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THE RECENT SCHOOL ELECTIONS.

There was a full attendance of Governors and Subscribers in the great hall of Freemasons' Tavern on Thursday and Friday of last week, when the School Quarterly Courts were held, and the elections of candidates to be admitted into the respective Institutions took place. There was likewise the usual keen interest observable in the proceedings of both days, more especially in those of Thursday, the proportion of vacancies to candidates for the Girls' School being far less favourable than at the Boys' Election. As regards the contest for admission into

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which was held at the Quarterly Court on the 12th inst., there were, as we have before pointed out, 37 candidates, and only 15 vacancies to be filled, and, as was to be expected, the contest was exceedingly close, even candidates for whom 2600 votes and upwards were polled failing to obtain places among the successful. The girl who was fortunate enough to win the first honours had claims on Monmouthshire and London, and, as this was her one and only chance of being admitted, her friends and supporters put their shoulders to the wheel, and polled no less than 4120 votes in her behalf, this being in excess to the extent of upwards of 600 of the number obtained by the girl who stood second, and for whom the total recorded was 3501; this girl was one of 10 candidates hailing from London. No. 3 came from Bedfordshire, and won her place with 3326 votes, while No. 4—one of the two lasses from East Lancashire—was close up with 3278 votes; No. 5, from Cheshire, and having only this chance of success allowed her, compiling 3272 votes, and No. 6, from West Yorkshire, 3254 votes. The next in order was the Northumbrian candidate, who received 3138 votes, and then come two girls who were close together, No. 8 having a total of 3123 votes, of which 1363 were brought forward from April, while No. 9 scored 3102, of which 1261 were already standing to her credit from the same election. Of these No. 8 derived her claims from the Western Division of South Wales, and No. 9 from the same Province and from Foreign Parts and London as well. The Somersetshire candidate secured the 10th place, with 3031 votes, the Staffordshire girl being close at her heels with 3026 votes, and the girl from Warwickshire, whose name would have been struck from the roll if she had failed on this occasion, next with 3021 votes. The three remaining successful children obtained 2771, 2760, and 2754 votes respectively, the first in order being one of three from Essex, the second from Northants and Hunts, and the last from London. Thus London carried two out of the 10 cases in which she was most immediately interested, and two out of the four in which she had a part interest only, while the Provinces were successful in electing 11 out of 23 children. As for the unsuccessful, who, however, are all of them eligible at the next election, and will, in the majority of cases, have still further chances of winning admission into the School, the girl who headed the list was from Essex, and, having 1149 votes already to her credit from two preceding contests, raised her total to 2684 votes, the Middlesex child being next with 2600 votes, and then six London girls with 2324, 1926, 1464, 1415, 1343, and 1297 votes respectively to their credit, the second and the last of the six having, the former 486 votes and the latter 537 votes already in hand. Of the other 14 candidates, one half polled votes ranging from 139 to 820, while the other half had to content themselves with less than 100. As regards the general total of votes, there were 6348 brought forward from April last, and 64,920 issued for this ballot, of which latter all but 5318 passed the Scrutineers.

For the election of 26 candidates into the

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there were, as we have said, 46 candidates, and as the number among which the votes were to be distributed was greater than at the Girls' election, while the chances of success were greater, the poll was not quite so formidable in individual cases. Here London sent up 13 candidates, and had a part interest in two other cases, and whether owing to the keener interest in the children that had claims upon her support, or to a better system of organisation we are unable to say, but her efforts, undoubtedly, proved more successful. The two boys who headed the poll were both Londoners, No. 1, with 1880 votes in hand, raising his total to 3575, while No. 2, who started with 2023 votes to the good, obtained such additional support as to increase his figures to 3999. The Middlesex lad, who had this one chance, secured the third place, with 3065 votes, and Jersey the fourth place for its *protégé*, whose total of 2901 was composed of 1388 brought forward, and 1513 additional on the day of election. Nos. 5 and 6, both hailed from Districts Abroad, the former from Western Australia, obtaining 2793 votes, and the latter, from the Eastern Archipelago, with this one chance only available, 2785 votes. No.

7, from Essex, who started with 1286 votes, finished up the day with a total of 2774, while No. 8, who made his first attempt at this election, and derived his claims from London, polled 2682. The Cheshire and Derbyshire boy, who had a few votes in hand, but only this one further chance of securing admission, had the satisfaction of being placed ninth with 2677, the next in order being a new candidate from London, to whom 2604 votes were given, one of two boys from West Lancashire being almost on a level with him with 2602 votes. No. 12 hailed from London, and having obtained support to the extent of 1159 votes in April, converted this into 2560, while the East and West Lancashire youth, who stood last on the list of candidates, won the 13th place with 2517 votes. No. 14, from Sussex, and No. 15, one of two boys from Worcestershire, scored totals of 2514 and 2473 votes respectively, the Hertfordshire boy following next in order with 2458 votes, and the second Worcestershire candidate next with 2447 votes. One of the three Devonshire boys was placed at No. 18 with 2425 votes, and the Suffolk boy at No. 19 with 2374 votes, of which 355 had been obtained at the elections in April last and October, 1892. No. 20 was one of two claimants from Oxfordshire, who had received 1374 votes at his two previous contests, and now scored a total of 2358, while No. 21, from West Lancashire and Hants and the Isle of Wight, was only two votes behind, converting the 270 votes won in April last into a final total of 2356. The West Yorkshire boy scored 2320 votes right off the reel, and took the 22nd place, while the Dorsetshire candidate, who had obtained 1276 votes as the result of three previous efforts, raised his total to 2293, and so obtained the 23rd vacancy. No. 24, from London, No. 25, from Kent, and No. 26, from Shropshire, polled respectively 2258 votes, 2200 votes, and 2118 votes, while the only new successful candidate who made anything of a fight was one of two Norfolk boys, who had obtained 48 votes at three elections, and now raised his total to 2099, the next in order (London) scoring 1247 votes, the next, from North and East Yorkshire, 861 votes, and then three London candidates, for whom there were polled respectively 811, 764, and 748 votes. The votes brought forward were 11,422, and the votes issued 71,290, of which latter all but 5207 were passed by the Scrutineers.

It only remains for us to express our satisfaction in one particular respect with the result of the elections. In both instances there were three candidates who had only this one chance of being admitted, the three girls thus circumstanced being placed at Nos. 17, 27, and 28, and the three boys at Nos. 10, 28, and 35, and it is with very great pleasure we announce that all of them have succeeded in their efforts. It is indeed especially gratifying to us to find that our earnest appeal in behalf of these six children, of the merits of whose claims we knew nothing more than that they had satisfied the Petitions Committees of the respective Schools, has been attended with such beneficial results to the children.

CELESTIAL PSEUDO-FREEMASONRY.

Very few British Freemasons know anything whatever of the widely-ramified Society which, in China, answers to the Craft amongst ourselves. It is both like and unlike its Western sister. Possessing lodges, and performing ceremonies bearing some analogy to our own, it is avowedly a secret society with a political aim—the overthrow of the existing Tartar dynasty. With such an end in view, it is naturally alien to all that makes Freemasonry admirable, and able to include amongst its votaries such differently placed individuals as the Heir Apparent to the Throne and the humblest workman. It, in effect, bears a greater resemblance to the bodies known as *I Carbonari* or *la Carnmorista* than to the nobler Association whose interests form our special care. As a league for mutual help and protection to members, it is far and away the most powerful in existence. The thief, forger, or murderer can, if a member, as surely count upon aid to escape from justice, as can a visiting brother of vouched-for position upon a courteous reception in a Masonic lodge. Perverted, however, as this extreme fulfilment of the pledge of brotherhood may be, the *Tien ti hwei* (pronounced *Teen tee hway*), or "Heaven and Earth League" (otherwise known as the "Sam Hap" or "Triad Society"), is doubtless of benefit in a less objectionable way to its numerous members. We propose on this occasion to give only a sketch of its origin and aims, reserving till a future issue the details connected with the working of the lodges.

In 1628 the Ming (or "bright") dynasty, which had for some centuries ruled over the destinies of the "Middle Kingdom," was overthrown by the victorious Tartars who founded the present Ching or "pure" dynasty. As conquerors they were naturally regarded with dislike by the Chinese, properly so called, and the badge of servitude they imposed upon the defeated party, by requiring them to shave the head, preserving only the now

familiar pigtail, was bitterly resented. Time, however, cures most things, and the Chinaman of the present day is as proud of his pigtail as his ancestors were of their flowing hair. This, notwithstanding an undercurrent of political antagonism to the new dynasty, has ever since existed, and to this fact may be attributed many of the numerous rebellions which have devastated the empire for the past two centuries. The origin of the Tien Ti Hwei was not, however, coincident with the fall of the Mings. Thirty-six years after the Ching dynasty had been firmly established, the country was invaded by the Eleuth Tartars, a tribe hostile to that whose chiefs had seated themselves upon the throne. The Government, becoming somewhat pushed, a sturdy band of priests, 128 in number, volunteered to meet and disperse the invaders. This, mainly by strategy, they did successfully, but naturally aroused considerable jealousy amongst the entourage of the Court. Their destruction, as a possible danger to the throne, was determined upon, and the old records thus tell the story:—

The reigning Emperor Kanghi, was a man of considerable character, and fully sensible of the services which the priests had rendered to the throne. A mandarin named Kun Tat had been appointed "Commissioner" of the brigade, and being greatly respected, his connection with the priests gave them a considerable status in the eyes of the public. Kun Tat, however, being an honest man, had incurred the enmity of two other officials about the Court, and they determined to ruin him. To this end they carefully impressed upon Kanghi that Kun Tat, having obtained immense influence over the priests, was secretly taking measures to overthrow the dynasty. They advocated the destruction of the priests and the execution of Kun Tat. It was, however, pointed out that any attempt to use open force might be unsuccessful, so treachery was decided upon. One of the hostile officials suggested that the Emperor should send him as an Imperial messenger to the priests' monastery with a gift of wine, his escort being also provided with "Sulphur, Saltpetre, Gunpowder, and all kinds of Combustibles," together with a red scarf for Kun Tat as a sign that he was to strangle himself. Matters being so arranged the messenger and escort duly set out and in due course arrived at the monastery.

Here they were received by the Abbot with all due ceremony and respect. The priests were delighted at the Imperial gift, and all parties later in the day assembled in the large Hall and took their seats preparatory to tasting the wine, the jar containing which was then opened.

Suddenly, however, a curious thing occurred. A peculiar odour became perceptible, and the Abbot felt that something was amiss. Snatching up a magic sword bequeathed to the monastery by its founder, he plunged it into the liquid, when a dense mephitic vapour spread through the hall almost overpowering all who inhaled it. Cursing the treacherous envoy and seizing him before he could call in his companions the priests struck off his head and broke the wine jar in pieces. But as they turned to rush out and dispose of the escort they were paralysed to see that the monastery and mountain side were all ablaze. The "Sulphur and Combustibles" had been put to their intended use and the priests, locked in the building and surrounded by a ring of fire, were almost all burned to death. Eighteen only, who managed to secure the magic sword and seal of the founder got into the inner hall, and prostrating themselves before the image of Buddha implored his protection. This was accorded and certain roads of escape became visible, along which the eighteen survivors hurried away from the burning pile. It should be mentioned that Kun Tat was not then residing in the monastery but at some distance away, where the second envoy found him and had him duly strangled with the red scarf.

The wandering eighteen priests were not fated to all get safely away. On the day following their escape they fell in with a party of Government troops, and being unarmed were compelled to fly before them. There was no safety anywhere, and after undergoing shocking privations, thirteen of their number perished of cold and hunger. The remaining five kept together, and meditated revenge for the ungrateful and dastardly manner in which their own and their companions' services had been rewarded.

One day, as the legend goes, while strolling by a river near the place of their retreat, they perceived a vase-shaped censer floating down the stream. This they secured, and on opening it found engraved upon its bottom "Overturn the Ching and restore the Ming." It furthermore contained a "Book of Fate." While engaged in discussing these auguries, which plainly pointed to revenge upon their perfidious Government, they were surrounded by soldiers, who attempted to capture them; but, armed with the talismans described, they succeeded in cutting their way through them and escaped. A noble lady in the neighbourhood gave them shelter, and their ranks were recruited by five horse-dealers, who promised to assist them in their projects for avenging their wrongs. The priests, however, were still sought for by the Government troops. At length they made their escape to the "Dragon and Tiger mountain," where they met the five "Tiger Generals," who sympathised with their troubles, promising to raise troops for their assistance. An ex-minister named Tan Kin-Lam, who had also been driven from power by the corrupt machinations of the ruling clique, here joined them and their standard was rapidly recruited, 107 men offering themselves the same day. The five priests were appointed generals of the little army, which rapidly swelled to large proportions, the Commander-in-Chief of the whole force being Ban Lung. He is described by the chroniclers as having been "nine feet high, with a face like a large hand basin. His head was as large as a peck measure, and he had enormous red whiskers and hair. He was armed with two large maces, and his strength was equal to that of 10,000 ordinary men." Portents appeared in the heavens, and the confederation assumed the name of Hung, or "Universal," the term "Hung League" being a third name by which the Hwei is known, and adopted as their motto—"Obey Heaven and walk righteously." Before long the newly-formed army brought the Imperial troops to battle, and utterly defeated

them. Ill-fortune, however, attended the rebel army in the loss of its General, Ban Lung. He again led his troops against an Imperialist force, but in the course of the engagement his horse stumbled on some rocky ground and threw his rider, who fell dead, uttering a single groan. His followers managed to secure his body, and although demoralised by the loss of their leader, managed to cut their way through the encompassing ranks of the enemy, and get safely into camp. The Grand Master, Kin Lam, however, who had foreseen the catastrophe by his powers of divination, told his followers not to be disheartened. "We cannot," he said "restore the dead. The best we can do is to cremate his body and bury the ashes at the foot of the mountain." They were accordingly deposited in an octagonal plot of ground lying at the foot of a twelve-peaked hill. A nine storey pagoda was erected in front of the grave, and a memorial tombstone was erected bearing six characters. This duty performed, the little army resumed its former discipline.

It was, nevertheless, pretty evident that a small body of rebels, such as were the founders of the Hung League, could do but little against the numerous troops which the Imperialists could bring to bear. The principal chief thereupon decided, after conference with the other leaders, to recommend a policy which, for the time, would leave active aggression out of the programme. Each member of the little army was directed to return to his own province, in disguise if possible, there to enlist as many followers willing to aid the cause as possible. Before this step was finally taken, the Tien Ti-Hwei was established. It was divided into five banners or lodges, each in a different province or locality, certain verses, characters, and passwords being chosen as the means of recognition between members, irrespective of their languages or dialects. It will thus be seen that the mother of the secret societies which now honeycomb the Chinese Empire, and have proved so troublesome in our Eastern colonies, date back effectively only to 1664, or to the reign of our Charles II. With its numerous offshoots, their passwords, ceremonies, &c., we shall deal in a story which will appear in our Christmas issue.

CONSECRATION OF THE BORDER LODGE, No. 2475.

The above lodge was consecrated on Tuesday afternoon, the 10th inst., by the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P. The new lodge is to be held at the White Hart, near Blackwater Station, a very handsome and suitable room having been erected from the designs of Bro. G. W. Webb.

The consecration was attended by a large number of brethren, and the solemn service was most impressively performed by the Provincial Grand Master, assisted by the Chaplain and other Provincial Grand Officers. After the consecration and the installation of Bro. Capt. Manders as the first W.M., and the investiture of the other officers, the brethren sat down to a *recherché* repast, provided by Bro. Ellis.

The W.M. presided, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

In proposing "The W.M. and Success to the Border Lodge," the Prov. GRAND MASTER said he had no doubt the lodge would prove an advantage to the Craft in that locality, and that it would do much to promulgate the noble principles of Freemasonry throughout the fair province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

In addition to the P.G.M., the following Prov. Grand Officers were present:

Bro. Lefeuvre, D.P.G.M.; Major Newcome, P.S.G.W.; Henry Durrant, P.J.G.W.; the Rev. F. Whyley, sen., P.G. Chap.; the Rev. C. E. Crowley, P.G. Chap.; J. W. Gieve, P.G.T.; Edgar Goble, P.G.S.; George Ward, P.S.G.D.; W. M. Outridge, P.J.G.D.; C. W. Wyatt, P.G.S. of W.; E. F. Crouch, P.G.D.C.; F. S. Shaw, P.A.G.D.C.; S. Round, P.G. Org.; W. F. Blake, P.A.G. Purst.; H. A. Ashdown, P.G. Stwd.; J. H. Goldney, P.G.D.; J. Mitchell, P.D.G.D.C.; J. Exell, P.G. Tyler; Major Oswald Ball, W.M. 1899; J. Brown, W.M. 2043; Allingham, W.M. 723; G. W. Webb, P.P.A.G. Sec. Berks.; G. Williams, P.P.G. Purst., the Rev. R. Humble, P.P.G. Chap., R. Bunce, J. Webb, S.W., and J. W. Littleboy, J.W., all of 2317; F. J. Lawes, 2043; W. H. Kidgell, 1101; T. C. L. Leverett; E. Farrell; Elms; H. Leman, P.M., and Bateman, P.M. 723; and the following founders of the lodge: Bro. Captain Manders, W.M.; Col. Cooper King, I.P.M.; D. G. Norman, S.W.; Dr. Russell, J.W.; J. Mc Clinchy, Treas.; W. G. Shaw, Sec.; F. Baker, S.D.; J. D. Craig, J.D.; the Rev. R. Humble, Chap.; R. T. Webb, F. C. Norman, T. Martin, D. Sparvell, T. Sawyer, and J. Ellis.

Several brethren sent apologies for their absence, including the Mayor of Reading, Bro. J. W. Martin, Prov. G. Sec. for Berks, who wrote wishing the lodge every success.

LORD VERULAM, FRANCIS BACON.—The famous lawyer, statesman, and philosopher. Pope terms him, as some of us will remember, "the wisest, brightest, meanest of mankind." He was born in 1561, and died at Highgate in 1626. We need not follow his political career, as it does not consort with these pages. The point of contact between Freemasonry and Francis Bacon is as follows, if any: He wrote in his retirement, and in his later years, a figurative and mystical work called "Nova Atlantis," in which he makes much use of the "Templum Salomonis." It is possible that he may have been affected by a love of occult studies, as some were at that period; but some writers like Nicholai seem to wish to see in this work a sort of sketch of and connection with Freemasonry. We, however, doubt the fact very much. Nicholai's deductions are not warranted by any evidence which he adduces or has accumulated since he wrote, and we are inclined to think the supposed concordant symbolism accidental. It may be true, as Nicholai says, that E. Ashmole was an astrologer, and attended regularly the revived astrologers' annual meeting, and that he alludes to other astrologers. But when Ashmole talks of Freemasonry it is clearly as entirely distinct from any astrological confraternity, though the professors of the Hermetic art may have had their secret organisation. Lord Verulam died in 1626, E. Ashmole was made a Mason in 1646, so that there can be no connection between the two. That Freemasonry in any way took its rise from Lord Verulam or Ashmole, or the "Nova Atlantis," we hold to be critically unsound and historically untenable.—*Kenning's Cyclopaedia of Freemasonry.*

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

The Quarterly Court of Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on the 13th inst., at Freemasons' Tavern. Bro. George Everett, Past Grand Treasurer, was called upon to preside. He was supported by Bros. Capt. S. G. Homfray, C. E. Keyser, Major J. E. Le Feuvre, W. A. Scurrah, A. C. Spaul, and George Russell, Prov. G. Treas. Kent. There was a large attendance of brethren.

On the summary of minutes of General Committees being read, a BROTHER expressed his regret that the Committee had not seen its way to accept the 1000 guineas from Warwickshire for a perpetual presentation to the School. He thought it was an unfortunate thing that they should have fixed the sum at 1200 guineas and so lost the Warwickshire gift.

Bro. JAMES BRETT, P.G.P., rose to order. The resolution had been come to and passed, and it could not be altered.

The BROTHER said he did not rise to have the resolution altered. He merely wished to express his regret that the Committee had lost to the Institution 1000 guineas.

Bro. GEORGE EVERETT, Vice-President of the Institution, P.G. Treas., moved, and Bro. GEO. RUSSELL seconded, "That the Quarterly Court be recommended to declare a further vacancy at the election of this day, to fill the place of the boy Herbert Charles Edwards, elected April 14th, who died before being admitted to the benefits of the Institution."

The motion was carried.

The brethren then proceeded to elect 26 boys from an approved list of 46 candidates, scrutineers of votes having been first chosen. The following are the unsuccessful candidates:

Name	...	...	Votes.
Reginald Branwhite Jay	...	...	2099
Harold Ewing Hind...	...	...	1247
Louis Augustus Greenwood	...	...	893
Charles Percival Colman	...	...	861
William Seth Scantlebury	...	...	811
George Leopold Woodliffe	...	...	764
John William Messenger	...	...	756
Herbert Youngs	...	...	748
George Acres Procter	...	...	477
Frederic Herbert Johnson Gabbutt	...	...	456
Hugh Owen	...	...	346
George David Irons	...	...	160
William John Robert Woodgate Blackler	...	...	136
Arthur Crane	...	...	113
Reginald Guy Martin	...	...	111
Harold Warburton Norbury	...	...	111
Phineas Johns	...	...	74
Percy Alexander Thomas	...	...	71
Edmund Percy Mabin Goss	...	...	42
John Henry Hurst	...	...	1

The list of successful candidates will be found in our advertisement columns.

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After the election of candidates for admission to the above School on Thursday, the 12th inst., Bro. HENRY SMITH, P.G.D., Deputy Provincial Grand Master for West Yorkshire, who had presided during the day, gave the Scrutineers of votes some particulars of the state of the Institution occasioned by the severe epidemic which had prevailed in the early part of the year in the School, on which he grounded an appeal for still further aid in the shape of subscriptions. He prefaced his observations with the narrative of his first intimacy with the Institution in 1858, at which time there were 68 children in it. At the present time they found there were 200 girls added to that number, and they were in an exceptionally excellent condition. Indeed, he did not know any institution where children were better cared for or where the influence brought to bear upon them was of a better character. The Institution could boast of this, that nothing could excel it, and any visitor to it must be delighted with the appearance of the children. During the last year unfortunately the Committee had had to contend against a very serious attack of scarlet fever, but they met the matter boldly. They did not lose a single case from that malady. One child did, in fact, die, but it was from diphtheria, to which she was susceptible, and no powers could save her. The whole of the Institution had been thoroughly disinfected, bedding, carpets, walls, and ceilings. He had heard it expressed by one, whose opinion was expressed in a jocose manner, after he had seen what had been done—"Positively the place is beastly clean." To effect this they had been obliged to go to great expense, and he hoped the supporters of the Institution would remember this and bring further subscriptions. The Committee had left nothing undone that could save the children, and he believed there was not now any Institution in a better state for the health of children. The fabric itself was perfect, and he was very proud of it. Instead of having three Institutions to support, he wished they could concentrate their efforts to all in one. Sometimes they favoured one, and sometimes another, but they dipped very deeply into the brethren's pockets. During the past year his province had done their little share, though, perhaps, they had not done as much as they ought to have done. He hoped, however, that the influence they had brought to bear would have the effect in the coming year of increasing the subscriptions. He was happy to say that the results of the local examinations were exceedingly encouraging, but on account of the illness in the School,

which had handicapped the children, it could not be expected that so good a result would be obtained this year. Once again, with regard to the illness and the steps taken by the Committee consequent upon it, they did not throw the whole burden on the friends of the children, but in cases where such friends found it necessary to make the application, allowed them 10s. a week for each girl's support at her own home during the extension of the holidays on account of the illness. This had been a heavy charge on the Institution, and he hoped it would have the effect of drawing a much larger amount at the next Festival. In conclusion, so long as his services might be required, he hoped he should discharge them in a becoming manner, and for the acknowledgment he had received of what he had done in the past he gave the brethren his hearty thanks.

Our Portrait Gallery of Worshipful Masters.



BRO. JOHN CLAYTON, W.M. 321, P.P.G.W. CHESHIRE.

Bro. John Clayton, who was installed W.M. of the Unity Lodge, No. 321, on the 28th June last is one of the leading spirits of Freemasonry in the Province of Cheshire, and there was a numerous assembly of the elite of the province to do him honour on the occasion of his installation in the chair of this distinguished lodge. The Provincial Grand Masters of Cheshire for several generations, as well as the Deputy Provincial Grand Masters, have been members of this lodge, the meetings being only four in the year, and intended for the fraternising of brethren who have attained distinction in the province, and who may therefore be reasonably supposed to have the best interests of the province at heart. Bro. Clayton is a solicitor, practising at Ashton-under-Lyne and Manchester, and for upwards of 20 years has been successful in his profession. He has been a Councillor of the borough of Ashton-under-Lyne since 1887, and has devoted much time and attention in the details of the municipal work of that important manufacturing centre. Although resident in Lancashire, it is only "across the border," and his Masonic career has been identified chiefly with the adjoining Province of Cheshire. He was initiated in the Unanimity Lodge, No. 89, Dukinfield, in December, 1870. This lodge enjoys the distinction of being the senior lodge in the Province of Cheshire, the warrant dating from 1754. After serving several offices in his mother lodge, he became W.M. in 1876. He is still a member of the lodge, as well as its Treasurer, an office he has held during the last 12 years. In 1880 he was honoured by the late Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Lord De Tabley, by being appointed Prov. S.G.D., and in 1890, in recognition no doubt of his services in the province, and especially of the interest he has taken and the work he has done in connection with the Masonic Charities, he was appointed Prov. J.G.W. by the present Prov. G.M., Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton. Bro. Clayton is a Life Governor of all three of the Masonic Institutions, and has served 8 Stewardships—2 for the Benevolent and 3 each for the Girls' and Boys' Institutions. In the Province of Cheshire he has been honoured by being elected Vice-Chairman of the Committee of Benevolence for the last five years, and in conjunction with its Chairman, Bro. J. Salmon, of Chester, P.P.G.W., and Bro. Newhouse, the Prov. G. Secretary, who constitute the Election Committee of the Province, has been uniformly congratulated and thanked for the excellent manner in which the elections on the London Institutions have been managed on behalf of the province. It is 10 years since Bro. Clayton joined the Unity Lodge, No. 321, and certainly the lodge, as well as Bro. Clayton himself, are to be congratulated on his being placed in the position of its W.M. Outside Craft Masonry Bro. Clayton is a P.Z. of the Royal Cheshire Chapter, No. 89, Dukinfield,

and P.P.G.J. of Cheshire. In Mark Masonry he is a Past Master of the Skelmersdale Mark Lodge, No. 141, Lancashire, a joining member of the Benevolent Mark Lodge, No. 67, Stockport, and P.P.G. Registrar of Lancashire. In Knight Templary he is a P.E.P. of the Royal Edward Encampment, No. 89, Dukinfield, and P.P.G. First Constable, Cheshire. He is also a member of the Stanhope Rose Croix Chapter at Chester. As might naturally be expected, Bro. Clayton has been one of the foremost brethren in promoting the successful establishment of the new local Charity—the Cheshire Masonic Benevolent Institution, which is intended as an auxiliary to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and for the purpose of granting smaller annuities to worthy aged Freemasons of the province and their widows, and at the inauguration festival, which was recently held at Chester, it was announced that a sum of no less than £3280 had been paid and promised by Cheshire brethren by way of setting the Institution on its legs. But irrespective of his valuable assistance in the Charitable work of the province, Bro. Clayton is well known in Cheshire as a good all round Mason in every respect. He is well versed in Masonic law and procedure, and possessing as he does great discretion and tact in dealing with Masonic matters generally, his abilities are recognised and his advice sought whenever subjects of more than ordinary import are under the consideration of the authorities of the province. We have only to add that Bro. Clayton's installation was very ably carried out by Bro. J. Beaumont Piercy, P.P.G.W. Staffordshire, the retiring W.M., assisted by Bro. J. Salmon, P.P.S.G.W.

DEVON MASONIC EDUCATIONAL FUND.

A meeting of the Educational and General Purposes Committee of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund was held on Monday, the 9th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Plymouth, to examine petitions from candidates for election on the fund, and to place on the list such as were eligible. Bro. W. Powell, P.P.G.T., presided, and a large attendance included Bros. J. R. Gover, P.P. G.S., Sec.; J. R. Lord, P.P.G.T., Treas.; R. Cawsey, P.P.J.G.D.; S. Jew, P.P.G.T.; G. Whittley, P.P. G.O.; D. Cross, P.P.G.T.; R. Pengelly, P.P.A.G. D.C.; J. W. Cornish, P.P.G.T.; R. G. Bird, P.P. G.T.; G. Horswill, W. Allsford, C. Mutten, W. Sweet, and W. H. Dillon, Asst. Sec.

It was explained that three candidates who were unsuccessful at the election in April last were still eligible, and that the votes which they then polled would count in their favour at the approaching election. Two other applications have since been received, one from Okehampton, the other from South Molton, and, the usual forms having been complied with, it was decided to put both names on the list. This will make five candidates for two vacancies. The election will take place at Exeter on Monday, the 30th inst., and it is desired that subscribers who wish to exercise their voting power should at once send their subscriptions to the Honorary Treasurer, Bro. J. R. Lord.

A statement having gone forth that the Educational Fund was self-supporting, Bro. GOVER, the Secretary, explained that, so far from this being the case, the invested funds did not exceed £1000, the interest from which was no more than sufficient to support two children. They had, however, 18 children already on the fund, and these would be increased to 20 by the election on the 30th inst., involving an annual expenditure of £300. They were, therefore, dependent on annual subscriptions to that amount, unless they encroached upon their invested capital, which they were most anxious not to do.

It was stated that Bro. W. Willoughby had offered to arrange another concert in Plymouth Guildhall on behalf of the Educational Fund, similar to that of last year, which proved so great a financial and musical success.

The offer was accepted, with thanks to Bro. Willoughby, and a Committee, consisting of Bros. Gover, Lord, Bird, Mutten, and Dillon, was appointed to consult with him in carrying out the necessary arrangements. It is proposed to hold the concert about the middle of November.

OPENING OF A NEW THEATRE.

Bro. S. Barnard, of Lodge 700, who has had a large experience in theatrical management, gave, on Thursday, the 12th inst., an invitation to all the Past Masters and Wardens of lodges in the Woolwich district, to attend at the laying of a foundation-stone at the new and handsome theatre he is now erecting at Woolwich. The stone was laid by Bro. Col. E. Hughes, M.P., P.M. 913, and among the brethren present we noticed Bros. W. Lawson, W.M.; F. G. Taylor, I.P.M.; J. H. Roberts, P.M., Treas.; J. Warren, P.M., Sec.; J. McCollough, P.M.; S. E. Southgate, P.M.; and G. Porter, I.G. all of 700; G. W. Mitchell, P.M., Treas., P.P.G.D.C. Kent; H. King, P.M., Sec.; J. G. Cashfield, P.M.; and G. Letton, P.M. of 615; J. Stratton, Rahtz, Newton, G. H. Campbell, Pryce, Littlewood, and Wallis, of 913; C. Jolly, P.M., Treas. 1472; beside a number of the Local Board members, and several of the fair sex.

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3	Wilson, J. A.	3065
4	Campbell, C. E. D.	2901
5	Beckett, R. G.	2793
6	Brewis, J. M.	2785
7	Allen, W. J. R.	2774
8	Hall, F. W.	2682
9	Walker, J. B.	2677
10	Roy, J.	2604
11	Horsburg, S. A.	2602
12	Dowdell, S. J. E.	2560
13	Salomonski, E. O.	2517
14	Curtis, J. C.	2514
15	Griffiths, F. H.	2473
16	Milam, H. E.	2458
17	Evans, A. W.	2447
18	Pyne, F. D.	2425
19	Todd, H. G. W.	2374
20	Castle, F. H.	2358
21	Cator, R. J. T.	2356
22	Brown, D.	2320
23	Good, B. H.	2293
24	Finch, B.	2258
25	Bone, L. W.	2200
26	Newman, G.	2118

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The following communications, amongst others, unavoidably stand over:

CRAFT LODGES.—Merchant Navy, No. 781; Eleanor Cross, No. 1764; Trinity College, No. 1795; and Tudor Lodge of Rifle Volunteers, No. 1838.

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Centenary of the Combermere Lodge, No. 296.
Provincial Grand Chapter of Devon.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1893.

Masonic Notes.

The consecration of a Knight Templar Preceptory is an event of somewhat rare occurrence, and therefore the six knights who take part in the foundation of such a body are entitled to all the greater praise for their zeal. Last week we had the privilege of reporting the consecration by Sir Knight the Earl of Euston, Great Sub-Prior of the Order of the Peveril Preceptory, No. 159, at the Masonic Hall, Derby, and as the founders and those who were installed knights on the occasion are all of them, more or less, prominent members of the Craft in Derbyshire, there is fair reason to hope that the new preceptory will have before it a long and prosperous career. At all events, when we mention

the name of Sir Knight A. Woodiwiss, who was installed first E.P., and Sir Knight Percy Wallis the first Constable, with Sir Knights Thomas Roe, M.P., and C. Fendelow, who were among the founders, our readers will have no reason to credit us with being over sanguine as to the future of the new body.

Some of the most active and energetic lodges in the London district are of a semi-military character; that is, they receive civil warrants but are established in connection with and with the special object of providing a Masonic home for members of our Metropolitan volunteer corps. Among the senior of these lodges may be mentioned those connected with the Honourable Artillery Company, the Victoria Rifles, the South Middlesex, and the 1st Surrey, while among those of later constitution are the lodges connected with the London Rifle Brigade, the London Irish, and the London Scottish. The most recent addition to this array of so-called class lodges is the 2nd Middlesex Artillery Lodge, No. 2484, which was consecrated on the 9th instant by the Grand Secretary under conditions which augurs well for its future well-being. It is needless to say the new lodge has our "Hearty good wishes" for its success. To adapt the Persian style of compliment may it live a thousand years!

It is evident that Durham is making steady progress under the guidance of its present respected chief, Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart. Its recent annual meeting at Bishop Auckland, like all its predecessors of late years, was very numerous attended, and the reports presented by the chief executive officers were of the most encouraging character. During the past year it has had the misfortune to lose by death some of its most valuable members, but new men are coming forward who will in time become seasoned veterans, worthy to replace those whom the Province is now mourning. Moreover, the numerical progress is on a moderate scale, from which fact we feel inclined to hazard the opinion that in the Durham lodges great care is taken in the acceptance of candidates for the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry.

The annual Provincial Grand Lodge of Oxfordshire was held on Monday, the 16th inst., in the University Masonic Hall, Oxford, and taking advantage of the return of the Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Jersey, the members of the Craft mustered in great force, and accorded him a most hearty and enthusiastic reception. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Lord Valentia, was also present, and the gathering was thoroughly representative. The Treasurer's report showed that £675 had been contributed to the various Masonic Charities. In the course of the evening the Provincial Grand Master announced that it was proposed to erect a Masonic Temple in the city, the present accommodation being utterly inadequate for the requirements of the Craft, and it was decided to appoint a Committee to consider the matter.

A correspondent who signs himself "Studious" writes to ask if there is any Masonic lending library where he could borrow books for study, remarking that it comes expensive to buy all the books required to obtain a good Masonic knowledge. The suggestion is certainly worth consideration, but could only, in our opinion, be carried out by individual lodges. In these days of Masonic enlightenment no lodge should be without its library, and it is the simplest thing in the world to adopt the circulating principle. We shall be pleased to render any aid in our power to promote the objects of our correspondent.

We are again unable to find room for a number of reports of lodges of instruction, which, to us, is a matter of regret, as although it cannot be denied that there is too much sameness in them to be of interest to the general reader, yet we fully recognise the important place held by these lodges in Masonry, and that those who devote so much time to the work and study of Masonic ritual are fully deserving of the notice they receive at the hands of the Masonic Press. We must ask our correspondents in this department to make their reports as brief as possible, omitting "vain repetitions," and we will do our best to make room for them.

Marriage.

THOMAS—WATKINS.—On the 17th inst., at St. Woolos Church, Newport, by the Ven. Archdeacon Bruce, M.A., assisted by the Rev. D. Bowen, B.A., vicar of Cowbridge, Cissie, eldest daughter of Bro. William Watkins, of the King's Head Hotel, Newport, to James Felix Thomas (of the firm of J. F. Thomas and Co., shipbrokers), Newport.

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[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.]

THE PREVIOUS QUESTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

As a communication, signed "Lex Scripta," appeared recently in the *Freemason*, in reference to the motion made by me in Grand Lodge last June, I trust you will, with your usual courtesy, and in all justice and fairness, permit me to make a few remarks in reply, not so much on "The Previous Question" in general, as a mode of procedure, as upon its proposed use and the motives that actuated me on this particular occasion. I beg to thank "Lex Scripta" for the interesting Masonic opinions he has quoted upon this subject; but I cannot congratulate him on the *nom de plume* he has adopted, when, in the face of it, he quotes "MacKay's Masonic Parliamentary Law"—"There is no positive law on the subject" of the "Previous Question." It is, therefore, clear that I did not act illegally in moving it, nor would the Deputy Grand Master have done so in not calling me to order, or in putting it to Grand Lodge, had he observed that Bro. Dr. Garson had seconded the motion. That he did not do so is not to be wondered at, considering the movement and confusion of Grand Lodge at the time.

But if there was no legal disability, was there any moral or Masonic objection? I venture to say there was none; quite the contrary; that is, if the value of an action mainly depends on its motive. For I can unhesitatingly affirm that my purpose and course on this occasion was in full accord with the spirit, if not the letter, of all the Masonic authorities quoted by "Lex Scripta." It was not only in a spirit of "comity and courtesy," but in the interest of justice and fairness and consideration for our law-adviser and the Colonial Board that I made the motion, "only anxious," in the words of Dr. Oliver, "to elicit truth, and not simply to secure a victory."

The "Previous Question" may be misused like many other modes of procedure. I do not shrink from using a knife because knives have been often used to slay my fellow men; I do not put out my fire in winter because some criminals have burnt their neighbours' haystacks; I do not dispense with the "Previous Question" because certain assemblies (notably the English Parliament, so often lauded) misuse it to "suppress due enquiry," to "stifle debate," or to "silence the voice of the minority." My object simply was to give time and further opportunity to discuss and consider the difficult and knotty points involved in a subject surrounded by more than one complication, and to enable our Grand Registrar, Colonial Board, and many members of Grand Lodge, to whom the subject was new, to read, mark, and inwardly digest the arguments of the three or four important speeches that had been addressed to us. Nor did I forget that, owing to the lamented death of our late Grand Secretary, we were deprived of evidence which might have thrown much light upon the points at issue. As to the Cambrian Lodge question, I do not express any opinion, but I have no doubt that it will eventually be decided, not after an hour's heated debate, or in an excited meeting, but after grave and calm deliberation, and with a view to promote that love and harmony which ought ever to characterise Freemasonry.—I am, dear Sir and brother, fraternally yours,

R. J. SIMPSON.

"FREEMASONRY IN THE ARMY."

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I enclose you a list of the four regimental lodges, which I believe to be in existence, under the English Constitution, those in Warwickshire, Suffolk, and Yorkshire regiments having died out in 1890.—Yours fraternally,

J. E. LE FEUVRE.

October 18th.

743, Meridian Lodge, 17th May, 1858, 1st Battalion East Surrey Regiment.

497, Social Friendship Lodge, 21st March, 1844, 2nd Battalion Royal Irish Fusiliers.

415, Lodge Orion in the West, 19th July, 1833, Bombay Horse Artillery, Poonah.

316, Lodge of Unity, Peace, and Concord, 1798, 2nd Battalion Royal Scots Regiment.

THE STATUS OF A PAST MASTER.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

There seems some doubt as to the position of an Installed Master who has ceased to subscribe to any lodge for 12 months, and afterwards re-joins his former lodge or joins another, and I think it would be very useful to many Secretaries if the Grand Registrar or some other qualified Mason would give answers in your paper to the following questions, some of which appear obvious, others a little uncertain:

1. Is an Installed Master who has ceased to subscribe to any lodge for 12 months, and who afterwards re-joins his former lodge or joins another, entitled to place "P.M." after his name?

2. Supposing he re-joins the same lodge in which he was installed, does he regain his position as to order of seniority in the list of Past Masters of that lodge?

3. Is he entitled to the same position and privileges as Past Masters of that lodge to which he was before he ceased to subscribe?

4. If he were a Prov. Grand Officer, of course he ceases to be a member of Prov. Grand Lodge (not being a member of Grand Lodge until he again passes the chair—Book of Constitutions, Art. 9, 81); but can he wear the purple, and can he put his Past Prov. Grand rank after his name?

5. Are Past Masters joining a lodge entitled to attend and vote in "Past Masters' meetings" of that lodge?
—Yours fraternally,

P.G.S.

October 12th.

SITTING TOASTS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

At one of our recent lodge banquets when the health of a visiting brother, who had not passed the chair, was proposed, I, as D.C., announced it as a sitting toast, to which objection was taken by some of the younger members present, and by the visitor also, though some of the older brethren took my view of the question, which is, that to all brethren who have not reached the chair, whether visitors or members, the toast of their health should be given sitting. I shall be glad of a satisfactory ruling on the point as to whom sitting toasts apply.—Yours fraternally,

D.C.

This is one of those questions of Masonic etiquette which are best decided on considerations of taste, and on which no ruling can be given. D.C. may, strictly speaking, be correct, but we must confess to a preference for giving every visitor the compliment of a "standing toast."—[Ed. F.M.]

Reviews.

DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF BENGAL.

The report of the last Quarterly Communication, officially edited by the indefatigable District Grand Secretary (Bro. H. M. Rustomjee, P.D.S.G.W.), has just reached this country. It was held on the 24th June, and the genial District Grand Master, the Hon. H. F. Prinsep, presided. The District Grand Master was very pleased to announce that the lodges are working well, and the reports are very favourable. Lodge "Sandeman," No. 1374, called after a much esteemed P. District Grand Master, has, "after a considerable interval, resumed work, and the lodge is already attracting new members, and, therefore, promises well in the future." The "Thomas Jones" Lodge, No. 2441, "has done a large amount of work," mainly so it appears, through "working at lesser rates." The Lodge "Invicta" was consecrated at Okakrata, on the 16th May, 1893. This may be news for Bro. John Lane to add to his colossal work, being the second and revised edition, now preparing, of his invaluable "Masonic Records, 1717-1886," which will be to 1893, or possibly later. The District Grand Master referred with feelings of sorrow to the sad and untimely death of Wor. Brother Henry Josiah Whympier, the Deputy G.M. of the Punjab. "He was not only well-known to us in India as a distinguished Freemason, occupying a foremost position among Masonic students and authors, but by his deep culture and knowledge in Masonic matters, he held an unique and conspicuous position in Freemasonry." * * * * In the prime of life, he fell as a sacrifice while attending on a sick friend. We cordially sympathise with our brethren in the Punjab in the great loss they have sustained by the death of so eminent a brother, whom it will be very difficult to adequately replace." There are 40 lodges on the roll, and duly recorded in the elaborate and exhaustive report of the District Grand Treasurer, but four are in abeyance. There are no reports of a more thorough and Masonic character.

THE LODGE OF RESEARCH, No. 2429, LEICESTER.

This vigorous organisation, established on somewhat similar lines to the celebrated "Quatuor Coronati" Lodge, London, is doing a good work in Leicester and neighbourhood, and has now published its transactions for the year 1892-3. The first W.M., Bro. J. T. Thorp, P.M. 523, P.P. S.G.W. of Leicestershire and Rutland, has proved "the right brother in the right place," and Bro. the Rev. H. S. Briggs, J.D. 523, Prov. G. Chap., has made an efficient Secretary. There were eight founders, and six brethren have since joined. The members are in no hurry about accessions to their numbers, so much as to progress slowly and surely. There are three honorary members: Bros. W. Kelly, P. Prov. G.M.; Dr. W. H. Barrow, P.M. 523; and G. W. Speth, P.M., Sec. 2076. The annual is of a most interesting and entertaining character, and will be eagerly welcomed in the province especially, and the additions to the library being printed at the end makes the publication all the more valuable. A scheme has been promulgated for a "Correspondence Circle" locally, and bids fair to be successful to the extent desired. The W.M. and members are to be congratulated on the results already achieved, and as the lodge bids fair to be the success anticipated, it is likely others will soon be formed on similar lines.

THE ILLUSTRATED ARCHÆOLOGIST, September, 1893. Price 2s. 6d. (Chas. J. Clark, 4, Lincoln's Inn Fields.)

The second number of this new quarterly has more than fulfilled the promise of the first issue in June; the contents of Part 2 not only being varied and interesting, but decidedly more original in character and most artistic in style. It has only to be known to be appreciated. We feel assured that if due publicity be given to its aims and aspirations, and its pages are carefully perused and studied as they deserve to be, the "Illustrated Archæologist" will not only receive a warm welcome in many a home, but the sub-

scribers will be so numerous that the editor and publisher will be cheered and the magazine even still further improve as time rolls onward. With so much to instruct and delight the artistic and antiquarian mind, it is not easy to make a selection or particularise at length either of the several articles. The carved door-posts in Brussels, by Mr. Arthur Elliott, makes an excellent paper, the subject being but little known, and the illustrations are not only well done, but they make us wish for more. The old door-post of La Madeline is very fine, and probably dates from the year 1691. Mary is represented at the foot of the Cross wiping the Saviour's feet with her hair. The Tailors and Armourers have each an altar in this church. The portal of the Hôtel de Ville is elaborate and massive, St. Michael, the Archangel, being the principal figure, in the act of overcoming Satan. The subject is to be seen everywhere in Brussels, as it is the City arms, but the skillful treatment of these old posts has been productive of much able work in modern times, for the author states that the greatest pains are taken to design handsome and massive doors in that city. Another attempt is made to explain the ruins of Stonehenge, this time by Mr. Edgar Barclay, who maintains that they are not of prehistoric antiquity, but that the structure "was raised immediately after the first shock of the Roman conquest, upon the downfall of Druidism, by the Britons under the leadership of their native chieftains; that by undertaking this pious work the minds of the natives were not only distracted from war, but were pacified and reassured in a belief that the immortal gods had not deserted them." The Temple was thus erected "in a locality consecrated from time immemorial as a burial ground of the race." Would not this question be suitable for some of the members of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge to undertake—such as Professor Hayer Lewis, the W.M., and other gifted brethren? Three of the pretty little sketches are from paintings by the author. The notes on some of the sculptured tombstones of Argylshire by Mr. R. C. Graham, F.S.A. Scotland, are of considerable interest, and the several illustrations are most suggestive and striking in character. Possibly this contribution is the most important of the whole, but others run it very closely. The writer has "squeezed" to some purpose, and describes the process of making these paper moulds from the old stones in apparently a most simple manner, but it is questionable, with all his instructions, if some of us could succeed as he has done. The last figure has a strange likeness to the old form of Masonic apron, flap and shape generally. Mr. Young's "Roman City of Silchester" is a valuable contribution to this quarter's repertory, and the reproductions of the photographs by Mr. White, of Reading, are all that can be desired. They are quite realistic, and enable one to form a general notion of the excavations now being conducted by Messrs. Fox and St. John Hope. "Wood-carving in the Trobriands" (near New Guinea) is ably described by Professor A. C. Haddon, who communicates some startling facts respecting these islanders and their extraordinary skill. The editor, Mr. J. Romilly Allen, F.S.A. Scotland, is much in evidence this number, the notes on archæology and kindred subjects being extensive and of special value. He wisely makes a very free use of illustrations, the result being one of the most useful and entertaining quarterly publications.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

St. Luke's Lodge (No. 144).—The installation meeting of this old established lodge (consecrated in 1765) was held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 2nd inst., when there were present Bros. Alfred Saunders, W.M.; F. Stutfield, S.W.; B. Bridgman, J.W.; T. H. Bennett, S.D.; J. H. Beauchamp, I.G.; J. G. Unite, P.M., Treas.; E. Wits, P.M., Sec.; H. Trotère, Org.; Jarvis Maples, P.M., D.C.; T. Markland, P.M., Stwd.; T. Bowler, Tyler; W. H. Tucker, P.M.; R. J. Taylor, P.M.; G. D. Skeggs, W. J. Forsutt, P.M.; F. Thomas, T. A. Markland, G. E. Murrell, S. E. Storr, R. S. Illing, C. Mallous, J. W. Sharpe, S. C. M. Austin, R. Bartholomew, D. Jenkins, and Marriott-Matthews. The visitors were Bros. F. Cox, 865; A. Carlstrom, 733; L. Bridgman, 1348; Wm. Hunt, S.W. 172; J. W. Burgess, P.P.S.G.D. West Lancashire; C. L. Ramsden, P.M. 291; the Rev. C. J. Smith, 2157; J. Mison, P.P.S.G.D. Middx.; R. F. Cooper, 416; T. W. Heath, I.P.M. 1642; A. B. Stutfield, 1922; H. J. Olive, 1420; J. Clulow, 1851; S. J. Derham, W.M. elect 1622; and K. T. West, 1744.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, after which the report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. The W.M. then passed Bros. T. A. Markland and G. E. Murrell to the Degree of F.C. Bro. Frederic Stutfield, the W.M. elect, was then presented, and installed into the chair by Bro. A. Saunders, the retiring W.M., the ceremony being performed in an impressive manner. The newly-installed Master then invested his officers as follows: Bros. B. Bridgman, S.W.; F. Thomas, J.W.; J. G. Unite, P.M., Treas.; E. Wits, P.M., Sec.; T. H. Bennett, S.D.; J. H. Beauchamp, I.G.; T. A. Markland I.G.; H. Trotère, Org.; Jarvis Maples, P.M., D.C.; T. Markland, P.M., Stwd.; and Thos. Bowler, Tyler. The W.M. then initiated Mr. S. C. M. Austin, the working being carried out in an excellent manner. Bro. A. Marriott-Matthews, 2361, was unanimously elected a joining member. Other business being disposed of, "Hearty good wishes" were offered, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren partook of an excellent banquet, which was prepared by Bro. A. Clemow in his usual good style, and admirably served under the superintendence of his able lieutenant, Bro. Evans.

The loyal and Masonic toasts having been given by the W.M. and duly honoured, Bro. A. Saunders, the I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the W.M." He said that that toast would be the popular one of the evening. There was no one more worthy or better in the lodge to occupy that exalted position. He was a good Mason and a distinguished member of the Royal Amateur Orchestral Society, and he felt sure that his year of office would be one of harmony and also a great success.

The toast was well received, as was the W.M. on rising to respond. He said that he felt quite upset by the flattering way he had been spoken of and for the hearty greeting, and if when he went out of the chair at the end of his term with the same enthusiasm as he had been installed he would be more than gratified.

In giving "The Initiate," the W.M. observed that the lodge had been fortunate in the past year in having a good number of initiates. He was proud to have one at his installation, but he hoped for more. Bro. Austin, the initiate, was reputed to be a good singer, and he would be an acquisition to the lodge.

Bro. Austin, in reply, said that the proceedings that night were so beyond his anticipation that it took away his power of speech. He was, indeed, proud that he had been made a Mason, and he thanked Bro. Tucker for the honour in introducing him to the lodge.

The Worshipful Master gave the toast of "The Visitors," to whom he gave a hearty welcome, remarking that many of them were distinguished and well-known in the Craft.

Bro. J. W. Burgess, P.M., in reply, stated that he was pleased to be a visitor to the lodge once again, which was making great progress, and it appeared to him that, with their initiates, they went in for quality, not quantity. He had had 30 years' experience in the Craft, and from the working he had witnessed that night, he congratulated the members on their choice of W.M. Might he be allowed to mention Bro. Stiles' candidature for the office of Grand Treasurer. He had many supporters in that lodge, and to those he would urge that they should make a point of attending to vote, and so help to return him with a thumping majority. Bro. Stiles was well-known in the Metropolis as a good and ardent worker in Masonry. His record was an excellent one, and he was fitted in every way for that high office. He had done good service for all the Charities, and no one could have a better friend.

Bro. Mason also suitably replied, remarking that it was many years since he first came to an installation meeting of the lodge. It was more years than he cared to remember, but he always had a big welcome. The working was always good in the lodge, and it was well-known for its support to the Charities.

Bro. Rev. J. C. Smith responded in a humorous speech, He had partaken of the hospitality of the lodge on two occasions, and it was good. He interspersed his remarks with some excellent stories, which caused roars of laughter.

Bro. C. L. Ramsden, P.M., also responded by reading a reply, in prose, which he made on taking the chair at the Festival of St. John, 1877, for which he is to be congratulated.

Bro. Lieut. Heath also replied, observing that the W.M. would fill the chair with great honour and credit to the lodge.

The W.M. gave the next toast, "The I.P.M., Bro. Saunders." The members knew the great things he had done for the lodge during his year of office. He took that opportunity of presenting him with a Past Master's jewel, which he richly deserved.

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm.

Bro. Saunders, on rising to respond, was received with acclamation. He said he felt overwhelmed with the way he had been received, and for the kind words of the W.M. and the visitors. He appreciated the jewel, which he should always wear with pride, and he should never forget his happy year of office.

In giving "The Past Masters," the W.M. remarked that they were always willing to do anything for the lodge.

Bro. Jarvis Maple responded in eloquent terms, remarking that he was the W.M. of the lodge in 1867.

Bro. Taylor, P.M., also replied.

In eulogistic terms the W.M. gave "The Treasurer and Secretary," who both responded.

Bro. Unite, the former, stating that he had been re-elected for the last 16 years. He earnestly hoped that the members would support him as Steward for the Old People. The amount he had on his list was 28 guineas, but he should not be satisfied until it was largely augmented.

The W.M. gave "The Officers," who he thought would give him every assistance to carry out his duties with, he hoped, satisfaction to the brethren.

To which suitable responses were made by Bros. Thomas, Bennett, Beauchamp, T. A. Markland, and Trotère.

The Tyle's toast brought to a close a very enjoyable gathering.

During the evening Miss Bertha Colnaghi, Bros. L. Bridgman, F. Thomas, A. Saunders, T. A. Markland, and J. Clulow entertained the brethren, the last named giving "The Deathless Army" in capital style, accompanied by the composer, Bro. H. Trotère.

Lion and Lamb Lodge (No. 192).—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 5th inst., at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street. Present: Bros. F. Hughes, W.M.; Jas. Smith, S.W.; T. W. Fisher, J.W.; Thos. Cohu, P.M., Treas.; H. Legge, P.M., Sec.; R. Sarson, S.D.; G. Goodes, D.C.; A. J. Holmes, Steward; C. Couchman, Tyler; J. G. Marsh, P.M.; George Kenning, P.M.; G. Abbott, P.M.; Martyn, Lenlon, Garton, Bevan, and W. Baker. Visitors: Bros. Jas. Craig, R.W.M. Roman Eagle, 160; T. R. Lendon, H. Woore, P.M. Edinburgh St. James', 97; C. Arkell, and P. L. Simmond.

The lodge having been opened, Bro. Garton was raised to the Third Degree, and Bro. Bevan to the Second. The following resolution, moved by the W.M., and seconded by Bro. George Kenning, was carried unanimously: "That the thanks of the lodge be given to Bro. J. S. Cumberland, who, for the purpose of illustrating the history of the lodge now being prepared by Bro. George Kenning, P.M., has kindly placed at its disposal a jewel formerly belonging to the late Bro. Peter Thompson, P.M., the said jewel having been presented to him by the Lion and Lamb Lodge in 1810." The sum of three guineas was voted out of the funds of the lodge to a distressed brother. It was proposed by Bro. Legge, P.M., seconded by Bro. J. Smith, S.W., and carried unanimously, "That the lodge hereby congratulates Bro. Butler on the occasion of his jubilee as a member of the Lion and Lamb Lodge, and sends hearty greetings to him, hoping that he may be spared for many years to come; to remain with the lodge as one of its members." The Secretary announced that he had that morning received a telegram from Bro. Butler regretting his inability to be present that evening, and sending hearty greetings to the brethren. A candidate for initiation, Mr.

John William Clarke, was proposed by Bro. Wm. Baker and seconded by Bro. G. Kenning; also a candidate for joining—Bro. Simmonds—proposed by Bro. Cohu and seconded by Bro. Kenning.
The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, presided over by the W.M.

Duke of Connaught Lodge (No. 1558).—

The installation meeting of this prosperous suburban lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on the 12th inst., when Bro. James Clark was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The large number of members present included Bros. R. S. Hargroves, W.M.; J. Clark, S.W.; G. N. Rice, J.W.; T. Taylor, P.M., Treas.; G. S. Stokes, P.M., Sec.; J. A. Skelton, J.D.; T. R. Smith, P.M., D.C.; P. R. Kingsbury, I.G.; J. T. Tucker, Steward; A. Blenkarn, I.P.M.; F. V. Catt, P.M.; J. S. Plummer, P.M.; R. Brown, P.M.; and others. The visitors were Bros. W. R. Penrose, P.M. 147; H. Gates, S.D. 1673; G. A. Pickering, P.G. Steward; T. White, 700; Burcham Cooper, P.M. 1491; G. H. Lewis, P.M. 2206; J. S. Pointon, 1901; J. Morley, S.D. 1638; J. A. Bower, D.C. 201; T. W. Williams; G. Pearce, 2272; F. Wint, J.W. 101; E. Hall, 1793; J. Hill, P.P.G.S.B. Surrey; H. Firth, 2098; T. B. Kerston, 2098; G. Scales, P.M. 1507; J. Horton, 72; J. Moss, 141; A. Runacres, P.M. 1922; A. Buchanan, 201; J. Wynn, W.M. 1446; W. W. Lee, I.P.M. 2381; A. Norris, P.M. 1997; and W. Robson, 507.

Lodge was opened, and, after preliminary business had been disposed of, Bro. Catt assumed the chair, and installed Bro. James Clark as W.M. The following officers were invested: Bros. R. A. Hargroves, I.P.M.; G. V. Rice, S.W.; H. Visger, J.W.; T. Taylor, P.M., Treas.; G. S. Stokes, P.M., Sec.; J. A. Skelton, S.D.; H. Wakeford, J.D.; P. L. Kingsbury, I.G.; J. R. Smith, P.M., D.C.; J. F. Parker and H. Havers, Stewards; S. Hole, Org.; and H. Thomas, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Hargroves, I.P.M. by the W.M., and duly acknowledged. There was also a passing and an initiation.

Lodge was closed, and a substantial repast was partaken of by the brethren present.

The usual toasts were afterwards given, and heartily received and acknowledged.

In proposing "The Health of the W.M.," Bro. Hargroves, I.P.M., said the brethren had that evening seen Bro. Clark's admirable work, and were confident he would make a good Master.

Bro. James Clark, W.M., thanked the I.P.M. and brethren for the kind way in which they had been pleased with heartfelt feelings to proclaim his hearty good health. He could assure them it was gratifying to him, for this was his own mother lodge, and he was a bird hatched in it and had played in it as a child with weapons he did not know the use of. He felt very happy to see the members of his mother lodge round him. He had passed the meridian of life, and was well into his second half century, and it was gratifying to see so many brethren present of his own years. He did them all honour because he loved them, and thanked all present for their kindness.

Bro. T. Taylor, P.M., Treas., proposed "The Health of the I.P.M.," by desire of the W.M., and said he knew Bro. Hargroves, I.P.M., had performed his duties to the satisfaction of every brother. The working of the ritual by him had been second to none. He (Bro. Taylor) had the pleasure of bringing the I.P.M. into the lodge, and the gratification of initiating him, and it was pleasing to see an initiate work up step by step until he became W.M. and then I.P.M. with the lodge jewel on his breast.

Bro. R. A. Hargroves, I.P.M., thanked the brethren, and assured them that during his year he had done his utmost for the welfare of the lodge, and hoped they would forgive his many shortcomings.

The W.M., in giving "The Installing Master," expressed his thanks to Bro. Blenkarn, P.M., for magnanimously yielding and allowing Bro. Catt, P.M., to perform the installation ceremony. When he entered Freemasonry he received great kindness and consideration from Bro. Catt, and those feelings had drawn them together. They were also associated in the same lodge of instruction, and he thanked that brother for the manner in which he had rendered the ceremony that evening.

Bro. F. Catt, P.M., in reply, said he had always experienced from the W.M. those kindly feelings which were usually given to those who endeavoured to do the best they could in the position in which they were placed. He was conscious that there were others in the lodge who could have performed the ceremony in a better manner, but he was indebted to the W.M. for his kind remarks.

"The Initiate" was next given and appropriately responded to, after which the W.M. gave "The Visitors" a cordial welcome.

Bro. J. Hill, P.P.G.S.B. Surrey, in response, said it was about 17 years since he first visited the lodge. He had watched the Worshipful Master's progress in Freemasonry, and was pleased to see him in the chair. He complimented Bro. Catt, P.M., on his rendering of the installation ceremony, and also the W.M. on his working, observing that they did not very often see a Master perform two ceremonies immediately after his installation. It showed the lodge had a W.M. who thoroughly understood every portion of his work, and he was confident they would have a most prosperous year. It would be impossible to find a more genial or more sympathetic Mason than the W.M.

Bro. Pickering, P.G. Stwd., and several other visitors responded, and expressed the pleasure they had derived from their visit to this excellent lodge.

"The Masonic Charities" and other toasts followed, and the brethren separated at a late hour, after having spent a most enjoyable evening.

Under the direction of Bros. Hole and C. T. Lewis an excellent programme of music was arranged, which contributed in no small degree to the pleasures of the evening. The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

Montague Guest Lodge (No. 1900).—

The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Wednesday, the 11th inst., at the Inns of Court Hotel. Peculiar interest attached to the proceedings from the fact that Bro. Oscar Philippe had been accorded the honour and compliment of re-election to the chair of W.M. in recognition of his services to the lodge, to Masonry in general, and the Charities in particular. To show the sincerity of their appreciation,

the brethren in the rota of office had cheerfully waived their claims to advancement by taking again the same office with a unanimity which in itself was a proof of the esteem in which Bro. Philippe was held.

There were present at the opening of the lodge Bros. Oscar Philippe, W.M.; E. L. Shelton, S.W.; W. Goodman, J.W.; E. M. Doble, Treas.; W. H. Gardener, Sec.; G. Gray, S.D.; W. A. Austin, J.D.; O. F. Viola, I.G.; T. Hutchinson, D.C.; J. Hopps, A.D.C.; T. W. Walford, Org.; A. P. Lowthian and W. F. Larkin, Stwds.; F. R. W. Hedges, P.G.S.B., P.M., Sec. R.M.I.G.; S. Brooks, P.M.; H. Slyman, P.M.; J. Stacey, P.M.; H. J. Capon, P.M.; J. D. Collier, P.M.; Col. Peters, P.G.S.B.; Alfred C. Spaul, P.G.S.B.; C. Martin, P.A. G.D.C.; James M. McLeod, P.P.S.G.W. Derby, Secretary R.M.I. for Boys; Major Clifford Probyn, P.M.; N. W. Floyer, 2460; W. H. Dean, P.M., P.P.G.S.B. Dorset; R. Fox Warner, 353; A. G. Hutchins, 2120; A. S. Brown, Prov. G.W. Middx.; G. Dale, 195; H. Hides, P.M. 198; C. Welch, S.W. 2120; C. F. Dean, 771; G. Thomas, P.M. 1194; E. Clark, P.M. 1194; J. P. Fenhoulet, 2099; W. G. Nottage, P.M. 771; E. Grisbrook, P.M. 771; H. W. Roberts, P.P.J.G.W. Middx.; W. J. Dyer, S.W. 211; J. Robertson, J.W. 1770; T. Kersopp, S.D. 1161; J. Evans, 1987; W. Lake, P.M. 131, P.P.G. Reg. Cornwall; C. Grassi, P.M. 1839; G. V. Briscoe, 102; H. W. Schartau, 1549, P.P.G. Org. Middx.; P. C. Eales, 2460; P. D. Bellamy; F. Hunt, J.W. 771; and H. N. Noakes, S.W. 108.

The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, and the report of the Audit Committee received and adopted, the induction of the Worshipful Master was proceeded with. The short ceremony needful under the circumstances being finished, the I.P.M., Bro. R. Henwood, presented Bro. Philippe, on behalf of the lodge, with a Past Master's jewel suitably inscribed, together with a Past Master's collar and jewel. The presentation was made in felicitous terms, and the W.M. expressed his thanks not only for the gift, but for the kind and fraternal expressions of goodwill that had accompanied it. The W.M. then appointed his officers as follows: Bros. Henwood, I.P.M.; E. L. Shelton, S.W.; W. Goodman, J.W.; E. M. Doble, Treas.; W. H. Gardener, Sec.; G. Gray, S.D.; W. A. Austin, J.D.; O. F. Viola, I.G.; T. Hutchinson, D.C.; J. Hopps, A.D.C.; T. W. Walford, Org.; and A. P. Lowthian and W. F. Larkin, Stwds.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet. Bro. Philippe presided, and was supported by several Grand Officers and a large number of visitors.

The toast of "The Queen and the Craft"—whom the W.M. described as the noblest lady in the land and the mightiest sovereign in the world, who had completed the 56th year of the most glorious and peaceful reign of any sovereign since the world began, over a dominion embracing different races of people of every colour and religion.

The toast was most loyally received, as well as that of "The M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales; the Pro and Dep. Grand Masters, Lord Lathom and the Earl of Mount Edgcombe; and the rest of the Grand Officers."

To this toast Bros. Sir C. Martin, P.A.G.D.C., and Col. Peters responded.

Following this came the toast of the evening—"The Worshipful Master"—given by Bro. Henwood, I.P.M., who, in feeling and sympathetic terms, referred to the many good qualities of Bro. Philippe, and the bond of union that existed between him and every member of the lodge. They were all proud and happy, he said, at seeing him again occupying the chair of W.M., in which position he would receive the loyal support of every officer and member of the lodge.

Bro. Philippe, in reply, thanked him and the brethren most heartily for all their kind expressions, and for the honour they had done him in again placing him in the chair of the lodge. He could not find words to express the gratefulness of his heart for the courteous kindness and sympathy he had received from all since he had joined the Craft and had been a member of the Montague Guest Lodge, and also for the generous way in which they had supported him in his efforts to aid the Charities, especially on the occasion of the Boys' Festival in June last. The visitors, too, had insisted in helping him, and on all occasions had placed their names on his list. It was a very glorious moment for him when he heard the announcement at that festival that the Montague Guest Lodge was the highest on the list. He felt sure the coming year would be as pleasant and prosperous with them as the last, and that they would remain as before, a very happy family.

As might be expected in a lodge in which the Charities occupied so prominent a place, the first toast on the list of the W.M. was that of "The Charities." This was in the hands of Bro. Brooke, P.M., who, in an eloquent and sympathetic speech, pleaded the cause of the Charities. No more fitting exponent of the virtue which Freemasons profess to admire could have been selected, and the sacred cause, certainly, did not suffer in his hands.

Bro. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B., and Bro. Hedges, Sec. R.M.I.G., both responded, the former referring to the splendid past, and the latter most hopefully to an equally splendid future, in which he anticipated even the great record secured that year would be broken.

The toast of "The Visiting Brethren" came next, and was responded to by Bro. Major Clifford Probyn, C.C., and others.

The W.M., in proposing "The Past Masters," expressed the pleasure he felt at having present the senior P.M. of the lodge in the person of Bro. Dean, who had been the first to occupy the chair at its consecration.

Bro. Dean suitably responded.

The remaining toasts, "The Treasurer and Secretary" and "The Officers of the Lodge," followed.

The Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant meeting to a close.

The arrangements for the evening had been carried out in a most sumptuous fashion. The programme of the proceedings was a work of art, it contained the arms of the lodge in heraldic colouring; portraits of the W.M. and all the officers of the lodge adorning separate pages, the whole printed in gold and colour on antique card and paper, forming a most complete and artistic souvenir.

The music provided was on the same scale of excellence, Bro. Schartau and his glee party forming the chief attraction, while the intervals were filled by various soloists, and by some very clever character sketches.

Barnato Lodge (No. 2265).—The installation meeting of this well-known lodge was held at the Café Monico, Regent-street, on Monday, the 16th inst. There was a good attendance of brethren, the members present including Bros. T. Honey, W.M.; I. B. Joel, S.W. and W.M. elect; I. H. Gluckstein, J.W.; E. J. Acworth, P.M., P.P.G. Treas. Essex, Sec.; H. Warner, S.D.; W. Wright, P.P.G.O. Middlesex, Org.; C. F. Hogard, P.M., P.G.S.B.; M. J. Jessop, P.M.; J. Jacobs, S. Abrahams, M. Joel, H. Barnato, T. B. Phillips, J. D. Phillips, H. Rowe, N. Gluckstein, W. Brook, S. H. Baker, C. Vandyke, P.M.; G. Harwood, M. Joseph, H. Walter, and others. Visitors: Bros. G. Everett, P.G. Treas.; S. K. Warhurst, 2099; H. E. Peck, 1387; C. Murray, 2108; D. R. Abrahams, 185; S. Harris, P.M. 205; D. Isaacs, 1229; T. Rassdale, P.M. 1017; H. J. Phillips, P.M. 205; W. F. Arter, Prince Alfred Lodge, Natal; C. F. Brook, 59; K. E. O. Book; L. M. Myers, P.M. 188; L. R. Morgenshaw, 1772; E. J. Rix, 1891; J. Levy, W.M. 205; D. Rodriguez, 205; E. Samuelson, P.M. 153; L. Geneste, 188; and W. W. Lee, I.P.M. 2381.

After the opening of the lodge, and the transaction of routine business, Bro. D. R. Abrahams, 185, was unanimously elected a joining member. Bro. C. F. Hogard, P.M., P.G.S.B., then impressively installed Bro. I. B. Joel as W.M. The following officers were invested by the newly-installed W.M. in an admirable manner: Bros. T. Honey, I.P.M.; I. H. Gluckstein, S.W.; W. Joel, J.W.; C. F. Hogard, P.G.S.B., Treas.; E. J. Acworth, P.M., Sec.; J. Jacobs, S.D.; W. A. Hyman, J.D.; S. H. Baker, D.C.; W. Wright, P.M., Org.; L. S. Geneste, I.G.; H. I. Barnato and H. Warner, Stewards; and Morley, Tyler. A handsome Past Master's jewel—the diamond in which was the gift of Bro. H. I. Barnato—was presented to the I.P.M., Bro. Honey, and briefly acknowledged. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. C. F. Hogard, P.G.S.B., for his services as Installing Master. The W.M. explained that, owing to domestic bereavement, he was unable to remain with them during the banquet, but he hoped the brethren and visitors would spend an enjoyable evening. Several propositions were received, and lodge was closed.

A rcherché repast, served in the Egyptian Room, was followed by the customary toasts, the chair being taken by Bro. Honey, I.P.M., in the absence of the W.M.

Bro. Geo. Everett, P.G. Treas., replying for "The Grand Officers," said the I.P.M. had told the brethren that the toast had been so often honoured that it was difficult to say anything fresh. He experienced the same difficulty in responding. He could only say it was a great pleasure to the Grand Officers to visit the various lodges and show by their presence the deep interest they take and are taking in the welfare of Freemasonry. With regard to that lodge, he had had the pleasure of coming year after year, and he put it down in his diary as one of his red-letter days, because he was always treated so kindly and almost as one of their own. The members had a fair specimen of the Grand Officers in Bro. Hogard who worked hard in Freemasonry and was a pattern to all of them. He felt he should make a slight allusion to the brother who sat on his right a year ago and whose death he now lamented very much—Bro. Joel—and he was reminded from this fact of the absence of the W.M. which they one and all regretted very much. Having seen Bro. Joel's son inducted into the chair that evening and install his officers in a very excellent manner, he was assured that the W.M. had shaped in every way as a good Master. He thanked them sincerely for the kind manner in which the toast had been received and for their unbounded hospitality.

Bro. M. J. Jessop, P.M., said that, not having been amongst the brethren for some time, he was pleased of the opportunity afforded him, by proposing the next toast, of addressing the brethren. He was sorrowful that the cause alluded to by Bro. Everett had kept the W.M. away. The late Bro. Joel was the father of the present W.M., and they all loved and appreciated him, and those feelings were well deserved. Of their present W.M. what could he say except that the Past Masters agreed that in him they had a worthy rival and a successful one. Bro. Honey, I.P.M., had been a good Master, and ably presided over the banquet table that evening. He therefore proposed "The Health of the W.M., and also of the brother who had presided in his absence—Bro. Honey, I.P.M."

Bro. T. Honey, I.P.M., in response, said his position was somewhat unique, and he regretted it was so for two reasons. If Bro. Joel, the W.M., had been present he could have said something more eloquent than he was able. He had been surprised at the eloquent and charming way in which the W.M. invested his officers. The distinguished mark he (the I.P.M.) had received from the Barnato Lodge would be worn on his breast, and he hoped for many years to come. He thanked them on behalf of the absent W.M., and on his own behalf for their kindness.

"The Visitors" was next given in cordial terms by the I.P.M., and acknowledged by Bros. J. Levy, W.M. 205, D. R. Abrahams, and W. W. Lee, I.P.M. 2381.

"The Past Masters and Installing Master" was then proposed by the I.P.M., who expressed his pleasure at seeing Bro. Jessop, P.M., amongst them again. Bro. Acworth, P.M., had taken the post of Secretary, and brought his characteristics of good nature and ability to bear upon it. Next he came to the Installing Master, Bro. Hogard, of whom it was impossible to say anything too good, for he endeared himself to every one. Bro. Hogard was in fact a Masonic *multum in parvo*, for his experience was that there were no questions you could ask him but you could rely upon his answer.

Bro. C. F. Hogard, P.M., P.G.S.B., said they had heard so much of his voice that they must be getting tired of it. He thanked the I.P.M. for the kind way in which he had coupled his name. Since the consecration of the lodge he had had the pleasure of installing every Master in rotation with one exception, and it had been a labour of love. From the time he entered Freemasonry he felt it was his duty and the duty of every brother to do what he could to advance the interests of the Order. He could say that he had not been unmindful of his duty, and had done what he could for the advancement of the Order both in the lodges of which he had been a member and in other circumstances. His services were at the disposal of that lodge in every way in which he could promote its interests or that of the members. They had gone on for some years in a happy, prosperous way, and he hoped they would be spared to see it continue to prosper, and in supporting the Charities.

They enjoyed themselves at the banquet table, but they had not been unmindful of their duty of supporting the Boys' School and Old Peoples' Institution. He had no doubt that some brother would offer himself as Steward for the Girls' School, and that the brethren would support him.

Bro. M. J. Jessop, P.M., also responded, and said that circumstances over which he had no control, had prevented him being with the brethren lately, but his heart was always with the lodge. He was one of the founders, the first Secretary, and the second Master. He was pleased to see the lodge had not gone back in his absence, but that there was the same hearty goodfellowship, and a good number of visitors.

"The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers" brought the proceedings to a close.

Under the able direction of Bro. W. Wright, P.P.G. Org. Middx., an excellent selection of music added considerably to the enjoyment of the evening. Mrs. Johnson charmed the brethren with several well-rendered songs, and Bro. Barry Lindon was also in his best form in two bass songs. Bros. Booth and H. Reeve gave musical selections on the violin and flute respectively, and the humorous element was well represented in the capable hands of Bro. Will. Edwards.

Æsculapius Lodge (No. 2410).—The installation meeting was held at the Café Royal, Regent-street, W., on Wednesday, the 11th inst. Through the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. Belgrave Ninnis, P.M., P.G.S.B., Bro. Brindley James, I.P.M., occupied the chair. There were present Bros. F. Ernest Pocock, M.D., P.M., V.P. B. of G.P., S.W.; J. Pickett, M.D., J.W.; G. Danford Thomas, Treas.; Thomas Dutton, M.D., P.M., Sec.; Anthony Nutt, S.D.; G. Crawford Thomson, M.B., J.D.; Lennox Browne, P.M., P.G.S. of W. Essex, D.C.; Frank Oldfield, P.M., I.G.; E. H. Ezard, M.D., Steward; Samuel Ellis, Tyler; Thomas Fenn, P.G.D., P.B. of G.P.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap.; Ralph Gooding, M.D., P.G.D.; Frank Fowler, H. G. Blackmore, Lewis Lewis, Walter Blaker, W.M. 1726; C. Luxmore Drew, M.B., Edward S. Bell, J. Davies, W. Ernest Dring, N. E. Yorke Davies, Henry O. Aslett, P.M. 1802; Allen M. Eleghern, 20 (Canada); A. S. Mimes, M.D., 3 (Canada); Edward Horne, P.M. 340; Frank W. Williams, P.M. 101; A. C. Treadaway, 1298; J. B. Lancaster, W.M. 2394; F. O. Bourke, 33; F. S. Edwards, F.R.C.S., I.P.M. 657; William H. Bourke, 1635; George Ogilvie, M.D., 1872; Macnaughton Jones, M.D., 1 (I.C.); and Frederick H. Alderson, M.D., 834.

The minutes of the April meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. elect, Bro. F. Ernest Pocock, was presented and installed into the chair by Bro. Bringley in a most masterly impressive manner. The following brethren were appointed and invested officers by the new W.M., who gave every officer detailed instructions as to his duties: Bros. Jacob Pickett, S.W.; G. C. Thomson, J.W.; G. D. Thomas, Treas.; Thomas Dutton, P.M., Sec.; W. Anthony Nutt, S.D.; E. H. Ezard, J.D.; Frank Oldfield, P.M., I.G.; W. E. Dring, P.M., D.C.; and H. Kiallmark P.M., and Matthew Coates, P.M., Stewards. The addresses were given by the Installing Master with marked effect, and received the hearty approval of the brethren. The Auditors' report was adopted, the W.M. congratulating the Treasurer and Secretary on the handsome balance in hand, and trusted, with their assistance, he might even leave a larger balance for his successor to commence office with. Letters of apology for inability to be present were read by the Secretary, from Bros. Sir John B. Monckton, P.G.W.; Deputy-Inspector Matthew Coates, M.D., R.N., P.M.; Professor Philipson, M.D., D.C.L.; and Arbuthnot Lane, M.S., F.R.C.S., &c. Bro. Arthur Pearson Luff, M.D. Lond., M.R.C.S. Lond., 410, was proposed and seconded as a joining member, and the following gentlemen as initiates: James Crooks, M.D., Toronto, L.R.C.S. Ed., L.S.A. Lond., and Harry Ernest Simpson, L.S.A. Lond. The lodge was then closed.

After ample justice had been done to the excellent banquet set before the brethren by Bro. Delacoste, the Worshipful Master gave the loyal and Masonic toasts in very suitable terms.

In responding for "The Grand Officers, Present and Past," Bro. the Rev. Simpson made an eloquent speech, in which he paid a very high compliment to the medical profession for their charity and disinterestedness, which the reverend brother said were the backbone of Masonry, and on that account was delighted to see so many eminent medical Masons present, and congratulated them on the success of the Æsculapius Lodge.

The toast of "The Worshipful Master" was drunk with great enthusiasm, and responded to in suitable and feeling terms by the W.M.

A very pleasant evening was brought to a close by the Tyler's toast.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BROXBORNE.

Kingswood Lodge (No. 2273).—An emergency meeting of this lodge was convened for Saturday, the 14th inst. In the unavoidable and regretted absence of the W.M., Bro. H. T. Nell, Prov. G. Steward, the chair was occupied by the J.P.M., Bro. C. M. Coxon, Prov. G.D., who was supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. J. G. Cobb, P.M., Prov. G. Std. Br., as I.P.M.; G. T. Chretien, as S.W.; E. H. Moore, J.W.; J. Petch, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; J. F. Bell, P.M., Prov. G. Steward, Sec.; R. W. Nicole, S.D.; J. Gravatt, as J.D.; A. C. Halestrap, P.M., I.G.; T. Williams, Tyler; A. Ingram, C. C. Renaud, H. R. Bower, and E. N. Benningfield. Visitors: Bros. Philip Sharpe, P.M. 869, P.P.G. S.B.; J. Duncan, P.M. 59; K. F. Hunt, P.M. 45; H. W. Mason, 21; T. E. Burgess, 45; and F. Page, D. of C. 1613.

The business before the lodge was the raising of Bro. E. N. Benningfield and the passing of Bro. H. R. Bower, and this having been completed, the lodge was closed.

After the brethren had dined, the acting W.M. proposed the usual toasts. He referred to the installation of Bro. the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson as Prov. G.M. for West Yorks, at which function the Province of Herts was represented by Bros. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Prov. G.M.; C. E. Keyser, P.G.D.; and James Terry, P.G.S.B., and expressed the regret they should always feel that Bro. Jackson, at that time Prov. G.M.

designate, had been unable, on account of Parliamentary duties, to be present at the invitation of their Prov. G.M. on the occasion of the meeting of Prov. G. Lodge under the banner of the Kingswood Lodge in July last.

"The Health of the absent W.M." was received with the utmost cordiality.

Bro. Cobb, Prov. G.S.B., proposed "The Health of the Visitors," and warmly welcomed them. Several of their number had visited the Kingswood Lodge on more than one previous occasion, and he assured them that they would always be heartily received.

Each of the visitors said a few words in reply and acknowledgment.

A very pleasant evening was spent, which was contributed to mainly by the vocal efforts of Bros. Hunt, Burgess, Benningfield, Bower, and Moore, who received the cordial thanks of the brethren for their able services.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

CAMBRIDGE.

Scientific Lodge (No. 88).—The town lodges have now resumed work, after the long vacation, and the business has attracted good attendances. At the meeting of this lodge on Monday, the 9th inst., there were upwards of 30 brethren present. These, however, did not include the W.M., Bro. W. B. Redfern, who was indisposed. There was one initiation, and this work was efficiently undertaken by Bro. W. P. Spalding, I.P.M. The charge was impressively given by Bro. T. Nichols, P.M. Bro. the Rev. L. R. Tuttietti, S.W. 2107, was elected a joining member, and there will be another candidate for initiation at the November lodge.

CHINGFORD.

Warner Lodge (No. 2256).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday evening, the 10th inst., at the Royal Forest Hotel. Bro. James Speller, W.M., presided, and there were also present, among a large company, Bros. J. J. Briginshaw, I.P.M.; Geo. Hurley, S.W.; W. Shurmer, J.W.; J. H. Wildash, P.M., Treas.; Richard Kershaw, Sec.; Revs. M. Rees and H. A. Allpass, Chaplains; W. A. Finch, S.D.; C. G. Cutchey, D.C.; G. M. Long, I.G.; Walter Latter, Org.; Frederick Taylor, Steward; and Thomas Scoresby Jackson, P.M. Visitors: Bros. A. Haynes, 2264; Geo. Eade, 1677; J. G. Harris, 1278; John H. Ellis, 1524; Charles Ledger, 1564; L. Simon, 1693; Wm. Gower, J.D. 2472; Robert Evans, 969; G. Ledson, 1503; W. M. Butcher, W.M. 2318; J. H. Baker, P.M. 1260, 214, Treas. 2472; J. J. Gordon, 959; John Knight, W.M. 2005; F. H. Meggy, I.P.M. 276, P.P.A.G.D.C.; N. Salmon, I.P.M. 2426; Alfred Wood, J.D. 2426; Harvey Groome, J.D. 861; H. Massey, 160, P.M. 619 and 1928; S. Dancyger, P.M. 205; W. D. Church, P.M. 1365; S. C. Bateman, I.G. 1707; Henry Sherry, S.D. 1790; H. Paxton Bromhead, W.M. 2184; W. J. Godwin, W.M. 1343; Geo. D. Bundy, P.M. 902; G. R. Rix, J.D. 1962; Chas. Lorkin, P.M. 1524; J. Bunker, P.M. 1153; and J. J. Goode, P.M. 1964. Bro. John Ives, P.M. 1427, was Tyler.

The W.M. first passed Bro. Thomas Armstrong to the Second Degree, and afterwards installed in admirable style Bro. George Hurley, S.W., W.M. elect, as W.M. of the lodge. The brethren who received collars of the lodge were Bros. Jas. Speller, P.J.G.D., I.P.M.; Wm. Shurmer, P.P.G. Treas., S.W.; W. A. Finch, J. W.; Revs. M. Rees and H. A. Allpass, Chaps.; J. H. Wildash, P.M., 1662, Treas.; Richd. Kershaw, Sec.; G. M. Long, S.D.; C. G. Cutchey, P.M., J.D.; Fredk. Taylor, I.G.; W. B. Whittingham, D.C.; W. Latter, P.P.G. Org., Organist; H. T. Dummett and J. Holland, Stwds.; and J. Ives, P.M. 1427, Tyler. On the motion of Bro. Speller, I.P.M., seconded by Bro. W. Shurmer, S.W., the W.M. was elected representative of the lodge on the Provincial Charity Committee. The I.P.M. afterwards stated that during the recess he had received a letter from Bro. T. J. Ralling, Prov. G. Sec., asking the lodge's subscription to the Lucking Testimonial. As the lodge was not meeting, he had not the opportunity of consulting the brethren, and of his own motion, he sent three guineas from the lodge, and two guineas personally, depending on the lodge endorsing his action. The W.M. then moved, and the S.W. seconded, that Bro. Speller's action be approved, and, on being put to the vote, it was carried unanimously.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, and afterwards honoured the usual loyal, provincial, and other Masonic toasts.

Bros. Shurmer, Bromhead, Jackson, and Meggy responded to the toast of "The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers."

Bro. Bromhead stating that he had no doubt the W.M., Bro. Hurley, would, in due course, be elevated to a distinguished position among the Provincial Grand Officers before his year of office expired. Bro. Hurley was one of the brethren who had worked up from the lowest rung of the ladder to almost the highest position one could aspire to. The work he had done that evening would not at all surprise anyone who knew him, and the Warner Lodge would lose none of its lustre during his year of office.

Bro. Scoresby Jackson, in the course of his reply, gave a short history of the origin of the lodge. He stated that before the lodge was brought into existence, a dinner was being partaken of at the Holborn Restaurant, at which Bros. Hurley (who was not then a Mason), Lennox Browne, and himself were present. Bro. Hurley was one of his oldest friends, and one who had brought him into the position he now held. It would give him great pleasure to see Bro. Hurley in a higher position in the Provincial Grand Lodge than he held.

Bro. Speller, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the W.M.," said that all the brethren were pleased to see their esteemed Bro. Hurley arrive at the high position for which he worked so hard. When he (Bro. Speller) was Inner Guard he announced to Bro. Lennox Browne, who was the first W.M. of this lodge, that Mr. Hurley was in attendance to be initiated. Since that time Bro. Hurley had been very persevering, and the brethren who had witnessed his work in the lodge would admit he was a good Mason, and would acknowledge that he would make a good W.M., and would, like his predecessor, carry the lodge on in its happy and prosperous career, and do everything that was for the interest and comfort of its members.

Bro. Hurley, W.M., after the toast had been most enthusiastically honoured, thanked the brethren for their heartiness, and the Immediate Past Master for having stated that he had striven hard. He did not know that he

had, but he had tried to do that which was placed in his hands to do, and to do it well. He had no ambition, but he prized much more than he could express the position he was in now. Bro. Scoresby Jackson reminded him of a time seven years ago when he was sitting in the Holborn Restaurant with Dr. Lennox Browne at dinner when a question arose about Freemasonry, and he was not a Freemason. He enjoyed the conversation most thoroughly, and he remembered Lennox Browne saying if a lodge was started at Walthamstow he would assist in trying to make it a success. Bro. Scoresby Jackson said to him (Bro. Hurley) "There's a chance for you; we are talking about starting a Masonic lodge." Dr. Lennox Browne was a friend of his, and he hoped he was a friend of Dr. Lennox Browne. He said "All right, doctor, start off and do it." Dr. Browne asked if he would join, and he asked what would be the good of his joining. Dr. Browne told him that he (Bro. Hurley) was a Freemason at heart, and he had been a Freemason to him and more than a Freemason to many other people. He said he would join a lodge if they started it. They were meeting that evening for their sixth annual installation dinner. He recollected well the time five years less 13 days ago when as a poor candidate he came to the lodge for the first time in fear and trembling. He thanked the brother who assisted him on that occasion—he did not know who it was, but he thought it was Bro. Wyllie. It was that brother who gave him confidence. He had come to the lodge in a state of great expectancy, and since he had joined it his pleasures of life had increased greatly, and he had met friends whom he could rely on—friends he could tell his difficulties and trials to, and from whom he could hear their difficulties and trials, and each would try to remove the other's trials and difficulties. He felt himself in a proud position now, and he had to thank the brethren very heartily and gratefully for the kindness they had shown him and their good feeling towards him. He had never gone out of his way that he knew of to merit their approbation and approval. He thanked them for placing him in the chair. He felt that from that night he was to be a different man to what he had been in the past. He did not think he should be a worse man, for if he was inclined to be, the very fervent and strong expressions of Bro. Speller would prevent him from looking lightly upon Masonry. Bro. Speller's solemn tones would make him look back, and he should feel as Worshipful Master of the Warner Lodge it would be his duty always to avoid any possible cause of discontent. He should in every possible way endeavour to promote harmony, concord, and love among the brethren, and he only hoped the brethren would help him in his course. At the end of his year he trusted the Warner Lodge would be one step forward. He was sure they were all more in close touch and feeling than they had ever been before. He should extend to his successors the same help and support he received at the hands of the brethren who placed him in the chair.

Bro. Hurley, in proposing "The Health of the Installing Masters and the Past Masters of the Warner Lodge," said that after what the brethren had seen that night they would all feel sure and satisfied that their Installing Master had reached as near as possible the highest point that an Installing Master could reach, and personally he thanked Bro. Speller, and expressed his gratitude to him for the very able manner in which he had performed the ceremony; his earnest, quiet, manly, dignified style, and the evident feelings he threw into the performance, had impressed him so much, that he felt he could not express his gratitude sufficiently. After speaking in highly complimentary terms of Past Masters Bros. Dr. Warner, Lennox Browne, Scoresby Jackson, and Briginshaw, Bro. Hurley presented Bro. Speller with a handsome jewel of a Past Master, which had been unanimously voted to him by the lodge.

Bro. Speller, after Bro. Briginshaw had replied, said he hardly knew how to thank the brethren for the great and handsome mark of the brethren's favour, which he should always look upon with pride and pleasure, and prize it. He had had a very happy year of office. They had been good enough to elect him as the lodge's representative at the Boys' Festival, and he thanked them for their cordial support of his list. Bro. Courtenay Warner, the godfather of the lodge, gave 15 guineas to the list. He again thanked the brethren most heartily for making his year of office such a happy one.

The benevolent box was then circulated, and on its being afterwards handed to the W.M. was found to have realised a substantial sum. A case of distress of a widow was afterwards mentioned, and the brethren were informed of the regular assistance which had been afforded to her from former contributions to this voluntary fund. It was resolved to repeat such assistance after Bro. the Rev. H. A. Allpass had detailed to the brethren the steps he had taken to distribute their bounty. He also informed them that the poor woman was deeply grateful for the assistance they had given.

"The Charities," "The Visitors," "The Treasurer, Secretary, and Officers," and the Tyler's toast were on the programme to be proposed and honoured, when the last train for London was due to take a large number of the brethren away.

Under the direction of the Organist, Bro. Walter Latter, Bros. Fred Taylor, A. Holmes, J. Ellis, and W. James Blackney sang some beautiful songs during the evening.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

DIDSBURY.

Doric Lodge (No. 2359).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Saturday, the 14th inst., at the Didsbury Hotel. There were no less than 46 brethren present. No doubt this large gathering came to greet Bro. G. A. Myers, P.M., W.M., who had been appointed at the last provincial meeting of the province to the high office of Director of Ceremonies. The lodge was opened by Bro. F. Stretch, I.P.M., Bro. C. E. Towell, P.M., acting as J.W. The Provincial Grand Officers were then admitted and saluted, and the Worshipful Master took the chair, Bro. F. Stretch, I.P.M., occupying the Junior Warden's chair, Bro. Towell acting as I.P.M. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the ballot was taken for Mr. A. Roberts, and, proving favourable, he was initiated by the W.M. The tools were presented by Bro. A. K. Boothroyd, S.W., and the charge was delivered in a very able manner by Bro. Stretch. At the close of the proceedings Bro. James Sharples, I.G., presented to the lodge a magnificent-coloured photograph of the first Worshipful Master, Bro. G. S. Smith, P.M., P.P.G. Organist. This was accepted on behalf of the lodge by Bro. Myers, W.M., by whom the picture was executed. Other business

was transacted, "Hearty good wishes" were expressed from the numerous provincial and other brethren, and the lodge was closed.

A splendid tea had been laid by Mrs. Stretch, where the W.M. and his numerous guests adjourned, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

The following were present: Bros. G. A. Myers, P.M., P.G.D.C., W.M.; F. Stretch, I.P.M.; A. K. Boothroyd, S.W.; J. Walker, Sec.; F. Thomas, S.D.; J. Ward, J.D.; J. Sharples, I.G.; Wm. Sharples, F. Morgan, and J. Laurisch, Stewards; G. S. Smith, P.M., P.G.O.; C. E. Towell, P.M.; F. N. Clegg, Org.; H. J. Sayers, H. Shuter, R. B. Brett, J. H. Norris, F. B. Ratchford, W. Jepson, J. Dearnery, J. Moore, C. Worstencroft, E. W. Rowsell, A. L. Boothroyd, Baldwin, J. Smith, W. Barker, F. J. Passmore, J. Booth, and G. Metcalfe. Visitors: Bros. J. J. Lambert, P.G.R.; James Walker, P.P. J. G.W.; C. Heywood, P.P.G.D.C.; Ralph Andrews, P.P. J.G.D.; Peter Heaton, P.G.S.; C. Shaw, J. Hardwicke Marsh, W.M. 1730; A. H. Mountain, H. A. Waite, E. T. Fielding, T. Parfue, A. Baines, S. Boswell, and A. C. K. Smith.

DOUGLAS (I. of M.).

Spencer Walpole Temperance Lodge (No. 2197).—On Monday, the 9th inst., the installation meeting, and first after the vacation of the above lodge, was held at the Masonic Hall, Loch Promenade, the following brethren being present: Bros. F. W. Spencer, W.M., P.A.G.P.; T. S. Ayles, I.P.M., P.P.A.G. Sec.; F. W. Watson, J.W., W.M. elect; T. G. Taylor, Sec.; R. E. Cain, P.M., P.P.A.G.P., Treas.; E. L. Hartley, S.D.; L. R. Corkhill, acting I.G.; J. Lanaghan, Tyler; Kilborn, Lewin, and Faragher. Visitors: Bros. Webb, P.M. 1004, P.S.G.W.; Brown, P.M., P.Z. 1242, 2049, 2050, P.D. P.G.M.; Hannay, P.M. 1004, 2050, P.P.G.S.; Turner, P.M., P.Z., P.P.G.D.C. West Yorks; Whiteside, P.M. 1242, P.P.G. Std. Br.; Bradshaw, P.M. 1004, 1242, P.P. G.S.B.; Horne, W.M. 1242; Bennett, S.W. 1242; Rushworthy, 1242; Brown, P.M. 2049, P.G. Sec.; Fayle, S.W. 2050; Bostock, 2050; Wnalley, P.M., P.P.G. Org. West Lancs.; Sharrocks, J.W. 758; Lambert, 1839; and Craine, P.M., P.A.G. Org.

The minutes of the last lodge having been read by the Secretary and confirmed by the brethren present, the ballot was taken for Mr. Albert Pickard, he being found clear was initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Masonry in a very impressive manner by the W.M. The chair was then taken by Bro. Webb, P.M., P.S.G.W., and Bro. F. W. Watson, W.M. elect, was presented by Bros. Brown, P.M., and Hannay, P.M. Bro. F. W. Watson was then installed into the chair of K.S. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by Bros. Brown, P.M., P.D.P.G.M.; Webb, P.M., P.S.G.W.; and Hannay, P.M., P.P.G.S., in a most able manner, and one not likely to be forgotten by those who had the privilege of hearing and seeing it. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. F. W. Spencer, I.P.M.; T. G. Taylor, S.W.; E. L. Hartley, J.W.; R. E. Cain, P.M., Treas.; J. Lewin, Sec.; B. Davis, S.D.; L. R. Corkhill, J.D.; F. Kilborn, I.G.; E. Faragher and W. Newby, Stwds.; and J. Lanaghan, Tyler. The W.M. proposed the best thanks of the lodge be tendered to Bros. Brown, P.M.; Webb, P.M.; and Hannay, P.M., installing Masters, for the very excellent and efficient way they had done the ceremony, the same to be recorded in the minutes. This was seconded by the S.W., supported by Bros. Ayles, P.M., and Spencer, P.M., and carried amidst loud applause. After the visiting brethren and installing Masters had returned thanks, and "Hearty good wishes" tendered, the lodge was closed, Bro. Watson, W.M., being the recipient of many congratulations.

An adjournment was made to the Granville Hotel, Loch Promenade, which establishment is carried on by the widow of the late and much respected Bro. Nattan, P.M., P.P.G. S. of W., where a sumptuous feast awaited them, and served in admirable style.

Full justice having been done to the very many good things provided, and tables cleared, for which purpose the brethren retired for a few moments, and, on re-assembling, the W.M. called upon the brethren to drink the usual loyal and Masonic toasts.

Bro. Spencer, I.P.M., gave the toast of "The W.M.," whom he had seen fill the various offices with such credit to himself and the Craft in Manxland.

Bro. Watson, W.M., in responding, stated that he felt quite at a loss for words to express his thanks for the honour conferred by his brethren, assuring them he could work any of the ceremonies better than he could make a speech.

The W.M. gave the toast of "The I.P.M.," and, in doing so, presented him with a very pretty jewel on behalf of the lodge, showing the general good feeling there was towards him.

The I.P.M. responded in touching terms, stating he should look upon the jewel with pleasure and pride, and in years to come it would be a happy memento of his year in the chair as W.M. of Spencer Walpole Temperance Lodge.

Bro. Ayles, P.M., gave in very complimentary terms, and deservedly so, the toast of "The Installing Masters," which was received in a hearty manner, and known only to those brethren "who dwell in unity."

Bros. Webb, P.M.; Hannay, P.M.; and Brown responded; Bro. Webb, in his customary style, abounding in anecdotes; Bros. Hannay and Brown, in terms of eloquence and instruction, to young members of the Craft.

Bro. Webb, P.M., P.S.G.W., gave "The Officers," whom he said were the right sort, knew their work and did it well. He also presented Bro. Taylor, S.W., with a jewel, in recognition of his services as Secretary during the past year.

The toast was responded to by Bros. Taylor, S.W.; and Hartley, J.W.

Bro. Taylor, S.W., in the absence of the D.P.G.M., Bro. Nesbitt, P.M., who was unfortunately indisposed, gave the toast of "The Visitors."

The following replied, and doing so, gave rise to much merriment: Bros. Webb, P.M.; Brown, P.M.; Turner, P.M.; Fayle, S.W. 2050; and Lambert, 1839.

Bro. Cain, P.M., Treas., gave "The Initiate," and was responded to by the newly-made brother, who stated that he thanked them very much for initiating him into the Order, and that he should always try to act up to the teachings of Freemasonry.

During the intervals between the speeches, the following brethren greatly enlivened the proceedings by singing comic, serio-comic, and sentimental songs, also recitations:

Bros. Ayles, P.M.; Bradshaw, P.M.; Spencer, I.P.M.; Bennett, S.W. 1242; Bostock, 2060; and Rushworth, 1242. Bro. Corkhill, J.D., in the absence of Bro. Nesbitt, P.M., D.P.G.M., gave the Tyler's toast, which brought one of the most enjoyable evenings to a close, all admitting they were "happy to meet, sorry to part," but would be rejoiced to meet again.

GRIMSBY.

Pelham Pillar Lodge (No. 792).—On the 10th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Bro. Frank Barrett was installed W.M., Bro. J. Morton, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., being the installing Master. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. Wm. Hurst, I.P.M.; B. Coulbeck, S.W.; J. W. Carr, J.W.; W. R. F. Morton, P.M., Chaplain; J. Waldram, P.M., Treasurer; H. J. Atkinson, Secretary; J. B. Morton, Lecture Master; W. Hill, S.D.; W. Bridge, J.D.; C. Maddison, D.C.; A. H. Cook, Organist; M. Abraham, Asst. Secretary; I. Green, I.G.; and H. J. Curry, Almoner.

The brethren afterwards dined together at the Yarborough Hotel. An excellent banquet, comprising all the delicacies of the season, was served in the best style by Mr. Taylor, the manager of the hotel, a large and competent staff of waiters, the wines being of the most approved brands. Afterwards the W.M., who was supported by many distinguished brethren, proposed the usual loyal toasts, including "The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W.G.M. of England, the Prince of Wales, and Princess and the rest of the Royal Family."

The W.M. also gave "The Health of the Pro G.M., the Earl of Lathom, and the D.G.M., the Earl of Mount Edgumbe."

In proposing "The R.W. Prov. G.M., Bro. Major Smith, and the D.P.G.M., Bro. Sissons, P.G.D.C.," the W.M. dilated upon their Masonic qualities, and deeply regretted their absence.

Bro. Smith, 2248, proposed "The Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," and congratulated the W.M. upon having attained his high position.

Bro. Duke, P.M., replied. The W.M. then proposed, in the highest terms of eulogy, "The Health of the I.P.M., Bro. Wm. Hurst, P.G. Steward," which was drunk with the greatest acclamation.

Bro. Hurst responded, and gave the toast of "The W.M.," speaking of his services to Masonry in the highest terms.

The next toast was that of "The Visiting Brethren," submitted by Bro. Coulbeck, S.W., and responded to by Bro. W. Mason, P.M. 422.

The other toasts were "The Board of Installed Masters," "The Masonic Charities," "The Officers of the Lodge," "Seafaring Brethren," and the Tyler's toast.

HAMPTON COURT.

Villiers Lodge (No. 1194).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Mitre Hotel on Saturday, the 7th inst., when there was a good attendance of brethren, including 10 Past Masters of the lodge and Bro. E. Clark, who was the first W.M. at the consecration in 1867. Amongst the members present were Bros. Geo. S. Peachey, W.M.; E. J. Mills, S.W.; Raymond H. Thrupp, P.A.G.D.C., Dep. Prov. G.M.; Wm. Vincent, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; W. Dodd, P.P.G.D., Sec.; G. Thomas, P.M.; E. Monson, jun., P.M.; E. Clark, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; J. Adams, P.M.; T. A. Woodbridge, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; P. Monson, P.M.; R. T. Pearce, P.M.; H. J. Pellatt, J.W.; C. Dodd, I.G.; and others. Visitors: Bros. P. Mecklenberg, 60; C. Lee, 1624; A. Tuck, 1247; F. Hughes, 27; and W. W. Lee, I.P.M. 2381.

Lodge was opened, the minutes confirmed, the audit report adopted, and a candidate raised to the Third Degree. Bro. G. Thomas, P.M., then installed Bro. E. J. Mills as W.M., and the following officers were invested: Bros. H. J. Pellatt, S.W.; C. Dodd, J.W.; Wm. Vincent, P.M., Treas.; Wm. Dodd, P.M., Sec.; J. F. Collinson, S.D.; L. A. Francis, J.D.; W. A. Clark, I.G.; S. Pond, D.C.; A. Slatter and A. Harris, Stwds.; and J. Gilbert, Tyler. The usual addresses were delivered by Bro. J. Adams, P.M. The W.M. impressively initiated Mr. Leggett, after which the lodge was closed.

After an excellent banquet, the usual toasts were heartily proposed and received.

Bro. Raymond H. Thrupp, P.A.G.D.C., Dep. Prov. G.M., replying for "The Grand Officers," said the toast would always be well received so long as they had at their head such distinguished men and hard-working Masons as the Earls of Lathom and Mount Edgumbe. He wished to say a word or two as to their Deputy Prov. G.M. It was two years since he had the pleasure of visiting them, and as they were aware, there were 39 lodges in the province, and it was, therefore impossible for him to visit every lodge each year. He rejoiced that night to find this important lodge was still prospering in numbers, in unity, and brotherly love, and in good working, not only in the Master, but in the officers. He believed they had installed a thorough good working Master, and from what he had seen of the initiation the W.M. was supported by good working officers. These brethren would appreciate his hearty advice to keep up their good work, and thus assist the Master, so that the brother in the chair dismissed a candidate, he could do so with the full confidence that the officers would carry on their work. So long as these things were observed, so long would the lodge flourish, and be one of the most prosperous in the province.

Bro. E. Clark, P.P.G.S. of W., responded for "The Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past," and said it was now some few years ago since they had the privilege of uniting their strength to form the present Provincial Grand Lodge. He had the honour of receiving Provincial Grand officer at the opening of that Prov. Grand Lodge. The Villiers Lodge should feel proud of the presence of the Dep. Prov. Grand Master that night, and he was sure the Prov. G.M. received much assistance from that distinguished brother.

Bro. G. S. Peachey, I.P.M., proposed "The Worshipful Master," and said the working of Bro. Mills in the First Degree augured well for the other two. The brethren would, therefore, drink to his good health, and wish him a happy and prosperous year of office.

Bro. E. J. Mills, W.M., said he could hardly find sufficient language to respond for the toast, and the eulogiums passed upon him by the I.P.M. were most undeserved. He, however, thanked them for their kind and hearty reception. He felt deeply honoured at being placed

in the chair of this, his mother lodge. He should certainly, during his year of office, endeavour to deserve the good opinion which entertained of him, and hoped the officers would assist him in carrying on the work of the lodge as it had been done in the past. He had another toast to propose, which was that of "The Installing and Past Masters." Bro. Peachey, I.P.M., during the past year had done everything he possibly could to carry on the work, and, although he had not had the amount of work his predecessors had secured, yet, whatever he had put his hand to he had carried out to the best of his ability. At the last meeting the brethren unanimously voted a Past Master's jewel to Bro. Peachey as a memento of his term of office, and he (the W.M.) had much pleasure in attaching that jewel to the I.P.M.'s breast, wishing him long life to honour them with his presence. He was indebted to Bro. Thomas, P.M., for installing him, to Bro. Monson, P.M., for acting as D.C., and to Bro. Adams, P.M., for delivering the addresses in such a masterly manner.

Bro. G. J. Thomas, P.M., in reply, said he thought great credit was due to the Past Masters for the manner in which they had always conducted their work, and they were always ready to assist. If he had failed in the installation ceremony, there were nearly a dozen present who could have taken his place. It was a pleasure to him to do anything for the lodge, for he liked Masonry and liked work.

Bro. G. S. Peachey, I.P.M., said that being such a baby as a Past Master it would be presumption to respond for them. He was grateful for their kindness in presenting him the jewel, and assured them that his year of office had been one of the happiest of his life.

"The Initiate" having been honoured, "The Visitors" was then given, and happily responded to by Bro. Hughes, 27, after which the Tyler's toast concluded a pleasant gathering.

Wolsey Lodge (No. 1656).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel on the 9th inst. Among those present were Bros. H. J. Bond, W.M.; J. Spooner, S.W.; W. T. Peat, P.P.G. Org., J.W.; J. Featherstone, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., G. Stwd., Sec.; Rice, S.D.; Simpson, J.D.; Gentle, I.G.; F. L. Chandler, P.M., P.P.G.P.; E. Dare, P.M., P.G. Std. Br. Middx.; Henry Sapsworth, P.M.; and J. Gilbert, P.P.G.P., Tyler. Bros. W. C. Page, P.M. 1475; G. B. Laffan, P.M. 135; and A. J. Holland, 1326, were visitors.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. A. H. Sturgess and C. S. Cheel were raised to the Third Degree, and Bro. W. Brown passed to the Second Degree, both ceremonies being well performed. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. T. Grant, I.P.M.; R. Drummond, P.M., P.P.G.P.; J. C. Jessett, P.M. 1512, P.P.G.S.B.; and others. The lodge was then closed.

A banquet followed. Upon the removal of the cloth the usual loyal and Craft toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. E. Dare, P.G. Std. Br., responded effectively on behalf of "The Prov. Grand Officers."

Bro. Sapsworth proposed "The Health of the W.M." He said that their W.M. had performed that evening the ceremony of raising in a most perfect manner, as well as the ceremony of passing. He trusted that those officers of the lodge who were anxious to follow in Bro. Bond's footsteps would lose no time, but attend lodges of instruction regularly in order to perfect themselves.

The W.M. having replied, gave "The Visitors," to which Bros. Page, Laffan, and Holland replied.

The W.M., in giving "The Past Masters," particularly alluded to Bro. Sapsworth, who, as acting I.P.M. that evening, had rendered him such effective service, and to whose kindly offices he owed so much in the working of the ritual.

Bro. Sapsworth having replied, the toast of "The Officers" terminated the proceedings.

Bros. Page and Jehu rendered several vocal selections most effectively.

HIGHBRIDGE.

Rural Philanthropic Lodge (No. 291).—On Friday evening, the 6th inst., at a meeting of this lodge, held at the Masonic Rooms, Railway Hotel, a very handsome and valuable banner was formally presented to the lodge on behalf of Bro. A. W. Shaw, who, it is understood, will shortly leave the neighbourhood. A cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Shaw, on the motion of Bro. J. Burnett, the senior P.M. and Treasurer, seconded by the Dep. P.G.M., Bro. R. C. Else, was agreed to with acclamation. The Secretary, Bro. T. Floyd Norris, P.M., announced the completion of the publication of the history of the lodge, which had been compiled by himself, with an introduction by Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D. England, and copies of it were distributed amongst the brethren. Bro. Else, D.P. G.M., described the work as unique of its kind in the annals of Freemasonry, containing as it did a copy of the tombstone of the founder of the lodge (Bro. John Jennings), who died in 1805, and a facsimile of the signatures of the original members of the lodge, which celebrated its centenary in May last. The thanks of the brethren were again tendered to Bro. Norris for the zeal he had displayed and the labour he had bestowed in compiling so interesting a history of the lodge.

In due course a copy will probably reach this office for review, when we shall be able to speak of it at greater length.

PURFLEET.

Tilbury Lodge (No. 2006).—The members of this lodge met on Saturday, the 14th inst., at the Royal Hotel, for the last time this season. The lodge having been opened, Bro. Joseph Bruton, P.P.G.D.C., passed Bro. Preston to the Degree of Fellow Craft, and raised Bro. Norton to the rank of a Master Mason. Bro. Walter Buttery, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing year; Bro. Dudgeon, P.M., P.P.G.D., was re-elected Treasurer; and Bros. Davey and Flack were elected members of the Permanent Committee. It was decided to have the lodge represented at the next Festival for the Girls' School, and Bro. Buttery was elected to act as Steward.

After the work of the lodge was finished, an excellent banquet was provided by mine host, Bro. J. W. Wingrove. On "The Health of the Prov. Grand Master" being proposed by the W.M., it was most enthusiastically received. The W.M. explained how the Province of Essex was to be congratulated in having such an excellent Pro-

vincial Grand Master as Lord Brooke, as during the time he had presided over the province Freemasonry had flourished in Essex, notwithstanding the depressed state of agriculture, and the organisation that existed with regard to the votes for the Masonic Charities so as to secure success to any Essex candidate, was not to be beaten by any province in the kingdom. It was the little Province of Essex that demanded the investigation into the management of the Boys' School, and when through that inquiry matters were put on a more satisfactory basis, the Provincial Grand Master took the chair this summer at the Boys' School Festival held at Brighton, and, as a proof of the popularity of Lord Brooke among Masons all over the kingdom, the sum of £23,000 was raised on that occasion for the Charity.

Bro. Dudgeon, P.M., responded for the province, and proposed "The Health of the W.M.," which was received with cheers.

After the Worshipful Master's reply, he proposed the toast of "The Visitors," which was responded to by Bro. Pascall, of the Hammersmith Lodge, who said he had visited the Tilbury Lodge several times, and hoped to come again, as he always felt at home, the right hand of fellowship being extended to him by every member of the lodge from the W.M. downward.

On the Worshipful Master proposing "The Health of the Officers," he stated the lodge had reason to be proud of its officers, as all were such enthusiastic Masons, even going to the extent of weekly meetings to make themselves perfect in their work.

He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Buttery, S.W., who, in responding, thanked the W.M. for his encouraging remarks, and said that they were endeavouring to learn their work in the hope that when each came to the chair they might emulate the example shown by the W.M.

During the evening some excellent singing was given by Bros. Buttery, Thompson, and Wingrove, Bro. Wilfred Davies officiating at the piano.

The whole of the brethren expressed their opinion that a most pleasant and successful meeting had been held.

SUNDERLAND.

Londonderry Lodge (No. 2039).—On Monday, the 2nd inst., the annual meeting of the above lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Park-terrace, for the installation of the W.M. and investment of officers for the ensuing year. The W.M., Bro. Thomas Hutchinson, Mus. Bac. Oxon., presided, and was supported by Bros. H. Liston, I.P.M.; J. R. Pattison, P.S.G.W.; James Lee, S.W., W.M. elect; William Scott, J.W.; Fred. S. Cowper, P.M., P.G.S. of W.; Nicholas Lee, Sec.; J. C. Moor, P.M., P.P.G.D.; John Deans, P.M., D.C.; R. Singleton, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. D. Todd, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; Thomas Stacey, P.M. Carnarvon Lodge, P.P.G.P. Derbyshire; Hartley Campbell, P.M., P.J.G.D.; M. J. Todd, W.M. So; J. H. Johnson, W.M. 1862; T. Gibbons, P.M. 80; W. D. Thompson, W.M. 94; Thos. Harrison, Sec. 949; William C. Redhead, S.W. 97; C. Cox, J.D. 1121; and others.

After the lodge had been duly opened, and other business transacted, the W.M. elect, Bro. James Lee, S.W., was presented by Bro. John Deans, P.M., D.C., to the Installing Master, Bro. Fred. S. Cowper, P.M., P.G.S. of W., by whom the ceremony of installing Bro. Lee in the chair of K.S. was ably performed. The newly-installed W.M. then invested Bro. Thomas Hutchinson as I.P.M., and Bro. Lee was afterwards duly proclaimed and saluted by the brethren. He proceeded to invest the following as the officers for the ensuing year: Bros. Wm. Scott, S.W.; Nicholas Lee, J.W.; Rev. J. J. Brown, M.A., P.P.G.C., Chap.; F. S. Cowper, P.M., P.G.S. of W., Treas.; Isidore Goldman, Sec.; T. R. Milburn, S.D.; R. A. Logan, J.D.; J. C. Moor, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., D.C.; J. G. Phillips, Org.; T. E. Campbell, I.G.; T. Naisbitt and Ernest Hoyer, Stewards; T. Grieve, P.M., Tyler; and E. Willis and C. R. Walker, Auditors. Several joining members and candidates were afterwards proposed, and "Hearty good wishes" were tendered to the W.M.

The annual festival was held in the evening in the banquet hall, Bro. James Lee, W.M., in the chair, and Bros. W. Scott and N. Lee in the vice-chairs. Supporting the W.M. were Bros. Stacey, P.P.G.P. Derbyshire; W. A. Priestly, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W.; F. Wade, P.M. 1389; W. Birch, P.M. 97; and those named above.

The toast of "The W.M." was proposed by Bro. J. C. Moor, P.M., and was most enthusiastically received, as was also that of "The Installing Master, Bro. F. S. Cowper, P.M.," and of "The retiring W.M., Bro. Thomas Hutchinson."

In the name of the subscribers, Bro. F. S. Cowper, P.G.S. of W., presented to the retiring W.M. a handsome gold Past Master's jewel, suitably inscribed, in recognition of the excellent services rendered to the lodge during the past year by Bro. Hutchinson, whose term of office had been exceptionally successful.

Bro. Hutchinson, in responding, said he had endeavoured to do what he considered to be his duty to the lodge, and was pleased he had given such satisfaction to the brethren generally.

Other toasts followed.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

TWICKENHAM.

Strawberry Hill Lodge (No. 946).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Town Hall on the 11th inst., when there were present Bros. E. H. Gomme, W.M.; A. B. C. Robinson, S.W.; H. Barton, J.W.; W. Beard, P.M., Sec.; and several others. Bro. J. M. Stedwell, P.G.S., was a visitor.

There was one candidate, who was initiated in a most impressive and perfect manner by the W.M.

Bro. Robinson was duly elected W.M. for the ensuing year, after which the brethren adjourned to banquet at the King's Head Hotel, the high reputation to which this hostelry has attained being fully maintained.

Sir Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 1503).—This lodge held its first meeting of the season on the 11th inst., at the Albany Hotel, when there were present, among others, Bro. W. Taylor, P.M., P.P.G.W., in the chair; R. Perry, S.W.; E. W. Davis, J.W.; J. T. Briggs, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., G. Stwd., Sec.; Linnell, I.G.; A. Toulmin, jun., I.P.M., Prov. G. Stwd.; and the Rev. S. T. H. Sanders, M.A., P.M., P.P.G.C., Chap.; Bro. Wm. Fisher, P.M. 1512, P.G. Treas., and Gibbons were visitors.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Perry, S.W., was elected Master for the year ensuing; Bro. J. T. Briggs re-elected Treasurer; and Bro. G. Harrison re-elected Tyler. The ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. W. Fisher, P.M. 1512, as a joining member, and he was also duly elected as an Auditor. A Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. Col. R. Cuming, W.M. Apologies for non-attendance were received from the W.M.; Bros. L. Saunders, J.D.; W. H. Saunders, P.M., P.P.G.D.; and others.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet, which was well-served. The I.P.M. presided most genially.

Bro. W. Fisher P.G. Treas., responded on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers, Present and Past." In the course of his reply he touched upon the great honour unanimously conferred upon him subsequently by the Craft at the last Provincial Grand Lodge. He also expressed his thanks to the members in electing him as joining member to a lodge so well-known, and bearing so distinguished a name in Masonic annals.

Bro. the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, M.A., acknowledged the toast of "The Past Masters;" and Bros. J. T. Briggs, Perry, Davis, and Linnell, that of "The Treasurer and Officers."

The proceedings then terminated.

URMSTON.

Urmston Lodge (No. 1730).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held at the Victoria Hotel on Monday, the 9th inst. The following brethren were present: Bros. J. Hardwicke-Marsh, W.M.; W. H. Jolliffe, S.W.; F. Stretch, J.W.; E. L. Litter, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; G. R. Lloyd, P.M., Prov. G. Treas., Sec.; J. Walton, jun., S.D.; W. Bowers, J.D.; G. A. Myers, P.M., W.M. 2359, Prov. G.D.C., D.C.; G. G. Mends, Org.; James Urmrod, acting I.G.; T. French, W. Hallard, and J. Prowman, Stewards; E. Roberts, Tyler; Rowland Swindells, I.P.M.; J. Slyman, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; Peter Heaton, P.M., P.P.G.S.; T. W. Bone, P.M.; John Bowers, P.M.; I. Walton, P.M.; H. H. Jones, W. H. Whitley, W. H. Hughes, W. Kirk, and G. R. Mends. Visitors: Bros. F. Wilson, P.M., Prov. S.G.D.; J. H. Wells, P.M., Prov. J.G.D.; T. Hassall, P.M., Prov. A.G.D.C.; C. Heywood, P.P.G.D.C.; C. Cooper, P.M., P.P.G.P.; R. Wardle, P.M., Prov. G. Stwd.; H. Nall, P.M. 1375; F. R. Bowley, W.M. 2216; H. H. Martyn, W.M. 1387; W. Broughton, W.M. 1345; W. Lowsby, S.D. 2231; and many others.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. J. Hardwicke-Marsh. The newly-invested officers of Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire, Bros. George R. Lloyd, P.M., Prov. G. Treas., and George A. Myers, P.M., Prov. G. D.C., were received by the brethren with Grand and royal honours. The W.M. on his own behalf, and also the members of the lodge, bade them welcome to the Urmston Lodge, and congratulated them on receiving provincial honours. The minutes of the last regular meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. G. G. R. Mends was passed to the Second Degree. The W.M. then drew the attention of the brethren to the Masonic service, which had been postponed until the 12th of November, and expressed a wish that the Grand Officers, Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past, and the brethren generally would honour him with their presence. The Worshipful Master, Bro. J. Hardwicke-Marsh, said it was the annual custom of the members of the Urmston lodge to have a ball in December, and would be pleased to hear of some brother proposing the same. Bro. Lloyd, P.M., Prov. G. Treas., proposed, and Bro. G. A. Myers, P.M., Prov. G.D.C., seconded, and carried unanimously by the brethren that a ball be held in connection with the lodge, and a Committee was formed to carry out the necessary arrangements. The Secretary read several letters of apology from brethren for non-attendance; a letter was read from the W.M. of No. 851, thanking the W.M. and brethren of the Urmston Lodge for their kind help and sympathy. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge of West Lancashire, also by the rest of the visiting brethren. The W.M. reciprocated their kind wishes, and congratulated Bros. T. Wilson, P.M., Prov. S.G.D.; J. H. Wells, P.M., Prov. J.G.D.; T. Hassall, P.M., Prov. A.G.D.C.; and R. Wardle, P.M., Prov. G. Stwd., on receiving provincial honours.

The lodge was closed by the W.M., and the brethren adjourned to an excellent supper provided by Bro. John Walton, P.M. After supper the brethren adjourned to the social board, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured.

Bros. F. R. Bowley, H. Nall, W. Dumville, P. Heaton, and E. Roberts added greatly to the enjoyment with some excellent songs and recitations.

The brethren having spent a most enjoyable and pleasant evening, the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

WORKINGTON.

Curwen Lodge (No. 1400).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, South Watt-street, on Wednesday, the 11th inst., when there were present Bros. Fred. Appleyard, W.M., in the chair; R. Thomas, I.P.M.; C. W. Nicholson, S.W., W.M. elect; J. Nicholson, J.W.; J. Mennal, S.D.; J. G. Bedford, J.D.; F. Neil, D.C.; S. Bethel, Org.; J. Walker, Stwd.; J. R. Bell, I.G.; T. B. Roxby, Tyler; R. Ward, P.M.; J. Johnson, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; J. Morton, P.M., P.P.G.S.; J. Taylor, R. Morton, W. Little, and the following visitors: Bros. G. Brooker, P.M. 1073, P.P.G.D. of C.; Jos. F. Hope, Sec.; Rev. Jas. Anderson, W.M. 1002, and W.M. 119, P.P.G. Chap., P.A.G. Sec.; Jos. Oastle Scott, 1002; J. Wilkinson, S.D. 145 (S.C.); J. Paterson, P.M. 962; J. Bouch, J.W.; J. M. Gill, J. Armstrong, J. Purser, W.M., J. J. Little, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., J. Lewthwaite, P.M., J. Wood, P.M., Sec., J. Fletcher, S.W., and Hy. Hartley, P.M., P.P.G. St. Br., of 1666; W. Brown, R. Wilkinson, S.D., and Hy. Shackley, D.C., of 2285; J. W. Scott, Tyler, and J. Fletcher, J.D., of 1267; Rev. H. T. E. Barlow, Chap. 1242; C. Gowan, P.M. 1989, P.P.G. Std. Br.; L. Rumney, W. Kewley, J. Holmes, J. D. Bell, J. W. Irving, B. Hodgson, and A. Mackenzie, of 37 (S.C.); A. Millar and J. Coat, P.M., P.J.G.D., of 119; G. Starkey, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., J. Walker, I.G., H. Burns, S.D., and T. Brackenridge, P.M. 872, P.P.G.S.B.; W. H. Brockbank, S.D.; A.

Shippin, and several who omitted to sign the attendance book.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Mr. Bownass, which was unanimous in his favour, and he being present, was duly initiated by the W.M. in a very impressive manner. Bro. Brooker, P.M., &c., gave the charge. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Jno. Barr, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., who installed the W.M. elect, Bro. Chas. W. Nicholson. Bro. Chas. Gowan, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., gave the respective charges to the officers and brethren. The following officers were then appointed and invested: Bros. Appleyard, I.P.M.; J. Nicholson, S.W.; J. Mennal, J.W.; L. Ward, P.M., P.P.A.G.P., Treas.; R. Thomas, P.M., Sec.; J. R. Bell, S.D.; W. Billingham, J.D.; Rev. A. F. Curwen, P.M., P.P.G.C. Chap.; J. Allen, D.C.; S. Bethel, Org.; T. Bates and W. Little, Stwds.; and T. B. Roxby, Tyler.

Royal Arch.

Jerusalem Chapter (No. 185).—A meeting of this chapter was held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on the 10th inst. Among those in attendance were Comps. Harfeld, P.Z., Treas., acting M.E.Z., in the absence, through severe illness, of Comp. Francis Smith, P.P.G.J. Cheshire, who was installed as First Principal at the last convocation; Captain Walls, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S., H.; Dr. Frye, J.; G. Davis, P.Z., S.E.; Nathan Moss, L.C.C., P.Z.; Cleghorn, P.Z.; E. A. Harris, P.Z.; and Hill and Blankley, Asst. Sojourners.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Comp. Captain Walls was installed as H. by Comp. Harfeld. A vote of sympathy to the M.E.Z. in his illness, and a vote of thanks for providing the chapter with a musical entertainment, were unanimously passed. The Third Principal gave a notice of motion to apply for the chapter's sanction to form a chapter of improvement, to be named the Jerusalem.

The convocation was then closed, and the members adjourned to the banquet.

Upon the removal of the cloth, the customary toasts followed.

Comp. N. Moss, P.Z., gave "The M.E.Z." He said that they all regretted the absence of Comp. Smith, one of the oldest and most respected members of their chapter. He could only say that their First Principal was a good, kind man and a worthy Mason, who he trusted would be soon able to come amongst them again. Of the acting M.E.Z., he could say that he, like Comp. Smith, was a very old and appreciated member, and had performed the duties of Treasurer for many years past most efficiently.

Comp. Harfeld, in reply, said he felt somewhat nervous and diffident that evening, because he had not taken any chair in a chapter for upwards of 20 years. He loved the old Jerusalem Chapter, because he had spent so many happy hours therein. Comp. Moss had spoken very kindly of him, and the companions had drunk his health very warmly in his capacity of Treasurer many times. In conclusion, he would say what he had said many times in the past—that the interests of the chapter would be his interests till time with him should be no more.

Comps. Hardy and Cleghorn responded for "The Past Principals" and Comp. G. Davis for "The S.E. and Officers."

The companions then settled down for two hours to enjoy an excellent programme of music, generously furnished by Comp. F. Smith, and in which several members of his talented family and friends took part, the violin selections being particularly admired and re-demanded.

TEDDINGTON.

Sir Charles Bright Chapter (No. 1793).—The 13th convocation of this chapter was held on Wednesday, the 11th inst., at the Clarence Hotel, when, owing doubtless to the exceedingly wet night, there was but a small number of companions present. The usual routine business was gone through, after which the companions adjourned to the banquet.

The usual toasts were proposed, and duly honoured. The companions adjourned at an early hour.

Mark Masonry.

Earl of Carnarvon Lodge (No. 211).—A meeting of this lodge was held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 28th ult. Among those present were Bros. S. H. Parkhouse, I.P.M., acting W.M. in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Huish; P. Monson, S.W.; Wadhams, J.W.; Larter, J.O.; J. N. Frye, P.M., Treas.; Capt. Walls, P.G.S.B., P.M., Sec.; Beard, S.D.; F. C. Frye, M.P., P.M.; and T. Rickwood, P.M. Bro. E. J. Day, 22, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, Bro. P. Monson was unanimously elected W.M.; Bro. J. N. Frye re-elected Treas., and Bro. Ellis re-elected Tyler. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Huish, W.M., and a Past Master's jewel voted to him for his services. The resignation of Bro. G. Gardner, S.O., in consequence of continued ill-health, was received with regret. The request of Bro. J. Taylor, P.M., to be allowed to be placed on the non-dining list was acceded to. Communications from Bros. Huish, W.M.; Dr. Kiallmark, M.O.; R. Lawson, and others, pleading inability to attend, were received and read. The lodge was then closed.

A banquet followed. Bro. S. H. Parkhouse presided, and discharged the duties of the chair most efficiently.

Bros. F. C. Frye, M.P., and Day replied to the toast of "The Visitors."

Bro. T. Rickwood responded on behalf of "The Past Masters."

"The Health of the Master elect" was proposed in kindly terms by the I.P.M. Bro. Monson, in response, said that he should endeavour to uphold the traditions of No. 211 to the best of his ability. This was not a strong lodge, but its meetings were always enjoyable and harmonious in more senses than one. He had every reason to believe that the lodge would have an accession of strength in the coming year.

Bro. J. N. Frye, P.M., in replying to "The Health of the Treasurer," gave a very favourable account of the financial position of the lodge.

Bros. Wadham, J.W.; Larter, J.O.; and Beard, S.D., acknowledged the toast of "The Officers." The proceedings terminated at an early hour.

MANCHESTER.

St. Andrew's Lodge (No. 34).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Tuesday, the 10th inst. There were present Bros. G. S. Smith, W.M.; G. A. Myers, S.W.; J. M. Veal, M.O.; J. Hardwicke-Marsh, Chap.; James Sharples, R. of M., acting I.G.; J. M. Sinclair, P.P.G. M.O., Treas.; Wm. Nicholl, P.G.D. Eng., Sec.; J. Lawrisch, S.D.; Jos. Truolove Richardson, P.P.G.I. of W.; and J. Locke and Charles Shaw, Organists.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

NEPTUNE LODGE (No. 22).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 16th inst., at the Gauden Hotel, Clapham, when there were present Bros. Nettleship, W.M.; T. Holbrow, S.W.; Betts, J.W.; W. W. Westley, Preceptor; J. Andrews, Sec.; Windsor, S.D.; Warran, J.D.; Steele, I.G.; Weeks, Tyler; Janau, Russell, Boulton, Mitchell, Stubbs, Cochrane, King, White, Rankin, Barton, Rowarth, Evans, and Templeman.

Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Tyall having answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Lyall impressively raised to the Degree of M.M. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and Bro. White duly initiated into Freemasonry. The W.M. gave the charge. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bros. Barton and Rowarth were elected joining members. Dues were collected. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Holbrow was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. He returned thanks, and appointed his officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time, and all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

ROBERT BURNS LODGE (No. 25).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 17th inst., at the "Frascati" Restaurant, 30, Oxford-street, W., when there were present Bros. E. J. Gittins, W.M.; H. Matthews, S.W.; L. Henson, J.W.; E. C. Mulvey, P.M., Preceptor; T. Marx, P.M., Deputy Preceptor; F. J. Bonham, P.M., Sec.; C. Davis, S.D.; M. Burgoyne, J.D.; F. Klein, I.G.; J. S. Jarvis, A. Watson, J. Swift, J. Watson, W. Truman, C. D. Lindsay, F. Hewson, H. Sillis, W. Shales, and F. Osborn. Visitors: Bros. A. R. Bilby, 2323; and C. Davis, 1287.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Jarvis took the obligation. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, Bro. Jarvis occupied the chair and rehearsed the ceremony of investiture of officers. The lodge was resumed in the Second and First Degrees. Bro. Gettins gave the three addresses, and re-occupied the chair. The lodge was resumed in the Second Degree, Bro. J. Watson answered the questions leading to the Third Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was resumed in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Watson being the candidate. The lodge was closed in the Third Degree. Bros. Bilby and Davis were unanimously elected joining members. The S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and hearty votes of thanks were unanimously accorded to Bros. Gittins and Jarvis for the able manner in which they discharged their respective duties. The lodge was then closed.

EGYPTIAN LODGE (No. 27).—A meeting was held at the Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, E.C., on Tuesday, the 3rd inst., when there were present Bros. A. E. Todd, W.M.; Robert Douglas Smith, P.M., S.W.; Saunior, J.W.; J. Thom, P.M., Preceptor; Lecquier, S.D.; Walter Squier, J.D.; Frank Bull, I.G.; Moss, P.M.; Gane, P.M.; T. J. Maidwell, P.M.; H. Hill, P.M.; W. Salmon, J. Aikman, Tegetmeyer, Shubrook, and J. J. Saunders.

This was the first meeting of the season, and there was a good muster of the brethren and all seemed pleased to get back to work, of which there was a good sample, the W.M. of the parent lodge being in the chair worked the ceremony of raising, Bro. Tegetmeyer being the candidate. The lodge was closed.

The lodge will continue to meet every Tuesday, at the Salutation Tavern, Newgate-street, at seven o'clock.

ST. LUKE'S LODGE (No. 144).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Monday, the 10th inst., at the Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, when there were present Bros. Thomas, W.M.; Saunders, S.W.; Ingram, J.W.; Stutfield, Sec.; Ambler, S.D.; Ollive, J.D.; McLellan, I.G.; Tucker, P.M.; and Read.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Ambler being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Read, who had previously answered the usual questions and been entrusted, being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. worked the 1st Section, assisted by the brethren. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first and second times, and Bro. Saunders was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The W.M. rose for the third time, and the lodge was closed.

ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE (No. 211).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 10th inst., at the Norland Arms, Addison-road North, W. Present: Bros. S. Webb, P.M., W.M.; C. C. Barber, S.W.; G. Copley, J.W.; G. E. Higginson, Preceptor; G. Cockrell, Treas.; H. Lindfield, Sec.; A. B. Spawforth, S.D.; R. N. Larter, J.D.; F. G. Wedmore, I.G.; Wm. Radcliffe, P.M.; T. Kington, and G. Kirkham.

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was

then opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Kington offering himself as a candidate for raising, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The lodge was then opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Kington being the candidate. The Master Masons' and Fellow Craft lodges were then closed. Bro. Higginson, Preceptor, then worked the 2nd Section of the First Lecture, assisted by the brethren. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

BLACKHEATH LODGE (No. 1320).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Milkwood Tavern, Milkwood-road, Loughborough Junction, on Monday, the 16th inst., when there were present Bros. F. Hilton, W.M.; W. Dawson, S.W.; T. H. Salmon, J.W.; J. Hooper, Preceptor; T. R. Cass, Treas.; C. H. Stone, Sec.; Telling, S.D.; Hill, J.D.; Cornford, I.G.; A. Salmon, Hubbard, Le Cren, Beecroft, Turner, Pike, Longhurst, Porter, Cox, Colegrave, Reichheim, Fullilove, Fish, Bonsall, Orton, Cocks, Weinel, Pullen, and W. E. Jeffery.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the First Degree. The 1st Section was rehearsed by Bro. Weinel, P.M.; the 2nd by Bro. Hooper, W.M. 1320; the 3rd by Bro. Telling, W.M. 2348; the 4th by Bro. C. H. Stone, W.M. 507; the 5th by Bro. Turner, J.W. 1062; the 6th by Bro. W. Dawson, J.D. 1622; and the 7th by Bro. T. H. Salmon, J.D. 1475. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The 1st Section was rehearsed by Bro. Le Cren, J.W. 1320; the 2nd by Bro. Pike, D.C. 1320; the 3rd by Bro. C. H. Stone, W.M. 507; the 4th by Bro. T. H. Salmon; and the 5th by Bro. W. Dawson. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The 1st Section was rehearsed by Bro. Cass, S.W. 1320; the 2nd by Bro. Wm. Dawson; and the 3rd by Bro. T. H. Salmon. Bros. Weinel, P.M. 1328; J. D. Webb, 1745; Alfred Fish, 1910; Herbert Longhurst, 1686; and R. Colegrave, 1622, were each elected joining members. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Hilton, P.M., for presiding, and the Section workers. The lodge was then closed.

HYDE PARK LODGE (No. 1425).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 16th inst., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Bros. M. Rosenberg, W.M.; H. Windeatt, W.M. 1793, S.W.; H. Campbell, J.W.; J. W. Ferguson, P.M. 177; De. Preceptor; H. Dehane, P.M. 1543, Sec.; D. F. Norrington, S.D.; T. M. Lamble, J.D.; L. J. Powell, I.G.; J. C. Conway, W.M. 1891; R. J. Rogers, W.M. 733; J. W. Curtis, P.M. 733; D. Gellion, P.M. 1425; and S. N. Isaacs.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Rogers being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Ferguson, assisted by the brethren, worked the 1st Section of the Lecture. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and Bro. Rogers, at the request of the W.M., assumed the chair, and resumed the lodge to the First Degree. After the usual preliminaries, the lodge was again resumed to the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Rosenberg being the candidate. Bro. Rosenberg then resumed the chair, and resumed the lodge to the First Degree. Bro. Windeatt was elected W.M. for the next meeting—officers to be in rotation. A vote of sympathy was passed to Bro. G. Weaver, who is very ill. After "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 17th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. Milton Smith, W.M.; G. T. Peall, S.W.; R. P. Upton, J.W.; J. W. Clarke, acting Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, Prov. G.D. Herts, and J. Duncan, P.M., Secretaries; D. C. Ritchie, S.D.; H. J. Kimbell, J.D.; C. T. Barlow, I.G.; J. H. Whadcote, V. J. Longman, M. T. Tuck, P.P.G.S.B. Essex; and R. Loomes.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Longman being the candidate. Bro. Loomes answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Loomes being the candidate. The lodge having been resumed in the First Degree, Bro. Whadcote was unanimously elected a member. Bro. Peall was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed the officers in rotation. The balance-sheet for the year, as audited by Bros. Peall and Upton, was passed, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The permanent officers of the lodge were then re-elected as follows: Bros. W. Hancock, Preceptor; J. Petch, P.M., Treas.; and C. M. Coxon and J. Duncan, as joint Secretaries; and a vote of thanks accorded them for their services during the past year. The lodge was then closed.

CRUSADERS LODGE (No. 1677).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 6th inst., at the Northampton Arms, Goswell-road, E.C., when there were present Bros. A. J. Humphrys, W.M.; R. Stebbings, S.W.; Capt. Lurcott, J.W.; C. Weedon, P.M., Preceptor; Hunter, P.M., Treas.; E. Dimes, Sec.; A. J. Cave, S.D.; T. J. Bolton, J.D.; J. Robinson, I.G.; and others.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Mansell acting as candidate. Bro. Humphreys here vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Speller. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. Bro. Speller rehearsed a portion of the ceremony of installation, and installed Bro. Humphrys into the chair of K.S. according to ancient custom. The W.M. rose for the first time, and it was proposed and seconded that Bros. J. Osborn and A. J. Cave become members of this lodge of instruction. The W.M. rose for the second and third times, when it was proposed and seconded that another social meeting be held on some Friday in January, which was carried unanimously. It was proposed and seconded that the Secretary send a letter to Bro. Taylor expressing sympathy with him for his accident. The lodge was then closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 17th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, when there were present Bros. W. Hillier, W.M. 1366, W.M.; R. W. Gatliff, S.W.; Lewis Beale, J.W.; H. Williams, P.M., &c.,

Deputy Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; W. B. Neville, S.D.; J. J. Rumbal, J.D.; T. T. Gething, I.G.; J. H. Neville, C. G. Hatt, W.M. 865; and W. H. Dresden, P.M.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Neville acting as candidate. Bro. Hatt having offered himself as a candidate for passing, he was duly examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The lodge was closed in the Second Degree. Bro. Gatliff was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed. The Fifteen Sections will be worked on Tuesdays, the 14th and 28th November next.

ST. AMBROSE LODGE (No. 1891).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 16th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, when there were present Bros. C. G. Hatt, W.M. 865, W.M.; W. Fayers, S.W.; S. Sidders, J.W.; E. Clare, P.M., as I.P.M.; Jesse Collings, P.M., Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; Joseph Cox, S.D.; Wm. Essex, J.D.; R. W. Allison, I.G.; Philip Howard, T. C. Dyer, T. W. Barth, H. Essex, and C. E. Betts.

The lodge was duly opened, and the officers of the Dalhousie Lodge, No. 865, having taken their respective offices, as in the mother lodge, the minutes of the previous meeting were read, confirmed, and signed by the W.M. Bro. Barth offered himself as a candidate for passing, and having been duly examined, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree, and the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sections of the Lecture were worked by the Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Fayers was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. Hy. Essex was elected a joining member. The 15 Sections will be worked on the second and third Mondays in December. The lodge was then closed.

CAMDEN (MARK) LODGE.—(No. 418).—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 13th inst., at the Earl Russell, St. Pancras-road, King's Cross. Present: Bros. Thomson, W.M.; H. Goodchild, S.W.; Carter, J.W.; Brillan, P.M., Preceptor; Simpson, M.O.; Ward, S.O.; Becker, J.O.; Davis, S.D.; Engel, J.D.; Nottingham, I.G.; E. C. Mulvey, P.M.; Dr. N. Goodchild, P.M.; Sanders, and G. Smith.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of advancement was rehearsed, Bro. Mulvey, P.M., being candidate. The W.M. rose for the 1st time, and it was proposed, seconded, and carried, that Bros. Mulvey, P.M.; J. F. Sanders, Davis, and Engel, become members of this Mark lodge of instruction. The W.M. rose for the second time, and it was proposed, seconded and carried, that Bro. Thomson be W.M. for the next meeting. The W.M. rose for the third and fourth times, and all Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

Knights Templar.

Mount Calvary Encampment (D).—A meeting of this preceptory was held at the Inns of Court Hotel, Holborn, on the 13th inst. Among those in attendance were Sir Knights Lawrence Steele, C.E., P.E.C., &c., acting Eminent Commander; Nelson Prower, M.A., 1st. Capt.; F. W. Driver, M.A., P.E.C., acting 2nd Capt.; Harris Hills, Expert; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.E.C., P.G.C. of G., Reg.; George Graveley, P.E.C., acting Prelate; H. J. Lardner, P.E.C., acting C. of G.; Rev. R. C. Fillingham, B.A., Std. Br.; and Egbert Roberts, Organist.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was then taken on behalf of Comp. B. Johnson, 1716, and it proving to be unanimous, he was duly installed as a Knight Templar by the acting E.C. Sir Knight Nelson Prower, M.A., 1st Capt., was then unanimously elected E.C.; Sir Knight Major F. J. Stohwasser, P.E.C., P.G.S.B., re-elected Treasurer; and Sir Knights the Rev. R. C. Fillingham, B.A., and B. Johnson elected Auditors. A Past Commander's jewel was voted to Sir Knight C. Slater, E.C., who is absent from England. Communications were received and read from the E.C., and Sir Knights Major F. J. Stohwasser, P.E.C., Treas.; W. Paas, P.E.C., P.G.B.B.; T. Wood, P.E.C.; C. Pratt, and others.

The encampment was then closed, and a banquet followed.

The acting E.C. gave the toasts briefly but to the point.

In response to the toast of his health, the newly-installed Sir Knight B. Johnson made an effective and telling speech.

The toast of "The E.C. elect" drew in reply from Sir Knight Nelson Prower a speech of some merit, in which, after having spoken of the encampment in high terms, he touched upon the great beauties of the Degree, and the vein of true Christianity running throughout its impressive ritual, which had been so well rendered by Sir Knight L. Steele that evening.

"The Health of the Past Commanders" was acknowledged by Sir Knights H. J. Lardner, F. W. Driver, and G. Graveley, and "The Officers" by Sir Knights Hills, Fillingham, and Egbert Roberts.

During the evening the members were agreeably entertained by the powerful vocal efforts of Sir Knight Egbert Roberts, and the intelligent readings of Sir Knights R. C. Fillingham and F. W. Driver.

Cryptic Masonry.

Grand Master's Council (No. 1).—The first meeting of this distinguished council since the summer recess was held at Mark Masons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on the 29th ult. In the absence of Ireland of M.E. Comp. Edwin Storr, T.I.M., the chair was taken by M.E. Comp. B. R. Bryant, P.T.I.M., Grand Lecturer. There were also present Comps. Baron de Ferrieres, P.D.G.M., P.T.I.M., as P.D.M.; H. H. Shirley, M.A., P.C. of W.; Robert Roy, M.A., C. of C.; George Graveley, P.T.I.M., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.D.G.M., P.T.I.M., Recorder; J. J. Thomas, I. Smith, Briggs, Wright, and Taylor. Comp. John Read was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous council having been read and

confirmed, Bro. Ben Johnson, 1716 (Royal Arch) and 438 (Mark), who had been previously balloted for, was most impressively admitted, received, and greeted as a M.E.M., R.M., S.M., and S.C.M. A vote of thanks was passed to the acting T.I.M. for his excellent rendering of the four arduous ceremonies. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. Edwin Storr, T.I.M.; Geo. Powell, Deputy Master; J. J. Pakes, R. Loveland Loveland, J.P., P.T.I.M.; Lieut.-Col. G. Lambert, P.T.I.M.; Major Penrose Dunbar, S. H. Parkhouse, J. N. Frye, Nelson, Prower, M.A., and many others.

The council was then closed in the Degree of Select Master, and the companions adjourned to the banquet, which was held at the Holborn Restaurant. M.E. Comp. Baron de Ferrieres presided, and proposed the numerous toasts in a genial and effective manner. Comp. John Read responded to the toast of "The Visitor," and paid a high compliment to Comps. Bryant, Shirley, and Graveley for their able and impressive working.

Comps. Baron de Ferrieres and G. Graveley replied to "The Health of the Past Thrice Illustrious Masters," and Comps. Shirley and Roy acknowledged the toast of "The Officers" in happy terms.

The proceedings then terminated.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE.

The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, in the Board Room, Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Robert Grey, P.G.D., President of the Board, presided, while, Bros. James Brett, P.G.P., and C. A. Cottebrune, P.G.D., the Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents, occupied their respectively assigned positions. Bros. E. Letchworth, G.S.; A. A. Pendlebury, Asst. G.S.; W. H. Lee, and W. Dodd, attended from Grand Secretary's office. The other brethren present were Bros. William Vincent, S. Vallentine, Henry Garrod, James Bunker, George R. Langley, Charles J. R. Tijou, W. P. Brown, Charles Dairy, T. W. Whitmarsh, S. V. Abraham, E. C. Mulvey, George A. Pickering, J. H. Matthews, Jabez Hogg, S. H. Goldschmidt, George Read, Walter Martin, W. H. Boys, George F. Marshall, William Radcliffe, J. Dixon, Alfred Piper, Walter W. Turner, E. Janau, H. Massey, S. Jenner, Charles Sheppard, Samuel Remnant, A. E. Todd, George A. Read, R. T. Birchdale, C. Vandyke, Robert A. Gowan, George J. Earney, F. Stutfield, W. H. Jeffries, C. L. W. Slack, Frederick Hughes, Charles Henry Stone, Henry Lloyd, Charles Butler, W. T. Warner, James Henry Rich, James Mander, Thomas D. Leng, John F. Jones, James Hill, and Henry Sadler, Grand Tyler.

The brethren first confirmed recommendations made to the Grand Master at the September meeting to the amount of £250. The new list contained the names of 31 applicants. The cases were qualified through lodges in the London district, and at Lewes, Pembroke Dock, Kidderminster, Croydon, Rangoon, Canterbury, Woking, Sidmouth, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Shipley, West Hartlepool, Gibraltar, Selby, and Plymouth. In the course of the sitting four of these were dismissed, and two were deferred. The remainder were voted a total of £730. There were two recommendations to Grand Lodge of £50 each; six to the Grand Master of £40 each; and seven of £30 each. Seven grants were made of £20 each and two of £10 each.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.

Glasgow Chapter (No. 50).—This chapter held its annual election and installation on Thursday, the 12th inst., in St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street, Comp. Jas. Booth, M.E.Z., presiding, assisted by Comps. J. A. S. Kerr, M.E.H.; T. R. Richards, Scribe E.; R. Jackson, Scribe N.; R. Morrison, Treas.; P. Robertson, 1st Soj.; R. Campbell, 2nd Soj.; J. Dale, 3rd Soj.; and the various other office-bearers. There was a large number of companions present. Among the visitors were Comps. J. Balfour, Prov. Grand Scribe E.; John Sanderson, 30°, Prov. Grand Scribe N.; Robt. Bradshaw, Z. 67; J. Connell, Z. 79; J. B. McNaught, Z. 87; J. Carruthers, I.P.Z. 87; D. Draper, Z. 113; and a deputation from St. Andrew's Chapter, comprising Comps. Denholm, Z.; J. McNaught Campbell, I.P.Z.; F. W. Larter, H.; and J. McInnes, P.Z., who were received with honours.

The chapter having been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and sanctioned, after which apologies for absence were intimated from Comps. J. Dalrymple Duncan, P.Z., Grand Depute Z.; J. D. Hedderwick, Z. 189; E. Machean, P.Z.; W. S. Hunter, I.P.Z.; Thomas Davison, and J. O. Stewart. The Auditors' report of the financial position and the chapter property having been submitted and approved, and the usual business of the chapter having been disposed of, the M.E.Z. declared all the offices vacant. The following were then unanimously elected: Comps. Jas. Booth, M.E.Z.; Jas. A. S. Kerr, M.E.H.; T. R. Richards, M.E.J.; Robt. Jackson, Scribe E.; Robt. Campbell, Scribe N.; Robt. Morrison, Treas.; P. Robertson, 1st Soj.; J. Dale, 2nd Soj.; Thos. Chisholm, 3rd Soj.; Walter Hardie, S.B.; J. O. Stewart, Std. Br.; W. Anderson, Supt. of Wks.; J. P. Dodd, Captain of the 1st Veil; Robert Dickie, Captain of the 2nd Veil; Dr. R. McCowan Service, Captain of the 3rd Veil; Emile Berger, Director of Music; John Fraser, Director of Ceremonies; and George Muir, Janitor.

Comp. Major F. W. Allan, the Prov. Grand Superintendent over the Lower Ward of Lanarkshire, was then announced, and received by the companions under the arch in a manner suitable to his rank. The M.E.Z. then asked him to accept the emblems of office, and to discharge the duty of installing the office-bearers elected for the ensuing year. Comp. Allan very gracefully paid a high tribute to the capability of Comp. Booth to retain the chair. There-

upon Comp. Booth expressed the honour conferred upon the chapter by his visit. Comp. Allan then proceeded to robe and install the office-bearers in their respective offices, after which he delivered them a most impressive address, enforcing the obligation in which they stood to their First Principal, and that the success of the chapter, he need hardly say, would be equal, if not greater than in the past. This chapter he had always taken a deep interest in, and it was by the merest accident that it was not his mother chapter. The chapter with which he was connected (Princes, No. 189) was the daughter of chapter 50. The address was very attentively listened to, and at its conclusion Comp. Booth, addressing Comp. Allan, said that the companions, constrained by a sense of duty, wished to signify their appreciation of the long and valued services of Comp. R. Morrison to the chapter by asking him to accept a P.Z.'s jewel. He was the most devoted member in their records; in fact, there was no companion in the chapter whom they could entrust to discharge the duties of any office (in the case of emergency) in a more efficient manner. Comp. Allan, in accepting the duty of presenting the jewel to Comp. Morrison, said that last January, when visiting the chapter in his official capacity, he had the honour of presenting jewels to two Past First Principals, Comps. Machean and Hunter, as a token of respect and appreciation of their services to the chapter. Little did he think that he would be invited to perform such a pleasing duty again so soon. In this instance Comp. Richards had placed in his hands the most remarkable record of services it had been his lot to see. Comp. Morrison was exalted in the chapter in 1874. In 1875 he was elected to a minor office, and from that date, having filled the various offices up to the highest in the gift of the chapter, he might, like many others, have considered that his duty of active service was closed; but his fidelity to the chapter's interests has never abated, and he has been re-elected to the office of Treasurer this year. He commended this brilliant example to the younger members of the chapter, and hoped it would stimulate them to emulate Comp. Morrison's zeal, which would transmit to posterity the historic interest which this old chapter has displayed in Royal Arch Masonry for nearly 70 years. Comp. Morrison, who in accepting the gift seemed visibly moved by the spontaneous testimony of the companions in making him the present of such a handsome jewel, said that all the work he had ever done was simply a labour of love. When he joined the chapter it was with the full intention of rendering service, however humble, to the companions with whom it was his lot to labour. He had seen the chapter through many vicissitudes, and most of the members who were present when he was admitted were no more. He heartily thanked Comp. Allan for the kind observations he had made respecting his feeble efforts to promote the interests of Arch Masonry. The chapter was then closed.

Harmony followed, Comp. Booth presiding, when the following toasts were pledged: "The Queen," "The Craft," "The Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland," "The Sister Bodies," and "The Chapters comprising the Province of the Lower Ward of Lanarkshire."

Some excellent vocal music was rendered, after which the proceedings terminated.

The jewel was manufactured by Comp. George Kenning.

GLASGOW.

St. Andrew's Chapter (No. 69).—This chapter held its installation meeting on Tuesday, the 10th inst., in the Queen's Rooms. Comp. Denholm, M.E.Z., opened the chapter, in which he was assisted by his usual office-bearers and a large number of companions and visitors, among the latter being Comps. Major F. W. Allan, 3rd G.P. and Prov. Grand Superintendent; R. S. Brown, Grand Scribe E.; John Carruthers, P.Z. 87, 1st G. Soj.; Jas. Simpson, H. 1, 2nd G. Soj.; R. J. Jamieson, Z. 1; Jas. Booth, Z. J. A. S. Kerr, H., and T. R. Richards, S.E., of 50; R. Bradshaw, Z. 67; J. Connell, Z. 79; J. B. McNaught, Z. 87; J. Hutchison, Z. 122; John Sanderson, Prov. G.S.N.; Emile Berger, Prov. G. Org.; W. McMurdo, Prov. G.S.E. Upper Ward of Lanarkshire; and others.

After accepting the various reports, which proved the chapter to be in a most flourishing condition, the M.E.Z. called upon Comp. J. McNaught Campbell, P.Z., to occupy the chair, which he accordingly did, and immediately declared all the offices vacant. Nominations were then read over, and the following declared duly elected: Comps. W. M. Denholm, M.E.Z.; F. W. Larter, M.E.H.; D. Davidson, M.E.J.; J. Dawson, S.E.; F. V. Rodriguez, S.N.; A. H. Fulton, 1st Soj.; J. Moreau, 2nd Soj.; J. McConville, 3rd Soj.; J. Ross, S. of W.; W. Mills, Capt. of the 1st Veil; Z. Jay, Capt. of the 2nd Veil; E. W. Ballantyne, Capt. of the 3rd Veil; D. Gill, Sword Bearer; L. Demeure, Std. Br.; J. Colgan, Director of Music; J. Lee, D. of C.; H. McPhee, Stdw.; and J. Gray, Janitor; and were formally installed into their various offices by Comp. J. McNaught Campbell. Comp. Denholm, in replying to the very eulogistic remarks of the Installing Officer, thanked the companions for the renewed confidence shown to him in again placing the chapter in his hands, and wished as successful a year to come as that just ended. The following visitors were then nominated and accepted as honorary members of the chapter: Comps. McMurdo, Jamieson, Connell, McNaught, Williams, and Lieut. Denholm.

The labours of the evening being ended, the chapter was closed, and the companions adjourned to the outer hall, where the usual refreshment was provided for their entertainment, under the superintendence of Comp. H. McPee, Steward.

SOCIETAS ROSICRUCIANA IN SCOTIA.

The High Council in Edinburgh, at their last meeting, conferred the honour of V.P. upon Frater T. R. Richards, and instructed three of their members to install him. The installation took place on the 10th instant, the officers officiating being Fratres J. Dalrymple Duncan, IX°, Junior Sub-Magus, Chief Adept of the West of Scotland Province; R. S. Brown, Secretary General, Hon. IX°; and D. R. Clark, M.A., VIII°, Master of the West of Scotland College.

MASONIC MEETINGS (Metropolitan)

For the week ending Saturday, October 28, 1893

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21.

1185, Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green.
1364, Earl of Zetland, Guildhall Tavern.
1641, Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall.
1732, King's Cross, Anderson's Hotel.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

112, St. Thomas's, Cannon-street Hotel.
2102, Regent's Park, York and Albany Hotel.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Alexandra Palace, Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road, at 7.10.
Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hot., King-st., Hammersmith, at 7.30.
Duke of Connaught, Navarino Tavern, Navarino-road, Dalston, at 8.
Eccleston, Windsor Castle Restaurant, Victoria Station, S.W.
Evening Star, Rat and Hotel, Perry Hill, Catford, at 8.
Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, at 8.
King Harold, Four Swans, Waltham Cross, at 7.
Manchester, Blue Posts, Charlotte-street, Fitzroy-square, at 8.
Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8.
Star, Dover Castle, Broadway, Deptford, S.E., at 7.
Urban, Freemasons' Hall.
Vitruvian, Duke of Albany Hotel, Kitto-road, St. Katherine's park, Hatcham, S.E., at 7.30.
Mount Sinai Chapter, Red Lion Ho., 14, King-st., Regent-st., W., 8.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23.

GRAFT LODGES.

28, Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall.
183, Unity, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
222, St. Andrew's, Albion Tavern.
902, Burgoyne, Anderson's Hotel.
905, De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall.
2396, Bishopsgate, Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool-street.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

25, Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall.
153, St. Peter Westminster, Criterion.

MARK LODGE.

4, Prince of Wales, Mark Masons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Blackheath, Milkwood Tavern, Milkwood-road, Herne Hill, at 8.
Carnarvon, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 6.30.
Loburn, Eagle Hotel, Snaresbrook, at 8.
Cripplegate, Goldsmiths' Arms, Gutter-lane, at 6.30.
Eleanor, Rose and Crown, High Cross, Tottenham, at 8.
Friars, The White Horse, 94, White Horse-lane, Mile End-rd., E., at 8.
Grove Park, Prince of Wales Hotel, Eastbourne-terr., Bishop's-rd., Paddington, at 8.
Kingland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30.
Marquess of Ripon, Lord Stanley, Paragon-road, Mare-st., at 8.
Metropolitan, Moorgate Tavern, 15, Finsbury-pavement, at 7.30.
Neptune, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, S.W., at 7.30.
Perseverance, Old Parr's Head, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 7.
Rose of Denmark, L. & S.W.R. Institute, Wandsworth-rd., 7.30.
Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel (opposite Wimbledon Railway Station), at 7.30.
Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, Putney, at 8.
St. Ambrose, Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, at 8.
St. James's Union, St. James's Restaurant (Piccadilly entrance) at 8.
St. Luke's, Victoria Tavern, Gertrude-street, Chelsea, at 8.
St. Mark's, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road.
St. Michael's, North London Arms, Addison-rd., North, Uxbridge-rd., 8.
Savage Club, Savage Club, Adelphi-terrace, at 8.
Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, at 8.
Stockwell, White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., at 6.
Tyssen-Amherst, Amherst Club, Amherst-road, Hackney, and 4th Mon., at 8.
United Military, Earl of Chatham, Thomas-st., Woolwich, 7.30.
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., Upper Norwood, 8.
Upton, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E., at 8.
Walthamstow, The Chequers, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.
Wellington, White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, at 8.
Zetland, York and Albany, Park-street, Regent's Park, at 8.
York Chapter, Duke's Head, 70, Whitechapel-road, at 8.
Hope Chapter, Globe Tavern, Royal Hill, Greenwich, at 8.
Lewis Chapter, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, N., at 8.
North London Chapter, Grosvenor Hotel, Canonbury, at 7.30.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24.

GRAFT LODGES.

14, Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall.
92, Moira, Albion Tavern.
145, Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall.
170, Industry, Freemasons' Hall.
205, Israel, Cannon-street Hotel.
255, Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond.
1158, Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel.
1348, Ebury, Criterion.
1744, Royal Savoy, Criterion.
2424, St. Stephen S., Green Man, Lewisham.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

7, Royal York Chapter of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall.
1275, Star, Guildhall Tavern.
1339, Stockwell, Holborn Restaurant.

MARK LODGES.

3, Keystone, Ship and Turtle.
406, Scots, Mark Masons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

6, Triton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, Herne Hill, S.E. at 8.
Capper, City Arms, St. Mary Axe, at 6.
Clarence and Avondale, Masonic Hall, Leytonstone E., at 8.
Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton Buildings, at 7.
Chaucer, The Old White Hart, High-street, Borough, at 8.
Clarence, Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras Station, at 7.30.
Corinthian, George Hotel, Cubitt Town, Poplar, at 8.
Eaton, Middleton Arms, corner of Queen's-road and Middleton-road, Dalston, E., at 8.
Eccles, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, at 7.30.
Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen-street, Cheapside, at 7.
Earl of Lathom, Joiner's Arms, Denmark Hill, S.E., at 8.
East Surrey Lodge of Concord, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, at 8.
Egyptian, Salvation, Newgate street, at 7.
Elohim, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8.
Erebus, Rose and Crown, Church-street, Edmonton, at 8.
Eccles, Commercial Dock Tavern, Plough-rd., Rotherhithe, 8.
Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8.
Finsbury, The Bell Hotel, Old Bailey, at 6.30.
Florence Nightingale, M.H., William-street, Woolwich, and 4th Tues., at 7.30.
Gillington, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 7.30.
Gordon, Boundary Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C., at 7.30.
Kensington, Scarsdale Arms, Edwardes-square, Kensington, 8.
Mount Edgcombe, Crown Tavern, Lambeth-road, S.E.
Nelson, Star and Garter, Powis-street, Woolwich, at 8.
New Cross, Chester Arms, Albany-street, N.W., at 8.
New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tav., Finsbury Park, at 8.
Pilgrim (German language), Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street E.C., 1st and 3rd Tues., at 6.30.

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The Grand Duke and the Grand Duchess Serge, and the Grand Duke Paul left England for Darmstadt, travelling by the London, Chatham, and Dover Railway, on Saturday last.

The Law Courts, which have been closed since August for the long vacation, will be reopened on Tuesday next for the Michaelmas sittings, which will last till the 21st December.

Bro. the Duke of Portland has gone to Banchory from Longwell for the fishing, but it will be some days before the Duchess leaves the latter place on her return to Welbeck for the winter season.

Among the shooting party which the Earl and Countess of Powis have been recently entertaining at Powis Castle were the Duke and Duchess of Leeds, the Marquis of Londonderry, and Bros. Stanley Leighton, M.P., and R. G. Webster, M.P.

The Princess of Roumania—a daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, now Duke and Duchess of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha—gave birth to a son and heir on Sunday last, the event being received throughout the whole country with the heartiest rejoicings.

Brethren are invited to send for the list of Masonic Books published at the office of the *Freemason*. Many works of interest both to the Masonic student and general reader have recently been added, and the publisher will gladly forward a copy to any address on receipt of a post-card.

The Duke of Cambridge has consented to open a bazaar at Nottingham in aid of the funds of the Robin Hood Rifles, on the 13th December. His Royal Highness has also approved a revised scheme of drill for the field batteries of the Royal Artillery, and this is now being issued to the troops.

The Lord Mayor elect, Bro. Alderman Tyler, has, we regret to hear, been confined to his house by an attack of bronchitis, from which, however, he is recovering. His first public duty will be to appear on Wednesday next before the Lord Chancellor to receive her Majesty's approval of his election.

The Princess of Wales and her daughters, the Princesses Victoria and Maud, embarked on board the Royal yacht Osborne on Tuesday and from Copenhagen for Sheerness the following morning. Their Royal Highnesses were escorted on board by the Danish Crown Prince, and Princes Waldemar, Christian, and Carl. At the same time the Czar and Czarina and the Czarewitch embarked on board their yacht, the Polar Star, on their return to Russia.

The Duchess of Fife, who is an expert angler, had the satisfaction of landing as many as 12 salmon in the course of last week, among which was one scaling 11lbs., which she captured on the Monday; one at 9lbs and another at over 10lbs, the day following; seven scaling from 9lbs. to 14lb. on the Wednesday, and one on each of the two following days.

The Emperor William of Germany will visit Dresden on Sunday next, for the purpose of attending the King of Saxony's military jubilee. Several German Princes and the generals commanding army corps will also visit the Saxon capital on the occasion, and so likewise will the Archduke Albrecht, of the Austrian army, whom the German Emperor has recently made a German Field Marshal-General.

The 36th season of Monday Pops was inaugurated at St. James's Hall, on the 16th inst., and the goodly company that were present amply rewarded with their applause the artists, both vocal and instrumental, for their successful efforts to entertain them. The latter included Messrs. Ries, Gibson, and Whitehouse, under the leadership of Miss Wietrowitz (violin) and Miss Fanny Davies, while the vocalist was Mr. Eugene Oudin. Mr. Henry Bird was the accompanist.

Several members of the City Police, numbering in all 127, attended at the Mansion House on Monday for the purpose of receiving the certificates and medallions which had been awarded to them by the St. John's Ambulance Association for services rendered to people who had met with accidents in the City, the number receiving certificates being 90, and those to whom medallions were given being 37. The presentation was made by the Lord Mayor, the Chief Commissioner of Police for the City being also present.

The marriage of Miss Millicent B. Clarke, daughter of Col. Stanley Clarke, Esquerry to the Prince of Wales, and Mr. E. W. Baird, late of the 10th Hussars, was solemnised in St. James's Church, Piccadilly, on Tuesday, the bride being given away by her father, while Captain the Hon. E. Baring, 10th Hussars, acted as best man. The presents were very numerous, and included gifts from the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of York, the Duke and Duchess of Fife, and the officers of the 10th Hussars.

The annual luncheon of the Church of England Soldiers' Institute at Aldershot was held on Monday under the presidency of General Smyth, C.B. Among the guests was the Duke of Connaught, who took advantage of the opportunity thus afforded him of opening the Walker Billiard Room, which had been recently added; Bro. the Earl of Meath, the Bishop of Winchester, Colonel Sir A. and Lady Mackworth, Major-General and Mrs. Utterson, Col. and Mrs. Barrington Foote, and many others. His Royal Highness expressed sincere gratification at the progress which the Institute had made since he had known it first about 20 years since, and trusted it might become still more prosperous and useful.

AN INTERESTING DISCOVERY has been made of late, we are informed, which may have the effect shortly of entirely revolutionising our present mode of travelling. It is said that should the new system come into use, it will be possible to journey at the rate of three miles per minute. Space will not permit of our dilating upon the benefit which will accrue to commerce through the more rapid means of communication between our large cities becoming available, but we do not hesitate to say that it will also further spread the blessing of health through the consequent quicker distribution of Holloway's Pills and Ointment—they either cure or relieve every known disease, and are sold throughout the world.

Mr. Clement Scott will preside at the annual dinner in March next, in aid of the Dramatic and Musical Benevolent Fund.

We are requested to state that the installation of Bro. W. Rouse Larter as W.M. of the Burgoyne Lodge, No. 902, will take place at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Monday next, the 23rd inst., at four p.m.

Bro. the Hon. Sir Edmund Monson, her Majesty's Ambassador at the Court of Vienna, was received in audience on Monday by King George of Greece, who remained in conversation with his Excellency for about an hour.

The design submitted by Bro. E. B. P'Anson, of Laurence Pountney-hill, has been adopted by the Newington Vestry for the new baths and wash-houses they are about to erect at a cost of £40,000.

It is stated that the Queen and Court will remain at Balmoral till about the 24th November—which is rather later than usual—and will then return to Windsor Castle, whence just before Christmas she will return to Osborne.

The British Mediterranean Squadron, under the command of Vice-Admiral Sir Culmer Seymour, and escorted by the Italian ironclad Italia, arrived and anchored in the harbour of Taranto on Monday, the usual salutes being exchanged between the ships and the forts. The reception by the inhabitants, no less than by the authorities, was of the most enthusiastic character.

On Saturday evening last the Lord Mayor entertained the members of the Royal Blackheath Golf Club, of which his lordship is Vice-President, at dinner at the Mansion House. The guests numbered about 120, the Captain of the Club being the guest of the evening, while among the others were Bros. Alderman Sir Joseph Renals and Alderman and Sheriff Dimsdale, and the Astronomer Royal.

The guests invited to meet the Marquis and Marchioness of Salisbury and the Lady Gwendolen Cecil at Lathom House, Ormskirk, the seat of Bro. the Earl of Lathom, included Lord Stanley, M.P., Bro. Lord and Lady Skelmersdale, Bro. Sir Matthew White Ridley, Bart., M.P., and Lady White Ridley, Sir Archibald Edmonstone, the Hon. Leigh, M.P., and Mr. Coningsby Disraeli, M.P.

The Duchess of Teck, who was accompanied by her daughter, the Duchess of York, laid the foundation-stone of the new church in Kew-road, Richmond, which is about to be erected as a memorial to the late Canon Hales, on the 14th inst. The Royal party were very heartily received by the large concourse of people who had assembled to witness the interesting function, and when the ceremony was over, the Duchess received purses in aid of the building fund.

PROPOSED TESTIMONIAL TO SIR JOHN B. MONCKTON.—We learn that a circular bearing the signatures of several of the most prominent chairmen of Committees in the Court of Common Council, has been issued to members of the Court suggesting that the valuable services rendered to the Corporation by the Town Clerk (Sir John B. Monckton) for nearly a quarter of a century should be recognised in a manner worthy of his stewardship. Whether it is the intention of the initiators of the movement to confine the subscription strictly to corporators or not we cannot say, but Sir John Monckton's popularity is so general with the many who do business with the Corporation, that they would, we feel sure, if approached, readily co-operate with the Court in carrying the project to a most gratifying conclusion.—*City Press*.

Marshal MacMahon, Duke of Magenta, died in his Chateau of La Foreat on Tuesday morning at the ripe age of 84, having been born in the year 1808. In 1825 he entered St. Cyr, and gained his first experience of war in the French Expedition to Algeria in 1830. In 1848 he became Brigadier-General, and in 1852 a Grand Officer of the Legion of Honour. He joined the French Army before Sebastopol in 1855, and commanded the troops which assaulted and carried the Malakoff. In 1859 he held high command under the Emperor Napoleon III. in the war against Austria, and for his brilliant conduct at the battle of Magenta was made a Duke and Marshal of France. In the Franco-German War he commanded the French at Worth or Reichstrofen, where, after gallantly fighting all day against vastly superior numbers, he was compelled to retreat. The Emperor then placed him in command of the army for the relief of Borganne, but he was wounded and taken prisoner at Sedan. On the rest of peace, he was entrusted with the command of the troops which put down the Commune. Subsequently he became President of the French Republic, but retired from his post, and lived in retirement. It is proposed to give the gallant soldier a public funeral of the most imposing character.

DEVON MASONIC EDUCATIONAL FUND.—The success of the concert given by the brethren of the Three Towns last year in aid of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund was so complete that it has been determined to make a similar effort this year. Last year's concert, thanks to Bro. W. Willoughby's valuable services, yielded a net profit of nearly £70, and in the same able hands it is anticipated that the forthcoming concert will be even more successful. Plymouth Guildhall has been secured for Wednesday, November 29th, and Bro. Willoughby has already sketched out a programme which will be equally divided between English ballads and selections from the grand operas. The best local talent will again be engaged, and a popular and attractive feature will be a vocal waltz and polka, which was given with such unbounded success at the recent Covent Garden promenade concerts. This will be sung by a choir of about 50 children, who will be specially trained for the purpose. At a meeting of subscribers to be held at Exeter on the 30th instant two children will be elected on the fund, making a total of 20, the largest number ever on the fund at one time. A sum of £300 is required annually to maintain and educate these children, and nearly the whole of that sum is raised by the voluntary contributions of the brethren. Often, however, as Bro. Hughan points out in his report, just issued, "some children have to be disappointed, and as it is simply impossible to conduct the fund more economically or efficiently, it rests solely with the lodges and brethren in Devon to decide whether the number of beneficiaries shall be further increased.

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We are asked to note that the Derby Allcroft Lodge of Instruction, No. 2168, has altered its night of meeting from Tuesdays to Thursdays at 8 p.m.

The newly-elected Master of the Needlemakers' Company is Bro. Charles Belton, F.R.G.S., while his wardens are Mr. John Johnsson and Dr. Edwin Freshfield.

Bro. Arthur Briscoe, P.M. and Treas. 1929, Org. 2470, and Prov. Grand Org. Surrey, has again been elected as Organist for next year's Festival of the Nonconformist Choir Union at the Crystal Palace.

The first of a series of matinees at the Empire Theatre of Varieties will be given to-morrow (Saturday). The programme appears to be a full one, and includes the new ballet "The Girl I Left Behind Me."

The members of the Lily Lodge of Instruction, No. 820, have re-named their lodge, and are now working under the warrant of the Richmond Lodge, No. 2032, and will hold their meetings at the Station Hotel, Richmond, on Tuesdays at 8.30 p.m.

We are asked to announce that the Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction, No. 1719, is held at the Rutland Hotel, Perry Hill, Catford, on Saturday evenings at eight o'clock, and that visiting brethren are welcomed. The ceremony of consecration will be rehearsed by Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., on the 28th inst. at seven o'clock.

Bro. Francis Long was on Monday, the 9th inst., installed as W.M. of the Trafford Lodge, No. 1495, Moss-side, Manchester. Bro. Long, who has been settled in Manchester for a lengthened period, has been a member of the Trafford Lodge for 19 years. For 16 years of that period he declined offers of advancement, preferring to fill the post of Organist, for which his musical talents fully qualify him.

The Duke of Connaught is now granting leave of absence to many of the officers of the Aldershot Division, under the provision made by Sir Evelyn Wood immediately after the conclusion of the manoeuvres, by which it was directed that so far as possible officers shall be granted two and a half months' leave between the beginning of October and the end of February.

Lord and Lady Henry Bentinck visited Nottingham on Thursday, and her ladyship opened a bazaar in aid of the Luton Church Restoration. Lord Henry, in acknowledging a vote of thanks, said they could not have stronger proof of the firm hold the Church had upon the sympathies and affections of people than in the enormous sums raised year by year in her behalf. Viscount Newark also took part in the proceedings.

Contracts have just been let, and the work is to be commenced at once, for the erection of Masonic lodge buildings in Ropergate, Pontefract. The buildings will be of modern classical structure, and are to be built of brick, with terracotta panels and stone facings. On the upper story will be a lodge room 34 feet by 21 feet; with ante-rooms adjoining, and downstairs will be a dining-hall, 51 feet by 21 feet, which may also be used for a ball-room, and will be fitted with moveable partitions to make into three small rooms for other purposes. A caretaker's house will be attached. Bro. J. H. Greaves, J.W., is the architect. The cost will be £1000.

The Rev. Arthur Robins, of Windsor, Chaplain in Ordinary to the Queen and Chaplain to the Prince of Wales, has just been presented, on the occasion of his completing his 20 years as Chaplain to the Household Troops, with the autograph portraits of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief of the Household Cavalry, and the colonels of the six regiments of the Household Brigade—Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, 1st Life Guards; Earl Howe, 2nd Life Guards; Field-Marshal Sir Patrick Grant, Royal Horse Guards; Field-Marshal the Duke of Cambridge, Grenadier Guards; General Sir Frederick Stephenson, Coldstream Guards; and the Duke of Connaught, Scots Guards.

At Thursday's meeting the Court of Common Council proceeded to the election of a City Marshal, for which office six names were submitted by a committee of selection. In the result, after Major Ker-Fox and Sir Simeon Lechmere Stuart, Bart. of Hartley Mauduit, Hampshire, had been chosen by show of hands for the final ballot, the latter received 92 votes against 89 given for the former. Sir Simeon Stuart was then declared by the Lord Mayor to be duly elected City Marshal, and the sum of 10 guineas was ordered to be paid to each of the five unsuccessful candidates then in attendance. Sir Simeon Stuart's family is said to be descended from Andrew Stewart, great-uncle of King Robert I. of Scotland. His son, John Stuart, settled in England, and was knighted by Henry IV. The baronetcy was conferred in 1660, and the first and second holders of the title each held office as a Chamberlain of the Exchequer. The present baronet represents the extinct Earldom of Carhampton and the Barony of Waltham, also extinct.

The entries for the Kennel Club Dog Show and the London Fox Terrier Club Show, which opens at the Crystal Palace on the 24th inst, number 2297. Prizes to the value of nearly £4000 will be competed for. Amongst the exhibitors will be the Duchess of Wellington, the Duchess of Newcastle, Countess Mary D'Argenteau, Count H. Sandberg, Lady de Clifford, Lord A. Fitzroy, Lady Adela Larking, Lady Rose, Lady Elena Wickham, Col. the Hon. le Poer Trench, Mr. W. Arkwright, Capt. and Mrs. Barry, Major R. C. Cane, Mr. S. E. Shirley, Senor Don Carlos Dominguez, Mr. E. Weston Bell, Col. H. L. Ellaby, Major J. H. How, Col. Henderson, Lieut.-Col. Johnston, Lieut.-Col. Legh, Mr. E. Millais, Lieut.-Col. H. Smith, Lieut.-Col. H. Savage, Major Wedderburn, Major Weatherhall, and others. Mr. G. R. Krehl, one of the judges, will exhibit a dappled Dachshund and several toy bull dogs, but not for competition. The breeds include Bloodhounds, Mastiffs, St. Bernards, Newfoundlanders, Great Danes, Irish Wolfhounds, Deerhounds, Borzois, Chou Chous, Foreign Dogs, Greyhounds, Pointers, Setters, Retrievers, Spaniels, Collies, Old English Sheepdogs, Beagles, Bassethounds, Dalmatians, Poodles, Bull Dogs, Bull Terriers, Whippets, Airedales, Fox Terriers (smooth and wire), Welsh Terriers, Old English Terriers, Dachs-hounds, Bedlington Terriers, Irish Terriers, Black-and-Tan Terriers, White English Terriers, Skye Terriers, Scottish Terriers, Dandie Dinmonts, Pomeranians, Schipperkes, Pugs, Toy and Japanese Spaniels, Italian Greyhounds, and Toy Terriers (smooth and rough). Mr. F. Gresham will judge Italian Greyhounds and Rough and Smooth Toy Terriers.

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Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton-oad, Maid Vale, at 8.
Richmond, Station Hotel, Richmond, at 8.30.
Royal Naval College, Greenwich Hospital Schools, at 8.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25.

CRAFT LODGES.
201, Jordan, Freemasons' Hall.
212, Euphrates, Holborn Restaurant.
754, High Cross, Seven Sisters Hotel, Tottenham.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

13, Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
435, Mount Lebanon, Ship and Turtle Tavern.
753, Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.

MARK LODGE.

176, Era, Mark Masons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Beaconsfield, Chequers Hotel, High-street, Walthamstow, at 8.
Bromley St. Leonard, Bromley Vestry Hall, Bow-road, at 8.
Confidence, Swan's Nest, Great Swan-ey, Moorgate-st., E.C., at 7.

Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, Greenwich, at 8.
Ravensbourne, Rising Sun, Rushey Green, Catford, at 8.
Royal Jubilee, The Crown, Lambeth-road, S.E., at 8.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26.

General Committee Girls' School, at Freemasons' Hall, at 5.
CRAFT LODGES.
22, Neptune, Guildhall Tavern.

34, Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall.
65, Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern.
66, Grenadiers, Freemasons' Hall.
507, United Pilgrims, Bidge House Hotel.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTERS.

29, St. Alban's, Albion Tavern.
162, Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall.
177, Domestic, Anderson's Hotel.

MARK LODGE.

363, Ruspini, Mark Masons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Belgrave, Albion Tavern, Russell-street, Covent Garden, at 8.
Burdett-Countts, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, at 8.
Burgoyne, King's Arms, John-street, Bedford-row, at 7.

Rose, Stirling Castle, Church-street, Camberwell, at 8.
St. John's, Court House, Harlesden, N.W., at 7.30.
St. John's, Queen Victoria Tavern, Exmouth-st., Stepney, at 8.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27.

Council Boys' School at Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
CRAFT LODGES.
60, Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

749, Belgrave, Anderson's Hotel.

MARK LODGE.

400, Egerton of Tatton Mark Masons' Hall.

LODGES AND CHAPTERS OF INSTRUCTION.

Albion, Swan's Nest, Great Swan-alley, E.C., at 7.
All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar, at 7.30.
Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone, at 8.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28.

CRAFT LODGES.
1297, West Kent, Crystal Palace.
1541, Alexandra Palace, Holborn Viaduct Hotel.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

1329, Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall.

ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES.

15, Rose and Lily, Mark Masons' Hall.

MASONIC MEETINGS (Provincial)

For the week ending Saturday, October 28, 1893.

The following is a list of Towns in which the Lodges, &c., whose numbers are appended, meet at the dates given. Further particulars of places of meeting, &c., of Craft Lodges and R.A. Chapters will be found in 'The Freemasons' Calendar,' and those of Mark, Rose Croix, &c., in 'The Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar,' both published annually at the office of The Freemason.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23.

CRAFT LODGES.
Birmingham ... 43
Halifax ... 61
Harlestone ... 85
Dukinfield ... 89
North Walsham ... 102

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Old Brompton ... 184
Newrich ... 213
Brighton ... 315
Pembroke Dock ... 378
Liverpool ... 724

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24.

CRAFT LODGES.
Burnley ... 126
Rochford ... 160
Derby ... 253
Milford ... 366
Huntingdon ... 373

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Newcastle ... 24
Birmingham ... 74
Whitehaven ... 119
Truro ... 131
Liverpool ... 241
Batley ... 264

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25.

CRAFT LODGES.
Winchester ... 76
Cheltenham ... 82
Bury ... 128
Manchester ... 163
Garston ... 220
Hull ... 250
Portsmouth ... 257
Heckmondwike ... 258
Newchurch ... 274
Huddersfield ... 290
Alcester ... 301
Mottam ... 320
Yeovil ... 329
Rye ... 341
Sandbach ... 368
Bulleigh Salterton ... 372
Morley ... 380
Bingley ... 439
Newton Moor ... 461
Berkhamstead ... 504
Congleton ... 533
Bedford ... 540
Framlingham ... 555
Ormskirk ... 582

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Chatham ... 20
Ryde ... 175
Rochdale ... 298
Ventnor ... 551
Newbury ... 574
Worthing ... 854
Derby ... 1085
Liverpool ... 1264
Stratford ... 1421
Herne Bay ... 2099
Hendon ... 2206
Beckenham ... 2266

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26.

CRAFT LODGES.
Darlington ... 111
Kendal ... 129
Ringwood ... 132
Devonport ... 202
Brentwood ... 214
Haslingden ... 215
Stalybridge ... 324
Bolton ... 348
Hyde ... 361
Ewell ... 400
Hayle ... 450
Uttoxeter ... 456
Spalding ... 469
Jersey ... 500
Liverpool ... 591
Glossop ... 605
Morpeth ... 636
Devizes ... 663
Bridport ... 707
Dursley ... 761
Deal ... 784
Belper ... 787
Norwich ... 807
Rotherham ... 904

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Woolwich ... 13
Canterbury ... 31
Plmouth ... 70
Gravesend ... 77
Liverpool ... 203
Liverpool ... 249
Batley ... 264
Leeds ... 289
Uxbridge ... 382
Maidstone ... 503
Rochester ... 1050
Sudbury ... 1224
Ruford ... 1437

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27.

CRAFT LODGES.
Southampton ... 785
Eccleshill ... 1034
Kirkby Lonsdale ... 1074
Lewes ... 1303
Leicester ... 1391
Nottingham ... 1435
Swadincote ... 1739
Shildon ... 2415
Northampton ... 2431
Doncaster ... 242
Swindon ... 355

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Richmond, Yorks ... 123
Bristol ... 187
Keighley ... 205
Leeds ... 306
Bristol ... 326
Saltash ... 1271
Liverpool ... 1393
Gosforth ... 1664
Bristol - Province ... 1891
Harwich ... 1957
Carshalton ... 1973

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28.

CRAFT LODGES.
Meltham ... 149
Chertsey ... 370
Starcross ... 444
Swanage ... 1146
Hampton Court ... 1293
Amersham ... 2421

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

Birkenhead ... 478

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