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FREEMASONRY IN CANADA.

It is close on 40 years since those dissensions broke out between the Grand Lodge of England and its Province of Canada which culminated in the establishment of a Grand Lodge in that Colony, and its recognition by us as a separate and independent power. No doubt a feeling of soreness must have prevailed in this country at the separation, the attendant loss of prestige to our Grand Lodge, and, above all, at the revelations to the public that the Masonic body, which justly prides itself on its character for peace and harmony, should have got to loggerheads over matters that, with the exercise of tact and judgment, and some patience and forbearance on both sides, might have been settled at the outset without serious difficulty. However, the feeling of soreness we refer to has long since passed away. Both Grand Lodges have loyally observed the terms and conditions of the treaty which was entered into between them, nor, as things have turned out, can it be said that either Canada or England has ever had any reason to repent of the change that was then made in the Masonic relations of the two countries. Canada, notwithstanding its independence, is as loyal as ever in its feelings towards the old mother Grand Lodge, from which she derived most of her original material, while England regards her Canadian Masonic offspring with all that pride and affection which a parent feels for her children when they have gone forth into the world on their own account, and have battled successfully with the dangers and difficulties which are the common lot of all. There is, indeed, every reason why we should entertain these feelings towards the Grand Lodge of Canada. Though shorn of a material portion of its strength by the secession of the lodges which are now presided over by the Grand Lodge of Quebec and with the resultant limitation of its jurisdiction to the Province of Ontario, it is undoubtedly a Masonic power of the first class. It has under its authority some 350 lodges, allowing for those which have dropped from the roll the aggregate subscribing membership of which is about 22,000. That its affairs are well administered is evidenced by its possession of investments and cash balances amounting to over \$81,500 (£16,300), while the reports from the several District Deputy Grand Masters throughout the jurisdiction bear conclusive testimony to the existence everywhere of that peace and prosperity which promises well for the future fortunes of the Craft in this province of the Dominion. For this latter information we are indebted to the address which Bro. the Hon. J. M. GIBSON, Q.C., delivered at the annual communication at Ottawa in July last of his Grand Lodge. Like his predecessor in office, Bro. J. ROSS ROBERTSON, under similar circumstances, Bro. GIBSON appears to have found himself under the necessity of traversing a good deal of ground, but his remarks, though of necessity for the most part of local interest, are well worth reading. Some of them, indeed, may be taken as generally applicable, as in the case of those concerning the election of fit and proper brethren to the positions of Master and Secretary. These officers, as Bro. GIBSON very justly points out, "between them, to a very great extent, control the success of the lodge," and hence he lays it down, without any sort or kind of qualification, that "no promotion to either position should be allowed where reasonable doubt exists as to the successful performance of duty by those promoted. Many a lodge," he adds, "has suffered severely by trying experiments in the matter of Worshipful Masters, or by the mistaken generosity of its members towards Wardens whose popularity, or, it may be, regularity of attendance or length of service, seem to designate them as natural recipients of the reward of higher rank, but who in reality have not the qualifications of lodge rulers. If there are to be fewer lodges languishing in a dormant or sickly condition there must be more attention paid to the considerations to which I have referred." Here in England, with the exception of the Treasurer and the Tyler, the Worshipful Master is the only officer elected by the lodge, all the officers being appointed by him; but Bro. GIBSON'S warnings are as timely in our case and as well worthy of being taken to heart by English brethren as by those to whom they were immediately addressed. We are not entirely without experience of lodges, which have suffered severely by electing men to the chair of Master "who, in reality, have not the qualifications of lodge rulers." Our system of rotation, by which brethren are advanced from one office to another by successive occupants of the chair, undoubtedly has its advantages. But it may be—in many cases indeed it has been—followed too stringently and it is quite on the cards that sundry among the lodges which have long since been defunct might have remained on the roll, had greater care been taken in the election of its Masters. Again, though his remarks on "Proxy Representation" do not directly affect us, we fully agree with Bro. GIBSON that "it is not a seemly thing that any brother should come to Grand Lodge armed with, or controlling" votes, "which

will ensure his election," let us say, as a member of our Board of Benevolence, Board of General Purposes, or Colonial Board. Touting for support by some of those who are nominated to serve on these Boards is not entirely unknown to us and not only do we regard the practice, where adopted, as the reverse of a "seemly thing," but we should gladly see strong measures adopted by which any candidate who was known to have canvassed for support should be, *ipso facto*, disqualified from election.

These are the points in Bro. GIBSON'S address which may be considered to possess a general interest, that is, among members of all jurisdictions, and there are a few others, to which, if space permitted, we should gladly call the attention of our readers. However, the address will be found, almost *in extenso* in the "Canadian Craftsman" for the month of August, and those who may desire a fuller acquaintance of the particulars recorded and the comments made by the Grand Master of Canada—who by the way has been re-elected and is therefore still in office—we take the liberty of referring to the pages of our respected contemporary.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

In our last issue we published some particulars of the important meeting which took place on Wednesday, the 27th ult., at Leeds. The short time at our disposal before the hour of publication permitted of a brief summary only, and we think it right, therefore, in view of the character and importance of the event to supplement it by a fuller record, which the interval now enables us to present to our readers.

The largest gathering of Freemasons which West Yorkshire has ever seen took place at the Albert Hall, Leeds, on Wednesday, the 27th ult. As all the Masonic world has known, the enthusiastic and excellent head of the Craft in that province, Bro. Thomas William Tew, has been obliged, through ill-health, to resign his sceptre. The selection of his successor has at last been made, and when it became known that the M.W.G. Master had chosen the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, M.P., to carry on the work in West Yorkshire, hitherto so admirably done by Bro. Tew, it was felt that the appointment was a good one. The meeting of the 27th ult. showed beyond question that it was a popular one, and Bro. Jackson may be complimented upon the exceptionally favourable circumstances under which he has taken office. The loyalty, the enthusiasm, and the excellent organisation of West Yorkshire Freemasons are widely known, and these qualities were admirably illustrated on this occasion.

Being a Leeds man and a member of Fidelity Lodge in that city, it was not surprising that the Freemasons of Leeds should come in large numbers to support their fellow citizen. But strong as that contingent was, it bore but a small proportion to the great mass of brethren who from all parts of the province assembled to pay their respects to their new Provincial Grand Master, and to join in offering a thoroughly Yorkshire welcome to the Pro Grand Master, Lord Lathom, and the many illustrious visitors, officers of Grand Lodge, and others who honoured them by accepting their invitation to be present. Of the 75 lodges composing the province, every one was represented. The number of Present and Past Provincial Officers was exceptionally large, and the list of visitors from all quarters a long one. It was calculated that there could not have been less than 1200 brethren present, the hall, from floor to gallery, being packed. The scene was a very brilliant one, and will long be remembered by those who were privileged to take part in it.

Being the usual half-yearly meeting of the province, the Deputy Prov. G.M., Bro. Henry Smith, in the first instance presided.

The brethren having successively received Provincial Grand Lodge and the officers of Grand Lodge with the Pro Grand Master at their head, Provincial Grand Lodge was opened.

We cannot possibly find room for the names of all the many illustrious Masons that were present, but may mention, amongst others, the following:

Bros. Henry Smith, P.G.D. England, D.P.G.M., acting Prov. G.M.; W. F. Smithson, P.G.D. England, acting D.P.G.M.; Richard Wilson, P.M. 289, Prov. S.G.W.; Thos. Crossley, P.M. 1211, as Prov. J.G.W.; also the following Past and Present Provincial Grand Officers, viz.: Bros. Richard Carter, J.P., Ensor Drury, J. R. Armitage, J.P., B. Broughton, Simeon Hayes, E. Simpson, J.P., T. W. Embleton, Edwin Woodhouse, J.P., Col. Bingham, R. Arnison, C. W. Keighley, J.P., W. Harrop, and T. B. Fox, J.P., P.G.Ws.; Revs. J. Dunbar, T. E. Egerton, Canon Bullock, G.C., J. J. Needham, J. H. Evans, and B. Mayon, P.G. Chaplains; W. F. Tasker, C. L. Mason, Thos. Ruddock, Henry Oxley, Wm. Pepper, and John Gibbs, P.G. Treasurers; W. J. Waugh, Capt. Bottomley, John Cooper Malcolm, J. G. Hutchinson, A. W. Stanfield, J.P., D. Allison Shaw, Joseph Binney, J. E. Craven, A. Macaulay, and C. M. Wilson, P.G. Registrars; H. G. E. Green, Prov. G. Sec.; John Foster, W. A. Statter, A. Macredie, Henry Cowbrough, Crosland Hirst, W. B. Wall, Mark Newsome, J.P., D. R. Glover, J. Dunning Kay, Wm. Gaukriger, J.P., W. C. Lupton, C. C. Rhodes, R. V. Allison, J. R. Dore, F. Cleaves, W. R. Massie, W. H. Jessop, and F. Rand, P.G. Deacons; J. C. Hope, C. Gott, John Barker, Thos. Winn, Jas. Lawton, Wm.

Watson (Librarian), and John Gerrard, P.G. Superintendents of Works; W. D. Quarmby, W. D. Hollis, L. Eismann, Thos. Norfolk, Thos. Uttley, W. J. Beck, A. Stephenson, A. Roberts, J. W. Monckman, John Dixon, and S. J. Steele, P.G. Directors of Ceremonies; Caleb England, E. Fairburn, W. W. Macvay, Colonel Wemyss, and J. E. Darling, P.G. Sword Bearers; Wm. Haigh, John Constable, T. M. Holmes, W. Laycock, Robt. Riley, Robt. Thompson, and R. Fisher, P.G. Standard Bearers; W. Cockerlyne, J. W. Holmes, Wm. Ash, Geo. Carbert, and Samuel Jacob, P.G. Organists; Jos. Matthewman, P.G. Assistant Secretary; Edwd. Billington, G. H. Holroyd, John Marshall, Geo. Althorp, James Wright, J. P., John Shoemith, Henry Morton, Chas. Shaw, and B. F. Glover, P.G. Pursuivants; T. Proctor, E. J. Massie, John Dawson, Thos. Brayshaw, W. E. Smithies, and Howgate Holroyd, P.G. Stewards; Thos. Leighton, P.G. Tyler; and Thos. Chester, P.A.G. Tyler. Amongst the visitors were Bros. the Right. Hon. the Earl of Lathom, G.C.B., Pro G.M. and Prov. G.M. West Lancs.; Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, P.G.W., P.G.M. East Lancs.; Thos. F. Halsey, M.P., P.G.M. Herts.; Rev. C. W. Spencer Stanhope, P.G. Chap.; Samuel Cochrane, G. Treas.; George Everett, P.G. Treas.; Capt. J. D. Murray, P.G. Treas.; E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; Robt. Grey, Pres. Bd. of Ben.; R. V. Vassar Smith, G.D.; Chas. E. Keyser, J. E. Le Feuvre, D.P.G.M. Hants, A. F. Godson, Q.C., M.P., D.P.G.M. Worcestershire, R. Loveland Loveland, and Frank Richardson, P.G. Deacons; W. H. Sissons, J.P., D.P.G.M. Lincolnshire; John Chadwick, P.G. Sec. East Lancs., Wm. Goodacre, Robert Hudson, T. B. Whytehead, James Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I., F. R. W. Hedges, Sec. R.M.I.G., P.G.S.Bs.; A. C. Spaul, Robt. Willoughby, M. C. Peck, P.G. Sec. North and East Yorks, J. H. Sillitoe, C. F. Matier, Geo. J. McKay, D.P.G.M. Cumberland and Westmorland, P.G. Std. Brs.; Wm. Masters, P.G. Stwd.; and Henry Sadler, G. Tyler; J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B.; Geo. E. Fairchild, P.M. 1319; Thos. Robb, 160; J. H. Marsh, W.M. 1730; Geo. Leigh, 2134; W. H. Garside, 2355; W. E. Tindall, 1248; Harold Bowser, 460; C. Turner, 1715; T. D. and C. L. Ruddock, 357; G. W. Alcock, 2078; John Leigh, 287; W. H. Porritt, 1040; G. W. Hudson, 566; John Richardson, 406; Frank Wright, W.M. 2128; Henry Foster, 236; J. Chadderton, 2216; J. E. Pattison, 97; Joseph Todd, 236; W. H. Cowper, 602; Benj. Vickers, 297, P.G. Sec. Lincolnshire; T. E. Rigby, P.M. 287; Geo. Wild, 344; W. S. Passmore, P.M. 444, and many others.

After the usual salutes to the Pro Grand Master and officers of Grand Lodge, to the Prov. Grand Masters and Deputies of other provinces, and to the Deputy and officers of the Province of West Yorkshire,

Bro. HENRY SMITH rose and said: Brethren,—After the remarks which I made to you at the annual meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge in the Town Hall, Wakefield, on the 19th of April last, I can readily imagine that some of you may be surprised to see me again presiding at our half-yearly assembly. I said then, and I repeat now, that I am anxious to retire from the office which I have held for over eight years, and it is only in consequence of the urgent wish of our Provincial Grand Master designate, as I believe he will explain, that I still retain the post of Deputy of this important province. So long, however, as I do hold that office, so long will it be my aim, honourably and diligently, to discharge the duties which attach to it. And the first of those duties devolving upon me, is to offer to you my warmest congratulations in that you have secured, on this most solemn and important occasion, the presence of the Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master of England, the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, G.C.B., as well as other distinguished Present and Past Grand Officers of Grand Lodge, besides many valued friends from various provinces who have come to do honour to one who has not been thought unworthy by our Most Worshipful Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, to succeed to the honours and undertake the duties so eminently appreciated and so fully and faithfully carried out by our retiring Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Thomas William Tew. Lord Lathom, you will remember, was prevented by illness from fulfilling his engagement with us at Halifax on the 17th of June last, when the foundation-stone of the new infirmary was laid. You will, I am sure, rejoice to see that his health is restored, and I think that we ought also to congratulate him on being able to provide so efficient and courteous a substitute in the person of the Deputy Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcombe, who proved himself a most excellent master builder, and won golden opinions from the large body of brethren who assembled on that memorable occasion. It will not be forgotten that Lord Lathom was present in this hall on the 24th of April, 1885, for the purpose of installing Bro. Thomas William Tew, and we owe to him and the officers of Grand Lodge who accompany him, our hearty thanks for their attendance and valued services again here to-day. Your presence also, brethren of West Yorkshire, in such large numbers is proof to me that your interest in Freemasonry is unabated, and that you are especially desirous to offer to Bro. Jackson your heartiest welcome and most loyal allegiance. Bro. Tew, as has been frequently pointed out, always strove to lift Freemasonry to a higher level; he set up in his own Masonic life a standard by which to measure ourselves, and I am thoroughly convinced that Bro. Jackson will steadily maintain that high Masonic standard, and in all respects follow in the footsteps of the worthy brother it is his privilege to succeed. And how can we mark our respect and esteem for our retiring Provincial Grand Master? By carrying out the precepts which he has invariably taught us; by practising the virtues of loyalty to Grand Lodge, and obedience to the Book of Constitutions, which he not only preached, but which he also in his own conduct illustrated; by showing mutual forbearance and brotherly consideration amongst ourselves; by exercising that Charity which thinketh no evil, and by proving to our new Provincial Grand Master that we are faithful and true, and that we will maintain and support him in his, as yet untried position, with all the energy and devotion we possess. Bro. Jackson is a distinguished gentleman, a man of exceptional business capacity, a highly esteemed member of the Craft; in fact, one in whose hands we may safely and confidently place the interests, the well-being, and the regulation of all matters connected with Freemasonry in West Yorkshire. But, brethren, whilst honouring our new chief, let us not forget him who for nearly 20 years, has "borne the burden and heat of the day," and who, as he states in his letter, which will shortly be read to you, is ready and anxious to continue his help in every possible way to promote the interests of Freemasonry. Join then with me in the hope and prayer that Bro. Tew may be spared to witness and to appreciate the skilful and judicious rule of Bro. William Lawies Jackson. Owing to the many demands upon our time to-day, I shall deviate from my usual custom and omit any reference to official details in relation to the organisation of the Craft in this province. Accept my thanks for your very cordial reception and salutation.

An address of welcome to the Pro Grand Master was then read by Bro. W. J. WAUGH, Prov. G. Reg., and afterwards duly presented.

Lord LATHOM made the following reply: I thank you heartily for the most kind address of welcome with which you have greeted me. The events of eight-and-a-half years ago have not passed from my memory,

and I can assure you that it was a great disappointment to me when in the summer of this year I was unable to again come into this province. I am glad, however, that the services of Lord Mount Edgcombe met with your approval. He gave me a most glowing account of the reception you had accorded to him, and of the way in which everything was carried out on that occasion. My coming here to-day is to me an occasion of both joyfulness and sorrow. It is an occasion of joyfulness because I am to have the honour of placing in the Provincial Grand Master's chair in this great province a man thoroughly worthy to occupy that chair, one who I am sure will do great credit to it. On the other hand a feeling of sorrow comes over me to think he is replacing so good and worthy a Mason as Bro. Tew. I feel that I shall be echoed, not only by all the Masons of West Yorkshire, but by Masons throughout England when I say, no better Mason than Bro. Tew exists in this land. You know better than I do how much he has done for Masonry, especially for this province, and how hard he has worked for the Charities in London. You all owe him a debt of gratitude for all that he has done for you. I thoroughly re-echo the words of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master in hoping that Bro. Tew may be preserved for many years amongst us, and, though he is unable to take an active part, I am sure his heart will be thoroughly with his brethren when they meet and in their work.

The usual routine business of the province succeeded, and Bro. H. G. E. GREEN, the Prov. G. Sec., announced receipt of apologies and regrets for absence from Bros. the Marquess of Zetland, P.G.M. N. and E. Yorks.; Earl Amherst, P.G.M. Kent; Major W. H. Smyth, D.L., P.G.M. Lincolnshire; Lord Euston, P.G.M. Norths and Hunts; W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M. Hants; Sir Matthew White Ridley, M.P., P.G.M. Northumberland; Sir J. R. Bailey, Bart., M.P., P.G.M. Herefordshire; Sir H. Williamson, Bart.; Col. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett; Sir W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P.; the Very Rev. the Dean of York; Sir John B. Monckton; Sir Albert W. Woods; Sir G. D. Harris; Thomas Fenn; the Earl of Yarborough; Earl Percy; Sir F. Milner, M.P.; and a large number of Past Prov. Grand Officers and invited guests; after which Bro. Tom Garnett, P.M. 401, was appointed and invested Prov. J.G.W., in the room of the late distinguished Bro. J. W. Davis (Mayor of Halifax), to whose abilities and virtues, in a few touching words, Bro. HENRY SMITH paid a fitting tribute.

Bro. JOSEPH MATTHEWMAN, Prov. A.G. Sec., was then called upon to read the valedictory address of the retiring P.G.M., Bro. Tew. This was listened to with profound attention, and evoked many expressions of sympathy from the assembled brethren. The address was as follows:

Gentlemen and Brethren,

The M.W. the Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, has been graciously pleased to release me from the onerous duties of the chair of this province. My health, which broke down in the summer of 1891, has entirely incapacitated me from visiting the numerous lodges and otherwise discharging my Masonic duties, and I have, therefore, been most reluctantly compelled to resign a post, the occupation of which has ever been to me both a pride and a pleasure.

From 1875 to 1885, as many of you will doubtless remember, I acted as Deputy to our late lamented friend and gallant chief, Sir Henry Edwards, and from the latter date to the present time I have had the privilege of presiding over a province which has been distinguished by its Charity, its loyalty, and its patriotism; and I look back upon the past eight years as the happiest era in my Masonic life.

During the period in which I have passed in and out amongst you, many important events have occurred in the Masonic world. Of these, the installation of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Jubilee Masonic Celebration, the re-formation and re-organisation of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the suitable observance of the Centenary of the Girls' School, and the Revision of the Book of Constitutions may be counted as some of the most important. In all these West Yorkshire has borne its part, and I have always considered that representing my province in Grand Lodge was by no means the least important portion of the duties which attached to the office I held. This I have steadily and consistently done, and, supported as I have been by my Deputy and by the Advice and Charity Committees of the province, I venture to hope that West Yorkshire has attained an influence in that assembly which it has never previously possessed, and which, I trust, it may not be allowed to lose.

Throughout my Masonic career, commencing in Scarsdale Lodge, No. 681, in the Province of Derby, in the year 1856, and, officially speaking, terminating in the City of Leeds to-day, I have seen that Freemasonry, as an institution for good, in order to do its work thoroughly, must adapt itself to the progress of the times, and must endeavour to meet the requirements of the vast social, religious, and political changes which mark the latter days of this expiring 19th century.

Without sacrificing one iota of its immortal principles, in the strength of the grand and noble truths which are its everlasting heritage, Freemasonry, deaf to the cries of party, regardless of sectarian differences, can pursue its beneficent work of elevating, purifying, restraining, and enlightening humanity, and, above all, teaching that great doctrine of Christian Charity which, in the crowd of conflicting interests, seems sometimes in danger of being thrust aside.

After the pattern of the "Holy Men of old," exemplified for our guidance in their lives as set forth in the Volume of the Sacred Law, let us continue to cultivate that purity of spirit, that unselfishness of mind, and that consideration for others which has distinguished so many of our brethren in West Yorkshire, and which, through their moral and social discipline, may be considered essential qualifications for the attainment of human happiness.

We have drawbacks, hindrances outside our mystic circle, intellectual perhaps, incomprehensible may be, and inseparable from our surroundings; but let us not in fear of possible difficulties, fail to maintain those bonds of amity and brotherhood, those pleasant social relationships which characterise our Fraternity and sweeten the intercourse of our daily life.

And, as you have effectively striven under my jurisdiction in past years, to help me to illustrate the principles of Freemasonry, so, I know, you will endeavour in the future, under the presidency of your new Provincial Grand Master (whom may the G.A.O.T.U. long preserve), to maintain our ancient landmarks, and abide by the laws and customs of our noble Order.

It is not without emotion, brethren, that I resign the sceptre, and terminate my connection with the chair of this province.

The office is endeared to me by the pleasant memories of many happy hours. By its means I have contracted many agreeable friendships, and formed numberless delightful acquaintances, and in passing on the gavel to my successor, I have the consolation of recollecting that, though I cease to fulfil the duties of the position, I shall still have the happiness of living in your midst, and I shall ever esteem it a privilege to be of service to you in advocating your interests, advancing your influence, and promoting in every possible way your lasting welfare and prosperity.

Whilst bidding you all an affectionate adieu, I am, your obliged and ever faithful servant and brother,

THOMAS WILLIAM TEW.

Bro. EDWIN WOODHOUSE, P.M. 2069, then proposed the following resolution:

That the Freemasons of West Yorkshire desire to express their profound regret that Bro. Thos. William Tew, J.P., has been compelled to resign the office of Grand Master of this province, an office the dignity of which he has so fully maintained, and the duties of which he has so ably and diligently discharged since the 24th April, 1885.

Whilst expressing the gratitude they feel to Bro. Tew for the beneficent manner in which he has exercised his jurisdiction, they also wish to record their deep and tender sympathy with him in his long illness, and their earnest hope and prayer that restoration to health may graciously be accorded to him, that his brethren may see him from time to time, and Freemasonry may benefit by the help and counsel which he has so generously proffered in his valedictory address.

This was seconded by Bro. the Rev. Canon BULLOCK, G. Chap. of England.

On being put, the brethren rose as one man, and carried it with enthusiasm.

The Pro Grand Master now took the chair, and on an announcement being made that the Prov. Grand Master designate, Bro. the Right Hon. William Lawies Jackson was in attendance, Lord Lathom demanded his patent of appointment. This was sent in and read by the PROV. GRAND REGISTRAR. A deputation of distinguished brethren of West Yorkshire having escorted Bro. Jackson to the pedestal, and prayer having been offered by the GRAND CHAPLAIN,

Lord LATHOM said: Bro. Jackson, allow me to congratulate you most sincerely and heartily that the choice of his Royal Highness, the Grand Master, has fallen upon you to fill this most important chair. I congratulate you on being about to be placed in the chair of one of the most important provinces in England. I can only recommend you to follow the example of your predecessor, for it is perfectly certain that under his rule this province has prospered greatly. I will not detain you further, but will ask you whether you are prepared conscientiously to perform the duties of the office bestowed upon you?

Bro. JACKSON having signified his assent, the PRO GRAND MASTER administered the obligation, and then requested the Prov. Grand Master of East Lancashire, Bro. Le Gendre Starkie, to invest Bro. Jackson with the apron, chain, and jewel of office.

Amid the most enthusiastic cheers of the assembly, who rose *en masse*, Bro. Jackson was placed in the chair by the Pro Grand Master.

After the usual proclamation and salute, Bro. LE GENDRE STARKIE offered the congratulations of the officers of Grand Lodge, of other provinces, and especially those of the neighbouring one of East Lancashire, over which he presided, to Bro. Jackson on his appointment. He prophesied a bright future for the Craft in West Yorkshire under the able guidance of their new chief, and assured him that he carried with him the heartiest good wishes of the brethren throughout the entire body of Freemasons in England.

On Bro. JACKSON rising to reply, and to address the brethren for the first time in his official capacity as Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, he received a magnificent ovation. When silence was at last obtained, he said: Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, Officers, and Brethren,—It is my first duty to acknowledge the extreme warmth of your reception, and to make some very brief personal explanations as to how I find myself in this important and honourable position. By the favour of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and by the assistance you have rendered to-day, I have been called upon to discharge the important duties of Provincial Grand Master for West Yorkshire. I need hardly say to you that the position has come to me wholly unexpectedly, wholly unsought on my part. I can well believe that all of you when you heard of it, must have wondered at my temerity in venturing to accept it. But if any justification was necessary from me, my only justification is to be found in the fact, that it was your wish and therefore my duty. Brethren, I know that I enter upon the duties of my office under exceptional difficulties—difficulties of time, difficulties in succeeding so great a man as my predecessor. I know that I shall have to trespass upon your patience and kindness on many occasions, but at the same time I can assure you that to the best of my ability I shall devote myself and my energies to the work of the province. I cannot plead that I am a very young Mason, because I was initiated in the year 1865 in the Lodge of Fidelity, but a somewhat active life in business and in public affairs has left me fewer opportunities than I would have desired, and much fewer than most of you have had, I have no doubt, to try to follow out the interesting and elevating work connected with the Order to which we belong and of which we are so proud. If I fail on any occasion to satisfy you, you must regard my shortcomings with tenderness. I shall hope, however, in process of time to make myself better acquainted with the detailed working throughout the province, and it is my intention from time to time to visit the various lodges, accompanied, as I shall hope to be, by the Provincial Grand Officers, and with their counsel, advice, and assistance to learn some of the duties of my office, and to endeavour to discharge them with fidelity and zeal. Brethren, at this point I must refer to a subject which I am sure is uppermost in the minds of every one present. It has reference to my immediate predecessor in the chair. You have listened to-day to his address. You have heard a good deal of Bro. Tew. I think I am justified in saying that, although this chair has been filled by many eminent and distinguished men, there has been—whether you apply the test of the extent and character of the work, the progress of the Order, or the charitable contributions that have been made—there has been no period in the history of the Craft in this province during which so great progress has been made as the period of office of my immediate predecessor. For 10 years he filled the position of Deputy Provincial Grand Master of this province, for nearly nine years he has held the post of Provincial Grand Master, and I am quite sure that, whether you think of him as a profound student of the history of our Order, whether you regard his power as an expositor of its principles, or his character in trying to live up to those principles, I am justified in saying that none of his predecessors, and I doubt if any of his successors, can approach the perfection which he attained. I am sure of this, that he has endeavoured to the best of his ability to maintain the high traditions of our Order. But he has done more. By his upright conduct, by his benevolence and broad sympathy with distress, by his deep and abiding love of the principles of Freemasonry, and, above all, by the exemplification in his own personal life of those high and noble qualities that we attribute to our Order, he has earned, he has deserved, aye, and he receives the esteem and the affection of every brother in this province. To us it is melancholy to contemplate the cause that has robbed us of his services in this position. No one deplores more than myself the loss that has fallen upon the Craft in this province by his retirement. You all know that his sense of duty would have forbidden his resigning that position unless he had felt compelled by bodily illness to do so. One and all, I am sure, will echo the heartfelt and earnest prayer that the G.A.O.T.U. may hold him in his

safe keeping, may preserve him for many years to come, and may under all circumstances pour upon him His richest blessing. Brethren, it is my privilege to offer my thanks to the Pro Grand Master and to the Grand Officers who have been good enough to visit us and take part in our proceedings of to-day. It is a matter of great satisfaction that so many distinguished brethren should have accepted our invitation, and I am sure I am only speaking your sentiments when I say that we offer them our heartiest welcome. It is also my duty to thank the brethren connected with West Yorkshire, and those brethren connected with the Leeds lodges particularly, upon whose shoulders a large portion of the work of organising this meeting has necessarily fallen, and, with your permission, I should like to specially express my thanks to those connected with my mother lodge—the Lodge of Fidelity. Brethren, it is with some degree of pleasure that I am able to refer to the fact, which you now know, that, on my urgent solicitation, our Deputy P.G.M. has been good enough to agree to continue his services. Placed in the position I am in, with so little experience of the details of the work, it would have been impossible for me—and it would certainly have been most unfortunate for you—if I had failed at this particular juncture to induce Bro. Henry Smith to accept that office. Guided by his counsel, assisted by his never-tiring energy, I shall hope that we may carry on the affairs of the province on the lines on which they have been followed in the past. With reference to the general condition of the province, I have the good fortune to be called upon to take this office at a time when I may honestly and truly say the affairs of the Craft never stood higher and were never in a more satisfactory position than at present. We frankly acknowledge that the position now occupied by Freemasonry in this province is due to our dear Bro. Tew, and it is satisfactory that so much progress has been made, and that everything has been placed upon such a firm foundation. I shall endeavour as far as I can to follow the lines upon which he has proceeded, to obey the old precedents, to follow the constitutional rule, and to travel in the direction in which Bro. Tew has guided this province, because I feel certain that only in that way can the high position to which the Order has attained be maintained. But, above all, you will be pleased to bear this in mind, I can do but little without your loyal, unselfish, willing, and active co-operation. On that I shall rely; on that, I believe I shall be justified in relying, and, with your help, I look forward with confidence to being able to carry on the duties on the lines upon which they have been carried on for so long. Brethren, I have little more to say to you now. The progress of the Order, as I have said, has been great, has been solid, has been substantial. Much remains to be done; but there is one point which, perhaps, I ought to refer to, it is a matter of some importance in the organisation connected with the Craft. It is extremely desirable that great care should be taken that the records of our proceedings should be maintained intact, so that there shall be a complete statement of everything that is done. It is possible to make the minutes of our lodges, perhaps, wearisome by entering into too much detail, but it certainly is desirable that there should be, if brief, still a faithful record of what is done in every lodge in the province, and there should also be—and I beg that those responsible for the duty will remember it—great care taken of the books and records, so that, in case of any disaster, we may not lose touch with what has been done in every district and every lodge. Since the time when our Bro. Tew was appointed to this position in 1885, death has been somewhat busy amongst us. We miss to-day some familiar faces; we miss some faces which, though perhaps not so familiar, were the faces of men hardly less useful to the Craft, and it is our duty to recognise in these brethren whom we have lost, men who have done much to maintain the high position and traditions of our Order. Brethren, in conclusion, let me say again I accept the position with some hesitation and doubt as to my own ability to fill it. I will honestly strive to do my best. I shall rely upon your assistance and upon your loyal co-operation, and I shall hope that it will be given to me in the same frank, loyal, and unstinting spirit in which it has been given to my predecessor. If that be so, I shall humbly discharge the important duties of the office to the best of my power and ability.

The PROV. GRAND MASTER then announced that he had appointed Bro. Henry Smith to act as his Deputy.

Bro. Smith's patent having been read by the PROV. GRAND REGISTRAR, the obligation was given to him by Bro. Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie, and Bro. Smith was placed in the chair to the right of the Prov. Grand Master amid the cheers of all the brethren present.

After Bro. SMITH had been proclaimed and saluted, in a few graceful words he returned thanks for the especially kind and hearty way in which his appointment had been received. He assured the brethren that the responsibility had been, as it were, thrust upon him, much against his will, that he hoped it would not be for long, but that they might count upon him doing his utmost, whilst he held that post, to maintain the reputation of West Yorkshire, and uphold its interests to the greatest possible extent.

An address to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, beautifully illuminated, congratulating him upon the marriage of his son, H.R.H. the Duke of York, with H.S.H. Princess Victoria Mary of Teck, was exhibited to the brethren.

Bro. JACKSON having read it, proposed that it be adopted and presented.

The DEPUTY seconded, and the brethren heartily assented.

Bro. T. BATEMAN FOX, Chairman of the Charity Committee, after congratulating Bro. Jackson upon his appointment to the important post of Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire, and expressing a confident hope that the same success which had marked his career in other pursuits would distinguish his Masonic efforts, presented the report of the Charity Committee for the half-year. Having stated what had been done in the last elections, he said they hoped to carry both their candidates in October, and trusted the Charity Stewards, by the prompt collection of the voting papers, would enable them to accomplish that object. He then referred to a recommendation from the Committee in relation to a proposed alteration of Prov. By-law 42, notice of which would be duly given. He also pointed out that Bro. W. F. Smithson's term of office on the Board of Management of the Masonic Boys' School was about to expire, and that it was most desirable that his services should, if possible, be retained, and concluded by moving the adoption of the report, including the following resolution: "That this Prov. Grand Lodge thanks W. Bro. W. F. Smithson most heartily for his valuable services during the past three years, and earnestly requests that he will allow us to nominate him again as West Yorkshire's representative on the Board of Management of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys."

Bro. W. C. LUTTON, Vice-Chairman, seconded, and it was carried unanimously.

There were no petitions for relief, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed.

CONSECRATION OF THE HATHERTON LODGE, No. 2474, AT WALSALL.

On Thursday, the 28th ult., a new lodge, entitled the Hatherton, No. 2474, was consecrated at the Stork Hotel, Walsall, Bro. E. Letchworth, G. Sec., conducting the solemn ceremony most impressively, assisted by Bros. J. H. Matthews, P.D.G.D.C., as D.C.; Lieut.-Col. Bindley, D.P.G.M. in charge of the province; W. J. Whittall, P.S.G.W., as S.W.; R. Dain, P.J.G.W., as J.W.; and S. Wickham-Jones, P.G.C., as Chap. Among the other brethren present were: Bros. F. James, P.D.G.M.; C. A. Newnham, P.P.S.G.W.; J. F. Pepper, P.P.S.G.W.; J. Newman, P.P.S.G.W.; T. J. Barnett, P.P.J.G.W.; and other Provincial Officers, Past Masters, and members of lodges, including Lord Hatherton, one of the founders of the lodge, the total number of brethren present being about 100. The lodge having been opened, and Bro. F. W. Willmore, P.M. 539, having been installed as W.M., he appointed his officers as follows: Bros. C. Taylor, J.D. 539, as S.W.; W. Paine, as J.W.; J. Newman, P.M. 539, P.P.J.G.W., as acting I.P.M.; J. Williams, P.M. 539, as D.C.; A. G. Boys, as Treas.; J. Carver, as Sec.; F. H. Taylor, as S.D.; C. S. Stanton, as J.D.; A. E. Paley, as I.G.; H. Palethorp, as Org.; J. Noake and J. H. Bullock, as Stwds.; and W. Davis, as Tyler.

The musical portion of the service was under the direction of Bro. F. H. Taylor, who was aided by a choir consisting of Messrs. Bickley, Young, Myers, and Campion, who rendered the anthems with fine effect.

A sumptuous banquet, which, both as regarded preparation and serving, reflected the highest credit on the house, was afterwards partaken of in the adjoining room.

Sixty-five brethren sat down, under the presidency of the W.M., at whose call the first toasts were honoured, viz., "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," "The Earl of Lathom, Pro G.M., the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," "The D.P.G.M., Bro. Lieut.-Colonel Bindley," and "The Prov. Grand Lodge."

Bro. F. JAMES then gave "The Consecrating Officer, the V.W. Bro. Letchworth, the Grand Secretary."

Bro. LETCHWORTH, in responding, congratulated the founders of the lodge on their enterprise in founding a second lodge, and said that in a town of 80,000 inhabitants it was only right, if they wished to propagate the high principles of the Order, that there should be a second lodge. He proposed "The Worshipful Master," and the toast was suitably acknowledged.

Bro. WILLIAMS then gave "The Visitors."

Bros. F. JAMES, G. W. WILLIAMS, and HILDICK responded.

Bro. A. G. BOYS then proposed "The Mother Lodge of St. Matthew's, No. 539."

Bro. MOSELY, W.M., responded.

The list was brought to a close with "The Officers of the Hatherton Lodge," given by the W.M.

Bro. C. TAYLOR responded.

The proceedings passed off without the slightest hitch, and the services of Bro. Taylor, who had acted as Secretary *pro tem.*, and made the arrangements, were highly appreciated.

CONSECRATION OF THE ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 2487, AT STONE.

A number of brethren residing in or near Stone have for a long period contemplated providing a meeting place of their own instead of having to attend at Stafford or one of the Pottery towns when desiring to give attention to Masonic duties, exchange fraternal greetings with the brethren of the Craft, and enjoy those harmonious gatherings which take place among Masons periodically in every part of the civilised world.

They have at length determined to establish a lodge, the actual founders being Bros. J. Mervyn Wood, P.M. and W.M. 546; the Rev. E. C. D'Auquier, M.A., 2060; F. Brandon, 418, P.P.G.R.; J. Harding, C. R. Clarke, J. C. Bradbury, H. A. Frewer, and F. A. Pyatt.

The application for the warrant to form a lodge was supported by the Etruscan Lodge, and had the assent of Bro. Lieut.-Col. Bindley, D.P.G.M. It is the 31st of the existing lodges in the Province of Staffordshire, and is numbered 2487 on the registry of the Grand Lodge of England.

The principal officers designated in the warrant are: Bros. J. M. Wood, W.M.; Rev. E. C. D'Auquier, S.W.; F. Brandon, J.W.; A. J. Henstock, and E. Fernie, M.D. The lodge will meet at the Crown Hotel.

The name of the lodge is St. Michael's. As to the origin of the name we need not stay to inquire. Michael is mentioned five times in Scripture—always in a warlike character—but though his history is obscure, he is regarded in the Christian world as the chief of angels, or archangel, and is the saint to whom the Parish Church of Stone is dedicated. Michaelmas—St. Michael's Day—was therefore an appropriate date for the consecration of the new lodge, which took place in the Town Hall, and the event attracted to Stone a large number of members of the Craft from different parts of the province.

The Consecrating Officer was Bro. Edward Letchworth, Grand Secretary, who was accompanied by Bro. Lieut.-Col. Bindley, and assisted by Bros. W. J. Whittall, P.S.G.W., as S.W.; R. Dain, P.J.G.W., as J.W.; the Rev. S. Wickham Jones, P.G.C., as Chaplain; J. H. Matthews, P.D.G.D.C., as D.C.; and amongst the brethren present, in addition to those already mentioned, the following signed the Tyler's book:

Bros. J. Bodenham, 726, P.P.S.G.W.; T. Taylor, 2149, P.P.S.G.W.; W. R. Blair, 546, P.P.S.G.W.; T. Bickley, 418, P.P.J.G.W.; W. T. Copeland, 637, P.P.G.R.; A. G. Prince, 546, P.P.J.G.D.; J. Webberley, 546, P.P.G.R.; R. Tooth, 2214, P.P.G.R.; J. G. Ainsworth, 460, P.P.S.G.D.; H. C. Faram, 637, P.P.J.G.D.; H. Windle, 418, P.J.G.D.; F. Mountford, 460, P.P.S.G.D.; J. Inghamells, 460, P.P.J.G.D.; W. F. Tolladay, P.P.G.D.C. Warwickshire; G. W. Walker, 526, P. Assistant Grand Secretary; J. Payne Hall, 456, P.P.G.D.C.; E. W. Taylor, 726, P.G. Organist; E. B. Jackson, 418, P.P.G. Superintendent of Works; J. Stevenson, 1942, P.P.G.S.B.; J. Godwin, 98, P.P.G.S.B.; J. G. Clemesha, 966, P.P.G.S.B.; J. T. Snape, 460, P.P.G.S.B.; W. H. Hawson, 2064, P.G.S.B.; W. T. Bonner, 546, P.P.G.O.; E. Hallam, P.M. 1942; W. H. Bamber, P.M. 637; E. Peake, 1942, P.P.G.P.; J. T. Howson, 418, P.G. Steward; F. Skerrett, 460, P.P.G. Steward; J. Charlesworth, 2149, P.P.G.S.B.; E. Phillips, P.M. 966; Rev. Vincent Litchfield, P.M. 1914; J. Pierpoint, 98, P.P.G. Steward; J. T. Cooper, 1887, P.G.P.; T. R. Cull, 1587, P.P.G.P.; J. Mason, P.M. 98; Louis A. Taylor, W.M. 2214; E. E. Allmond, P.M. 1587; C. J. Nevitt, W.M. 726; A. Parker, P.M. 456; H. Bag-

shaw, W.M. 456; L. H. Hordern, R.M. 267; T. H. Griffiths, P.M. 546; R. Burt, W.M. 637; J. Ward, P.M. 546; W. R. Woolridge, P.M. 1942; T. M. Heape, P.M. 1520; H. R. Hancock, W.M. 451; G. W. Bradford, P.M. 2149; T. Flannagan, P.M. 966; J. White, P.M. 2214; D. Jones, W.M. 418; E. B. Devereux, P.M. 418; T. Edwards, W.M. 460; P. H. Bennion, P.M. 546; W. Tunncliffe, 418, P.P.G.S. of W.; E. V. Greatbach, 418, P.P.G.S. of W.; and W. H. Newby, P.M. 460. There were about 200 present.

Bro. LETCHWORTH, having taken the chair and opened the lodge, gave an explanation of the nature of the meeting, and expressed a hope that the new lodge would have a long career of unbroken prosperity.

The petition for the new lodge and the warrant for the same were read by Bro. MATTHEWS, acting D.C., and the brethren of the new lodge signified their assent to the appointment of the officers designated in the warrant.

Bro. the Rev. S. WICKHAM JONES, P.G. Chaplain, then delivered an oration on the nature and principles of the institution. In the course of his remarks he said Masonry was the most ancient, and most honourable art that ever existed. It dated from the foundation of the world itself, and there was not a Masonic emblem that was not derived from the Volume of the Sacred Law. Silently and quietly was the first temple raised at Jerusalem; silently and unknown to the outside world the Masons of stone had been preparing a lodge, and in perfect peace and harmony they had assembled to consecrate the lodge that day. They raised their eyes to the canopy of heaven and implored the Great Architect of the Universe to send His blessing upon the undertaking.

The anthem, commencing "Behold how good and joyful a thing it is for brethren to dwell together in unity," was sung with excellent effect.

After the dedication prayer and the invocation, the lodge board was uncovered, and the Consecrating Officer and Wardens carried the elements of consecration three times round the lodge, and the chief business of the meeting was proceeded with.

During the interesting ceremony solemn music was several times introduced, under the direction of Bro. Dr. E. W. Taylor, P.G. Organist; the anthem after the dedication commencing with the words "I have surely built Thee a house to dwell in."

Bro. J. M. Wood was subsequently installed as W.M. by Bro. Letchworth, and, in addition to the Wardens previously named, the following were appointed and invested: Bros. J. Harding, Treas. and S.D.; A. J. Henstock, Sec.; C. R. Clarke, J.D.; J. C. Bradbury, I.G.; H. A. Frewer and J. C. Butters, Stwds.

There were several candidates proposed for initiation, and also several as joining members.

Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the assembly-room at the Crown Hotel, where dinner was provided, about 100 attending.

The newly-installed W.M., Bro. Wood, presided, and was supported right and left by Bros. Lieut.-Col. Bindley and E. Letchworth.

After the repast,

The W.M. submitted the toasts of "The Queen," "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family," and "The M.W. Pro G.M., the Earl of Lathom; R.W. D.G.M., the Earl of Mount Edgumbe; and the Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past."

Bro. Matthews, Past D.G.D.C., made a suitable acknowledgment of the toast.

The W.M. next proposed "The Health of the V.W. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Bindley," who, he said, had rendered very great service with regard to the formation of St. Michael's Lodge.

Bro. Col. BINDLEY, in responding, expressed his gratitude to the W.M. for his kindness in proposing the toast, and to the brethren for the heartiness with which he had been received, adding that while he held the position he did he should strive to maintain the dignity of the Craft and carry out the wishes of the members as far as possible. He trusted that he should continue to have that loyal support which he had hitherto received.

Bro. A. B. JONES proposed "The Officers of P.G. Lodge, Present and Past," coupling with it the name of Bro. Windle, P.J.G.D.

Bro. WINDLE briefly responded.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in complimentary terms, proposed "The Health of the Consecrating Officer, Bro. Letchworth, G. Sec.," which was drunk with much heartiness.

Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, in responding, said during the 18 months he had been Grand Secretary he had had the honour to attend a considerable number of consecrations, but he could assure them with all sincerity that no ceremony of the kind had ever given him greater pleasure than that which he had gone through that afternoon. In the first place, it was a delight to renew the acquaintance of the brethren of that province which he happily formed when he installed Colonel Bindley as Grand Superintendent of the Prov. Grand Royal Arch Chapter. He testified to the able way in which the officers had discharged their duties, making special reference to the admirable manner in which Bro. Taylor had conducted the musical portion of the ceremony. He should always retain a grateful recollection of that day.

Bro. T. H. GRIFFITHS proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master."

Other toasts were also proposed, the proceedings, which were of a convivial character, being continued to a somewhat late hour.

The lodge was furnished by Bro. George Kenning.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF LINCOLNSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Chapter was held on Thursday, the 28th ult., at the Oddfellows' Hall, Lincoln, on the invitation of the Concord Chapter, No. 297. An unusually large number of companions assembled to witness the installation of Comp. Sissons as Grand Superintendent by Comp. Smyth, his immediate predecessor. The ceremony was most beautifully and impressively rendered by the Installing Principal.

The anthem "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life" was sung by Comp. Gregory, P.G.O., and was one of the most effective features of the ceremony.

The INSTALLING OFFICER having placed the Grand Superintendent in the chair, gave a brief description of Comp. Sissons' Masonic life and work in Lincolnshire.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT then addressed the companions as follows: M.E. Comp. Smyth, E. Companions, and Companions,—My first duty as Grand Superintendent is to ask the Provincial Grand Chapter of Lincoln-

shire to pass a resolution thanking the Past Grand Superintendent for his eminent services for 18 years in connection with Royal Arch Masonry. When Comp. Smyth took command of the province there were only three chapters and about 50 Royal Arch Masons. He hands over to his successor the care of seven chapters in a state of great efficiency, and the superintendence over more than 300 companions. But what will be in the future to Comp. Smyth a far more precious memory is the knowledge that during those 18 years never once did the slightest friction arise between him and any member of the province, but every year he grew more and more in the affectionate esteem and respect of all with whom he was associated. Passing on to a more personal question, let me thank you all for the kindness with which you received the intimation of my appointment, and the warmth of the reception you have given me to-day. Believe me, the office was not sought by me, it came to me, and was accepted with some reluctance from a sense of duty. It never would have been accepted had I not known that I could implicitly rely on the same hearty and loyal support from you that you have never withheld from my distinguished predecessor. I appeal with confidence to each and all of you collectively and individually to aid me in making Royal Arch Masonry in this province an influence for good. The Grand Superintendent then showed how the teaching of Royal Arch Masonry fitly crowns and completes the lessons taught in the Three Degrees of Craft Masonry, and concluded by moving a resolution expressing the regret of the companions at the retirement of Comp. Smyth from the office of Grand Superintendent, and the earnest hope that he might be long spared to promote by his wise counsels and great experience the interests of Royal Arch Masonry in Lincolnshire.

Comp. BARRELL seconded the resolution, which was carried with enthusiasm, and suitably acknowledged by the PAST G. SUPERINTENDENT.

A very beautiful banner was then presented by Comp. R. G. Pearson, P.G.D.C., to the Prov. Grand Chapter. The centre was an admirable representation of Lincoln Minster.

In acknowledging a vote of thanks for his beautiful gift, Comp. PEARSON said that, from unusual circumstances, nearly all the Prov. Grand Officers last year were members of his (Comp. Pearson's) chapter, namely, the All Saints' Chapter, and by his gift he wished to commemorate that exceptional event.

Prov. Grand Chapter was then closed, and the companions, to the number of 60, dined together at the Saracen's Head, Lincoln.

The Grand Superintendent presided, supported by Comps. Barrell, Prov. G.H.; Russell, Prov. G.J.; the Right Hon. the Earl of Yarborough, Prov. G.M. (Mark); Peck, P.A.G.D.C. England; and other distinguished members of the Craft.

The banner was designed and manufactured by Comp. George Kenning.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF DEVONSHIRE.

The above Provincial Grand Lodge was held on the 28th ult., at the Rougemont Assembly Room, when there were present:

Bros. the Hon. Sir H. Stafford Northcote, Bart., C.B., M.P., P.G.M.; G. S. S. Lowe, 50, D.P.G.M.; the Hon. Duncombe, P.S.G.W.; Rev. T. C. Lewis, P.G. Chap.; J. Taylor, 319, P.G. Treas.; A. W. King, P.M. 169, P.G.I. of W.; J. Gidley, P.M. 169 and 383, P.G. Tyler; G. Dunsterville, W.M. 35, P.G. Stwd.; E. H. Shorto, 15, P.G. Stwd.; William James Hughan, 78, P.G.W. England; J. B. Gover, 50, P.P.J.G.W.; W. Taylor, 319, P.P.G.R.; H. Ford, P.M. 372; J. Lane, 319, P.P.G.M.O., P.S.G.O. England; J. Stocker, P.M. 15, P.P.J.G.W.; J. S. Swann, P.M. 372, P.P.S.G.W.; E. W. Locke, W.M. 215; W. E. Williams, W.M. 187; H. Grater, J.W. 187; W. Easton, 15, P.P.G.M.O.; J. Matthews, 23, P.P.J.G.W.; W. F. Gill, W.M. 23; A. W. Searley, 319, P.G. Org.; J. Oliver, 215, P.P.A.G.D.C.; W. H. Deacon, 96; W. Wilcocks, J.D. 16; J. Endicott, W.M. 48; A. L. Honey, 15; J. W. Cornish, I.P.M. 76; J. Lark, 16; M. Fortescue, S.D. 215; J. P. Ellerton, I.P.M. 187, P.G.M.O.; J. Dupre, 36, P.G.S.; H. Michelmore, 15, P.G. Stwd.; J. Sampson, P.M. 15, P.P.S.G.O.; C. Hunt, P.M. 91, P.P.G.S.; J. Algar, P.M. and Treas. 15, P.P.G. Reg.; W. R. Lisle, P.M. 15, P.P.G. Reg.; J. Gould, Sec. 15; W. Sweet, S.W. 66; J. Jamison, I.G. 16; W. H. Kelland, S.W. 15, P.P.G.T.; Andrew Hope, M.O. 15; W. French, Chap. 187; A. Oakly, P.M. 372; W. H. Jones, 15; A. L. Honey, 15; W. H. Chesterman, 15; A. J. Truscott, J.O. 15; H. Reynolds, W.M. 383; A. Roberts, I.P.M. 66; W. Harris, P.M. 215, P.P.J.G.D.; J. F. Ralling, 112; and W. S. Vickery, 15.

The report of the Prov. Grand Secretary was received and adopted, as was that of the Prov. Grand Treasurer, which showed a favourable balance in hand of £34.

The report of the Committee of General Purposes, which was also received and adopted, recommended that 21 guineas should be given for Charities.

The Prov. G.M. proceeded to appoint and invest his officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Bro. G. S. S. Lowe, 50	...	...	...	D.P.G.M.
" H. Ford, 372	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" J. H. Square, 438	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" H. Reynolds, 383	...	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" D. Carwithen, 16	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" J. W. Cornish, 76	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" Rev. T. C. Lewis, 438	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" A. Hope, 15	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" E. W. Lock, 215	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" H. Stocker, 15	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" A. W. Serley, 319	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" A. S. Coyte, 100	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" G. Dunsterville, 35	...	...	...	Prov. G. I. of W.
" S. Harris, 91	...	...	...	Prov. G.D. of C.
" J. Endicott, 48	...	...	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" W. E. Williams, 180	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" W. T. Gill, 23	...	...	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" John Lark, 16	...	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" J. Gidley, 169	...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.
" J. K. Bond, 50	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Stwds.
" E. Aslett, 66	...	...	...
" A. E. Maddock, 67	...	...	...

The PROV. GRAND MASTER offered his congratulations to Bro. Lowe, D.P.G.M., on his appointment to the office of P.G.W. of the Craft, and a vote of congratulation was subsequently adopted, to which Bro. Lowe suitably responded.

Bros. Lowe, Stocker, Grover, and Crouch were appointed to serve on the General Purposes Committee.

Bro. HUGHAN, P.G.W. England, spoke in complimentary terms of the recently drafted by-laws of the province which had been prepared by the Prov. Grand Secretary, and characterised the work with the appendices as the best he had seen. The speaker entered into some very interesting particulars concerning the Province of Devonshire, which is claimed to be the senior working lodge in Mark Masonry.

Some interesting discussion arose upon the remarks of Bro. Hughan, which tended to prove the accuracy of the details which Bro. Stocker had appended to the by-laws.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Prov. Grand Secretary for his labour in connection with the work.

The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed.

A banquet was afterwards held at the Rougemont Hotel.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF SOMERSET.

The above Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons assembled on Wednesday afternoon, the 20th ult., under the banner of the Else Lodge, No. 102, at the Masonic Hall, Weston-Super-Mare. There was a large attendance of officers and visitors. Bros. Lord Dungarvan, as D.G.M.; R. V. Vassar-Smith, D.P.G.M. Gloucester and Hereford; and C. F. Matier, P.G.W., Grand Secretary, were received with the customary honours.

The P.G.M., Bro. R. C. Else, appointed the following officers for the ensuing year:

Bro. Col. W. Long	...	...	...	D.P.G.M.
" F. W. S. Wicksteed	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" R. R. Rice, W.M. Royal Cumberland	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" J. T. Dunsford	...	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" W. Peach, Royal Cumberland, P.P.G. Std. Br.	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.O.
" G. Strawbridge	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.O.
" Rev. G. E. Gardiner	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" C. W. Radway, P.G.D. Eng.	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" B. C. Board	...	...	...	Prov. G.R. of M.
" F. T. Elworthy, P.G.D. Eng.	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" F. Blackmore	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" J. B. Sincock	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" W. C. J. York, S.W. 128	...	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" W. H. Webb	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" T. C. Chaffin	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" A. J. Mawer	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" E. G. Lalonde	...	...	...	Prov. G. Org.
" O. W. Wiltshire	...	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" J. P. Capell...	...	...	...	} Prov. G. Stewards.
" Loveless	...	...	...
" A. J. Salter	...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

A sum of 15 guineas was voted to the Mark Benevolent Fund, and the alms were given to the Weston-Super-Mare Hospital.

Among those present, in addition to the officers named, were—

Bros. C. L. F. Edwards, P.P.S.G.W.; T. F. Norris, E. A. Purvis, F. A. Hyndman, P.P.G.D. Oxford; W. C. Thomas, E. Huntley, J. P. James, S. J. Sellick, F. B. George, W. C. Leaker, W. E. Perrett, P.P.G.D.; J. Burnett, H. M. Marsh, T. W. Stone, P.P.J.G.W.; F. T. Perrett, B. H. Watts, R. H. Baggs, S. Bigwood, J. T. Hallam, A. Holborn, R. Knight, C. S. Leech, H. B. Harrington, E. E. Baker, T. Cogle, W. B. Frampton, P.P.G.M.O.; T. Cox, C. Cornelius, and others.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF STAFFORDSHIRE.

A meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hanley, on Tuesday, the 26th ult., when there was a good attendance of members. Bro. Col. G. S. Tudor, Prov. G.M., was unable to be present owing to the state of his health, and Bro. J. F. Pepper, D.P.G.M., presided.

Amongst those present were—

Bros. B. Piercy, 45, P.P.J.G.W.; G. A. Tomason, P.M. 318; S. Jennings, P.M., J.O. 318; A. E. Parkes, 318, P.P.G.S.B.; W. Tunnicliffe, E. V. Greatbach, J. Munro, H. R. Strange, F. W. Warne, E. B. Devereux, D. Jones, J. T. Howson, H. Windle, W. H. Jones, E. B. Jackson, and C. Elphinstone, 45; Chas. Taylor and V. C. Crump, 290; W. Belton and W. Lascelles Southwell, 444; W. E. Thomason and Chas. Lamsdale, 318; and T. Patten, E. M. Youd, and W. Wood.

It was decided to recommend Bro. Col. Tudor to the Prince of Wales for re-appointment as Prov. G.M. for the ensuing three years.

The following appointments were made:

Bro. J. F. Pepper	...	...	...	D. Prov. G.M.
" G. A. Thomason	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" E. B. Devereux	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" F. W. Willmore	...	...	...	Prov. G.M.O.
" H. R. Strange	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.O.
" A. E. Parkes	...	...	...	Prov. G.J.O.
" Rev. W. Prosser	...	...	...	Prov. G. Chap.
" C. A. Newnham	...	...	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" S. B. Wheway	...	...	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" G. W. Walker	...	...	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" C. Taylor	...	...	...	Prov. S.G.D.
" W. Belton	...	...	...	Prov. J.G.D.
" V. C. L. Crump	...	...	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" D. Jones	...	...	...	Prov. G.I. of W.
" W. L. Southwell	...	...	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" J. T. Howson	...	...	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" C. Lamsdale	...	...	...	Prov. G.I.G.
" W. Twist	...	...	...	Prov. G. Tyler.

The customary banquet took place after the conclusion of the business, and a splendid repast was provided by Bro. Munro.

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By Order.

J. M. McLEOD,

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1893.

Masonic Notes.

His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master has appointed Tuesday, November the 28th, for the consecration of the Chancery Bar Lodge, and has arranged to be present on the occasion. The lodge will hold all its meetings by permission of the Benchers at Lincoln's Inn, and the consecration ceremony will probably be performed in the Lincoln's Inn Library, the subsequent banquet taking place in the Hall.

We have to remind our readers that the autumn School elections will take place at the Quarterly General Courts of Governors and Subscribers, which will be held in Freemasons' Tavern on Thursday and Friday next, the 12th and 13th instant respectively, that for admission into the Girls' School being due on the former day, and that for the Boys' School on the latter. On both occasions the chair will be taken at 12 noon precisely, and the poll will be opened when the ordinary business has been concluded, and will close at 3 p.m. prompt.

For the Girls' School election there are 15 vacancies and 37 candidates, and for that of the Boys' School 25—or if Bro. Everett's motion is carried there will be 26—vacancies and 46 candidates. This is a reversal of what has been the ordinary course of things at most recent elections, the proportion of vacancies to candidates having been more favourable to the latter in the case of the senior than in that of the junior School.

But the point on which we are anxious to lay the greatest stress is that at each of the elections there are three candidates who are bound to secure places among the successful under pain of having their names removed from the lists altogether. The girls who are in this predicament are placed in the list at No. 17 (Cheshire), No. 27 (Monmouthshire and London), and No. 28 (Warwickshire); while the three boys are placed at No. 10 (Cheshire and Derbyshire), No. 28 (Eastern Archipelago), and No. 35 (Middlesex). In accordance with the practice we have adopted for several years past, we earnestly appeal to all who have votes and influence at their command and are not already pledged to the support of any case or cases, to do all in their power to secure the election of these children.

We have adopted this practice for two especial reasons, which we have many times already set forth in these columns, but which are well worthy of being repeated. (1) The presence of their names in the lists of candidates is direct and indisputable evidence of their eligibility, especially now when all petitions are subjected to the strictest scrutiny. (2) While the list of candidates continues to be as restricted in point of numbers as they happen to be just now, there is a good reason why every boy or girl, who has been adjudged worthy of admission, should secure his or her admission without fail. We hold these views, not from any interest we have in the children themselves, of whom we know nothing, but from motives of a generous policy towards the children of unfortunate Masons.

Our respected Pro Grand Master must be very proud of his Province of West Lancashire, over which he has presided for the last 20 years, not merely from its numerical strength—though where the quality is good, as it is in this instance, that of itself is a matter for sincere congratulation—but from the devotion of the brethren to the fundamental principles of the Craft. There are 107 lodges on the roll of this Province, while the number of subscribing members is 7160, showing an increase during the past nine years of 2572; and though it is not concealed that differences, and it may be even dissensions, have arisen in the management of these lodges, yet it is recognised in every quarter that their affairs have been on the whole both well and wisely administered. Indeed, if it had been otherwise there would not be such enthusiasm for Freemasonry as characterises our West Lancashire brethren as a body.

But while numerical strength and wise administration are among the chief features of West Lancashire Freemasonry, there is still a third feature which is calculated to elicit unbounded respect and admiration from the whole body of English Masons. Not only is the Province a loyal supporter of our great Central Institutions, but it maintains three local Masonic Charities of its own, which secure to West Lancashire brethren in reduced circumstances, their widows, and their children the same class of benefits—though not quite on the same scale—as are conferred by our three general Charities on poor but worthy brethren and their belongings throughout England.

The three local Charities we are referring to are the Educational Institute, with an invested capital of £22,000, and the Hamer and Alpass Annuity Funds, for men and widows respectively, with a capital in each case of about £5000. Half a century ago our main Institutions, of which all English Masons are so justly proud, were hardly as important as regards the extent of the benefits they conferred as are these three West Lancashire Institutes at the present time.

By the way, while we are on the subject of West Lancashire and its local Masonic Charities, we may as well take the opportunity of mentioning that the annual meeting in aid of the Alpass Fund was appointed to be held at Southport on the 5th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, son of the Prov. Grand Master, and we trust it will be in our power to furnish a full account of what we have no doubt will be a highly successful gathering. It is the youngest, though by no means the least valuable, of the three West Lancashire Institutes.

We are indebted to the kindness of a correspondent for the report we publish in another part of our columns of the visit paid by the members of the Institute of Journalists to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. We knew nothing of the visit—which the Institute was specially invited to pay to the School by the Executive—till after it had taken place, owing no doubt to an oversight on the part of the said Executive, and not to any lack of that courtesy of which we have been so constantly the recipients.

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.]

VISITING BRETHREN.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Your correspondent, "P.M., W.L.," in replying to my letter, evidently omitted to read what I wrote, or is ignorant of the meaning of the phrase "called off."

It may, therefore, be a sufficient answer to his letter to say that at such a time none of the officers he mentions—save one—are required to be in their places. "P.M., W.L.," may not be aware that on temporarily retiring, in such a case, from a lodge, some Masons are in the habit of leaving their clothing in the room, so that the Tyler would be excused for allowing the brother to walk in through the open door without clothing.

The brother has missed the point of my letter, which was—that it was a strange thing for a visiting P.M. to expect to be admitted under the circumstances I narrated.—Yours fraternally,

P.M.

THE INSTALLATION OF THE PROV. GRAND MASTER OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Glowing as your account is of the above interesting and important event, it falls short perhaps of the reality, for a more imposing ceremony—excepting in one collateral function—was, perhaps, never witnessed in the Northern province, and all true Masons are justly proud of the appointment of our esteemed chief, the Hon. W. L. Jackson, M.P., to be our Masonic guide and Master.

The exception I allude to was the music, which I may say at once was of the most meagre, insignificant character. Instead of the splendid compositions we have generally had in the North on these occasions, we were treated to a few common-place hymn tunes, led by a weak harmonium—or by accordion—which nobody heard, sung by every brother in his own style and tune, much to the chagrin of those who, like myself, possess some knowledge of and taste for the divine art.

And then the music at the grand banquet—which was, indeed, a glorious feast of reason and flow of soul—why it was neither appropriate or interesting, and, pray, where was our old, esteemed Bro. Dr. Sparks and the mighty organ (unequalled in Europe for its power and beauty) on an occasion like this?

Numerous have been the comments on the palpable omission, especially from our esteemed musical friends from Lancashire. Can any of our Leeds brethren explain?—Yours fraternally,

P.M.

Leeds, October 2nd.

"FREEMASONRY IN THE ARMY."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In your issue of this day I am glad to see a letter signed "S.D.," referring to a former article on the above subject, and which at the time struck me in the same way, but, being on the eve of a journey from home, I allowed the opportunity to slip. There are still many active lodges in the Army. I can name two, viz.: Lodge 322 (I.C.), in the 1st Battalion Worcestershire Regiment, old 29th*, date of warrant 1759; and Lodge 128 (I.C.) in the 1st Battalion Dorsetshire Regiment, old 39th.

The former lodge was revived, after a long dormancy, by me in 1854-55 (the Lieutenant-Colonel Commanding being the first W.M., but unable, through absence on staff employ, from taking his place), it devolved on me, as S.W., under the new warrant (with old number, the original warrant being almost illegible), to work the lodge. This lodge before leaving what was then British Pegu planted an E.C. Lodge Astraea at Thayetmyo, from its non-regimental members under the approval and thorough amicable relationship with the District Grand Lodge of Bengal. This, I think, is a unique case of Irish seed producing an English plant.—Yours fraternally,

H. G. COLVILL,

P.P.S.G.W. Cornwall, P.D.J.G.W. Bengal,
and late Captain 29th Regiment.

September 30th.

* In the old series of "Indian Freemasons' Friend," 1854-55, I gave some account of this lodge and its wanderings in many lands.

FREEMASONRY IN THE ARMY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

In reply to the letter of "S.D." in your last issue, I may say that as regards Ireland we have on our register the following five regimental lodges working under the control of the G.L.I.: 4th Dragoon Guards, No. 295, 1758; 5th Dragoon Guards, No. 570, 1780; 2nd Batt. 20th Regiment, No. 263, 1860; 1st Batt. 26th Regiment (Cameronians), No. 26, 1810; and 29th Regiment, No. 322, 1759.

I may add that when the 4th Dragoon Guards were lately quartered in Dublin, the working of their lodge commanded the greatest admiration, and all their meetings were largely attended by visitors anxious to see the working of which "the tongue of good report" spoke so highly.

No doubt some of your English correspondents will afford "S.D." some information on their part.

Although not strictly *apropos* of the subject, it may interest our brother to hear that the lodge to which the writer belongs has this year the honour of being presided over by the Commander-in-Chief of Ireland, Gen. the Rt. Hon. Lord Viscount Wolseley, &c., &c., who during his year of office, now drawing to a close, has shown himself most active and energetic in attendance and working his lodge.—Yours fraternally,

JOHN W. GODDARD,
P.M. Military Lodge, Ireland,20, Charleville-road,
Rathmines. No. 728.

P.S.—I may add that we have also on our roll a permanent lodge, No. 730, called the "Garrison Lodge," for N.C. officers, &c., attached to the Dublin garrison.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Faith Lodge (No. 141).—The first meeting of this old lodge since the recess was held on the 26th ult., at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, when there were present, among others, Bros. J. Cockram Taylor, W.M.; Trott, S.W.; White, J.W.; W. J. Hakim, P.M., Treas.; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Godfrey, S.D.; Swan, J.D.; Gluckstein, I.G.; Sharpley, Org.; Welch, I.P.M.; Charles Dairy, P.M.; G. Rumball, P.M.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., G. Stwd.; R. Jordan, P.M.; Hudson, P.M.; C. Wetzelar, P.M.; and Langdale, P.M. The visitors were Bros. F. E. Choveaux, 1622; S. J. Derham, 1622; J. Beveridge, 1962; S. Latham, 1962; and H. H. Wardwell, 32 (U.S.A.).

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. W. J. Hakim, P.M., was then invested with the collar of Treasurer, *vice* Bro. W. Carter, P.M., deceased. The ballot was taken on behalf of Mr. Percival Richardson, but he was unavoidably prevented from attending to be initiated, as was Mr. Harry Bell, balloted for at the previous meeting. Bro. Trott was elected W.M.; Bro. W. J. Hakim, Treas.; and Bro. Longstaffe, Tyler. The Auditors having been elected, a Past Master's jewel was voted to the W.M., and a vote of thanks passed to him for his able and efficient services. The resignation of Bro. E. Hopwood, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., a highly respected member of this lodge for nearly 40 years, was read. A resolution was unanimously passed that he should be asked to reconsider the matter, or at least to remain as a country member.

Some minor business having been transacted, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

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

The I.P.M., Bro. Welch, gave the toast of "The W.M." He said that Bro. Taylor's year had been a very successful one. His working had been excellent, and his kindness and geniality had won for him the goodwill of every member.

The W.M. having briefly responded, gave the toast of "The Visitors."

Bro. Wardwell, an American Mason, cordially thanked the brethren for the courtesy they had extended to him, a stranger amongst them, in not only allowing him to enter the lodge, but for kindly inviting him to the banquet.

Bro. Trott replied to the toast of "The Master Elect;" Bro. C. Dairy for "The Past Masters;" Bros. Hakim and Stuart for "The Treasurer and Secretary;" and Bros. White and Godfrey for "The Officers."

During the evening Bros. Fawkes, Langdale, Gluckstein, Godfrey, and Derham entertained the brethren. The two last mentioned executed a charming flute duet, which was enthusiastically re-demanded.

Burdett Coutts Lodge (No. 1278).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch-street, E.C., on Wednesday the 20th ult., when about 100 brethren attended. Bro. T. R. Arter, W.M., having opened the lodge, impressively installed Bro. W. H. Toye as the W.M. for the ensuing year. The following officers were invested: Bros. T. R. Arter, I.P.M.; J. J. Hall, S.W.; G. F. Gildersleve, J.W.; W. J. Crutch, P.M., Treas.; G. Ward Verry, P.M., Sec.; H. Grant, S.D.; F. Toye, J.D.; F. Islip, I.G.; H. T. C. Lloyd, D.C.; C. H. Callaghan and J. W. Hallett, Stwds. Previous to the lodge being closed, five candidates were proposed for initiation.

The customary toasts were duly honoured after ample justice had been done to an excellent banquet.

A charming selection of music considerably enhanced the enjoyment of the brethren, and amongst those who assisted were Miss Amy Russell, Bros. W. H. Making, P.M., G. F. Gildersleve, J. J. Cattle, and Messrs. Muscovitz and Malvern.

Clapton Lodge (No. 1365).—The installation meeting of this well-known City lodge was held at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street, on the 21st ult., and was well attended both by members and visitors, the latter numbering 30. There were present Bros. W. Forty, W.M.; Luker, I.P.M.; D. Campbell, J.W.; W. Blackburn, P.M., Treas.; W. D. Church, P.M., Sec.; R. E. Fairclough, J.D.; J. Geddes, D.C.; A. H. Church and F. C. Lintott, Stewards; S. Ellis, acting Tyler; N. Finch, P.M.; W. H. Caton, P.M.; J. Badkin, P.M.; W. Lutwyche, P.M.; Henry C. Mickley, J. N. Bredin, C. R. Campbell, T. T. Gething, P. Becker, H. C. Amendt, W. R. Cathrow, W. Shurmur, F. Orfeur, R. Devereux, J. Parfitt, J. Holland, W. Banks, J. Whitehead, W. W. Fulcher, F. W. Vaughan, and F. J. Thayer. The visitors were Bros. J. Bunker, P.M. 1158; T. Shillito, 1608; J. Gaskin, P.M. 1897; H. Garrod, P.G.P.; J. Miller, 1491; E. Wiskerden, 1549; J. Rawle, 619; S. Clarke, P.M. 706; S. Stanger, W.M. 12; Watts, 217; E. Crowne, P.M. 1707; J. Pearce, 65; F. L. Otten, 657; J. Haine, 1260; W. Bridges, 898; R. Poore, P.M. 1949; A. Canick, P.M. 1056; R. C. Gleed, 1507; J. Pearce, 1540; J. Godwin, P.M. 1579; E. Hands, 90; M. Bleick, 2374; W. W. Williams, 1671; C. Long, 1920; E. Dalzell, P.M. 2000; J. Brown, 2264; J. Garrod, P.M. 754; D. Strong, 1706; F. Beavan, W.M. elect 1706; and R. T. West, 1744.

The minutes of the last lodge and emergency meetings having been read and confirmed, and the Auditors' report adopted, the W.M. elect, Bro. D. Campbell, was then presented and installed into the chair by Bro. W. D. Church, P.M., in a most impressive manner. The following brethren were appointed and invested officers by the new W.M. for the ensuing year: Bro. W. Forty, I.P.M.; R. E. Fairclough, S.W.; E. C. Robinson, J.W.; W. Blackburn, P.M., Treas.; W. D. Church, P.M., Sec.; J. Geddes, S.D.; A. H. Church, J.D.; F. C. Lintott, I.G.; W. Banks, Org.; T. T. Gething, D.C.; R. Devereux and W. Shurmur, P.M., Stewards. The usual addresses were given by Bro. W. D. Church, P.M., with marked effect, and were listened to with great attention, and he won for himself the hearty approval of the brethren. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Robinson, who had promoted the summer outing of the lodge with the great success it was stated to have been. A letter from Bro. Coultro was read resigning his membership through ill-health, which was received with very great regret.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a superb banquet, which was admirably served under the superintendence of Bro. Becker.

After ample justice had been done to the many good things, the Worshipful Master gave the loyal and Masonic toasts in eloquent terms.

In responding for "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," Bro. Garrod paid a great tribute to the present Grand Officers, who, he observed, had attained their offices through sheer hard work. After 40 years' experience in the Craft, he had never seen better working than that of the W.M., and the Installing Master, Bro. W. D. Church.

Bro. Forty, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the Worshipful Master," said that that was the toast of the evening. The members had known him for many years, and no one was better able to conduct the business of the lodge, and he heartily wished him a happy year of office.

The toast was drunk with great enthusiasm, and Bro. Campbell, the W.M., on rising to respond, received an ovation. He thanked the members for their great reception, which was more than a surprise to him. He belonged to no other lodge, but was "a Cockney of Cockneys." He was proud to be the Master of the lodge, and he hoped to carry out the duties efficiently, and to do everything for its interest.

The Worshipful Master gave the toast of "The I.P.M., Bro. Forty." The members' experience of him would be an excuse to receive him with enthusiasm. He took this opportunity of presenting him with a Past Master's jewel, which was nothing more than his due, for the great services he had rendered to the lodge. The inscription on the jewel was—"In token of esteem and fraternal regard."

Bro. Forty, who was well received, thanked the brethren for their flattering greeting, and the W.M. for his kind words. He appreciated the support he had had from them all during his term of office. He was proud to receive the jewel, but he had not, he thought, been as good as the previous Worshipful Masters, but he had tried to do his very best, and would continue to do everything he could to promote the interests of the lodge. He should never forget the kindness he had received from his officers during the time he occupied the chair, and he thanked them from his heart for their great assistance.

In proposing "The Installing Master," the W.M. stated that Bro. W. D. Church, P.M., had introduced him into Masonry, and he was delighted to have been installed by so good a friend. He had done the ceremony in a masterly and impressive manner, which he felt certain was appreciated by the members and the visitors.

Bro. W. D. Church, on rising, was received with acclamation. He said that what he had done was to him a great pleasure and honour. The W.M. was an old friend of his of many years standing, and he was proud of having introduced him to the lodge. He had also introduced nearly all of the present officers, and who, he ventured to think, would all hereafter give a good account of themselves.

The Worshipful Master gave the toast of "The Visitors." They had a great number present and he gave them all a hearty welcome. He coupled with the toast the names of several of the guests, whom he asked to respond.

Bro. Crowne, P.M., in reply, thanked the W.M. for his very hearty welcome and the members for the profuse hospitality. The installation ceremony was perfect and the best he had ever seen. He congratulated the W.M. and wished him a successful year of office.

Bro. Stanger, W.M., also replied in a genial but eloquent speech.

Bro. R. Poore also responded. He complimented the W.M. on his noble bearing, and congratulated the members on having so excellent a Master.

The Worshipful Master gave "The Masonic Charities," remarking that the lodge did its duty fairly well in respect thereof.

In giving "The Past Masters," the Worshipful Master said that this was an important toast in all lodges, and that no lodge could exist without good reliable Past Masters.

He coupled the names of Bro. Lutwyche, the father of the lodge, and Bro. Luker, the junior Past Master, whom he asked to respond.

Bro. Lutwyche replied in appropriate terms, and said that if the Past Masters were called upon to do anything they would gladly give any assistance.

Bro. Luker also responded, and said that the W.M. would carry out his duties second to none, and certainly would not require any assistance from the Past Masters.

In eloquent terms, the W.M. gave the next toast—"The Treasurer and Secretary"—and said they both deserved the best thanks of the brethren for their able services.

Bro. Blackburn, P.M., Treas., responded. He congratulated the lodge upon its splendid financial position, which was due to their energetic Secretary, and he hoped the coming year would be as successful as the last.

Bro. W. D. Church, P.M., Sec., also replied. He stated that while he had the confidence of the lodge he would do his duty fearlessly. The office of Secretary was not a sinecure. He would continue to do his utmost to carry out his duties for the interests of the lodge.

The next toast was "The Officers," the W.M. stating that they were all good, and he looked to them for every assistance, which he felt sure they would give him, to enable him to carry out the business of the lodge, to which suitable responses were made by Bros. Fairclough, S.W.; E. C. Robinson, J.W.; Geddes, S.D.; A. H. Church, J.D.; Lintott, I.G.; Gething, D.C.; and Devereux, Stwd.

A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Amendt, the manager of the hotel, for the excellent banquet that night, and to Bro. Becker, his able lieutenant.

Bro. Amendt replied that he was pleased with the kind appreciation of the brethren.

The Tyler's toast brought to a close a very enjoyable evening, and the W.M. is to be congratulated on the great success of the gathering.

The W.M. had provided an excellent concert, in which Bros. J. A. Brown, Albert James, Edwd. Dalzell, Fredk. Bevan, G. Strong, and Orfeur took part, under the able direction of Bro. Albert James.

Farringdon Without Lodge (No. 1745).

—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Viaduct Hotel, Holborn, on the 25th ult. Among those present were Bros. N. P. Lardner, W.M.; Snelling, P.M. 1541, acting S.W.; C. Bachhoffner, J.W.; H. J. Lardner, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; J. Murphy, J.D.; H. Harden, I.G.; Dr. Hinton, M.A., P.M. 84, Asst. Org.; J. D. Webb, Stwd.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., G. Stwd.; J. Young, P.M.; T. Simpson, P.M.; G. Herbert, P.M.; E. Schultz, P.M.; J. W. Gaze, P.M. 1768; and W. Wellsman, C.C., P.M. 1589. Among the visitors were Bros. E. L. Lardner, G. Stwd.; W. N. Scarlett, Prov. J.G.W.; T. Cull, P.M. 1446; C. Gordon, 55; J. H. Clemens, 183; G. B. Wood, 1580; J. Yates, 1360; and H. Gunton, 2203.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. George Walter, C.C., was impressively raised to the Third Degree. The ballot having been taken, Mr. James Grant Mason was duly inducted into Craft mysteries. Bro. M. H. Woodhill, S.D., having presented the lodge with a copy of Bro. Gould's (P.G.D.) valuable work on Freemasonry, a resolution was passed thanking him for his liberal gift. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. W. H. Jackson, P.M., Sec.; H. Herbert, J.W.; Woodhill, S.D.; N. Prower, M.A., P.M.; Dr. Lott, P.G. Org., Org.; and many others.

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

Bro. E. L. Lardner, G. Stwd., responded to the toast of "The Grand Officers" in an eloquent and effective speech.

The I.P.M. proposed "The Health of the W.M." In the course of his remarks he congratulated Bro. N. P. Lardner upon the highly satisfactory manner in which he had performed the ceremonies of initiation and raising, and also for his excellent presidency both in and out of the lodge.

The W.M. having replied, gave "The Initiate and Joining Members."

Bro. Mason, in response, expressed his thanks to his proposer and seconder, and also to the W.M. for the pleasure the ceremony of initiation had afforded him. He hoped in time to become a useful member of the lodge.

Bros. W. Wellsman, C.C., P.M., and W. Leach-Lewis acknowledged the toast of the joining members. The former said that his indirect connection with the lodge went back to the date of its formation. As W.M. of No. 1589, he had signed the petition to the Grand Master recommending the issue of a warrant. He was unable to attend its consecration, but the lodge did him the honour of making him an honorary member. During his parochial and civic career he had received many acts of kindness from many of its prominent members, and he hoped to be spared some years to come amongst them. The latter brother likewise expressed his gratification in being a member of No. 1745, and regretted that he had not been able to attend its meetings till that night. He also made some eloquent remarks upon the principles and usefulness of Freemasonry.

Bros. Scarlett, Snelling, and Cull replied to the toast of "The Visitors;" Bros. T. Simpson and G. Herbert responded to "The Health of the Past Masters;" Bro. H. J. Lardner for "The Treasurer and Secretary;" and Bros. C. Bachhoffner and J. Murphy for "The Officers."

A very pleasant evening then terminated, the proceedings of which had been greatly enhanced by the instrumental and vocal abilities of Bros. Dr. Hinton, J. Young, G. Herbert, E. Schultz, Harden, and Shapcott, the last-named brother's artistic efforts on the cornet being highly appreciated.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BARNET.

Gladsmuir Lodge (No. 1385).—This lodge held its first meeting after the summer holidays at the Red Lion Hotel, on Friday, the 29th ult. Bro. G. Blizard Abbott, W.M., presided, and there were present, among others, Bros. F. Thompson, S.W.; F. C. Collingwood, J.W.; Charles Gray, P.M., Sec., P.P.G.S.B.; J. E. Cussans, P.M., P.P.G.W.; J. N. Euerby, P.M., P.G.P.; W. Lewis, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. W. Baxter, P.M., P.P.G.R.; Anneveld, I.G.; Marshall and Tibbatts.

Stwds.; Dr. Haskins, Org.; Goddard Tyler; Witthaus, Humby, Mason, Cranston, G. Phillips, F. Phillips, Spicer, Baddeley, Billson, and Ellis. Visitors: Bros. John Lowthion, P.M. 1385 and 1479, P.P.G.W. Herts; Anneveld, and Bryant.

The minutes of the April lodge and of the lodge of emergency on the 9th of June having been read and confirmed, sundry notices of motion for the next meeting were given and a vote of thanks passed by acclamation to the W.M. for his gift of a copy of "The History of Freemasonry in Hertfordshire." The lodge was then closed and the brethren dined together, the intervals between the speeches being taken up with some excellent songs, admirably sung by Bros. Tibbatts, Baxter, Lewis, Mason, Humby, and Anneveld.

BRADFORD.

Acacia Lodge (No. 2321).—The regular election meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Rawson-square, on Thursday, the 7th ult. Bro. John Niven, W.M., was supported by Bros. E. Pearson Peterson, I.P.M., as S.D.; Alfred Stephenson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; J. Wilson, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., as Chap.; T. A. Bailey, P.M., as S.W.; G. Althorp, P.M., P.P.G.P.; T. Wainman Holmes, P.M., P.P.G.O.; J. Haigh, P.M.; A. J. Boyle, J.W.; J. T. Last, Treas.; James B. Fearnley, Sec.; J. Morton, J.D.; S. Robinson, I.G.; H. Holmes, Tyler; R. S. Hird, A. E. Harris, J. A. Drake, J. S. Marsland, I. Hirst, Org.; A. Gwaine, R. Harland, J. Harland, and J. J. Whitaker. Visitors: Bros. George Niven, I.P.M. 750; Francis Lister, Chap. 387; J. D. Taylor, 61; R. Wilson, 1303; J. Higginbotham, 1018; F. Hooper, 1648; and C. V. Woodcock, 1648.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the July meeting were duly confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. R. C. Douglas, who was duly elected, and, being in attendance, he was initiated by the W.M., assisted by Bro. Wilson, P.P.G. Std. Br. The working tools were explained by Bro. Boyle, J.W., and the charge delivered by Bro. Bailey, P.M. The report of the Audit Committee regarding the Treasurer's accounts for the current year was submitted, and the accounts, which showed a satisfactory balance to the credit of the lodge, were adopted. The ballot was taken for the W.M. for the ensuing year, which resulted in the election of Bro. Last, Treasurer, who acknowledged the compliment paid him in suitable terms. Bro. S. A. Bailey, P.M., was elected Treasurer, and Bro. R. S. Hird, Tyler, for the ensuing year. Two guineas were voted from the lodge funds for charitable purposes. Notices of proposition of two gentlemen as candidates for initiation were handed in. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment.

CADOXTON.

Barry Lodge (No. 2357).—The fourth annual installation of this young and flourishing lodge was held at the Royal Hotel, on Wednesday, the 27th ult., when there was a large attendance of members and visitors. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. J. J. Williams, who was supported by the following officers and members of the lodge: Bros. T. Higman, S.W. and W.M. elect; W. L. Edwards, J.W.; W. P. Phillips, Treas.; E. Treharne, Sec.; T. Ewbank, S.D.; F. P. Jones Lloyd, acting J.D.; J. Spickett, I.G.; J. B. Mockford, Org.; R. Jones and W. H. Morgan, Stwds.; G. Neal, I.P.M.; P. G. Purst; G. Thomas, P.M., P.P.J.G.W.; J. Westall, J. E. Frasers, F. J. Colyer, John Williams, S. A. M. Thorning, W. Evans, W. R. Hopkins, F. Laurens, E. Taylor, A. Chappel, A. E. Williams, F. C. Milner, F. C. Williams, W.M. 2226, P.G.S.B. Middx.; and Amos Jenkins, Tyler. Visitors: Bros. Marmaduke Tennant, D.P.G.M., P.G.S.B. England; E. J. Grubb, P.M. 68, P.P.G.D. Bristol; T. E. Clark, 68; F. H. Arcott, 2218; J. E. Griffith, W.M. 364, P.G. Stwd.; G. Clang, W.M. 36; H. Samuel, W.M. 960; W. S. Zorath, W.M. 1754; John T. Hogg, W.M. 1992; D. R. Roberts, I.P.M. 36, P.P.S.G.D.; F. G. Hodges, P.M. 1754, P.P.G. Std. Br.; F. J. Bayley, S.W., W.M. elect 1992; A. T. Tavener, J.D. 1754; Fred Morgan, 1992; A. W. Cook, 1992; John John, 1992; T. H. Webb, 1992; W. H. Harris, 1754; H. Morgan Rees, S.W. 1754; and G. G. Spray, 1754.

The ceremony of installation was very ably and impressively performed by Bro. J. J. Williams, assisted by Bro. George Thomas, P.M. The newly-installed Master then invested his officers as follows: Bros. John J. Williams, P.M. 1098 and 2226, P.P.S.G.D. Mon., as I.P.M.; W. L. Edwards, S.W.; Edward Treharne, J.W.; W. P. Phillips, Treas.; Thos. Ewbank, Sec.; John Spickett, S.D.; J. E. Fraser, J.D.; Rees Jones, I.G.; J. B. Mockford, Org.; E. S. Johnston, D.C.; A. Chappel and F. P. Jones Lloyd, Stewards; and Amos Jenkins, Tyler. The D.P.G.M., Bro. Tennant (at the request of the W.M.), then presented the I.P.M., with a very handsome Past Master's jewel, and, in doing so, expressed the pleasure it gave him to be present on such an occasion, and being permitted to perform such a (to him) pleasing ceremony. The I.P.M. replied in suitable terms, and, after "Hearty good wishes" had been conveyed to the new W.M., the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquetting hall, where a *recherche* repast had been prepared by the respected host, Bro. F. C. Williams, the W.M., Bro. T. Higman, P.P.G. Stwd., presiding.

The usual Masonic toasts were duly proposed and responded to.

The D.P.G.M. gave the toast of "The W.M.," and congratulated him on the high honour that had been conferred upon him that day, and in doing so he hoped he would have a successful year of office.

The W.M. responded in suitable terms.

The proceedings were enlivened by songs and recitations from various brethren, and after a very pleasant evening had been spent, the brethren dispersed well pleased with the day's proceedings.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

DERBY.

Tyrian Lodge (No. 253).—The anniversary festival of this centenary lodge was celebrated at the Masonic Hall on Tuesday, the 26th ult., when there were present Bros. H. V. Edwards, W.M.; Rev. Herbert Price, M.A., Prov. S.G.W., I.P.M.; E. McInnes, S.W.; E. H. Clay, J.W.; Rev. Thos. B. Mundy, M.A., P.M., P.P.G.C., Chap.; H. Litherland, Sec.; H. T. George, S.D.; Fred. E. Leech, J.D.; J. Cutting, P.M., D.C.;

Thos. C. Eastwood, I.G.; A. Slinn, Tyler; T. Cox, P.P.S.G.W.; W. H. Marsden, P.P.S.G.W., G.S.B. Eng.; J. B. Coulson, P.P.S.G.W.; Percy Wallis, P.P.S.G.W.; A. Woodiess, P.P.S.G.W.; Thos. Hall, P.P.J.G.W.; H. Arnold Bemrose, P.P.G.T.; Thos. R. Gee, P.P.G.T.; A. Grimwood Taylor, P.P.G.D.C.; C. R. B. Eddowes, and others. Visitors: Bros. G. Tarver, W.M. 353; Jno. Holbrook, W.M. 506; Jno. Jones, W.M. 731; Jno. Hunter, W.M. 787; J. R. Fielding, W.M. 884; T. C. Drabble, W.M. 1495; C. F. Margerison, W.M. 2373; Jas. Bland, P.P.G.D.; C. Webster, P.P.G.D.; J. H. Richardson, P.P.A.G. Sec.; John Walker, P.P.G.D.; W. L. Dodd, P.P.G. Org.; Luther Russell, P.M. 1085; A. Worsnop, S.W. 1085; Geo. Leigh, S.W. 2129; B. Toft, D.C. 731; W. J. Piper, jun., 802; A. Butterworth, Sec. 731; H. Harlow, 1085; James R. Eastwood, 29; J. A. Arnold, J.D. 731; J. B. Maskell, Org. 2224; J. W. Gandy, 1085; G. B. Barton, 1495; and Rowland Hill, 2224.

The W.M. elect was Bro. E. McInnes, and the ceremony of installation was performed in good style by the outgoing W.M., Bro. H. V. Edwards, who also gave the several charges. The W.M. appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. E. Havelock Clay, S.W.; H. Litherland, J.W.; Rev. H. Price, M.A., P.M., Prov. S.G.W., Chap.; William Naylor, P.M., P.G.S.B. Eng., Prov. G. Sec.; Treas.; Henry T. George, Sec.; F. E. Leech, S.D.; Thos. C. Eastwood, J.D.; Jas. Cutting, P.M., D.C.; C. R. B. Eddowes, I.G.; and A. Slinn, Tyler.

A hearty vote of congratulation was accorded to the new W.M. on his approaching marriage to the daughter of that veteran and respected Mason, Bro. Thomas Cox, P.P.S.G.W., P.P.G.T., &c., and apologies for non-attendance having been put in, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the annual banquet in the lower hall, where the customary toast list was gone through, Bro. Edwards being specially congratulated upon his successful Master-ship.

An excellent musical programme was carried out, under the able management of Bro. W. L. Dodd, P.P.G. Org., and the gathering was in all respects a most enjoyable one.

GLASTONBURY.

Pilgrim's Lodge (No. 772).—A regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 28th ult., at the Masonic Room, George Hotel, when there were present Bros. Hitchings Davies, W.M.; C. M. Williams, I.P.M.; J. G. Coggan, S.W.; M. Stead, J.W.; the Rev. H. Lowry Barnwell, Chap.; Dr. Bright, Treas.; H. J. Taylor, P.M., Sec.; W. G. Cozens, S.D.; W. C. Leaker, J.D.; J. Bishop, Org.; J. Welch, D.C.; and E. Bath, P.M., I.G. The visitors included Bro. the Rev. J. W. A. Sturdee, P.M. and Chaplain, and the Past Masters, and officers, and brethren of Portcullis Lodge, No. 2038.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the by-laws of the lodge were read by the Secretary, after which the election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler, for the ensuing year, took place.

The visitors having tendered "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed, after which the brethren adjourned to an excellent supper supplied by Bro. J. E. Poole, P.M.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to with much heartiness.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.

Noel Lodge (No. 244).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 27th ult., at St. James's Hall. Present: Bros. J. Montgomery, P.D.D.G.M. Malta, W.M.; E. H. Lewis, S.W.; F. H. Reynolds, J.W.; J. Herbert, Treas.; G. Free, P.M., Sec.; G. Lister, S.D.; J. Hall, J.D.; E. S. Packington, Org.; G. Brookes, I.G.; A. M. Levey, G. Handley, J. Price, J. D. Vicary, J. H. Vicary, G. Bradbury, F. Smith, J. Chapman, F. H. Hullett, J. Old, A. Watkin, A. Shearlock, and T. Gardiner. Visitors: Bros. H. J. Shelley, P.P.G.P.; A. Jeffery, I.P.M. 483; W. Hill, 1922; and W. Attwood, 95 (I.C.).

The lodge having been opened, Mr. J. Anderson was initiated in an impressive manner. Bro. Reynolds explained the working tools and Bro. Lewis gave the charge. Bros. J. H. Vicary, Shearlock, and Taggard Gardiner were then passed to the Second Degree in a very fitting manner by the W.M. The question of forming a lodge of instruction was deferred. The election of W.M. and Treasurer was then proceeded with, and Bro. Lewis, S.W., was elected W.M., and Bro. A. M. Levey, Treasurer. Bro. J. Herbert retired in favour of Bro. Levey.

After "Hearty good wishes" the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment. The usual toasts were gone through.

THORNE.

St. Nicholas Lodge (No. 2259).—This lodge was held on Wednesday, the 27th ult. Present: Bros. J. Constable, W.M.; W. P. Robotham, Sec.; the Rev. J. J. Littlewood, Chap.; J. H. Bletcher, acting S.W.; B. Maskill, acting J.W.; F. Barber, S.D.; G. Eland, J.D.; F. T. Turner, I.G.; E. Hirst; H. Fenton, D.C.; and F. Pine, Tyler.

The W.M. announced that the gathering at Leeds to witness the installation of the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, M.P., J.P., as Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire had been a most brilliant one, and that St. Nicholas Lodge was represented by five brethren. The Treasurer's balance-sheet was produced, and showed a balance in hand of £33 11s. 3d. The election of W.M. resulted in favour of Bro. A. L. Peace, Treas., both Wardens as well as the present W.M. declining the honour. Bro. B. Maskill was unanimously elected Treasurer, and Bro. F. Pine re-elected Tyler. Bro. the Rev. Littlewood proposed a vote of thanks to the W.M. for the painstaking, efficient, and exemplary manner in which he had performed his duties, with regret that he could not see his way clear to remain in that office for another year. The W.M. thanked Bro. Littlewood for his kind words, and also to all the brethren who wished so to compliment him. After a few matters of detail, the lodge was closed. The installation is fixed for the 1st prox.

Royal Arch.

King Solomon Chapter (No. 2029).—The first ordinary convocation of this new chapter (since the consecration) was held at Mark Masons' Hall on Monday, the 2nd inst., when the following companions were present: Comps. Major T. W. Richardson, M.E.Z.; Robert A.

Gowan, H.; Robert Roy, J.; Dr. H. W. Williams, S.N.; T. Knights, 1st A.S.; R. Mills, 2nd A.S.; Dr. F. J. Allan, Arthur Cane, and W. F. Roberts.

The minutes of the consecration meeting and of the emergency meeting of June 5th, at which latter four brethren were exalted, were read and confirmed. It was unanimously resolved "That the best thanks of this the King Solomon (Temperance) Chapter be sent to the King Solomon Lodge for its kindly sympathy and generous donation of £20 towards the furniture of the chapter." There being no exaltation, it was suggested to rehearse the ceremony in whole or in part. On the M.E.Z. asking for a vote, it was decided for a rehearsal *non con.* Thereupon Comp. Dr. Williams gave the P.S. on the vault, and the M.E.Z. gave the mystical lecture, both of which were well rendered.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the Marlborough Hotel, Villier-street, where an invitation banquet was provided by Comp. Knights.

An elegant display of plants and fruit was thoroughly appreciated, especially by the M.E.Z., who is a vegetarian.

The usual Masonic "sentiments" were responded to most heartily, as was also a vote of thanks to the host.

DONCASTER.

St. Magdalen Lodge (No. 242).—This chapter was held on Friday, the 29th ultimo. Present: Comps. W. W. Wilkie, M.E.Z.; F. D. Walker, P.Z., acting H.; F. Webb, J.; A. Parkin, P.Z.; F. J. Firth, S.E.; W. Chambers, S.N.; J. Constable, P.S.; E. Woodhouse, J. H. Pawson, and J. Hirst, Janitor.

Comp. Woodhouse announced that he had been successful in gaining possession, through the instrumentality of Comp. Beck, of Leeds, of the long lost minute book of the chapter, and had now great pleasure in presenting it to the M.E.Z. It had been lost for many years, and contained the minutes from the foundation of the chapter in 1812 up to the year 1861. The M.E.Z. thanked Comps. Beck and Woodhouse for the restoration of this valuable and interesting volume, which would now be carefully preserved.

MASONIC GUIDE TO SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Bro. Philip Sansom, P.S.G.W., has once more made the Grand Lodge of South Australia his debtor by the editing of "The Masonic Guide 1893-94," for that colony. It is in its 12th issue, and is a great credit to our indefatigable brother, who thus ably caters for the needs of some thousands of Craftsmen, who desire authenticative information respecting their Grand Lodge, and its vigorous and generally healthy subordinates. I have been an editor of a Provincial Calendar, assisted in the compilation of calendars for countries, and have now in my library, or am familiar with the important Masonic Directories published either for provinces, or Grand Lodges at home and abroad, so can practically sympathise with my brother editors wherever located. It is a labour that few fully appreciate, and yet look for almost everything Masonic in such handy volumes. Some of our Provincial Calendars have to do with 50 to 100 lodges, and even more, besides numerous chapters, Mark lodges, and other organisations, so that the one before me is small in some respects, and concerns but 40 lodges or less. But, though the Grand Lodge of Australia is both young and small comparatively, the Earl of Kintore, as Grand Master, presides over one of the most united and well-managed bodies of the kind in the world, and I venture to state that no Grand Lodge possesses a better "Masonic Guide" than does South Australia in Bro. Sansom's compact annual, and few really have so good. For comprehensiveness, accuracy, and interest it has no superior, and few equals. Editors in this country should send for copies from the excellent printers and publishers, Messrs. J. H. Sherring and Co., 42, Currie-street, Adelaide, South Australia; price one shilling each (postage one penny). There is so much in Bro. Sansom's "Guide" that to particularise would be difficult, and yet sometime I shall try to describe its many features. It is full of interest for Craftsmen, no matter to what Grand Lodge they belong, and there are few more useful books to be obtained for newly-initiated brethren, being so calculated to give them a fair idea of the extent and character of our widespread Fraternity. I warmly congratulate Bro. Sansom on the successful completion of his editorial labours for another year.

W. J. HUGHAN.

THE R.W. BRO. T. W. TEW AND ST. OSWALD LODGE.

It having become an assured fact that the connection which has existed for above 30 years between Bro. T. W. Tew, J.P., and the St. Oswald Lodge, No. 910, could never be renewed in its entirety, that the resignation of his provincial office of Grand Master had been placed in the hands of the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and that his successor had been appointed in the person of Bro. the Right Hon. Wm. Lawies Jackson, M.P., the members of the St. Oswald Lodge determined to offer their retiring P.G.M. an address. This was duly presented on the 15th ult. by Bros. James Atkinson, W.M., Kaberry, and Bentley, Secretary. The address was beautifully illuminated and handsomely framed, and the following is a copy:

"To the Right Worshipful Brother Thomas William Tew, J.P., Past Provincial Grand Master of Yorkshire, Past Grand Deacon of England.

"Right W. Sir and Brother, We, the Worshipful Master, Officers, and Brethren of the 'St. Oswald Lodge,' Pontefract, No. 910 on the Register of the Grand Lodge of England, desire to convey to you our deep and sincere feelings of sorrow and regret at your resignation of the office of Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire.

"Undoubtedly you will receive from this large province a general testimony of the brethren, as also the true expressions of sorrow which that resignation has so deeply called forth.

"We, as members of the St. Oswald Lodge, feel, however, that there are special ties, which render the

circumstances of your resignation, to us, peculiarly touching, when we gratefully remember that this lodge owes its birth to your untiring energy, and that it has progressed and flourished under your discerning eye, guided by the fostering patronage of your brotherly devotion, and by your skill and eminence in the Masonic art.

"We pay that T.G.A.O.T.U. may watch over you at all times, and that, relieved from bodily suffering, you may be cheered by the consumption of its labours, so lovingly bestowed upon the Craft in general, and on this lodge in particular. And, finally, may the closing years of your life be marked by the peace and rest which T.G.A.O.T.U. alone can give.

"On behalf of the W.M., Officers, and brethren of the said lodge.—We remain, yours fraternally and affectionately,

"J. ATKINSON, W.M.,

"ELLIS FOULDS, S.W.,

"J. H. GREAVES, jun., J.W.,

"JAS. A. BENTLEY, Secretary."

The late R.W.P.G.M. was deeply touched by the fraternal expressions conveyed in this address, and replied:

BRETHREN,—

By a very fraternal and courteous note, you intimated to me a few days ago that the brethren of St. Oswald's Lodge wished to express their regret that my continued ill-health had compelled me to resign the government of the Masonic body in West Yorkshire, and that, before I handed over the gavel to the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, M.P., my distinguished successor, a suitable occasion might be found upon which, through you as their mouthpiece, this feeling might find voice.

Duly appreciating the compliment you were desirous to offer me, I appointed this day for that purpose, and I have listened with much pleasure to the address which you have read to me, and the kindly words you have added thereto in presenting it.

Let me, in reply, first offer you in my own name, as well as in that of Mrs. Tew and all the members of my family, a hearty welcome to the Grange. Thrice heartily do we welcome you as a deputation from Lodge No. 910, and as the exponents of its loyal and faithful devotion to Grand Lodge.

In the address of which you are the bearers, you are good enough to say that your feelings of sorrow and regret at my resignation of the office of Provincial Grand Master are deep and sincere. Brethren, I thank you for that expression, and I can assure you that I feel as deeply as you can the official severance of the tie which has bound us so long and so pleasantly together, and only a strong sense of my duty to our M.W. Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and to my brethren of the Province of West Yorkshire could have induced me to take the step which you so heartily deplore.

I thank you also for the sincere affection which your address conveys. Couched as it is in dignified and beautiful language, I accept its statements as the true and faithful expression of the unanimous feelings of my brethren of Saint Oswald's. As to the work itself, it is most beautiful and artistic, worthy even of the Monks of old, or of the Black Friars of Pontefract, specimens of whose magnificent calligraphy may still be seen in their parchment Chartulary preserved at Woolley Park.

To say that I shall value this address for its beauty as a work of art, and for the strength and truth of its fraternal words, is to say little; but you may rest assured, brethren, that I shall hang it on my walls, that I shall ever view it with delight, and that I shall remember with gratitude and love the sentiments which inspired its production and presentation.

Permit me to say that until the 27th of this month, when I shall hand over the sceptre to another far more eminent brother than myself, this province is regulated by Article 79, page 42 of the Book of Constitutions; but when the transfer of authority shall have been completed, never forget, brethren, that so far as my strength will permit I shall ever be at the service of the Craft, that I shall be only too proud to serve as a Deputy's deputy to your new Chief, or even as a serving brother to my brethren of West Yorkshire.

It is not for me in this room to reiterate the compliment you pay me in this address. Circumstances of a peculiar nature made me in 1862 a founder, and the first W.M. of your lodge. Thrice I had the honour of filling that responsible post. By and by outside rank and distinction were conferred upon me; I became Senior Grand Warden of West Yorkshire, then Deputy P.G.M. in succession to Bro. Bentley Shaw, and finally, on the resignation of Sir Henry Edwards in 1885 I was appointed to the office which I now vacate. I may further add, that I became Grand Deacon of England, Grand Superintendent of the Royal Arch, and Grand Prior of the Order of Knights Templar in West Yorkshire, and a member of the 33rd Degree in London.

In all these offices, as you justly say, I have "with untiring energy" striven to do my duty. I have worked hard to make the influence of West Yorkshire felt in the councils of Grand Lodge and Supreme Grand Chapter. Provinces 30 years ago were almost ignored in Grand Lodge. Brethren in and about London only were considered; now how different is the state of affairs. Now West Yorkshire is both powerful and useful, and stands high in the esteem of the Grand Lodge of England. It is my fervent wish and confident hope that he who succeeds me will maintain this position and keep up this influence.

West Yorkshire cannot do without Freemasonry; of this I am convinced. The wealthy middle classes with their energies require the principles of Freemasonry operating amongst them. Like the blood which circulates in the body, "and is the life thereof," so does the commerce of the West Riding require that the principles of Freemasonry shall permeate its members and preserve the 75 lodges in the paths of Faith, Truth, Hope, and Charity. These principles will keep us in the ways of rectitude and will enable us to be a pattern to our neighbours. By the practice of these virtues we may show that the symbolism we use, though veiled in allegory, yet illustrates real and genuine truths by which our lives are exalted.

"All the world a lodge and every man a brother," is, you may say, a hackneyed phrase, exaggerated and impossible of fulfilment; but it represents the grand truth taught by the Apostle Paul that the G.A.O.T.U. "made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth" (Acts xvii 26), and, that the world should be guided by the principles of Freemasonry is an aspiration creditable to all of us. In bringing about this great consummation, the commerce of the West Riding has a potent influence. Hand in hand with Freemasonry what may it not accomplish! And I am convinced that if, in spite of the influence of the late Mons. Ernest Renan and *L'Alliance Française*, the English language is destined to become the language of the entire world, Freemasonry, with its subtle influences and its dormant though tremendous powers, will be largely instrumental in producing such a result.

With these views firmly implanted in my mind, since the year 1875 I have had the honour of consecrating 13 new lodges in this province. When I became Deputy we had 62 lodges and something like 300 Masons; to-day, brethren, our lodge roll contains 75, and our brotherhood numbers close upon 4000 members.

The establishment of the West Yorkshire Masonic Library, the formation of an Advice Committee, and the augmentation of the scope and authority of the Charity Committee are achievements also of which I am proud. These are some of the results of "the untiring energy" and "the fostering care" to which you allude, largely supplemented by the support which I have received from you, my brethren of St. Oswald, and from the Craft generally in West Yorkshire. Your address shows your unqualified approval of my efforts, and your words will always be precious remembrances of my labours.

Though only 65 years of age, yet my health has so completely broken down that, acting on the advice of my physicians, I have retired from active work in Freemasonry. For upwards of 30 years my life has been spent amongst you, and I have reaped a reward of happiness, the happiness which every man must feel who has honestly tried to do his duty. God has been merciful to me; and, though I have thrice trodden, as it were, the very threshold of the tomb, yet have I been brought forth from the valley of the shadow of death to commune again with those who are dear to me upon earth. With the Psalmist I may say "the Lord was ready to save me," and "all the days of my life will I sing in the House of my God."

And now, brethren, I must detain you no longer. Your lodge has prospered beyond all reasonable expectation. It began as an experiment, and it has succeeded. And though in the nature of things it may in the future, as it has in the past, overflow and establish another lodge, yet, brethren, preserve your unity, your brotherhood, and your faith in each other. I trust when that day comes by the favour of the Most High Jehovah I may be able, notwithstanding my infirmities, to play a small part in the founding and consecration of the new lodge.

Keep in mind your motto—*Sit lux et lux fuit*, the first words spoken by the G.A.O.T.U., which gave birth and light to this world's creative history. Take for your guide and ensample the beautiful piety and heavenly Charity of the saint whose name you bear.

St. Oswald was the greatest of our kingly saints and martyrs of the Saxon line. He was a "just, perfect, and upright man." He was courteous, affable, and hospitable to the poor and strangers. Bede says of him that he was sitting at dinner one Easter Day, and before him was a silver dish full of dainty meats; that they were just ready to bless the bread, when the Almoner came in on a sudden and told him there were some poor hungry people seated at his door begging for bread, on which he immediately ordered the dish of meat to be carried out to them, and the dish itself to be cut in pieces and divided amongst them. When slain, he ended his life with a prayer, "May God have mercy on their souls." Lodge No. 910, Stump Cross, and Osgodcross are memorials to his memory. His life was an example for Freemasons to follow.

May the G.A.O.T.U., Worshipful Master, watch over you, Bro. J. Atkinson, and enable you, with justice and equity, to rule and govern your lodge. May you all, brethren, be cheered by the recollection of Masonic labours bestowed upon the Craft, honest work, well and faithfully done. May you have those chiefest of all blessings, a health of body and peace of mind. Ever practice good will to all men, and when you shall lay down this mortal life, may it be yours to enjoy "those mansions not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

My love and esteem to all the brethren, and may God "Prosper the Art."

A copy of this reply was forwarded to the lodge, and will be preserved among its records.

SOCIETAS ROSICRUCIANA IN SCOTIA.

The West of Scotland College opened its autumnal session on Wednesday, the 27th ult., when R.W. Frater D. R. Clark, M.A., VIII.^o, Master of the Temple, presided. He was assisted in his duties by the following office-bearers: Frater W. S. Hunter, VI.^o, Deputy Master; T. R. Richards, IV.^o, Treasurer and Secretary; J. W. Ruddock, IV.^o, Primus A.; J. Foulds, II.^o, Secundus A.; J. A. S. Kerr, III.^o, Tertius A.; F. W. Larter, III.^o, Quartus A.; J. Sanderson, III.^o, Conductor of Novices; Jas. Smith, II.^o, Torch Bearer; and others.

The college having been opened according to usage, and the usual preliminaries disposed of, the Secretary intimated that he had received a letter from the R.W. Frater J. Dalrymple Duncan, F.R.S.E., IX.^o, Chief Adept of the province, regretting his inability to be present, and wishing the fratres every success in the prosecution of their important studies during the session. Thereafter the newly-appointed office-bearers were formally installed in their respective offices by the Master of the Temple, after which applications were read from several aspirants for admission to membership of the college, among whom were the Rev. W. J. Clarke, M.A., Oxon, Chaplain SS. Michael and All Angels; the Rev. Frank Matthews, Rector of St. Paul's, Rothesay; H. Burnham, and others, all of them being duly elected. The Rev. Mr. Matthews and H. Burnham being present, they were instructed in the First Grade.

This concluded, the college was closed in accordance with the practice of the Order.

THE INSTITUTE OF JOURNALISTS AND THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

On Wednesday of last week, as an agreeable pendant to their annual conference, those of the Journalists who remained in town accepted an invitation from Bro. J. H. Matthews, the Chairman, to visit the Masonic Girls' School. After a careful inspection of the extensive buildings, swimming bath, &c., an adjournment took place to the galleries of the Alexandra Centenary Hall, and the girls gave a capital exhibition of their calisthenic and marching exercises, under the direction of Miss Davis, the Head Governess, and her assistants. This was followed by some excellent part-singing, conducted by Mrs. Rowarth, the Singing Mistress, and pianoforte playing by some of the elder pupils.

Bro. Sir JOHN B. MONCKTON, then addressing the assembled company, said: It would ill become us to allow you to depart without thanking you sincerely for coming to see us and our Institution, and we tender those thanks in the names of all who are concerned in its management—the whole body of Governors, the Committees, the staff, and the children themselves, who have shown to-day how well they can do when ably taught and directed. We are glad at all times to be seen. We live and desire to live in the full light of day. We are neither "Beecham's Pills" or "Sun-light Soap," but we need and seek advertisement as much as either. For this reason we welcome you as we welcome intelligent and interested visitors at all times, and we thank you very heartily, as representatives of the journalists of England, for your presence this afternoon.

The guests then adjourned to the dining hall to witness the children's march into tea to the strains of music. After they had taken their places and sung their grace,

Bro. HERBERT WRIGHT (V.P. of the Institute of Journalists) said he much wished to move a resolution of thanks to the House Committee for the invitation that had procured them such a delightful afternoon. What they had seen was far beyond any expectations they had formed, and his only regret was that many more of his brother journalists were not able to be present to see the bright and happy faces, the charming performances gone through by the children, and the admirable order and regularity of the whole Institution, which he thought ought to be visited by every Mason in the land.

Miss STUART (member of the Ladies' Committee of the Journalists' Institute) asked to be permitted to second the resolution. With kindly thought, she begged the girls not to remain standing, but to be seated at their tables, which, she said, will put you more at your ease and me too in the remarks I wish to make. Let me begin by telling you, that of all I have seen, heard, and done, during this interesting week's conference, nothing has gratified and pleased me so much as this visit to your Institution. What we have seen here reflects the greatest credit on yourselves, and more especially on Miss Davis and your other instructors. You all show what girls, and consequently women, are capable of doing if they give their minds and energies to what they undertake. Above all things, my dear children, be thorough. In this splendid Institution you have opportunities that are given comparatively to very few. Make use of them while you can, if you fail to do so you will regret it in all your after life. I could speak to you for a long while, but there hardly seems time for it. I will only again say what extreme pleasure this visit has given us all, and express the earnest hope that before very long I may be fortunate enough to repeat it. The school is most creditable to all who are concerned in its management. Bro. THOMAS CATLING, in supporting the resolution, stated how much he regretted that pressing engage-

ments in town caused him to be somewhat late in arriving. He had, however, heard and seen enough to make him desire much more, and he ventured to suggest to the Management that there should shortly be arranged a special press day; he agreed with Sir John Monckton that such an institution could not be too well or widely known, and he would be delighted to assist in bringing about so desirable an end.

The resolution of thanks was carried by acclamation, and after coffee and tea had been served, the company dispersed.

THE FRENCH FREEMASONS.

(FROM THE "GLOBE" PARIS CORRESPONDENT.)

The role played by the Freemasons in the political situation of France having given rise to much discussion of late, a short account of the present condition of the Order, as furnished by a member of it, may be found both useful and interesting. The Grand Orient is the most important of the French Masonic lodges, of which there are four. Its head-quarters are in the Rue Cadet, where a convent, or general assembly, composed of a delegate from all the Lodges of Obedience and 33 members of the Council of the Order, is held every year. These dignitaries are invested with administrative power, and are elected by the convent for three years. The labours of the convent, which ended the other day in a banquet of over 400 covers, were particularly important this year, and will probably form the starting point of a fresh evolution of French Masonry, which considers it its duty to be foremost in the field of progress. As the reader is aware, the Freemasons are supposed to work in secrecy, but in these days, when the public desire to be informed of every current event, the secret oozes out somehow or another. Thus it is that we know all the resolutions of general interest adopted by the convent, and, though it may be an indiscretion to divulge them, yet Masonry need not complain, since all its efforts tend towards the amelioration of the condition of the people. Such being the case, publicity cannot fail to be productive of good.

Under the Second Empire Freemasonry was checkmated by Napoleon III., who forced the Order to accept as Grand Masters successively Prince Lucien Murat, Marshal Magnan, and General Mellinett. In 1870, however, it regained its liberty, and proclaimed in favour of the Republic. One of its first reforms at that date was the suppression of the phrase "Grand Architect of the Universe," which caused an outcry, especially among the English Freemasons. This done, it entered the domain of practical reforms, and elaborated the laws which are now recognised as the foundation of French political institutions. Gratuitous secular and compulsory education, and equality in the military are, according to the Freemasons, the work of the lodges, which, after having studied those great questions in the silence of their temples, propagated them in public lectures, books, pamphlets, and newspapers. They have not slept on their laurels, and are now pursuing the perfection and integral application of the scholastic and military laws as well as the separation of Church and State.

On all these subjects the French Freemasons are distinctly intransigent. They hope to succeed because they say they never abandon a task before accomplishing it. With this object in view they are trying to induce the electors to refuse their suffrages to all candidates who do not accept these reforms, which so far have not been exacted by Republican committees in a sufficiently decided manner.

From a strictly political point of view, the opinions of the Freemasons are, we are told, equally firm and uncompromising. They are not likely to be gained over by those who have rallied to the Republic, although they have no great enthusiasm for the present policy of the Place Beauvais or that of the Elysée. But it must not be imagined from this that Freemasonry will take up an attitude hostile to the executive power of the State. It will work patiently and peacefully, as the best way of arriving at success.

Respecting social questions, Freemasonry during the first years of its liberty was almost exclusively *bourgeois*, to use the word now in vogue. Now and then in some unimportant lodge a member would present a resolution in favour of the study of such questions, and that was all. Last year, however, a decisive step was taken in this direction, and several lodges accepted the programme of the Socialist Workmen Party; indeed, the current became so strong that the convent of 1802, on the proposal of some of the delegates, offered a money prize for the best work on the means of extinguishing misery. A number of pamphlets, many of them very remarkable, were laid before the convent of 1893, but, as none of them realised the ideal desired, the prize remains open for next year.

In the convent just held the area of social questions was enlarged, and the great reforms which now occupy the public mind were submitted to the examination of the lodges, notably the laws necessary to prepare the way for the separation of Church and State; the suppression of all religious congregations of no matter what creed, and the confiscation of their property to the nation; the abolition of monopolies of all kinds, including railways, the Bank of France, and mines; and the redistribution of property under all its various forms. It appears that it was not without a vague terror that certain Freemasons saw placed on the table several of these questions, particularly that concerning property, and no doubt the next convent will be divided on many of them. But the division will not go to the length of a schism.

In regard to another delicate point, the patriotism of the Order, which is contested by the clericals, it is said that an opportunity took place during the last convent which enabled the Freemasons to make an imposing demonstration, showing their zealous devotion to their country. In two speeches made at Naples and Rome, Signor Adriano Lemmi, Grand Master of the Italian Freemasonry, declared that he hoped in a short time to see the Italian flag floating over Corsica. This was no sooner communicated to the convent than all the members rose from their seats and proclaimed that if war broke out between France and Italy contesting the legitimacy of French rights over Nice and Corsica the French Freemasons would be found in the first rank of the combatants. The incident wound up with enthusiastic cries of "Vive le France!"

It is scarcely requisite to give all the names of the celebrated personages who belong to the Order. Suffice it to say that the President of the Republic, the majority of his Ministers, and a great number of Republican deputies are Freemasons. Every day, we are assured, fresh Masons are made. During the electoral period a new man often comes to the front. In nine cases out of ten he will be found to be a Freemason, brought forward by one of the lodges, the members of which have found him capable of supporting the reforms desired by the Order. Citizen Benoit Malon, who died the other day, has left a vacancy in it which will not be easily filled up.

Our Portrait Gallery of Worshipful Masters.



BRO. D. CAMPBELL.

whose portrait we publish above, was initiated in the Clapton Lodge, No. 1305, in which he filled all the principal offices, and was installed W.M. on the 21st ult., a report of which appears in another column.

WILLS AND BEQUESTS.

Leaving personalty of £468,519, Bro. J. D. Allcroft, late of 108, Lancaster-gate, and Stokesay Castle, Salop, J.P., F.R.A.S., F.R.G.S., and of the firm of Dent, Allcroft, and Co., Wood-street, City, for many years the Treasurer of Christ's Hospital, who died on the 29th July last, aged 71, appointed as the executors of his will, which is dated June 14th last, with a codicil made the 24th June, his wife, Mrs. Mary Ann Jewell Allcroft, his son, Mr. Herbert John Allcroft, Mr. William Cave Fowler, of 101, Piccadilly, and Mr. Hy. Alfred Greig, of Crosby-square, to the two last-named of whom the testator bequeaths £500 each; to Mrs. Allcroft £1000 and a life annuity of £3000; to his sister-in-law, Mrs. Whitmarsh, wife of Dr. Whitmarsh, a life annuity of £200; to Mrs. Davies Drew, of Henshall, Cheshire, a life annuity of £200; and annuities and legacies to other friends and relations. He bequeathed to each servant of one year's service four weeks' wages; to the Church Missionary Society £1000, the Church Pastoral Aid Society £1000, the British and Foreign Bible Society £1000, the Royal Hospital for Incurables, Putney £1000, and the Worcester Infirmary, £100. Bro. Allcroft devised the Stokesay Castle estate and all his manors in the county of Stafford, and bequeathed his leasehold house in Lancaster Gate and all his furniture and household effects, to his said son, Herbert, absolutely, to whom also he left the patronage of the livings of St. Matthew's, Bayswater, £1200; St. Jude's, Kensington, £1000; St. Martin's, Kentish Town, £440; St. Michael, Onibury, £380; All Saints' Culmington, £700; and all other his church patronage. To his second son, Walter Lacey Allcroft, the testator bequeathed all his ordinary, preference, and debenture stock of the North British and Caledonian Railways; to his third son, Arthur, £1000, in addition to £10,000 transferred to him as capital in the Wood-street business; to his fourth son, John Derby Allcroft, all his Great Eastern, South Western, and North Western Railway Stock; in trust for his daughter, Elizabeth Mary, his Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway stock;

and in trust for his daughter, Harriett, his Great Northern Railway stock. The trustees may invest upon the security of freehold land in England and Wales, and the testator leaves all his residuary estate to his son Herbert.

By his will, dated February 25th, 1893, Bro. Frederick Burgess, late of Burgess Hall, Finchley, formerly of St. James's Hall, Piccadilly, who died on the 26th July last, leaving personalty valued at £10,894 8s. 7d., bequeathed his collection of books, prints, and autographs, which he deemed to be of great value, in trust for sale at a suitable season by Sotheby, Wilkinson, and Hodge. Bro. Burgess bequeathed to his wife, Mrs. Ellen Burgess, an annuity of £150 during her widowhood, and to his daughter, Florence, wife of Carl Schoell, of 20, Belsize-park Gardens, his presentation plate, family portraits, and jewellery, and his one-third share and interest in the partnership business of the Moore and Burgess Minstrels, which he carried on in conjunction with Mr. George Washington Moore, and in the lease of the premises in St. James's Hall, the goodwill, scenery, and upholstery of the business. All the residue of his property the testator left in trust to pay the income thereof to his daughter, Florence Schoell, during her life, and subject to her life interest to hold the trust estate in trust in equal shares for her children, or in the event of her death without issue to pay a legacy of £1000 to the testator's nephew, Mr. Alfred Daffarn, and distribute the ultimate residue as to one-third to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, as to one-third to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and as to the remaining one-third to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. The executors of Bro. Burgess's will are his daughter, Mr. Henry Nathan Belchier, of 74, Cornhill, stockbroker, and Mr. Ernest Howard, of Abchurch-lane, solicitor, to each of whom for the executorship he bequeaths £100.

FESTIVAL OF THE HOWE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 587.

The first festival in connection with this general lodge of instruction was held at the Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, on Friday, the 15th ult., when there were present Bros. J. T. Collins, P.G. Std. Br. Eng., D.P.G.M.; Turner, 887, P.M. 2000; W. M. Adams, M.A., P.M. 1644, P.P.G. Std. Br., I.P.M.; Jeyes, W.M. 1246, S.W.; Parker, S.W. 739, J.W.; Smith, P.M. 473, S.D.; Robb, I.G. 473, J.D.; H. J. Collins, 887, I.G.; Matthew Jones, W.M. 43; Wills O. Hunn, S.D. 74, P.P.G.D. Oxon; Grant, J.W., Hoskins, W.M., Warr, Bell, and Beech, P.M., P.G. Sec., P.G. Std. Br. Eng., of 473; Swinden, P.M., P.P.G.D., Shackleford, P.M., P.P.G.D., Rollason, Blakeney, and Willmot, of 887; Morgan, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., Edge, Turton, and Rooker, P.M., of 925; Dingley, and Ault, of 1016; Waite, S.W. 1163; Locke, S.W. 1246; Grant, S.W. 1474; and Newton, P.M., Carr, S.W., Ratcliffe, Perry, and Powell, of 1644.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees and resumed in the First Degree. Bro. Hoskins took the chair, and rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Ratcliffe acting as candidate. Bro. Matthew Jones delivered the charge, and the lodge was called off for a short interval. Bro. Turner took the chair, and the lodge was then called on. Bro. Dingley answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was resumed in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, after which Bro. Rollason gave an explanation of the tracing board. The lodge was resumed in the Third Degree and closed in the Third and Second Degrees. After the usual enquiries, the lodge was closed.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to dinner in the adjoining room, where they were well catered for by Mrs. Whitfield.

After dinner the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to.

The toast of "The General Lodge of Instruction" was proposed by Bro. J. T. COLLINS, D.P.G.M., who expressed his great pleasure at seeing the prosperous state of the lodge, which tended to spread uniformity of working throughout the province.

Bro. ADAMS, Preceptor, in replying, thanked Bro. Collins for his kindness in being present, and stated that the lodge would soon attain its 50th year, and had never been in such a flourishing condition, and hoped that the festival would become an annual fixture.

During the evening Bros. Smith, Wills, Newton, Bee, and Hunn contributed to the harmony of the evening.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

After paying all expenses, a surplus of £1 1s. remained, which was voted to the Warwickshire Pupils' Aid Fund.

The Duke of Connaught will take over the command of the Aldershot Division on Monday next, and on the same day Bro. Lieut.-Gen. Sir Evelyn Wood will enter upon his new duties as Quartermaster-General.

The annual regimental carbine match between the 1st and 2nd Life Guards and the Royal Horse Guards took place at the rifle range at Runnymede, near Staines, on Wednesday, when victory declared itself in favour of the 1st Life Guards team, which won by 18 points from the 2nd Life Guards, and 108 from the Horse Guards. The result is that the Challenge Cup presented by the officers of the three regiments will be held by the winning regiment for the ensuing 12 months.



The Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will hold their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday next, the 11th inst., at 4 p.m.

Bro. Alderman H. J. Van Trump has, we are pleased to learn, accepted the distinguished honour of the Mayorship of the ancient Borough of Taunton.

Bro. W. S. Whitaker has undertaken the Hon. Secretaryship of "The Bohemians," late "The Bohemian Musical Society," whose head-quarters are at the Crystal Palace.

Bro. Lord Brassey arrived on board his yacht, the Sunbeam, at Gibraltar from Southampton on Saturday last, and sailed the same evening for Spezzia, en route to Calcutta.

Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Bedford have left Woburn Abbey for Cairnmore, Palnare, Kirkcudbrightshire, where they are entertaining a small party for the shooting.

The Duchess of Teck has consented to receive purses of £5 and upwards towards the building fund at the laying of the foundation-stone of Christ Church, Richmond, on Saturday, the 14th instant. The church is to be erected as a memorial to the late Canon Hales.

M. Zola brought to a close his visit to London on Sunday last, returning to Paris by the 11 a.m. train from Victoria Station. A few friends were present on the platform to see him off, and to them M. Zola expressed the very great gratification he had derived from his visit.

It was announced, amid cheering, at the meeting of the Manchester City Council on Wednesday that the Ship Canal would be ready for opening on the 1st January, 1894, when vessels will be free to traverse the whole length of the Canal from the Mersey to the Manchester Docks.

A handsome drinking fountain, which has been erected in Brockwell Park as a memorial to the late Mr. Thomas Lynn Bristowe, the first representative in Parliament of the borough of Croydon, was unveiled on Saturday last, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. R. B. Ransford, the vicar of the parish.

The Mayor of Gravesend—Mr. G. M. Arnold—has recently presented the town with a recreation ground which bears the name of the "Gordon Memorial Pleasure Ground," and on Wednesday his worship formally opened the ground and unveiled a statue which he has had erected to the memory of the gallant officer.

On Saturday last, at Paisley, Bro. Lord Blythwood presented to Lady Octavia Shaw-Stewart a very fine portrait, by Professor Herkomer, R.A., of her husband, Bro. Sir Michael Shaw-Stewart, Bart., as a mark of the respect and esteem felt for him during the many years he had held the office of Lord Lieutenant and Convener of Renfrewshire.

The Countess of Derby laid the foundation-stone of the new Home and Industrial Institute for the Blind of North and East Lancashire at Preston, on Saturday last. Bro. the Earl of Derby, who accompanied her ladyship and expressed the pleasure it gave him to visit, after 25 years' absence, a town with which his family had been so long and so intimately associated, contributed £100 to the building fund of the Institute.

The directors of the Empire Palace Company have declared the third interim dividend for the present year at the following rates, viz.: 1s. 8d. on each share of £1 on which 10s. has been paid; 2s. 6d. on each share of £1 on which 15s. has been paid. The said interim dividend to be payable on the 12th inst. The transfer books of the company will be closed from the 9th to the 14th inst., both days inclusive.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of South Wales was held on Wednesday, the 27th ult., under the banner of the Mansel Lodge, Carmarthen, the brethren present including Bros. Sir Pryse Pryse, Bart., Prov. G.M., and the Rev. J. Marsden, D.P.G.M. The annual festival was celebrated at the Ivy Bush Royal Hotel, where an excellent spread had been provided by Bro. D. E. Williams.

Three fatalities have just been reported in connection with the British Mediterranean Squadron. In one case two of the men who were at work on the funnels of the Nile fell from the staging, and were instantly killed, while in the other case a marine of the Sanspareil who was one of a party of non-swimmers who had been taken to receive lessons in the shallow water on the coast of Zante, was drowned.

The University of Oxford has sustained a severe loss by the death of Dr. Jowett, the Master of Balliol College. The sad event occurred at Headley Hall, the seat of Mr. Justice Wright, whence the body was removed to the Master's House at Balliol on Monday. The funeral is arranged to take place to-day (Friday) afternoon in St. Sepulchre's Cemetery, the first part of the service being held in Balliol College Chapel.

THRIFT DEVELOPMENT.—At a meeting held on Saturday last, under the presidency of Mr. J. Knowles Rowbotham, the National Thrift Society decided to incorporate with its work a "Ladies' Thrift League." Ladies joining the league will be supplied with literature bearing upon domestic economy, sanitation, food, reform, cooking, clothing, &c., for distribution in the districts where they reside, or which they undertake to visit. The Hon. Secretaries of the League are Mrs. Greville Walpole, Mrs. Bowen Green, and Mrs. G. H. Firmin-Arncliffe.

EVERY HOUSE may shortly be supplied with electric light by a simple piece of mechanism placed over the kitchen chimney, if a new plan of Edison's for generating electricity directly from heat is successful. Thus the poorest person could have the benefit of a useful invention which is now regarded as a luxury only for the comfort of the rich. Mr. Thomas Holloway, however, has given a greater blessing to humanity than has yet been afforded by the most wonderful discoveries of science. His Pills and Ointment have succeeded in cases where the greatest authorities on medical treatment have failed. Whatever the condition of a patient may be, these medicines will effect a cure if such a thing is humanly possible.

Mr. Alderman and Sheriff Moore has presented his banner to the Loriners' Company, of which he is a member.

Bro. T. W. Boord, M.P., of Bartholomew-close, has returned to England from Germany, where he has spent a well-earned holiday.

Bro. J. B. Horniman, who has returned to Forest Hill from his tour in Ireland, has brought with him some interesting articles to enrich the Horniman Museum at Surrey Mount, Forest Hill.

As a memento of his year of office, and in grateful recognition of loyal services, Bro. Alderman Sir Joseph Renals has presented Bro. Deputy Beard, his late Under-Sheriff, with a very beautiful silver bowl, suitably inscribed.

Bro. Col. T. Davies Sewell, P.M., P.G.S., has been unanimously elected a Vice-President of the St. John's Ambulance Association, District No. 6 (Hammersmith), which is presided over by H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany.

The testimonial that is to be presented to Bro. Sir Augustus Harris in recognition of his services to music will take the form of a scholarship at the Royal College of Music. The Lord Mayor has kindly joined the Committee who are organising the movement.

Bro. T. Eccleston Gibb, Vestry Clerk of St. Pancras, who entertained 20 members of the Institute of Journalists at Hampden House during the conference week, has been presented by his guests (representing Irish, Scottish, Welsh, and English newspapers) with a ram's horn inkstand mounted in silver.

The pheasant-shooting season commences ordinarily on the 1st of the current month, and, as this happened to be a Sunday, the longtails had a day's grace allowed them. Shooting, however, commenced on Monday, resulting in fairly good bags in most of the districts. Several brace, shot in Windsor Park, were forwarded, as usual, to Balmoral for the Queen's table.

The Duke and Duchess of York have arranged for the reception at York House, St. James's, to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon of the small deputation from the Mansion House Committee which has been appointed to wait upon their Royal Highnesses for the purpose of presenting the wedding gift from the citizens of London. At the express wish of the Duke and Duchess, the gift will take the form of some very beautiful tapestry for the adornment of their town residence.

The second of the course of Gilchrist lectures will be given on Thursday next, the 12th inst., in the Great Assembly Hall, Mile End-road, by Professor Sir R. S. Ball, F.R.S., late Royal Astronomer of Ireland, author "Starland" &c., &c., subject, "Other Worlds," illustrated by the oxyhydrogen lantern worked by Mr. J. W. Garbutt, of Leeds. Sir Owen Roberts, F.S.A., will preside. It is hoped that not less than 5000 persons will attend. Prof. Lewes urged his enormous audience at the opening lecture to be present on this occasion, remarking that Sir Robert Ball was, perhaps, the greatest lecturer this century had produced.

MOTHER KILWINNING LODGE, No. 0.—The consecration of the new lodge-room for Mother Kilwinning took place on Saturday the 30th ult. A fairly large number of brethren from Glasgow, Greenock, and surrounding towns assembled on the green between three and four o'clock, and, along with the members of No. 0, paraded through the principal streets. On arrival at the new lodge, Bro. the Hon. Thomas Cochrane, M.P., R.W. Master of the lodge, and Prov. Grand Master of Ayrshire, received the key, and declared the lodge building open. As many brethren as possible then marched into the lodge room, when the usual consecration ceremony was performed.

Bro. Sir John Gorst has sent to General Booth a letter warmly commending the Darkest England Scheme. "Your arrangements," says Sir John, "seem to me to be based upon sound principles, and to furnish a pattern which public authorities might with advantage copy in their attempts to deal with the difficulty of the unemployed. If labour bureaux like yours were spread over the whole country the employers and those seeking work would be more quickly and more easily brought together, the evil would be to some extent at least mitigated, and we should have the means of gauging its intensity at any particular time and place."

Bro. J. Hardwicke-Marsh writes us as follows: In your report of the meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of West Lancashire, September 20th, you say, "West Lancashire which now comprises upwards of 100 lodges," is not correct. West Lancashire has 107 lodges. You also state, "The successful meeting was held under the banner of the Talbot Lodge, No. 2231." I beg to inform you it was not so. The Prov. Grand Lodge of West Lancashire always holds its Prov. Lodge under its own banner, and not under the banner of any other lodge. Our correspondent may be right as to the P.G.L. meeting under its own banner, but we fail to see that our statement that "West Lancashire now comprises over 100 lodges" is incorrect.

The Duke and Duchess of York arrived in Edinburgh on Monday evening, and were met at the station by the Earl of Rosebery, Bro. the Marquis and Marchioness of Tweeddale, the Lord Provost, and the City Magistrates. On the road to the Royal Hotel, where they passed the night, their Royal Highnesses were accorded a most enthusiastic reception. On Tuesday morning the Lord Provost, who was accompanied by a number of distinguished citizens, waited on the Duke and Duchess at their hotel, and presented the citizens' wedding gift, consisting of products of the City's industrial arts, books, and a crystal table service, a solid silver tea service being presented by the Royal tradesmen. The Royal party then drove to the Council Chambers, where the Duke was presented with the freedom of the City in a gold casket, together with a gold rose-water dish. They then paid a visit to the Royal Infirmary, and thence to the Longmore Hospital for Incurables, the new wing of which was opened by the Duke. Their Royal Highnesses then left Edinburgh for Stockton, where they became the guests of the Marquis and Marchioness of Londonderry, and on the following day opened the Ropner Park, which has just been presented to the townsfolk of Stockton by their Mayor, Major Ropner. A number of distinguished guests were invited to meet their Royal Highnesses during their stay at Lord Londonderry's seat, Wynyard Park.

It is proposed that the Library Committee of the City of London should arrange for a loan exhibition of pictures to be held in the Art Gallery in the spring or early summer of next year.

A rather serious outbreak of pleuro-pneumonia has occurred among the cattle on a farm at Cricklewood, and amongst the sufferers is Bro. James Willing, of Rock Hall, Cricklewood, who has had several beasts slaughtered.

The interment of the remains of the late Sir Stevenson Arthur Blackwood will take place on Monday next, at two p.m., at Kensal Green Cemetery, and a service will be held previously at St. Jude's Church, Mildmay Park, at 11 a.m., whence the funeral will proceed direct to the cemetery.

The Duke of Connaught arrived at Portsmouth on Monday, when he resumed the command of the Southern Military District, and held an inspection of the troops composing the garrison to the number of 4000, preparatory to the parade the day following before the Commander-in-Chief, H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge.

Princess Christian and Princess Victoria, who are at present on a visit to the Empress Frederick, are expected home to-day (Friday), and will, after a few days' rest at Cumberland Lodge, start for Balmoral, on a visit to the Queen, where Princess Arlbert of Anhalt (Prince and Princess Christian's youngest daughter), is also shortly going.

Mr. Percy Notcutt announces that his morning concert will take place to-morrow (Saturday), at St. James's Hall, when Miss Ella Russell, Miss Esther Palliser, Madame Belle Cole, Mr. Ben Davies, Mr. Santley, Bro. Eugene Oudin, Master Jean Gerardy, the Meister Glee Singers, and other favourite singers will take part in a very attractive programme.

On Thursday Mr. Gladstone forwarded for presentation to the new Hawarden Institute, in which he takes a deep interest, a number of pamphlets and magazines. Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone, in company with the Misses Wickham, their neices, paid a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, of Well House Farm, the oldest tenants on the Hawarden estate, and Mr. Roberts conducted the Prime Minister over some experimental grass plots of the farm.

General his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught finally terminated his command of the Southern Military District, prior to assuming command at Aldershot, and left in the afternoon by train for Bagshot. The departure was quite private, but Royal salutes were fired from the flag-ship and garrison battery as the train left. The Duchess of Connaught, Prince Arthur, and Princess Margaret and Victoria Patricia are residing at Bagshot Mansion.

Mr. J. L. Toole is having a very successful provincial tour, playing everywhere to crowded houses. In Dublin especially he has been warmly welcomed this week at the Gaiety Theatre. "Walker, London," has given great enjoyment to the popular comedian's Irish friends. Mr. Toole is also appearing in his favourite and most popular parts and pieces, including Paul Pry, Uncle Dick, Harry Coke in "Off the Line," and the evergreen "Spitalfields Weaver."

At the last meeting of the Wanderers Lodge of Instruction, No. 1604, which meets at the Victoria Mansions Restaurant, it was resolved that a supper should be provided on the fourth Wednesday in each month (officers' night), immediately after the business of the lodge is concluded. The first will take place on the 25th inst., and will be followed by a musical entertainment. As the charge will be moderate, it is hoped that many brethren will avail themselves of the opportunity of spending a pleasant evening.

A monument has just been erected over the tomb of the late Duke of Devonshire in Kensal churchyard. It is of red granite on a grey granite base, and bears the following inscription: "Here rest in sure and certain hope of resurrection to eternal life, the mortal bodies of William Cavendish, seventh Duke of Devonshire, born April 27, 1805, died Dec. 21, 1891; of Blanche Georgiana, his wife, daughter of the sixth Earl of Carlisle, born in January, 1812, died April 27, 1840; and of William, their eldest son, born Dec. 8, 1831, died May 15, 1834. 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.'"

General regret will be felt among playgoers all over the country at the announcement of the death of Mr. David James, the popular comedian. Mr. James, whose real name was Belasco, obtained his early schooling for the stage at the Princess's Theatre, under the management of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kean, making his first appearance as a member of the corps de ballet, and since that time has played many parts, to the delight of the playgoing public, but achieved his greatest triumph by creating the famous character of Perkyn Middlewick in "Our Boys," which was produced in January, 1875, and ran without a break for over four years—a record run which remains unbroken to this day. Mr. James enjoyed but poor health during the last few years. He had a severe illness in 1890, which lasted for over a year, and, prior to his death, he suffered for a long time from cancer of the liver.

The Prince of Wales will receive an enthusiastic welcome from the inhabitants of Camberwell and Peckham when, accompanied by the Duke and Duchess of York, he visits the South side of the Metropolis on Monday. His Royal Highness's last appearance in that locality was to open the Hall of Trinity Court, in Camberwell-road, and he will perform a somewhat analogous duty next week. The buildings to be opened are two—the Peckham Fine Art Gallery and the Camberwell Central Public Library. At the former their Royal Highnesses are to be received by the Bishop of Rochester, Mr. Passmore Edwards, and other members of the council, and the ceremony is to be performed in the fine hall. The Royal party will then proceed a little further along the Peckham-road to the Library. At this building, one of the handsomest of its kind in the Metropolis, they will be received by the Library Commissioners and the librarian, Mr. Edward Foskett. A novel feature of the institution is that it possesses a public garden, where, in summer weather, readers will be able, it is hoped, to enjoy literature with more comfort than even in lofty rooms.

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