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NEW ZEALAND MASONRY.

In the article which appeared in our columns on this subject a fortnight since, we brought our remarks to a conclusion with the promise that we would deal with the series of seven questions propounded by Bro. ELIOT WARBURTON in the *New Zealand Craftsman* for August last, and answered in its own peculiar fashion by our contemporary. But before we proceed to fulfil this promise, there is one passage in the tirade against English Freemasonry with which it favoured its readers in its July number which is far too beautiful to be passed over in silence. Thus our contemporary having proved to its own entire satisfaction the perfect legitimacy of its protégé, the self-styled Grand Lodge of New Zealand, is pleased to remark that "the mere fact of the Grand Lodge of England withholding formal recognition cannot affect our legitimacy any more than the denial by a mother of the legitimacy of her offspring born in wedlock can affect that child's welfare in society. Just as the mother's inhuman denial may for a time degrade her child in the eyes of the world, so may our Grand Lodge be temporarily prejudiced by the unnatural conduct of our mother Grand Lodge." This is undoubtedly a most awe-inspiring passage and we trust has sufficiently impressed the adherents of the irregular New Zealand Constitution with a becoming sense of their own dignity, and the ill-usage they have received from their unnatural Mother Grand Lodge. Unfortunately, like many another awe-inspiring passage we have met with in the course of our reading, it is entirely wanting in the important element of truth. This so-called Grand Lodge of New Zealand is no more the off-spring of the United Grand Lodge of England than the counterfeit florins or half-crowns which it is the pleasure of certain ingenuous persons to palm off on unsuspecting publicans, omnibus conductors, or other tradesmen or public servants, are true coin of the realm, as issued from the Mint. They have about them all the appearance of the latter—the Queen's effigy with her titles inscribed around it; the Royal coat-of-arms, crown, &c., even to the milling round the edges, which to the uninstructed eye is genuine. Yet are these coins but spurious metal inclosed in thin coatings of silver just to make-believe they are true. So with this self-styled Grand Lodge of New Zealand, it has all the appearance of a Grand Lodge which has been legitimately organised, it has its Book of Constitutions—which is not improbably that of the Grand Lodge of England in its main features—its organisation in lodges and District or Provincial lodges, with a Grand Lodge or supreme authority, and its ritual—you cannot deprive those who secede from your Society of the knowledge they acquired as members. The ceremony of constituting it may have been in accordance with the best known precedents; and, lastly, it may be recognised as a Grand Body by Grand Lodges, about the regularity of whose constitution there is not, nor ever has been, even the slightest suspicion. But for all this, it is not a genuine Grand Lodge. Those who constitute its members, with the exception of such as have been made Masons in its lodges, are seceders from the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland. Before they seceded, they were very proud of their connection, and would have denounced in unmeasured terms any who had dared question the perfect legality of Freemasonry as then established in the Colony of New Zealand. But since they have seceded, an entire change has come over the spirit of their opinions, and what in the good old days was worthy of all respect and admiration is now so poor that none of them will do it reverence. Its lot is outspoken rudeness and vulgar menace, while, as for the grand body which has been established by these seceders, it has already become a very paragon of Masonry, and its members are competent to teach you everything pertaining to the Craft, from the best way of riding the goat, to compiling treatises on Masonic jurisprudence and determining once and for ever what are, and what are not, the ancient landmarks of the Order.

But, after all, it is the seven questions propounded by Bro. ELIOT WARBURTON in the August number of our rude contemporary and the answers vouchsafed by it, which more immediately concern us in this present article. Well, here are the questions as transcribed from our contemporary's pages: "1. Why do you call a summons against the brethren who have left their Grand Lodge without paying their dues or surrendering their charter 'A Heresy Hunt'? 2. Would you apply the same terms to proceedings under the N.Z.C. against a defaulter? 3. Why is the District Grand Lodge of Auckland a 'self-constituted Court'? 4. How is it that the N.Z.G.L. was legally constituted when it was formed by only 32 lodges out of 150? 5. What European Grand Lodges recognise the N.Z.C.? 6. What American Grand Lodges refuse to recognise it? 7. Why do not adherents of the N.Z.C. who hold certificates from British lodges visit lodges under the E.C.?" These are the seven questions on which Bro. WARBURTON was desirous of being "kindly enlightened," and the following is the illumination vouchsafed by our contemporary. As regards 1—the non-payment of dues and the non-return of the charter—says the *New Zealand Craftsman*—"It is based on false premises. It is not true that any of the brethren who have received these circulars left their lodges without paying their dues. The right to retain the charter is a canon of Masonic law upon which all

Masonic authorities are agreed, except those of England, Ireland, and Scotland. With these Grand Lodges it is a case of 'orthodoxy is our doxy, heterodoxy is other folk's doxy,' and the attempt to coerce us into abandoning our own belief and accepting that of the Mother Grand Lodge is appropriately described as a Heresy Hunt." It may be safely affirmed of this answer that it could only have been addressed by a journal possessing more than the average fund of assurance to persons—among whom we do not include Bro. WARBURTON—possessing less than the average amount of knowledge and reasoning power. The authorities of the District Grand Lodge of Auckland know perfectly well what lodges have paid their dues and what have not paid them; and in the former case, for what individual members of those lodges and up to what date. If the affairs of the three extinct English lodges, whose members are affected by this demand for unpaid dues by the D.G. Lodge authorities, have been conducted in anything like a business fashion, it will be possible for the members who have paid their lodge subscriptions—which include the said dues—up to the date of their secession to produce their receipts as evidence of the payment; and if the lodge Secretaries have remitted the dues they have received from the said members to the District G. Secretary, it will be possible for the former to produce the receipts given by the latter; or, if no receipts have been furnished, to offer reasonably trustworthy evidence that the moneys were remitted to the proper officer of District G. Lodge. The District Grand Lodge authorities affirm that the members of certain seceded lodges and others have not paid their dues; the *New Zealand Craftsman* boldly declares that the dues have been paid—or, to be precise, that "it is not true that any of the brethren who have received these circulars left their lodges without paying their dues," and there should be little or no difficulty in determining which of these two assertions is correct. As regards the non-return of the warrant, we will not concern ourselves to dispute the bold assertions of our contemporary that "the right to retain the warrant is a Canon of Masonic law upon which all Masonic authorities are agreed, except those of England, Ireland, and Scotland." It does not matter to Masons under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England what the Masonic law on warrants or any other subject may be in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, or Pennsylvania, or North Dakota. The point with us, in respect of English lodges which have become extinct, is as to what the law is on the subject of the return or retention of the warrants under which they were allowed to meet as Masons. Our contemporary admits that the law of England is against the retention of warrants by lodges which have become extinct, and as it is the lodges which by their secession from the English Constitution have made themselves extinct as regard, that Constitution from which our Grand Lodge authorities have demanded the surrender of their warrants, we are spared the trouble of carrying the question further. The answer to No. 2 needs no notice, but to No. 3, in which Bro. WARBURTON is desirous of knowing why the District Grand Lodge of Auckland is a "self-constituted court," our contemporary makes answer "Because it assumes to have authority where it is not entitled to exercise any, and any sentence passed by it will be inoperative." A more ridiculous answer could not have been invented. Bro. G. S. GRAHAM's patent of appointment as District Grand Master of Auckland bears date the 30th March, 1877, and from the day of his installation—which must have been shortly after his patent reached the colony—till now has never ceased to exercise the authority with which he was then invested, while his District Grand Lodge, which was constituted by him on the day of his installation, has likewise exercised continuously the functions pertaining to it. And yet our contemporary has the hardihood to affirm that this chief has no longer a *locus standi* in his District and that his District Grand Lodge is self-constituted. Let the *New Zealand Craftsman* go one step further, and assert that since the self-constituted Grand Lodge of New Zealand has appeared on the scene to the destruction of all Masonic decency, the Grand Lodge of England has no right to require that its officers shall be obeyed and its laws respected, and the climax of stupendous folly will have been reached. To question No. 4 the *New Zealand Craftsman* replies that "the Grand Lodge of New Zealand was formed not by 32, but by 90, lodges; the fact of some of these having recanted does not alter the position in the slightest." This amazing answer reminds us of a certain case recorded in the annals of Freemasonry, in which a number of brethren of a certain rank conspired together to obtain certain information by fair means or by foul. At the critical moment, when the conspiracy was on the eve of being carried into execution, the majority of these brethren recanted, but the minority, being men of a more determined and atrocious character, resolved on carrying to a conclusion their impious design. Now, let us admit, for the sake of argument, and at the same time to oblige our N.Z. contemporary, that the number of lodges which originally proposed to establish the irregular Grand Lodge of New Zealand was 90, still it remains a fact that it was only the 32, who were of a more determined and atrocious character than the rest, that persisted in that impious design to which the so-called Grand Lodge of New Zealand is indebted for its existence. Our contemporary's vision may be so limited that it is unable to see any difference between 32 and 90, but we, with a clearer insight into the laws of arithmetic, declare the difference to be 58.

We pass unnoticed the answers to questions 5 and 6, because the point at issue is not affected by the number of Grand Lodges, European or American, which have or have not recognised the so-called Grand Lodge of New Zealand; but the answer to No. 7—why do not adherents of the New Zealand Constitution holding certificates from British Grand Lodges

visit lodges under the English Constitution—reads as follows: "We cannot undertake to answer for others, but probably the reason is that the adherents of the New Zealand Constitution are too proud and too honourable to sail under false colours, and are, besides, quite content with visiting lodges where they are welcome." We thank thee, *New Zealand Craftsman*, for this most monstrous of all pretences. It is long since we have had the good fortune to meet with such a magnificent euphuism. The true reason, we apprehend, is because the lodges under the English Constitution will have nothing whatever to do with the members of the irregular New Zealand Constitution, but our contemporary at all events deserves credit for its smartness. It can at least assume a virtue, though it does not possess it. Unfortunately for it, the assumption is too transparent to impose upon any one. The fox in the Fable deceived no one when it declared the grapes it could not reach were unripe, and the *New Zealand Craftsman* only raises a chorus of laughter at its own expense when it claims that "adherents of the New Zealand Constitution are too proud and too honourable" to visit lodges under the English Constitution, which would not allow them to enter at any price.

CONSECRATION OF THE ECCENTRIC LODGE, No. 2488.

This latest edition to the roll of London lodges was consecrated on the 20th inst., in the Masonic Hall of the Café Royal, Regent-street, and the ceremony was numerously attended. It was a distinguished company which assembled, owing to the distinction which the originators of the lodge had laid down the lines for its attaining. Themselves brethren of distinction in literature and art, they founded the lodge for the convenience of other followers of art and literature, and their intentions in doing so were so thoroughly appreciated by those *confrères* who are not yet bound by the mystic tie, that they received propositions for membership of the Brotherhood from numerous workers in the interesting field wherein they themselves wrought.

The founders comprised Bros. Sir Augustus Harris, P.G. Treas.; F. Osmond Carr, P.G. Org. Cambs.; Walter Clifford; W. J. W. Beard, P.M.; Will. E. Chapman, P.M., P.S.G.W. Bucks.; J. H. Hawkins, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C. Surrey; W. S. Hooper, Lionel Brough, J. A. Harrison, Arthur Tite, James Wyatt, T. Honey, P.M., and S. H. S. Austin.

The ceremonies of consecration and installation were performed by Bro. Edward Letchworth, G. Sec., who was assisted by Bros. Thomas Fenn, as S.W.; Robert Grey, as J.W.; the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, as Chaplain; Frank Richardson, as D. of C.; and C. F. Matier, as I.G.

The musical portion of the ceremony was performed by Bros. James Kift, Edward Dalzell, George May, and Arthur Strugnell, under the direction of Bro. James Kift.

The full list of the brethren present were as follows:

Bros. E. Letchworth, P.G.D., G. Sec.; Thos. Fenn, President of the Board of General Purposes; R. Grey, President of the Board of Benevolence; the Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G. Chap.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D.; C. F. Matier, P.G. Std. Br.; Col. G. Money, C.B., P.G.M. Surrey; Major-Gen. J. C. Hay, C.B., P.G.D.; Admiral Sir E. Inglefield, K.C.B., P.G.W.; Capt. N. G. Phillips, P.G.D.; J. H. Matthews, P.D.G.D.C.; R. Turtle Pigott, P.A.G.D.C.; Chas. Belton, P.D.G.D.C.; C. J. R. Tijou, G.A. Purst.; Sir Augustus Harris, P.G. Treas.; J. D. Langton, P.P.J.G.W. Surrey, W.M. 2473; J. E. Bowen, P.G.S. Bucks; G. F. Carr, P.G.O. West Yorks, W.M. 1542; W. E. Chapman, P.S. G.W. Bucks, Sec.; W. de Manby Sargison, G. Org.; J. H. Hawkins, P.P.G. D.C. Surrey; Sir Somers Vine, C.M.G., P.G.D.; H. Sadler, G. Tyler; W. Sergeant Lee, P.M.; Gordon Harvey, S. H. S. Austin, W. M. Stiles, W. S. Hooper, Walter Clifford, B. Burton, W. Drew, L. J. Drew, P.M.; H. Horner, J. A. Harrison, E. Sabel, William Lake, P.M., Past Provincial Grand Registrar of Cornwall; H. Massey, 160, P.M. 619 and 1928; Harry Nicholls, W.M. 2127; Walter J. Ebbetts, W.M. 2430; W. B. Fendick, W.M. 2460; A. Blackmore; F. Osmond Carr, P.G.O. Cambs., W.M. 859; J. P. Carr; J. Wyatt; W. H. Bolt, W.M. 1563; H. Lovett, P.M.; W. J. Fisher, W.M. 2190; Lionel Gowing, 1928; W. Francis, P.P.G.D.C. Kent; Arthur Tite; F. Francis, P.M.; S. J. Petts, Arthur Strugnell, George May, Thomas Beard, P.M. 101; W. J. W. Beard, P.M. 101; W. Day; T. Honey, P.M.; J. Foss, Arthur Shirley, J. L. Shine, Edward Dalzell, James Kift, and E. G. Saunders.

Bro. LETCHWORTH, in addressing the brethren after the opening of the lodge and the singing of the opening hymn, said: Brethren,—The object for which we are met this afternoon is one which I think awakens the interest and enlists the sympathy of all those who have at heart the prosperity and advancement of our Order. I am here by command of the M.W.G.M., and as his Royal Highness's most humble representative, for the purpose of constituting and consecrating this new lodge. It is a lodge which, having regard to the merit and the distinction of the founders, I venture to think is destined at no distant date to occupy a very prominent position among the lodges of this metropolis. It takes its name from an association with which the founders are connected, and which, I believe, comprises among its number many who are distinguished in literature and art, and I must congratulate the founders of this new lodge on having as their first Worshipful Master a very distinguished brother, whom the M.W.G.M. has been pleased to designate as Worshipful Master of this lodge. I can only express a hope that this lodge may have before it a career of great prosperity.

The Rev. J. S. BROWNRI GG delivered the following oration:

What are the essentials needful to make a new lodge a credit to the Craft? This is a question which must often be occurring to our minds in these days, when far and wide—in London and the provinces—consecrations of all kinds of Masonic bodies follow close'y one after the other. I would not say one word to discourage the healthy expansion of the Order. Were there no expansion—were we unable to show each year both an increase of lodges and an increase of members—then we might certainly conclude that something was wrong, that something was affecting the life of our Order. There can be no life without growth. Stagnation is a sure evidence of decay. But we must not shut our eyes to the fact that it is not an unknown circumstance to see a young lodge started under the fairest auspices, giving during the first few years the brightest promise, even doing for some time most excellent work, gradually but certainly falling far short of those aspirations which the founders honestly set before themselves on the consecration day. Forgive me, then, if I venture to remind you of some of the dangers which I am sure the brethren of the Eccentric Lodge are both able and willing to avoid. (1.) I need not do more than mention the first and most obvious one, namely, the hasty admission of new members. Never propose—never second a man who is not personally well known to you, whom you would hesitate to introduce into your own family or admit into your own business. (2.) I would urge upon you the importance of not letting one man or even two or three manage the whole lodge. One finds sometimes that the Worshipful Master for the year is content to be a mere worker of ceremonies and to leave the practical management of the lodge to one or two permanent officers. Fully cognizant as I am of the value and necessity of some good permanent officials in every lodge, it is,

I maintain, neither fair on them or on the lodge to leave to them the whole responsibility of the business. We are a community in which every brother has a voice. It is to the interest of the community that in all possible matters that voice should be exercised with a sense of its responsibility. I am sure that some good lodges have fallen short of their early promise, because permanent officials have been forced to bear burdens which others ought to have shared with them. 3. Look beyond the narrow limits of your own particular lodge. Remember that our Craft has a past, a present, and a future. Learn what history teaches; learn what is being done elsewhere, and in other Degrees. Be an intelligent Mason, seeking information, and not teaching others until you have learnt yourself. The lodge ceremony, the lodge work is the scaffolding only. It should lead you to the intelligent study of what is both, as regards its past and present work, a real factor for good in the world. I am sure that, at all events, some lodges owe a sensible decline to the fact that the members stood still, and did not realise that they must always be learners. Time will not permit me to dwell further on the subject; I will, therefore, only urge you to watch against anything which may tend to hamper that bright future which you desire, and for which you have our best wishes.

The remainder of the ceremony of consecration was then performed, and Bro. Sir Augustus Harris, P.G. Treas., was installed by Bro. Letchworth the first W.M. of the new lodge. Bro. J. H. Hawkins, P.M., P.P. G.D.C. Surrey, was appointed and invested to act as I.P.M. for the first year. The other officers were Bros. F. Osmond Carr, P.G. Org. Cambs., S.W.; Walter Clifford, J.W.; W. J. W. Beard, Treas.; Will. E. Chapman, P.M., P.S.G.W. Bucks, Sec.; W. S. Hooper, S.D.; Lionel Brough, J.D.; J. A. Harrison, I.G.; T. Honey, P.M., D.C.; James Watt and Arthur Tite, Stwds.; and Samuel Ellis, Tyler.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Consecrating Officers, the Worshipful Master remarking that no words of his were necessary in supporting the proposition, as every one who witnessed the performance of the consecration must have been struck with the most delightful manner in which it had passed off. He had been at some few consecrations in his time, but never had he seen anything better arranged.

On the motion of Bro. CHAPMAN, Sec., seconded by Bro. HAWKINS, I.P.M., the Consecrating Officers were elected joining members and were presented each with a founders' jewel.

Bro. LETCHWORTH acknowledged the compliment, and Bro. CHAPMAN announced that the W.M. had presented to the lodge a complete box of working tools, and each officer had presented his own collar and jewel of office (which, together with the Founders' jewels, were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning).

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a choice banquet, which was followed by the usual toasts, interspersed with some lovely singing by Bros. Kift, Dalzell, Day, and Strugnell.

Bro. Sir AUGUSTUS HARRIS, in proposing "The Queen and the Craft," said it was always a very pleasing task at banquets in their country for the Chairman to propose the toast that he had now the pleasure and honour of submitting—that of her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, the Patron of Freemasonry. He caught some words which fell from the Grand Secretary just before dinner—that short speeches were always the best, and short speakers were always the best. Therefore, he asked the brethren to judge him accordingly, for he was going to be the best speaker in the room.

In proposing "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," Bro. Sir AUGUSTUS HARRIS said as he knew the brethren wished to smoke, he wished to be merciful although great. He was not going to grate on their feelings, but in as few words as possible he asked them to do their duty in drinking that toast. Any reasonable man in the country, whether he be Radical, Tory, Socialist, or Conservative—unless he was a maniac—drunk with pleasure to that toast. Under those circumstances, being informed there were no maniacs present, he trusted the brethren would drink that toast with pleasure.

In giving "The M.W. Pro G.M., the R.W. Dep G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," Bro. Sir AUGUSTUS HARRIS said that lodge was the Eccentric Lodge, and its brethren hoped to show others how to do it. They did not propose to bring brethren there to listen to speeches unless they were worth listening to. He did not profess, and as he hoped nobody else would, to be an orator on that occasion, speeches would be commended by their brevity, and necessarily by their wit. As a consequence all they did not say was best said. Therefore, in proposing this toast, he felt sure all the brethren present knew the Grand Officers so well that nothing he could say would make them love them better. The Grand Officers were a set of men who were always ready to do everything in the cause of the Craft that they loved so well, and he thought they had got the pick of them there that night. Why he said that was that if there were any others who were as good they had forfeited that character somewhat by not coming. Therefore, he maintained, that the Past Officers and the Present Officers who were not present but away, were not as good as those who were present. Under those circumstances, as they had the pick there that night, he felt that he only had to ask the brethren to drink that toast as enthusiastically as they drank the last, and the Grand Officers would know how the lodge appreciated what they had done for it that day, and that was not a little.

Bro. Colonel MONEY, in response, said he would try to be as brief as the W.M., but he must ask leave to return the Grand Officers' most grateful thanks, not only for the kind way in which the toast had been drunk, but for the great hospitality shown them. There were Grand Officers present who had taken part in the proceedings, who would afterwards describe more fully what they had done, whom they had done it for, and what would be the probable results. He would, therefore, content himself with commendable wit and brevity for the kind and witty way in which the Grand Officers' health had been proposed.

Bro. HAWKINS, I.P.M., said it was the unexpected which always happened, and for the last few weeks as soon as he had the knowledge thrust upon him that he was to be the first I.P.M. of the Eccentric Lodge, he was worried about one thing—how he should propose the health of the Worshipful Master. Some were borne to greatness, others had it thrust upon them. He had had it thrust upon him, and when the W.M. that night gave out that he was the greatest man, he (Bro. Hawkins) wondered how he could eclipse him. Although he had had a bad cold, he had still a small voice. It was an honour, indeed, to propose this toast, because no one but the W.M. himself had the privilege of proposing one of such magnitude and importance. The brethren had that night witnessed the very excellent way in which the Consecrating Officers had started the lodge for those brethren who had the honour of belonging to the lodge, and termed themselves Eccentric. It was not eccentric to be a Freemason; it was perhaps eccentric to go out of the way to give a brother who was an eminent orator an opportunity to dilate on the virtues of the Grand Secretary, who had come to consecrate the lodge. Those of the brethren who

were not perhaps so much impressed with the importance of Freemasonry, must have been greatly impressed by the excellent way in which the ceremonies were rendered both by the Grand Secretary and those by whom he was assisted. It had been a memorable day, and he hoped the Consecrating Officers would, when they had time, come again among the Eccentrics, who would show them their appreciation of the good work of that afternoon. Bro. Hawkins concluded by proposing "The Consecrating Officers."

Bro. E. LETCHWORTH, G.S., in reply, said as the W.M. and brethren had been compelled to listen to his voice that evening for a considerable time he would not be so ungenerous as to attempt anything in the nature of a speech, but he wished in the fewest possible words to tender to the I.P.M., the W.M., and the brethren, the warmest thanks of the Consecrating Officers for the extremely kind reception they had given to this toast. It had afforded the Consecrating Officers the greatest amount of pleasure to attend to launch a lodge which he was confident had a great future before it. He would now ask the brethren to join with him in drinking the toast of the evening, "The Health of the W.M.," whom he had had the honour and privilege of installing in the chair of the Eccentric Lodge. In addressing those he saw around him he felt it was needless to dilate on those many qualities which had endeared the W.M. to all now present. As a member of the Drury Lane Lodge—an honorary member—he could testify to the fact that that lodge owed its exceptional success in no small measure to the munificence and the kindness of heart of Sir Augustus Harris and he could point to the fact that by the consensus of the Craft he was not long since appointed to the most esteemed position of Grand Treasurer of England. He felt confident that under Sir Augustus Harris's genial and able rule the Eccentric Lodge would attain to a position which all the brethren desired it should have.

Bro. Sir AUGUSTUS HARRIS, W.M., in acknowledging the toast, said: Grand Officers, Officers of the Lodge, and Brethren,—It is my duty to say something, but what I shall say is at present "in the deep bosom of the ocean buried" (quotation from a brother author). But on the principle that the living donkey is better than the dead lion, I suppose I am in a better position than he is; and when I think that I am here as your W.M., I can say with confidence that he never was and he is never likely to be. The I.P.M., I mean the Master who preceded me in the chair last year, told you that some have greatness thrust upon them. I don't know if this was meant as a sneer, because certainly my present position has been thrust upon me, and when a deputation of the brethren—who were not brethren—came and asked me if I would be their W.M., I told them at the time that I was very rusty in my ritual. That was a very pleasant way of putting it, because when I left the W.M.'s chair of the Drury Lane Lodge all the brethren most justly, and above all generously, stated that I had gone through my year of office with great distinction and credit. It is not the time to go back on that time, or to criticise what I did or did not, and as long as I gave satisfaction, nobody has now a right to question whether I could not have given more satisfaction had things been different; but they were not, they were thus. And when the other day these gentlemen came to me, and when I had explained to them my rustiness and still they persisted that I should be the right man in the right place, I had no alternative but to acquiesce in their very flattering proposal, and here I am to-day with all the greatness of your lodge thrust upon me. I must say that I have had at many times great kindness thrust upon me from all sorts and conditions of men; of men, of men—and children; men and children; ladies, of course; that is neither here nor there, it is somewhere else. But I have always, I trust, come out with credit to myself. I trust, brethren, there is no misunderstanding; and when I remember the great kindness of the brethren of the Craft, and the Arch, and the Mark, and all the other Degrees, Allied and otherwise, I must say that I have to acknowledge at the hands of Freemasons kindness which is unique, and which I thoroughly appreciate, and one of the things that it is my proudest boast to look back upon. I believe that I have the proud distinction of having been the only person within the memory of the record which goes back before Solomon, of any brother having gone through the three chairs of Grand Treasurer of the Craft, Grand Treasurer of the Arch, and Grand Treasurer of the Mark. I believe that is so, and, therefore, it is a record that one may feel a little bit "cocky" about. And when I say this, I can assure you that I say it with no spirit of levity, but feeling as I do all the gratitude that I owe to this splendid Brotherhood—a Brotherhood that princes and kings are proud to belong to—and that English Masonry is the finest Masonry in the world. Of that there is no question. Therefore, when I say that I thank you heartily for your forbearance for overlooking my many shortcomings, and, notwithstanding that you know of my rustiness, that you have still put me in your chair, I can only say if I do not come up to the high mark which is laid down by the Grand Chaplain to-day it will not be my fault, but yours in having put me there. I can only say one thing—that it is true I did endeavour to make Drury Lane Lodge a success, and, with the assistance of many friends whom I see here to-night, and others I regret are not here, it did make a great success, and perhaps one of the most lightning successes in the history of the Craft. And if only we can follow up that success with another, I can assure you it would be a very proud thing for me. I have often been told that—"Well, this is a wonderful thing you have done; you will never do anything better." But my proud endeavour has always been to do something better, and if we all put our shoulder to the wheel, remembering that we have, as proved by words and work to-day, the influence of brethren in the Craft high placed, there is no reason why the Eccentric Lodge, composed of good men and true—it is not composed, but it will be composed—I mean to say that we have at present a large number of brethren who have expressed their desire to join us, and I think that in three months the lodge will be full, and the others will have to wait. I am not going to make you tired or myself tiresome, but I will simply thank you from the bottom of my heart for your kindness, and although I have expressed myself in light comedy form, the tragedian exists.

Bro. T. FENN proposed "The Visitors."

Bro. Sir J. R. SOMERS VINE, P.G.D., replying, said the visitors had been pleased to co-operate in the consecration of the lodge. The Savage Club Lodge had had much pleasure in recommending the Eccentric Lodge. He was sure they would find they had not done wrong in so doing.

Bro. EBBETTS, who also replied, said the visitors had never seen the consecration ceremony done so magnificently as it had been done that evening. He was very proud indeed that his name should have been on the petition for the lodge, for he was sure it would be a very great success, and an ornament to the Craft. He hoped to enjoy the hospitality of the lodge on a future occasion.

Bro. F. OSMOND CARR, S.W., in reply to the toast of "The Officers of the Lodge," said that having been chosen as the first S.W. of the lodge,

he felt it was his duty in a certain sense just to try and explain what they were going to attempt to do in this Eccentric Lodge. The brethren must have noticed that among the Masonic Brotherhood of the lodge there was another brotherhood. They were known to one another from the very beginning, and when they started this lodge they did it with the best ability they had. They were going to try to make the Eccentric Lodge, for their own sakes, one of hard work. They had in their first Master one to whom they were enormously indebted for being their head. That being so, the head directing them, they were willing to work and to make the Eccentric a successful lodge. With regard to their own individual work, they had that day had shown to them an example of great importance; they had seen the work done in a way which could never be obliterated from their memory. All the officers did their work in a way which was perfectly irreproachable. The officers of the Eccentric Lodge were going in their simple way to equal it. They were going to have good people to join them, and in a short time he hoped they would be able to have as many initiates as they had in his Isaac Newton Lodge at Cambridge. There they had never less than five; sometimes they had eight, sometimes nine. They did the initiation, the passing, and the raising the same day; they worked as hard as they possibly could, and they were going to do the same here.

Bro. W. E. CHAPMAN, Sec., said the officers of the lodge should not enjoy a monopoly of laziness; they were going to follow the shining and brilliant example set them that day by the Grand Officers. They had a large field in the Eccentric Club to work in. Before entering the Club a man's antecedents and qualifications were thoroughly enquired into, and only the best members of the Club would be able to come into the lodge. It had started under the most brilliant auspices, having had the encouragement of the attendance of the most shining lights among the Grand Officers.

The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings of a most successful day.

SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER.

The following is the business to be transacted on Wednesday next, the 1st prox.:

The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for conformation.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

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

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 19th July, to the 17th October, 1893, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:

To Balance, Grand Chapter	£461	4	5	By Disbursements during the			
" " Unappropriated				Quarter	£290 10 10
" Account	...	187	10	" Balance	424 18 2
" Subsequent Receipts..	253	17	7	" " Unappropriated	
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which balances are in the Bank of England, Law Courts Branch.

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

1. From Comps. Col. Gerard Noel Money, Grand Superintendent for Surrey, as Z.; Charles Thomas Tyler, as H.; Henry Currie Leigh-Bennett, as J.; and seven others, for a chapter to be attached to the Abbey Lodge, No. 2120, Chertsey, to be called The Chertsey Abbey Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Chertsey, in the County of Surrey.

The foregoing petition being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayer thereof be granted.

2nd. From Comps. Philip Moore Callow Kermode, as Z.; William Morris, as H.; John Craine, as J.; and 20 others, for a chapter to be attached to the St. Maughold Lodge, No. 1075, Ramsey, Isle of Man, to be called the St. Maughold Chapter, and to meet at the Masonic Rooms, Ramsey, Isle of Man.

Of the companions who signed the petition for the above proposed chapter, 10 are not registered, in consequence of the returns not having been made by Chapters No. 1004 and No. 1242, Douglas, of which those companions claim to be members.

The Committee therefore recommend that the consideration of this petition be deferred until the returns have been made.

The Committee have also received a memorial from the Principals and members of the Port Natal Chapter, No. 738, Durban, Natal, South Africa, praying for a charter of confirmation, the original having been destroyed by the fire which burnt down the Masonic Hall.

The Committee recommend that a charter of confirmation be granted.

The Committee have likewise received a memorial from the Marlborough Chapter, No. 1399, Woodstock, Oxfordshire, with the consent of the Grand Superintendent, praying for permission to hold the meetings of the chapter alternately at Woodstock and Witney, owing to removals and other causes rendering it difficult to keep the work up to a satisfactory standard at Woodstock alone.

The Committee, after due consideration, recommend that the request contained in this memorial be not entertained, as being calculated to establish a very inconvenient precedent.

The Committee have further received a memorial, with extract of minutes, for permission to remove the following chapter:

The Gilbert Greenall, No. 1250, from the Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington, Lancashire (West Division), to the Assembly Rooms, Lion Hotel, Bridge-street, in the same town.

The Committee recommend that the removal of this chapter be sanctioned.

The Provincial Grand Scribe E. of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, has returned the charter of the new Forest Chapter, No. 319, Lynton, Hampshire, which has made no returns since the 15th September, 1871. The Committee beg to recommend that the chapter be removed from the list of chapters.

In pursuance of the report of the Board of General Purposes, the banking account of the Grand Lodge has been transferred from the Western Branch, to the Law Courts Branch, of the Bank of England.

The Committee report that the banking account of the Grand Chapter has been transferred to the same branch.

The Committee beg to recommend, and the President will move: That brethren may be exalted into the Degree of Royal Arch after the expiration of four weeks from the time they have received the Master Mason's Degree, instead of 12 calendar months, as provided by Rule 73 of the Royal Arch Regulations; that rule 73 be altered accordingly, and Rule 74 expunged.

(Signed) ROBERT GREY, President.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1893

Masonic Notes.

The Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday next, the 1st prox. The agenda will be found in another part of our columns, but the business to be transacted will not be of a very exciting character.

We regret to hear that Bro. the Earl of Haddington, M.W.G.M. of Scotland, contracted a chill on the occasion of his recent Masonic visitation to West Aberdeenshire. It will be remembered that some time ago his lordship had a serious and protracted illness, but it is at least a consolation to know that his present attack gives no cause for anxiety. We trust he will be speedily restored to his usual health.

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The latest addition to the roll of Grand Lodges in the United States is the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, which was constituted on the 10th November, 1892, when Bro. A. J. Sprengel was installed M.W.G.M. by Bro. Leo. E. Bennett, Grand Master of Indian Territory. The constitutions and by-laws of the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory, with the necessary alterations for the new jurisdiction, were adopted, while the charters of the 10 lodges, by which the new organisation was started, and which they had secured from Indian Territory, were re-numbered and re-issued as the charters of Oklahoma. This Grand Lodge has now very nearly completed the first year of its existence, and we trust that a short time hence we shall feel ourselves justified in congratulating it on the success of its proceedings during this critical period.

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A notable figure in American Freemasonry in the person of Bro. Gen. W. P. Innes, died early in the month of August last at Grand Rapids, Mich. Our deceased brother had been for 18 years Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of Michigan, and for 21 years Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of that State. His connection with the Fraternity dated from the year 1851, when he was initiated in a lodge in the jurisdiction of New York. His loss is severely felt, and among those who attended the funeral as a mark of respect to his memory were Sir Knight Hugh McCurdy, G.M. of the Grand Encampment of the United States; Bro. George E. Dowling, Grand Master, and Bro. J. S. Conover, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, of which, by the way, Bro. Innes was the Immediate Past G. Master.

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Another signal loss has been sustained by the Fraternity in the United States through the death of Bro. Dr. James C. Batchelor, Grand Commander of the Supreme Council, 33°, of the A. and A. Rite for the Southern Jurisdiction of the U.S.A. Bro. Batchelor was elected to this office in succession to the late Bro. General Albert Pike, but he had also served as Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of Louisiana from 1867 to 1890. His death occurred towards the close of July last, and he was buried in New Orleans, where he had long resided, with considerable Masonic ceremony on the 2nd August. His connection with Masonry dated from the year 1846, when he was initiated in a lodge in the State of Alabama. Bro. Dr. Batchelor was a native of Canada, and was born in 1818.

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The successive Grand Masters of New York appear to have been exceedingly fortunate of late years in this particular respect, that each of them has had some important function to perform during his term of office. The latest instance occurred at Utica, in the course of last summer, when Bro. Fred. A. Burnham, M.W.G.M., laid the first stone of the State Armoury with Masonic ceremonial. Bro. Burnham was attended by most of his Grand Officers, and the local lodges took a very effective part in the proceedings.

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It is not, perhaps, generally known that the late Maharajah Dhuleep Singh was a Freemason. He was initiated on the 13th March, 1861, in Lodge Star in the East, in Calcutta. An interesting account of the ceremony may be found at page 377 of the "Freemasons' Magazine and Masonic Mirror" of the 11th May, 1861.

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The Lord Mayor elect, Bro. Alderman Tyler, like so many of his predecessors in office, is a member of the Craft. The Tuscan Lodge, No. 14, had the honour of placing the cope stone on the Masonic edifice by raising him to the Sublime Degree at an emergency meeting of the lodge on Wednesday evening in the presence of a numerous company. A report of the proceedings appears in another column.

To-morrow (Saturday) the old Abbey of Dunblane, which has been completely restored, will be reopened by the Moderator of the Church of Scotland; and the Marquis of Lothian, who, as chairman of the Restoration Committee, has taken a great interest in the work, will be presented with a gold key.

Correspondence.

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

COLONIAL GRAND LODGES.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Your issue of the 2nd September contains a letter from Bro. T. B. Whytehead suggesting that Clause 219 of our Constitutions should be so altered as to legalise the consideration of the formation of a Grand Lodge in open lodge, and that three-fourths of the number of members present at such meeting have power to decide.

So far from such alteration removing trouble, it is more likely to intensify it.

Judging by the feeling exhibited in this colony in connection with the discussion recently held re a Grand Lodge for South Africa, I am certain that, if the alteration suggested by Bro. Whytehead be made, there will be constant efforts on the part of the secessionists to worry the loyal brethren into their views.

We who are loyal to our Mother Grand Lodge hailed with delight the vote of Grand Lodge as recorded in the Quarterly Communication, and I do hope that Grand Lodge will hesitate to alter a clause in our Book of Constitutions which protects and shields those who have no other wish than to remain true to the Grand Lodge of England.—Believe me, yours fraternally,

J. H. DISTEN.

Cradock, Cape Colony,
October 2nd.

SITTING TOASTS.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The letter of "D.C." on "Sitting Toasts" is only another instance of the necessity, where it can be done, of conferring the office of D.C. on a P.M., and the advisability of then giving the collar to a P.M. of experience. Had "D.C.," who writes, been an old Parliamentary hand, the unfortunate affair he relates would not have occurred.

Where it can be done, the offices of Treasurer, Secretary, and Director of Ceremonies should always be held by Past Masters who possess the virtues of experience, courtesy, and tact.—Yours fraternally,
P.M.

October 23rd.



Craft Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Egyptian Lodge (No. 27).—The first meeting of the session of this old established and successful lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 5th inst., when there were present Bros. A. E. Todd, W.M.; Brendel, S.W.; H. J. Macfarlane, J.W.; C. J. Cuthbertson, P.M., Treas.; M. H. Hale, P.M., Sec.; Tom Hughes, J.D.; F. Bull, I.G.; R. F. Potter, P.M.; Tyler, C. B. Todd, P.M.; W. H. Libbis, P.M.; G. B. Chapman, P.M.; D. H. Jacobs, P.M.; F. Harrison, P.M.; T. J. Maidwell, P.M.; J. H. Coulson, P.M.; J. Bangs, F. May, H. C. Todd, J. J. Ham, Robinson, T. C. Farrants, A. J. Farrants, J. Symmons, A. Porter, J. L. Dunford, R. Symmons, and Wm. Notting. Visitors: Bros. B. P. Todd, 193; J. L. Miller, S. G. Murray, 619; J. F. Saunders, 1507; G. E. Todd, 860; R. Emery, 1929; C. H. Dancocks, 1671; and R. T. West, 1744.

The lodge having been opened and the minutes confirmed, the W.M. raised, in an excellent manner, Bros. J. Symmons, A. J. Farrants, and T. C. Farrants to the Third Degree. A report was received from the Benevolent Fund Committee asking for confirmation of a grant of £50 to a Past Master of the lodge, which was unanimously adopted. In eloquent and pathetic terms Bro. D. H. Jacobs, P.M., referred to the death of Bro. H. G. Bass, P.M., P.A.G. Sec., Past Treas., and Past Sec. of the lodge.

After other business the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, which was admirably served under the superintendence of Bro. A. Clemow.

The Worshipful Master having given the usual loyal and Masonic toasts in eloquent terms,

Bro. M. H. Hale, P.M., in the unavoidable absence of the I.P.M., Bro. Robert Douglas Smith, proposed "The Health of the W.M." He said that the W.M. was the youngest member of a big family of "Tods," well represented at that table that night. His working of the ritual was more than excellent. He went into the chair with flying colours, and he would carry out his duties efficiently.

The toast was drunk with enthusiasm and the W.M. had a hearty greeting. In suitable terms he thanked the brethren for their great reception. It was five years that very night that he was initiated in that, his mother lodge. He was proud that he was the W.M. and would do his utmost to discharge his duties to the satisfaction of the brethren.

In giving the toast of "The Visitors," the W.M. said that that was the toast of the evening. There would not be the same enjoyment at a lodge without visitors, and to their guests that night he could only say that on behalf of the lodge that he was more than glad to see them and hoped they would come again and again. He coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Dancocks, Emery, and Murray, whom he asked to respond.

Bro. C. H. Dancocks, in reply, congratulated the W.M.

on his working that night. The lodge was well-known in Masonry for its working of the ritual and lavish hospitality. Bro. Emery also responded, remarking that he was one of the youngest Masons present. That was his first visit, but he hoped shortly to know more of the members.

Bro. Murray also replied, bearing testimony to the working of the W.M.

Bro. G. E. Todd also responded. He said that looking to the short time that the W.M. had been in the Craft, it redounded to his credit that he was now the ruler of the lodge, and he was delighted to see him in that position, which he so ably occupied.

The Worshipful Master gave "The Past Masters," observing that the lodge had a goodly array of them, and who would be a credit to any lodge. He coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Jacobs and Coulson.

Bro. Jacobs stated that he had the very great honour of responding to that toast in the lodge for the last 30 years, and he hoped to be able to do it for another 30 years. The Past Masters appreciated the great abilities of the W.M., who would keep up the prestige of the lodge.

Bros. Coulson and Harrison also responded in suitable terms.

In eloquent terms the W.M. gave the next toast, "The Treasurer and Secretary," and said they were both good and efficient officers, to whom their best thanks were due.

Bro. Hale, Sec., replied with commendable brevity.

"The Officers" having been duly honoured, and suitable replies made by Bros. Brendel, S.W.; Macfarlane, J.W.; and Jacobs,

The Tyler's toast closed a most happy evening.

Bro. Bangs, Maidwell, Notting, Tom Hughes, and Macfarlane vocally entertained the brethren.

Merchant Navy Lodge (No. 781).—On Wednesday, the 11th inst., the opening meeting of this strong lodge took place at the Silver Tavern, Birdett-road, under the presidency of Bro. W. E. Turriff, W.M., supported by Bros. T. R. H. Gooch, P.M.; F. Robinson, P.M.; J. H. Pringle, P.M.; A. H. Shepherd, P.M.; Somerset W. Tinsom, P.M.; R. C. Pasfield, P.M.; J. W. Reeves, P.M.; George Palmer, P.M.; E. J. Anderson, S.W.; G. H. Seage, J.W.; T. B. Daniell, P.M., Treas.; C. Breden, P.M., Sec.; T. D. Burgess, S.D.; S. W. Bull, D.C.; A. Bebbroth, I.G.; J. Grout, Org.; A. W. Ellingford, P.M., Tyler; C. S. Nelson, C. Winer, W. H. Mitchell, jun., T. Huett, F. K. Sanders, P. Saville, W. H. Thrift, A. Jacobs, G. E. Redge, J. Miller, H. J. Jacobs, R. E. Ferguson, Chas. Badcock, T. E. Richards, J. Spurgeon, sen., C. Higgs, J. Hussey, W. H. Vickers, J. A. Mills, J. R. Reedman, H. Lane, J. P. Bullen, K. T. Knight, G. E. Morrow, T. W. Rendell, W. Arment, H. W. Rance, R. T. Reader, E. Martin, J. W. Shaw, J. McLean Carvell, H. Ives, L. McCredie, and A. W. Hockley. Among the visitors were Bros. G. J. Burrows, 1805; Wm. Sanders, P.M. 464; J. Mills, 1765; E. W. Gaudin, 2149; M. Bleich, 2374; R. Anderson, 2004, South Africa; C. McKenzie, 1352; and A. Miller, 212.

Lodge being duly opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. F. K. Sanders was raised to the Sublime Degree of M.M., and Bro. Ives passed to the Degree of F.C., after which Messrs. Carr and Salter were initiated.

All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, provided by the worthy host, Bro. T. W. Cooper.

The loyal toasts were proposed and responded to in a truly Masonic fashion, and the other toasts were honoured in due degree.

In the intervals various musical brethren contributed to the harmony, among whom were Bros. G. Palmer, P.M.; A. H. Shepherd, P.M.; Anderson, Burgess, and others. Bro. Grout, the indefatigable Organist, played the accompaniments and some little episodes to fill up the time till the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

The Great City Lodge (No. 1426).—The 20th installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Cannon-street Hotel, E.C., on the 14th inst., when Bro. George William Robson was duly installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. J. Hope Guyton, a member of the lodge, P.M., and a Provincial Grand Officer for Norfolk. Amongst those present, in addition to the above-named, were Bros. D. T. Keene, W.M.; J. K. Gwyn, J.W.; James Stevens, P.M. and Sec.; R. Brookman, S.D.; Frank E. Bailey, P.M. 167, J.D.; W. Fraser, I.G.; R. Lawson, Stwd.; R. Potter, Tyler; James Freeman, P.M.; W. F. G. Cook, P.M.; G. W. Blackie, P.M.; R. Greening, P.M.; W. F. Kibble, P.M.; R. Fendick, P.M.; J. K. Hooper, G. S. Goodman, H. Dottridge, H. F. Frost, and others. Visitors: Bros. Alfred Smith, P.M. 93; Edwin Noyes, 228 (I.C.); H. B. May, P.M. 1237; Lambert Perry, 1816; F. C. Lintott, 1395; F. W. Potter, P.M. 1426; P. E. Kay, 1708; G. M. Spong, 2030; and Charles Plowman, P.M. 1708.

Preparatory business having been disposed of, the installation ceremony was most ably performed by Bro. J. H. Guyton, assisted by Bro. James Stevens, who officiated as Director of Ceremonies. The usual salutes having been given, the newly-installed Master appointed and invested his officers as follows, viz.: Bros. J. K. Gwyn, S.W.; R. Brookman, J.W.; James Stevens, P.M., Sec.; F. E. Bailey, P.M., S.D.; W. Fraser, J.D.; R. Lawson, I.G.; H. F. Frost, P.M., D.C.; H. Dottridge, Stwd.; and R. Potter, Tyler. The addresses to the Master, Wardens, and brethren were admirably delivered by Bro. Guyton, who received the thanks of the lodge for the manner in which he had invested the new Master into his chair of office. Several apologies for non-attendance were read, and a handsome Past Master's jewel having been presented to Bro. D. T. Keene, in acknowledgment of his valuable services and strict attention to the interests of the lodge during his term of Mastership, a few other items of general business received attention, and the brethren adjourned to banquet.

The utmost harmony and goodfellowship pervaded the social gathering throughout, and all alike admitted that both in regard to lodge work and subsequent association in the hours of refreshment, nothing had been wanting to place the meeting on a level with many gatherings of a like nature during the past 20 years.

Trinity College Lodge (No. 1765).—The regular meeting of this lodge took place at 13, Mandeville-place on the 5th inst., under the presidency of Bro. C. J. Ozanne, W.M., who was supported by Bros. J. B. Sargeant, P.M.; J. A. Hammond, P.M.; S. J. Wilford, S.W.; E. Burritt-Lane, P.M., Treas.; J. Mills, Sec.; H. V. Geury, S.D.; J. Bennett, J.D.; J. S. Eidmans, acting as I.G.; R. Sladdin, Org.; Geo. Harrison, Tyler; B. S. Reed, J. R. Hammon, G. A. Greig, G. Callingham, M. M. Taylor, W. S. Holder, Sinclair Dunn, H. Harrison, and J. B. Avery. Visitors: Bros. C. R. Allen, 1716; J. D. Dixon Campbell, 1413; J. W. Avery, P.M. 619, 1178, and 1314; and P. Z. Mount Lebanon and Beadon Chapters; and A. Arrowsmith, 773.

The lodge being duly opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Messrs. J. B. Avery and Harry Harrison were initiated, after which Bros. Greig and Hammon were passed to the Degree of F.C. Bro. S. J. Wilford was then unanimously voted to the chair of K.S. for the ensuing year; Bro. Burritt-Lane was re-elected Treasurer; Bro. G. Harrison re-elected Tyler; and Bros. Hammon, Greig, and Callingham appointed Auditors. A Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. C. J. Ozanne, W.M.

After some further business the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

The loyal toasts and that of "The Grand Officers" having been duly honoured, the remaining toasts were briefly proposed and replied to, music, not eloquence, being the chief feature in this lodge.

The genial Organist, Bro. Sladdin, led with an improvisation on the organ, and Bros. Sargeant, Bennett, J. A. Hammond (with the Initiate's Song), Avery, and others, further contributed to the harmony.

Cornish Lodge (No. 2369).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at Mark Masons' Hall, on Saturday, the 14th inst. Present: Bros. W. Molesworth St. Aubyn, W.M.; J. Roberts, I.P.M.; C. V. Burgess, S.W.; C. Rawle, J.W.; Professor H. C. Shuttleworth, Chaplain; W. Lake, Treasurer; R. Greenwood, Secretary; J. Leach Barrett, S.D.; Rev. E. Geard, D.C.; R. Bullen, I.G.; H. R. Redman, Steward; N. J. West, P.M.; H. Vyvian Tyrrel, S. Rowe, T. R. Grylls, P.M. 75; E. Richards, Geo. Hamlyn, R. Turtle Pigott, P.A.G.D.C.; George Lory, T. J. Rosewarne, Thos. Hawken, Arthur Johnson, E. B. Rogers, F. W. Pool, H. Bullen, G. Michael Williams, Sydney James, Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, P.G.C.; and Gerald T. Moody. Visitors: Bros. A. Nutt, S.D. 2410; W. J. Ball, S.D. 1877; Carl T. Fleck, P.M. 172; T. Simpson, 2157; Bernard F. Edyevean, P.P.S.G.W. Cornwall; R. W. Steggle, J.W. 2398; E. Shallless, J.D. 140; W. McKeand, 859; and others.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, Bro. John Rosewarne was raised to the Third Degree, the ceremony being impressively performed by the W.M. A ballot was then taken for Bro. F. Gardiner, M.A., late vicar of St. Paul's, Truro, as a joining member, and he was duly elected. The report of the Audit Committee having been received and adopted, the installation of the W.M. was next proceeded with, and the S.W., Bro. Burgess, was duly installed in the chair of King Solomon, the ceremony having been ably performed by Bro. West, P.M. The W.M. invested his officers as follows: Bros. W. Molesworth St. Aubyn, I.P.M.; C. Rawle, S.W.; J. L. Barrett, J.W.; the Rev. Vyvian Tyrrel, Chap.; W. Lake, Treas.; R. Greenwood, Sec.; John Currow, S.D.; Robt. Bullen, J.D.; the Rev. Edmund Geard, I.G.; Jas. O. Widger, D.C.; Edward Symons, Org.; H. R. Redman and Thomas Hawken, Stewards; and E. J. Mills, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel, together with a Past Master's collar and jewel, was then presented to the retiring W.M., Bro. W. Molesworth St. Aubyn, the W.M. accompanying the presentation with expressions of good will on the part of the lodge, both individually and collectively, and their grateful thanks for the zeal and ability he had shown in the chair during his year of office. The Secretary then read the correspondence, which included letters of apology from many members who found themselves unable to be present, amongst them one from Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D. Eng., and another, which gave the greatest pleasure to the members, from Bro. J. Henwood Thomas, P.S.W., who was able to report that his long term of retirement—nearly three years—from lodge and other duties was, he hoped, nearly at an end, and that he trusted at the end of the year to be again amongst them.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, which was presided over by the W.M.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and responded to, the speeches, which were commendably brief, being diversified with songs and recitations, and this meeting of Cornishmen in London added another to many similar pleasant reunions.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

BRADFORD.

Lodge Acacia (No. 321).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 5th inst., when there was a large gathering to do honour to the incoming Master. The lodge was opened by Bro. J. Niven, W.M., who was supported by Bros. E. Pearson Peterson, I.P.M.; John Thornton, S.W.; S. A. Auty, P.M., as J.W.; J. T. Last, Treas., W.M. elect; James B. Fearnley, Sec.; C. H. Ellis, S.D.; Saml. Robinson, J.D.; John Morton, I.G.; H. Holmes, Tyler; Albert Swaine, Org.; T. Wainman Holmes, P.M., P.P.G.O.; George Althorp, P.M., P.P.G.P.; Saml. A. Bailey, P.M.; John Haign, P.M.; Joseph Wilson, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; A. E. Harris, R. S. Hird, J. A. Drake, J. S. Marsland, J. J. Whitaker, A. Holmes, J. W. Bland, R. Harland, and I. P. Sykes. Visitors: Bros. W. J. Waugh, P.M. 1545, Prov. G. Reg.; J. G. Hutchinson, P.M. 1034, P.P.G. Reg.; C. M. Wilson, P.M. 974, P.P.G. Reg.; H. G. E. Green, P.M. 1019, Prov. G. Sec.; Joseph Matthewman, P.M. 1019, Prov. A.G. Sec.; John Constable, W.M. 2259, Prov. G. Std. Br.; John Foster, P.M. 974, Prov. S.G.D.; J. W. Balme, P.M. 61, P.P.G.D.; W. N. Cheeseman, P.M. 566, P.P.G.D.C. North and East Yorks.; A. T. Akeroyd, P.M. 1432, P.P.G.D.C. Salop; T. P. Perks, L.L.B., 61; F. W. Reuss, P.M. 208; F. W. Reuss, jun., 208; Hy. Telford, W.M. 387; John Tillotson, P.M. 387; R. Knight, I.P.M. 387; J. Tilley, 600; T. Gal-

pine, 600; Henry Waddington, Sec. 603; C. W. O. Smith, W.M. 974; A. P. Rendell, S.D. 974; W. Dickinson, J.D. 974; W. Shaw Smith, 1018; Carlo Fara, W.M. 1018; John Haley, W.M. 1034; Wm. Flockton, P.M. 1042; J. A. Godwin, P.M. 1311; F. W. H. Durant, W.M. 1648; T. E. Greenough, J.W. 1545; R. Abbott, W.M. 2069; and B. S. Bailey, J.W. 2069.

After the lodge had been opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Treasurer presented his balance-sheet for the past year, which was adopted. Bro. E. Pearson Peterson, I.P.M., then presented Bro. J. T. Last, the W.M. elect, to Bro. J. Niven, the Installing Master, to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. A Board of 24 Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Last was duly installed in the chair of K.S. Bro. T. Wainman Holmes, P.M., P.P.G.O.; E. P. Peterson, P.M.; and S. A. Bailey, P.M., assisted in the ceremony. The W.M. invested his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. John Niven, I.P.M.; C. H. Ellis, S.W.; Samuel Robinson, J.W.; Joseph Wilson, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br., Chap.; S. A. Bailey, P.M., Treas.; E. Pearson Peterson, P.M., Sec.; John Morton, S.D.; James B. Fearnley, J.D.; A. E. Harris, I.G.; Alfred Stephenson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; John A. Drake, S. of W.; J. Harland, R. Harland, T. P. Sykes, and J. J. Whitaker, Stewards; and R. S. Hird, Tyler. Bro. S. A. Auty, P.M., was elected as the representative of the lodge on the Provincial Charity Committee. Propositions for a joining member and a candidate for initiation were received, and a collection made on behalf of the Bradford Saturday Lifeboat Fund, after which the lodge was closed.

After refreshment the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

In responding for "The Prov. Grand Officers," Bro. W. J. Waugh, Prov. G. Reg., referred to the splendid meeting held in Leeds the previous week at the installation of the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, M.P., as Prov. Grand Master, and to the good work which the more permanent officials did in the province.

Bro. H. G. E. Green, Prov. G. Sec., also responded to the toast, and apologised for the unavoidable absence that evening of Bro. Henry Smith, D.P.G.M. He also, in an interesting manner, referred to his Masonic experiences during his recent visit to Canada and the United States, and particularly at an imposing Craft ceremony at the Masonic Temple at Chicago.

Bro. Althorp, P.P.G.P., in proposing the toast of "The Visitors," gave the representatives of the 17 lodges present a hearty welcome.

The toast was very cordially received.

Bro. Henry Telford, W.M. 387, responded, and congratulated the W.M.—whom he remembered was an initiate of No. 387—on attaining the chair of the lodge, and hoped he would have a successful year.

Bros. C. W. O. Smith, W.M. 974; C. Fara, W.M. 1018; John Haley, W.M. 1034; and J. A. Godwin, P.M. 1311, also responded.

"The Retiring Master," "The W.M.," "The Past Masters," and "The Officers of the Lodge" were also among the toasts that were duly honoured.

The Tyler's toast brought a pleasant evening to an end.

The harmony of the evening was considerably enhanced by solos, songs, and recitations by Bros. Swaine, Akeroyd, Rendell, Smith, Reuss, and Tilley.

BRIGHTON.

Yarborough Lodge (No. 611).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Royal Pavilion on Saturday afternoon, the 21st inst. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. James Turton, who was supported by Bros. E. Irwin Scott, S.W.; Joseph Ewart, J.P. (Mayor of Brighton), J.W.; A. C. Jacobs, Chap.; George de Paris, P.M., Sec.; P. L. Hart, S.D.; W. J. Stephens, J.D.; A. Poole, Org.; R. F. Jowers, I.G.; W. W. Scott, Stwd.; H. H. Hughes, Tyler; A. Coe, Asst. Tyler; B. Lomax, P.M.; Frank Holford, P.M.; I. J. Lainson, P.M.; Seymour Burrows, P.M.; E. A. T. Breed, A. Newsholme, J. H. Cohen, W. Lindo, and H. Baines, as well as a large number of visitors.

Bro. E. Irwin Scott was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony having been most impressively rendered by the retiring W.M., Bro. James Turton. The W.M. then appointed his officers as follows: Bros. J. Turton, I.P.M.; Joseph Ewart, S.W.; W. P. Hart, J.W.; A. C. Jacobs, Chap.; Henry Abbey, Treas.; G. de Paris, P.M., Sec.; Wm. J. Stephens, S.D.; R. F. Jowers, J.D.; W. Whitlaw Scott, I.G.; A. Poole, Org.; and E. A. T. Breed, Stwd. Bro. H. Abbey was elected to represent the lodge on the Masonic Rooms Committee, and Bro. G. T. Shaft, P.M., to represent the lodge on the Charities' Committee.

The lodge having been duly closed, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where they sat down to an elegant banquet. The W.M. presided, and submitted the customary loyal and Grand Lodge toasts, which were duly honoured. He then gave "The R.W. the Prov. Grand Master of Sussex, his Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught; the W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. the Right Hon. Sir W. T. Marriott, O.C., M.P., P.G. Stwd.; and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past." The Duke of Connaught he said, has visited the province on several occasions, and the brethren would like to see him oftener. Sir W. T. Marriott, whom they saw oftener, was abroad, and therefore unable to be with them.

Bros. A. King, P.P.G.O.; C. W. Hudson, P.P.G. J.W.; and L. D. Dowdall, P.P.G. Chap., briefly acknowledged the toast. Each congratulated the lodge upon securing such an excellent W.M. as Bro. Scott, while Bro. Dowdall also spoke in eulogistic terms of the splendid manner in which Bro. Turton had conducted the installation ceremony.

Bro. James Turton, I.P.M., then said it was his pleasure and privilege to propose the toast of the evening, "The Worshipful Master." Bro. Scott, he said, was not only an old member of the lodge, but also an old Mason, having been initiated into the Craft a quarter of a century ago at Dublin. He possessed those genial qualities characteristic of his countrymen, and had worked zealously in the lodge. Personally he thanked him for the admirable support he had given him, and the lodge, he was sure, had made a happy choice in electing him as their W.M. Bro. Scott shared the esteem and affection of the brethren of the lodge, and would receive their warm support. He cordially wished him every happiness during the ensuing year.

The Worshipful Master, on rising to respond, was received with enthusiasm. He said the kind manner in which the toast had been proposed and received had rendered him

unable to make an adequate response, and he hoped the brethren would take the will for the deed. It was one of the happiest moments of his life, and he fully appreciated the great honour which had been conferred upon him. It was no easy task, he said, to follow the worthy and brilliant Past Masters who had preceded him, but he would do his best to maintain the traditions of the lodge and the dignity of his high office.

Bro. G. De Paris next proposed "The Visitors," to which Bros. W. Goss, D. M. Ross, J. J. Clark, A. F. Lamette, and W. R. Maquire responded.

The Worshipful Master submitted "The Past Masters" and "The Officers of the Lodge."

Bros. J. Turton and G. T. Shaft responding for the former, and Bros. Jos. Ewart and W. P. Hart for the latter.

The Tyler's toast brought the enjoyable evening to a close. During the evening songs were given in pleasing style by Miss Ethel Welling, Miss Maud Bond, Bro. George Perran (who met with a very cordial reception), Bros. Jas. Turton, and G. E. Barwell, the last-named carrying out the duties of accompanist with great efficiency.

CHINGFORD.

William Shurmur Lodge (No. 2374).—The installation meeting was held on the 19th instant, at the Royal Forest Hotel, when over 200 brethren attended. Bro. H. French Bromhead, P.G.S. of W., the W.M., presided. The lodge having been opened, and the preliminary work disposed of, Bros. S. Lewis, E. R. Creagh, W. W. Ives, and G. J. Stubbings were passed to the Degree of M.M., and Bro. J. Jenkinson to that of F.C., after which Mr. Frederick Inch was initiated, the ceremonies being performed by the W.M. and Bro. Shurmur. Bro. Bromhead afterwards installed Bro. Nathaniel Fortescue, C.C., as W.M. Bro. Bromhead was invested as I.P.M., and the following received the other collars of office: Bros. Richard Kershaw, S.W.; James Speller, P.M., P.G.D., J.W.; Ven. Archdeacon Dunbar, Chap.; Wm. Shurmur, P.M., P.P.G.T., Treas.; James Pinder, P.M., P.G.T., Sec.; S. J. Westfield, P.P.G.S.B., Asst. Sec.; C. H. Bestow, S.D.; S. C. Kaufman, P.M., J.D.; J. Holland, I.G.; W. S. Wright, D.C.; W. Fortescue, A.D.C.; J. F. Haskins, P.P.G.O., Org.; C. Horst, T. H. Lloyd, J. Clark, M. Seigenberg, J. King, S. Wildash, J. R. Carter, and M. Bleick, Stewards; and J. Ives, P.M., Tyler. Bro. MacColla was elected as the lodge's representative on the Essex Charity Committee. When the time arrived for electing a Steward for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the Worshipful Master, while accepting the office of a Charity Steward, chose the Masonic Girls' School as the Institution for his Stewardship, and headed his list of subscriptions with a personal donation of 100 guineas. A donation of 100 guineas was also voted by the lodge. The Treasurer was then authorised to sign a cheque for another 100 guineas, the amount voted by the lodge for Bro. Bromhead's list for the Boys' School Festival of June 28th last. The brethren afterwards sat down to banquet.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts followed.

After the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," "The Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Prince of Wales," and "The Most Worshipful Pro G.M., Dep. G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," had been disposed of, on the proposition of the Master,

Bro. Buck, P.P.S.G.W., was the first to reply to the toast of "The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master, Lord Brooke; Dep. Prov. G.M., Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg.; and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past," and he stated that it might not be out of place to mention that Essex would try and contest for the Grand Treasurership of the Grand Lodge of England in the person of Bro. Shurmur. It was some little time since that he (Bro. Buck) signed his name to his circular; he thought it was last year, but Bro. Shurmur then gave away very graciously for another candidate. He now trusted that Essex would do its best this next year to show it had a member whom they considered worthy of the high office of Grand Treasurer of England.

Bro. William Shurmur, Prov. Grand Treas., also replied, saying he regretted exceedingly that their beloved Prov. Grand Master, Lord Brooke, and his equally beloved Deputy, Bro. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg., were not present. He was sure those distinguished brethren would have been delighted with the manner in which the toast had been proposed and received. He had in his possession two autograph letters from those brethren. The purport of Lord Brooke's was that by reason of the illness of his father, it was necessary that he should go to Warwick Castle. The brethren would all sympathise with their Provincial Grand Master, and hope that the Earl of Warwick would speedily recover from his illness. The best testimony there could be of the esteem in which Lord Brooke was held in the Craft was when his lordship presided as Chairman of the last Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, a sum of considerably over £21,000 was subscribed to the funds of that Institution, and £2000 of that amount came from the Province of Essex. He did not know how to express himself with regard to the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Philbrick. They knew how devoted the learned brother was to the Craft, more especially in Essex, and his services ought to be recorded in letters of gold. Certainly so long as Masonry continued—and long might it continue—so long would Bro. Philbrick's honoured name be regarded with respect, esteem, and affection. Bro. Philbrick, Recorder, was engaged at the Quarter Sessions, Co. Chester, but he desired the hearty good wishes and kindest remembrances to the brethren. He (Bro. Shurmur) must now be a little personal. He was one of the Past Provincial Grand Officers of Essex, and he should always remember with most pleasant feelings his year of office as Provincial Grand Treasurer. The duties of the office were very light for him, as they were principally performed by the excellent Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Ralling. Bro. Ralling did the work, and he (Bro. Shurmur) shared the kudos. Well, he also recollected that his connection with the Province as Grand Officer was by reason of the votes of the brethren. He knew that there were many friends around him who, at great personal inconvenience, attended at Walton-on-the-Naze in order that he might be elected as Grand Treasurer three years ago. He thanked them very sincerely for securing his election by such an overwhelming majority. There was one matter he would like to refer to—that of the Charity Committee. This time last year their much-beloved and respected Bro. Peter Allen was invested with the collar of Deacon. It was his (Bro. Shurmur's) privilege to initiate him into Freemasonry in the Warner Lodge in the absence of its W.M. Bro. Allan was a thoroughly good man and Mason.

Well, they determined to get his son into the Masonic Boy's School, and had succeeded owing to the Essex Charity Committee, with some 400 or 500 votes in excess; but, as he had explained to the brethren of the Charity Committee, those votes were put in his hands for a specific purpose, and he could not conscientiously give them to any other case, even though there was a probability that they would not be required. He could not thank the brethren too much for the zeal which they had thrown into the case, and he was sure they would all be delighted to hear that their departed brother's son was duly elected.

Bro. Fortescue, W.M., in acknowledging the toast of "The W.M.," which was proposed by Bro. Bromhead, and most cordially honoured, said he had to thank the brethren for all their kindness, not only at the banquet table, but in the lodge. He thanked the Provincial Grand Superintendent of Works for the way he had installed him. His heart was so full that he could not get the words out fast enough, but he had to thank them most heartily for the way they had received him. The installation was done to every one's satisfaction, and he had a great deal to be proud of in his brother on his left. He next proposed "The Health of the Past Masters," and concluded by presenting Bro. Bromhead with a handsome Past Master's jewel.

Bro. Bromhead, I.P.M., in reply, said it was usual to receive a Past Master's jewel. It was not, however, the jewel itself, but the way it was presented, and he received it and should value it as long as he lived as a reminder of his happy association with the lodge.

Bro. William Shurmur, P.M., Treas., also responded. He said it was well known in that lodge that there existed between the W.M. and himself a friendship of more than usual strength and cordiality, and they would readily understand the intense gratification and pleasure it afforded him when Bro. Fortescue was unanimously elected to preside over the lodge. All the brethren would join in congratulating him upon having attained to the honourable degree of an Installed Master—a position which he would carry out faithfully and well, and in a manner which would not only gain an increase of their respect, esteem, and regard, but also be calculated to promote a continuance of that phenomenal prosperity which had hitherto attended the lodge. He had acted on the brethren's authority, and written a cheque for 100 guineas, but Bro. McLeod had gone, and he could not hand it to him. He would, however, post it to him tomorrow. That made a sum of 200 guineas which the lodge had paid to the Masonic Institution for Boys, constituting it vice-patron and entitling it to 30 votes in perpetuity. Altogether, during the lodge's short career of not quite three years, it had paid 600 guineas to the Masonic Eleemosynary Institutions. It was vice-patron of the Boys' School, entitled to 30 votes at each election; and patron of the Masonic Benevolent Institution, entitled to 60 votes in perpetuity. This is very gratifying. They had not forgotten their friends; they had tried to entertain them in the best manner they could; but their great idea had been the Masonic Charities. He thought if they were to exclude the cost of entertaining 285 visitors on the consecration night, the amount they had given to the Masonic Charities about equalled that which they had paid for their banquets, which was very gratifying and satisfactory. The W.M. had referred to his (Bro. Shurmur's) candidature for the office of Grand Treasurer. There was no doubt that that was the blue ribbon of the Order. He was rather pleased that the W.M. should have referred to the subject, because it gave him (Bro. Shurmur) an opportunity of contradicting a report that he had retired in favour of his rival candidate. It was so reported, and he wished to contradict the report. It was not for him to retire or to go on. He was entirely in the hands of his Committee, and whatever they said—whether "retire" or "go on"—he should loyally carry out. He should always remember the zeal and earnestness of his Committee, and he confidently believed that by their exertions at this time next year he should be the Grand Treasurer of England. The other toasts followed.

There was an excellent programme of music, under the direction of Bros. Dr. J. F. Haskins and T. H. Lloyd, assisted by Signor Alsepi, Madame Charlton Kelly, Miss Montague Conyers, and Bro. Will Edwards.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

EASTBOURNE.

Anderida Lodge (No. 2434).—The first anniversary meeting was held at the Queen's Hotel, on Wednesday, the 18th instant. Bro. H. Sutton was installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being exceedingly well performed by Bro. W. E. Morrison, the retiring W.M. The following officers were appointed: Bros. W. E. Morrison, I.P.M.; C. H. Haine, S.W.; J. H. Ewart, J.W.; T. W. Dean, Treas.; J. H. Wright, Sec.; F. Lawson Lewis, S.D.; W. F. Frydell, J.D.; J. Creighton, D.C.; John Easter, Org.; J. H. Haine, I.G.; F. E. Young and Joseph Senior, Stewards; E. Goldring, Tyler; and A. J. Howard, Charity Steward. With regard to the W.M., it is noticeable that, although Bro. H. Sutton has been an active member and worker of the Craft for many years, this was the first occasion of his being appointed Master of a lodge. There was also the unusual circumstance that he had two sons present on the occasion.

Subsequently a banquet took place, when the newly-installed W.M., who presided, was supported by the following visitors and brethren of the lodge: Bros. Dr. Trollope, P.G.D.; Berridge, P.G.D.; R. Clowes, P.G.D.; H. Langton, P.G.W.; J. P. Slingsby Roberts, P.G.W.; A. P. Sherwood, W.M. 916; W. Fowler, W.M. 1110; W. Wright, W.M. 1303; J. J. Clark, W.M. 1947; Lamette, W.M. 2187; Thornton, W.M. 2450; Major Solihwell, W.M. 2483; W. E. Morrison, P.P.G.W.; Jos. Farncombe, P.P.G.W.; Dale Hart, P.M.; E. W. Adamson, P.A.G.D.C.; A. J. Howard, P.G.S. of W.; C. W. Jones, P.G.S. of W.; C. H. Haine, P.A.G.D.C.; T. W. Dean, P.P.G. Std. Br.; J. H. Wright, P.P.G.S.B.; R. Pidecock, P.P.G.R.; Dr. MacQueen, P.G. Steward; J. H. Ewart, P.M.; J. H. Creighton, P.M.; F. J. Cox, P.M.; J. C. Foran, F. B. Sutton, R. H. Sutton, F. Lawson Lewis, H. Elliott, J. H. Haine, W. F. Frydell, F. E. Young, J. Senior, R. Campbell, H. J. Capon, R. Francis, F. G. Dive, F. Pike, and S. G. R. Coles, the latter accompanying on the piano the various musical contributions to the pleasure of the evening.

The customary toasts were proposed, great pleasure being expressed at Bro. H. Sutton having assumed the chair of the lodge. The excellent catering of Mr. Steidle gave unqualified satisfaction.

FROME.

Royal Somerset Lodge (No. 973).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on Tuesday, the 17th ult., at the Masonic Hall, when Bro. Gough was installed W.M. The ceremony was performed by Bro. R. C. Else, Deputy P.G.M., and there was also a good number of local brethren present, others including Bro. Jabez Turner, and representatives from Portishead, Shepton Mallett, &c. The following was the list of officers: Bros. R. S. Gough, W.M.; R. E. Dickinson, S.W.; J. A. Le Gros, J.W.; Rev. H. E. Polehampton, Chap.; W. Mason, Treas.; W. H. Frankham, Sec.; Dr. Bell, S.D.; W. Iggulden, J.D.; A. J. Rozea, D.C.; E. Palmer, Org.; C. E. Richards, I.G.; J. Gradidge and S. Hoddinott, Stwds.; and H. Haley, Tyler.

Subsequently, a banquet was held at the George Hotel, when a *recherché* repast was provided.

The following toasts were given: "The Queen and the Craft;" "The M.W. Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales;" "The M.W. Pro G.M., the Earl of Lathom, the R.W. Deputy G.M., the Earl of Mount Edgcombe, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past;" "The R.W. the Prov. G.M., the Viscount Dungarvan, the V.W. the Deputy P.G.M., Bro. R. C. Else, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past;" "The W.M., Bro. Robert Sloper Gough;" "The Installing Officer, Bro. R. C. Else;" "The I.P.M. and Past Masters of the Lodge;" "The Visiting Brethren;" "The Officers of the Lodge;" "The Masonic Charities;" and the Tyler's toast.

HAMPTON COURT.

Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel, on the 19th inst. Among those present were Bros. John Stewart, W.M.; J. W. Clarke, S.W.; H. Robinson, J.W.; J. C. Jessett, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Wallis, P.M., P.P.G.W., G. Stwd., Sec.; Trotter, S.D.; Hopkins, J.D.; G. Ransford, P.M., D.C.; P. Cronin, A.D.C.; R. Eales, P.G.P., and C. Wheatley, Stwds.; W. Fisher, I.P.M., P.G. Treas.; H. Jones, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; W. Spearing, P.P.G.S.B.; E. Clark, P.M.; H. Wheatley, P.M., P.P.A.G.D.C.; A. F. Scholding, P.M.; and J. Gilbert, P.G.T., Tyler. The visitors were Bros. J. T. Briggs, P.M. 1503, P.P.G.D.; A. Tucker, P.M. 1733, P.P.A.G.D.C.; T. Neal, 1348; J. Hill, 1572; E. Glover, 1733; and F. Bridge, 1733.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Messrs. H. Whetton, jun., and G. J. Dixon, and it being favourable, they were duly initiated into Craft mysteries. Bros. G. C. Brookes and C. E. Page were then passed to the Second Degree. It having been reported that since the last meeting Bros. W. S. Plimsaul, P.M., and I. Fairer, Org., had died, a resolution of condolence to their respected widows was passed. Apologies for inability to attend were received and read from Bros. R. H. Thrupp, P.A.G.D.C., D.P.G.M.; H. H. Room, P.G. Sec.; and G. J. Tagg, I.G. The resignation of Bro. C. J. Sanders was received with regret.

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

Bro. W. Fisher, P.G. Treas., responded on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers" in an effective speech.

"The Health of the W.M." followed, and was warmly received.

In his reply, the W.M. thanked them particularly for the assistance they had rendered him as Steward to the recent Boys' School Festival. He said that he felt proud of being the Master of a lodge that always supported the great Charities of the Order.

"The Initiates" followed, and Bros. Whetton, jun., and Dixon responded fluently, and as if to the manner born.

In replying to the toast of "The Visitors," Bro. J. Tippin Briggs spoke at great length. He said that No. 1512 should be very proud that year in consequence of one of its members being unanimously elected as Prov. Grand Treasurer. It made the honour greater, because the newly-installed Prov. Grand Master, Lord George Hamilton, had personally congratulated Bro. Fisher upon the preferment. He would say that the province had chosen a good man and a worthy Mason. The work of the W.M. that day had been very creditably done. Residents in provinces had not the same facilities for gleanings instruction as London brethren have, therefore Bro. Smith's efforts were all the more commendable. It was by no means his first visit to No. 1512, and he should look forward to the next with the most lively satisfaction.

Bro. Neal also replied.

Bros. Jones and Scholding acknowledged the toast of "The Past Masters," the latter's remarks being quaint and humorous.

Bro. George Ransford, P.M., replied to the toast of "The Masonic Charities" in exhaustive details.

The Worshipful Master, in proposing the toast of "The Officers," spoke in very high terms of the Treasurer, Bro. Jessett, P.M., whose geniality, good-nature, and thorough earnestness in his work could not be too highly commended.

This toast having been enthusiastically drunk, Bros. Jessett, J. W. Clarke, and H. Robinson briefly replied.

The proceedings, which throughout had been most successful, then terminated.

HARROGATE.

Harrogate and Claro Lodge (No. 1001).—The regular monthly meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 13th inst., at the Masonic Hall. Amongst those in attendance were Bro. J. A. Macnab, W.M.; W. Davey, S.W.; A. B. Booty, J.W.; R. G. Howson, P.M., Chap.; G. Thompson, P.M., Treas.; W. P. Bell, Sec.; A. J. Spinks, S.D.; T. Luskskill, J.D.; W. H. Turner, I.G.; E. Seaborne, Org.; J. Wood and C. C. Trim, Stwds.; F. D. Guss, D.C.; W. Child, Tyler; H. Bungay, Asst. Tyler; R. H. Walters, I.P.M.; T. A. Marsh, P.M.; F. Lawrence, P.M.; A. J. Bodman, P.M.; and J. T. Walker, P.M. Visitors: Bros. J. Barker, P.M. 1102, P.P.G.S. of W.; W. P. Lawrence, 973; Wm. Weppermann, P.M. 1108; W. H. Rendell, 1794; B. W. Richardson, 2019; and W. J. Kaye, M.A., P.M. 1522.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed, after which the ordinary business of the lodge was proceeded with, Bro. Coxon being raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by Bro. Macnab, W.M., Bro. Davey, S.W., rendering the charge. At the conclusion of the business, "Hearty good wishes" were expressed, Bro. John Barker, P.P.G.S. of W.,

P.M. 1102, taking the opportunity to compliment Bro. Macnab, W.M., on the very excellent manner he had performed the ceremony of raising, and the lodge generally on the way it performed its ritual.

The brethren then adjourned for refreshment.

KINGSTON-ON-THAMES.

Dobie Lodge (No. 889).—On the 18th inst., the members were summoned together, after the summer recess, meeting, by dispensation, at the Kingston Hotel. Bro. Edgell, W.M., was supported by all his principal officers, and a goodly proportion of the lay members. The visitors were Bros. Percival Reed, P.M. 69; Geo. Gabb, P.M. and Treas. 902; H. C. Minnitt, E. J. Packington, and E. G. Whitehead.

Bro. J. C. Mortimer was balloted for and accepted as a joining member, and Dr. Cowen was elected a member. Bro. W. J. Wells having been passed to the Second Degree, the W.M. asked Bro. Levy, I.P.M., to initiate Dr. Cowen, which he did very efficiently. Sanction was given to the members of the lodge and other brethren who signed the petition to hold a lodge of instruction at the Norbiton Park Hotel, New Maldon, under the warrant of the Dobie Lodge, and notice of motion was given in prescribed form for the removal of the lodge to the Kingston Hotel.

After transacting other business, the lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of supper, which was served under the direction of Bro. H. A. Pettifer, manager of the hotel, of which Bro. G. Gabb is proprietor.

During the evening the W.M. took occasion to wish God-speed to Bro. J. A. Kenneth Campbell, who was present in lodge after an absence of several years, and was setting off in a few days for Egypt. The W.M. was also congratulated upon being next in succession to the chair as Master of the Worshipful Company of Playing Card Makers, and the more so, because Bro. Tom Wilkinson, now J.W. of the lodge, will fill the chair of Junior Warden in the Guild while Bro. Edgell is Master.

LEEDS.

Excelsior Lodge (No. 1042).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 19th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Great George-street, the following brethren being present: Bros. J. W. Blackburn, W.M.; J. B. Mays, S.W.; H. Banks, J.W.; R. J. Smith, Sec.; R. Waide, S.D.; A. H. Dougill, J.D.; E. Crosby, P.M.; Org.; J. E. Davenport, I.G.; G. Tooley, Stwd.; J. H. Newton, Tyler; H. Cowbrough, P.M.; Prov. J.G.D.; W. Bingham, P.M.; W. M. Tyers, P.M.; A. Atkinson, V. R. Morley, F. C. Nettleton, J. W. Dobson, J. A. Milne, W. Foster, J. J. W. Saville, J. W. Hargreaves, and C. Grosvenor. Visitors: Bros. W. D. Holmes, P.M. 1311, Prov. D.G.D.C.; W. Cockerlyne, 304, Prov. G. Org.; C. L. Mason, P.M. 304, P.P.G.S. Treas.; W. Watson, P.M. 289, P.P.G.S. of W. and Hon Librarian of West Yorks; W. Smith, P.M. 1211; J. Ripley, W.M. elect 1542; T. A. Withey, P.M., Prov. D.G. Reg. West Lancs.; and W. E. Tindall, 1248.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last regular meeting read and confirmed, salutations were given to the Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers, and to the Deputy Prov. G. Reg. of West Lancashire, and duly acknowledged. A lecture upon "Freemasonry in England down to 1813" was given by Bro. William Watson, P.M. 304, P. Prov. G.S. of Works and Hon. Librarian of West Yorkshire, and for upwards of an hour the closest attention was given by the brethren as that distinguished brother traced the authentic history of the Craft from the earliest known records, through its many vicissitudes during the reign of the rival Grand Lodges down to the final establishment of the present United Grand Lodge of England, since which event the progress of the Craft has been marked by a steadily increasing volume of prosperity. The lecturer illustrated his remarks by frequent allusion to and from various standard works of reference, and exhibited many rare and curious books and engravings from his own valuable collection and library. At the conclusion of the lecture a very cordial vote of thanks was tendered to Bro. Watson, to which he suitably responded. Bros. Hargreaves and Grosvenor signed and received their Grand Lodge certificates. Apologies for inability to be present were received from many distinguished brethren, and after the usual "Hearty good wishes," the lodge was closed.

MANCHESTER.

St. George's Lodge (No. 1170).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, on Monday, the 16th inst., when there was a very large assembly of brethren. Bro. Wm. Craig Royle, W.M., presided. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed, and the lodge was closed when all business had been completed.

Palatine Lodge (No. 2447).—The regular meeting was held at the Palatine Hotel, on Friday, the 20th inst., when the following were present: Bros. Fred. Broadsmith, P.M., P.P.G.R. Cheshire, W.M.; H. J. Owen, S.W.; W. P. J. Fawcus, J.W.; J. Hardwicke-Marsh, W.M. 1730, Sec.; George Graham, S.D.; George A. Myers, P.M., W.M. 2359, P.G.D.C. W. Lancs., J.D.; G. S. Smith, P.M., P.G. Org., D.C.; John Newton, I.G.; Wm. Spencer, Steward; G. Metcalfe, H. Macbeth Locke, George W. Thornton, J. W. Cook, H. Perry, W.M. 106; J. Sharples, and T. K. Hill. Visitors: Bros. Geo. Mills, 1140; W. W. Potter, 1140; E. Douglas, 31 (S.C.); F. W. Mee, 163; and John Kay, M. Milling, and J. Jardine, of 266.

The lodge having been opened by the W.M., he was informed that the newly-appointed Prov. G.D. of C. of West Lancashire, Bro. G. A. Myers, P.M., W.M. 2359, wished to be admitted. The W.M. then vacated the chair, which was taken by Bro. J. Hardwicke-Marsh, and retired from the lodge in order to introduce the Prov. G.D. of C. of West Lancashire. On their admission to the lodge they were received with Grand honours by all the brethren present. The W.M. then took the chair, and after the Secretary had read the minutes, which were confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. George Mills as a joining member, and was declared unanimously in his favour. Bros. Cook and Thornton were raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by the W.M., who also presented the working tools.

"Hearty good wishes" were expressed from the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed.

The brethren then adjourned to the social board, when

the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and acknowledged.

The Tyler's toast concluded one of the most enjoyable and successful meetings since its consecration.

Duchess of York Lodge (No. 2482).—This lodge held its first regular meeting on Monday, the 16th inst., at the Victoria Hotel, Bro. Archer Lowe, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., W.M., presided. There were four candidates initiated, and, altogether, it was a most successful meeting. We wish them every success in future.

OLD TRAFFORD.

Talbot Lodge (No. 2231).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Friday, the 20th inst., at the Stretford Local Board Office, which we had great pleasure in visiting, and we found it had lost none of its former lustre, with Bro. Stringleman at its head. The lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for two gentlemen, and both being favourable, they were initiated respectively by Bros. Stringleman, W.M., and Fred. Batty, I.P.M. Both ceremonies were very impressively rendered. The working tools were presented and the charge delivered by Bro. Mackay, J.W., and all the officers performed their respective duties in a most masterly manner. There were present Bros. R. E. Stringleman, W.M.; John Roberts, S.W.; Charles Mackay, J.W.; Edwin Faulkner, Sec.; Wm. Lowsby, S.D.; Harold Nickson, J.D.; Charles Martyn, P.M., D. of C.; W. G. Batey, Org.; F. Green, I.G.; W. Chesshyre, F. Batty, I.P.M.; G. R. Lloyd, P.M., P.G. Treas.; H. Hapfold, Stwd.; Evans Jackson, T. R. Peacock, Alfred Dawson, C. H. Roberts, S. T. Silvester, H. B. Rawson, Wm. Grant, George Unsworth, W. A. Hammond, John Allen, and J. J. K. Fairclough. Visitors: Bros. Headley Jones, Wm. Sewers, John Travers, S.W. 1378; W. A. Doherty, J. G. Radford, P.M.; E. Storer, H. H. Warburton, P.P.S.G.D.; G. W. Bebbington, J. H. Bebbington, Albert Merry, P.M.; G. Sam. Smith, P.M., P.G. Org.; J. H. Daglish, P.M.; Emanuel E. Lever, and Frank Gladstone Bennett.

PORTISHEAD.

Eldon Lodge (No. 1755).—The regular monthly meeting was held on Saturday, the 14th inst., at the Royal Hotel, the following being present: Bros. A. J. Tonkin, W.M.; G. Hazell, S.W.; E. W. Harvey, J.W.; J. R. Thebridge, P.M., P.P.G.D., Treas.; W. F. Shapland, P.M., Sec.; C. L. Thomas, P.M., acting as S.D.; A. Jefferies, J.D.; T. Turner, D.C.; E. Davey, P.M., Org.; J. W. Hall, I.G.; F. Simpkins, Tyler; W. Rice, P.M., P.P.G.D.; W. R. Thomas, P.M., P.G. S. of W.; and W. G. Smith. Visitors: Bros. J. C. Bingham, P.M. 1388; C. F. P. Smith, P.M. 1383; and T. Elliott, 103.

The ballot was taken for a candidate, and, proving successful, the initiation ceremony was ably performed by the W.M. The Secretary, Bro. W. T. Shapland, P.M., then said that the very painful duty devolved upon him of formally announcing the death of their esteemed Bro. Walter Minns, P.M., P.P.G.P., and if he did so briefly, and gave only the bare details of their departed brother's connection with the lodge, it must not be attributed to any want of respect or desire to do honour to his memory, for he gave place to no one in his admiration of their brother's character, but to the fact that he knew he should be followed by a P.M. who could more eloquently do it justice. Bro. Walter Minns, then, was initiated into Freemasonry whilst in Australia, upon his return became one of the founders of that lodge, and at its consecration on September 3rd, 1878, he was the first J.W. He became S.W. in September, 1879, and in 1880 was installed in the chair of K.S. He was appointed P.G.P. at a Provincial Grand Lodge held at Burnham in July, 1882. He was D.C. of the lodge in 1883, and in 1884 was appointed Secretary, which office he continued to fill under successive Masters down to the date of his departure from Portishead for the Isle of Wight in 1889. On April 13th, 1889, he was presented by the lodge with a Past Master's jewel as some slight recognition of his services, and is referred to in the minutes of that day as "A faithful officer, a true brother, and a firm friend." On October 6th, 1893, they could assume with confidence their brother entered that Grand Lodge where the world's Great Architect lives and reigns for ever. Bro. W. Rice, P.M., P.P.G.D., regretted that the Worshipful Master's year of office should be opening under such sad circumstances. His heart was almost too full for words, whilst he felt that any attempt to praise their deceased brother would be an attempt to gild refined gold. His personal loss was a very great one, but every member of the lodge must mourn the loss of a brother so highly respected as Bro. Minns had been. His character had been formed by the tools of Masonry, all his actions were square, and as he worked with the tools of a perfect Mason so he became a perfect man. He proposed the following resolution: "That this lodge desires to express its deepest sympathy to Mrs. Walter Minns and her family in the hour of their great sorrow at being bereaved of so good and loving a husband and father, and trusts that the G.A.O.T.U. will, in His mercy, endow them with fortitude to bear their heavy trial. It desires also to record its own grief and sorrow at the loss of so beloved a brother and eminent Past Master, whose memory will ever be revered in its midst alike for his ungrudging services and honourable qualities." The W.M., in feeling terms, seconded the resolution, which was carried amidst solemn silence.

The lodge room was draped with mourning, and on closing, the Organist, Bro. E. Davey, P.M., gave an impressive rendering of the Dead March in "Saul," all the brethren reverently upstanding.

SOUTHEND.

Priory Lodge (No. 1000).—A meeting was held on the 19th inst., at the Middleton Hotel, when there were present Bros. A. Vandervord, Prov. G. Stwd., W.M.; C. W. Barnard, Prov. G.S., S.W.; F. J. Cumine, J.W.; A. Lucking, P.G.P., Sec.; E. J. Bowmaker, S.D.; C. H. Bowmaker, I.G.; G. R. Dawson, P.M., P.P.G.D., D.C.; V. Mason, Org.; W. Elam, Steward; A. W. Martin, Prov. G.T., Tyler; C. (Floyd), P.M., P.P.A.G.P.; G. J. Glasscock, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; T. Hood, P.M., P.P.G.R.; J. Goddard, J. G. Jarvis, J. Pritchard, F. J. Wood, E. H. Taylor, H. O. Grenfell, and P. J. Burdett. Visitors: Bros. F. Goodenham, W.M., J. Leancy, and J. Berry, of 1817; and J. E. Forbes, 917.

The lodge having been opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. P. J. Burdett was elected a joining member, and £5 5s. having been voted to the widow of a deceased member, Bro. C. Floyd, P.M., was invested as Secretary, in place of Bro. A. Lucking, resigned, to whom a vote of thanks was accorded for past services. A candidate for initiation and a joining member were proposed. The lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

SUNDERLAND.

Palatine Lodge (No. 97).—The last regular meeting was of more than usual interest, on the 12th inst., through Bro. J. Robson Pattison, P.M., having been appointed as P.S.G.W. Bro. A. Grundy, W.M., presided, and there were also present Bros. W. Birch, I.P.M.; W. C. Readhead, S.W.; R. Lee, J.W.; J. R. Cutter, Treas.; T. Robinson, Sec.; J. W. Hopper, S.D.; W. J. Robinson, J.D.; R. Singleton, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., D.C.; T. Shimmings, I.G.; A. H. Paris and J. W. Hodgson, Stewards; E. G. Watson, P.M.; J. R. Pattison, P.M., P.S.G.W.; John G. Marshall, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; T. M. Watson, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. H. Leech, P.M.; G. C. Watson, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; Walter Beattie, P.M., P.P.G. Treas.; T. Grieve, P.M., Tyler; T. Raine, John Nicholls, Wm. Pain, J. B. Pimshon, Wm. Crisp, H. Lee, W. M. Render, H. Friend, and H. G. Fryer. Visitors: Bros. S. W. Rackley, 80, P.G.S.; R. F. Smith, 949; H. Gibson, 2039; T. Sadler, 80; J. Lee, W.M. 2039; T. Atkinson, 80, P.P.A.G.D.C.; J. M. Hall, 80; A. Gray, 949; W. J. Todd, W.M. 80; E. Sutherst, P.M. 94; H. Havelock, 2039; F. W. Ingram, J.W. 949; R. W. Halfnight, W.M. 949, P.P.G. Treas.; H. Campbell, P.M. 1389, P.J.G.D.; J. R. Smart, P.M. 94; F. Walkington, S.D. 94; W. Scott, S.D. 2039; J. G. Wilford, 1230; and T. S. Cowper, P.M. 2039, P.G.S. of W.

In the course of the regular business Bro. John G. Marshall, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., moved that it be entered on the records of the lodge that Bro. J. Robson Pattison, a Past Master of this lodge had been appointed Provincial Senior Grand Warden of the Province of Durham. While joining in congratulating him upon the honour conferred upon him, and in which he was sure all the members of the lodge would heartily join, he would point out that history was repeating itself in a most unique manner. Exactly 100 years ago, in 1793, a member of the Palatine Lodge was appointed P.S.G.W.—he referred to Bro. Dr. Tipping Brown—whose portrait adorned the walls of the lodge. This was a matter, he thought, which might be entered on the minutes. They all knew from the work Bro. Pattison had done in the interests of the Craft, as P.A.G. Sec., that he would carry out the duties of his new position with the same credit and ability, and, although it was a great credit to Bro. Pattison, it was also an honour to the lodge of which he was such a worthy Past Master. Bro. Pattison responded, and said he felt very keenly the honour that had been conferred upon him, and that he would, as in the past, continue to do his best for the interests of Masonry in general, and of the province and his lodge in particular. There has been general satisfaction expressed in the lodges at Bro. Pattison's deserved promotion to the high and important office of P.S.G.W. of Durham.

SUTTON.

Lorne Lodge (No. 1347).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Greyhound Hotel, on Saturday, the 14th inst., when Bro. H. T. Byard was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed by Bro. T. A. Hill, P.M., P.P.G. Org., in a manner which won the admiration of all present. Prior to the installation Bro. C. A. Hardwick, P.M., P.A.G.D.C., raised his own brother, A. Fuller Hardwick, to the Degree of M.M., winning the high approbation of the brethren by the manner in which the ceremony was carried out. After the installation the W.M. appointed and invested the following brethren officers for the ensuing year: Bros. C. A. Gibbs, S.W.; A. Stribling, J.W.; Rev. H. W. Turner, P.M., P.P.G. Chap., Treas. and Chap.; C. A. Hardwick, P.M., P.A.G.D.C., Sec.; Hugh Taylor, S.D.; T. S. Cooke, J.D.; E. D. Frost, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., D.C.; T. A. Hill, P.M., P.P.G.O., Org.; Harold Griffiths, I.G.; J. H. Asman, W. A. Forster, and H. W. Lofts, Stwds. The retiring W.M., Bro. J. Hosking, was presented with a handsome Past Master's jewel as a mark of the esteem in which he was held by the brethren of the lodge.

A banquet was afterwards served at the Greyhound Hotel, Bro. Thorn catering to the entire satisfaction of the party. Among the visitors present were Bros. West, Deputy Prov. G.M.; T. H. Roberts, T. Smith, J. Andrews, C. P. Lovelock, J. Wilson, W. G. Poole, and others.

"The Health of the Outgoing W.M., Bro. J. Hosking," was proposed by Bro. the Rev. H. W. Turner, who referred in very feeling terms to the great loss Bro. Hosking had recently sustained by the death of his daughter, and to the exemplary manner in which he had carried out the duties of his office notwithstanding.

Bros. Roberts and Poole responded to the toast of "The Visitors," both speaking of the many qualities fitting the W.M. for the exalted position that he now occupies.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Hill, who was assisted by Bros. Burry, Stribling, Detmar, Asman, Lofts, and Cooke.

During the evening the sum of £8 was collected to be sent to the Worthing Lodge of Friendship, No. 851, for the fund being raised by that lodge for the relief of the distress caused by the recent epidemic.

TOWCESTER.

Fidelity Lodge (No. 445).—A good gathering of brethren assembled on Friday afternoon, the 20th inst., at the Conservative Club, to witness the installation of Bro. Dr. W. T. Knight, P.P.G.S.B., S.W., to the chair of the lodge, in succession to Bro. Mark Heslop, who so worthily filled the office of W.M. during the past year. The usual lodge room is at the Pomfret Hotel, and a special dispensation was granted by the Provincial Grand Master, Earl Euston, to hold the lodge at the Club. Bro. Mark Heslop, W.M., presided over the gathering, and there were present Bros. A. P. Kingcombe, I.P.M.; Dr. W. T. Knight, S.W.; H. W. Giles, J.W.; H. Packer, jun., Secretary; G. Osborn, P.M., Treasurer; H. T. Bradley, J.D.; W. Simmonds, P.M., Org.; H. Duffett, I.G.; E. Snedker, Tyler; and a large number of members and visitors.

The lodge having been opened by the W.M., Bro. G. Osborn presented Bro. Dr. W. T. Knight for installation as W.M. of the lodge during the ensuing year, and the ceremony was most admirably and impressively performed by Bro. J. C. Jones, P.M., P.P.J.G.W. There was a Board of about 20 Installed Masters present. The newly-installed W.M. afterwards appointed and invested the following as his officers during his year of office: Bros. H. W. Giles, P.P.G.P., S.W.; H. Packer, jun., J.W.; F. T. Clarke, Sec.; G. Osborn, Treas.; Rev. J. Jenkins, P.M., P.P.G.C., Chap.; H. T. Bradley, S.D.; H. G. Fulcher, J.D.; T. Matinson, I.G.; W. H. Welch, Stwd.; J. C. Jones, P.M., P.P.G. Org., Org.; and E. Snedker, Tyler. At the conclusion of the installation a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Jones for the excellent manner in which he had performed the ceremony, upon the motion of Bro. T. Oldham, seconded by Bro. M. Heslop. Bro. F. Billingham, on behalf of Bro. H. Allmitt, of the Benevolent Lodge, who was unavoidably absent, presented to the Lodge of Fidelity a set of working tools in the Third Degree. The present was heartily accepted by the W.M., and Bro. Billingham was asked to convey the hearty thanks of the lodge to Bro. Allmitt for his kindness. A vote of thanks to Bro. Allmitt was proposed and carried, and to be entered on the minutes, on the proposition of Bro. Jones, seconded by Bro. Kingcombe. The lodge was then closed.

The brethren subsequently sat down to an excellent banquet at the Pomfret Hotel, and the catering of Bro. McAuslin gave great satisfaction. The newly-installed W.M., Bro. Dr. Knight, presided, and the number of the company was augmented by the presence of Bro. J. Terry, P.G.S.B., and Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; Bros. A. Jones, P.M. 1764; and S. S. Campaion, 1764.

At the conclusion of the banquet the Worshipful Master proposed "The Queen and the Craft," which was loyally honoured.

The Worshipful Master next submitted the toast of "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Order," and spoke in high terms of praise of the great interest shown in Masonry by his Royal Highness.

The toast of "The Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, M.W. Pro G.M.; the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgumbe, R.W. Deputy G.M.; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," followed from the chair, and was replied to by Bro. Jas. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.

Bro. H. T. Bradley submitted the toast of "The Right Hon. the Earl of Euston, R.W. Prov. G.M.; Bro. Butler Wilkins, Deputy Prov. G.M.; and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past."

The toast was acknowledged by Bro. A. Cockerill, P.P.G. Treas., who expressed his regret at the absence of the D.P.G.M., but his pleasure at the recovery from his recent illness.

Bro. M. Heslop, I.P.M., submitted the toast of the evening, that of "The Worshipful Master of the Lodge of Fidelity." In lodge and also out of lodge Bro. Knight, he said, was honoured as a brother, and in every sense of the word had been tried and found true. As a brother Mason, he said he could speak of him as one who had proved the truest and most disinterested friend any person could wish for. He felt the W.M. had not lived among them the number of years he had without their appreciating not only his intellectual qualities, but those of heart and mind, which knitted them together in one great brotherhood, irrespective of class, creed, or country. They had known him in the past, and had proved his fidelity. They had proved his ability, and had learned of his charity, and he was possessed of that great decision of character which would well enable him to carry out the high office to which he had been elected.

The toast was most heartily drunk.

The Worshipful Master, in the course of his reply, said that was one of the happiest moments of his life. He thought every Mason felt proud when he reached the position in which they had placed him, and more especially must he feel happy when he found himself surrounded by so many distinguished brethren and friends. It was a difficult matter, he said, to follow such a Master as Bro. Heslop, but still, he would do his best to carry out the duties of his office, and to follow the excellent example set him by the I.P.M. He hoped the officers and brethren of the lodge would give him all the assistance they could during his year of office, and that it might prove a most successful and pleasant year.

"The Visiting Brethren" was submitted by Bro. W. Whitton, and responded to by Bros. F. B. Whitford, J. J. Hart, H. Brown, A. Jones, J. Currall, the Rev. W. Holding, and S. S. Campaion.

Bro. H. G. Fulcher proposed "The Installing Master and Past Masters of the Lodge of Fidelity," to which Bro. J. C. Jones, replied.

"The Treasurer" was given by Bro. the Rev. W. A. Howes, and responded to by Bro. G. Osborn, who proposed "The Masonic Charities," which was replied to by Bro. James Terry.

The Worshipful Master gave "The Wardens and Officers of the Lodge of Fidelity," and the toast was acknowledged by Bro. H. W. Giles, S.W.

The Tyler's toast brought the list to a close. Several excellent songs were sung at intervals.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

Tudor Lodge of Rifle Volunteers (No. 1838).—On the 6th inst. the above lodge met at the Drill Hall, and installed Bro. Capt. H. E. Proctor as W.M. for the ensuing year. The Installing Master was Bro. F. Nokes. The W.M. appointed and invested the following brethren as his officers for the ensuing year: Bros. H. Percy Smith, I.P.M.; Right Hon. Earl of Dartmouth, S.W.; J. D. Wassell, J.W.; Rev. W. Prosser, M.A., Chap.; H. Kitson, Treas.; T. Gill Bennet, J.P., Sec.; W. Gough Allen, S.D.; T. Wolverson, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., J.D.; Maj. G. W. Walker, D.C.; J. Roper, Mus. Bac. Cantab., Org.; Capt. H. Staveley Hill, I.G.; Lieut. C. L. N. Wilson and Surg.-Lieut. T. Ridley Bradley, M.D., Stwds.; and Serg.-Instructor J. Ellis, Tyler.

WOKING.

Bisley Lodge (No. 2317).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall on Thursday, the 12th inst., when there was an unusually large attendance of distinguished brethren present, including Bros. Colonel Noel Money, C.B., Prov. G.M.; Law,

R. F. Gould, P.G.D.; Dr. Eager, Tyler, Major Collins, Madeley, Hicks, Squire, Welch, Mossop, Harper, Passmore, Webb, Littleboy, and others.

The W.M. installed his successor, Bro. C. F. Passmore, Mus. Bac., in a most impressive manner, and Bro. Passmore afterwards appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Webb, S.W.; Littleboy, J.W.; Hoey, Treas.; Lancaster, Sec.; Hayes, S.D.; Griffin, J.D.; Jackman, I.G.; and Gale and Clinton, Stewards. Bro. Passmore then, on behalf of the lodge, presented Bro. Major Collins with a very handsome Past Master's jewel.

At the banquet, at which about 40 sat down, the customary toasts were proposed by the W.M.

During the evening an excellent programme of vocal music was contributed by Bros. Squire, Welch, Harper, Webb, and Littleboy, Bro. Fisher, the Organist of the Abbey Lodge, having charge of the musical arrangements.

YORK.

York Lodge (No. 236).—A regular meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, on the 16th instant, the W.M., Bro. J. B. Sampson, presiding, supported by the following Past Masters, officers, and other brethren: Bros. A. Jones, S.W.; E. Carter, J.W.; Rev. C. Linley, Chap.; J. Todd, Treas.; A. Procter, Sec.; M. Bryson, S.D.; F. S. Gramshaw, J.D.; T. Sanderson, Org.; F. W. Loughton, I.G.; John Biscoomb, D. of C.; E. R. Turner, Steward; J. Hall, Tyler; G. Balmford, P.M.; S. Border, P.M.; W. Draper, P.M.; J. Sykes Rymer, P.M.; G. Robinson, P.M.; A. Buckle, P.M.; G. Kirby, P.M.; H. Foster, P.M., P.G.D.C.; E. H. Purnell, I.P.M.; J. W. Barstow, P.M.; J. Blenkins, P.M.; T. S. Brogden, P.M.; J. T. Sellers, A. P. Skeat, Henry Scott, R. Hodgson, J. A. Askew, W. Hepper, R. H. Oakley, C. Anderson, W. N. Stimpson, A. J. Rudgard, T. Smith, W. D. Rudgard, W. Bellerby, C. Hollander, Sir Joseph Terry, and J. G. Butcher, M.P. Visitors: Bros. G. Lamb, 1611; J. Shonksmith, W.M. 1611; B. Kilvington, 1611; W. J. Wilkinson, P.M. 1848, P.S.G.W.; J. V. Cooper, P.M. 1848, P.P.G.R.; W. H. Cooper, P.M. 602, P.P.G.R.; C. Wilson, 1611; A. R. Wood, 1901; W. Sykes, G. Pook, W. H. Dawson, E. Thackway, D. Scoby, W. Bean, Joseph Ankers, C. Garrood, E. Debenham, Jno. Ankers, Wm. Hornsey, J. Smith, T. H. Vaughan, T. Farmery, A. Archer, and W. T. Beckwith, of 1611.

The lodge having been duly opened, the minutes of the preceding meeting were read by the Secretary, Bro. Alfred Procter, and confirmed. The election of a representative to serve on the Committee of the Masonic Charities Association of the province then took place, and Bro. Jos. Todd, P.M., P.P.S.G.W., Treas., was unanimously re-elected. Bro. Todd, at the request of the W.M., took the chair, and Bro. Butcher was raised to the Degree of M.M. by the acting W.M., who also delivered in his usual able manner the traditional history to the newly-raised brother. The working tools were explained by Bro. E. Carter, J.W.

The lodge was afterwards closed, and the subsequent harmonious proceedings included the loyal and Masonic toasts and vocal and instrumental music.

Royal Arch.

Lion and Lamb Chapter (No. 192).—A meeting of this chapter was held on Wednesday, the 18th inst., at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C., when there were present Comps. F. D. R. Copestick, P.Z., acting M.E.Z.; J. Taylor, P.Z., acting H.; W. Hawes, J.; George Kenning, P.Z., Treas.; Chas. Arkell, P.Z., S.E.; S. M. Banker, P.S.; Thos. Cohu, P.Z.; Holland, P.Z.; H. Hughes, P.Z.; W. R. Dixon, P.Z.; W. H. Dunn, Kent, and F. V. Goddard. Comp. Cooper, M.E.Z. 1446, was a visitor.

The minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. Bro. Frank Valentine Goddard, 917, was exalted. Three brethren were proposed for exaltation at the next meeting. The following officers were duly elected for the ensuing year: Comps. W. Hawes, M.E.Z.; S. M. Banker, H.; J. Taylor, P.Z., J.; George Kenning, P.Z., Treas.; Chas. Arkell, P.Z., S.E.; G. Grant, S.N.; F. V. Goddard, P.S.; Thos. Cohu, P.Z., Stwd.; and J. J. Marsh, Janitor.

Kennington Chapter (No. 1381).—A meeting of this flourishing transpantine chapter was held on the 12th inst., at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, when there were present, among others, Comps. A. E. Austin, M.E.Z.; W. Westley, P.Z., acting H.; J. Dennis, J.; Henry Higgins, P.Z., P.P.A.G.D.C. Middx., S.E.; George Everett, P.Z., P.G. Treas., Treasurer; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.Z., P.P.G. P.S., acting P.S.; W. A. Dowling, I.P.Z.; W. P. Webb, P.Z.; H. Salter, P.Z.; Hopkins, Org.; Buxton, Colwell, Lundie, and others. The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Bro. R. Henry Hale, F.S.I., 829, and it being unanimous, he was duly exalted as a R.A.M. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. C. Sims, H.; H. J. Lardner, P.Z., P.P.G. Std. Br.; E. Ayling, P.Z.; G. Gordon, P.Z.; and others.

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

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

Comp. George Everett, P.G. Treas., responded for "The Grand Officers" with his usual felicity.

The I.P.Z. gave "The M.E.Z." In the course of his remarks he congratulated the M.E.Z. upon the manner in which he had exalted the candidate. He (the speaker) was fully aware that to master the details of the Degree was by no means an easy matter, and any companion acquiring that proficiency was to be commended.

The M.E.Z., in reply, paid a high compliment to the Past Principals, who, at a moment's notice, had undertaken certain offices, and without whose assistance the work could not have been proceeded with.

"The Second and Third Principals" followed, and to which toast Comp. Dennis replied.

In response to his health, the Exalte made an interesting speech.

The toast of "The Past Principals" was coupled with the name of Comp. W. A. Dowling, who briefly acknowledged the compliment.

"The Health of the S.E. and Treasurer" came next in order.

Comp. George Everett, P.Z., in replying to this toast,

said that he was proud of being associated with the Kennington Chapter, the meetings were always so harmonious and pleasant. That night, he thought, was one of the happiest he had spent within those walls. The work had been well done, the dinner an I wines left nothing to be desired, and the selections of harmony had not only been varied but excellent in quality. In conclusion, he wished to state that the finances were in a prosperous condition, and he had to thank his old friend and colleague, Comp. Higgins, their respected Scribe E., for his valuable assistance.

"The Health of the Officers" was coupled with the names of Comps. Buxton, Colwell, and Hopkins.

In the intervals of the toasts Comps. Everett, W. P. Webb, Hopkins, Buxton, and Lundie entertained the companions with instrumental, vocal, and dramatic selections.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.

Industry Chapter (No. 48).—The annual convocation was held at the Industry Masonic Hall, on Thursday, the 12th instant. Amongst those present were Comps. M. Corbitt, M.E.Z.; W. Richardson, H.; T. R. Jobson, J.; Wm. Brown, I.P.Z.; Robt. Whitfield, P.Z.; J. T. Wilson, P.Z. 240; W. E. Moffett, P.Z. 240; J. Hunter, 240; M. Dodsworth, 24; T. Chegwidgen; and others.

The Principals were duly installed into their respective chairs as follows: Comps. W. Richardson, M.E.Z., by Comp. W. Brown; T. R. Jobson, H., by the M.E.Z.; and R. H. Holme, J., by the H. The following officers were invested for the ensuing year: Comps. M. Corbitt, I.P.Z.; R. Stewart, S.E.; W. Dalrymple, S.N.; John Boazman, Treas.; Hugh Jackson, P.S.; T. H. Bagnall, 1st A.S.; W. J. Jobson, 2nd A.S.; Wm. Brown, P.Z., D.C.; R. Ferry, Org.; W. J. Holtzapfel, Stwd.; and Joshua Curry, Janitor.

A candidate for exaltation was proposed, after which the chapter was closed, and those present adjourned to the refreshment room, where the annual festival was held, and an agreeable evening was enjoyed.

MANCHESTER.

Humphrey Chetham Chapter (No. 645).—The regular convocation was held on Tuesday, the 17th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street. Comp. J. E. Lees, P.Z., P.P.G. Treas., M.E.Z., opened the chapter. The minutes were read and confirmed. There was a candidate balloted for, and, being favourable, he was exalted to the superior Degree by Comp. Arthur Jefferis, P.Z., P.G.J., in a very able manner, which was highly appreciated by the companions present.

TWICKENHAM.

Sir Francis Burdett Chapter (No. 1503).—This chapter met for the dispatch of business at the Albany Hotel on the 18th instant. Amongst those in attendance were Comps. the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, M.A., P.Z., P.P.G.J., M.E.Z.; A. Toulmin, jun., H.; W. J. Hakim, J.; Capt. Walls, P.Z., P.P.G.P. Soj., S.E.; E. W. Davis, S.N.; W. Taylor, P.Z., P.P.G.J., Treas.; and C. Robinson, P.Z.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the election of Principals and officers for the ensuing year took place with the following result: Comps. A. Toulmin, jun., M.E.Z.; W. J. Hakim, H.; W. Taylor, J.; T. C. Walls, S.E.; E. W. Davis, S.N.; C. Robinson, P.S.; and Hanson, Janitor. The S.E. was directed to forward to Comp. C. L. Smiles, P.Z., a letter conveying the chapter's deep sympathy and condolence in the great domestic bereavement that he (Comp. Smiles) has suffered. The chapter resolved to support Comp. the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders as Steward to the R.M.I. for Boys in 1894.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to refreshment.

A few toasts followed.

Comp. W. Taylor, P.P.G.J., acknowledged "The Health of the Provincial Grand Officers," and subsequently proposed "The M.E.Z." In the course of his remarks he alluded to the fact of the First Principal's intention to represent the chapter at the Boys' Festival next year, when he trusted that his list would be beneficial to that deserving Institution, and creditable to No. 1503.

The M.E.Z., having replied, gave "The Second and Third Principals."

Comps. Toulmin, jun., and Hakim, in their respective replies, trusted that they would be able to discharge their duties in a manner that would be satisfactory to the chapter.

Comp. W. Taylor responded on behalf of "The Past Principals," and Comps. Davis and Robinson for "The Officers."

The proceedings then terminated.

Mark Masonry.

ALTRINCHAM.

Stamford Lodge (No. 148).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Town Hall on Monday, the 23rd inst. The lodge was opened, in the absence of Bro. Wm. Ramsden, W.M., who, we regret to say, was very ill, by Bro. Wm. Cartwright, P.M., P.P.J.G.W. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The election of W.M. took place, the choice falling upon Bro. the Rev. Chetwynd-Atkinson, S.W., and he was unanimously elected to that honourable position. Bro. A. H. Gilbody, P.P.S.G.W., was again elected Treasurer, and Bros. Fred. Broadsmith and R. Newhouse, G.D., were elected Auditors. A Committee was formed to revise the by-laws.

The following brethren were present: Bros. C. Chetwynd-Atkinson, S.W.; F. Broadsmith, P.G. Reg., J.W.; Harry Gordon Small, P.G.D.C., M.O.; G. S. Smith, W.M. 34, J.D.; A. H. Gilbody, P.P.S.G.W., Treas.; S. Thompson, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Sec.; J. L. Darbyshire, acting Deacon; F. C. Morgan, acting I.G.; R. Stephenson, acting S.O.; and Richard Newhouse, P.G. D. Eng. Bro. Wm. Cartwright, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., was a visitor.

LIVERPOOL.

Walton Lodge (No. 161).—The annual installation meeting was held at the Sardon Hotel, Oakfield-road, on Monday evening, the 23rd inst. There was a large gathering of members and visiting brethren, the latter including Bros. J. C. Robinson, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., and W. G. Cronan, P.M. 165, P.P.S.G.O., while letters of apology were read from several brethren, including Bro. J. de Beis Adam (ex-Mayor of Liverpool). Bro. Harry Thomas was installed W.M. for the coming year by Bro. J. Pilling, P.M., in a most impressive manner. The W.M. then invested his officers as follows: Bros. R. H. Webster, I.P.M.; A. Ingleby, S.W.; E. Pritchard, J.W.; J. Unsworth, M.O.; W. R. Lamb, S.O.; T. A. Laidlaw, J.O.; E. Pugh, Org.; A. E. McDougall, Sec.; F. J. Adams, S.D.; W. H. T. Hunter, J.D.; J. O. Jones, I.G.; C. E. Thirkell, F. Minshall, and J. A. Morris, Stewards; W. Booth, P.M., D.C.; J. Pilling, P.M., Treas.; J. Houlding, Reg.; and J. Doran, Tyler.

Subsequently an enjoyable musical evening was spent, in the course of which the W.M. presented the I.P.M., Bro. R. H. Webster, with a magnificent Past Master's jewel as a token of the respect and esteem in which he was held by the members of the lodge.

This lodge is now one of the strongest in the province. The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

YORK.

York Lodge (T.I.).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, on Tuesday, the 17th inst., the following brethren being present: Bros. J. Todd, P.M., P.S.G.O. Eng., W.M.; T. B. Whythead, P.M., P.G.M.O. Eng., I.P.M.; Geo. Balinford, P.M., P.P.G.O.; J. T. Seller, P.M., P.P.S.G.W.; J. Blenkin, P.M., P.P.G.O.; Geo. Lamb, P.P.G.S.B., S.W.; E. W. Purnell, P.P.G.S.B., J.W.; W. N. Cheesman, J.O.; Geo. Chapman, P.P.J.G.D., Sec.; F. W. Halliwell, R. of M.; C. E. L. Wright, S.D.; G. G. Pook, J.D.; J. F. Watson, P.P.G.O., Org.; T. S. Brogden, I.G.; J. Smith and J. T. Chambers, Stwds.; and P. Pearson, Tyler.

The lodge having been duly opened, and the minutes of the preceding meeting read and confirmed, the election of officers was proceeded with, when the following brethren were unanimously re-elected, viz.: Bro. Todd to the chair of W.M.; Bro. Geo. Chapman, as Treasurer; and Bro. Paul Pearson, as Tyler. A ballot was taken for Bro. John B. Sampson, W.M. 236, as a candidate for advancement, which being successful, Bro. Sampson was advanced to the Degree of M.M.M. by the W.M. Bros. Halliwell and Pook were appointed Auditors of the Treasurer's accounts, and the lodge was afterwards closed.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE (No. 211).—A meeting was held on Monday, the 23rd inst., at the Norland Arms, Addison-road North, W. Present: Bros. C. C. Barber, W.M.; G. Copley, S.W.; A. B. Spawforth, J.W.; G. E. Higginson, Preceptor; H. Lindfield, Sec.; T. Kington, S.D.; G. Kirkham, J.D.; C. G. Tremear, I.G.; A. Foreman, P.M.; R. N. Larter, G. Absell, A. Holmes, and T. Rayner.

The lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The initiation ceremony was then rehearsed, Bro. Holmes acting as candidate. The charge was given by the Preceptor. The lodge was then called off and on. Bro. Larter answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The Fellow Craft Lodge was then opened, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Larter being the candidate. The lodge was then closed down. Bro. T. Rayner, of the Sir Walter Raleigh Lodge, was elected a joining member. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

LA TOLERANCE LODGE (No. 538).—A meeting of this lodge was held on Wednesday, the 11th inst., at the Yorkshire Grey, Woodstock-street, Oxford-street, W., when there were present Bros. Geo. Ridout, W.M.; Osborne, S.W.; Rogers, J.W.; Paul, Preceptor; Thos. Clear, S.D.; Walker, J.D.; Goldberg, I.G.; Wilby, Sec.; Sandland, Rickard, Zache, 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. Rickard being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Wilby being the candidate. The W.M. rose for the first time, and dues were collected. Bro. Rickard was elected a joining member. The W.M. rose for the second time, and Bro. Osborne, S.W., was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The W.M. rose for the third time. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 20th inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. W. W. Williams, W.M.; J. Banks, S.W.; W. C. Dickey, J.W.; A. Williams, W.M. 834, Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; H. Scharien, S.D.; W. Hide, J.D.; W. Hinds, I.G.; H. Foreman, W.M. 1275; R. Reid, S. Bone, Edward Fox, H. Clark, W. Fayers, D. Cronin, and H. Blackman. Lodge was duly opened, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Foreman acting as candidate. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and a brother having offered himself as a candidate for raising, he was examined in the usual way and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Banks was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

HARROW LODGE (No. 1310).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Waterloo Arms, High-street, Marylebone, on the 5th instant, when there were present Bros. H. Weston, W.M.; Trott, S.W.; Cressingham, J.W.; Wood, Preceptor; Griffiths, Sec.; McVie, S.D.; Rudrum, J.D.; Carpenter, I.G.; Williamson, Bates, Harris, Aubrey, Heather, and Osborne.

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. The 1st Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Wood, assisted by the

brethren. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and resumed to the First Degree. Bro. Williamson answered the questions leading to the Second Degree, and was entrusted. The lodge was resumed to the Second Degree, Bro. Williamson being the candidate. The lodge was resumed to the Third Degree, when the ceremony of installation was rehearsed in a very able manner by Bro. Wood, P.M. The lodge was then resumed in the First Degree. The W.M. rose for the first time. Bros. F. Osborne, W.M. 1287, and C. H. Heather were unanimously elected joining members. The W.M. rose for the second and third times. Bro. Griffiths proposed, and Bro. Osborne seconded, "That a hearty vote of thanks be recorded to Bro. Wood for the very able manner he worked the ceremony of installation, the same to be recorded on the minutes"—carried unanimously. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

ISLINGTON LODGE (No. 1471).—The usual weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 24th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, when there were present Bros. G. T. Peall, W.M.; R. W. Nicole, S.W.; H. J. Kimbell, sen., J.W.; W. Hancock, P.M., Preceptor; C. M. Coxon, P.M., Prov. G.D. Herts, and J. Duncan, P.M., Secretaries; R. P. Upton, S.D.; C. Smith, J.D.; J. T. Frost, I.G.; A. Oliver, D. C. Ritchie, and M. T. Tuck, P.P.G.S.B. Essex.

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. Oliver being the candidate. Bro. Ritchie 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. Ritchie being the candidate. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and closed in the Third and Second Degrees. Bro. Nicole was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. Bro. J. Duncan, P.M., was unanimously elected an honorary member of the lodge. The lodge was then closed.

LANGTON LODGE (No. 1673).—The first meeting of the present session was held on Thursday, the 12th inst., at the White Hart, Abchurch-lane, E.C., when there were present Bros. W. A. Clarke, W.M.; P. H. Hall, S.W.; S. W. Morris, J.W.; G. F. Marshall, Preceptor; W. T. Grant, Treas.; C. W. Mapleton, Sec.; C. J. Marrian, S.D.; E. Snelling, J.D.; R. W. Soper, I.G.; Hobbs, Bird, Billingham, Mansell, White, Sargent, Cronk, Cuthbertson, Newman, Davidson, and Langton. Visitors: Bros. Machin, Greig, Diver, Stride, Debenham, Martin, and Almack.

The lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Secretary read letters from Bros. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg., and R. C. Sudlow, P.G. Std. Br., expressing their willingness to accept the offices of President and Vice-President respectively, which were received with great satisfaction by those present. The following brethren were elected the permanent officers for the coming year: Bros. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Reg., President; R. C. Sudlow, P.G. Std. Br., Vice-President; W. T. Grant, P.M. 869, P.P.A.G.D.C. Herts, Treas.; E. P. Debenham, P.M. 1479, P.P.G. Reg. Herts, S. Lea Smith, P.M. 1159, and G. F. Marshall, P.M. 69, Preceptors; J. H. Davidson, P.M. 1820, J. S. Fraser, P.M. 174, P.P.S.G.D. Surrey, and S. W. Morris, W.M. 231, Committee; H. M. Hobbs, P.M. 1790, P.P.J.G.W. Surrey, and C. J. Marrian, 209S, Auditors; and C. W. Mapleton, P.M. 256, Secretary. The lodge was opened in the Second and Third Degrees, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The lodge was closed in the Third and Second Degrees. The S.W. was elected W.M. for the next meeting, who gave notice that the ceremony of initiation and the charge would be rehearsed. Bros. Almack, Debenham, Greig, Machin, Martin, and Soper were elected members of the lodge. The lodge was then closed.

KENSINGTON LODGE (No. 1767).—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 24th inst., at the Scarsdale Arms Hotel, Edwardes-square, Kensington, when there were present Bros. R. W. Gatliff, W.M.; Lewis Beale, S.W.; W. B. Neville, J.W.; R. H. Williams, P.M., &c., Deputy Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; E. W. Dennis, S.D.; W. Thwaites, J.D.; J. J. Gething, I.G.; W. Hillier, W.M. 1366; J. J. Rumbal, and J. H. Neville.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, the lodge was opened in the Second Degree. Bro. Rumbal having offered himself as a candidate for raising, after the necessary proofs had been given, was entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The 3rd Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Neville, under the direction of Bro. Williams. The 1st Section was worked by Bro. Williams, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Beale was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 2012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 14th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, W. Present: Bros. Walden, W.M.; Wavell, S.W.; Whiteley, J.W.; M. Spiegel, Sec.; Biggs, S.D.; Clarke, J.D.; Hide, I.G.; A. Williams, P.M., Preceptor; Craggs, Woods, Larkman, Powell, Kirkham, and Dennis.

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. Powell being the candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Wavell. Bro. Woods, being a candidate for passing, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. After the usual rising, the lodge was closed in due form.

QUEEN'S WESTMINSTER LODGE (No. 2021).—This flourishing lodge has resumed its regular weekly meetings at the Criterion Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., held every Friday, at 8 p.m., under the efficient Preceptorship of Bro. W. Cleghorn, P.M. 1287. On Friday, the 20th instant, the chair of W.M. was occupied by Bro. Gunzell, supported by Bros. Ridout, S.W.; Rowe, J.W.; Davis, S.D.; T. G. Doughty, J.D.; Truman, I.G.; Walter Wood, Sec.; and a numerous attendance of brethren.

The work consisted of the 1st Section of the Second Lecture and the ceremony of passing, the candidate being Bro. Homewood. The 2nd Section was also worked by Bro. Cleghorn, and the 3rd by Bro. Bullen. Bro. A. B. Wallace,

6 (Tasmania), was elected a joining member. Bro. Ridout was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the officers were appointed in rotation. All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed.

HARLESDEN.—ST. JOHN'S LODGE (No. 167).—A meeting was held on the 12th inst., at the Court House. Present: Bros. J. T. Haley, W.M. 1637, W.M.; W. Roche Plaford, Sec., S.W.; S. Hussey, J.W.; J. Davis, P.M. 169, acting Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M. 834, acting Sec.; F. S. Priest, S.D.; R. W. Featherstone, J.D.; A. Jones, I.G.; G. Chapman, Steward; Dowsett-Smith, P.M. 2045; Danby, P.M. 1056; Hooker, Ortnier, Tebbit, Rawle, Shaw, Hagen, Rae, Bonny, Whalley, Chapman, and several other brethren.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Hagen having offered himself as a candidate, the ceremony of initiation was very ably rendered by the W.M., who also rehearsed the investment of officers. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Danby, P.M., who rendered the ceremony of raising, Bro. Bonny being the candidate. The W.M. then resumed the chair. The W.M. rose for the first, second, and third times, and Bro. George Lander, 1897, was unanimously elected a joining member. Bro. W. Roche Plaford was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation, after which the lodge was closed.

HORNSEY CHAPTER (No. 890).—A meeting of this chapter was held on Friday, the 13th inst., at the Prince of Wales Hotel, corner of Eastbourne-terrace and Bishop's-road, Paddington, W., when there were present Comps. Jos. Bailey, M.E.Z. 1602, M.E.Z.; R. Larchin, J. 862, H.; J. C. Filt, S.N. 862, J.; H. Dehane, M.E.Z. 862, P.Z. 890, S.E.; J. Crutenden, 779, S.N.; W. Hillier, 834, P.S.; A. J. Turner, 1196; and R. Roberts, J. 1196.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Turner acting as candidate. The M.E.Z. having risen the usual number of times, "Hearty good wishes" were recorded, and the chapter closed.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, on Friday, the 20th inst., when there were present Comps. Mcl. North, M.E.Z.; C. Wilson, H.; H. G. Martin, J.; T. Grummant, P.Z., acting Preceptor; C. H. Stone, S.E.; C. Phillips, S.N.; J. Dunn, P.S.; Walter Martin, Nightingale, Powell, Andrews, and Lewis.

The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Lewis personating candidate. Comp. C. Wilson, H., was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting; when the installation ceremony will be rehearsed. The convocation was then closed.

NORTH LONDON CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT (No. 1471).—A meeting of this chapter was held on Thursday, the 12th inst., at the Old Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., when there were present Comps. J. Bailey, M.E.Z.; Ratcliff, H.; Langdale, J.; Edmonds, Preceptor; Osborn, S.E.; Hildreth, S.N.; Murray, P.S.; Gregory, Treas.; Dimes, Walkden, Dehane, W. George, Schoutou, Carey, Von Halper, Dettmer, Robinson, Wareham, and Luck.

The chapter having been opened, the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Walkden acting as candidate. Comps. Schoutou and Dettmer, of 1602; Wareham, 1366; and Robinson, 1538; were elected members. The chapter was then closed.

Knights Templar.

MANCHESTER.

St. Joseph Preceptory (No. 9).—At a regular meeting of this preceptory held on Friday, the 13th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, there was a large assembly of sir knights, who witnessed the installation of two companions. This being election night, the ballot was unanimous in favour of Sir Knight G. S. Smith as E. Preceptor for the ensuing year. Sir Knight Lean, G.C., was elected Treasurer again, after many years' service.

SOUTHPORT.

De Lacy Preceptory (No. 95).—A large assembly of sir knights met on the occasion of the installation of Sir Knight John Hatch at the Masonic Rooms, Lord-street, on Wednesday, the 18th inst. Sir Knight Hesketh Knowlly, Great Prelate England, E.P., opened the preceptory, and the installation ceremony was performed by Sir Knight Henry Thomas, Sub-Prior Lancashire.

There were present Sir Knights C. Hesketh Knowlly, G. Prelate, E.P.; John Hatch, Con.; Harry Harrison, Marshal; John Sutton, P.P.G.S.M., Treasurer; Richard Sharrock, C. of G.; Alfred Charlack, R. L. Entwistle, J. Fowles Roberts, Chas. Watson, and Wm. E. Bland. Visitors: Sir Knights Henry Thomas, Prov. Sub-Prior; F. W. Lean, P.P.V.C.; Geo. Campbell, W. Crankshaw, G. S. Smith, and J. Hardwicke-Marsh.

Order of the Secret Monitor.

Zacharie Conclave (No. 9).—A meeting of this conclave was held on the 20th instant at the Holborn Restaurant, when there were present Bros. Frederic Marshall, S.R.; Sir Thomas Wright, P.G. Stwd., C.; D. Danford Thomas, P.G.V., G.; H. W. Kiallmark, P.S.R., P.G.S.B., Treas.; C. M. Jessop, P.S.R., P.G.C., Sec.; H. L'Estrange Saunders, G. Stwd., Stwd.; W. C. Canton, P.S.R., P.G.G., V.D.; and Wm. Amor, Sentinel. Visitor: Bro. W. G. Lemon, P.G.T.

The minutes were read and confirmed. The S.R. elect, Bro. Sir Thomas Wright, P.G. Stwd., was installed in the chair by W. Bro. H. W. Kiallmark, P.G.S.B., assisted by Bros. Marshall, Canton, and Jessop. The S.R. selected his officers as follows: Bros. Dr. Danford Thomas, C.; H. L'Estrange Saunders, Guide; Harry Lewis, Stwd.; Belgrave Ninnis, V.D.; W. C. Canton, S.D.; F. Marshall, Guarder; H. W. Kiallmark, Treasurer; C. M. Jessop, Secretary; and Wm. Amor, Sentinel. A motion Treasurer reported satisfactorily of the amounts. A motion

of urgency was then considered and adopted. The Secretary reported the unavoidable absence of Bro. Belgrave Ninnis, who was detained by duty at Chatham. The brethren, after the business of the conclave was over, dined together.

**THE LORD MAYOR ELECT, BRO. ALDERMAN
GEORGE ROBERT TYLER, RAISED TO THE
THIRD DEGREE.**

An emergency meeting of the Tuscan Lodge, No. 14, was held on Wednesday, the 25th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, for the special purpose of raising Bro. Alderman George Robert Tyler, Lord Mayor elect of the City of London, to the Third Degree.

The ordinary regular meeting would have been held on the day before, but there being no other business of particular importance to be transacted, no meeting was held on Tuesday, and the customary banquet was therefore reserved for the Wednesday evening.

The lodge was opened, when, besides a large muster of members, a goodly array of distinguished Grand Officers honoured the lodge with their presence. The members present were Bros. Charles W. Stephens, P.G.S., W.M.; E. St. Clair, G. Stwd., S.W.; E. Monteuiss, P.M., P.G.S., P.G.S.B., acting J.W.; S. Glover, P.M., P.G.S., Treas.; Gordon Smith, P.M., P.G.S., Sec.; A. Escott Young, S.D.; L. S. Mc Manus, M.D., J.D.; W. J. Sheppard, M.D., acting I.G.; Frank Richardson, P.M., P.G.S., P.G.D., D.C.; W. E. Sampson, P.M., P.G.S.; Edgar Figgess, P.M., P.G.S.; A. Williams, P.M., P.G.S.; H. Mackintosh, M.D., P.M., P.G.S.; George H. Hopkinson, P.M., P.G., P.A.G.D.C.; W. Regester, P.M., P.G.S.; W. J. Ebbetts, P.M., P.G.S.; E. Vaughan Thompson, E. A. Walker, and Harold Burke. The visitors were Bros. Thos. Fenn, President B.G.P.; Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., P.G.W.; N. G. Philips, P.S.G.D.; E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; Charles Belton, P.M. 1, P.G.S., P.G.A.D.C.; Col. James Peters, P.G.S.B.; Rudolph Glover, P.D.G.D.C.; Fredk. Mead, P.G.S.B.; George Weldon, P.M. 4, P.G.S.; F. K. Munton, P.M. 60, P.G.S.; Arthur Adams, P.M. 1673; Wm. Weaver, P.M. 1238; Charles T. Tyler, P.M. 1395; R. Percy, F. W. Simpson, P.M. 859; A. Leonard Roper, S.D. 69; C. A. Lett, 2190; A. Thorn, 2243; P. A. N. Thorne, 2243; and George Robert Tyler, 778 (Lord Mayor elect).

The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and the SECRETARY read a letter from Bro. Lord Ampt-hill, W.M. of the Bard of Avon Lodge, No. 778, to the W.M. of the Tuscan Lodge, requesting that Bro. Tyler might be raised to the Third Degree in the Tuscan Lodge, as his own lodge would not meet until next April. Bro. Tyler having answered the usual questions, retired to be prepared. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree. The W.M. then announced that Bros. Frank Richardson and Tyler were not only old friends, but that they had been at school together, and that he had therefore asked Bro. Frank Richardson to undertake the ceremony. He accordingly vacated the chair, which was thereupon taken by Bro. Frank Richardson, who then raised Bro. Tyler to the Third Degree in a most impressive and able manner. At the conclusion of the ceremony Bro. C. W. Stephens resumed the chair, and closed the lodge in the Three Degrees.

The brethren then adjourned to the banquet, after which the usual loyal toasts were proposed and cordially responded to.

Bro. Sir REGINALD HANSON responded for "The Grand Officers," and Bros. THOS. FENN and A. THORN for "The Visitors."

The special toast of the evening was "The Health of the Candidate, Bro. George Robert Tyler," which was most fittingly proposed by Bro. FRANK RICHARDSON, and as appropriately responded to by Bro. TYLER.

The other toasts included "The W.M.," "The Past Masters" (of whom no less than 10 were present), and "The Civil Officers and the Working Officers."

The brethren separated after having spent a very enjoyable evening.

FREEMASONRY IN THE CRIMEA.

A lodge was formed in connection with the West Yorkshire Regiment of Foot (then the 14th) in 1846, and called the "Integrity." It went through many vicissitudes, and was removed from the roll in 1890. In the historical records of the regiment it is stated that "when the regiment received orders at Malta to proceed to the Crimea, the adjutant (who was a Freemason) said if the lodge would allow him he would take the minute-book, the collars, and the warrant in his own baggage; and a small bag was made for them. He took the warrant off the rollers, and the rollers and the above extract went home to Ireland in his baggage. During the heavy work of the siege of Sebastopol there was no time to give to the work of the lodge, nor was there any place to meet in; but after the surrender of the town, and after everybody began to be settled comfortably for the winter, they resolved to resume work. He remembered well it got wind that they were going to meet in a certain hut—it must have been in October, 1855—and they had quite a gathering of interlopers trying to get a peep, and they had to post four *bona fide* outguards round the hut to keep off intruders from gazing through the chinks. At this first meeting they made arrangements for a regular meeting, and from that day until the departure of the

regiment, in 1856, work was done nearly every week. The meetings were held by arrangement at the camps of regiments in every division of the army, and in the village of Balaclava. One noble lord and two honourables were initiated on one night, and, as far as he can recollect, they admitted very nearly one hundred members to the Order. He handed over about £40, as well as he can recollect, to his successor at Malta. After work they had most amusing meetings, brethren from all corps bringing their own seats with them, as well as their eating and drinking implements; and many a tumble and souse in mud-holes had to be endured in finding the way home in the dark, particularly when the brethren were quite confident that they had a talent for topography and the science of short cuts. At these meetings all lights used to be placed in empty champagne bottles, and all the working tools were of the most primitive kind; but such rude implements did not seem to depreciate the quality of the work in the least." Captain J. W. Mills, late 14th Regiment, who is a P.M. of the lodge (No. 258), states that the lodge returned to Malta with the regiment, and met there, as also in Corfu and the West Indies.—*Western Morning News*.

**THE FIFTH CITY MASONIC BENEVOLENT
ASSOCIATION.**

The annual audit meeting of this association took place at the Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, on the 23rd inst., when there were present Bros. John Newton, Pres.; W. Harvey, C. H. Webb, J. R. Large, and W. T. Grant, members of Committee; and H. M. Hobbs, Secretary.

The balance-sheet showed that during the past year £286 10s. had been received and 26 ballots drawn, the balance carried forward amounting to £114 7s. 7d., in which were included six unappropriated shares.

The President, Vice-President, and Executive were re-elected for the current year, and eight ballots were drawn, which were won by Bros. T. A. Starnes, J. T. Stratford, A. L. Tipson, H. Times, E. Ballard, East Surrey Lodge of Concord Lodge of Instruction, J. S. Fraser, and Dr. E. F. S. Green.

**Our Portrait Gallery of Worshipful
Masters.**



BRO. A. E. TODD,
of Kingsland,

whose portrait we publish above, is the Worshipful Master of the Egyptian Lodge, No. 27. He was initiated in that lodge in October, 1888, being proposed by Bro. C. B. Todd, P.M., and seconded by Bro. Maidwell, P.M., and has filled all the offices from J.D. The Egyptian Lodge is well known in the Craft for its excellent working of the ritual, and our brother will certainly help to keep up that reputation. A report of the Egyptian Lodge will be found in another column.

**EAST LANCASHIRE SYSTEMATIC
EDUCATIONAL AND BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.**

The half-yearly meeting of this Institution was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Friday, the 20th instant, and was presided over by the Chairman, Bro. J. H. Sillitoe, who was supported by Bro. J. L. Newbold, Vice-Chairman; J. Heelis, Hon. Sec.; J. Newton, Sec.; and about 80 representatives of lodges.

The minutes of the various sub-Committees were read for confirmation, after which the meeting proceeded to elect candidates as under, viz.: For Education—Two children of the late Bro. Eddavene, and one child of the late Bro. Palmer. All of them were adopted and referred to the Education Board. The

election of annuitants then followed, when, in consequence of the two female candidates being at present in receipt of weekly allowance from the Institution, it was deemed advisable to defer their election until the expiration of such grants. The male candidate was duly elected. The Committee voted a bonus to the Secretary, Bro. Jas. Newton, in consideration of the extra services rendered by him during the past year. The General Committee meeting was closed, and a meeting of the Education Board was opened. The cases above referred to were considered, and grants made accordingly. The Relief Board was afterwards formed, and the petitions of three applicants were presented, and were relieved as follows: One £20, one 8s. per week until elected on the Annuity Fund, and another £10, to be distributed by weekly payments.

The following lodges were represented: Nos. 37, 42, 44, 54, 64, 78, 126, 146, 152, 163, 191, 204, 215, 219, 226, 266, 268, 274, 277, 283, 288, 298, 300, 317, 325, 345, 369, 645, 678, 815, 816, 852, 935, 993, 1011, 1012, 1030, 1077, 1134, 1145, 1147, 1218, 1219, 1322, 1458, 1459, 1519, 1534, 1633, 1634, 1697, 1723, 1773, 1868, 1948, 2022, 2320, 2363, 2387, and 2482.

Obituary.

BRO. J. GARRITT.

We have to announce, with regret, the death of Bro. J. Garritt, late of the Kingsland Lodge, No. 1693, which took place on Sunday, the 15th instant. He was buried at Highgate Cemetery on Saturday, the 21st instant. The following relatives and friends of the deceased attended the funeral: Mr. J. Garritt, father; Mr. A. Garritt, brother; Mr. Thoms, manager of the deceased's business in Clerkenwell-road; Mrs. Thoms, Miss E. Veal, Mr. Richards, Mr. J. Allen, Mr. Skinner, two Brothers Ventnor, and several others, whose names we did not learn. The lodge was represented by Bros. A. W. Fenner, P.M., Sec.; A. W. Cooper, J.W.; J. S. Anthony, J.D.; and T. Sergeant; also Bros. W. Blunt, 957; S. Blunt, 1728; and G. Baker, 1677. There were several handsome wreaths on the coffin, one of which was sent by the Kingsland Lodge, by the members of which our late Bro. Garritt was much respected.

BRO. JAMES GARNAR.

A most imposing and impressive ceremony was witnessed at Nunhead Cemetery on Tuesday afternoon, the 17th inst., when the remains of our late highly esteemed Bro. Jas. Garnar were laid to rest in the family vault, in the presence of a large concourse (about 300) of sorrowing brethren and friends. His illness, which had extended over several months, terminated fatally on Monday, the 9th inst., at his residence, 5, Lee Terrace, Blackheath, in his 49th year. He had been most successful in his business and was brother of sterling qualities, whose integrity and uprightness of character had gained for him the esteem of all he came in contact with. This was evidenced by his being selected as a Guardian to the St. Olave's Union, on the Valuation Committee for Bermondsey, a manager of the Sutton Schools, one of the managers of Herne Bay Schools, and one of the Committee of the Leather and Hide Trades Provident and Benevolent Institution. Our deceased brother had been P.M. and Treasurer of Rose of Denmark Lodge, No. 975, and P.M. of the Rose Lodge, No. 1622. He was also a P.Z. of Stanhope Chapter, No. 1269, and, above all, ever bearing in mind "those seeds of true benevolence," had made himself a Vice-President of the three Masonic Institutions. The cortege left the residence for Holy Trinity Church, which was attended by a goodly congregation, and where the first part of the funeral service was most impressively rendered by the Rev. B. W. Buck. On arriving at the cemetery, the coffin, which was of oak with brass mountings, was borne by 10 of the oldest employees, and covered with beautiful wreaths, of which we specially noticed one from the Rose Lodge, No. 1622, composed of white chrysanthemums, lilies, and a Masonic design of scarlet geraniums in the centre, with an appropriate inscription; one from the Sutton Schools, and another from the workmen of the "Grange." Besides the members of the deceased's family, there were present at the grave the employees, numbering about 150, and many representatives of public bodies with which the deceased was connected, as well as representatives from the neighbouring firms in the trade and the Metropolitan Fire Brigade. There were also the following brethren: the W.M. and Secretary, with several brethren, of 975; Bros. S. S. Derham, W.M. 1622; Hamilton, P.M.; J. T. Loader, P.M. and Sec.; J. Kirby, Treas.; H. G. Vickery, P.M.; F. Hilton, P.M.; Isaac Dunn, P.M.; H. G. Martin, P.M.; W. Jeffery, P.M.; J. H. Pullen, P.M.; Hamlyn, P.M.; Pickett, S.W.; Moore, and Doerr, of 1622; Castledine, W.M. 2272; Salmon, Messent, Preston, Hight, Harden, Nelthropp, Poor, Frank W. Williams, P.M. 101; Thos. Grummant, P.M. and Sec. 1559; Wm. Cowley, P.M. and Treas. 1559; Jas. Addington, P.M. 217; Chas. Gooding, W.M. 788; with many others. The funeral arrangements were most effectively carried out by Bro. Isaac Dunn, P.M. 1622, of Camberwell and Peckham.

The Duke of Connaught presided at the meeting of the Aldershot Military Society, which was held at the Prince Consort's Library, on Tuesday evening, when a lecture was given by Mr. T. Millar Maguire, LL.D., on "The Strategic Geography of Central and Western Europe."



The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cambridgeshire will be held at Cambridge on Monday, the 20th prox.

The appointment of Bro. Charles Hazell, of Portishead, by the vestry on the 29th ult. as assistant overseer of that parish was confirmed by the Long Ashton magistrates on Friday, the 13th inst.

Bro. F. S. Jarvis, S.W. of the Zetland Lodge, No. 511, was unanimously elected W.M. at the last meeting. We heartily wish him a most successful year of office. The W.M. elect is well-known amongst the brethren, and much respected.

The Royal Colonial Institute will hold the inaugural meeting of its 26th session on Tuesday, the 14th prox., when Bro. the Earl of Onslow will read a paper on the subject of "State Socialism and Labour Government in Antipodean Britain."

At the meeting of the Covent Garden Lodge, No. 1614, on the 10th instant, Bro. G. Coleman, P.M.—the first initiate of the lodge and the oldest P.M.—was unanimously nominated Treasurer, in the place of Bro. Edward Jacobs, deceased, the late Treasurer.

To-morrow (Saturday) Bro. W. Kuhe, P.G.O., by arrangement with Bro. Sir Augustus Harris, will give a grand morning operatic recital at the Dome, Brighton, of Mascagni's "Cavalleria Rusticana." There will be a full orchestra and chorus from Covent Garden.

Bro. the Hon. Sir Stafford Northcote, M.P., arrived in town in the early part of this week from the Continent, for the purpose of attending the funeral of his niece, the Lady Katherine C. Northcote, youngest daughter of the Earl of Iddesleigh, who died at Pynes, Exeter, on the 21st inst.

Bro. E. Burritt Lane, Mus. Bac., Dunelm., P.M. and Treas. 1765, Org. 1692, M.E.Z. 1745, Organist of Bromley (Kent) Parish Church, has been favoured with an invitation to the dinner to be given "in honour of music" by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress at the Mansion House on the 6th prox.

Bro. the Earl and Countess of Airlie have been entertaining a large party at Cortachy for the shooting. The Cortachy games have just been held, while the present week will not have passed without an entertainment in the shape of a ball and supper being given to the tenants in honour of the birth of their son, Lord Ogilvey.

The Court of Quarter Sessions for Middlesex was opened in the new Guildhall at Westminster on the 21st inst., when the chairman, Bro. Littler, Q.C., congratulated the county on the completion of their enlarged premises. A saving of between £15,000 and £20,000 has been effected by re-building, and the new courts are a great improvement on the old.

The statue of the Princess of Wales, executed by the Prince Victor of Hohenlohe-Langenburg, has just been placed in the vestibule of the new building for the Royal College of Music, and the Council of the College have accordingly written to the Marchioness of Salisbury, President of the Princess of Wales's Statue Fund Committee, expressing their great appreciation of the gift as well as of the honour done to the College by its presentation.

The Duke and Duchess of Westminster have arrived at Grosvenor House from Eaton Hall, the former having completely recovered from the chill contracted last week when presiding at the annual conference, at Northwich, of the Lancashire and Cheshire Institute. His Grace has forwarded a cheque for £500, being the proceeds of the fees paid by visitors to Eaton Hall, to the Chester General Infirmary.

At the last meeting of the Strand Lodge, No. 1987, Bro. Stiles, the worthy Secretary, informed the brethren that Bro. Aubenal, a member of the lodge and the assistant to Bro. Bertini, the manager of the Criterion, was leaving London on the 16th instant for Monte Carlo, to undertake the management of the Hotel de Paris. The members of the Strand Lodge, and all who had come in contact with Bro. Aubenal, and they were many, wished him every success out in the sunny South, and felt sure should any brethren of the Strand Lodge visit Monte Carlo, Bro. Aubenal would give them every attention. Bro. Aubenal has for a long time been the deputy manager of the Criterion, and his attention to the brethren at the banquets has always been much appreciated.

A private smoking concert was held at the Princess Alexandra, Nightingale-road, Lower Clapton, on Friday evening, the 20th instant, under the presidency of R. J. Stamp, Esq., the vice-chair being taken by G. W. Pridmore, Esq. The proprietress of this house is the widow of the late Bro. Thos. Price, and the Masonic Fraternity assembled in full force. The programme was under the direction of Messrs. Fenton and Baker, who provided an excellent entertainment, also an innovation in the shape of a capital string band for the accompaniments. Mr. Pridmore gave in excellent style "The Bridge" and "Four Jolly Smiths," and Mr. F. Bowers was very amusing in "Pardonniesz Moi," whilst Messrs. Harry Bowers, Margott, and Chas. West contributed other items. The comic element was well sustained by Messrs. J. Jones, Will Victor, and F. Carrick, whose songs were certainly the success of the evening. "Kissing Cup's Race" was recited by Mr. S. B. Jones with very telling effect, and the ventriloquist, C. Darville, and M. de Lara, with his conjuring, left nothing to be desired. The usual vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated a very pleasant evening.

A TERRIBLE TRAGEDY is, unfortunately, too common a heading on the contents bills of our daily papers. It is sad to reflect that many of the suicides and murders that occur are the result of people neglecting their health until some complaint gets grafted into their systems, and the result is despair, which often hastens a tragic finale to what might have been a useful life. Holloway's Pills, taken in time, purify the blood and prevent the approach of any chronic disorders. They have effected cures in cases which have been previously given up as hopeless. There is hardly any limit to their excellence, for success invariably follows, when they have been taken according to directions given to every purchaser.

The Infanta Eulalia of Spain, who is on a visit to this country, took luncheon with the Prince and Princess of Wales at Marlborough House on Sunday.

The Princess of Wales and her daughters, the Princesses Victoria and Maud, visited the Exhibition of the Institute of Painters in Water Colours, Piccadilly, on Tuesday.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 61, on the 8th prox., at the Old Parr's Head, Knight-riding-street, E.C., Bro. J. G. Milbourn, P.M. 13, in the chair.

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 Earl of Jersey has forwarded to Bro. Grigor, Secretary of St. John's Lodge, Inverness, a beautiful gold jewel, which was presented to Captain Grigor in 1774 for services rendered to the lodge. It was given to Lord Jersey while in Sydney, to be handed back to the old lodge, by the descendants of its original owner.

Wednesday, the 26th inst., was the 39th anniversary of the Battle of Balaclava, which was fought on the 25th October, 1854, as well as the 47th of the Battle of Agincourt, which was fought on the 25th October, 1415. The survivors of the former battle celebrated the event with the usual dinner.

The Duke of York has requested that the balance of £89, being the surplus of the Mansion House Fund, for the purpose of presenting his Royal Highness and the Duchess of York with a present of tapestry from the citizens and inhabitants of London on their marriage, may be handed over to the poor-box of the Mansion House Justice-room, the demands upon which will become increasingly severe as the winter approaches.

The Duchess of Albany opened an exhibition and fancy fair at Holy Trinity Schools, Harrow Green, Leytonstone, on Tuesday, in aid of the building fund of St. Alban's Mission Church. The exhibits include valuable paintings lent by the Queen, the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, and others. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to her Royal Highness, who was very heartily cheered, both on her arrival and departure.

Representatives of the Huyshe Lodge, No. 1099, and Elms Lodge, No. 1212, met on the 16th instant at Home Park, Stoke, to arrange for an amalgamated chapter of Royal Arch Masons. Comps. W. J. Stanbury, J. W. Foster, S. H. Page, G. H. Oliver, J. Allen, S.E., S. Panter, H. W. Pengelly, and W. H. Dillon represented the Huyshe Lodge, and Comps. W. Sweet, A. H. Whidden, and J. Bray the Elms Lodge. It was resolved to apply for the establishment of a new chapter as the Huyshe-Elms Chapter.

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, accompanied by Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Dimsdale, visited Upper Norwood on Monday for the purpose of opening the new wing of the Cottage Hospital, which has recently been erected at a cost of £2000. The civic party were received by the Mayor of Croydon, Bro. Alderman Treloar, and Mr. Tritton, and, his lordship having performed the ceremony, congratulated the inhabitants of the borough on their possession of so valuable an institution.

Bro. Past Grand Treasurer Eve is making a tour in the States, and was the guest of Mr. John O'Connor, M.P. for Kilkenny, who is one of the Royal Commissioners at the Chicago Exhibition. Bro. Eve is delighted with the World's Fair and his reception everywhere. He was in the Senate and Assembly at Washington, and was introduced to the President of the United States, who shook hands with the English visitor. Bro. Eve was also the guest of the Grand Master and P.G. Master of New York at dinner.

The British Mediterranean Squadron, under the command of Vice-Admiral Sir M. Culme Seymour, having concluded its visit to Taranto, entered the port of Spezia early on Monday morning, the reception it met with from the naval, military, and municipal authorities being as cordial as that it experienced at Taranto. When the vessels had cast anchor, the Duke of Genoa, accompanied by the captains of the ships forming the reserve squadron, visited the British Admiral, who with his principal officers subsequently returned the visit.

We regret to hear that our much respected Bro. Magnus Ohren, P.A.G.D.C., who for such a long period acted as Secretary and Manager of the Crystal Palace Gas Company, has found it expedient through failing health to resign his important appointment. No better evidence of the estimation in which he is held could be shown than the following resolution which was unanimously passed by the Board of Directors on the 6th inst.: "The Board received with the greatest regret the resignation of their respected friend and Secretary, Mr. Magnus Ohren, in consequence of his failing health; and in accepting such resignation, they desire to record their deep sense of the loss they sustain in the severance of his connection with the Company after a period of 38 years' faithful service, during which time, he fulfilled his duties to the great advantage of the Company and the entire satisfaction of the Board." We trust Bro. Ohren may still have many years before him to enjoy his well-earned leisure.

REVIVAL OF AN OLD IRISH LODGE OF 1759.—On the 14th inst., the Masonic Hall, Downshire-road, Newry, was the scene of an exceedingly interesting ceremony—the revival of St. Patrick's Lodge, No. 79. The meetings of this old and respectable lodge, which was founded at Tandragee in the year 1759, have for the last 30 years been held at the Four-Mile House, Donaghmore. For several years past the surviving members of the lodge have experienced considerable difficulty in keeping the warrant alive in the district of Donaghmore. It was, therefore, with the consent of the properly-constituted authorities, determined to remove it, for better working, to Newry, and the meeting which assembled on the 14th inst. to welcome the lodge to its new quarters was both large and thoroughly representative. The chair was occupied on the occasion by Bro. Samuel Matchett, P.M., P.K., and P.P. 105, Tandragee. In addition to the surviving members of the lodge, several brethren attended from Tandragee, Rathfriland, Warrenpoint, and Gifford, whilst the local muster was both large and representative. After the termination of business, the members of 79 most hospitably entertained their visitors in the banqueting chamber.

The Provincial Grand Chapter of Warwickshire will hold its next annual general convocation at the Queen's Hotel, Coventry, on Thursday, the 9th prox.

The Princess of Wales and her daughters the Princesses Victoria and Maud landed from the Royal yacht Osborne at Port Victoria about 1 p.m. on the 21st instant, and at once proceeded by special South-Eastern train to Charing Cross, where the Prince of Wales was in waiting to meet them.

The Queen has again honoured the Carl Rosa Opera Company with a command to appear before her Majesty and the Royal Family at Balmoral. The performance will take place on Monday, November 13th, and the opera selected by the Queen for the occasion is Auber's "Fra Diavolo."

The Duchess of Albany will pay a visit to Fulham to-morrow (Saturday), and, after lunching with the Bishop of London and Mrs. Temple at the Palace, will proceed to lay the foundation-stone of a new church (St. Matthew) which is to be built near Hurlingham, on the Wandsworth Bridge-road.

The Earl of Derby officiated at the opening of the Harris Free Library and Museum at Preston, on Thursday. The building, said to be the handsomest in the borough, cost £100,000, which has been defrayed by bequests under the will of Messrs. E. R. and T. Harris, an old Preston family, who also left £100,000 for a new orphanage. The Countess of Derby and the Earl and Countess of Lathom took part in the ceremony.

The amusement of skating, which was so fashionable at Brighton a few years since, has been revived this season with the old enthusiasm. On Saturdays, in particular, when skaters have the advantage of a crack military band, the large hall in West-street is crowded. To-morrow (Saturday) those who indulge in this recreation and their friends will hear a capital performance by the band of the Grenadier Guards, who will attend under the direction of Bro. Lieut. Dan Godfrey.

The Royal Navy Club of 1765 and 1785 gave their annual dinner in commemoration of the Battles of Trafalgar and Camperdown at the Hôtel Métropole on the 21st instant. Admiral Sir A. Hoskins presided, and the principal guest was the Duke of Cambridge, among the other flag officers present being Admirals of the Fleet Bros. Sir Henry Keppel and Sir E. Commerell, Sir William Dowell, Sir G. H. Richards, Bro. Sir George Wiles, Sir Leopold M'Clinck, and Bro. Sir E. A. Inglefield.

Saturday, the 21st instant, being the anniversary of Trafalgar, Lord Nelson's flagship, the Victory, was dressed with garlands and evergreens, in accordance with annual custom. The annual meeting of the Royal Seamen's and Marine's Orphan Home at Portsmouth was also held on the same day under the presidency of Admiral Sir H. Chads, while at St. Margaret's, Twickenham, Lady Louise Egerton, in the absence, through illness, of Lady Wellesley, presided at the distribution of prizes to the pupils of the Royal School for Naval and Marine Officers' Daughters.

A stained-glass window which had been erected in St. John's Church, Wolverhampton, in memory of the late Bro. George Higham, builder, of that town, who for 32 years was one of the Churchwardens, was recently unveiled by the Right Rev. Bishop Anson. The design includes figures of St. Simeon, the Virgin Mary, and Joseph and Hannah, and at the foot is the inscription: "To the Glory of God, and in memory of George Higham, for thirty-two years Warden in this church, who entered into rest January 25, 1893. This window is erected by his fellow worshippers and brother Masons."

Lord Vivian, the British Ambassador in Rome, died after a brief illness, on the morning of Saturday last, having recently completed his 59th year. His lordship had been connected with the diplomatic service, having entered the Foreign Office in 1851. Five years later he was attached to the late Earl of Clarendon's mission to Paris. In 1861 he went to Berlin as private Secretary to the Marquis of Breadalbane. Subsequently, he held appointments in the Danubian Principalities, in Egypt, Switzerland, and Brussels, and last year, on the Marquis of Dufferin and Ava being transferred as Ambassador from Rome to Paris, the deceased was nominated his successor in the former capital. The Queen, the Princess of Wales, and the King and Queen of Italy have telegraphed their condolences with Lady Vivian, who has been greatly touched by their expressions of sympathy.

The publishers of "The Magazine of Art," says *The Academy*, have resolved to make a fresh departure in the new volume, which commences with the November number. Henceforth, beside other novel features, they will issue a separate plate with each monthly number, being a reproduction of some picture of current interest. The magazine will thus, in the future, contain three plates; a photogravure or etching as frontispiece, and two more executed by some other process, sometimes printed in colour. For example, the November number will contain a photogravure of Rossetti's "Veronica Veronese," an etching of the Alhambra by Mr. Macbeth Raeburn; and a wood engraving of Fred. Walker's picture, "The Harbour of Refuge," recently presented by Mr. Agnew to the National Gallery. At the same time, the price of "The Magazine of Art" will be raised to 1s 4d. monthly.

The Lord Chancellor (Bro. Lord Herschell) entertained the judges at breakfast on Wednesday, after which the party drove to the Law Courts, which was unusually crowded with spectators, a large number of ladies being among them, anxious to witness the usual procession of judges on the occasion of the re-opening of the Courts after the long vacation. Nearly all the judges were present, Lord Coleridge being the most prominent absentee. The Lord Chancellor, preceded by his mace-bearer, led the way, and was followed by the Master of the Rolls and Lord Justices. Previous, however, to this important function, the Lord Mayor elect (Bro. Alderman Tyler) was presented to the Lord Chancellor by the Recorder, Sir Charles Hall, M.P., and his lordship conveyed the Queen's approval of his election to Bro. Alderman Tyler. Among those present were Bros. Sir J. B. Monckton, Sir David Evans, K.C. M.G., and Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., M.P.

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