Bro. Captain J. H. Leslie, Dist. S.G.D. and Mrs. Leslie, received the guests in the banquet hall, and were supported by the following members of the lodge: Bros. H. J. Whymper, Dep. Dist. G.M.; C. E. Beresford, P.D.G.S.B.; G. B. Preston, Dist. G. Supt. Wks.; A. M. Smith, O. S. Nugent, J. Brown, C. H. Blackburn, H. B. Beckett, S. Goode, A. R. Finlay, and E. Northey. Among the guests we noticed H.H. Prince Christian Victor of Schleswig Holstein, G.D.B., Lord Dunmore, Lady Grace Murray, Sir William Elles, K.C.B., Major and Lady Muriel Gore-Browne, Major the Hon. and Mrs. Keith Turnour, Mr. and Mrs. Thorburn, Col. and Mrs. Rowlandson, Col. and Mrs. MacCall, Col. and Mrs. A. D. Anderson, Col., Mrs. and the Misses Sartorius Col. and Mrs. Scott, Mrs. and Miss Shakspear, Surgeon Major and Mrs. Battersby, Major and Mrs. Hogge, Mrs. Chancellor, and Major and Mrs. Dacres Cunningham.

The weather was, fortunately, charming, and the band of the 1st Battalion of the King's Royal Rifle Corps played selections of music in a large marquee which had been erected in the spacious grounds of the lodge.

Bro. Preston sang two songs in his usual finished style, and Miss Whymper charmed her audience by a very expressive rendering of Wieniawski's "Simple Aveu" for the violin.

The following exhibits were on view in the ante-room of the lodge, carefully arranged in glass cases, and all labelled with printed cards, so as to afford as much information as possible by reference thereto to the non-Masonic guests: A case of Masonic jewels; a case of Masonic aprons; a few portraits of celebrated Freemasons; A case of exposures (so termed) of Freemasonry; and a complete set of the printed Constitutions of English Freemasonry, the only complete set known out of England, and of which only two exist in England.

The collection of Constitutions (the property of Bro. H. J. Whymper) was a treat to those who care for such things. It will be interesting to know if the bold assertion above, as to it being the only known complete set out of England, can be contradicted. The collection contains a Coles' Constitutions, which, if we mistake not, was published without authority, and rare and curious as the book is (only three copies of it are known), it is not required to complete a set of the English Constitutions. We carefully inspected the Williams' Constitutions of 1815, and are of opinion that the copy exhibited, though entitled 1815, is in reality a copy of the amended issue made some two years afterwards. With these depreciatory remarks we may admit that the set is a splendid collection. The copies of 1723, 1738, and 1746 are in wonderful condition, whilst that of 1756 appears to have only just left the printer's hands; the same remark applies to the 1767 edition, with additions to 1772. Rarest of all rare editions of this century is that of 1865. It is doubtful if more than two or three copies of this were ever printed. A card on the copy exhibited testified that it was presented to the exhibitor by Bro. W. J. Hughan to enable him to complete his set.

The case of so-called Exposures of Freemasonry attracted much attention, especially on the part of the ladies, containing as it did Dutch, English, Irish, American, Spanish, French, and German exposures. We imagine that from what could be seen through the glass-covered cases curiosity would be rather increased than satisfied. The following label was attached:—"Anyone wishing to closely inspect any exhibit in this case can do so by applying to the Worshipful Master, for the key." But we learnt on inquiry the next morning that the keys had not been surrendered by the W.M. to any of the many anxious inquirers—yet he was still alive.

Refreshments were served during the evening in the West Verandah of the lodge, which had been decorated with choice exotics and cut flowers in a most tasteful and effective manner so characteristic of that professor of the art, the Indian gardener.

Death.

BAKER.—On the 7th inst., at 8, Stapleton Hall-road, London, N., Mary, the dearly loved wife of George E. Baker.

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught visited the Lyceum Theatre on Wednesday, and witnessed Bro. Henry Irving's performance of "Becket."

The Countess of Aberdeen, who was accompanied by Lady Arnot, joined the Teutonic at Queenstown on Thursday, and sailed for New York. Before leaving, Lady Aberdeen, who was warmly cheered, was presented with a handsome bouquet by the Mayor of Cork.

Their Majesties the German Emperor and Empress arrived at Rome on Thursday to take part in the celebration of the silver wedding of the King and Queen of Italy, who received their distinguished guests at the railway station, and accompanied them to the Quirinal. The streets were lined with troops and the procession was heartily cheered by the populace.