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THE APPROACHING FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

We trust our readers will not fail to remember that the day is fast approaching when the second of the great anniversary Festivals of the current year—that of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls—will be celebrated. The event is fixed for Wednesday, the 17th prox., and will take place under the auspices of Bro. the Earl of EUSTON, Prov. G.M. of Northants and Hunts. The duty of presiding on such an occasion is not unfamiliar to his lordship, who has twice acted as Chairman at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; firstly on his own account in 1889, and secondly as the representative of the then Lord Mayor of London, Bro. Sir H. A. ISAACS, who had undertaken to preside, but was at the last moment prevented by illness from fulfilling his engagement. From the success which attended his lordship's advocacy at those two gatherings we are strongly inclined to hope that the celebration on the 17th prox. will be at least as productive as in the old days before the Centenary of the Institution, when the returns averaged from £11,000 to £13,000. We incline to this view because the Board of Stewards is numerically a strong one; and though we realise that the brethren composing it will find the marvellous success of the Benevolent Jubilee last year a somewhat serious obstacle to the compilation of big lists, a strong opinion prevails throughout the Craft that it is high time a larger measure of that support which it so richly deserves was given to the Girls' School. We must remind our readers and the friends of the School generally, that, as we stated in the article we published a few weeks ago on the subject, this Institution since its Centenary in 1888, has had a succession of bad harvests. The Festivals of the last four years have only yielded on an average some £8500 each, and the statements of account which have been distributed amongst the Governors disclose the fact that in 1891 and 1892 the authorities, in order to pay their way, had no choice but either to trench upon their capital, and by so doing reduce their permanent income, or to borrow of their bankers. They wisely adopted the latter alternative, and the 1892 accounts show that a very considerable portion of this overdraw is still unpaid. In saying this we have no desire to frighten anybody into the belief that our Girls' School is on the verge of bankruptcy, or at all likely to find itself in that calamitous position. What we desire to impress on the Craft generally is the self-evident truth, which is not always borne in mind, that in the case of this, as of all large institutions which depend principally for support on voluntary contributions, anything like a relaxation of effort in canvassing for subscriptions is out of the question. The friends of all such Charities have no option but to keep on "pegging away" in their efforts to raise the necessary supplies. Latterly the Girls' School expenditure has exceeded its income, and if we desire to see the balance transferred from the wrong to the right side of the account, this "pegging away" process must be renewed with vigour, and so continued for some years. We trust that evidence of this renewal will be forthcoming at the approaching Festival under Bro. Lord EUSTON's chairmanship.

We have said that our Girls' School fully merits the most generous support of the whole English Craft. Every one knows that it is well managed, and that the children are well cared for and receive an excellent education. The news we every now and then publish of the successes achieved by those pupils who are entered for the different examinations, which for many years past have been instituted for middle-class schools, is evidence of this statement. Hence every donor and subscriber may justly lay the flattering unction to his soul that whatever he contributes towards the support of this School will be both wisely and profitably expended. He may also rest assured of this, that in supporting this School to the best of his ability, he is not only helping to place within the reach of the daughters of deceased or indigent brother Masons such an education as will enable them to earn an honourable livelihood, but he is likewise fulfilling to the very letter the tenour of one of his earliest Masonic obligations—that of relieving a brother's necessities so far as his own circumstances in life may fairly warrant. We sincerely hope that the appeals of the brethren who are acting as Stewards will be productive of such a result next month as will have the effect of readjusting the annual income and expenditure in favour of the School.

GRAND LODGE AND GRAND FESTIVAL.

The annual Grand Festival of English Freemasons was held on Wednesday last at Freemasons' Tavern. It was preceded, as usual, by the assembly of United Grand Lodge for the installation of the Most Worshipful Grand Master and the investiture of his Grand Officers. Both Grand Lodge and Grand Festival were very numerous attended, some 600 brethren assembling at the former, and some 400 at the latter. Both were presided over by the Deputy Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe.

After Grand Lodge had been formally opened, and the minutes of the last Quarterly Communication so far as they related to the M.W.G.M. and Grand Treasurer had been read by Bro. Letchworth, G. Sec., and confirmed,

The Earl of MOUNT EDGCUMBE said: Brethren, I am commanded by the M.W.G.M. to assure you that at this the commencement of his 19th year of office his interest in Masonry is by no means diminished, and he regrets much that he is unable to attend this Grand Lodge to-night. But you are all fully aware how many his engagements are and how impossible it is for him to fulfil them all. He desires me, however, to say that he hopes to meet many of the brethren during this summer when he proposes to be present at the opening of a new lodge. (Cheers).

Sir ALBERT WOODS (*Garter*), G.D.C. (all the brethren standing), proclaimed his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales duly re-installed M.W.G.M.

The Earl of MOUNT EDGCUMBE: Brethren,—I am further commanded by His Royal Highness to inform you that he has been pleased to re-appoint as Pro Grand Master the M.W. Bro. the Earl of Lathom. (Applause.)

Sir ALBERT WOODS then proclaimed the Earl of Lathom re-installed M.W. Pro Grand Master.

The Earl of MOUNT EDGCUMBE: Brethren,—I think I should have stated previously that Lord Lathom would have been here to-night, but he is obliged to attend the funeral of a statesman, and a relation of his, whose death has caused considerable regret, the Earl of Derby. And now, brethren, I have to inform you that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has desired that I shall for another year fulfil the duties of Deputy Grand Master. (Applause.)

Sir ALBERT WOODS having proclaimed the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe Deputy Grand Master, his lordship was saluted accordingly.

The following brethren were then appointed Grand Officers for the year, and, with the exception of three, who were unavoidably absent, were invested:

Bro. Right Hon. the Earl of Yarborough	... S.G.W.
" A. Akers Douglas, M.P.	... J.G.W.
" Rev. F. W. Macdonald	... } G. Chaps.
" Rev. Canon Bullock	... } G. Treas.
" S. Cochrane (elected)	... } G. Reg.
" F. A. Philbrick, Q.C.	... } Pres. B.G.P.
" T. Fenn	... } Dep. G. Reg.
" R. D. M. Littler, C.B., Q.C.	... } G. Sec.
" E. Letchworth	... } S.G.D.'s.
" W. E. Brymer, M.P.	... } S.G.D.'s.
" L. G. Gordon Robbins	... } S.G.D.'s.
" R. V. Vassar-Smith	... } J.G.D.'s.
" Clement Godson, M.D.	... } J.G.D.'s.
" Philip H. Waterlow	... } G.S. of W.
" J. W. Maclure, M.P.	... } G.D.C.
" J. Edmeston	... } D.G.D.C.
" Sir A. W. Woods, K.C.M.G., C.B. <i>Garter</i>	... } Asst. G.D. of C.'s.
" S. G. Kirchoffer	... } G.S.B.
" Major G. C. Davie	... } Deputy G.S.B.
" Hugh Mackintosh, M.D.	... } G. Std. Brs.
" J. Lloyd Griffith	... } G. Org.
" William H. Marsden	... } A.G. Sec.
" Horatio Ward	... } G. Purst.
" A. C. Spaul	... } A.G. Purst.
" Robert Willoughby	... } A.G. Purst.
" William de M. Sergison	... } A.G. Purst.
" A. A. Pendlebury	... } A.G. Purst.
" Thomas Minstrell	... } A.G. Purst.
" Charles J. R. Tijou	... } A.G. Purst.

The usual salutes were given.

The Earl of MOUNT EDGCUMBE then announced the appointment of the Most Hon. the Marquis of Hertford, of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, as its representative in Grand Lodge of England.

Bro. E. LETCHWORTH read the following list of brethren nominated as Grand Stewards for the year, and approved by the Prince of Wales: Bros. Joseph Rock, 1; John C. Ames, 2; Albert John Venn, M.D., 4; Henry Chester Master, 5; Charles Compton Seton, 6; A. W. Mellersh, 8; Ernest Clune, 14; C. S. Eddy, LL.D., 21; C. E. Collins, 23; F. T. H. Hastings, 26; Nelson Reed, 29; W. S. Hall, 46; T. R. Miller, 58; Captain T. C. Walls, 60; E. S. Lardner, 91; Horace Cheston, 99; H. L. Wynne, 197; and J. H. Renton, 259.

This concluded the business of Grand Lodge, which was thereupon closed in due form.

The banquet, which was most liberally provided by the outgoing Grand

Stewards, followed at Freemasons' Tavern, and the usual toasts were afterwards proposed and honoured.

The Earl of MOUNT EDGCUMBE, in proposing "The Queen and the Craft," said the first toast he had to present to the brethren was the time-honoured toast which was given not only in the nearly 2500 lodges of England, but in all the other lodges of Scotland and Ireland, in India, Canada, and Australia, with the same loyal enthusiasm with which it was always received in the hearts of her Majesty's Empire and in the headquarters of British Masonry. He gave them the toast of her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen and the Craft.

The Earl of MOUNT EDGCUMBE, in giving "The Health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," said the toast was almost always given next to that of her Majesty, his Royal mother, and it was always received, as he was perfectly certain it would be received that night, with cordial unanimity. It was not only the toast of the first subject of the realm, not only of the heir of this great Empire, not only as the head of the Grand Lodge of England, but also as one who manifested in an eminent degree those qualities which were essentially Masonic qualities, personal sympathy and regard not alone for the welfare but for the feelings of others. These qualities he showed in a public and practical manner in such questions as those relating to the wants of the aged poor, on which he had been so long employed, and which had engaged his attention till a late hour that afternoon; besides which there were his national kindnesses in social life.

The Earl of MOUNT EDGCUMBE next said that the following toast was one which he found it rather difficult to put words to, because it was so inclusive. It embraced such a large number of those who, if he were able to select them, each would deserve comment at his hands. It was "The M.W. the Pro Grand Master, the R.W. the Grand Wardens, and the other Grand Officers, Present and Past." During the comparatively short time he had attended the meetings of Grand Lodge he had seen enough to convince him of the affectionate regard which Masons one and all entertained towards their Pro Grand Master, Lord Lathom, and he only hoped Lord Lathom would live long to hold the high office which he now occupied. In regard to the others mentioned in that list, if he was to speak of the Past Grand Officers he would find it very difficult to make selections. Among those Past Grand Officers were men who had done most for the Craft of the country. With regard to the present Grand Officers their work was perhaps more in the future. It would be impossible for him to speak individually of any of them, but it was a great pleasure to him that two of his personal friends, the Earl of Yarborough and Bro. Akers Douglas, held the high offices of Senior and Junior Wardens. He was quite sure that all the Grand Officers who had been selected by H.R.H. this year would do their duty so as to show themselves worthy of the confidence placed in them.

The Earl of YARBOROUGH, S.G.W., whose name was coupled with the toast, in reply, said he felt considerable difficulty in doing so in the presence of so many distinguished Masons who were his seniors in years and in Masonic work; but the fact that the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. had honoured him by placing him in the S.W. chair was, he presumed, the reason he was called upon to respond to that toast. He begged to return on behalf of the Pro Grand Master and the Grand Officers, Present and Past, their cordial thanks for the kind way the brethren had received the health, and the Dep. Grand Master for the genial terms in which he had proposed it. It would be very presumptuous of him to say anything of the Past Grand Officers, because it was well known how admirably they had performed their duties already. But he thought he might say the Present Grand Officers desired to follow their example, and maintain the objects of Masonry in every way.

Bro. H. D. SANDEMAN, P.D.G.M. Bengal, in proposing "The Chairman," said it was his gain, but he feared it was very much to the brethren's loss that he had been selected for the duty. Their worthy Chairman, the D.G.M., had ably proposed the preceding toasts, but in a manner that would lead them to suppose that he himself was really nobody, and was merely acting as the mouthpiece of Grand Lodge. The Earl of Mount Edgcumbe had announced in Grand Lodge that it had pleased his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to nominate him as Deputy Grand Master for one more year. The universal feeling in the room would be that the noble earl might be nominated for many more years. It had often been said that in proposing royal toasts one should be very brief. As in the case of the Queen, whom they all loved and adored, they could not say anything that would add to the praise and lustre which were her due, and if they were to dare to say anything that would detract from them, the man who did so would be very speedily kicked out of the room. He ventured to mention their Chairman in the category of royalty in this way—that he thought it was unnecessary to say anything in his praise. They all knew him well; he had been an active Freemason for many years; his heart was devoted to Masonic work, and Masons' hearts were equally devoted to him. He would venture, however, to point out to the brethren who were not aware of the fact one instance out of the many of their Chairman's acts towards Freemasonry, and the power and prestige his name had brought into the Craft, that last year at the Festival of the Benevolent Institution he produced a sum of £67,000—a larger sum than had ever yet been gathered together at a Masonic or any other public Charity dinner. One more word, and one word only. Their Chairman had alluded to Lord Lathom, to whom they were all most affectionately disposed, as one to whom they owed an affectionate regard. Let them show by the way they received the toast he then feebly proposed that they had an equally affectionate regard to their Deputy Grand Master, Lord Mount Edgcumbe.

The Earl of MOUNT EDGCUMBE, in acknowledging the toast, said one thing which he always tried to avoid more than anything else was the ordeal of making a speech, and this gave him a brilliant opportunity for saying nothing, because anything he would have to say was about himself, and that he could not say. All, therefore, he would say, replying to the kind speech from Bro. Sandeman, and the brethren's reception of it, was to express his great thanks, and to say that the words he used in Grand Lodge were not used inadvertently, for he felt that his element was far more in his narrow Province of Cornwall than here.

The Rev. Canon BULLOCK, in proposing "The Masonic Charities," said he considered it a great privilege and honour to be allowed to propose this toast, because it was, after all, one of the dearest and most precious to Masons. He said so deliberately because he thought they ought to emphasise the word clearly. They were in no sense whatsoever a benefit society. Their idea was not to enrol as members persons who were needy, and who, at the time of their enrolment, were necessitous and wanting help; but to enrol members, and being their brethren, once they were enrolled, and fell into dangerous and difficult waters, to stretch out a loving hand to help them

out of their difficulties. It was their rich privilege as Masons to do this with no niggard or grudging hand. When they looked at their Masonic Charities, it would be seen that they would do honour to any body of men anywhere and everywhere. When they knew how much money was subscribed—some £40,000 or £50,000 a year—a responsibility which they never flinched from, and never fell short in carrying out, it would be seen they were liberal and loyal. He supposed he ought to call their attention specially on behalf of that Festival which fell nearest to the present meeting—the Girls' Festival—and he hoped there would be Stewards and others ready to come forward and support it generously as they had in the past. Afterwards came the Boys' Charity. The girls traced a path of some 105 years, and the boys fell short by some 10 years. They knew that the Boys' School had been thoroughly and well re-organised, and they could look at that School with perfect satisfaction, and be gratified with the efficiency with which it was carried on. But it so happened that from time to time older Masons had to ask their help, and so had widows. For them there was the Benevolent Institution. They were not always able to meet the wants as they ought to be met. These people did not come to them as paupers for help. The widows came as having been the wives of brethren who had fallen in the fray, and as a brother's wife they helped them. On occasions like the present he asked them to show their brotherly love in the coming year as they had in the past by stretching out a hand to help needy brothers, wherever they might be and whenever they might come across their path, and protect, as they were pledged to do, the honour and the virtue of their nearest relations. Let them also pledge themselves to help those nearest relations whenever they stood in need of kindness and sympathy.

Bro. J. MORRISON McLEOD, in responding, congratulated Grand Lodge upon the addition to its Grand Officers in the person of Bro. Canon Bullock, whose eloquence he hoped would often be heard in those gatherings. He could not add anything to the forcible appeal which had been made to them on behalf of their three great Institutions. It was rather for him to acknowledge with gratitude on their behalf the continued generosity displayed by the Craft at large. It was quite true, as had been remarked, that the Institutions were in a prosperous condition financially, and also as regarded the results achieved by their work. So far as the Educational Institutions were concerned, that the work done was good had recently been proved by the published results of the Cambridge Local and other Examinations, which not only spoke volumes for the teaching staff, but were most gratifying to the several Managing Committees. The younger Institution he ventured to say was doing the best work in dispensing larger sums to relieve the necessitous aged members of our Order and their widows. Allusion had been made to the interest taken by the M.W.G.M. in the Commission for the Aged Poor of this country, but he ventured to think that the noble brother in the chair deserved an equal measure of praise for the kind and great interest he had displayed when presiding over the Grand Jubilee Festival of that Masonic Benevolent Institution, of which they were all so proud. He had been called upon at very short notice to respond to that toast, but would venture to detain them a little longer whilst he brought forward a claim on behalf of the two Schools. Going back to their foundation—a time anterior to the formation of United Grand Lodge—these Institutions were fostered to a very great extent by the two Grand Lodges. Even after the Union, a great portion of their incomes was derived by means of a capitation grant, which was ultimately (in 1838) commuted to a fixed payment by Grand Lodge of £150 per annum. Noting the enormous increase in the Craft since that time—the lodges being at least quadrupled—and as a consequence, the proportionate increase in the demands on the two Institutions, he thought the time had arrived when Grand Lodge from its enlarged income might give further annual assistance to them. He knew he would be met with the fact that since that period the Benevolent Institution had come into existence, and was receiving large annual grants from the funds of Grand Lodge. On no account would he take from those grants, so deservedly given, and so faithfully applied; but he hoped there was enough left to give the other Institutions a substantial increase. He made this appeal to the distinguished brethren on the dais, many of whom of the highest rank were actively engaged in the work of these Institutions, devoting their valuable time, and giving of their means most ungrudgingly, and he felt sure that in so doing he would receive the cordial co-operation of his brethren below the dais. He thanked them most cordially for the kind manner in which they had received the toast and his remarks in response.

Bro. Major-Gen. GADSDEN, Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, President of the Board of Grand Stewards, in responding to the toast of "The Grand Stewards," which was proposed by the Earl of MOUNT EDGCUMBE, said: R.W. Deputy Grand Master in the chair, R.W. Brethren, and Brethren,—In the name of myself as President of the Board of Grand Stewards, and on behalf of my colleagues on the Board, I rise to return you our best thanks for the kind manner in which this toast has been proposed, and for the very cordial manner in which it has been received. I am sure I express the sentiments of my brother Stewards when I state that at our first meeting to make arrangements for this the Grand Masonic Festival of the year, it was our fixed determination to leave no stone unturned to render it a complete success, and if our endeavours have been successful, and have met with the approval of yourself and the brethren present, then, R.W. Deputy Grand Master, we are amply rewarded. I again tender to you our best thanks for the way in which this toast has been proposed and received.

Bro. LITTLE proposed "The Ladies," and Bro. JOHN SMITHERS, 58, responded, after which the brethren joined the ladies in the Temple, where a grand musical treat was provided for them by Bro. E. Cutler, Q.C., P.G. Org., assisted by Bro. Wilhelm Ganz, P.G.O., the Horse Shoe Glee Singers (Messrs. Percy Coward, Arthur S. Coward, Randolph L. Coward, and W. Bell Kempton), Mr. Hirwen Jones, Miss Mabel G. Berrey, Miss Florence Henderson, Miss Edith Hands, Mr. Andrew Black, M. Rene Ortman (violin), Miss Teresa Blamy, and Mr. J. M. Coward.

THE NEW GRAND OFFICERS.

SENIOR GRAND WARDEN.

Bro. the EARL OF YARBOROUGH, who has been appointed Senior Grand Warden, was initiated as recently as the year 1891 in the Studholme Lodge, No. 1591. In November of the same year he was elected a joining member of the Ermine Lodge, No. 2351, Lincoln, of which he is a present Warden, and in the chair of which he will be installed W.M. on the 16th prox. He was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree in the Studholme Chapter on the 17th February of the current year. He is also a Mark Master Mason, and was last year installed Prov. Grand Mark Master of Lincolnshire, in succession to Bro. Jack Sutcliffe. But, though his

lordship's connection with Freemasonry has been of such brief duration, certain of his predecessors in the title have held prominent positions in the Craft. His great grandfather, who was created Earl of Yarborough in 1837, was Prov. Grand Master of the Isle of Wight from 1826 till his death in 1846, while his grandfather, the second Earl, when Baron Worsley, M.P., was appointed S.G.W. of England in 1838, and in that capacity presided as Chairman at the Jubilee Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. In 1846 he was appointed D.G.M., and retained the office till 1856, while in 1849 he was appointed Prov. G.M. of Lincolnshire, and so remained till his death in 1862.

JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN.

Bro. the Right Hon. A. AKERS-DOUGLAS, M.P., was initiated while yet a minor during his career at University College, Oxford, in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford, in February, 1871. Later in the same year he joined the Churchill Lodge, No. 478, Oxford, and after serving the office of Warden, was elected and installed its W.M. in 1874. In 1872 he joined the University Lodge, No. 1118, and the following year the Malling Abbey Lodge, No. 1063, West Malling, of which he was installed W.M. in 1876. In 1874 he helped to found the White Horse of Kent Lodge, No. 1506, and three years later he was founder and first W.M. of the Douglas Lodge, No. 1725, Maidstone. For his services in Oxfordshire he was appointed Prov. G. Steward in 1872, and Prov. G. Registrar in 1873, while in the Province of Kent he ranks as P.P.S.G.W., having been appointed to the Prov. S.G. Warden's chair during his Mastership of No. 1725. He was exalted in the Apollo University Chapter, No. 357, and became a joining member of the University Chapter, No. 1118, in 1879. He has also joined other branches of Masonry, and is a P.M.W.S. of the Oxford and Cambridge University Rose Croix Chapter, and a 32° in the Ancient and Accepted Rite system. As regards our Institutions, he has served the office of Steward once for each of the Schools and twice for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and is a Life Governor of the three.

GRAND CHAPLAINS.

Bro. the Rev. F. W. MACDONALD was initiated in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford, on the 2nd February, 1866. In 1877 he helped to found the Windrush Lodge, No. 1703, Witney, and has held in it the office of Chaplain. In 1882 he joined the Elias de Derham Lodge, No. 586, Salisbury, and in 1889 the Lodge of Rectitude, No. 335, Corsham, while in the interim he became a member of the Lodge of Honour, No. 379, Bath, and served the office of W.M. in 1888. He has held the office of Grand Chaplain in the Province of Wiltshire (1884 and 1891), in that of Somersetshire in 1889 and 1890, and in that of Oxfordshire in 1892, while during the present year he is Prov. S.G.W. of the first-named Province. He was exalted in the Methuen Chapter, No. 1533, Marlborough, on the 12th February, 1884, and was last year installed M.E.Z. in the Elias de Derham Chapter, No. 586. He is likewise a member of the Tynte Chapter, No. 379, Bath, and its present Z. In the Mark Degree he is P.M. of the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 177, Bath, and was appointed one of the Grand Chaplains of that Degree last year. He served as Festival Steward at the Jubilee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in February, 1892, and for the Girls' School in the May next ensuing.

Bro. the Rev. Canon BULLOCK is a Mason of some 34 years' standing, having been initiated while an undergraduate at Oriel College in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford, on the 25th May, 1859, but he does not appear to have taken an active part in our proceedings till 1883, when he joined the Goderich Lodge, No. 1211, Leeds. After working his way through the different offices, he was installed W.M. in April, 1890, and re-installed in the same month of the following year. In 1884 he was appointed Prov. Grand Chaplain of West Yorkshire, and in 1888 he served as Steward at the Centenary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

GRAND TREASURER.

Bro. SAMUEL COCHRANE, who was elected Grand Treasurer at the Quarterly Communication in March, is a P.M. of the Lodge of Fidelity, No. 3, and of the Victoria Lodge, No. 1056, and in 1890 was the principal founder and first W.M. of the Duke of Fife Lodge, No. 2345. He has served for some time on the Board of General Purposes, and has rendered essential services to the Masonic Institutions, having served sundry Stewardships in their behalf, and qualified as Vice-President of the three. He is also a Royal Arch Mason, and has served the office of M.E.Z. on more than one occasion.

DEPUTY GRAND REGISTRAR.

Bro. R. D. M. LITTLER, Q.C., C.B., who has had the honour of being chosen to be the first occupant of this newly-created office, was initiated in the Bank of England Lodge, No. 263, on the 13th November, 1860, and was elected and re-elected W.M. in the years 1868 and 1869. In 1876 he was a founder and installed first W.M. of the Northern Bar Lodge, No. 1610, and was elected for a second term of office the following year. In 1884 he took part with the late Bro. Sir R. N. Fowler, Bart., M.P., in founding the University Lodge of London, No. 2033, and he is also a joining member of the Union Lodge, No. 310, Carlisle. He is, we believe, a Royal Arch Mason, but has never served as a Principal, and he has been perfected Rose Croix. He has done good service to our Institutions, having served the office of Steward twice for the Boys' School, once for the Girls' School, and once for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and has qualified as Life Governor of the three.

SENIOR GRAND DEACONS.

Bro. W. E. BRYMER, M.P., was initiated in 1874 in the Lodge of Faith and Unanimity, No. 417, Dorchester, and occupied the chair in the years 1879 and 1880, in the former of which years he was elected a joining member of United Lodge, No. 1629. In 1877 he was appointed Prov. S.G.D. of Dorsetshire; two years later he was promoted Prov. S.G.W.; and in 1887 he was offered, and accepted, the important office of Deputy Prov. Grand Master. He is a Royal Arch Mason, having been exalted in 1877, and occupied the chair of M.E.Z. in the Chapter of Faith and Unanimity, No. 417, in 1882 and 1883. In 1880 he was appointed Prov. G.S.B. of Prov. Grand Chapter, and in 1889 Prov. G. Second Principal. He is a Trustee of the Dorset Masonic Charity, and a Life Governor of the Masonic Schools and Benevolent Institution.

Bro. L. G. GORDON-ROBBINS has been a Mason for the last 30 years. He was initiated in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford in 1863. In November, 1866, he joined the University Lodge, No. 1118, and in 1880 he had the honour of being installed its W.M. In 1877 he joined the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, and presided over it as W.M. in 1884, and he is a joining member and has served the office of Treasurer of the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 708, Hampton Court. In 1864 he was appointed Prov. G. Steward of Oxfordshire, and two years later was invested as Prov. G. Director of Ceremonies. He was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree in the Alfred Chapter, No. 340, Oxford, on the 9th June, 1866, and is a Past Z. of the University Chapter, No. 1118, and Westminster and Keystone, No. 10, having occupied the chair of First Principal in the former in the years 1884 and 1885, and in the latter in 1886. He is a Past G.S.O. in the Mark Degree, a Past Preceptor in the Oxford and Cambridge Preceptory in the Order of the Temple, and has taken the 31° in the Ancient and Accepted Rite, in which he is also a Past M.W.S. and the Treasurer of the Oxford and Cambridge Chapter of Rose Croix. He is a Vice-Patron of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and twice served as Steward in its behalf, on the first occasion in 1878, and again at the Jubilee Festival last year, and a Vice-President of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, for which he has likewise served two Stewardships.

Bro. R. V. VASSAR-SMITH is one of the most prominent members of the Order in the Province of Gloucestershire, of which for some time past he has been the Dep. P.G. Master. He was initiated in the Royal Gloucestershire Lodge, No. 839, on the 4th March, 1870, and was elected to the chair in 1882 and again in 1884. He joined Foundation Lodge, No. 82, Cheltenham, in 1872, and the Royal Union Lodge, No. 246, meeting in the same town, in 1886, and served as W.M. of the latter in 1887 and 1888. He was appointed Prov. J.G. Warden of Gloucestershire in 1884, and four years later was chosen by the Prov. G. Master, Bro. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., to fill the very responsible office of Dep. P.G.M. In the Royal Arch Degree he has won corresponding distinction. He was exalted in the Chapter of Unanimity, No. 82, Cheltenham, in December, 1871, and installed First Principal in 1885, while the year following he presided in the same capacity over the Royal Gloucestershire Chapter, No. 839. It was in consequence of the establishment of this latter chapter in 1883 that Gloucestershire was constituted a Royal Arch Province, with Comp. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., as its first Grand Superintendent, and Comp. Vassar-Smith, since 1888, has held the post of Prov. Grand H. In Mark Masonry he is P.M. of the Cheltenham and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, P.P.S.G.W. of Gloucestershire and Herefordshire, and a Past G.M.O. of the Mark Grand Lodge. In the Order of the Temple he is a P.E.P. of the Cotteswold Preceptory of St. Angustin, Cheltenham, having presided as E.P. in 1879 and 1880, and again in 1889, and is Prov. Chancellor of the Provincial Priory of Bristol and Gloucestershire, while in the Ancient and Accepted Rite he is Past M.W.S. and Treasurer and Recorder of the St. Thomas's Chapter of Rose Croix, No. 49, Gloucester, and has had conferred upon him the 31°. As for our Institutions, there are few brethren who have exerted themselves more consistently, and, at the same time, more successfully, while each Institution in turn has received the benefit of his support. He is a Vice-Patron of the Girls' School, for which he has five times acted as Steward, a Patron of the Boys' School, and a Vice-Patron of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, the Stewardships he has served for the last two having been nine and seven respectively.

JUNIOR GRAND DEACONS.

Bro. CLEMENT GODSON, M.D., was initiated under the Scottish Constitution, in Lodge St. Macher, No. 54, Aberdeen, on the 10th of June, 1872. In April, 1878, he was elected a joining member of the Studholme Lodge, No. 1591, and two months later, of the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 259. He served as W.M. of the former in 1885, and represented the latter on the Board of General Stewards, of which he was President in 1892. He was exalted in the St. Macher Chapter, No. 54, Aberdeen, in August, 1872, and having joined the English Constitution, was installed M.E.Z. of the Studholme Chapter, No. 1591, in 1889. He is the present Z. of the Prince of Wales Chapter, No. 259. He is a Life Governor of the Boys' School and Benevolent Institution, having served as Steward for the former in 1887, and for the latter in 1889, while he is a Vice-President of the Girls' School, and has served three Stewardships on its behalf, and will act in the same capacity at the Festival which will take place on the 17th prox.

Bro. PHILIP H. WATERLOW was initiated in the Athenæum Lodge, No. 1491, on the 17th June, 1874, and in May, 1881, had the good fortune to be installed its W.M. He joined the St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 231, in May, 1884, and the St. Albans, No. 29, in 1887. He represented the latter on the Board of Grand Stewards during the year 1891-2, and was installed its W.M. in January, 1892. He was exalted in the Orpheus Chapter, No. 1706, in November, 1884, and was installed First Principal in 1890. He has taken the 30° in the Ancient and Accepted Rite, and is a member of the Grand Metropolitan Chapter, No. 1, Rose Croix. As for the Charities, he is a Vice-President of all three, and has served four Stewardships for the Girls' School, three for the Boys' School, and four for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

Bro. J. W. MACLURE, M.P., was initiated in the Callender Lodge, No. 1052, Manchester, on the 14th June, 1866, and having made rapid progress through the minor offices, was installed W.M. in 1870. In 1869 he assisted in founding the Travellers Lodge, No. 1253, and was elected a joining member and afterwards became W.M. of the Lodge of Fortitude, No. 64. He has been also successively Prov. G.D. and Prov. G.W. of East Lancashire, while, as regards the Royal Arch, he was exalted in the Social Chapter, No. 62, Manchester, and presided as M.E.Z. of a chapter. He is a Life Governor of the Girls' School and a Vice-President of the Boys' School and Benevolent Institution, and has served as Steward twice for the Girls' School, five times for the Boys' School, and at the Jubilee last year and on two other occasions for the Old People.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENT OF WORKS.

Bro. JAMES EDMESTON, who succeeds Bro. Charles Barry in the office of Grand Superintendent of Works, was initiated in the Canterbury Lodge, No. 1635, on the 20th March, 1877, and was installed its W.M. in November, 1883. He was also for a short time a member of the Shadwell Clerke Lodge, No. 1910. He was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree in the Friends-in-Council Chapter, No. 1383, in 1879, and the following year joined the British Chapter, No. 8. He acted as Steward for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls in 1884, and again at the Centenary Festival in 1888, and is a Life Governor of that Charity, and a Life Subscriber of the Boys' School. He is also a member and P.M.W.S. of the Oxford and Cambridge University Chapter of Rose Croix, No. 45 on the roll of the Ancient and Accepted Rite.

DEPUTY GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES.

Bro. S. G. KIRCHHOFFER, M.A., F.R.G.S., F.G.S., who has been appointed the principal aide to Bro. Sir Albert W. Woods, G.D.C., is a Mason of over 20 years' standing and has taken a very active part in the work of the Craft in more than one Province and more than one field of Masonic labour. He was initiated, while yet a minor, in the Isaac Newton University Lodge, No. 859, Cambridge, on the 20th May, 1871. In 1874 he became founder and first Master of the Alma Mater Lodge, No. 1492, which during the first ten years of its existence met at Bletchley, Bucks, in the old Province of Berks and Bucks, but which in 1884 was transferred to its present quarters in Cambridge. Three years later he had a hand in founding the Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1714, Camberley, in the Province of Surrey, and in 1881 he was the principal founder and first W.M. of the Wellesley Lodge, No. 1899, meeting at Sandhurst in the county of Berks. In 1885 he was elected a member of the Correspondence Circle of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076. For the various services thus rendered he was appointed Prov. G.S.B. Cambridgeshire in 1873, Prov. S.G.W. Surrey in 1879, and Prov. S.G.W. Berkshire in 1890. In Royal Arch Masonry, after exaltation in the Euclid Chapter, No. 859, he joined and was in due course installed M.E.Z. of the Chapter of St. Barnabas, No. 948, Linslade, Bucks, and subsequently presided in the same capacity during two years over the Weyside Chapter, No. 1395, Woking, Surrey. In 1882 he was appointed Prov. G. Scribe N. of the late Provincial Grand Chapter of Berks and Bucks. He is likewise a P.M. of the University Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 55, and Past C.N. Royal Ark Mariners Lodge attached thereto, and Past J.G.O. England; P.E.P. Cœur de Lion Preceptory Knights Templar; P.M.W.S. and Recorder of the Royal Military Rose Croix Chapter, No. 89, and has taken the 32° in the Ancient and Accepted Rite. For our Institutions he has worked indefatigably, having served three Stewardships for the Girls' School, five for the Boys' School, and five for the Benevolent Institution, and is a Vice-President of all three Charities.

ASSISTANT GRAND DIRECTORS OF CEREMONIES.

Bro. Major G. C. DAVIE was initiated in Adam's Lodge, No. 158, Sheerness, on the 1st November, 1861, and has thus been a member of our Order for upwards of 30 years. In 1862 he joined the Alma Lodge, No. 931, Dunedin, New Zealand, and in 1874 the Loyal Lodge, No. 254, Barnstaple. On the 27th December, 1882, he was installed W.M. of the latter lodge. He has served as Prov. S.G. Warden of Devonshire, and is its Prov. G. Secretary, while in the Royal Arch Degree, to which he was exalted in 1863, he is a member of Loyalty and Virtue Chapter, No. 251, and holds the office of Prov. G. Scribe E. He is also M.W.S. of the St. Swithin's Chapter of Rose Croix, Bideford, and a Life Governor of the Girls' and Boys' Schools, and of the Widows' Fund of the R.M.B. Institution.

Bro. HUGH MACKINTOSH, M.D., was initiated in the Lodge of Good Fellowship, No. 276, Chelmsford, on the 20th February, 1864, and has thus been connected with Freemasonry for 27 years. On the 24th February, 1871, he was elected a joining member of Time Immemorial Lodge, Royal Somerset House and Inverness, No. 4, and after representing it on the Board of Grand Stewards in 1878-9, was elected to fill its chair in 1880. In January, 1882, he joined the Tuscan Lodge, No. 14, and presided as W.M. in 1889. He was Treasurer of the Grand Stewards in 1879, and is a member and Past Master of the Grand Stewards' Lodge. He was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree in the Essex Chapter, No. 276, on the 20th November, 1865, and has presided as First Principal in the British Chapter, No. 8, in 1887, and was a founder and is the present M.E.Z. of the Royal Somerset House and Inverness Chapter. He is likewise a member of the Grand Metropolitan Chapter of Rose Croix, No. 1. He is a Life Governor of both Schools, and has served as Festival Steward in their behalf, as well as for the Benevolent Institution.

Bro. J. LLOYD GRIFFITHS has won his principal Masonic distinctions in North Wales, having been initiated in the Hibernia—now the St. Cybi—Lodge, No. 597, Holyhead, on the 5th April, 1869. Not long afterwards he joined the Anglesea Lodge, No. 1113, Menai Bridge, and a few years later the St. Eleth Lodge, No. 1488, Amlwch, and later still the Royal Leek Lodge, No. 1849, Bangor. He has twice filled the chair of his mother lodge, namely in 1872 and 1882, and also that of the Royal Leek in 1891, and in recognition of the services thus rendered at different times has more than once had provincial honours conferred upon him, having been successively appointed Prov. G.S.B. and Prov. S.G.D. of the old Province of North Wales and Shropshire, and Prov. S.G.W. of North Wales in 1888. He was exalted to the Royal Arch under the Irish Constitution in Chapter No. 6, Dublin, but in later years became a member of certain of our chapters, and was in due course installed M.E.Z. of the Segontium Chapter, No. 606, Carnarvon, in March, 1888, and of the Star of Gwynedd, No. 384, Bangor, in November of last year. In 1889 he was appointed Prov. G. Reg. North Wales. Lastly, he has served as Festival Steward, and qualified as Life Governor of each of our Institutions.

GRAND SWORD BEARER.

Bro. W. H. MARSDEN hails from the Province of Derbyshire, having been initiated in the senior lodge at Chesterfield—the Scarsdale, No. 681—on the 10th October, 1864. He is, therefore, a Mason of old standing as well as of high distinction. About the year 1869 he joined the Tyrian Lodge, No. 253, Derby, and in September, 1874, had the honour of being installed in office as its W.M. He is also a member of two other lodges in the same province, namely, the Dorothy Vernon, No. 2129, Bakewell, and the Ecclesburne, No. 2425, Duffield, having been a founder in the case of one, if not of both of them. After serving as Prov. Grand Organist, he was rewarded for his services by appointment, in the first place, to the responsible office of Prov. Grand Secretary, which he held for the three years 1872-74, and was then promoted to be Prov. Senior Grand Warden. He was exalted in the Chapter of Justice, No. 253, Derby, on the 8th October, 1872, and in September, 1878. He was also Organist to Prov. G. Chapter from 1874 to 1880, was Prov. G. 1st A.S. in 1881, Prov. G. Scribe E. in 1883, and Prov. G.J. in 1884. In the A. and A. Rite, he is a member and Past M.W.S. of the St. Mary Chapter, No. 63, Derby, and has taken the 30°. In 1875 he was chosen as special Steward to represent his Province at the installation of the Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M., and he is one of the Trustees of the Derbyshire Masonic Hall. As regards our Charities, they have one and all found in Bro. Marsden a considerable amount of sympathy and support. He is a Vice-President of the Boys' School, for which he has already acted as Steward on four occasions, and his name is entered on the Board for the current year. He is a Life Governor, and has served two Stewardships for the Girls' School, the first time in 1879, and then at the Centenary in 1888, while the R.M. Benevolent institution also claims him as one of its Life Governors, and has had the benefit of his services at two of its Festivals.

DEPUTY GRAND SWORD BEARER.

Bro. HORATIO WARD is the brother who has been chosen to fill this newly-created office, and, undoubtedly, his numerous and varied services in different spheres of duty well merit the recognition they have received. Bro. Ward entered on his career as a Mason more than 34 years ago, having been initiated in the St. Cuthberga Lodge, No. 622, Wimborne, in the Province of Dorsetshire, on the 7th of March, 1859, and on the 2nd of June, 1865, he was installed W.M. In the latter year he joined the Elias de Derham Lodge, No. 586, Salisbury, in the Province of Wiltshire, and presided as W.M. during the years 1870 and 1871. In 1866—the year of its constitution—he presided as W.M. over the Vale of Avon—now the Shirley Lodge, No. 1112, which then met at Fordingbridge; and 10 years later he joined the United Industrious Lodge, No. 31, Canterbury, and was W.M. in 1883. Thus, in his Masonic wanderings, Bro. Ward has done duty in four Provinces, and he has the satisfaction of knowing that what he has done has been recognised firstly by his appointment as Prov. J.G.W. of Wiltshire in 1872, and secondly, by his receiving the same distinction at the hands of the Provincial Grand Master of Kent in 1885. His experiences in connection with Royal Arch Masonry have been of a similar character. He was exalted in the Chapter of Amity, No. 137, Poole, on the 9th of January, 1863, and having joined the St. Cuthberga Chapter, No. 622, was, in 1868, installed M.E.Z. He is now its senior P.Z., and was, in 1887, appointed Prov. G. Scribe N. He occupied the chair of First Principal in the Elias de Derham Chapter, No. 586, Salisbury, in 1871, and was installed Prov. Grand Second Principal H. of Wiltshire in 1876; and since then he has been installed twice as M.E.Z. of the St. Michael's Chapter, No. 1273, Sittingbourne, and was founder and first Z. of the St. George's Chapter, No. 2099, Herne Bay, in 1889. For these services the Grand Superintendent of Kent conferred upon him the office of Prov. G.J. In the Mark Degree, Bro. Ward is a P.M. of St. Martin's Lodge, No. 262, Canterbury, Past Prov. S.G.W. of Kent, and Past J.G. Deacon of England. In the Order of the Temple, he is P.E.P. and Registrar of the Black Prince Preceptory, Canterbury, and Past G.S.B. of England; while in the A. and A. Rite he has taken the 31°, and is Past M.W.S. and Treasurer of the Ethelbert Rose Croix Chapter, No. 82, Canterbury. Lastly, he is a Life Governor of both Schools, and has served one Stewardship for each of them, and is a Life Governor and thrice Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

GRAND STANDARD BEARERS.

Bro. A. C. SPAULL, who is one of the most popular and at the same time one of the most distinguished members of the Fraternity in Shropshire, was initiated in the Lodge of St. Oswald, No. 1124, Oswestry, on the 17th July, 1876, and in December, 1883, was installed in its chair as Master. In 1878 he became a founder

and served as one of the first Wardens of the Lodge of Progress, and two years later was elected and installed W.M. As a Royal Arch Mason, he was exalted in the Royal Union Chapter, No. 382, Uxbridge, and in May, 1885, acceded to office as First Principal. He is likewise a Past Prov. Grand Officer in both of these branches of Masonry, having been appointed Prov. Grand Registrar of the late Prov. Grand Lodge of North Wales and Shropshire in 1881, and Prov. Grand Scribe N. of the Prov. Grand Chapter of Middlesex in 1889. He is well known among Hertfordshire Masons, and has been elected honorary member of more than one of their lodges in recognition of services he has rendered from time to time. But excellent as is the work he has accomplished in connection with lodge and chapter in London and in the Provinces, what he has done in behalf of our Institutions is still more to his credit. He is a Vice-Patron of the Girls' School, for which he has served seven Stewardships, and it is only the other day that he was elected to succeed the late Bro. Moon as a member of its House Committee. He was a member of the Provisional Committee of Management during the reorganisation of the Boys' School, and has since been a member of its Board of Management, in addition to which he is a Vice-President and has thrice acted as Steward in its behalf, while he is a Life Governor of, and has been twice Steward for, the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. It should be added that Bro. Spaul was Vice President of the Executive Committee for the Girls' Centenary Festival, and was most warmly thanked for the very valuable assistance he rendered in that capacity in promoting the success of that important gathering.

Bro. ROBERT WILLOUGHBY was initiated in the Mount Lebanon Lodge, No. 73, on the 16th March, 1875, and in January, 1883, was installed W.M. He joined the Globe Lodge in January, 1885, served as Grand Steward in 1891-2, and was installed W.M. on the 21st January, 1892. He was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree in Mount Lebanon Chapter, No. 73, on 11th April, 1873, and in 1886 was installed M.E.Z. He is likewise a P.Z. of the Mount Edgcombe Chapter, No. 1446. He is a Vice-Patron of the three Institutions, and when he has fulfilled his intention of acting as Steward at the Festival next month of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, will have served twice in that capacity for each.

GRAND ORGANIST.

Bro. W. DE MANBY SERGISON, who was initiated while an undergraduate of Worcester College in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford, in 1875, has been chosen to succeed Bro. Cutler, Q.C., as Grand Organist. He joined the Westminster and Keystone Lodge, No. 10, in 1881, and the Friends-in-Council, No. 1383, in 1885, and in 1891 was installed W.M. of the latter lodge. He was exalted in the Friends-in-Council Chapter on the 11th February, 1886, and is its Third Principal for the current year. He has served as Steward for, and is Life Governor of, the Boys' School and Benevolent Institution.

GRAND PURSUIVANT.

Bro. THOMAS MINSTRELL, whose career we sketched last year when he received the appointment of Assistant Grand Pursuivant, has been promoted to this office.

ASSISTANT GRAND PURSUIVANT.

Bro. CHARLES J. R. TIJOU was initiated in the Coborn Lodge, No. 1804, on the 13th March, 1879, and installed its W.M. on the 11th February, 1886. He is also a Royal Arch Mason, having been exalted to that Degree in All Saints' Chapter, No. 1716, on the 3rd January, 1889. He is an active worker in the Charitable Institutions, and has been a regular attendant at the Board of Benevolence, where his extensive knowledge of East London has been of advantage to the Board. He has served once as Steward for, and is Life Governor of, the Boys' School and Benevolent Institution, and has also made his wife and son Life Governors of the former Charity.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The following is the business to be transacted on Wednesday next: The minutes of the Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation. Installation of Principals, and appointment and investiture of officers for the ensuing year.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 18th January, to the 18th April, 1893, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows;

To Balance, Grand Chapter	£257 1 6	By Disbursements during the	
Unappropriated		Quarter	£300 8 8
Account	212 17 4	Balance	472 11 0
Subsequent Receipts	491 16 8	Unappropriated	
		Account	188 15 10
	£961 15 6		£961 15 6

which balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following petitions:

1st. From Comps. Thomas Aitken, as Z.; John Joseph Black, as H.; Thomas B. B. Baverstock, as J.; and 15 others for a chapter to be attached to the Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 777, Guildford, to be called the Royal Alfred Chapter, and to meet at the Angel Hotel, Guildford, in the county of Surrey.

2nd. From Comps. the Right Hon. Charles Spencer Canning Viscount Dungarvan, Prov. Grand Master for Somersetshire, as Z.; A. Duckett, Past Prov. Grand Scribe N., as H.; Alfred George Hayman, as J.; and 10 others for a chapter to be attached to the Royal Somerset Lodge, No. 973, Frome, to be called the Dungarvan Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Frome, Somersetshire.

3rd. From Comps. Williams Cocks, as Z.; John William Dewsnap, as H.; Philip George Philips, as J.; and eight others for a chapter to be attached to the Rye Lodge, No. 2272, Peckham, to be called the Rye Chapter, and to meet at the Peckham Public Hall, Rye-lane, Peckham, near London.

4th. From Comps. George William Dixon, as Z.; George Cook Burry, as H.; Kenneth Ronald Montgomery, as J.; and seven others for a chapter to be attached to the Lorne Lodge, No. 1347, Sutton, to be called the Lorne Chapter, and to meet at the Greyhound Hotel, Sutton, in the county of Surrey.

5th. From Comps. Joseph Pollard, as Z.; Henry Robert Rose, as H.; Joseph William Young Harrison Lavies, as J.; and six others for a chapter to be attached to the Earl of Mornington Lodge, No. 2000, London, to be called the Earl of Mornington Chapter, and to meet at the Café Royal, Regent-street, London.

The foregoing petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee have also to report that they have received a memorial from the companions of the Jerusalem Chapter, No. 32, Liverpool, Lanca-

shire (W.D.), praying for a charter authorising them to wear a centenary jewel, in accordance with the Royal Arch Regulations, Rule 102.

The memorial being in form and the chapter having proved an uninterrupted existence of 100 years, the Committee recommend that the prayer thereof be granted.

The Committee have likewise received memorials, with extracts of minutes, for permission to remove the following chapters:

The Zetland Chapter, No. 1071, from the Masonic Hall, Alexandra-square, to the New Masonic Hall, Fore-street, Saltash, Cornwall.

The Londesborough Chapter, No. 734, from the Masonic Hall, Driffield, to the Masonic Hall, Bridlington, Yorkshire (N. and E.D.).

The Royal Chapter, No. 207, from the Freemasons' Hall, to the Sussex Hall, Hanover-street, Kingston, Jamaica.

The Grosvenor Chapter, No. 721, from the Freemasons' Hall, Eastgate-row, North, to Freemasons' Hall, Queen-street, Chester.

The Temperance in the East Chapter, No. 898, from 6, Newby-place, Poplar, to the Town Hall, Stratford.

The Committee being satisfied of the reasonableness of the above requests, recommend that the removal of these chapters be sanctioned.

The Committee having taken into further consideration their recommendation for an addition to be made to the number of officers in Provincial and District Grand Chapters, which was referred back by the Supreme Grand Chapter at its last convocation, in order that the numbers of chapters in the respective provinces and districts may be regarded and not the number of lodges, in the recommendation, now beg to recommend—

That, in provinces and districts numbering 15 chapters and upwards, the Grand Superintendents shall be empowered to appoint annually two additional Provincial or District Grand Standard Bearers. In provinces and districts numbering 20 chapters and upwards, the Grand Superintendents shall be empowered to appoint two additional Provincial or District Grand Standard Bearers, and two additional Provincial or District Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies. In provinces and districts numbering 30 chapters and upwards, the Grand Superintendents shall be empowered to appoint a Provincial or District Deputy Grand Registrar, a Provincial or District Deputy Grand Sword Bearer, two additional Provincial or District Grand Standard Bearers, and two additional Provincial or District Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies, and that the Grand Superintendents of provinces or districts be empowered to appoint such Provincial or District Grand Chapter Officers at the first meeting for the annual appointment of officers for the several Provincial and District Grand Chapters after the confirmation of the minutes of Grand Chapter.

The following chapters having exalted candidates before the expiration of 12 months from the dates of raising, viz.:

The Athol-Israel Chapter, No. 74, Birmingham.

The Pythagorean Chapter, No. 79, Greenwich.

The Downshire Chapter, No. 594, Liverpool.

The St. Marylebone Chapter, No. 1305, London.

in violation of Rule 73 of the Book of Royal Arch Regulations, the Committee ordered the candidates to be re-obligated in Chapters, No. 74, 79, and 594, and those chapters to be severely reprimanded, and that the consideration of the irregularity in Chapter, No. 1305, be postponed for explanation to be given by the chapter.

(Signed) ROBERT GREY, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,

19th April, 1893.

After the ordinary business had been disposed of, the following resolution was passed:

"That the cordial thanks of the members of the Committee be tendered to E. Companion Robert Grey, their President, for the very able and courteous manner in which he has presided over the meetings of the Committee during the past year."

(Signed) THOS. CHARLES WALLS.

Election of the Committee of General Purposes for the ensuing 12 months.

Notices of motion by Comp. CHARLES M. M'INTYRE NORTH, P.Z. 1275, London:

1. That a Committee of Revision be appointed to examine the ritual of Royal Arch Masonry, and to determine the relative positions, and the correct interpretations of certain portions of the same.
2. That the Committee be composed of the General Committee; one representative from each Provincial Grand Chapter, composed of 12 or more chapters, two skilled companions selected by the Committee, and the proposer and seconder of the above motion—seven to form a quorum.

CONSECRATION OF THE CHIGWELL CHAPTER, No. 453.

It is not a little remarkable that the Chigwell Lodge, No. 453, albeit it is one of the oldest lodges in the Province of Essex (having been warranted in the year 1838), and includes amongst its members some most active and hard-working Masons, has never till now interested itself in the Royal Arch Freemasonry. However, the district in which the Chigwell Lodge meets has, during the last year or two, shown such great vitality, and the young lodges are securing almost as soon as they are of age the free advantages of Craft Masonry, that the infection has spread to the senior lodge of the locality, and they petitioned for and obtained a warrant from the Supreme Grand Chapter authorising them to form and open a chapter of Royal Arch Masons at the Royal Forest Hotel, Chingford, in the county of Essex.

In order to give effect to this warrant, the Grand Superintendent of the Province of Essex, Comp. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg., accompanied by the Provincial Grand Officers of the year and other distinguished companions, journeyed to Chingford on Wednesday, the 19th instant, and consecrated the Chigwell Chapter.

The officers who assisted the Grand Superintendent were Comps. Milner Jutsum, as H.; William Shurmur, as J.; T. J. Ralling, as S.E.; R. D. Poppleton, as S.N.; and A. Lucking, as D.C.

After the customary preliminaries, the GRAND SUPERINTENDENT briefly addressed the companions, congratulating the Chigwell Lodge upon having petitioned for and having obtained the warrant for a chapter, and judging from the working of the lodge, predicted a successful career for the chapter. He also mentioned with pride and satisfaction that whereas when he was appointed to the charge of Royal Arch Masonry in the province there were but four chapters; the

consecration that day raised their number to 11—a rate of progress which he thought must be gratifying to all those interested in the progress of the Royal Arch.

The oration customary on the occasion of a consecration was given by the Prov. G.J., Comp. W. SHURMUR, who briefly but most forcibly pointed out the teachings and advantages which the working of the Royal Arch ensured, and cordially wished prosperity to the new chapter. Comp. Shurmur also installed the Principals in a manner that called forth the highest encomiums from the Grand Superintendent and companions present.

The officers of the chapter were invested as follows: Bros. W. E. Dring, M.E.Z.; John Glass, H.; R. Martin, J.; G. Corble, S.E.; Walter T. Christian, S.N.; W. M. Butcher, P.S.; D. Baker, 1st A.S.; E. Purkess, 2nd A.S.; W. O. Rew, Treas.; Clement Spurgeon, Org.; J. Snowden, jun., and F. Barnes, Stwds.; and R. W. Goddard, Janitor.

At the conclusion of the consecration, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Grand Superintendent and Prov. Grand Officers for their attendance and able performance of the consecration work; and they were elected honorary members of the chapter, the Grand Superintendent receiving at the hands of the M.E.Z. a founder's jewel as a memento of the occasion.

The companions afterwards dined together, and, in responding for the toast of his health,

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT again alluded to the satisfactory progress Royal Arch Masonry was making in the Province of Essex. He said the experience of provinces generally was that a proportion of one in four or five of the lodges held warrants for chapters, whereas in Essex they had attained to one in three. He also mentioned, as a remarkable coincidence, that, whereas the formation of the Chigwell Lodge was due to the energies of a medical man, they had in the First Principal of the new chapter a professor of the healing art.

ARS QUATUOR CORONATORUM.

The Volume VI. of this remarkable and invaluable series commences well in Part 1., with a number of most interesting Masonic papers, which cannot fail to be warmly appreciated by the rapidly increasing "Correspondence Circle," as well as by the Craft generally.

This part is strong where it should be, viz., Masonically, and will rank as one of the most important of the numerous issues of the justly celebrated "Quatuor Coronati" Lodge.

Taking the various papers, reports, reviews, &c., as they are printed, the report of the Audit Committee comes first, which was duly approved by the lodge on the 6th January, 1893. Mention is made in a most feeling manner of the sorrowful memories of the past year. The names of Colonel Foster Gough, Clifford P. MacCalla, and others of the "C.C.;" Bro. W. Mattieu Williams (the scientist), J.D., of the lodge; and the only honorary member, Col. Clerke, late Grand Secretary, are duly noted and lamented, the grievous list being added to in the obituary at the end, by such zealous and gifted brethren as Colonel Petrie, Joseph P. Hornor, and Col. M. Ramsay. The portrait is inserted also of the late Bro. Hofmeyr, D.G.M. South Africa (N.C.), whose memoir is given in Vol. V. The J.D. and Bro. Col. Ramsay were both at the lodge and supper, on 24th June, 1892.

The total receipts for 1892 amounted to £1235 2s. 2d., the balance carried forward being £106 1s. 8d., as compared with £193 19s. 7d. in the previous year. A much more favourable result would have been recorded had all the members of the "C.C." paid their subscriptions. I am glad to see, however, that part of Bro. Speth's well earned stipend for 1892 has been paid, but it is not pleasant to know that three quarters were due to our friend, on the accounts being made up to the end of 1892. This ought not to be, and is mainly due to so many brethren being defaulters, and to too much being printed and returned to members for their nominal subscriptions.

The oration by Dr. Richardson on the lamented Bro. W. W. Williams, J.D. 2076, with his portrait, will be heartily welcomed by the brethren.

The article on the "Tabernacle" by Bro. the Rev. C. H. Malden (our local Secretary for Southern India) is an able production, and requires very careful reading to thoroughly master the numerous details. It has long been a special study with him, hence the clearness of his descriptions, and the value of the paper generally. The address by Dr. W. Wynn Westcott, S.W. 2076, which followed, is also a very scholarly production. Our brother congratulated Bro. Malden on the model, which was exhibited, and pronounced him to be a "Moses in work, and an Aaron in his ministerial capacity." The Senior Warden's duty was to furnish the complement to the paper by commenting on the Symbolism of the Tabernacle, which he did to perfection.

Bro. H. J. Whympers's defence of Lord Byron, Grand Master, 1747-51, contains many very interesting particulars, not of a controversial character. So far, however, as the real point of issue is concerned, the paper which follows, by Bro. R. F. Gould, should be read, side by side, so that both views may lie before the mind, prior to arriving at a decision, and Bro. H. Sadler's "Facts and Fictions" should likewise be consulted. Practically, it concerns the origin of the Great Schism, hence Bro. Whympers's researches have an important bearing on the causes which led to that revolt from the regular Grand Lodge in 1751. It is quite clear that there were very few lodges erased during the rule of Lord Byron. According to Bro. Jno. Lane's "Handy Book to the Lists of Lodges" * (the standard work), only 7 in all, but, during the 5th decade of last century, there were 47. This was a large proportion, when the lodges had decreased from 189 in 1741, to 157 in 1748, but chiefly before his lordship became the Grand Master. I do not think that Bro. Whympers will find it easy work to prove Lord Byron did not neglect the Craft, though, evidently, the erasures during his term of office could not be the cause of the schism.

Bro. Gould also refers to Bro. Lane's previous paper on the year of origin of the "Ancient" Grand Lodge, but more in a pleasant gossipy strain, and apparently much in accord with our Masonic Statistician, who, evidently, was quite sure of his ground before writing on the subject. Bro. Gould mainly had to do with evidence prior to the discovery of the long missing and most valuable "Morgan's Register." So far as I can judge, the only real difference between the members of the "Quatuor Coronati" Lodge, or, at all events, the Masonic authors, has reference to the question of the Craft Degrees. The subject will have to be fought out yet in a fraternal manner; for whether there were one, two, or three Degrees prior to the last century, is an all important enquiry in relation to the formation of Grand Lodges

* London: Bro. George Kenning, 1889.

and the ceremonies antecedent to their inauguration. Whilst some of us increase in our confidence as to there being but one simple ceremony of an esoteric character before (say 1717); others have changed to the belief that there were *two*, and others, that there were *three* "Degrees."

A remarkable paper—another by the same gifted brother—by the W.M. of 2036, E.C. (C. C. Howard), on the "Regius, Cooke and W. Watson MSS." and their "evidential value," is, to my mind, the article of this Part, and exhibits much research, originality, and ability. He contends that "the William Watson MS. is, after all, our truest guide to the old traditions," and I am personally much pleased that my appreciation of this valuable text, or version, at first sight has been found to be confirmed by subsequent examination by other experts. It is impossible to deal with Bro. Howard's paper in this brief notice, but I trust it will receive all the attention it deserves. A brief one also follows from Bro. J. Yarker on "The Nismesian Theory and French Legend," and is both interesting and suggestive. It is quite clear we are but on the threshold of the enquiry as to the proper place of these MSS. of the "Old Charges" in relation to Masonic history. All students of late are happily supporting those of us who, many years ago, claimed for them the position they are now attaining, thus justifying the Lodge 2076 in publishing so many reproductions of their several texts.

Bro. John Lane's transcript of the "Dumfries Kilwinning MS., No. 4," is also given, and is a most welcome sight to those of us who wanted, and now have, all four of these MSS. in print.

There are several other papers in this Part, but time forbids my referring to them. The "Notes and Queries" department is very full this time, and a real pleasure to peruse, Bro. M. C. Peck's *Masonic Statuette* calling for special mention. The plate gives a good idea of the style and value of this wonderful find. The "Reviews" are chiefly by Bro. Gould, and right ably has he discharged that duty. His references cannot fail to interest, and lead many to obtain copies of the works he so appreciatively and ably describes.

Bro. Speth's capital summary, or "Chronicle," of the past quarter forms a fitting conclusion to this excellent number of the "Ars Quatuor Coronatorum."

W. J. HUGHAN.

CONSECRATION OF THE LA FRANCE MARK LODGE, No. 459.

The consecration of this new Mark lodge took place at the Café Royal, on the 11th inst. The whole proceedings were carried out with the usual *éclat*, when the following Grand Officers gathered together to help the Dep. Grand Master, Bro. Lord Euston, to do honour to the French brethren: Bros. Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, Prov. G.M. Bucks; C. F. Matier, P.G.W., G. Sec.; Thos. Fenn, P.G.W.; F. Richardson, P.G.W., G. Reg.; R. Berridge, P.G.W., G.D.C.; Chas. Belton, P.G.M.O.; C. H. Driver, P.G.M.O., G.S. of W.; Jabez Church, P.G.O.; R. H. Thrupp, P.G.O.; Dr. R. Gooding, P.G.O.; R. Clowes, P.G.O.; E. Letchworth, P.G. Treas.; Gordon Miller, P.G. Treas.; Loveland Loveland, Pres. Gen. Bd.; Chas. Hammenton, P.D.G.M. Middx. and Surrey; H. J. Lardner, P.G.D.; W. Vincent, A.G.D.C.; James Terry, P.A.G.D.C.; C. A. Cottebrune, P.G. S.B.; T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B.; C. F. Hogard, P.G. Std. Br.; J. Mason, P.G. Std. Br.; A. R. Carter, P.G. Std. Br.; Dr. E. M. Lott, P.G. Org.; Dr. Alf. King, P.G. Org.; and F. Mead, P.G.S., G. Treas. elect.

In addition, there were also present, Bros. E. M. Money, P.G.S.; Wm. Lake, P.G.S., P.P.G. Reg. Cornwall; V. P. Freeman, P.P.G.W. Sussex; J. C. Buckwell, P.P.G.W. Sussex; J. Barnett, P.P.G. Org. Surrey; W. Wright, Prov. G. Sec. Sussex; Dr. Stewart Brown, Prov. G.D. Herts; Hy. Pritchard, W.M. 13; W. Glazier, W.M. 251; W. Collins, P.M. 8; H. H. Wells, P.M. 144; F. C. Frye, M.P., P.M. 211; J. N. Frye, P.M. 211; Rushton, Verdier, Tickle, Hopkinson, R. P. Clowes, Lovett, Sampson, Gardiner, Peter de Lande Long, Balliston, W. J. Ebbetts, Gordon Smith, Sir Wm. Abdy, Bart., and E. J. Mills, Grand Tyler.

The founders present were Bros. E. Monteuis, G.S., W.M. designate; E. St. Clair, S.W. designate; C. Chauffourier, P.P.G.O. Surrey, J.W. designate; P. Saillard, L. Mantell, G.S.; E. Valériani, E. Belhomme, F. Bohers, and A. Lamette, G.S.

The Deputy Grand Master requested Bro. Thos. Fenn to take the S.W.'s chair; Bro. Frank Richardson the J.W.'s chair; Bro. the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg acting as Chap.; Bro. R. Berridge as D.C.; Bro. A. R. Carter, as I.G.; and Bro. Dr. Lott as Org.

The lodge being opened, the DEPUTY GRAND MASTER expressed his great pleasure at having the opportunity to consecrate this special lodge, and said that he did not doubt that the French brethren would continue in the Mark, the good work already accomplished by them in the Craft and the Royal Arch.

The ceremony of consecration was then gone through in a most impressive and admirable manner, the CHAPLAIN delivering an oration as follows:

From time immemorial Frenchmen have come to settle and live in England, and Englishmen have gone to settle and live in France. I should like to ask you to note one special feature which has always characterised our reception of those who have come to us from across the Channel, and one feature also of the manner in which they have repaid our reception. The causes which have led Frenchmen to come and sojourn amongst us have been various, but difficulties in politics, difficulties in religion have probably been the reasons which in most cases have mainly influenced them. The principles of Magna Charter still secure to England a measure of political and religious freedom greater than is enjoyed by any other country of the universe. The liberties we have won for ourselves—God grant we may not abuse them—we have been ever willing to extend the French who came to live amongst us. When any one seeks refuge under our flag we ask not whether his politics are monarchical, imperial, or republican. We ask not whether he gets his faith from Rome or Geneva, from Constantinople or Canterbury; but we do ask whether he will be an honest, loyal, and industrious citizen. This is practically the question which we ask every foreigner who comes to live amongst us, and we have ever found that the answer given by the conduct of our French brethren has been such that we have not regretted the permission we have given them to sojourn amongst us. And so I come to my second part. How have you repaid our reception? The answer is plain. You have not abused our hospitality. Content to be allowed freedom in matters of faith and politics, you have not attacked our institutions, whether religious or civil. We did not ask you to conform to anything except to the laws of our Realm, which we were the first to recognise as being necessary for good order, and you have aided us in preserving those laws by setting Englishmen a good example of obedience. Many of you have, without forgetting your nationality, been drawn into very close connection with us. You have ceased to be strangers, and have

become our fellow countrymen. You have married English women, and almost every one of our old English families has in it a share of Gallic blood. We have been brethren in arms for the defence of a common Empire. Wherever English armies have gone, or English fleets have sailed, the Frenchman and the Englishman have fought side by side, and have together shed lustre on the English flag. Huguenots helped us to reconquer Ireland, when very shortly after their arrival the integrity of the Empire was threatened. In short, our interests have become yours. Our honour you have made your own. In England's hour of need you have never stood aside mindful of your own welfare, and we have been proud to share with you our sorrows and our joys. And further you have been very useful to us in other matters. Englishmen are said to be a nation of shopkeepers. I am proud as an Englishman to be so designated, because to excel in trade implies the giving the best possible value for money received. That Englishmen have been able to do this, is due in no small degree to French skill and enterprise. You have always brought us some trades, though skilled workmen, we, as a matter of fact, do not produce at home, and I believe the undisputed fact that England stands easily first in the goldsmiths' and the weavers' art is largely due to what our French brethren have taught us. Rightly then do I say that Frenchmen and Englishmen meet here to-night not merely as brother Masons, but as fellow citizens of the first Empire of the world.

The Deputy Grand Master then requested Bro. C. F. Matier to take the chair, and before a Board of 45 Installed Masters (which must be very near a record in the Mark, so far as a private lodge is concerned), Bro. E. Monteuis was installed W.M. of the lodge, all the brethren present appreciating the splendid work of the Installing Master. The W.M. requested Bro. P. Saillard to act as I.P.M. during the first year of the lodge, and then invested his officers as follows: Bros. E. St. Clair, S.W.; C. Chauffourier, J.W.; M. Mantell, M.O.; F. Bohers, S.O.; E. Belhomme, J.O.; E. Valériani, Sec.; and A. Lamette, S.D. Bro. P. Saillard was elected Treasurer, but the other offices were left vacant until the next meeting.

The Installing Master having given the three charges in his usual perfect style, Bro. MONTEUIS rose and declared that henceforth all the work in this lodge would be conducted in French, and proposed that Bro. Lord Euston and his assistant officers be elected honorary members.

This having been seconded by Bro. ST. CLAIR, S.W., the proposition was carried by acclamation.

The DEP. GRAND MASTER returned thanks for the compliment, and promised the brethren that he should come as often as possible to see the work.

Bro. ST. CLAIR then proposed that Bro. P. Saillard should represent the lodge as Steward for the next Mark Benevolent Fund. This having been seconded and carried,

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER said that he felt great pleasure in starting the list with a donation of 10 guineas, not in his own name, but in that of the new lodge, which will thus have well begun its useful career.

We may here mention that Bro. Saillard's list attained the respectable total of over £80 before the evening had ended.

The SECRETARY then read a large number of letters of apology for non-attendance, amongst others from Bros. W. W. Beach, P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight; Col. A. B. Cook, P.G.M. Middx.; Lord Yarborough, P.G.M. Lincoln; Lord Radnor, P.G.M. Wilts; Baron de Ferrieres, P.P.G.M. Gloucester; Lord Dungarvan, P.G.W.; Sir Reginald Hanson, P.G.W.; Sir Augustus Harris, G. Treas.; Robt. Grey, P.G.M.O.; Ralph Chitton, P.G.O.; J. H. Matthews, J.G.O.; Col. Malet de Carteret, Lord Amphil, and others.

The SECRETARY then read the names of 12 candidates for advancement and three for joining.

A Committee, composed of the W.M., the two Wardens, the Treasurer, and the Secretary, was formed for framing the by-laws, and a most successful meeting was brought to a close.

The brethren then adjourned to the large banquetting hall of the Café Royal, where a most *recherché* menu was awaiting them, and it was served in a manner which impressed the guests that Bro. Delacoste had surpassed himself for the sake of his friends and compatriots.

Grace having been said, the list of toasts was gone through, the places of honour being naturally given to "La Reine & la Maçonnerie de Marque," and to "La France et son Représentant, Mr. le Président Carnot," both toasts being enthusiastically received, and followed respectively by "God save the Queen" and "La Marseillaise."

The W.M. then gave "Le Grand Maître de l'Ordre, S.A.R. le Prince de Galles," which toast, needless to say, was also most heartily and respectfully honoured.

Bro. ST. CLAIR, S.W., then proposed "The Healths of le Pro Grand Maître, le Marquis d'Hertford; le Dep. Grand Maître, le Comte de Euston, & les autres Grands Officiers."

This was responded to by Bro. Lord EUSTON, D.G.M., who, although apologising for his inexperience in French speech-making, proved himself a very efficient French scholar when replying.

Immediately afterwards the D.G.M. proposed "The Health of Bro. Monteuis, the first Vénérable Maître de La France Mark Lodge," to which the W.M. replied in feeling terms.

Bro. CHAUFFOURIER, J.W., then gave the toast of "Les Invités," which was responded to by Bros. BUCKWELL, P.P.G.W. Sussex; BARNETT, P.P.G.O. Surrey; and Sir Wm. ABDY, Bart., all three testifying to the admirable manner in which everything had been conducted, both in lodge and at the banquet.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER then gave "The Health of Le Maître Installateur," to which Bro. C. F. MATIER, Grand Sec., briefly replied.

"The Health of Les Officiers de la Loge" was next proposed by the WORSHIPFUL MASTER, who alluded more particularly to the great assistance he had received from Bro. St. Clair, who had practically seen to everything connected with the foundation of the lodge.

The Officers having been duly honoured, the Tyler's toast ended the evening's proceedings.

We regret that the fact that the speeches were made in French, prevents us from giving them *in extenso*, nevertheless we could not help noticing that the utmost cordiality prevailed and we offer our hearty congratulations to Bro. Monteuis and his brother founders, on the unqualified success which has rewarded their efforts. We also wish to add a special word of praise for Bro. E. St. Clair, who, we understand, has not only helped Bro. Monteuis in the translation of the ritual, but has also carried out personally the whole of the preliminary arrangements which have ensured the success of the meeting.

Knights Templar.

PROVINCIAL PRIORY OF LANCASHIRE.

The yearly meeting of the Province of Lancashire was held at the Gild Hall, Preston, on the 20th inst. There was a very large gathering of sir knights, and great disappointment was felt when it was found the Earl of Euston could not possibly be present, as had been previously arranged. But, however, it proved to be one of the most successful meetings ever held, presided over by our esteemed and beloved chief, Sir Clement Robert Nuttall Beswicke-Royds, assisted most ably by Sir Henry Thomas, Sub-Prior of Lancashire. The sir knights assembled in the very handsome Concert Hall, and received the Grand Prior and his officers, who at once read a letter of apology from the Earl of Euston, expressing his regret through important private engagements to be present. The Grand Preceptory was opened, all the officers being present. Upon the Registrar calling over the muster roll it was found that every Preceptory was represented with one exception. The minutes of Grand Priory, holden at Liverpool on April 21st, 1892, were read by the Registrar and confirmed. The following arose from them:

The General Purposes Committee having referred the question of adopting a cap, or head covering, by the knights of this province, the V.E.P.G. Prior requested a resolution on the subject.

Sir Knight P. W. LEAN, P.E.C., P.P.P.C., as the mover of the original resolution, explained that, in his opinion, they ought to complete the custom of Templary by adopting a cap such as they always wore. This, he affirmed, was proved by an inspection of any material or historical records, which were within the daily reach of anyone who would take the trouble to investigate the matter. They clothed their bodies in a like manner, but left their heads to Dame Nature, which variety in that case was not charming, but rather to be preferred than their appearance collectively would be in any function out of doors, when their illustration of what can be made in hats would naturally suggest the pantomime to those not initiated into our mysteries. Caps had long been in use in Great Priory and some Provincial Priors. He, therefore, moved the following resolution: "That this Prov. G. Priory offers no objection to those preceptories who may desire to adopt a cap, or head covering, the same being consistent with the clothing of the Order."

This resolution was carried by a large majority. The V.E.P.G. Prior promised to communicate with Great Priory for their official recognition.

The Auditors' report of the Treasurer's accounts was adopted, and a vote of thanks was recorded to Sir Knight Thompson for his services, and who again was unanimously elected.

The Very Eminent the Grand Commander invested the following sir knights to office for the ensuing year:

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| Sir Knight Rev. A. B. Beaver... | Prov. Prelate. |
| " Wm. Tyrer ... | Prov. Chancellor. |
| " George KcKay ... | Prov. Constable. |
| " James Heelis ... | Prov. Marshal. |
| " Wm. Thompson ... | Prov. Treasurer. |
| " F. N. Moulsworth ... | Prov. Registrar. |
| " E. Pike ... | Prov. Vice-Chan. |
| " C. F. Bell ... | Prov. Sub-Marshal. |
| " W. Bagnall ... | Prov. Almoner. |
| " W. Forrest ... | Prov. M. of R. |
| " H. B. Browne ... | Prov. Herald. |
| " James Sutcliffe ... | Prov. Std. Br. Beau. |
| " R. B. Preston ... | Prov. Std. Br. V.B. |
| " J. M. McLeod ... | Prov. Banner Br. |
| " R. T. Sutcliffe ... | Prov. 1st. A.-de-C. |
| " Arthur Bowen ... | Prov. 2nd A.-de-C. |
| " A. W. Siddall ... | Prov. Chamberlain. |
| " Chas. Eastwood ... | Prov. Capt. of G. |
| " R. B. Seddon ... | Prov. Swd. Br. |
| " Joseph Clifton ... | Prov. Org. |
| " W. W. Elton ... | Prov. 1st Purst. |
| " S. Barnes ... | Prov. 2nd Purst. |

And the following were appointed officers for the ensuing year:

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| Sir Knight J. Halliwell... | Prov. Capt. Gen. |
| " S. G. Sinclair ... | Prov. Lieut.-Gen. |
| " G. McKay ... | Prov. 1st Lieut. |
| " A. Hopkinson ... | Prov. 2nd Lieut. |
| " J. Booth ... | Prov. Mareschal. |
| " Jas. Heelis ... | Prov. Hospitalier. |
| " E. A. Pike ... | Prov. Admiral. |
| " E. G. Harwood ... | Prov. Conservator. |
| " W. Forrest ... | Prov. Bailie. |
| " J. M. McLeod ... | Prov. Turcopolier. |
| " Wm. Tyrer ... | Prov. Chancellor. |
| " Wm. Thompson ... | Prov. Treas. |
| " Rev. A. B. Beaver... | Prov. Prelate. |
| " C. Eastwood ... | Prov. Cpt. Outposts. |

The Preceptory was then closed, and the Grand Priory of the Order of Malta was opened by Sir Knight Henry Thomas. The Grand Prior entered and took the chair and desired the Registrar to read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were adopted. Sir Knight Thompson was again elected Treasurer. The following were installed as Knights of Malta: Sir Knights A. B. Beaver, Charles Eastwood, T. W. Bone, W. Simpson, E. G. Harwood, J. Clifton, John Hatch, P. L. Booth, R. H. Robinson, E. Walker, W. Booth, A. J. Chadwick, W. Longbottom, E. Taylor, J. Carter, T. H. Duckworth, Wm. Taylor, R. P. Preston, John Murray, and G. F. Phillips.

The following were present: Sir Knights C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds, P.G. Prior; Henry Thomas, Prov. G. Sub-Prior; W. Fryer, Chancellor, 1st Aide-de-Camp; E. Pike, Vice-Chancellor; John Booth,

Sub-Marshal; Jos. T. Richardson, Warden of Regalia; Jas. Butterworth, Banner Bearer; H. B. Brown, 1st Aide-de-Camp; A. T. Sutcliffe, 1st Pursuivant; F. W. Lean, P.P.V.C.; Ed. Barber, P.P.G. Chancellor; W. W. Cottam, P.P.G. Chancellor; G. J. McKay, P.P.G. Vice-Chancellor; Ed. Pike, P.P.G. Vice-Chancellor; C. H. Garnett, P.G. Marshal, Capt. of the Guard; J. Marshall, P.P. Reg. and Prov. Prelate; Mark Newsome, P.E.P. Prov. Treas.; A. W. Beaver, P.E.P. and Prelate; W. G. Thomson, Treasurer; Geo. Galloway, Sub-Prior; Alfred Hopkinson, P.P. Std. Br.; A. W. Siddall, P.P. Std. Br.; R. Young, P.P. Sub-Prior; Jos. Clifton, Prov. G. Org.; C. E. Hindley, P.P.G. Banner Bearer; H. Holbrook, P.E.C., Aide-de-Camp; H. G. Batty, P.E.C., Aide-de-Camp; J. W. Kenyon, P.P.G. 1st Pursuivant; C. H. Knowlsey, G. Chap., Prov. G. Prelate; F. N. Molesworth, P.E.P., P.G. Reg.; C. E. Bell, P.P. Std. Br.; L. R. Rowbottom, P.P.G. Marshal; Clare E. Towell, Marshal; J. H. Marsh, Sub-Marshal; Ed. Taylor, Registrar; J. W. Parkinson, Marshal; Ed. Walker, Marshal; Jas. Carter, Sub-Marshal; Arthur Brown, P.P.G.P.; Ed. Graham, P.E.P.; E. G. Harwood, Prov. G. Herald; S. A. Andrew, 1st Herald; G. A. Myers, C. of Guard; A. Clegg, P.G.C.; W. Forrest, Warden of Regalia; R. H. Robinson, P.E.C.; Hy. Gardner, P.E.C.; Jas. Townsend, P.E.C.; Ino. G. Christian, P.E.C.; Thos. Henry Duckworth, P.E.C.; W. W. Elton, P.E.P.; C. Eastwood, P.E.P.; W. Longbottom, P.E.P.; R. B. Preston, P.E.P.; Ed. Pierpoint, P.P.C.L.; J. Halliwell, P.P.G. Constable; J. G. Sinclair, P.P.G.C.; Geo. S. Smith, Constable; R. Simpson, E.C.; Ino. Murray, E.P.; J. T. Booth, C.; Rd. Robinson, C.; Jno. Match, C.; Sommer Fisher, C.; Louis Winglow, E.P.; H. J. Robinson, C.; G. T. Phillips, E.G.; J. J. Hankin, Equerry; Ed. Roberts, Equerry; Thos. W. Bone, Jos. Harling, A. Charlick, and Wm. Taylor.

NINTH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE GRAND MASTER'S MARK LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

The Ninth Annual Festival of the Grand Master's Mark Lodge of Instruction was held at Mark Masons' Hall on the 17th instant, when there was a large attendance of Mark Masons, including Bros. the Earl Euston, Dep. Grand Master; Col. A. B. Cook, Prov. Grand Master Middx.; C. F. Matier, P.G.W., Grand Sec.; Lieut.-Col. G. G. Warren, Dep. Prov. Grand Master North Wales; and many others.

Lodge having been opened, the ceremony of advancement was worked in an excellent manner by the following brethren: Bros. J. R. Green, P.G. Steward, W.M.; J. A. Braik, S.W.; G. Thomas, J.W.; the Rev. V. P. Wyatt, Chap.; J. Smith, M.O.; Henry Sadler, S.O.; W. Featherstonhaugh, J.O.; Capt. E. M. Money, P.G. Stwd., Sec.; Dr. Haskins, Org.; W. Vincent, A.G.D.C., S.D.; W. Balliston, J.D.; and A. Hill, I.G. The lecture of the Degree was then given by Bro. Braik, and that on the tracing board by Bro. J. Smith, both being rendered in a correct and impressive style. On the motion of the Dep. Grand Master, a cordial vote of thanks was accorded the officers for their services. Several brethren having been elected members, the lodge was then formally closed.

A banquet was afterwards held at the Freemasons' Tavern, at which Bro. the Earl of Euston, Dep. Grand Master, presided.

After the toasts of "The Queen and Mark Masonry," and "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M.," the DEPUTY GRAND MASTER proposed "The Pro Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." He said the brother whose name he should couple to reply, was one who had served Mark Masonry well—Bro. Col. Cook, Prov. G.M. Middx. As far as the other Grand Officers were concerned, he need not mention them, for those who attended that lodge knew the Grand Officers took great pleasure in anything conducive to the interests of the Degree.

Bro. Col. A. B. COOK, Prov. G.M. Middx., in responding, said that speaking for the Grand Officers present, he could say without fear of contradiction, that they had experienced a treat that night in the way of work, that even the oldest Grand Officers could listen to with advantage. He was sure they would congratulate the lodge, and more particularly those who assisted, on the very admirable way in which the work had been done. On behalf of the Grand Officers, he returned sincere thanks. Personally, he begged to thank the Deputy Grand Master for his kind words, and the brethren for the opportunity given him of being present, and for the compliment paid him in electing him to be a member.

Bro. C. F. MATIER, P.G.W., G. Sec., then said it fell to his lot to propose the toast of the evening—"The Health of the R.W. Brother who occupied the Chair." That was not the first time the Earl of Euston had occupied the chair of the Grand Master's Lodge of Instruction. That was the third occasion, and the Deputy Grand Master would agree with him in saying that every time he had occupied the chair and seen the working, each festival had been more prosperous than the preceding one. He was perfectly sure no words of his were needed to ask the brethren cordially to drink the health of their Chairman. There were many reasons why they should drink his health, but he would only name one or two. The Earl of Euston was the Deputy Grand Master, and in the short space of seven years had risen from the ranks of Mark Master Masons to within measurable distance of being Field-Marshal Commander-in-Chief. Those who showed their interest in the Mark Degree by attending Grand Lodge seldom went there without finding the Deputy Grand Master present. There was another reason for drinking the toast, which was the esteem and respect, nay, more, the personal affection which every Mark Master

Mason bore towards him for his kindness and courtesy on every possible occasion.

Bro. the Earl of EUSTON, Deputy G.M., said he rose at once to thank them most cordially for the way they had received the toast. He considered that he had simply and solely striven to do his duty towards Mark Masonry, and to advance the Degree to the best of his power. If ever he could do anything for the Order, they could command his services. He hoped they would all give him their assistance, for he did not wish to rule over them but with them. If they would but give him their assistance as in the past he was quite certain of one thing—that the Degree would flourish, and that they would be a happy band of brothers working together in that peace and harmony that should exist among Masons.

Bro. Lieut.-Col. G. WARREN, Deputy P.G.M. North Wales, proposed "The Visitors," and said they were always received with the greatest pleasure at all Masonic gatherings. He hoped the visitors that evening had derived pleasure and instruction from the performance of the ceremonies. Speaking as a young man from the country, he should be pleased to see many more from the provinces on those occasions.

Bro. A. R. CARTER, in replying, said he ought to apologise for not being a member, but he hoped his name would be put down for election on the next occasion. He tendered sincere thanks for the hospitality extended to the visitors, and congratulations on the success of the evening's entertainment.

The CHAIRMAN said they had all seen the admirable and perfect working that evening—perfect in every single point—and they should, therefore, drink "The Health of their worthy Bro. Vincent," who was such a perfect worker himself, and had brought that lodge of instruction to its present perfection. He had never seen more perfect work, and asked the brethren present to give their most hearty thanks to Bro. Vincent, and congratulations on the success he had ensured, wishing him long life to go on working for the Mark Degree as in the past.

Bro. W. VINCENT, A.G.D.C., responding, said that on two previous occasions he had had the pleasure of hearing some similar words of commendation from the Deputy Grand Master. Commendation from an officer holding such a position must be gratifying to any one. He had to offer his best thanks to the officers who had assisted him, who did their work to his satisfaction. He had tried the best he could to work the Mark Degree up to the state desired by the Grand Secretary. He had often heard in the lodges round London how well the work was done owing to that lodge of instruction. He invited those who were not members most cordially to join them. At their meeting they endeavoured to meet the convenience of all, for if a brother wished to take a particular office, he had never known a single member who did not give way at once. If a Worshipful Master desired to rehearse the ceremony of installation there was no brother but could say the opportunity was afforded him. They also endeavoured to carry out the work of the Ark Mariners Degree. With these inducements he asked brethren to join them next year and work with them and get others to join. The officers were all gratified at the commendation from the noble Chairman and hoped at no distant date to see him again presiding.

"The Working Officers of the Evening" was the last toast given by the CHAIRMAN, who again thanked and congratulated them on the successful and admirable work. The brother who occupied the chair—Bro. Green—was a professor of more than one great science, and knew how the ceremony should be carried out.

Bro. Prof. J. R. GREEN acknowledged the toast, and said there were a large number of brethren in the lodge who could have earned the kind remarks of the Chairman quite as well as they had. Although those who assisted in the ceremony had had the opportunity of appearing before the brethren they could not help feeling that many others could have done it without any fear that the work would suffer. It was a matter of great congratulation that so many were competent to render the ceremony. He must acknowledge his indebtedness to the Preceptor, Bro. Vincent, for his kindness in allowing him to take the chair.

Bro. J. SMITH also replied. The Tyler's toast concluded a very successful meeting.

A NEW MASONIC WORK.

Bro. Alfred Scarth, of Albion-street, Leeds—assisted by the W.M. of 289 (Bro. C. A. Brain)—has now in the press a "History of the Lodge of Fidelity, Leeds, from 1792 to 1893." There will only be 250 copies printed, each being numbered, and obtained by subscribers of half-a-guinea each, whose names will be inserted in the volume, provided their names are sent almost immediately.

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A meeting of the Royal Geographical Society was held at the University of London, Burlington Gardens, on Monday evening, when a lecture on "Journeys in French-Indo-China" was given by the Hon. George W. Curzon, M.P. The Prince of Wales, accompanied by the Duke of Fife and attended by Col. Clarke, was present.

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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.

The following communications, amongst others, unavoidably stand over:

CRAFT LODGES.—Industry, No. 48; Duke of Athol, No. 210; Ranelagh, No. No. 834; New Cross, No. 1559; Covent Garden, No. 1614; Wolsey, No. 1756; Pimlico, No. 1772; Bishopsgate, No. 2396; and Carrington, 2421.

MARK.—Stamford Lodge, No. 148. Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire. Consecration of the King Solomon Chapter, No. 2029. Also several reports of lodges of instruction.



SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 1893.

Masonic Notes.

The Grand Festival was held on Wednesday under more than usually favourable conditions. The Deputy Grand Master—Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgumbe—was in the chair, and there was a very full attendance of the brethren, who cordially greeted the newly-appointed Grand Officers as they advanced to the dais to be invested with the insignia of their respective offices. The banquet which followed was also a great success, and the Grand Stewards fully deserved the encomiums that were passed upon them for the excellence of their arrangements.

It will be seen from the list of Grand Officers and the particulars we relate elsewhere of their past achievements in lodge, chapter, and province, that this year's honours were not only well bestowed, but also very evenly distributed between town and country. One feature will be particularly noticeable—that a few of the decorated first saw the light of Masonry in the Apollo University Lodge, No. 357, Oxford. It is true that the chief services of most of these brethren were rendered elsewhere, either in London or in one or more of the Provinces and sometime after they had quitted the University, but the fact remains that, like so many of their predecessors in the purple of Grand Lodge, they were initiated under its banner, and Apollo University may justly claim them as her own, their subsequent achievements notwithstanding. There is probably no other lodge in England, which can rightly claim to have been the mother lodge of such an array of Grand Officers, both Present and Past.

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It will have been seen from our report last week of the proceedings at the Boys' School Quarterly General Court on the 14th inst. that Bro. George Plucknett, P.G.D., did not offer himself for re-election as Treasurer of the Institution, and that the Grand Secretary has been chosen his successor. But, in tendering our congratulations to Bro. Letchworth on his appointment, we must not forget to express, on behalf of all friends and supporters of the Boys' School, the gratitude that is due to Bro. Plucknett for his long and faithful services. He was elected to office as far back as 1873, in succession to the late Bro. Algernon Perkins, and during the 20 years that have since elapsed has fulfilled the duties of his office with great ability, and with marked tact and judgment. We trust he may be spared for many years to see the School, whose interests he has so assiduously watched over, in still higher favour with the Craft than it is now, at the moment of his retirement.

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The annual Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire was held at Wakefield on the 19th inst. Upwards of 300 brethren were present. Owing to the continued indisposition of the Prov. Grand Master, the D.P.G.M., Bro. Henry Smith, again presided. In the course of an able address, Bro. Smith announced that the Prov. Grand Master, feeling there was no prospect of his being able to discharge the duties of his office in the way he considered they should be discharged, had placed his resignation in the hands of the Grand Secretary.

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We cannot express the feeling that will be experienced by all Masons to whom the Provincial Grand Master is known in better terms than those used by Bro. Smith, who said: "Brethren, this is a great blow to West Yorkshire. It is almost impossible to rate too highly the splendid services and constant devotion of our Prov. G. Master. Consider his strong personality; his genial hospitality; his unbounded generosity; his entire lack of personal ambition; his noble advocacy and support of our Charities; his munificently fostering care of our Masonic library; his unwearied efforts to elevate the character of our assemblies—to guide, to teach, and to sustain us. Consider, I say, all these attributes, and you will agree with me that he is a Provincial Grand Master whom it is a calamity for us to lose, and whom it will be difficult, if not impossible, for us to replace."

Correspondence.

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

IRISH MASONS IN CEYLON.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In response to a letter of mine, which you were good enough to print in the *Freemason* of 25th February last, I this morning received an authority, duly signed, sealed, and stamped, from the officers of Sphinx Lodge, No. 107 (I.C.), Colombo, authorising me to use nine votes on their behalf in favour of the daughter of the late Sergeant-Major Dalton at the ensuing June election of the Irish Masonic Female Orphan School. (Copy of Secretary's letter enclosed.) I shall feel obliged if you will give a place in your next issue to this public acknowledgment of such truly Masonic feeling on the part of our brethren in Colombo.—Yours fraternally,

JOHN W. GODDARD,

P.M. Military Lodge, No. 728 (I.C.).
136, Leinster-road, Rathmines, co. Dublin,
April 24.

Reviews.

FREEMASON'S CALENDAR, DERBYSHIRE, 1893.

This very handy and accurate annual is in the 13th year of publication, and the last issue compares most favourably with its numerous predecessors. Since it assumed the present arrangement of the many details the useful directory has come into the first rank and taken its place side by side with the best published. Bro. Naylor, the energetic Prov. Grand Secretary, is the esteemed editor, and thus adds to his arduous duties, as the holder of the "cross pens," by compiling this calendar for his province. There is no brother so suitable for such a purpose as the Prov. Grand Sec., only it is hard on that heavily-worked official, and says much for his zeal, when he agrees to discharge that duty with so many else. There are now 25 lodges, seven Royal Arch chapters, six Mark lodges, a Rose Croix chapter, &c. (the Knights Templar appears to be omitted), and the votes of the Charities are ably arranged and detailed, being about 2000 in all; also nearly 700 for the valuable Mark Benevolent Fund. The calendar is most compact, clearly arranged, well printed, and contains an excellent portrait of Bro. W. H. Marsden. When are we to have Bro. Naylor's?

FREEMASONS' CALENDAR AND DIRECTORY FOR THE PROVINCE OF OXFORDSHIRE, 1893-94. (W. R. Bowden, High-street, Oxford. 1s. 6d. per copy, post free.)

Bro. Bowden is thoroughly competent to discharge the duties of editor, printer, and publisher of this well-known calendar, for he has exercised such important functions for several years, in succession to the late Bro. R. J. Spiers, P.G.S.B., D. Prov. G.M. Oxford, &c. Under the new auspices, however, it is but fair to state that the work has been much increased, the particulars given being practically exhaustive, and the size is in proportion, so that Bro. Bowden well deserves increased support, and should not have to solicit it, as he does, on behalf of some of the lodges in the province. It is an official publication, but issued at Bro. Bowden's expense, so that the dozen lodges, with its 600 members (including some 130 Past Masters), should at once subscribe for the edition, and save the editor the labour of making it known. The various Masonic bodies existing in the province, and the votes held in the several Central Masonic Charities, with much information besides, are all carefully detailed, ably arranged, and neatly printed, rendering this annual all that could possibly be desired. The roll of Past Masters, as well as of the present officers of such lodges as the "Apollo University," No. 357, has an interest far beyond the city of Oxford, and so also the roll of officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge from 1837. Information is also afforded of an earlier date, and, doubtless, the Earl of Jersey, P.G.W., the Prov. G.M., and Viscount Valentia, P.G.M.W., the Mark Prov. G.M., are very pleased to have such an invaluable directory of their province at hand, for it must prove exceedingly useful to the local rulers in all the Degrees.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Merchant Navy Lodge (No. 781).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Wednesday, the 19th inst., at the Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse, Bro. F. R. Gooch, W.M., presiding. He was supported by Bros. T. Neville, P.M.; R. C. Pasfield, P.M.; J. W. Reeves, P.M.; A. H. Shepherd, P.M.; Somers, P.M.; W. Timson, P.M.; J. H. Pringle, P.M.; F. Robinson, P.M.; W. E. Turriff, S.W., W.M. elect; G. J. Anderson, J.W.; T. B. Daniell, P.M., Treas.; C. Breden, P.M., Sec.; G. H. Seage, S.D.; T. B. Burges, J.D.; A. Bebroth, D.C.; J. Lancett, I.G.; J. Grout, Org.; A. W. Ellingford, P.M., Tyler; J. C. Todd, F. K. Saunders, T. Huett, J. R. Speck, J. Maclean Caroll, Chas. L. Nelson, W. Thompson, W. H. Thrift, W. H. Mitchell, jun., J. E. W. Chapman, C. S. Higgs, J. Spurgeon, sen., W. Odling, J. R. Reedman, S. W. Bull, C. Badcock, J. W. Chapman, D. G. Thompson, J. Hussey, J. Porter, F. Richards, W. H. Vickers, R. J. Hamilton, P. Saville, H. Truscott, H. Lane, A. Jacobs, J. H. J. Jacobs, J. W. Shaw, W. A. Patrick, W. Vinter, J. G. Spurgeon, jun., G. Martin, T. S. Cooper, G. E. Morrow, G. G. Frances, F. H. Hughes, F. W. Rendell, T. Colquhoun, C. Lewis, T. Howells, and others. Among the visitors were Bros. J. W. Burdett, 898; J. Smith, 1716; G. A. Brabazon, 1278; H. Cotter, P.M. 554; T. Roberts, 1765; J. Mills, 1765; and others.

The lodge being opened, the minutes of the last meeting and the recent lodge of emergency were read and confirmed. Bro. Shepherd, P.M., acting as D.C., then presented Bro. W. E. Turriff, W.M. elect, to Bro. Pringle, who then took the chair and duly inducted Bro. Turriff into the chair of K.S. He then invested the following officers: Bros. F. R. H. Gooch, I.P.M.; G. Anderson, S.W.; G. H. Seage, J.W.; T. B. Daniell, P.M., Treas.; C. Breden, P.M., Sec.; T. B. Burges, S.D.; J. Lancett, J.D.; A. P. Bebroth, I.G.; J. Grout, Org.; S. W. Bull, D.C.; G. E. Morrow and D. G. Thompson, Stwds.; C. L. Nelson, Asst. Sec.; and A. W. Ellingford, Tyler. Bro. Pringle, P.M., who acted as Installing Officer, then addressed the W.M., Wardens, and brethren. Bro. Pringle has on many previous occasions given the greatest satisfaction to the brethren by his admirable working of the beautiful ceremony of installation, and he added to his laurels by his working on the present occasion. Bro. Shepherd efficiently performed the duties of D.C. The W.M. then presented Bro. Gooch, I.P.M., with the jewel with some words of eulogy for his performance of the duties of W.M. during the past year, and presented Bro. Pasfield with a Past Master's collar and jewel. Twenty-five guineas were voted to the Girls' School, on the proposition of Bro. Shepherd, P.M., seconded by Bro. Pasfield, P.M. It was also proposed by Bro. Shepherd and seconded by Bro. Gooch, P.M., that the votes of the lodge be given to Bro.

Daniell, P.M., to assist Bro. Gaisford's most deserving case. A vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Huett, jun., for his present of a block and falls to the S.W.'s pedestal. Several letters read by the Secretary were referred to the Committee. A hearty vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Bro. Pringle for his masterly performance of the ceremony of installation, and to the W.M. for the efficient manner in which he had invested his officers.

All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed, and the brethren, to the number of about 80, sat down to a well-served banquet.

The customary toasts were duly honoured, and various brethren contributed to the harmony till the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

Dalhousie Lodge (No. 860).—The installation meeting of this distinguished lodge was held on the 13th inst., at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, and was well attended, both by members and visitors. There were present Bros. E. Aines, W.M.; W. G. Poole, S.W.; T. Glass, J.W.; J. R. Baron, Sec.; R. Burleton, P.M., Treas.; J. D'Ardenne, S.D.; Berry, I.G.; H. Delma, Org.; W. Robinson, Stwd.; T. B. Dodson, P.M.; F. Richardson, P.M.; E. Bond, P.M.; Christian, P.M.; W. Jenkins, P.M.; G. Holman, J. L. Taylor, W. Fisher, A. Loveridge, W. J. Francis, W. Wyles, W. Seaman, T. P. Bennett, C. H. Griesler, J. Michallson, S. Brandt, A. R. Brunton, H. Sexton, T. J. White, E. B. Buck, J. Fox, W. H. Purkiss, J. Medley, G. Booth, G. E. White, T. Schroeder, J. Wade, T. Newell, G. D. Bettson, and others. Visitors: Bros. A. Brandt, 1619; C. Poole, 1892; W. F. Noakes, 92; A. W. Bulow, I.P.M. 619; T. Clark, P.M. 2246; C. M. Dowling, P.M. 1472; S. C. Kaufman, W.M. 1766; Hodgkinson, 1707; R. Mably, 2369; W. E. Mackay, 59; R. H. Stimpson, 59; W. Pile, P.M. 1892; W. H. Bond, 1278; W. W. Morgan, jun., 177; J. Pratt, 1744; A. McLean, 733; W. Tomack, 1348; Ebridge, 55; R. T. West, 1744; and others.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting having been read, the W.M. elect, Bro. W. G. Poole, was presented and installed in a highly praiseworthy manner by Bro. T. B. Dodson, P.M. The following brethren were appointed and invested officers for the year: Bros. T. Glass, S.W.; J. B. D'Ardenne, J.W.; R. Burleton, P.M., Treas.; J. R. Baron, Sec.; G. Stockwin, S.D.; C. H. Berry, J.D.; W. Robinson, I.G.; M. Christian, P.M., D.C.; T. B. Dodson, P.M., and W. H. Purkiss, Stwds.; H. Delma, Org.; and J. Marsh, Tyler. The usual addresses were very ably rendered by Bro. T. B. Dodson, P.M., and were listened to with marked attention by the members and visitors, who heartily congratulated him. The Secretary reported that the Secretaries of the three Institutions had been invited to dine with the brethren, but owing to previous engagements they were not able to attend.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, which was prepared by Bro. A. Clemow in his well-known style, and ably served under the superintendence of himself and his manager, Bro. Evans.

When ample justice had been done to the many good things, the W.M. gave the loyal and Masonic toasts with a few appropriate remarks.

In proposing "The Health of the W.M.," Bro. Ames, the I.P.M., said that that was the only toast that fell to his lot, and it gave him much pleasure to have the honour of proposing it. He wished the W.M. a happy and prosperous year of office, during which he would have the support of all the members.

The Worshipful Master, on rising to respond, was received with much warmth. He thanked the brethren for their flattering greeting. After the installing ceremony which had been so ably conducted by their esteemed Bro. Dodson, he felt somewhat doubtful as to his ability to carry out that office, but he would do his best in the working and for the interests of the lodge. In conclusion, he earnestly hoped that the members would give him their attendance, and support him during his term of office, which he trusted would be successful.

The Worshipful Master gave the toast of "The Initiate," who had been admitted at an emergency meeting. He would, he thought, be a worthy member of the lodge, and in the words of Shakespeare would, he hoped, be "a man of good repute, carriage, bearing, and estimation."

Bro. T. J. White, in reply, said that he was pleased he had been admitted a member of that lodge, and hoped that it would never be ashamed of him, and that his conduct would be as spotless as the apron he had then the honour to wear.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Health of the I.P.M.," who, he stated, had had a successful and happy year of office. He had had many initiates, and had done his work well. He left the chair with the hearty respects of the brethren. He took that opportunity to present him with a Past Master's jewel, which had been unanimously voted by the lodge in recognition of his services in the chair, the W.M. remarking that it gave him great pleasure to do it, and hoped that he might live for many years to wear it.

Bro. E. Ames, in reply, thanked the W.M. for his kind words, and the brethren for the great honour they had conferred upon him. From his reception that night, he felt that the little he had done had been appreciated by the brethren. He hoped the lodge would continue in its present prosperous state. In conclusion, he gave the Past Masters his sincere thanks for their great assistance, as without it he would not have been able to fulfil the duties, and he should never forget his happy year of office.

In eulogistic terms the W.M. gave the toast of "The Installing Master," observing that he and the brethren were greatly indebted to Bro. Dodson, P.M., for his splendid working that night. They had the good fortune to have other Past Masters who might have done it as well, but certainly no one could have done it better.

Bro. Dodson, on rising, was very cordially received. It was, he said, a pleasure and a very great honour to him to do the installation ceremony. He was in the proud position of being the "Father" of the lodge in which he was initiated 20 years ago, and had had the pleasure of seeing every present member of the lodge initiated. He was glad at any time to do anything for the lodge. He then stated that he had been requested to present to Bro. E. Ames an extra jewel which had been subscribed for by several of the members, in addition to the one above referred to. He then handed the jewel to Bro. Ames in a few well-chosen words, and in conclusion hoped he would be amongst them for very many years.

In suitable terms the W.M. gave the toast of "The Visitors," coupled with the names of Bro. Pyle, P.M., and three others, whom he asked to respond.

Bro. Pyle, P.M., in reply, paid a tribute to the excellent working of Bro. Dodson. He thought the W.M. had begun his reign well and that it would end so.

Bros. Bulow, Stimson, Kaufmann, and Smith also responded in appropriate terms.

"The Past Masters" was next given, to which Bro. Christian replied, that if ever called upon the Past Masters would be only too happy to render any assistance.

A splendid banner was on view in the banqueting room, which the W.M. stated had been presented to the lodge by Bro. Bettson, who had been initiated a little time back.

This announcement was received with applause, and after repeated calls Bro. Bettson said that it was a pleasure to him that the lodge had accepted the banner.

The next toast was "The Officers," the W.M. making special mention of Bro. Burleton, P.M., Treas., and Bro. Baron, Sec., and remarking that they were both efficient and indefatigable officers.

Bro. Burleton, in reply, gave some good advice to the younger members as to how they should conduct themselves both in the lodge and at the banqueting table.

Bro. Baron, Sec., also replied. It was a great honour to him to have been re-elected, and he would do his utmost to further the interests of the lodge and the welfare and happiness of the members.

Bros. D'Ardenne, J.W.; Robinson, I.G.; and Purkiss, Stwd.; also responded.

The W.M. gave the toast of "The Masonic Press," coupled with the name of our representative, Bro. R. T. West, and Bro. Holland, who both responded.

In proposing a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Arthur Clemow for the splendid banquet that night, Bro. Dodson stated that it had given every satisfaction.

Bro. Clemow made a suitable reply, remarking that he was pleased with the kind appreciation of the brethren.

The Tyler's toast brought to a close a highly satisfactory and happy meeting.

The W.M. had provided an excellent concert, in which Miss Kate Stainer, Miss M. Laird, Bros. Alison Lister, Hubert Delma, and Dodson took part, Bro. Delma acting as musical director in an able manner. The ladies deserve special mention, and are to be congratulated on their sweet and exquisite singing.

John Hervey Lodge (No. 1260).—On the occasion of the 24th anniversary and installation meeting a large number of members, together with 34 visitors, assembled at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, the 12th inst., to celebrate the occasion and take part in the proceedings of this well-known and prosperous lodge.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and approved, the accounts were adopted, and several other business matters before the lodge were transacted in the usual way. Messrs. T. O'Connor, J. J. Cartledge, and J. H. Thomas were initiated, the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. W. C. Fox, the retiring W.M. Bro. F. Varley, the W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. Dr. Hogg, P.M., P.G.D., to Bro. F. Dangerfield, P.M., the installing Master, to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. The W.M. then proceeded with the appointment of his officers as follows: Bros. Walter C. Fox, I.P.M.; E. G. Packman, S.W.; James Evans, J.W.; J. Brockett Sorrell, P.M., Treas.; J. Robertson Reep, Sec.; John Barlow, I.P., S.D.; R. J. Langley, J.D.; Benjamin Hooker, I.G.; Major J. Heaton, P.M., D.C.; J. H. Haine, A.D.C.; William Henry, P.M., Org.; A. Dangerfield, Asst. Org.; E. T. Pearce and C. S. Kefford, Stwds.; and J. W. Freeman, Tyler. The usual addresses were rendered in a very efficient manner by Bro. John Brockett Sorrell, P.M. and Treasurer.

All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed, and the brethren and their visitors subsequently adjourned to the Freemasons' Tavern to dinner.

After an excellent banquet the W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts, which were heartily received.

Bro. Dr. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., in replying on behalf of the Grand Officers, said it was gratifying to see Freemasonry flourishing and making so much progress, and wished the W.M. every success.

The I.P.M., Bro. W. C. Fox, proposed "The Health of the W.M.," remarking that he was glad to see the brethren had the right brother in the right place, and was sure he would obey and efficiently discharge his important duties.

The toast received a very cordial greeting, and the Worshipful Master, in reply, said he thanked the I.P.M. and brethren most sincerely for the very kind manner in which his health had been proposed and received. The installation had been to him a crown of joy and pleasure, and would never be effaced from his memory. It had been his desire for some time to occupy the chair, and considered it a great honour to be W.M. of so important a lodge, and if the brethren came to the conclusion when he ranked with the Past Masters that he had done his duty he would be extremely gratified. His intention was to do all in his power, as he had done in the past, for the good of Freemasonry, and this lodge in particular.

In giving "The Initiates," the W.M. observed that he was very pleased to have the pleasure of proposing that toast, as he was honoured with three initiates, and accorded them all a hearty welcome, and he had no doubt that they would not only be good Masons, but would add to the strength and high reputation of the lodge.

Bros. O'Connor, Cartledge, and Thomas appropriately responded.

The W.M. next gave the toast of "The Visitors." He was proud to see so distinguished a company present, and remarked that the visitors who once honoured the lodge with their presence usually honoured the brethren with their company again, and hoped that they had all spent a very pleasant evening. He coupled with the toast (which was heartily received) the names of Bros. J. Hassell, P.P.G.D. Leicester; N. W. Simmonds, P.P.G.S.B. Suffolk; Arthur Digby Green, W.M. 19; and R. Davies, P.M. 1288.

Bro. Hassell, in responding, congratulated the W.M. on having excellent officers, and expressed his thanks for the enjoyable evening he had spent.

Bro. Simmonds stated it was very important to have officers well up in their work.

Bro. Green observed that the work had been all that could be desired.

Bro. Davies thanked the W.M. and brethren for their kind hospitality.

The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the I.P.M., Installing Master, and the rest of the Past Masters," stating the I.P.M. was connected with no less than eight different lodges in Sheffield, and came from that town to be present at the meetings of that lodge. He also complimented Bro. Dangerfield for his impressive rendering of the installation ceremony, and Bro. J. B. Sorrell for his very able delivery of the addresses.

The I.P.M. thanked the brethren for so cordially drinking his health, and hoped he would have the honour and pleasure of wearing the handsome Past Master's jewel, pinned on his breast by the W.M. that evening, for very many years to come.

Bro. Dangerfield, P.M., was glad to hear that the services he had rendered gave the W.M. and brethren so much satisfaction.

Bro. Major Heaton, P.M., also responded in appropriate terms.

The next toasts were "The Treasurer, Bro. J. B. Sorrell, P.M.;" "The Secretary, Bro. R. J. Reep;" and "The Officers of the Lodge." The Worshipful Master, in speaking of his officers, expressed his most sincere regret at the absence of their energetic and beloved Secretary through illness, and hoped the day would not be far distant to greet him as W.M. of the lodge. The way in which he discharged his duties had won for him the affection and gratitude of everyone connected with the lodge.

Bro. Sorrell, P.M., responded to the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary in eloquent terms, and remarked that the W.M. had made a good beginning, which augured well for the future.

Bros. Packman, S.W., and Evans, J.W., ably replied on behalf of themselves and brother officers, and the Tyler's toast brought a most enjoyable and successful evening to a close.

The musical arrangements were admirably carried out under the direction of Bro. Price. The artistes were Miss Masie Riverdale, Miss Beatrice Baxter, Mr. Sadleur Brown, and Bros. Walter Syckelmoore and Roland Henry.

Ley Spring Lodge (No. 1598).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Thursday, the 20th inst., when Bro. John Dipple, W.M. elect, was placed in the chair of K.S. There was a large gathering of the Craft, among whom were the following members of the lodge: Bros. L. Lewis, P.M.; J. W. Roberts, P.M.; W. Brown, P.M.; W. C. Claridge, P.M.; Thomas Pargeter, P.M.; R. S. Walker, P.M.; L. Turner, P.M.; A. A. Timbrell, P.M.; W. J. Ramsey, P.M.; J. H. Brown, C. Thomas, J. Margetts, J. Galloway, J. T. Smith, T. A. Bianchi, W. J. Drake, G. Hopkins, H. Bawtre, H. How, G. Turner, A. Jeffreys, J. Prah, E. Edwards, J. Bane, E. Bane, H. R. Smith, F. Field, W. Taylor, F. Dutch, R. Ward, C. Higgins, B. Spackman, C. Musgrave, W. Jennings, A. Algar, and J. Laurance. Amongst the visitors were Bros. G. Ward-Very, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; W. Shurmer, P.M. 2734, P.P.G. Treas. Essex; J. White, W.M., W. L. (row, I.P.M., W. Harris, P.M., C. D. Mears, P.M., J. Tytheridge, P.M., and J. Magub, of 1076; T. Swain, P.M. 2264; W. Wisbrow, P.M. 1687; A. Peterkin, P.M. 1805; J. P. Moore, P.M. 13; S. Sharp, P.M. 2374; W. Dawson, P.M. 1228; W. Dallimore, W.M. 87; W. Arber, P.M. 206; H. Dipple, P.M. 171; C. Wilkes, P.M. 858; C. Rawle, P.M. 1685; C. Cutchey, P.M. 1618; F. Ricard, W.M. 26; A. Hawey, W.M. 1963; E. Turnbull, S.D. 190; C. Trotter, J.D. 190; J. Bowen, 1816; M. Himmell, 2353; J. Cutler, 2374; A. Abraham, 205; G. Munday, 890; A. Guen-volt, 420; F. Smith, 1457; J. Isaacs, 1227; W. Isaacs, 179; W. Bewies, 215; C. Morgan, 1357; W. Childs, 1692; F. Shepherd, 3; F. Robertson, 326; T. P. Moore, 13; W. Hind, 1489; W. Heath, 1366; J. Brooke, S.W. 1452; W. Wood, 1672; G. Clarkson, 1329; R. Stamp, 2396; F. Uplett, 801; J. Plume, 700; C. Jolly, P.M. and Sec., and G. Weaver, of 1472; and others.

Dr. John F. Taylor, a candidate, was unanimously elected and initiated, and Bro. Laurance was raised, both ceremonies being admirably performed by the W.M., Bro. W. J. Ramsey. Bro. Pargeter, P.M., then, by special request, assumed the chair as Installing Officer, and Bro. Dipple having been presented, was obligated and duly installed. He appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. H. Brown, S.W.; J. Margetts, J.W.; W. H. Allaway, Treas.; W. C. Claridge, P.M., Sec.; J. T. Galloway, S.D.; J. P. Smyth, J.D.; J. Smith, I.G.; T. Pargeter, P.M., D.C.; G. F. Hipkins, A.D.C.; and A. W. Jeffreys and E. Edwards, Stewards. Bro. Pargeter then delivered the addresses, and finished a most impressive ceremony, for which he was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, the same to be inscribed on the minutes of the lodge, and for which he returned thanks. Bro. Ramsey was presented with a handsome and valuable Past Master's jewel, and, after other lodge business had been transacted, the lodge was closed.

The banquet having been partaken of, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Grand Lodge toasts.

Bro. Ramsey, I.P.M., in proposing the toast of "The W.M.," said that he and Bro. Dipple were initiated in the lodge on the same evening, and had worked together through the various offices below the chair. They had had an opportunity of seeing how well Bro. Dipple had discharged the duties of those offices, and now that he had arrived at the proud position of W.M. he felt sure that Bro. Dipple would be an honour to the lodge.

Bro. Dipple, in reply, said he hardly knew how to thank Bro. Ramsey for his kind remarks and the brethren for their hearty reception of the same. It was quite true, as Bro. Ramsey said, that they were initiated the same evening. He also referred to the good work done in and for the lodge by the Past Masters. That night he did not intend to say much, but promised to make a speech on the occasion of their next meeting "three feet long." He concluded by heartily thanking them for their kindness to him that night and also in the past.

Bro. Pargeter, in responding to a hearty reception of the toast of "The Installing Officer," said that he had said in the lodge all that he could say as to the carrying out of his duty, so that nothing was left except for him to say that if he had pleased them that was his reward.

Bro. Shurmer responded for "The Visitors," and spoke highly of the working both of Bros. Ramsey and Pargeter. He also spoke in flattering terms of the excellent manner in which the W.M. had invested his officers, and declared that he had never seen better working in any lodge. He

had had many invitations to the lodge, and they might depend that that visit would not be his last.

Bro. Bear also responded.

Several other toasts were honoured, and, with harmony and a good fellowship, a most enjoyable evening was spent by the brethren.

Selwyn Lodge (No. 1901).—The installation meeting of this popular and flourishing South London lodge was held at the East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich Green, S.E., on Thursday, the 20th inst. Present: Bros. J. Lightfoot, W.M.; B. Morgan, S.W., W.M. elect; A. Briant, J.W.; W. Wills, I.P.M.; E. Eagle, Treas.; L. E. Eagle, P.M., Sec.; H. R. Hobbs, S.D.; T. Gay, J.D.; A. H. Fraser, I.G.; W. H. Hook, P.M., D.C.; F. Pow, A.D.C.; J. Evans, Org.; S. George, J. H. Stevenson, and F. H. Ford, Stwds.; W. Davies, P.M.; R. Anderson, P.M.; E. Gauntlett, P.M.; J. Wimble, P.M.; J. Bowler, Tyler; W. J. Alford, J. Heath, J. Causton, C. A. Adams, J. S. Pointon, W. Bradshaw, C. Barton, J. H. May, H. Sweeting, J. R. Morphew, Jos. Dickason, L. Maybaum, J. H. Baxter, H. Sercombe, H. D. Tredray, C. H. Morrison, A. Campbell, A. Straschneider, L. J. Skates, W. H. Lee, W. A. Hine, H. M. Frost, R. H. Frost, A. Coleman, R. Weddall Thomas, W. Ferris, R. Bossomaier, A. Cartwright, J. Frampton, and J. P. Glanville. Visitors: Bros. H. C. Hunt, 134; C. M. Morris, 1571; G. E. May, 2272; Dr. Philip S. O'Brien, Chap. 1297; J. J. Shelvey, 101; G. Tennant, 9; W. Campbell, S.W. 295 (I.C.); W. T. Snell, J.D. 1818; F. Flood, S.W. 1929; C. H. Wade, 1185; W. H. Duffield, 766; G. F. Harrap, 1288; J. W. C. Ring, P.M. 1269; J. Simpson, P.M. 177, P.G. Std. Br. Middx.; S. F. Scammell, 2272; A. J. Millington, J.W. 1227; J. C. Reynolds, 1329; and C. H. Stone, W.M. 507.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, Bros. Straschneider and Skates were passed to the Degree of F.C., on the conclusion of which Bro. J. Lightfoot, W.M., addressed Bro. L. E. Eagle, P.M. and Sec., in the following words: Bro. Dr. Eagle, as you are fully aware the brethren at our last meeting unanimously voted you a Secretary's jewel to express in an outward and visible manner that inward grace and brotherly feeling they entertain towards you for your valuable services during many years as Secretary of the lodge. It is my pleasing duty to carry out that decision by now investing you with this beautiful jewel as a mark of esteem which is emphasised by the fact that the brethren have determined to give you an unofficial presentation of a French clock and candelabra to which every brother has subscribed; our dear sister, Mrs. Eagle, having selected it. May the G.A.O.T.U. give you increased health and strength to wear the jewel for many years is the earnest prayer of all present. Bro. L. E. Eagle most appropriately acknowledged the handsome testimonial. The report of the Auditors was received and adopted. Bro. B. Morgan, S.W. and W.M. elect, was presented by Bro. W. Wills, I.P.M., to receive the benefit of installation, which ceremony was performed in a masterly manner by Bro. J. Lightfoot. The investiture of officers was next proceeded with as follows: Bros. J. Lightfoot, I.P.M.; A. Briant, S.W.; H. R. Hobbs, J.W.; L. E. Eagle, P.M., Sec.; E. Eagle, Treas. (deferred); W. H. Hook, P.M., D.C.; T. W. Gay, S.D.; A. H. Fraser, J.D.; F. E. Pow, I.G.; J. H. Stevenson, A.D.C.; S. George and F. H. Ford, Stewards; J. Dickason, Charity Steward; J. Evans, Org.; and J. Bowler, Tyler. The addresses were impressively delivered by Bro. J. Lightfoot. Two propositions were handed in for initiation at the next meeting, which augurs well.

The business ended, the brethren adjourned to a capital banquet provided by Bro. H. Reed, to which ample justice was done, and which gave satisfaction.

On the removal of the cloth the customary loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received in an appreciative style.

The toast of "The Pro G.M., Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," received the honour which is due to such excellent workers.

Bro. J. Lightfoot next gave the toast of "The Worshipful Master," stating that in his capacity as I.P.M., it gave him great satisfaction in presenting, as to his mind it was one of great importance. The W.M., holding that proud position in his mother lodge, like a dutiful son, would do his very utmost to further its interests. He had known the W.M. years before he became a Mason, and always found him a man of sterling worth. The desire of the brethren was that he might have good health to carry out his duties effectually, and in order to enable him to do so, he (Bro. Lightfoot) had much pleasure, indeed, in assisting him, by presenting the lodge with a silver inlaid ivory gavel.

The toast was drunk most cordially.

In reply, Bro. Morgan thanked the brethren for such a kind reception. His feelings were more than he could adequately express. He little thought when first invested with the collar of Organist of the lodge he should reach that proud position. All the offices of the lodge had been filled by him faithfully, and to the best of his ability, and now having been placed in the chair of K.S. by the suffrages of the brethren, he hoped, with the able assistance of his officers, to carry out the duties with the same faithfulness, which would reflect credit upon himself, and to the satisfaction of the brethren.

The Worshipful Master next gave the toast of "The Installing Master," which he knew would be received with enthusiasm. The manner in which the addresses were given really showed what the heart was truly dictating. His merits were well known to all the brethren. The climax of his most successful year of office was the splendid jewel voted by the brethren, unanimously indicating their respect, love, and esteem. It gave the W.M. intense pleasure in pinning it to the breast of Bro. Lightfoot, trusting that the G.A.O.T.U. would long spare him to wear it, and at the same time to assure him he had the affection of every brother of the Selwyn Lodge.

Bro. Lightfoot, in an able reply, dilated upon the dignity and high importance of Freemasonry, the beauties of the ceremony, and its power in advancing all that is good, yet even without religion, upon which its foundation is laid, would be nothing. His had been a labour of love in the chair, and he was deeply grateful to the G.A.O.T.U., who had enabled him to carry out the duties to the satisfaction of the brethren. He trusted the brethren would do their best in order to secure the election of Bro. Marsh as an annuitant on the Benevolent Institution. He most sincerely thanked them for their hearty appreciation.

The toast of "The Visitors" was most cordially given, and responded to by Bro. G. Langley, who specially commended the able work of the I.P.M., and thanked the brethren for congratulating him upon his election as Prov. S.G.D. for Middlesex.

Bro. Dr. O'Brien also ably remarked upon the excellent character of the W.M., his assiduity in all what was good, and of the harmony which pervaded the whole lodge. He would reserve all his eloquence for the next occasion.

Bros. Stone, Flood, Morris, Billington, and Snell also replied.

The toast of "The Past Masters" was proposed in a forcible and appreciative manner by the W.M., and responded to by Bros. Lightfoot, Anderson, Wimble, and W. Davies.

The officers received hearty congratulations from the W.M., and each promised to do his utmost to make the present year of office most successful.

The Tyler's toast closed a very happy meeting.

An excellent programme of music was provided by Bro. J. Evans, Org., ably assisted by Messrs. A. Pearce and C. Greville, the Grosvenor Glee Union, and Bros. W. H. Hook, Stamp, A. Bentley, and Alford (reciter). Mr. Spencer Dickinson ably presided at the piano.

The jewels were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

Warrant Officers Lodge (No. 2346).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall on Friday, the 21st inst. Present: Bros. J. Hitching, W.M.; A. Molony, I.P.M.; 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. D. Lidbury, Stwd., as J.D.; W. E. Bailey, I.G.; H. B. Dicknis, A.D.C.; E. H. Ridge, Org.; H. Wall, Asst. Org.; A. G. Young, Tyler; and others. Visitors: Bros. G. Houldsworth, 1327, P.P.G.P. Herts, and A. Copey, 893.

The minutes of the last regular and emergency meetings having been read and confirmed, Bros. W. J. Hossack and D. Burrell were raised to the Third Degree, and Bros. N. J. Evans, M. A. Romain, F. H. Middleton, A. J. Wilson, and A. Johnstone were passed to the Second Degree, after which Messrs. A. Daubney, J. Beason, and J. N. Durrant were initiated. Bros. P. Pickler and J. P. Newsham were elected to serve on the Reference and Audit Committee. Bro. M. A. McInerny (the first W.M.) having been made G. Std. Br. of the District Grand Lodge of Gibraltar, he was presented by the W.M. with the clothing of his office. Bro. McInerny made a suitable reply, and the lodge was closed.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BURSLEM.

St. Martin's Lodge (No. 98).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 20th inst., at the Town Hall. Present: Bros. J. Scarratt, W.M.; A. Boulton, S.W.; J. Beech, J.W.; Rev. Daubeney, Chap.; R. Dain, P.J.G.W., Treas.; J. K. Pedley, P.P.G.S. of W., Sec.; T. Saunders, S.D.; R. Owen, J.D.; F. Weston, P.P.G.S.B., D.C.; W. H. Emery, I.G.; F. C. Gill and H. W. Critchlow, Stwds.; J. B. Davis, Org.; J. Boardman, Tyler; J. Mason, I.P.M.; J. Pierpoint, P.M., P.P.G.S.; W. Garner, P.M.; English Pearson, P.M.; J. Godwin, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; F. W. Mason, F. Bettany, W. L. Kellern, Wilkinson; Minshull, Gratton, Hewitt, Darling, Cronshaw, Norris, and others. Visitors: Bros. E. Jones, S.W. 418; R. Hancock, W.M. 451; J. Stevenson, P.M. 1942, P.P.G.S.B.; Dain, 2064; Wain, 2064; Adams, 2064; R. Tooth, P.M. 2214, P.P.G.S.B.; and others.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, after which Mr. John Kearton was initiated in a very able manner by the W.M., Bro. John Scarratt, who then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Dain, P.M., P.S.G.W., who (by special permission of the W.M.) raised Bro. Hewitt in an impressive manner. Before closing the lodge a presentation was made to Bro. Mason, I.P.M., as a recognition of his services in promoting the success of the ball recently held on behalf of the Masonic Charities in the Town Hall, Burslem, under the banner of St. Martin's Lodge, No. 98. The testimonial took the shape of an illuminated address, beautifully executed, and framed in gilt with Masonic emblems. The presentation was made by the W.M., Bro. John Scarratt, in very felicitous terms. Bro. John Mason, I.P.M., in reply, said he was not sure whether he deserved all the kind words that had been said. However, in accepting the address, he certainly thanked them all from the bottom of his heart for the kind things that had been said respecting him, and also for the beautiful and kindly-expressed address presented to him. He said during his year in the chair all the brethren of No. 98 had given him their most loyal sympathy, support, and friendship. The success of the ball recently held was due to the great assistance and support he had received from the brethren of that and other lodges. He had also done his best to promote good and kindly feeling between the members of that and other lodges in that district. He hoped the great proof they had given him of their affection might continue as long as he lived. He would ever bear in mind the kind expressions of their feelings towards him, and, whilst gratefully accepting the acknowledgement of his services, which had always been a labour of love, he assured the brethren that it would but act as an incentive for further efforts on his part for the furtherance of Freemasonry and to the helping of brethren so far as in his power lied. He would look upon that address as one of the greatest treasures he had. It would out-last him, and he trusted that some of his family might come after him, and try to do as much good for Freemasonry as they could; and, in conclusion, he again asked the brethren one and all to accept his most grateful thanks for the most handsome address they had presented him with.

After the usual greetings from the visitors the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Leopard Hotel for refreshment, when the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Bros. Critchlow and Darling contributed songs to the harmony of the meeting.

HARROGATE.

Harrogate and Claro (No. 1001).—The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on Friday, the 14th inst., the following members and visitors being present: Bros. R. H. Walters, W.M.; J. A. Macnab, J.W.; R. G. Howson, P.M.; G. Thompson,

P.M., Treas.; A. B. Booty, Sec.; W. Darcy, S.D.; W. P. Bell, J.D.; A. J. Spinks, I.G.; T. Linskill and W. H. Turner, Stwds.; W. Child and H. Bungay, Tylers; F. D. Gass, E. J. Seaborne, A. Denton, J. B. Griffiths, I.P.M.; T. A. Marsh, P.M.; A. J. Bodman, P.M.; T. Laurence, P.M.; Alderman J. Simpson, P.M., Mayor of Harrogate; C. Lowrey, P.M. 304; W. M. Baxter, 289; J. West, 649; C. Wilkenson, 306; T. Laing, P.M. 1102, P.P.G.D.C.; W. Towers, S.W. 306; G. Lane-Fox, W.M. 208; and others.

The lodge was opened, the minutes read and confirmed, and the balance-sheet adopted. Bro. Thompson, P.M., Acting D.C., presented Bro. J. A. Macnab, J.W., for the benefit of installation, to the W.M. elect. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, and the ceremony of installation proceeded with. The W.M. then invested his officers for the year as follows: Bros. W. Darcy, S.W.; A. B. Booty, J.W.; R. H. Walters, I.P.M.; George Thompson, P.M., Treas.; R. G. Howson, P.M., Chap.; W. P. Bell, Sec.; A. J. Spinks, S.D.; T. Linskill, J.D.; F. D. Gass, D.C.; E. J. Seaborne, Org.; W. H. Turner, I.G.; J. Wood, Stwd.; and W. Child and H. Bungay, Tylers. The W.M. gave the addresses in full to his officers in an eloquent manner. The ceremony of installation was performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. R. H. Walters; Bro. J. B. Griffiths, B.A., I.P.M.; and Bro. Thompson, Treas. A proposition was received, and, after "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where an excellent menu had been prepared by the Stewards.

The usual Masonic toasts were given, "The Health of the W.M., Bro. J. A. Macnab," was proposed by the I.P.M., and in the course of a capital speech eulogised the virtues of his successor, which was confirmed by the reception accorded to the W.M. in responding, who thanked the brethren and assured them of his best endeavours to preserve that love that existed amongst them all; during the last year not one discordant note had been struck and the brethren were animated to keep that feeling existing amongst them. The lodge was in a better state in every way than in former years, and he hoped that when the time should arrive to give up his position to another, that the chair would have lost none of its lustre and prestige.

The W.M. was accorded a most hearty reception. Amongst the other toasts were "The Past Masters," responded to by Bro. Alderman Simpson, P.M. (Mayor of Harrogate); "The Officers of the Lodge," responded to by Bros. W. Darcy, S.W., and A. B. Booty, J.W.; "The Visitors;" and "The Masonic Charities." Some capital harmony was rendered by Bros. G. Lane Fox, W.M. 208, W. P. Bell, J. A. Macnab, A. B. Booty, A. J. Bodman, G. H. G. Donkersley, and others.

The Tyler's toast concluded a most happy gathering.

LEEDS.

Excelsior Lodge (No. 1042).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, on Thursday, the 20th inst., when the following officers and brethren were present: Bros. J. W. Blackburn, W.M.; T. Thorp, I.P.M.; J. B. Mays, S.W.; H. Banks, J.W.; R. J. Smith, Sec.; A. Atkinson, as S.D.; A. H. Dougill, J.D.; E. Crosby, P.M., Org.; J. E. Davenport, I.G.; J. H. Newton, Tyler; G. Tooley and H. Whitfield Stwds.; R. V. Allison, P.M., P.P.G.D.; R. Thompson, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; H. Cowbrough, P.M., Prov. J.G.D.; W. Bingham, P.M.; E. R. Morley, F. C. Nettleton, J. W. Dobson, J. A. Milne, F. Bagshaw, J. Wallace, J. H. Gash, J. A. Prince, J. J. W. Saville, H. W. Foster, and C. Horsfield. Visitors: Bros. J. Dyson, P.M. 306, P.P.G.D. of C.; W. W. Clayton, P.M. 1311; T. Atkinson, P.M. 2069; J. Millington, S.W. 1221; D. Wedderspoon, I.P.M. 306; C. Thirlwall, 57; W. Warren, 1211; J. Bowers, 265; G. Dyall, 636; and R. H. Crowther, 306.

The minutes of the last regular lodge having been read and signed, the ballot was taken for Mr. J. W. Hargreaves as a candidate for initiation, and for Bro. R. Routledge as a joining member, and in both cases proved to be unanimously favourable. Mr. Hargreaves was afterwards regularly initiated by the W.M., assisted by Bro. R. Thompson, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., the working tools being explained by the J.W., and the ancient charge delivered by the Secretary. Bro. W. Foster was duly passed to the Degree of F.C. by Bro. T. Thorp, I.P.M., the working tools being explained by the S.W. The W.M. announced that the Prov. G.M., Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P., had presented to the lodge a copy of the volume of his "Masonic Addresses," which had been recently published by Bro. J. Matthewman, P.M. 1019, and it was resolved that the interesting gift should be suitably acknowledged. A very pleasing feature of the evening's proceedings was the re-appearance in the lodge, after a long and dangerous illness, of Bro. R. O. Allison, P.M., P.P.G.D., and the W.M. tendered to the venerable brother the congratulations of the lodge on his recovery. Bro. Allison cordially thanked the brethren for their kind expressions of sympathy, and for their many kindnesses during his illness. The hearty congratulations of the lodge were also tendered to Bro. Cowbrough, P.M., on having conferred upon him the previous day the rank of Prov. J.G.D., an honour it was generally felt was richly merited. Bro. Cowbrough, in responding, stated that although he valued the honour very greatly, he felt that it had been conferred upon the lodge rather than upon himself, on account of the generous support which had for so many years been given to the noble Charities of the Order. "Hearty good wishes" having been tendered by the visiting brethren, the lodge was closed.

MANCHESTER.

St. George's Lodge (No. 1170).—The installation meeting was held at Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Monday, the 17th inst. Through the absence of Bro. Buckley, W.M., Bro. Jaffray, P.M., P.P.G.D., opened the lodge, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which Bro. A. H. Williams, P.M., P.P.G. Org., at the request of the acting W.M., took the chair as Installing Master, and Bro. Wm. Craig Royle having been presented to him, he installed that brother into the chair. The W.M. afterwards invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. Craig Royle, W.M.; W. H. Buckley, I.P.M.; T. H. Black, S.W.; J. C. Whatham, J.W.; W. Brookes, P.M., Treas.; A. H. Williams, P.M., P.P.G.O., Sec.; W. Leybourne, S.D.; H. Smith, J.D.; P. Lawton, P.M., D.C.; G. S. Smith,

P.M. Org.; and J. Pitt Hardacre and A. Kenyon, Stwds., and they were respectively addressed by Bro. W. Jaffray, Bro. A. H. Williams gave the addresses to the W.M. and brethren, Bro. W. Brookes, P.M., to the Wardens. The lodge is in a flourishing condition, as the balance-sheet shows a considerable balance, and we sincerely trust Bro. Craig Royle may have a most successful year, as he richly deserves, as he has been an ardent and attentive worker since his initiation, and has filled every office in this, his mother lodge.

SOUTHEND.

Priory Lodge (No. 1000).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 20th inst., at Middleton Hotel, when there were present Bros. A. Vandervord, W.M.; C. W. Barnard, S.W.; F. J. Cumine, J.W.; F. Wood, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; A. Lucking, P.M., P.G.P., Sec.; E. J. Bowmaker, S.D.; F. J. Wood, as J.D.; C. H. Bowmaker, I.G.; G. R. Dawson, P.M., D.C.; Val. Mason, Org.; J. A. Hobday, S.W. 160, and W. Elam, Stwds.; A. W. Martin, Prov. G.T. Tyler; B. Thomas, I.P.M.; C. Floyd, P.M., P.P.A.G.P.; T. Hood, P.M., Prov. G. Reg.; J. Pritchard, W. T. Darke, T. T. Ramuz, G. Reed, and J. G. Jarvis. Visitors: Bros. R. Cleghorn, I.G. 1817; J. Goddard, and C. Bullock, 160.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. James George Jarvis having been raised, a joining member was proposed.

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

SURBITON.

Surbiton Lodge (No. 2146).—At the meeting of this lodge on Tuesday, the 18th inst., at the Maple Hall, there was a very numerous attendance, and the W.M., Bro. T. H. R. Beck, was supported by all his officers save one. Messrs. H. W. Hill and A. J. E. Hill were balloted for as members, and, the voting being unanimous, were initiated, the ceremony, by permission of the W.M., being performed by their natural brother, Bro. F. P. Hill, P.M., whose work was of a faultless character. Needless to say, the initiation of two brothers in ordinary relationship by a third was a red-letter event, and evoked much interest and congratulation. Bro. G. A. Sowerby was passed, and Bros. Masters and Thomas raised, the W.M. and officers carrying out their heavy work in a commendable manner. This being the last meeting of the year, the by-laws were read through, according to custom, and the election followed. Bro. G. F. Budden, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. R. S. Hart, P.M., again chosen as Treasurer, he having held that office now for many years. Bro. List was re-appointed Tyler, and an Audit Committee named. On the motion of Bro. T. Johnson, sen., a Committee was appointed to revise the by-laws, and this concluded a long agenda.

In the interval "The Health of the Initiates" was given by the W.M., and heartily received, and the Bros. Hill made reply in well-chosen words.

Bro. W. E. Norton, 209, was a visitor.

The Theatres.

"A Woman of No Importance" is a play of the very greatest importance now running at the Haymarket. Its author, Mr. Oscar Wilde (writer of "Lady Windermere's Fan"), has not gone in for plot—there are only two striking situations in the play—but his dialogue is brilliant, witty, and pungent in the extreme. It literally bristles with the smartest epigrams, and is just the sort of play for the Haymarket Theatre, as that house is chiefly an expensive seated one, and the stalls and dress circle are crammed, and will be all the London season at every performance, for "A Woman of No Importance" is exactly the piece Society (spelt with a big S) people love to listen to. If they see themselves more or less satirised, what care they so long as they are amused, and that we can vouch they will be to their heart's content. The story is briefly told thus: Lord Illingworth offers the post of private secretary to himself to young Gerald Arbuthnot, who is most anxious to take it, but is implored by his mother not to take it. She gives no valid reason until Gerald presses her, and then she tells a story of a girl of 18 loving too well his lordship, and who refuses to make her his wife. Gerald is in love with an American Puritan girl, Hester Worsley, who is insulted by Lord Illingworth. Gerald's blood is up, and he threatens to kill the peer, and is only prevented by his mother coming betwixt them and saying—"He is your father!" This is the finest scene in the play. Gerald wishes his father to marry his mother, and the former would make amends, for he is fond of his son, but Mrs. Arbuthnot will not agree. She and her son and his affianced wife leave the Old Country and take up their abode in America. A large portion of the action takes place in the house of Lady Hunstanton, and it is there the pungent wit of Mr. Oscar Wilde is fully displayed. We append a few examples—"A saint is a person with a past, a sinner with a future;" "Women are divided into two classes—plain and coloured;" "The man who can dominate a London dinner party can rule the world;" "Society is divided into two classes—clever people who never listen and stupid people who never talk;" "The entrée into Society is to amuse it, feed it, or shock it;" "Fox hunting is the pursuit of the unspeakable after the uneatable;" "The only tyranny that lasts always is that of the weak over the strong;" "Marriage is like the Bible—it begins with the Garden of Eden and ends with Revelations." Mr. Oscar Wilde is specially fortunate in his interpretators of his badinage and persiflage. It is impossible to speak too highly of the acting of Bro. and Mrs. Beerbohm Tree, Miss Rose Leclercq, Miss Le Thière, Mrs. Bernard Beere, Miss Julia Neilson, Mr. Fred Terry, Mr. Kemble, and Mr. Allan. To describe the ladies' dresses would require a *modiste* to do them justice. We recommend our readers to pay an early visit to the Haymarket—that is to say when there is room.