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A CONSTITUTIONAL RAMBLE.

It is to be regretted that brethren do not more frequently consult the Book of Constitutions. We are prepared to admit that it is not a work of a very exciting or exhilarating character. We are, indeed, pretty much of the opinion to which the late Bro. HAVERS once gave expression at a provincial meeting held within something less than a hundred miles from Freemasons' Hall, that it is "a dreary" book, and "dreary" books, as a rule, are not much sought after. But it is a useful, or rather a necessary, work, on which we have from time to time to depend for guidance in the solution of knotty questions concerning lodge procedure, lodge management, or other matters of a complex nature. In fact, we are unable to fulfil our duties either as members or officers of a lodge without occasionally consulting its pages; and yet the book is virtually unread except by the legal brother, who is now and again called upon to pronounce judgment on some matter in dispute between lodges or brethren; by the Masonic newspaper Editor, who is held to be capable of answering every question that can be propounded, even by the most ingenious of querists; and by the few upon whom dreariness may be supposed to exercise a fascination. We say this is to be regretted, firstly, because some knowledge of, at all events, the most important of our Constitutions is indispensable to the proper conduct of our work; and, secondly—and in this instance we speak from interested motives—because we should escape the risk of being pelted with queries which are either too difficult for any but experts to answer, or too silly to require any answer at all. Recently we have been favoured with a series of questions relating chiefly to the duties and responsibilities of Worshipful Masters and Past Masters. Here, for instance, is one, a solution of which is desired because, as we are given to understand, a difference of opinion exists as to the correct interpretation of Article 141, Book of Constitutions. That section of the Article in question to which our querist refers reads as follows: "In the Master's absence, the Immediate Past Master, or, if he be absent, the Senior Past Master of the Lodge present, or if no Past Master of the Lodge be present, then the Senior Past Master who is a subscribing member of the Lodge shall take the chair." Here is the question we are requested to answer. "A, B, C, and D are Past Masters of the same lodge of one, two, three, and four years' seniority—in alphabetical order. A and B are present at the opening of the lodge, and in the absence of the W.M. and I.P.M., B being the senior P.M. present takes the chair and presides. Subsequently C is announced and admitted. Is B bound to give up the chair to C, who is his senior, and on the admission later on of D, who is senior to C, is the latter bound to give up to D? In such case there might be five or six presiding Masters in the course of the evening." To this question, which we answer according to the light that is in us and as seriously as we are able, we reply, firstly, "No," the only brother to whom the acting Master should vacate the chair being the W.M. in the event of his arriving upon the scene while the lodge is in session; and, secondly—Heaven help the lodge of which the Past Masters are manifestly so jealous of each other's rank that they cannot even allow the duties of the evening to proceed uninterruptedly. The next question propounded is suggestive of anything but that peace and harmony by which the proceedings of Freemasons should at all times be characterised—"Is the presiding Master of a lodge empowered to refuse admittance to a member (whether he be a Past Master or not) after he attempts to force an entrance into the lodge during a discussion in which he is asked to wait the decision before his entry; and if he gives the Tyler battle, and again attempts to enter by climbing over a window and making free use of a stick to those within the lodge as well as of abusive and un-Masonic expressions—is it competent for the lodge to exclude that brother according to Page 94, Rule 210 of the Book of Constitutions?" We trust we shall be forgiven if our answer to this query is in some measure vague. We are unable to grasp the situation as described by our querist, who, if we are to assume that the occurrence took place, must have had all his ideas thrown into a confusion, from which they have not yet recovered. The position, as we take it, must have been somewhat as follows: The lodge was in session, a discussion was in progress, and the decision thereon was on the point of being reached, when a member arrived on the scene, and was requested to wait till the discussion was over. But the new arrival, instead of complying with this request, attempts to force his way into the lodge. He fails in his first attempt, but a second is more successful. Having drubbed the Tyler, he climbs over a window, and with the aid of a stick, which he freely uses upon the members within the lodge, and a few well-delivered volleys of abusive and un-Masonic expletives, he ultimately reaches the goal of his ambition, and seats himself in lodge. Here we are invited to state, as regards the first act of this wretched drama, if the pre-

siding Master has the power to refuse the obnoxious member admittance; and, as regards the second act, if it is competent for the lodge to exclude him under Article 210. As regards the right of an acting or actual Master to refuse admittance to a member, the Book of Constitutions is silent. By Article 151 he is empowered to refuse admission "to any visitor whose presence he has reason to believe will disturb the harmony of the lodge or to any visitor of known bad character." But a member has the right to be present in his lodge and take part in its proceedings; and though it is of daily occurrence for a member to be requested to wait a few moments until something which is in progress at the time is ended, the right of admission cannot be denied him, even though, as appears to have happened in this case, he creates an uproar in the ante-room. Possibly, too, this member may have been deeply interested in the question under discussion, and may have made up his mind to vote for or against it. In such circumstance his refusal to wait until the decision was arrived at would be only natural, though it ought not to have taken the form it did—of battling with the Tyler, climbing into the lodge over a window, and belabouring the members with his stick and abusing them like pickpockets. Nothing could excuse such disgraceful conduct—on the assumption that our querist is presenting us with a real, not an imaginary, occurrence—and we should certainly recommend that the assistance of Article 210 be invoked in dealing with such an offender. There is yet a third question among those which have been submitted to us, and to which, in the brief space remaining at our disposal, we are desirous of calling attention. "Is it compulsory," asks our correspondent, "for the Senior Past Master present to preside over the lodge in the absence of the W. Master and Immediate Past Master; and in the event of his allowing his junior to preside, is he responsible for the acts or irregularities of his junior?" Here, the law says, absolutely—"shall take the chair;" but there is nothing that we are aware of to prevent the Senior Past Master from waiving his right in favour of a Junior Past Master, in which case the latter would be responsible for his "acts or irregularities." Under Article 3, he has "all the rights, powers, and duties of the Officer . . . in whose place he shall act," and we fail to see how he can be dissociated from the responsibilities.

Here, for the present, our "Constitutional Ramble" must come to an end, and the queries we have still before us must stand over for the present.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUSSEX.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex was held on Thursday, the 26th ult., in the Music Room, Royal Pavilion, Brighton. In the unavoidable absence of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, Provincial Grand Master, and of Bro. the Right Hon. Sir W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., P.G.S., Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the chair was taken by Bro. the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, Dean of Battle, P.G. Chap., who was supported by several of the Grand Officers of England, by a large gathering of the Present and Past Provincial Grand Officers, and also by many of the brethren of the lodges in the province.

Previous to the formal business of the afternoon, the ACTING DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND SECRETARY read the following address which had been received from the Provincial Grand Master:

To the members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex.

I regret exceedingly that I am unable to be present on Thursday at the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, more especially as I have just received information that my Deputy Prov. Grand Master, the Right Hon. Sir W. T. Marriott, is detained in Egypt by a professional engagement, and cannot possibly return in time. I have therefore deputed the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, Dean of Battle and Past Grand Chaplain, to preside in my place and invest the officers whom I have appointed. I assure you it is only my paramount desire to properly fulfil the duties I have undertaken in assuming the command at Aldershot which prevents me from attending. In response to an urgent invitation from the Worthing Lodge of Friendship, I did propose to hold the annual meeting this year at Worthing, but in consequence of the distressing epidemic from which the inhabitants are still suffering, although I am glad to hear the illness is subsiding, I did not think it wise or prudent that the meeting should take place there this year, but hope it may be held there on a future occasion. I am glad to find from the returns that there has been a fair number of initiates during the year, and, in consequence of the establishment of the two new lodges, a large number of joining members, but this does not represent a similar increase in the actual numbers of individual brethren, as many are still subscribers to other lodges. The increase on paper is from 1313 to 1382, but as many are duplicates the number of subscribing numbers at June last was only about 1270. When we met last I told you I thought the two next lodges which I had recommended would supply all the requirements of the province for some time, but the energy and perseverance displayed by a few brethren who wished to start a lodge at Pevensey was such that after a large amount of consideration and consultation with my Deputy Provincial Grand Master, I felt I could not refuse to recommend

the petition, so the warrant was granted, and the lodge duly consecrated last month. I find that the scheme proposed for the establishment of a Masonic Hall and Club at Brighton did not commend itself to a majority of the brethren, so could not be carried out, and although, no doubt, many regret it, and would like to see a special home for Freemasonry in the province, there is such ample and extraordinary accommodation in the Royal Pavilion at Brighton, that I do not wonder brethren are loth to leave it. The increase in the number of lodges to 30 enables me to appoint three additional Provincial Grand Officers, and even now I find myself unable to promote all the brethren whose names are submitted to me, or to give one appointment to each lodge. I have, however, endeavoured to select those brethren I consider most entitled to office, and postponed the consideration of other claims to a future occasion. I am glad to preside over a prosperous and united province. I wish the brethren every happiness, and am exceedingly sorry I am obliged to refuse so many invitations I receive from the various lodges.

ARTHUR, P.G.M.

October 21st, 1893.

The minutes of the last annual meeting having been read and confirmed, the P.G. SECRETARY called the roll of the lodges in the province, after which the reports of the Board of Finance and Charities' Committee were received and adopted.

On the motion of Bro. V. P. FREEMAN, Prov. G. Sec., the sum of 50 guineas was voted from the funds of the Prov. Grand Lodge to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Among other amounts voted was the sum of £20 towards the Worthing Relief Fund.

The following officers were appointed for the ensuing year, and invested with the insignia of their respective offices, viz.:

Bro. A. King, Mus. Doc., P.M. 271, 2201	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" A. M. Brookfield, M.P., P.M. 341	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. J. A. Rivington, P.M. 56	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. R. Wood Loosemore, P.M. 1184	...	
" J. M. Reed, P.M. 732	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" H. J. Infield, P.M. 271	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" V. P. Freeman, P.M. 315, 732	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" F. V. Paxton, P.M. 56	...	Prov. S.G.Ds.
" T. Burne, P.M. 1726	...	
" Thos. MacQueen, P.M. 916	...	Prov. J.G.Ds.
" W. B. Isworth, P.M. 1636	...	
" J. H. Every, P.M. 311	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" W. W. D'Albiac, P.M. 1466	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" H. Endacott, P.M. 1947	...	Prov. D.G.D.C.
" W. H. Caffyn, P.M. 1110	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" M. Lelew, P.M. 1821	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" Thomas Smith, P.M. 1619	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" W. T. Jordan, P.M. 1184	...	
" J. G. Buttifant, P.M. 1141	...	Prov. G. Org.
" B. Burfield, P.M. 1821	...	Prov. A.G. Sec.
" H. Cheale, P.M. 1829	...	Prov. G. Purst.
" G. Holman, P.M. 311, 1303	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" G. C. Vernon-Inkpen, P.M. 38	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" T. W. Markwick, P.M. 40	...	
" E. Histed, P.M. 732	...	
" R. Piper, W.M. 851	...	
" H. Pearce, P.M. 1797	...	
" W. Carless, P.M. 1842	...	

A banquet afterwards took place.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF STAFFORDSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Staffordshire was held at the Borough Hall, Stafford, on Tuesday, the 7th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Lieut.-Col. Bindley, Dep. Prov. G.M., who, since the death of Bro. Col. Gough, has been in charge of the province.

There was a very large assemblage of members, considerably over 200 signing the Tyler's book, and all the lodges in the province being represented, from St. Martin's, Burslem, whose warrant dates from 1764, to St. Michael's, Stone, which was consecrated on the 29th of September last.

Bro. Lieut.-Col. Bindley was supported on the dais by Bros. Capt. J. D. Murray, Past G. Treas. Eng.; J. Bodenham, P.P.S.G.W., Past A.G. D.C. Eng.; C. A. Newnham, P.G. Treas.; the Rev. S. Wickham Jones, P.G. Chap.; Major G. W. Walker, P. Asst. G. Sec.; and the Rev. O. M. Holden, 1521, P.G. Chap. Jersey. Bros. W. J. Whittall, 482, and R. Dain, 98, occupied the S.W. and J.W. chairs respectively, and there were also present the Present and Past Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge and Masters and Past Masters of lodges in the province.

After the Prov. Grand Lodge had been opened in the customary manner, letters of apology were announced from Bros. Frank James, P.D.P.G.M.; Lieut.-Col. E. H. Thorne, P.G. Sec. (who wrote that he was confined to the house by a chill); Fendelow, Mathias Barker, F. Frobisher, A. M'Bean, Greatbach, Walton, Newman, and other well-known members of the Craft.

The Prov. Grand Treasurer's accounts were approved and adopted, the financial position of the Provincial Grand Lodge being very satisfactory.

Bro. Lieut.-Col. BINDLEY, in addressing the lodge, expressed his warmest thanks to the brethren for assembling in such large numbers in response to his summons. He referred to the appointment about to be made of a Prov. Grand Master in place of the late lamented Col. Gough. Speaking of the appointments which he was about to make, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master expressed his regret that he was unable to give further honours, considering the many deserving brethren who could justly claim such recognition. Unfortunately, the number of appointments was limited, and all he could do was to select those who seemed to have the greatest claim. No personal feeling had entered into any appointment which he had made; but in all respects he had been guided by the desire to do what he considered best for the Craft. He congratulated them upon the consecration of two new lodges at Walsall and Stone during the year, and also upon the harmony which existed generally throughout the province. He urged the necessity for Masters installing their successors,

which always had a grand effect upon those who followed after them, and requested that in the returns made for the compilation of the "Masonic Calendar" the Past or Present Prov. Grand rank of the Worshipful Master and Past Master's should be signified. This would show the honours received by the various lodges, and would also be of assistance in the making of future appointments. He expressed great regret at the illness of Bro. Lieut.-Col. Thorne, who had been one of the most ardent, hard-working, and painstaking brethren in the province, and announced the resignation of the duties of Prov. Grand Secretary by Bro. Col. Thorne in consequence of the state of his health. For his past services he proposed to advance him now to the Senior Warden's chair. He acknowledged the services of Bro. Newnham as Treasurer, and proposed a cordial vote of thanks to him for the manner in which he had carried out these duties.

The motion was seconded by Bro. PEPPER, and carried with acclamation. The D.P.G.M. appointed the following as officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge for the ensuing year:

Bro. Lieut.-Col. G. H. Thorne	...	Prov. S.G.W.
" F. W. Willmore	...	Prov. J.G.W.
" Rev. S. Wickham Jones	...	Prov. G. Chaps.
" Rev. L. C. A. Edgworth	...	
" C. A. Newnham	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" J. M. Wood	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" Major G. W. Walker	...	Prov. G. Sec.
" J. Wood	...	Prov. S.G.Ds.
" W. H. Howson	...	
" G. Vaughan	...	Prov. J.G.Ds.
" A. Parker	...	
" F. Sherrett	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" J. Woolridge	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" Capt. Henry Borrough	...	Prov. D.G.D.C.
" T. Evans	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" G. Wilson	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" J. F. Howson	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" F. Taylor	...	
" J. Roper	...	Prov. G. Org.
" J. Gladman	...	Prov. Asst. G. Purst.
" W. G. Taylor	...	Prov. A.G. Purst.
" J. Dunbar Steen	...	Prov. Asst. G. Sec.
" C. J. Nevitt	...	Prov. G. Stwds.
" T. T. Beck	...	
" Percy Smith	...	
" D. Mould	...	

The brethren attended Divine service at St. Mary's Church, the sermon being preached by Bro. the Rev. WICKHAM JONES, Prov. G. Chap. The collection, which amounted to upwards of £6, was devoted to purposes in connection with St. Mary's Parish, and the Prov. G. Chaplain's Parish of Salt.

In the evening a banquet was held in the Shire Hall, under the presidency of Bro. Lieut.-Col. Bindley, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF CHESHIRE.

One of the most successful meetings ever held in the province took place on Wednesday, the 8th inst., at St. George's Schools, Church-street, Hyde. Comp. the Rev. Charles William Spencer-Stanhope, M.A., Grand Superintendent, not being able to be present, his place was ably filled by Comp. J. Salmon, Deputy, whilst Comp. John Clayton, P.P.G. Reg., acted as Prov. G.H., and Comp. Wm. Cartwright, P.P.G. Treas., acted as Prov. G.J.

Comp. J. SALMON declared the Provincial Grand Chapter opened, and the business of the day was promptly commenced and got through in a most business-like fashion, with Comp. Salmon at its head. It was found that every chapter in the province was represented.

Comp. RICHARD NEWHOUSE, Prov. G.S.E., read over the roll of Provincial Grand Officers, and also read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were confirmed.

The Treasurer's accounts were adopted.

Comp. SALMON gave a most comprehensive address, which shows at once he must have a full knowledge of all that is taking place in the province, for although he was called upon at a moment's notice, he gave a most interesting address, and at once proceeded to invest the following officers for the ensuing year:

Comp. Capt. Fernley	...	Prov. G.H.
" Eardley	...	Prov. G.J.
" R. Newhouse	...	Prov. G.S.E.
" Bailey	...	Prov. G.S.N.
" J. Wild	...	Prov. G. Treas.
" H. Finch	...	Prov. P.G.S.
" Billing	...	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
" Clarke	...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
" W. H. Finchett	...	Prov. G. Reg.
" J. Armstrong	...	Prov. G.S.B.
" J. Goff	...	Prov. G. Std. Brs.
" S. Spencer	...	
" M. Stone	...	Prov. G.D.C.
" H. Annett	...	
" Wadsworth	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
" A. Middleton	...	Prov. G. Org.

The Prov. Grand Chapter was held under the banner of the Chapter of Industry, and they had made every arrangement for the comfort of their visitors.

Comp. H. FINCH proposed that a sum of 20 guineas be subscribed from the Prov. Grand Chapter to the new Benevolent Institution of Cheshire.

It was afterwards agreed to divide the amount with two chapters in the province to entitle the presiding M.E.Z. at the time as a Life Governor of the above Institution.

Other business was transacted, and a most successful meeting terminated.

At the banquet, where a large number gathered, the usual loyal and other toasts were given and responded to.

The pleasure of the evening was greatly enhanced by some capital vocal music by Comps. Charles Turner, Wm. Dunville, and Wm. Booth, P.P.G.D.C.; whilst Comp. A. Middleton ably presided at the piano.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF OXFORDSHIRE.

The annual meeting of the above Provincial Grand Chapter was held on Tuesday last. The Apollo University Lodge had kindly granted the use of their beautiful lodge room for the ceremony, and the Provincial Grand Chapter was opened by Comp. the Rev. H. Adair Pickard, M.A., Grand Superintendent, assisted by Comps. the Right Hon. Viscount Valentia, Prov. G.H., and Ald. James Jenkins, Prov. G.J. Comps. Weyland and Freeman were prevented by illness from being invested with the collars given them last year, when they were unavoidably absent.

The roll of the chapter in the province was then called and all were represented. The roll of officers was then called. The minutes of the last Provincial Grand Chapter were then read and confirmed.

Comp. the Right Hon. Viscount VALENTIA, Prov. G.H., gave a very satisfactory report on the state of the chapters in the province.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT then proposed a vote of £5 5s., which was seconded by Comp. the Right Hon. Viscount VALENTIA, Prov. G.H., and carried.

The PROV. GRAND TREASURER then gave his report, which was very satisfactory, and it was proposed by the GRAND SUPERINTENDENT, seconded by the PROV. GRAND SCRIBE N., and carried, that the rest of the jewels for the subordinate officers should be purchased.

The steel die furnished by Comp. George Kenning was much approved of. The Prov. Grand Treasurer was re-elected. All offices were then declared vacant.

The following officers were invested—Comp. the Rev. R. W. M. Pope, D.D., P.G.P.S. Eng., having been duly obligated:

Comp. Viscount Valentia, P.G.S.N. Eng.	...	Prov. G.H.
Rev. R. W. M. Pope, D.D., P.G.P.S. Eng.	...	Prov. G.J.
W. Lewis Morgan, P.Z. 357	...	Prov. G.S.E.
J. M. Dormor, P.Z. 340	...	Prov. G.S.N.
H. G. W. Drinkwater, P.Z. 340	...	Prov. G. Treas.
W. E. Wood, M.E.Z. elect 599	...	Prov. G. Reg.
F. Bacon, J. elect 340	...	Prov. G.P.S.
Rev. W. M. Hope, M.A., P.S. 357	...	Prov. 1st A.G.S.
E. H. Cartwright, B.A., Org. 357	...	Prov. 2nd A.G.S.
E. Rice, D.M., 357	...	Prov. G.D.C.
H. Bartlett, 2nd A.S. 599	...	Prov. A.G.D.C.
W. T. Warner, D.C. 599	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
G. C. Sykes, Org. 599	...	Prov. A.G.S.E.
G. R. Norwood, Janitor 357	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

The GRAND SUPERINTENDENT then briefly addressed the chapter, expressing his regret that illness prevented some of the officers of the past year from being present in their places. He was quite sure that all the companions present would be sorry to hear that the General Purposes Committee of Grand Chapter had refused to accede to the request of the Marlborough Chapter that they might be allowed to hold their meetings on certain occasions at Witney, but they rejoiced greatly to learn that Reg. 73 was to be altered, so that a M.M., after four weeks, could be exalted to the Sublime Degree of R.A. Masonry, so that 73 and 74 now agree. After a few remarks about Comp. Fenn's words in Grand Chapter, Prov. Grand Chapter was closed.

The companions then dined at the Clarendon Hotel, and spent a very happy evening under the genial presidency of the Grand Superintendent.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF WARWICKSHIRE.

A meeting of the above Provincial Grand Chapter was held under the banner of the Trinity Chapter, No. 254, at the Queen's Hotel, Coventry, on Thursday, the 9th inst., when there were present—

Comps. the Right Hon. Lord Leigh, G. Supt.; J. T. Collins, Prov. G.H.; A. E. Friedlander, P.Z. 254, P.P.G.H.; F. G. Swinden, P.Z. 587, Prov. G.S.E.; J. H. Hawkes, Prov. G.S.N.; W. F. Tolladay, Prov. G. Reg.; W. G. Hills, Prov. G.P.S.; W. M. Boddington, J. Wright Wilson, H. 43; D. Archer, Z. 74; R. B. Morgan, P.Z. 74; S. Gordon, H. 74; W. W. Curtis, P.Z. 254; W. R. Goate, P.Z. 254; Dr. Lynes, Z. 254; M. J. Davies, P.Z. 254; John Astley, P.Z. 254; Rev. Canon Beaumont, P.Z. 254; Dr. Davidson, J. 254; W. F. Wyley, G. J. C. Graham, 254; W. H. Skinner, P.Z. 359; T. S. Harvey, S.E.; G. M. Fayerman, P.Z.; J. T. White, 395; A. G. Chamberlain, P.Z. 502; A. J. Lawrence, P.Z. 502; Thos. Duke, Z. 502; W. G. Atkinson, 502; Jas. Rooker, P.Z. 587; W. H. Wood, P.Z. 587; J. W. Matthews, P.Z. 587; Jas. Cooper, P.Z. 587; J. W. Martin, P.Z. 587; F. W. Bell, Z. 938; W. Bayley Marshall, P.Z. 938; W. A. Bindley, 938; H. W. Sambidge, 938; J. W. B. Brown, Z. 1031; E. Mallard, P.Z. 1031; G. N. Millward, 1031; A. Dalley, Janitor; and others.

The Provincial Grand Chapter was opened, and the circular and minutes read and confirmed. The roll of Provincial Grand Officers and Chapters were called.

The Prov. G.S.E. read his report of the state of the various chapters in the province, which showed a net increase of 24 companions in the year. After other remarks, he asked the Treasurers of each chapter to diligently look up the subscriptions to try and prevent arrears. It is the duty of members to pay their subscriptions early in the financial year, and it is the only way in which we can prevent lack of interest, and then leaving or being excluded from the chapter. He continued: Let me remind the Principals that one of the first duties when appointed to office should be to make themselves thoroughly conversant with the rules and regulations of Royal Arch Masonry, the by-laws of Provincial Grand Chapter, and also the by-laws of their own chapter and the duties and responsibilities of the office they fill. One of the first duties on the installation night after the investment of the officers, should be the filling up and returning to Grand Chapter and also to Provincial Grand Chapter the list of officers, as this requires the signatures of the M.E.Z. and also the Scribe E. Unless the Principals of the chapters take a personal interest in these things it is impossible to keep the work up to its proper standard. Every chapter is anxious to get candidates and work to do, but please remember that admitting an unsuitable brother, although a temporary gain in numbers, is really a great source of weakness, and always brings discredit not only on that

chapter but on Royal Arch Masonry throughout the Kingdom. All the chapters have revised the by-laws where necessary to accord with those of Provincial Grand Chapter. I find that the companions at present in the Trinity Chapter, No. 254, Coventry, are nearly all members of St. Michael's Lodge, and that their new members are likely to come from the same lodge, therefore they have decided to petition Grand Chapter to alter their name to St. Michael's Chapter, in order that the members of the Trinity Lodge may come forward and establish a chapter of their own. The Shakespeare Chapter, No. 284, will probably be removed to the Temperance Lodge, Birmingham.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer's report was presented, and showed a balance in hand that was quite satisfactory.

Comp. W. G. Hills, P.Z. 938, was then elected Prov. G. Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The Prov. G. Janitor was re-appointed.

The Grand Superintendent then appointed and invested his officers as follows:

Comp. J. T. Collins, Past A.G.D.C. (re-appointed)	...	Prov. G.H.
J. Stevens, P.Z. 587	...	Prov. G.J.
F. G. Swinden, P.Z. 587 (re-appointed)	...	Prov. G.S.E.
J. Cooper, P.Z. 587	...	Prov. G.S.N.
W. G. Hills, P.Z. 938	...	Prov. G. Treas.
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W. R. Goate, P.Z. 254	...	Prov. A.G.S.E.
A. Dalley, (re-appointed)	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

Letters of apology were received from Comps. G. Beech, C. F. Rowe, and many others.

Prov. Grand Chapter was then closed.

The members afterwards partook of an excellent banquet, at which the usual toasts were given, interspersed with songs and recitations, a most enjoyable evening being spent.

CONSTITUTIONAL LODGE, BEVERLEY.

A special feature of the present decade will be Lodge Histories. Every year new ones are being published, and at the present time there are several in preparation, some giving promise of surpassing all previous efforts. So long, however, as the main facts are reproduced, and thus made the common property of the Craft—I care not so much for mere style—for we want, above all things, authentic and carefully prepared accounts of our old Lodges. Not that I deprecate sumptuous copies of such works, but, rather than the cost should prove a bar to their issue, it would be far better to have Histories printed in the simplest form, and at the least possible expense.

Bro. Thomson Foley, P.M., &c., has just sent me "The Records of the Constitutional Lodge, No. 294, Beverley" (his Masonic *Alma Mater*), to add to my complete collection of Histories of Lodges in England and Scotland, and I am very glad to have the copy thus thoughtfully forwarded to me for acceptance.

At the celebration of the centenary of this Lodge, 14th September last, Bro. John Kemp, P.M., read a sketch of its history, and the brethren agreed to have the paper printed, the book now before me being the result of the labours of a Committee, no doubt based upon Bro. Kemp's interesting brochure.

It is nicely printed, but in an inexpensive form, which might well be adopted as a model by brethren who think of writing particulars of their own Lodges, dating from last century, but are deterred by fears as to the necessary cost.

The copy of the warrant of No. 294 shows that it was issued by authority of the Prov. Grand Master of Yorkshire, Bro. S. Milnes, and was then numbered 525. Meetings were held by dispensation from the 1st March, 1793, but the consecration did not take place until the 17th June. The charter bears date 6th March, 1793. Dr. Spencer, Past D. Prov. G.M., was the consecrating officer, about whom those who have my "History of the Apollo Lodge, York," will need no information.

Many of the minutes are both curious and interesting. The frequent use of the word "universal," evidently as synonymous with *unanimous*, is singular, e.g., June 18, 1796, "Captain Richard Harrison was this evening balloted for *universal*, and received the three degrees." The early members were very devoted to their duties, and were not averse to being seen in public wearing their Masonic clothing, whenever any special occasion occurred for a Craft procession. July 3rd, 1810, a letter was read from the Grand Secretary (Bro. William White) respecting the proposition of a Quaker for Initiation. The communication was to the effect that "There can be no objection to a Quaker being received into the Society under his solemn affirmation." I should like to know if the *Friend* was initiated, having been present once at a reception of another member of that respected body, of whom we cannot well have too many.

The details are all arranged in chronological order, but are not "woven" together as with the ordinary Histories. Many of these are well worthy of publication, and their perusal and study have much pleased me.

A silver loving cup was presented by the "Liberty Lodge," Beverly, Massachusetts, U.S.A., to this lodge, as a souvenir of their good wishes for the centenary celebration. It seems that some two years ago the lodge "across the big pond" had written for a stone "from the ruins of Beverley Minster" to use as a "rough ashlar." Their request was complied with (though the Minster, happily, is not in ruins), and this led to a correspondence which has culminated in such an appropriate gift. Bro. H. Adams, P.M., &c., was the medium of the presentation being made to the lodge. Bro. Thomson Foley handed the centenary jewel warrant to No. 294 as a gift from himself. The W.M. for this auspicious year is the Right Hon. the Earl of Lonsborough, P.M., P.S.G.W. of England, who was installed on the day of the celebration. I wish every old lodge had printed such a faithful history of its proceedings.

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The following communications, amongst others, unavoidably stand over:

CRAFT LODGES—Prince Edward, No. 207; St. Kew, No. 1222; Lodge of Prudence, No. 2009.

ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.—Alexandra, No. 993.
Consecration of the Willesden Lodge, No. 2489.
Ladies' Night at the Mozart Lodge.
Provincial Grand Lodge of Northumberland.
Provincial Grand Chapter of Cornwall.



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1893.

Masonic Notes.

The arrangements for the consecration of the Chancery Bar Lodge, in the Library of Lincoln's Inn, are, thanks to the energy and painstaking labours of the Secretary *pro tem.*, Bro. Gordon Robbins, in an advanced stage of preparation. The most difficult part of the business we apprehend has been the settlement of the list of visitors, which will, to a great extent, be confined to members of the Bar. Considering the limit of space, the number of distinguished Masons whom the founders would naturally desire to receive, and the fact that the names of all are submitted to his Royal Highness the Grand Master for approval, the task must have been anything but an easy one.

That it will add another to the brilliant and successful functions carried out during the reign of the Most Worshipful Grand Master there cannot be a doubt. The Lord Chancellor, several of her Majesty's Judges, and other "great men of the nation" have accepted invitations, and a brilliant gathering of Craftsmen is expected.

As before notified, the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, will undertake the principal portion of the ceremony, while the musical arrangements will be under the management of the Grand Organist and of Bro. E. Cutler, O.C., Past G. Organist, who is one of the founders of the lodge, and a Bencher of the Inn.

There is much force in the remarks of the *Australasian Keystone* on the subject of payment for refreshments. It appears to have been proposed by some members of the Craft in the Colony of Victoria that, as the times are hard, refreshments after labour should be provided occasionally only instead of after every lodge meeting, while others suggest that those who attend should pay for their own instead of "enjoying themselves at the expense of those who are absent." Our contemporary, while it takes no exception to the former suggestion, is dead against the latter, and in our opinion justly so.

Its argument runs thus: the duty of the members of a lodge is to attend its meetings as frequently as possible; and the more diligently they attend, and the deeper the interest they take in the work they are called upon to perform, the greater the probability that the career of the lodge will be a prosperous one. But to require that those who absent themselves should pay less, and those who attend regularly more, is to put a premium upon inattention to duty on the one hand, and to inflict a fine or penalty upon zeal and diligence on the other. We consider this a just view and a reasonable one that should be generally supported.

In this country, there are two systems in force. Under one, each member pays a small annual subscription—sufficient to cover the working expenses and leave a small margin over for contingencies—and a stated sum for refreshments at each meeting at which he attends and stays to partake of them. Under the other he pays such an annual subscription as will suffice to cover lodge expenses and refreshments, either wholly or in part, nor have we ever heard of any serious objection being raised to this latter system, on the ground that those who attend, dine or sup to a certain extent at the cost of those who do not.

We offer no opinion upon the merits of these rival systems. Each has its advantages, and no doubt each is adopted according to the circumstances in which a lodge finds itself placed. But the idea that where the subscription covers everything, any portion of it should be remitted in the case of those who stay away from lodge and the reasonable refreshment that follows appears preposterous.

According to a circular letter issued by order of the Managing Committee in September last, the Masonic Club in Melbourne is in a somewhat languishing condition, owing to the depression which so largely prevails throughout the Colony, and it was resolved by the members that for the next six months new members should be admitted without paying the usual entrance fee, and that all Worshipful Masters of lodges throughout the Colony be admitted as honorary members during their term of office on payment of a registration fee of 5s. We trust these measures may prove beneficial, and that the Club will succeed in tiding over the present hard times.

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.]

FREEMASONRY IN THE ARMY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

With reference to the letters which have appeared in your columns on the subject of an article from the "Indian Masonic Review," on "Freemasonry in the Army," I would point out that Captain J. H. Leslie, R.A., who wrote the article, did not profess to give an exhaustive catalogue of all the military lodges now existing. No doubt, such a list would be extremely interesting.

In your issue of October 7th, Captain Colvill gives what he thinks is a unique case of Irish seed producing an English plant, in that the members of an Irish Lodge, No. 322, formed Lodge Astræa in Burma.

May I point out no less than three similar cases in the history of Freemasonry in the Madras Presidency. In 1812 several of the members of Lodge No. 863, Irish Constitution obtained from the P.G. Lodge of Madras a local warrant for a lodge to be called United Friendship. This was No. V. on the Constitution. Major Bowen was the first W.M., Lieut. R. Simpson and Captain C. Hall the Wardens. These officers and nearly all the members of the lodge belonged to the 27th M.N. Infantry. The lodge was constituted on the 13th July, 1812, and worked till 31st March, 1819, when its warrant was returned to the Prov. Grand Lodge. It never obtained a place on the books of the Grand Lodge of England.

On the 27th December, 1817, Lodge No. 227 (I.C.), held in H.M. 46th Regiment, petitioned for a local warrant as Lodge Social and Military Virtues, No. VII. This warrant they obtained in 1818, and worked for many years under it. In 1821 it became No. V. From Madras the lodge moved to Ceylon; date uncertain. In 1836 a warrant was sent out for it by the Grand Secretary with a batch of other warrants, some of them for lodges which had been long extinct (see Laws M.R., page 190). Lodge Social and Military Virtues became No. 634, but was extinct before the belated warrant arrived.

The third case is that of the same regiment mentioned above, H.M. 89th, who held a warrant No. 863 from the Grand Lodge of Ireland. In 1821, they seceded from the Irish Constitution and became Lodge Hibernia and Union, No. XI. The lodge was constituted on the 4th October, 1822. They wrote to the Prov. Grand Secretary Madras to ask if it were necessary to inform the Grand Lodge of Ireland of their secession, and were told to do so immediately. This lodge also never obtained an English warrant. It was working in 1825, but it does not appear from the records of the P.G. Lodge of Madras when it became extinct.

With reference to the letter signed "S.D." in a former number, I will point out that Lodge Unity, Peace, and Concord, now No. 316, was erased in 1804, and the warrant returned to the P.G. Lodge. The cause of the erasure was the conduct of the W.M., Bro. Crucifix, in rebuking the Prov. Grand Lodge authorities. Was this Bro. Crucifix any relation to the well-known Mason of that name? The Royal Scots Regiment were granted the warrant of Unity, Peace, and Concord in 1808. May I be allowed to state that I am writing a complete history of Freemasonry on the Coromandel Coast, which is being published in the "Indian Masonic Review," but which I shall re-write and publish as a separate and complete work early next year.—Believe me to be, yours fraternally,

C. H. MALDEN, P.M.,
Editor "Indian Masonic Review."

Fort St. George, Madras,
October 24th.

THE OLD BOYS' RE-UNION SOCIETY.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Sir,

I am an occasional reader of the *Freemason*, and in this week's issue, in your leader on "Our Provincial Charities" there is the suggestion that not only should the children of Masons be educated at the respective Schools but that in after life an interest should be taken in their future career.

I was at the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys for five years during Dr. Perrot's headmastership, and then under Dr. R. Morris' afterwards. I left in 1878 and since then have been engaged in different businesses, but have not had the advantage of a Mason's interest.

My father (now deceased) was one of the earliest members of St. Augustine's Lodge, Christchurch, New Zealand, possibly this may account for my losing touch with Masons.

I believe there is an "Old Boys' Re-union Society," but I have never had a notice of its formation and objects, I think it was started many years after I left the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

I thoroughly appreciate the education I received and have desired to join the Masonic body, but from lack of means this has been impossible, as for 12 years I have had uphill work to help maintain my mother.

I may say I should be glad of any information as to the "Old Boys' Society," and on the interest and advice of any Mason. I beg to enclose my card.—I remain, yours,

CHRISTCHURCH, N.Z.

November 11th, 1893.

THE ROYAL ARCH.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Companion,

Supporting the letter of our E. Comp. Lovegrove in your last issue, and the intention of the Supreme Grand Chapter to popularise this Degree by shortening the period of probation from 12 months to four weeks, which now only awaits the confirmation of these minutes at the February Convocation to become law, subject, of course, to the by-laws of any private chapter, which, as in our own case, will need alteration to comply with the regulations as amended.

I hope a little ventilation of this question in the interim may have good effect, and, in advancing my own opinion, suggest a closer adherence to the Articles of Union, 1813, as a first rule in the Book of Constitutions, in dealing with any alterations of the Royal Arch Regulations.

I think four weeks is incompatible with the convenience of applying for, obtaining, and duly presenting in open lodge the Grand Lodge certificate to a Master Mason, which I hold is necessary to be produced in open chapter prior to exaltation—so, at least reads my chapter by-laws.

I would further suggest that the interval should be reduced from 12 months to 12 weeks or three months, and that a uniform printed form of enquiry be adopted, to be favourably filled up and received by a regular chapter with the proposition fee to qualify the brother's election and exaltation without any ballot; for pure and ancient Freemasonry consists of Three Degrees and no more, including the Supreme or Holy Royal Arch.

The ballot need only be retained in a private chapter for the election of joining members; and where the brother's lodge report is not to hand, to prevent dis-appointment, may in the chapter's discretion be dispensed with upon the ballot being substituted forthwith. Being favourable the election would be quite in order.—Yours fraternally,

AN OLD P.Z.

A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I shall feel greatly obliged if you will please correct in your next issue an error which appeared in the report of the proceedings of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Devonshire, in the *Freemason*, of the 4th inst., viz., that "Bro. G. Festa was the first W.M. and founder of the Montague Guest Lodge."

It was my privilege of being the first W.M. and founder of that lodge. Bro. Festa was the first Senior Warden and also a founder.—I am, yours faithfully and fraternally,

WM. H. DEAN, P.M. 417 and 1900,
P.P.S.G.D. Dorset.

25, St. Helen's-road, Dorchester,
November 8th.

THE LATE BRO. GEORGE COOPER.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Mrs. Cooper finds it impossible at present to reply to the numerous kind letters of sympathy she has received, or to thank the many kind friends who sent flowers. She deeply feels their kindness, and takes this opportunity of thanking them.

The Cedars, Brentwood.
November 14th, 1893.

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AN OLD MASONIC CERTIFICATE.

"In the name of the Most, Holy, Glorious and undivided Trinity Father Son and Holy Ghost.
"Amen.

"We, the High Priest, Captain General Grand Masters, &c., &c., off Lodge of Friendship, No. 484, of that Magnanimous and Invincible Order of a Royal Arch Excellent Masons Encampment, and Grand Assembly of Knights Templars and Knights of Malta & Mediteranean Pass under the sanction of Lodge No. 484 held in the town of Belfast in that part of the United Kingdom called Ireland and on the Grand Registry of the same do hereby Certify that the Bearer thereof our true trusty and well beloved Brother the Worshipful Sir. James Saunders having duly passed the chair of the aforesaid Lodge, was Arched a Royal Arch Excellent Mason, and subsequently dubbed a Knight of that Most Noble and Right Worshipful Order of a High Knight Templar by us in a Grand Encampment, he having with much Excellent Skill Fortitude and Valour previously withstood and resisted the various Temptations attending his Admissions & as such we Recommend him. Given under our hands and seals of our Orders in a Grand Encampment this 6th Day of September 1813 and of Masonry 5813.

"(Signed) CHAS. DAVIS High Priest H.P.
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JOHN PATRICK Secretary."

[The above has been sent me by Bro. James Smith, P.M. 63, Dumfries, &c. (the Historian of that Lodge), and I am pleased to send it to this column for reproduction. There are several extant, some being earlier than this specimen. Bro. Smith tells me that the seals are attached on ribbon—one maroon, the other black, the seal of one being of black, the other of red wax.

W. J. HUGHAN.



Cratt Masonry.

METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Royal Athelstan Lodge (No. 19).—A meeting of this lodge was held at Cannon-street Hotel, on Thursday, the 9th inst. Present: Bros. Arthur Digby Green, W.M.; Milton Smith, S.W.; J. H. Whadcoat, J.W.; H. Glenn, P.M., Treas.; C. B. Barnes, Sec.; E. G. Young, S.D.; W. F. Stauffer, J.D.; G. R. Carsberg, I.G.; W. Pound, P.M., Stwd.; W. P. Campbell-Everden, acting Org.; G. Gilbert, Tyler; D. Nicholson, P.M.; F. E. W. Collard, P.M.; G. H. Hoyle, P.M.; A. Wormull, P.M.; J. P. Hinkel, W. Stacey, J. H. Merrett, G. Stevens, Octavius Marsland, and M. Miroy. Visitors: Bros. Bradshaw Brown, P.M. and Sec. 1, P.G.S.; J. Irvine, P.M. 862; F. C. Lockstone, W.M. elect 862; W. D. Church, Sec. and P.M. 1365; G. W. Speth, P.M. 2076; Jno. Hammond, W.M. 2184; W. Shurmur, P.M. 2472, P.G.G. Treas. Essex; H. G. Harper, S.W. 171; T. H. B. Riddle, J.W. 173; and A. Aslett, J.D. 1124.

The minutes of the previous meeting having been approved, Bros. Octavius Marsland and Maurice Miroy were raised to the Third Degree, the ceremonies in both instances having been performed by the W.M. in a most perfect manner, together with the historical address, the visitors subsequently remarking on the excellence of the working. In consequence of the decease of Bro. John Charles, P.M., the brethren appeared in mourning, and reference was made to his unexpected and lamented death. Bro. Barnes, P.M., Sec., said: "Worshipful Master, I regret very much to have to remind the brethren that I had occasion to send them a notice of the death of our esteemed Bro. John Charles, P.M. of this lodge, which took place at Brighton, on the 16th ult., at the age of 57. I need hardly remind you, Worshipful Master and brethren, of the great esteem, I may say affection, with which our brother was held by all members who knew him. From the state of his health for the last two years he had been unable to come much among us, but his kindly smile and greeting, his hearty shake of the hand were much missed; he was a true Mason in every sense of the word, and in the lodge and out of it, not only to Freemasons; but also to his fellow men, he was true and good; many are those who have to thank him for kindly help, and he will be greatly missed. We mourn much for our loss. Bro. Charles was initiated in the Royal Athelstan Lodge on November 8th, 1866, and after passing through the various offices, was unanimously elected W.M. in 1878, and on the termination of his most successful Mastership was presented with a valuable jewel by the lodge to show the high esteem in which he was held. In February, 1888, he was appointed Director of Ceremonies, and in December, 1890, was elected Treasurer of the lodge. There was nothing he could do for No. 19 that he did not do (in his power), and to the last he was loved by all. The W.M. then made some feeling references to the character and good work of the deceased brother, and proposed the following resolution: "That the members of Royal Athelstan Lodge, No. 19, having heard of the lamented death of their greatly esteemed Bro. John Charles, P.M., desire to express their great sorrow to his wife and daughter at their sad loss, to offer them their sincere sympathy, and to express the hope that He who pities all His creatures will support and succour them in the hour of their great distress." This was seconded by his old friend, Bro. Henry Glenn, P.M. and Treasurer, and after some further remarks respecting his high character in and out of the lodge, and reference to a notice in a church report of the useful work he performed in his capacity as Deacon, Committeeman, and Treasurer of the church he belonged to in the neighbourhood of Gunnersbury, and being put to the meeting, was carried unanimously.

The lodge business being ended, the brethren adjourned, as usual, to an excellent banquet, at which the loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed, interspersed by a well-arranged selection of music and songs, under the direction of Bro. W. P. Campbell-Everden.

Being the anniversary of the M.W. Grand Master's birthday, a telegram of congratulation was sent to his Royal Highness at Sandringham, to which subsequently the W.M. received the following response:

"I thank the brethren for kind congratulations.

"ALBERT EDWARD."

In addition to the anthem "God Bless the Prince of Wales," "Many happy returns of the day" was specially sung with excellent effect by Mr. Septimus Marsland. Other songs and recitations were rendered by Bros. Pradshaw Brown, W. Stacey, J. H. Merrett, Milton Smith, J. H. Whadcoat, W. F. Stauffer, E. G. Young, S. Marsland, and W. P. Campbell-Everden.

In another page appears an account of the W.M.

Merchant Navy Lodge (No. 718).—A regular meeting of this well-known lodge took place on Wednesday, the 8th inst., at the Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., under the presidency of Bro. W. E. Turfiff, W.M., supported by Bros. J. W. Pringle, P.M.; F. H. Gooch, P.M.; F. Robinson, P.M.; A. H. Shepherd, P.M.; R. S. Pasfield, P.M.; G. J. Anderson, S.W.; G. H. Seage, J.W.; T. B. Daniell, P.M., Treas.; C. Breden, P.M., Sec.; T. Burgess, S.D.; J. Lancett, J.D.; S. W. Bull, D.C.; A. Bebbworth, I.G.; J. Grout, Org.; A. W. Ellingford, P.M.; Tyler; P. Saville, C. Badcock, R. Hamilton, W. Beal, T. Huett, jun., J. R. Speck, H. Ives, H. J. Jacobs, H. W. Rance, F. K. Sanders, J. Howells, J. Spring, F. Richards, J. E. Spurgeon, J. R. Reedman, D. Thompson, J. Hussey, W. H. Thrift, G. E. Morrow, and others. Visitors: Bros. R. J. Stratfield, 2374; G. J. Stubbing, 2374; J. Murray, 330; C. Coombe, 223; C. R. Allen, 1716; H. Warner, 1259; W. P. Cottle, 1035; J. Mills, 1765; A. E. Toye, 2374; and others.

Lodge being duly opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Bro. Ives was raised to the Degree of M.M., after which Bros. C. J. Carr, J. Salter, H. J. Jacobs, and A. E. Toye, 2374, were passed.

Other Masonic business being disposed of, the brethren adjourned to refreshment, after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts—including that of "The Grand Officers"—were duly honoured.

In the intervals several brethren contributed to the harmony, till the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to an end.

Duke of Edinburgh Lodge (No. 1259).

The installation meeting of the above lodge was held on Tuesday, the 7th inst., at the Eastern Hotel, Limehouse, under the presidency of Bro. W. J. Trappett, W.M. After Mr. Foggie was initiated, Bro. James Terry, P.M., P.G.S.B., Secretary of Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, took the chair, and assisted by 10 Past Masters, installed Bro. Fielder into the chair of K.S. It is needless to add that Bro. Terry, although suffering from family trouble, was certainly at his best. The following officers were then invested: Bros. John Lusty, S.W. F. Adams, J.W.; J. Westmoreland, S.D.; J. Coote, J.D.; Ben. Loader, I.G.; J. E. Wright, D.C.; Hy. Warner and Richard O. Hinderwell, Stwds.; Seddons, P.M., Org.; Wakefield, P.M., Treas.; and Parrett, P.M., Sec. After the usual charges had been given, the lodge was closed.

The W.M. invited the brethren to a sumptuous banquet, provided by Bro. Keen.

Most of the East-end lodges were represented, amongst whom we noticed Bros. E. Waterson, 1716; Richards, 781; Hallett, 1816; Limm, W.M. 1382; Legg and Gray, 1898; Geo. Kidd and Norman, 2291; Simpson, 212; McKenzie, 8; Smith, 228; Reed, 1765; Neale, 1931; Curtis, 45; and Timson, 898; also several other brethren of the West Ham Abbey Lodge, No. 2291.

Bro. J. Terry, P.M., P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I., in replying to the toast of "The Installing Master, coupled with the Masonic Charities," referred to the fact that it was the 23rd anniversary of the lodge. He had consecrated it in 1869, and, with one exception, had installed every Master since. He had watched, with some interest, its progress, and must certainly congratulate the brethren on the success the lodge had attained, also their removal to more suitable premises; it certainly added to the dignity of the lodge. With respect to the Masonic Charities, he thanked the brethren who had so nobly responded on their behalf last year in placing so large a sum as over £500 on P.M. Bro. Wakefield's list (Bro. John Lusty assisting with a sum of £80, collected privately). He need hardly ask the brethren not to relax their efforts. He felt sure what they had done in the past they would do in the future.

Other Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

Bro. Wakefield, P.M., in replying to the toast of "The Past Masters," said he hoped the W.M. would avail himself of the opportunity of representing the lodge at the next Festival of the Old People, and if he did not he would again go up as Steward himself.

Bro. Geo. Kidd, 2291, in replying to the toast of "The Visitors," said he always thought that the West Ham Abbey Lodge, No. 2291, was the best lodge in the East-end, but now he thought the Duke of Edinburgh was, or, at least, was second best, and he heartily thanked the W.M., on behalf of the visitors, for the courtesy and kindness he had received that evening.

The following brethren interspersed the toasts with some excellent harmony: Bros. Anderson, Limm, Curtis, Warner, P.M., and others.

The Tyler's toast closed a very enjoyable evening.

Granite Lodge (No. 1328).

The first meeting of the season was held on the 11th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bros. Geo. T. Chretien, W.M.; F. H. Hardcastle, I.P.M.; W. J. Mason, P.M., Prov. G.D. Surrey, S.W.; R. P. Upton, J.W.; F. West, D.P.G.M. Surrey, Treas.; J. Lewis Thomas, P.A.G.D.C., Sec.; E. Faux, S.D.; C. Smith, J.D.; V. J. R. Longman, I.G.; H. Parkinson, Stwd.; F. Wilson, P.M.; F. Swaine, P.M.; R. Macefield, P.M.; W. T. Tonkin, P.M.; R. White, P.M.; R. Payne, P.M.; J. W. J. Oswald, P.M., P.P.G.W. Middx.; J. Browning, F. M. Jones, J. Wyatt, H. F. Gidden, W. H. Arnold, A. J. Hewitt, C. T. Rayner, W. H. Mundell, and R. Coad. Visitors: Bros. C. M. Coxon, W.M. 1471, Prov. G.D. Herts; J. H. Watson, Treas. 1641; W. R. Emerson, Org. 45; and H. Carter Pegg, 1909.

The lodge being opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, Bro. W. H. Arnold was passed to the Degree of F.C. The death of Bro. Lansdown, P.M., was referred to, and the Secretary was instructed to send a letter of condolence and sympathy to his widow and family.

After "Hearty good wishes" from the visitors," the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where an excellent banquet awaited them.

The Worshipful Master afterwards proposed the usual toasts.

Bro. J. Lewis Thomas, P.A.G.D.C., replying to that of "The Grand Officers."

Bro. Hardcastle, I.P.M., proposed "The Health of the Worshipful Master." He said they had been acquainted with him many years, and knew his worth and sterling qualities—words from him were not needed to enumerate them—as the W.M. preferred short speeches. He submitted the toast without further preface.

This having been cordially received,

The Worshipful Master acknowledged the compliment paid him. He said he had done the best he could for the lodge according to his abilities, and trusted that the brethren would feel satisfied with the choice they had made when they voted him to the chair.

In proposing the toast of "The Visitors," the Worshipful Master gave them a cordial welcome, and each of them an opportunity of addressing the brethren.

Bro. C. M. Coxon, Prov. G.D. Herts, in reply, said that the career of the W.M. had been on parallel lines with his own; they had filled the various offices in their respective lodges; were installed in the chair of K.S. in the same week; they were members of the same provincial lodge; and had each had the compliment paid them of being elected honorary members of the same lodge of instruction. He trusted they would be able to congratulate each other shortly on the completion of a successful year of office.

Bro. Watson, Treas. 1641, replied briefly.

Bro. H. Carter Pegg, 1909, said that was the first occasion on which he had visited a London lodge. As a country Mason he had somehow got an idea that Freemasonry was

carried out more strictly in country than in London lodges. He was compelled to say that what he had witnessed in the lodge had done much to upset his preconceived idea, but after an experience of their Fourth Degree he must say that country lodges had much to learn if they wished to emulate the Granite Lodge in that respect.

The W.M. proposed "The Past Masters," and called on Bro. Payne to respond. In doing so,

Bro. Payne, P.M., alluded in eloquent terms and with much feeling to the late Bro. Lansdown, P.M., with whom he had been associated in private friendship as well as in the brotherhood of the Craft.

Bro. J. Lewis Thomas, Sec., in replying for "The Treasurer and Secretary," said it was a great pleasure to him to give his best services to the lodge, especially under such an admirable Master as the present W.M. A more devoted Mason did not exist through the entire Craft. He endorsed the eloquent remarks of Bro. Payne, with reference to the loss the lodge had sustained by the death of Bro. Lansdown.

"The Officers of the Lodge" and the Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

The brethren were indebted to Bros. R. Evans, R. Harris, J. H. Watson, W. R. Emerson, and Parkinson for songs and recitations, which did much to promote the enjoyment of the evening.

Kennington Lodge (No. 1381).

A meeting of this lodge was held at the Horns Tavern, Kennington Park, on the 7th inst. Among those present were Bro. A. Lundie, W.M.; Hearn, S.W.; Dr. Millsom, J.W.; George Everett, P.M., P.G. Treas., Treasurer; W. Stuart, P.M., Sec.; Colwell, S.D.; Hopkins, Org.; J. Dennis, I.P.M.; H. Higgins, P.M.; Capt. Walls, P.M., G. Stwd.; C. H. Köhler, P.M.; Cockburn, P.M.; Lingley, P.M.; R. La Feuillade, P.M.; J. La Feuillade, P.M.; and Foalé, P.M. Amongst the visitors were Bros. W. Green, 478; E. Mojon, 1017; H. Huntley, 1425; R. Huntley, 1439; and A. Cooke, 1539.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken on behalf of Mr. John Court, and it being unanimous, he was duly initiated. Bro. R. W. Brading was raised to the Third Degree, and Bro. C. Brock passed to the Second Degree, the three ceremonies being ably performed. A discussion then took place as to the advisability of removing the lodge to other quarters, but the subject being of such importance, an adjournment of the matter was moved, seconded, and carried.

The lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of an excellent banquet.

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

"The Health of the Worshipful Master" was proposed by the I.P.M., who stated in the course of his remarks that the Worshipful Master's efficiency in the working was due entirely to the close application he had devoted at the lodge of instruction. He (the speaker) trusted that those who desired to follow in his footsteps would emulate the Worshipful Master's example.

The Worshipful Master, in reply, briefly said that he felt it was his duty to master the work to the best of his ability. The brethren hitherto had been good enough to give him work to do, and there was every probability of his having to work the whole of the ceremonies during the remainder of his year of office.

"The Initiate" followed, and the toast was duly acknowledged by Bro. Court.

Bros. Mojon and Green replied to the toast of "The Visitors."

The pledge of "The Past Masters" was coupled with the name of Bro. Dennis, I.P.M.

In giving "The Treasurer and Secretary," the Worshipful Master spoke in very kind terms of these hard-working and efficient officers.

Bro. G. Everett, in the course of his reply, said that on that particular evening he had exerted himself to the utmost to ensure the comfort of the brethren, and from the happy faces he saw around him, he believed that he had succeeded. The Treasurership of a large lodge like No. 1381, required a great deal of care and thought.

Bro. Stuart having said a few words,

Bros. Hearn and Millsom responded to the toast of "The Officers."

During the evening Bros. Hopkins, Lundie, Davis, and Everett entertained the brethren.

Islington Lodge (No. 1471).

The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 9th inst., at the Cock Tavern, Highbury. Bro. C. M. Coxon, P.M., Prov. G.D. Herts, W.M., presiding, who was supported by the following officers and brethren: Bros. R. Loomes, S.W.; A. Cox, J.W.; A. C. Halestrap, P.M., Treas.; E. Blinkhorn, P.M., Sec.; D. C. Ritchie, J.D.; A. Pope, as I.G.; C. Miller, D.C.; W. Hiller, Stwd.; H. Stafford Trego, Org.; T. Williams, Tyler; H. B. Harding, I.P.M.; H. Cox, P.M., P.P.G.S. of Wks. Herts; S. Napper, P.M.; J. M. Scarlett, P.M., P.P.G.W. Essex; W. Jarvis, J. Amand, C. Isler, W. J. Barnes, Geo. Yexley, C. Weber, D. C. Attwater, G. A. Hopkins, F. Simmonds, F. Meyer, W. Pannell, E. H. Bury, T. E. Newman, R. Bridgwater, and W. Taylor. The visitors present were: Bros. Walter Hancock, P.M. 2191; J. Duncan, P.M. 59; C. C. Renaud, 2278; and F. Cakebread, 1178.

The business before the lodge was the raising of Bro. W. J. Barnes, and the passing of Bros. G. Yexley and G. A. Hopkins, and they having been satisfactorily accomplished, the by-laws were read, and communications submitted and discussed. The lodge was then closed.

The dinner which followed did the utmost credit to the manager, Bro. Tuck, P.M., who, by his skill as a caterer and his attention to the comfort of the various lodges, is creating for himself a high reputation at this well-known house.

The W.M., in proposing "The Health of H.R.H. the M.W.G.M.," said that cordially as that toast was always received, that being the birthday of the M.W.G.M. would ensure for it a more than usually hearty reception; in drinking his health they would wish him many happy returns of the day.

The toast was received with enthusiasm, and was followed by "God Bless the Prince of Wales," the solo sung by Bro. D. C. Attwater.

A telegram was then sent to his Royal Highness, conveying to him the respectful congratulations and good wishes of

the brethren, to which he was pleased to send the following reply:

"Sandringham.

"To the Master Islington Masonic Lodge, Highbury.—I thank the brethren for kind congratulations.

"ALBERT EDWARD."

Later, the W.M. reminded the brethren that at that time there was a brilliant gathering assembled at the Guildhall, to do honour to the new Chief Magistrate of the City of London, he asked the brethren to drink "The Health of Bro. Alderman Tyler, Lord Mayor," and to wish him a successful year of office. This was heartily done, and subsequently the following telegram was read to the brethren: "Sincere thanks for your kind congratulations. Present my best fraternal wishes to your lodge."

"LORD MAYOR."

Bro. E. Blinkhorn, P.M., proposed the toast of "The Visitors," calling upon Bro. C. C. Renaud as the greatest stranger to the lodge to reply, which he did briefly.

Bro. S. Napper, P.M., proposed "The Officers," to which the Secretary and S.W. replied.

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

Mention must be made of the excellent musical arrangements which added so much to the pleasure of the evening. Bro. F. Simmonds sang "They all love Jack;" Bro. Bury, "Queen of the Earth;" Bro. Isler, "The White Squall;" and "A weary lot is thine, fair maid;" Bro. Newman, "Jack Jones;" and "The Three Anglers;" Bro. D. C. Attwater, "Blow, blow, thou winter wind;" "Blue-eyed Nancy," and as an encore, "Mona;" Bro. Blinkhorn a comic ditty, "Guy Fawkes;" and Bro. Yexley gave an excellent recitation, "Auld Lang Syne" being the finale. Bro. H. Stafford Trego accompanied.

Royal Kensington Lodge (No. 1627).—

The installation meeting of this successful lodge was held on Friday, the 3rd instant, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C. Present: Bros. W. Bellamy, W.M.; E. Daoust, S.W.; E. E. Pouard, J.W.; J. D. Stevens, P.M., Treas.; H. P. Hay, P.M., Sec.; J. Broughton, S.D.; C. F. Bennewitz, J.D.; E. Delacoste, P.M., D.C.; L. P. Ellerman, I.G.; F. Walker, Stwd.; R. F. Potter, P.M., Tyler; J. H. Jarvis, P.M.; H. G. Hale, P.M.; J. Pitt, P.M.; M. Ehrmann, C. J. Butler, A. J. Wilson, J. B. Ehrmann, H. J. Bliss, F. Walker, J. M. Keempner, and others. Visitors: Bros. J. M. McLeod, P.P.S.G.W. Derbyshire, Sec. R.M.I.B.; J. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; F. J. Smith, I.P.M. 2030; F. H. Doggett, P.M. 2024; G. Everett, P.G. Treas.; E. Valeriani, P.M. 1687; E. St. Clair, P.M. 2060; G. Steward; E. Monteuis, P.G.S.B.; J. L. Mather, P.A.G.D.C.; P. Willoughby, P.M. 23, G.S.B.; L. Verdier, 590; J. E. Shand, P.M.; and others.

Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The Audit report was adopted, showing the lodge accounts in a highly satisfactory position. Bro. Daoust, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented and duly installed into the chair of K.S., and appointed and invested the following officers: Bros. W. Bellamy, I.P.M.; E. E. Pouard, S.W.; C. F. Bennewitz, J.W.; J. D. Stevens, P.M., Treas.; H. P. Hay, P.M., Sec.; J. Broughton, S.D.; J. B. Ehrmann, J.D.; O. Heinemann, I.G.; E. Delacoste, P.M., D.C.; F. Walker, Stwd.; and R. F. Potter, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. W. Bellamy for his able services as W.M. for the past year. The installation ceremony and investiture of officers were carried out in the characteristic style of this lodge.

The brethren afterwards dined in the Crown Room, the banquet being of a very *recherché* description, as may be imagined, as the W.M. is general manager of Messrs. Spiers and Ponds.

A band of music played during dinner, after which the loyal and Masonic toasts were submitted and cordially responded to, Bro. Valeriani acknowledging and returning thanks for "The Visitors."

In the interval of the toasts a serio-comic entertainment was provided by the following artistes: Fred. Darby, Herbert Campbell, Charles Compton, Rosa Gleen (cornet solo), Fanny Robina, Walter Billing, and others, so that a most enjoyable evening was brought happily to a close with the Tyler's toast.

The Worshipful Master's arrangements (Bro. Daoust), in conjunction with the Secretary (Bro. Hay), were all most excellent for the comfort and enjoyment of all.

Earl of Carnarvon Lodge (No. 1642).—

The installation meeting of this prosperous lodge was held on the 9th inst. at Ladbrooke Hall, Notting Hill, when Bro. Dr. F. Ernest Pocock, W.M., presided. There were also present the officers of the lodge, and Bros. Murlis, P.M.; S. Fry, P.M., M.P.; Woodman, P.M.; D. P. Cama, P.G.T.; Henry Hart, Herbert Jones, Dr. Rotheroe, W. R. Thomson, H. Armfield, J. French, S. H. Bennett, E. W. Beard, C. J. Burt, W. H. Handover, S. Ransom, Dr. Searson, Wm. Rhee, J. Ingledew, T. P. Rider, E. Lee, F. King, Wm. Roberts, L. H. Chocquel, S. Passingham, A. K. Thomson, and J. Whittlesea. Visitors: Bros. R. H. Cama, P.M., P.P.G. Std. Br.; H. Dehane, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; Col. S. H. Winter, P.M.; Col. J. A. Boyd, W.M. 1071; J. Gillingham, P.M.; Lewis Beale, Maitland Coffin, Williams, W.M. 834; P. Monson, P.G. S. of W. Middx.; C. E. Botley, P.M.; E. Baker, P.P. G.D. Surrey; H. Massey, P.M.; J. Stephens, P.M.; J. A. Smyth, P.M.; Wm. Masters, P.M. P.G.S.; Fredk. Binckes, P.G.S.B.; Chas. Webster, P.M.; J. H. Tomlinson, P.M.; R. Cawley, F. L. Chandler, P.M., P.P.G.P.; J. Mackay, W.M.; W. J. Mason, P.G.D. Surrey; H. Lewis, J. M. Belsham, P.M.; T. Hardman, Geo. Read, P.M.; E. Monson, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W. Middx.; E. Collings, P.M.; H. Dowsett Smith, P.M.; J. Wakeham, C. Mayer, P.M.; W. H. Armfield, T. Treadwell, H. Redman, J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B.; H. Tipper, P.M.; R. G. Barton, W.M. Co; E. J. Day, F. Stutfield, W.M. 1467; W. W. Davies, Robert Grice, Wm. Chambers Leeke, S. Rawson, Middleweck, P.M.; J. H. Pearson, J. C. Coway, W.M. 1871; Howard Felkin, Geo. English, R. Whur, S. J. Harris, P.M.; Wm. Weaver, P.M.; G. Lopez, and R. Ballard.

Dr. Alfred Kerr Thomson was initiated by the W.M., who, after submitting a few observations to the brethren with respect to the balance-sheet, which he was happy to see was better than last year's, installed Bro. E. Rogers, P.M., P.G.S., S.W., W.M. elect, as Master of the lodge for the ensuing year. Bro. Pocock was invested as I.P.M., and afterwards presented with a Past Master's jewel. The following brethren were appointed to office: Bros. J. H.

Rutherglen, S.W.; E. A. Williams, J.W.; S. H. Parkhouse, P.M., Treas.; Reuben Charles Green, P.M., Sec.; J. M. Huish, S.D.; H. Foskett, J.D.; J. French, I.G.; C. A. Sanger, Org.; E. M. Lander, P.M., D.C.; W. H. Wadham, A.D.C.; W. R. Hutton and J. E. Adkins, P.M., P.G.R. South Wales, Stewards; and John Bull, Tyler. On the motion of Bro. S. H. Parkhouse, Treas., seconded by Bro. Heath, P.M., the sum of 20 guineas was voted from the funds of the lodge to the list of the W.M. as Steward on behalf of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Bro. Parkhouse stating that Bro. Cama would add a similar sum.

The brethren afterwards sat down to one of Bro. Linscott's very choice banquets.

The usual toasts were subsequently honoured.

They were also entertained with some lovely music, under the direction of Bros. Sanger and James Kift, by Miss Ethel Winn, Miss Emily Foxcroft, Bros. H. Emlyn, James Kift, and R. Grice. Bro. Lieut. T. W. Heath, P.M., played some nice selections on the cornet with great taste, and Bro. H. Tipper, P.M., also delighted the company with his hand-bells performances.

The W.M., in proposing the toast which includes the Grand Officers, referred to the presence of Bros. Binckes, P.G.S.B., and Cama, P.G.T., mentioning that Bro. Binckes was the pioneer of the large subscriptions to the Charities, and that Bro. Cama was always ready to subscribe to the Charities, and more especially did this affect the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, because Bro. Cama was ever ready to give the Steward who represented that lodge a certain amount, not in his own name, but in the name of the lodge.

Bro. Binckes, in reply, said the W.M. was a personal friend of his, besides being a Past Master of a lodge in which he had been intimately associated 30 years, and of which there were other distinguished members present. From what they knew of him and had seen of him in that lodge, they were aware he had endeared himself to them all by the able and efficient manner he had performed his duties from the lowest subordinate office to the highest. He was quite sure the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge would derive the same benefit from his Mastership as the Peace and Harmony had.

Bro. D. P. Cama, in the course of his observations, said one thing which pleased him very much was that the Masters of the lodge every time stood as Steward for one or other of the noble Charitable Institutions of Masonry. As far as he was concerned it mattered not which it was, but for himself he should go for the Girls; and for the last three years he had told Bro. Parkhouse he would give 20 guineas in the name of the lodge to any list the lodge voted a sum to.

The Worshipful Master, replying to the toast of "The W.M.," which was proposed by Bro. Murlis, P.M., said that was the third time he had attained the position of W.M., and he thought he was entitled to say that was the proudest moment of his life. He was initiated in the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge. The duties he had undertaken in other lodges he had performed to the best of his ability. He had striven to do his best, and therefore he thought that lodge should take precedence of other lodges. He had never met with anything but the best treatment and kindness from his other two lodges, and he did not know he had made a bad friend in that lodge since he was initiated. He highly appreciated belonging to it, and he felt very much flattered when the lodge voted 20 guineas and Bro. Cama gave 20 guineas. Bro. Dr. Pocock took up 100 guineas, and he (the W.M.) took up 60 guineas. He hoped this time it would be more. All the Charities deserved well of the brethren, because they must understand that lodge had had two, or three, or more members who had died, and the lodge had got their children into the Schools. They might well say their money was well spent in supporting the Masonic Charities, and he hoped they would continue to support them.

Bro. Dr. Thomson, in replying to the toast of "The Initiates," said he felt very deeply the honour conferred on him in his admission as a member of the lodge, and he hoped he should act up to the principles of Masonry, and prove himself deserving of the kind words the W.M. had used, and be a good Mason.

Bro. Dr. Searson, who was initiated at a previous meeting, said he was pleased to have become a member of the Masonic Order, especially in the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge. He was glad to have offered himself a candidate to that lodge, because he had many relations and friends qualified to give a good report of it. It would be his ambition never to throw discredit on it or on Freemasonry. The aspiration which led him to seek admission to the Order would never be extinguished till he occupied the position, which was as ancient and honourable, occupied by the W.M. The kindness of every one to him had made the lodge very dear to his heart, and it would grow rather than diminish as time went on.

The W.M., in proposing "The Visitors," said if it had not been Lord Mayor's Day more visitors would have been present. He had about 40 visitors, and he welcomed them very heartily.

Bro. R. G. Barton, W.M. Go, in reply, said they all knew that Masonry was widely extended, and in a case of that sort, where they were invited from lodge to lodge, it enabled them to enlarge the circle of their acquaintance among the brethren, and thereby bring about that unity which was so much desired. He, like the other visitors, had enjoyed himself very much that evening. He was very pleased the lodge had such an efficient Master, as nothing tended more to its prosperity than to have as a counsellor a true man and Mason. In conclusion, he was sure if the brethren who were absent at the Lord Mayor's banquet had known of the hospitality which would have been shown to them by the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge they would not have gone.

Bro. Col. Boyd referred to the great treat in working which the brethren had had in lodge; the visitors certainly would say they had seldom heard the ceremony of installation performed with the perfect elocution and feeling of Bro. Dr. Pocock. As to the hospitality of the lodge it was perfect.

Bro. Moss, P.M. 185, also responded, and repeated the sentiments of the other brethren as to the working and the hospitality of the lodge. Although he had been a Mason 28 years, this was about the second lodge only that he had visited outside his own lodge, though he had received many invitations. It gave him great pleasure to be present, because he saw around the table many faces he knew in that particular district. The pleasure was legitimate because he had known Bro. Rogers a considerable time.

The occasion of that visit would ever be remembered by him, and he wished the lodge as prosperous a future as it had had a past.

The W.M., in proposing "The Treasurer and Secretary," said those two officers had very difficult duties to perform, because if anything miscarried the Secretary got blamed, and if anything went wrong at the banquet table the Treasurer got grumbled at. Bro. Parkhouse had not an enemy in the parish, which was saying a great deal, knowing the many difficult duties he had to perform. In the lodge also he gave the greatest satisfaction. Although Bro. Green had not been Secretary long, whether the duties were the minutest or most elaborate he took great care with them, and did everything he could for the benefit of the lodge.

Bro. Parkhouse, responding, congratulated the W.M., not only on his attaining that position, but on the manner in which he had conducted the proceedings in lodge and at the banquet table, and his support of the Charities, which he (Bro. Parkhouse) was known to take a lively interest in. By the assistance of the brethren, the lodge was instrumental in carrying four cases into the Institutions. Bro. Cama gave the lodge his votes, and also hunted the City for others. The lodge might thank its lucky stars it had such a W.M. as Bro. Rogers, and such a good friend as Bro. Cama.

Bro. Reuben C. Green, Secretary, said Bro. Parkhouse agreed with him that there had been no complaints about the arrangements that evening. To be Secretary of such a lodge as the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge he looked upon as a Masonic distinction, and he should do all he could to maintain the dignity and reputation of the lodge.

The Worshipful Master next proposed "The Charities." Masonry, he said, had introduced him to some of the best friends he ever wished to have. With respect to Bro. Cama, when he spoke of the Charities he spoke from the bottom of his heart, because he was a man who put his hand in his pocket deeper than any one, and went up to the Festivals year after year. He put 90 guineas on one list to make up a sum. Very few people did that. The Boys' Institution deserved well of the Craft. It turned out thoroughly good men; it gave a good sound education, which was what was wanted. When they found that the three Masonic Institutions spent £50,000 a year, they had reason to be proud of them.

Bro. J. Morrison McLeod, Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, acknowledged the toast. It was a very bright feature of the Order that the Charities were so largely endowed—not in the shape of capital funds (that would be a great mistake)—but they depended on what the brethren gave voluntarily year after year. The Institution would never have done so well if the voluntary gifts had not been 90 per cent. of their whole money each year. The Benevolent Institution, the youngest, were spending £16,000 a year in annuities to old people; the eldest, the Girls', was paying £14,000 on educating the girls. The Boys' was the middle in age, and there was a good plan in the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge of supporting each Institution alternately. This year it was the Boys' School. The object was a deserving one. In 95 years it had proved itself worthy of support; it had turned out good men of business who had made their mark in the world. It had more than 250 boys on its books; their physique was good; they were bright and happy; their clothing was good; they had special suits for their games, so they did not have to come indoors and sit in wet clothes. With regard to the examinations the boys had proved that the School was marching with the times in a liberal education. Next half-year they would get a special outside examiner. The boys had to leave at 15 years; but the Board of Management had made arrangements by which where there was a very clever boy, who by remaining in the School longer would be fitted for taking up a better position in life, could be retained till he was 16, 17, or over 18. He mentioned that to show that the Institution had a very liberal and broad-minded Board of Management. So long as the brethren were in touch with 15 representatives from London, and 15 from different parts of the country, they would be convinced that the School would be well managed.

Bro. Cama, who was also called upon to respond, trusted that the W.M. would be enabled to take up a list with three figures in the £ column.

Bro. Lander, P.M., who had gone round with the list most assiduously, announced that he had got nearly £80.

The other toasts were afterwards given and responded to, and the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

Wickham Lodge (No. 1924).—The first regular meeting of this lodge, since the summer recess, was held on Monday, the 6th inst., in St. Peter's Hall, Brockley. There was a numerous attendance, both of members and visitors, it being the date of installation of the W.M. and investiture of officers. The lodge was draped in mourning, out of respect for the memory of Bro. John O. Abbott, P.M., Sec., who died last month and of whom an obituary notice appeared in the *Freemason* of the 4th inst.

The W.M., Bro. Dr. J. Gordon, opened the lodge, after which the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. W. Rowley, P.M., Treas., produced his balance sheet, showing the lodge to be in a very flourishing condition. Bro. W. F. Lamonby, P.M. 1702, P.P.S.G.W. Cumberland and Westmorland, and P.D.S.G.W. late District of Victoria (E.C.), was balloted for and elected a joining member. Bro. Crowson was then passed to the Second Degree. The W.M. elect, Bro. W. Morley, P.M. 1709, and the retiring S.W., was next presented, and regularly installed in the chair, the whole of the ceremony in connection with which being performed by Bro. Dr. Gordon in a most able manner. The following officers were invested and addressed on the nature of their duties by the newly-installed W.M.: Bros. W. Gore, S.W.; T. Ingle, P.M., J.W.; Rev. R. Pratt, M.A., Chap.; W. Rowley, P.M., Treas.; W. F. Dennant, P.M., Sec.; A. S. Brown, P.M., S.D.; W. R. Smith, J.D.; A. W. Kemp, I.G.; A. Thomas, D.C.; and R. W. James and F. Brazil, Stewards. A grant of £25 in behalf of the widow of a late P.M. of the lodge, was voted from the funds; also a donation of £3 3s. to the Parkes Memorial Hall in Ireland. Further, the W.M. having announced his intention of going up as Steward at the next Festival of the Girls' School, a sum of 20 guineas was voted to his list. The lodge was finally closed.

Subsequently the brethren proceeded to banquet in the lower hall, Bro. W. Morley, P.M., presiding.

In the course of a pleasant evening, Bro. Dr. Gordon, I.P.M., was presented with a valuable Past Master's jewel.

Quatuor Coronati Lodge (No. 2076).

This lodge met at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 8th inst., to celebrate the Feast of the Four Crowned Martyrs. Present: Bros. R. F. Gould, P.G.D., in the chair; Dr. W. Wynn Westcott, S.W.; John Lane, as J.W.; G. W. Speth, Sec.; E. Macbean, S.D.; C. Kupferschmidt, J.D.; C. Purdon Clarke, I.G.; S. T. Klein, Steward; W. H. Rylands, I.P.M.; Col. S. C. Pratt, P.M.; W. M. Bywater, P.M., P.G.S.B.; and the Rev. C. J. Ball; also the following members of the Correspondence Circle: Bros. J. Joel, W. S. Furby, A. Howell, J. Oates, Rev. J. W. Horsley, T. Charters White, Rev. Hugh Thomas, C. N. Knight, Prof. P. L. Simmonds, Dr. J. Balfour Cockburn, R. Lazenby, R. Manuel, J. P. Pakes, G. R. Cobham, T. Cohu, J. Jacobs, E. P. Debenham, F. A. Powell, J. Frost Creswick, F. W. Schofield, W. F. Stauffer, G. Richards, C. E. Ferry, W. S. Weeks, S. Vallentine, P.G.P.; W. F. Lamony, W. Lake, Max Mendelsohn, B. M. Bannatyne, W. H. Lee, E. Conder, jun., G. Gregson, S. Richardson, Prof. F. W. Driver, E. H. Ezard, C. E. Wright, S. R. Baskett, H. Tipper, G. Stevens, E. Armitage, E. Haward, W. Tailby, C. M. Brander, R. G. Venables, P.A.G.D.C.; G. H. Gould, E. H. Bramley, W. F. Sheppard, W. M. Graham, R. Palmer Thomas, J. J. Hall, H. French Bromhead, F. F. Giraud, Dr. C. L. Tuckey, C. A. Hardwick, W. Pile, W. T. Ball, J. Carey, and J. Thompson. Visitors: Bros. J. Plaes, 554; Rev. Dr. W. H. Fraser, P.G.C. (I.C.); J. R. Dore, P.M. 750; H. E. Frances, P.M. 1561; E. Johnson, P.M. 140; A. L. Gieve, 1987; G. O. Hughes, W.M. 957; Rev. H. W. Turner, P.M. 1347; H. J. Davis, 1662; W. R. D. Adkins, 1911; R. P. F. W. Simpson, S.W. 859; Dato Sri Amar de Raja, St. George's Lodge, Singapore, 1152; and M. F. Tweedie, W.M. 92.

The following three lodges and 24 brethren were admitted to the Correspondence Circle: Transvaal Lodge, No. 1474, Pretoria; Claremont Lodge, No. 1861; and Royal Arch Chapter, No. IX., Tyrone (I.C.). Bros. J. Whiteley, 2267, Toowoomba, Queensland; W. S. Furby, 1338, Auckland, New Zealand; Dato Abdul Rahman, 1152, Singapore; Captain G. B. Preston, P.M. 1960, Rawal Pindi; J. E. R. Tagart, 18, Nanaimo, British Columbia; H. W. Lines, P.M. 77, Meriden, Connecticut, U.S.A.; J. M. F. Convent, Amsterdam; Captain H. Russell, P.M. 362; J. T. Marson, 762; E. L. Shepherd, P.M. 945; A. W. Harris, 1350; J. Clarke, P.M. 1576; L. Ellis, P.M. 1289; W. C. Kemp, 477; R. Robinson, W.M. 477; R. B. Morgan, P.M. 925; W. Pile, P.M. 1982; W. T. Ball, P.M. 435; A. F. Mackenzie, W.M. 339; J. A. S. Kerr, 0 (S.C.); J. D. Webb, 1745; S. D. Wade, 1228; C. W. Perryman, 212; and W. F. Harbord, 1541.

The sum of 10 guineas was voted to the Whympier Memorial Fund, now being raised by Lodge Stewart, No. 1960, Rawal Pindi. Bro. Dr. W. Wynn Westcott, S.W., was duly installed into the chair of K.S. The officers for the year were invested as follows: Bros. Professor T. Hayter Lewis, I.P.M.; the Rev. C. J. Ball, S.W.; Ed. Macbean, J.W.; W. Besant, Treas.; G. W. Speth, Sec.; C. Kupferschmidt, S.D.; C. Purdon Clarke, J.D.; R. F. Gould, P.G.D., D.C.; S. T. Klein, I.G.; T. B. Whythead, Stwd.; and J. W. Freeman, Tyler. The Worshipful Master delivered an interesting address on his installation, surveying the progress thus far of the lodge, particularly in the past year, and suggesting subjects for research and discussion during the coming session. Bro. J. R. Dore delivered an address dealing with the ritual and old Bibles, on which he is such an acknowledged authority. The lecture was an "Attempt to ascertain the age of Freemasonry from internal evidence." He pointed out that many expressions presumably derived from the Volume of the Sacred Law were not to be found in the authorised version, but might be found *verbatim* in older versions, giving the dates of these editions, and detailing some interesting general information about their history. He argued that this fact led to the inference that these portions of our ritual were of an earlier date than King James' Bible. The lecturer was warmly thanked by the W.M., and by Bros. Gould and Rylands, and a vote to that effect was carried by acclamation. The lecture can obviously not be printed in any form, it is, therefore, to be hoped that Bro. Dore will take every opportunity of delivering it in the various lodges of the country, as the more widely it is known the better will it be for the Craft. The following brethren were proposed from the chair as joining members of the lodge, or Inner Circle, and were seconded from the chair of S.W., as is the custom in this lodge, where no candidate is proposed except officially, and then only after having been practically elected in Committee of the whole lodge. The brethren who have been the recipients of this honour are Bro. Ladislav de Malczovich, the local Secretary of the lodge in Budapest, of the Lodge St. Stephen in that city, the Vice-Secretary of the Hungarian Ministry of the Interior, and author of a history of early Freemasonry in Austria-Hungary, now passing through the pages of the lodge's "Transactions"; and Bro. E. Conder, jun., of Charlbury, and Lodge No. 1036, the local Secretary for Oxfordshire, Renter-Warden of the Masons' Company of the City of London, the history of which Company he is now printing. Several curious exhibits were called attention to by the Secretary, among them being a Scotch certificate of 1807, announcing that the owner had been "uplifted" to the Degree of a Royal Arch Mason; certificates of Craft and Royal Arch, Nova Scotia, and a captain's commission in the Marines of late last century, together with the Royal Arch apron and sash of the gallant brother, interesting from the fact that the colours of the ribbon are the same as now in use, and thus throwing the Royal Arch clothing back to before the Union; and a Battersea enamel Masonic medallion, presented to the lodge by Bro. S. R. Baskett.

The labours of this interesting sitting having thus been brought to a conclusion, the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant for much-needed refreshment.

Derby Allcroft Lodge (No. 2168).

The installation meeting was held at the Midland Grand Hotel, St. Pancras, on the 9th inst., when a large number of brethren assembled to witness the installation of Bro. Wm. Thomas, as W.M. for the ensuing year. Owing to the lamented death of the esteemed W.M., Bro. W. F. Lord, the brethren wore Masonic mourning. The lodge was opened by Bro. J. P. Fitzgerald, P.M., supported by Bros. J. P. Harding, I.P.M.; W. Thomas, S.W., W.M. elect; J. W. Dixon, J.W.; E. Y. Jolliffe, P.M., P.P.S.G.W. Middx., Treas.; R. D. Cummings, P.M., Sec.; W. Lawrence, S.D.; E. J. Smerdon, J.D.; J. Nash, I.G.; S. Garcia, P.M.,

D.C.; Dr. J. F. Haskins, Org.; A. Boden and W. Mackie, P.M., Stwds; J. Corbett, P.M.; and many others. Visitors: Bros. Col. G. Noel Money, C.B., P.G.M. Surrey; S. Cochrane, Grand Treas.; G. Everett, P.G. Treas.; R. Eve, P.G. Treas.; J. L. Thomas, P.A.G.D.C.; J. Terry, P.G.S.B., Sec. R.M.B.I.; J. M. McLeod, P.P. G.W. Derby, Sec. R.M.I.B.; James Stephens, Prov. S.G.D. Bucks; A. T. Yardley, 901; J. B. Lancaster, P.G.S.B. Surrey; F. Middleditch, 1624; G. E. Fanshrest, P.M. 1196; A. H. Gale, 2317; W. G. Kent, P.M. 1321; C. H. Kohler, P.M. 1381; C. G. Hill, P.M. 1607; H. A. Sheppard, 1677; J. J. Knight, W.M. 2005; C. H. Stimson, I.G. 1471; Meyers, S.D. 2020; F. Mackenzie, 704; R. G. Robinson, 1531; T. C. Thimms, 1853; G. A. Duke, S.W. 1608; W. J. Price, 1642; J. Austin, P.M., Sec. 1158; and a large number of others.

The minutes having been confirmed, Bro. H. J. Allcroft, 289, son of the late Bro. J. D. Allcroft, P.G. Treas.—after whom the lodge was named—was unanimously elected a joining member. Bro. W. Thomas, P.M., was presented by the D.C. as W.M. elect, and was installed into the chair in an able and impressive manner by Bro. J. P. Fitzgerald, P.M. The following officers were appointed and invested: Bros. J. W. Dixon, P.M., S.W.; W. Lawrence, J.W.; E. Y. Jolliffe, P.M., Treas.; R. D. Cummings, P.M., Sec.; R. J. Smerdon, S.D.; J. Nash, J.D.; A. Boden, I.G.; S. Garcia, P.M., D.C.; J. Haskins, Org.; W. Mackie, P.M., and J. Demetrius, Stewards; and Goddard, Tyler. Bro. W. Thomas, W.M., referred in sympathetic terms to the death of Bro. Lord, W.M., which occurred but a short time previously, and moved that a resolution of condolence should be forwarded to the widow and family, expressing the regret and sympathy of the brethren in the irreparable loss they had sustained. It was also resolved that the necessary steps should be taken to secure the election of a son of the deceased brother to the R.M.I.B. at the next election, that being his first and only opportunity on account of the age limit.

Letters of regret for non-attendance were read, and the lodge was closed.

An excellent banquet was followed by the customary toasts.

Bro. Col. G. Noel Money, C.B., P.G.M. Surrey, replying for "The Grand Officers," said he felt it not only a pleasure, but a privilege to return thanks for the kind and flattering way in which the W.M. had proposed the toast. The W.M. had spoken of the readiness and willingness of the Grand Officers to perform any work, and no brother deserved that comment more than the Pro Grand Master, for whatever he did he did with all his might, and in nothing more than in Freemasonry. They would all hope the Pro Grand Master was now restored to health, as he was about to take a prominent part in the consecration of the Chancery Bar Lodge. The names of the various Grand Officers were often mentioned, and were known wherever Freemasonry existed, and it was therefore a privilege to return thanks in their behalf. He was sure he was expressing the feelings of the Grand Officers present when he thanked the W.M. and brethren for their hospitality, and their admiration for the good and perfect Masonic work done both by the Installing Master, whose work won the admiration of all, and also the W.M. He begged to offer the congratulations of the Grand Officers on the position of the lodge, and to the W.M., and wish him a happy and prosperous year.

Bro. S. Cochrane, G. Treas., also replied, and said the Grand Officers devoted a great deal of time to the work of the Craft, and as long as they enjoyed the confidence of the brethren, so long would its prosperity continue. The late W.M. was a member of the Logic Club, where many brethren were taught to work, and therefore they should put their shoulders to the wheel to secure his son's election to the Boys' School. The three Grand Treasurers present had promised to assist, so that they might be enabled to show Mrs. Lord there was something more in Freemasonry than a name.

Bro. R. Eve, P.G. Treas., said they all deeply regretted the loss the lodge had sustained, but in thinking of the past they always looked with pleasure and hope to the future. They had had the pleasure of placing in the chair a brother who was worthy of their choice. He had had the pleasure of the acquaintance of Bro. Thomas for many years, not only in Masonry, but in other capacities, and having had the opportunity of judging, he believed him a thoroughly good and true man, gentleman, and brother. The choice of the brethren had fallen upon one who would fulfil all the requirements they might make upon him. Bro. Thomas had been an active spirit in Masonry, having filled the chair on a previous occasion and various offices in that lodge, and they knew he would discharge his duties and leave nothing undone necessary for the good of the lodge. They rejoiced to see him placed in the chair of such a distinguished lodge, and the W.M. knew and realised the great duties before him. The brethren would constantly wish their W.M. a successful year of office, feeling sure that nothing would be left untried to serve a term of office that would redound to the credit of this prosperous lodge.

Bro. W. Thomas, W.M., said it was always difficult to respond to the toast of the Worshipful Master of the Derby Allcroft Lodge, but it was much more difficult on the present occasion, particularly as it had been proposed by such an orator as Bro. Eve, P.G. Treas. It was impossible to respond in adequate terms for the flattering way in which the toast had been given. The members had honoured him by electing him as W.M., and, as he had said on other occasions, he would endeavour to discharge his duty to their satisfaction, and do the best he could during his year for the credit of the lodge. Nothing he could possibly do would be left undone, and all he required was to retain their approbation and confidence. He thanked them for the enthusiastic way they had received the toast and would at once proceed with the next toast. Bro. McLeod being anxious to proceed to another lodge he would immediately ask him to respond for "The Masonic Charities." When he (the W.M.) represented the lodge as Steward at the next Festival of the Boys' School he hoped to take up 300 guineas, and a member of the lodge had that evening (Bro. J. H. Lewis) given in his name for 50 guineas.

Bro. J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I. for Boys, having thanked the W.M. for his kindness, said the Boys' Institution was doing excellent work and the boys were in a healthy condition. They were also extremely well clothed, and the Board of Management had now supplied them with football suits. In the examinations they had been doing well, and there was an open examination of the whole school by an independent examiner. He thanked the W.M. for the

excellent way he had started his list and was grateful to Bro. Lewis for his gift.

Bro. J. Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I., also replied, after which the Treasurer announced that the total on the W.M.'s list amounted to £261 15s.

The W.M., in giving "The Installing Master," said Bro. Fitzgerald was one of the most popular brethren in the lodge.

Bro. J. P. Fitzgerald, P.M., expressed the vast amount of pleasure it had afforded him to render assistance to the lodge, and appealed to the brethren to assist in securing the election of Bro. Lord's son to the Boys' School.

Bro. G. Everett, P.G. Treas., acknowledged "The Visitors," and said he should best consult the wishes of the brethren by saying but a few words. The visitors could not speak too highly of the unbounded hospitality and cordial reception they had received, and endorsed the remarks made as to the manner in which the business had been conducted. The installation had been carried out in an impressive manner, and the Master had shaped well, and given good promise for the future. The Grand Officers present had promised to do all in their power to secure the election of Bro. Lord's son, and as one of the Board of Management of the Boys' School, he was gratified to hear the announcement of so magnificent a sum on the W.M.'s list. It was in accordance with the fitness of things that three P.G. Treasurers should be present that night, for their first W.M., whose name the lodge bore, was also a P.G. Treas., and was the one chosen to break down the barrier which so long deprived the Craft of the privilege it now enjoyed of selecting each year one of its own choosing as an officer of Grand Lodge. In speaking of Bro. J. Derby Allcroft, he must say how much they all regretted his loss. The late brother always spoke with pride of the position he held in Freemasonry, more especially as regarded his connection with the Derby Allcroft Lodge. His name was a household word in the charitable world, and he would be greatly missed.

Bros. G. Fairchild, P.M., Jackson, Hambleton, and others, also responded, and other toasts were given, before the Tyler's toast terminated a successful gathering.

The musical programme was in the hands of Bro. Dr. Haskins, P.P.G. Org. Essex, assisted by Bros. W. Coward, F. Bevan, A. James, R. Hilton, W. Edwards, Malwyn Humphreys, Theo. Carrington, W. Short, and E. James.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.**CHORLTON-CUM-HARDY.**

Chorlton Lodge (No. 1387).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held on Thursday, the 9th inst., and, we believe, never was such a successful one held, as there were over 100 brethren present, including Bros. Wm. Goodacre, P.G. Std. Br. Eng., P.P.G. Sec.; Simpson, P.P.G.W.; H. Kidson, P.P.G. Reg.; G. A. Myers, P.G.D.C.; and other important brethren.

The particular interest in this assembly was a most interesting one, as we see by the summons. Bros. the Rev. F. E. Thomas, Vicar, and the Rev. C. A. Old, Curate, both of the same parish, were raised, the former by Bro. H. H. Martyn, W.M., and the latter by Bro. Schofield, P.M., P.P.G.D. The working tools were presented by Bro. Travers, S.W. At the close of the ceremony Bro. H. H. Martyn, W.M., invested Bros. the Rev. F. E. Thomas his Chaplain, Fernley as Organist, and Jebra as Steward, the two latter not being present at the installation meeting.

DIDSBURY.

Doric Lodge (No. 2359).—The regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Didsbury Hotel, on Saturday, the 11th inst. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. G. A. Myers, P.M., P.G.D. of C.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. passed to the Second Degree Bro. Albert Roberts in a most impressive manner. Bro. A. K. Boothroyd, S.W., presented the working tools. The following brethren were present: Bros. G. A. Myers, P.G.D. of C., W.M.; A. K. Boothroyd, S.W.; J. M. Veal, J.W.; John Walker, Sec.; F. Thomas, S.D.; Jos. Ward, J.D.; G. S. Smith, P.M., P.P.G. Org., D.C.; Jas. Sharples, I.G.; Geo. Metcalfe, W. Shuter, W. Barker, J. H. Norris, F. T. Ratchford, A. G. Green, Jos. Dearnaley, A. Roberts, E. W. Rowsell, F. B. Ratchford, John Moore, E. H. Baldwin, A. W. Moore, F. T. Passmore, W. H. Moss, C. Worstencroft, J. Laurisch, F. Morgan, and W. Wilkinson, Stwds. Visitors: Bros. J. D. Murray, P.G. Treas. Eng.; Wm. Goodacre, P.G.S.B. Eng., P.G. Sec.; J. J. Lambert, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; G. R. Lloyd, P.M., Prov. G. Treas.; J. Slyman, P.P.S.G.D.; and J. Walley. It was proposed by Bro. F. Stretch, I.P.M., that a ball be held this year, which was duly carried. Before the lodge was closed, Bro. Wm. Barker presented to the lodge a devotional chair. It was of dark polished oak, to match the furniture of the lodge, upholstered in crimson plush. Of course, the very handsome present was accepted in a few choice and appropriate remarks from the W.M.

The lodge was closed, and subsequently the brethren partook of tea, which had been admirably appointed by Mrs. Stretch.

The usual toasts were given and responded to in a most hearty fashion, and a pleasant hour was spent with songs, recitations, &c.

MAIDSTONE.

Robinson Lodge (No. 2046).—The annual installation meeting of this lodge took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Beaver-street, on Wednesday, the 8th inst., when a large number of the brethren of the lodge were present, also many visitors from other lodges. The lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. William Payler, Dickinson, who was supported by the following officers: Bros. W. B. Stonham, I.P.M.; H. F. Whyman, S.W.; E. Gratwick, J.W.; J. B. Groom, P.M., Sec.; G. R. Dann, Treas.; W. Jenkinson, J.D.; T. P. Dickinson, I.G.; F. W. Wright, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., D.C.; and J. Gowan, Tyler. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and a ballot was taken for Mr. Herbert A. Potvine as a candidate for initiation, which proved unanimous in his favour. Bro. Herbert Francis Whyman, S.W., W.M. elect, was then presented to the W.M. to receive the benefits of installation, which ceremony was performed in a very able and efficient manner by Bro. W. P. Dickinson, W.M., Bro. Francis William Wright, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., acting as Director of Ceremonies. A board of Installed

Masters was formed, which consisted of 24 Past Masters; the Wardens' chairs being occupied by Bros. E. C. Mulvey, P.M. 179, P.P.G. Dir. of Cers. Herts, P.P. G.S.B. Surrey, &c., S.W.; John Hunt, P.M. 503, P.P. A.G.D.C., J.W.; and Silas Wagon, P.M. 1063, P.P. J.G.D., acting as I.G. After the installation ceremony the newly-installed W.M., Bro. Herbert Francis Whyman, appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Wm. Payler Dickinson, I.P.M.; Edward Gratwick, S.W.; Frederick Taverner, J.W.; Rev. Edward Travers Clark, Chap.; G. Roberts Dann, Treas.; John Beavis Groom, P.M., Sec.; William Jenkinson, S.D.; Thomas P. Dickinson, J.D.; Francis W. Wright, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., D.C.; Percy Good, I.G.; Lionel W. Stansell Org.; Reginald Stonham and Frank Tyrer, Stwds.; and John Gowan, Tyler. Bro. George Ker, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., was re-elected Charity Representative. The W.M. then presented Bro. Dickinson with a Past Master's jewel, which he said he did with a very great deal of pleasure, knowing how faithfully and well he had discharged the duties of W.M. during the past year, and he trusted the G.A.O.T.U. would spare him many years to wear it. He also alluded in very sympathetic terms to the great bereavement which Bro. Dickinson had recently suffered in the death of his father. Bro. W. P. Dickinson replied, and thanked the W.M. and brethren for the great kindness extended to him. Several candidates for initiation were proposed, and "Hearty good wishes" were tendered by the brethren, and all other business being ended, the lodge was closed.

Amongst those present were the following: Bros. G. Ker, P.M., P.P.G.D.; J. G. Ker, P.M.; A. B. Urmston, P.M.; D. T. J. Lyle, P.M.; F. W. Wright, P.M., P.P. S.G.D.; T. W. A. Neech, P.M.; J. F. Burnard, H. C. Dunmill, T. G. Whyte, J. S. Dyke, A. Roberts, T. D. Ker, W. F. V. Simmons, L. W. Stansell, W. J. McCabe, R. G. Stonham, Percy Good, and A. Weston. Visitors: Bros. J. M. McLeod, P.P.S.G.W. Derbyshire, Sec. R.M.I.B.; E. C. Mulvey, P.M. 179, P.P.G.D.C. Herts, &c.; John Hunt, P.M. 503, P.P.A.G.D.C.; Silas Wagon, P.M. 1063, P.P.J.G.D.; H. Cruttenden, P.M., P.P.G.S.B., F. Kite, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; J. R. Foord, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; G. E. Wallis, P.M., G. Cornell, P.M., G. F. Baker, P.M., E. Weller, W.M., W. Hope, S.W., Rev. J. Roe, Chap., and H. Arthur, D.C., of 503; J. Brothers, P.M. 709, P.P.G.R.; J. Creecy, S.W. 709; F. Gordon, P.M. 1063; W. Morton, P.M. 2305; and A. Young, P.M. 1414.

Apologies were received from Bros. S. Cochrane, P.M. 3, G. Treas.; James Smith Eastes, D.P.G.M.; A. Spencer, P.M. 1063, Prov. G. Sec.; H. M. Apps, W.M. 1063; M. A. Krellwitz, J.W. 511; Steadman, P.M. 1063; and several other brethren.

The brethren afterwards adjourned to the ancient Bell Hotel to partake of a banquet, which was served in excellent style by Host Bro. J. Ker, P.M.

The W.M., Bro. Herbert Francis Whyman, presided, being supported on the right by Bros. J. M. McLeod, Sec. R.M.I.B., and E. C. Mulvey, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. Herts; and on the left by Bros. W. B. Stonham, acting I.P.M., in the absence of Bro. W. P. Dickinson, who was absent in consequence of domestic bereavement, and Wright, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.

The W.M., in giving the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft" and "The M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," alluded to the great strides Freemasonry had made during her Majesty's reign, upwards of 2000 lodges under the English Constitution having been consecrated during that period.

The W.M. proposed the next toast—"The M.W. Pro G.M., Earl Lathom; the R.W. Deputy G.M., the Earl of Mount Edgumbe; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past."

Bro. F. W. Wright, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., proposed "The Earl Amherst, Prov. G.M.," and spoke of the noble earl's great popularity and geniality, his remarks being received with much applause.

Bro. J. Beavis Groom, P.M., in proposing the next toast—"The V.W. D.P.G.M., Bro. James Smith Eastes, and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, Present and Past"—expressed the regret felt at the unavoidable absence of the Deputy Grand Master, who had on several occasions honoured the lodge with his presence, and explained what a great honour it was in the large Province of Kent to be selected to wear the purple and fine linen.

Bro. W. B. Stonham, P.M., proposed the toast of the evening, "The Worshipful Master," who, he said, had the respect of all the brethren, and they wished him a most prosperous and successful year. He was sure that Bro. Dickinson, I.P.M., much regretted being unable to be present, and they all sympathised with him in the cause which prevented him from being there to propose that toast, his friendship with the W.M. being of so many years' standing.

The Worshipful Master, in rising to reply, was received with very hearty greeting. He thanked Bro. Stonham for his kind expressions and the brethren for the great indulgence he had received from them. He much regretted the absence of his great friend, Bro. Dickinson, that evening, but trusted the day was not far distant when they might meet again at that festive board with Bro. Dickinson present with them. He assured the brethren his whole ambition was to advance the interests of Freemasonry generally, and of this lodge particularly, and that he hoped at the end of his year he should still hold the respect of every brother of the lodge.

"The Masonic Charities" was proposed by Bro. George Ker, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., and responded to by Bro. J. M. McLeod, P.P.S.G.W. Derby, Sec. R.M.I.B., in a very able and interesting speech.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Visitors," and expressed his great pleasure in seeing so many present that evening, especially mentioning his friend, Bro. Mulvey, P.M., from whom he had received so much instruction.

Bro. Mulvey, P.M., said it pleased him much to come from London to see the installation that day of their W.M. whom he had always found to be a very hard working Mason, and whom he was sure would give the lodge a great satisfaction during his year of office.

Bro. F. G. Baker, P.M., replied for the brethren of Belvedere Lodge, No. 503, and hoped many friendly intercourse would take place during the ensuing year between those two lodges which met under the same roof.

The Worshipful Master proposed "The Officers," which was responded to by Bro. Gratwick, S.W.

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

The menu card was of very artistic design, and the toasts interspersed with Shakespearian quotations, the

whole being very appropriately selected and arranged by the indefatigable Secretary, Bro. J. J. Beavis Groom, P.M., whose exertions on behalf of the Robinson Lodge are unending.

The evening was further enlivened by a pre-arranged musical programme, the principal vocalists being Miss Mary Clarke, Miss Edith Teale, and Mr. Groom, jun., Bro. L. W. Stansell, Org., accompanying.

MANCHESTER.

Newall Lodge (No. 1134).—The annual installation meeting was held for the first time in Manchester on Tuesday, the 7th inst. It will be remembered it was previously held at Adelphi House, Salford, but the place being so inconvenient for all the brethren the P.G. Master was approached on the subject, and he graciously granted the petition from the brethren that it might be moved to more convenient and congenial premises—the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester. This showed itself at once by the large gathering of brethren present. The lodge was opened by Bro. E. Webb, W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. B. Eckersley, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented to the Installing Master, Bro. Webb, by Bro. Hy. Mainwaring, P.M., and he was installed by Bro. E. Webb, W.M., in a most excellent and impressive manner. Bros. S. Ayland, P.M., acted as S.W.; John Holroyd as J.W., and also addressed the W.M.; and Graham, P.M., acted as I.G. The proclamations were given by Bro. Duffin, P.M., D.C. The tools were presented in each Degree by Bro. John Waring. Bro. H. Mainwaring, P.M., addressed the Wardens, and Bro. Duffin, P.M., the brethren, who also explained to the officers, when invested, their respective duties. The following were invested: Bros. E. Webb, I.P.M.; C. Driver, S.W.; H. Waterhouse, J.W.; J. Holroyd, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., Treas.; J. Waring, P.M., Sec.; J. Ogden, S.D.; R. W. Martin, J.D.; A. H. Duffin, P.M., D.C.; G. S. Smith, P.M., P.G. Org.; J. Green, I.G.; A. K. Boothroyd, S.W. 2359, and E. M. Williams, Stwds.; and N. Jones, Tyler. The ceremony was choral throughout, the brethren taking part were Bros. C. Turner, P.M., P.A.G.D.C.; Wm. Dumville, P.M.; Wm. Booth, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; A. Lewtas, P.M.; and Chas. Shaw; and under the direction of Bro. G. S. Smith, Prov. G. Org., who presided at the organ on that occasion. It was a very successful meeting altogether, and was honoured by the presence of many distinguished brethren, no less than five provinces being represented. There were 24 Past Masters present during the installation. During the evening a magnificent Past Master's jewel was presented to the I.P.M., Bro. E. Webb, who had gained the respect of all the brethren by his kind and genial manner.

The following brethren were present: Bros. E. Webb, W.M.; G. S. Smith, P.M., P.G. Org.; B. Eckersley, S.W., W.M. elect; C. Driver, J.W.; John Holroyd, P.M., P.P.G.S. of W., Treas.; John Waring, P.M., Sec.; S. O. Waterhouse, S.D.; J. Ogden, J.D.; R. W. Martin, A. K. Boothroyd, S.W. 2359, and A. Cadwell, Stewards; A. H. Duffin, P.M., D. of C.; Henry Mainwaring, P.M.; Samuel Ayland, P.M.; W. J. Wright, W. H. Brown, R. C. Gray, J. M. Williams, James Green, W. F. Atkinson, W. Hand, and W. Flett. Visitors: Bros. J. H. Sillitoe, P.G. Std. Br., P.P.G.W.; John Chadwick, P.G.S.B., P.G. Sec.; Thomas Hassall, P.A.G.D.C.; W. Booth, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C.; Chas. Turner, P.G. D. of C.; A. T. Macgregor, P.P.G.D.; J. L. Wood, T. Sawyer, P.M.; W. Cooper, P.M., P.P. G.D.; Thomas Travis, W.M. 1357; C. Cookson, Henry Greenhalgh, D. Grundy, R. Thomas, E. Winterbottom, J. Robinson, John Ambler, J. Thompson, Buckley Car, P.M.; J. Marsden, W. Summers, T. W. King, H. R. Thornton, G. Bishop, W. H. Worsley, S. Mills, W.M. 1077; J. Parkinson, S. Gaskill, W. Dumville, P.M.; A. Lewtas, P.M.; and John Graham, P.M.

The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

PLUMSTEAD.

Pattison Lodge (No. 913).—The winter session of the above flourishing lodge commenced on Thursday, the 2nd inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Mount Pleasant, and was well attended. Bro. C. J. Clapham presided, and was supported by the following officers of the lodge and visitors: Bros. W. C. Taylor, I.P.M.; Dr. E. Bryceson, S.W.; J. J. Collins, J.W.; C. Coupland, P.M., P.P.J.G.W., Treas.; E. Denton, P.M., P.P.S.G.D., Sec.; W. Sanders, Asst. Sec.; D. K. Somers, S.D.; J. O. Cook, J.D.; J. J. Murphy, I.G.; E. M. Taylor and J. Farrier, A.D.Cs.; A. Moore, Stwd.; J. H. Bull, Org.; A. Penfold, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; R. J. Cook, P.M., P.P.G. Reg.; H. Mason, P.M.; R. Edmonds, P.M.; W. Busbridge, P.M.; C. Jolly, P.M. (hon.); E. Morris, P.M.; W. G. Newton, D. Sedgley, W. Wren, J. Turton, R. Kirkman, E. G. Denton, B. Littlewood, W. G. Squires, T. Turton, J. E. Rigden, H. Smith, J. Rose, C. James, H. G. Mason, S. Horton, J. G. Tucker, G. Laurence, G. E. Roberts, A. Wallis, J. Taylor, T. Griffiths, W. Clancey, G. Frost, J. O. Widger, H. Stewart, J. W. Dickinson, B. Hammond, J. Frankling, W. H. Pryce, A. Otley, G. H. Campbell, D. C. Capon, E. Loneragan, A. D. Capon, L. Mills, and D. G. Jelly. Visitors: Bros. W. Lawson, W.M., H. Tufnell, S.W., and H. Lloyd, of 700; A. Deans, W.M. 13; J. Bilton, W.M., and E. W. Sinnett, S.W. of 1536; J. Lee, J.W. 2399; T. Casely, P.M. 1993; G. F. Taylor, P.M., and A. Steward, of 700; and A. McNair, 1472.

The only work before the lodge was the raising of Bro. Kirkman, which was accomplished by the W.M. and his officers in a most perfect manner, assisted by the fine choir of the lodge, who sang the incidental music splendidly. The lodge having been closed, the brethren banqueted in the upper hall of the establishment.

Honour was done to the usual loyal, Grand Lodge, Provincial Grand Lodge, and personal toasts, which were interspersed with some excellent vocal and instrumental music.

SUNDERLAND.

Palatine Lodge (No. 97).—The regular meeting, held on the 9th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Park-terrace, was the occasion of an official visit from the officers of the province. The occasion was the more interesting, inasmuch as the Prov. S.G.W. for the year was a P.M. of the lodge. Among those present were: Bros. A. Grundy, W.M.; W. Birch, P.G. Stwd., I.P.M.; W. C. Readhead, S.W.; J. Nicholls, acting J.W.; J. R. Cutler, P.M., P.P.G.T., Treas.; T. Robinson, Sec.; J. W.

Hopper, S.D.; W. J. Robinson, J.D.; T. Shimmins, I.G.; A. H. Paris and J. W. Hodgson, Stewards; T. M. Watson, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; G. C. Watson, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; E. G. Watson, P.M.; W. Beattie, P.M., P.P.G.T.; J. G. Marshall, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; J. C. Moor, P.M., P.P.J.G.D.; R. Singleton, P.M., P.P.J.G.D., D.C.; J. R. Pattison, P.M., P.S.G.W.; and J. H. Luck, P.M. Visitors: Bros. R. Hudson, P.G.S.B. Eng., P.G. Sec.; J. Lee, W.M. 2039; John Robinson, W.M. 1389; H. Campbell, P.M. 1389, P.J.G.D.; W. A. Priestley, P.M. 2039, P.P.G.S. of W.; D. P. Huntley, P.M. 80, P.P.G.D.; T. Atkinson, P.M. 80; J. Joel, P.M. 2019, P.A.G. Sec.; and F. S. Cowper, P.M., P.G.S. of W.

The lodge having been opened, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed, Bro. James McMillan was passed to the Second Degree by the W.M., and Bro. W. C. Readhead, S.W., was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. J. R. Cutler, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. T. Grieve was re-elected Tyler. The W.M. proceeded to express his high sense of satisfaction at having present so many Prov. Grand Officers, Past Masters, and visitors. It was naturally a source of more than ordinary satisfaction, inasmuch as that year one of the Past Masters of the lodge, who had been a very diligent servant of the province for some years past in the position of Prov. A.G. Sec., had commended himself to the whole of the brethren in the province, and had received the highest honour which the Prov. Grand Master could confer. They all hoped that Bro. Pattison would long be spared with health and strength to continue his services as an officer of the province. Bro. J. R. Pattison, P.M., P.S. G.W., said: Brethren,—There is an old and somewhat hackneyed phrase which is often used, viz., "This is the proudest moment of my life." On the present occasion I think that it will be difficult for me to find or use more suitable words to define my position, because most certainly I do consider this to be the proudest moment of my "Masonic" life to be able to stand up in my mother lodge as the Senior Provincial Warden of the year. It is an honour of which I feel proud, both on my own account and also because I look upon it as an honour to the grand old lodge to which I belong. I will not pretend to say that I have not tried to do my best during the past seven years I have filled the post of Assistant Secretary to deserve recognition at the hands of our Provincial Grand Master, at the same time I must admit that I consider the high honour that has fallen to my lot is a more ample reward than I ever anticipated. However, brethren, I can assure you that the services I have rendered in the past I shall be only too happy to continue, both for the good of Masonry in the province and especially my mother lodge. It is gratifying to note the extraordinary vitality displayed by our old lodge after an existence of nearly a century and a half, it seems as strong as it ever was, and as popular with the brethren from all the other lodges in the town, and in fact from all parts of the province. I congratulate my old friend, Bro. Readhead, on his unanimous election to the chair of the lodge, and wish him a happy and successful year of office. I also must congratulate the lodge upon having initiated and added to its members such an estimable candidate as Bro. Gibbon, a gentleman whom I am sure will reflect credit on our lodge. On behalf of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham, I thank you.

The lodge was afterwards closed.

At the refreshment board, the W.M., after having given "The Queen" and "The Grand Master of England," in proposing "The Officers of Grand Lodge," expressed his pleasure at coupling with the toast the name of Bro. R. Hudson, Past G.S.B. Eng., Prov. G. Sec., who was always a welcome visitor to Sunderland.

Bro. Hudson, in responding, referred to the fact that he first saw the light of Masonry in that, the Palatine Lodge, upwards of 30 years ago, and it had always been his constant study to promote the interests of the Craft, and to discharge to the best of his ability the duties of whatever office he was appointed to. He commended his position to the brethren present, inasmuch as he had risen from being a Steward of the lodge to be a Past Officer of the Grand Lodge of England.

"The Health of the W.M. elect" was proposed by Bro. J. C. Moor, P.J.G.D., who made allusion to the great antiquity of the lodge, which had existed for nearly 150 years, and had upon its roll of Past Masters some of those who had occupied the most distinguished position in the province, including the present Prov. Grand Master.

Bro. W. Redhead suitably responded, and said he would do his very best to fulfil the duties of the office to which he had been elected, and to which he hoped in due time to be duly installed.

Other toasts followed.

TWICKENHAM.

Sir Francis Burdett Lodge (No. 1503).—A meeting of this lodge was held at the Albany Hotel, on the 8th inst., when there were present, among others, Bros. A. Toulmin, jun., I.P.M., in the chair; R. Perry, S.W.; E. W. Davis, J.W.; J. T. Briggs, P.M., P.P. G.D., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., P.P.G.W., G. Stwd., Sec.; Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, P.M., P.P.G.C., Chap.; Linnell, I.G.; W. H. Saunders, P.M., P.P. G.D.; W. Taylor, P.M., P.P.G.W.; W. Fisher, P.M. 1512, P.G. Treas.; and G. Harrison, Tyler. Bro. Perry, 55, was a visitor.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, the ballot was taken on behalf of Mr. Alexander Burnett, and he being in attendance was duly initiated. The acting W.M. then impressively installed Bro. R. Perry into the chair of K.S., assisted by Bros. W. Taylor, as S.W.; W. Fisher, as J.W.; Capt. Walls, as D.C.; and J. T. Briggs, I.G. The following appointments and investitures were made: Bros. E. W. Davis, S.W.; A. Macchi, J.W.; Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, P.M., Chap.; J. T. Briggs, P.M., Treas.; Capt. T. C. Walls, P.M., Sec.; L. O. H. Saunders, S.D.; E. Linnell, J.D.; W. Fisher, I.G.; and G. Harrison, Tyler. A vote of thanks was passed with acclamation to the Installing Master. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. A vote of condolence was passed to the family of the late Bro. J. Wilson Rogers, the oldest initiate of the lodge. Bro. the Rev. S. T. H. Saunders having been elected to represent the lodge as Steward at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, the Secretary gave a notice of motion to vote him a sum of money from the funds to head his list. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Bros. Col. R. Cumming, I.P.M.; L. O. H. Saunders,

S.D.; Rev. R. J. Simpson, P.G. Chap.; D. P. Cama, P.G. Treas.; and H. H. Room, P.G. Sec.

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

The usual toasts followed. In consequence of the lateness of the hour the speeches were few and brief. Bro. W. Fisher, Prov. G. Treas., responded on behalf of "The Provincial Grand Officers;" Bros. Toulmin, jun., and W. H. Saunders, for "The Past Masters;" Bro. Perry, for "The Visitors;" Bro. Rev. S. T. H. Saunders, for "The Masonic Charities;" and Bros. Briggs, Walls, Davis, and Linnell, for "The Officers."

The proceedings then terminated.

URMSTON.

Urmston Lodge (No. 1730).—The regular monthly meeting was held at the Victoria Hotel, on Monday, the 13th inst., when the following brethren were present: Bros. J. Hardwicke-Marsh, W.M.; W. H. Jolliffe, S.W.; F. Stretch, J.W.; E. L. Littler, P.M., P.P.G.P., Treas.; George R. Lloyd, P.M., Prov. G. Treas., Sec.; John Walton, jun., S.D.; Walter Bowers, J.D.; G. A. Myers, P.M., W.M. 359, Prov. G.D.C., D.C.; G. G. Mends, Org.; R. W. Fowler, I.G.; J. Ormrod, T. French, W. Hallard, J. Plowman, and F. P. Moles, Stwds.; E. Roberts, P.M.; R. Swindells, I.P.M.; J. Slyman, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; Peter Heaton, P.M., P.P.G.S.; John Bowers, P.M.; John Walton, P.M.; H. H. Jones, and G. G. R. Mends. Visitors: Bros. J. J. Lambert, 1387, P.P.G.R.; John Read, W.M. 317; Thomas T. Sefton, S.W., W.M. elect 1773; W. Mostey, J.W. 1773; A. H. Smith, 317; Yeb. K. Haddad, 317; Thomas Notton, 1182; W. Swindley, 2216; and Fred. Morgan, 2359.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. James Smith, and was declared unanimously in his favour. The W.M. informed the brethren that, owing to a family bereavement, Mr. Smith could not be present that evening, but would be present at the next meeting. Bro. G. G. R. Mends was raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M. by the W.M. Bro. E. Roberts, P.M., was unanimously elected Tyler during the pleasure of the lodge. The W.M. informed the brethren of the great success attending the Masonic church service held on Sunday, the 12th inst., at the parish church, Urmston, in aid of the Masonic Charities, when the collection realised £23 5s., and he was pleased to say that several brethren who could not be present at the service had sent in their donations. He took that opportunity to thank those brethren of the Urmston Lodge who were present at the service for the assistance he received from them. The W.M. then proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. the Rev. H. Bethell-Jones, M.A., P.P.G.C., Vicar of Brooklands, for his kindness in preaching the sermon, also to Bro. the Rev. E. Harewood-Cooke, M.A., P.P.G.C., Vicar of Urmston, for the use of the church and schools and the kindness and assistance he gave him previous to the service; also to Mr. Heald, the Organist, and the choir, who had worked very hard indeed to make the musical portion of the service a success. The Worshipful Master said they had succeeded beyond his expectations. The anthem, "Behold how good and joyful a thing it is for brethren to dwell together in unity," was most effectually rendered. The three proposals were seconded and carried unanimously by the brethren present. The W.M. requested the Secretary to write a letter to Bros. Jones and Cooke, also to Mr. Heald and choir, expressing the thanks of the brethren of the lodge, and that the same be recorded on the minutes. Bro. G. G. Mends wished to present to the lodge (as a memento of his son being raised to the Sublime Degree of a M.M.) a set of gavel and sounding boards for the use of the lodge. The W.M. expressed his appreciation of such a splendid present, and it gave him great pleasure in accepting them. The gavel is made of light oak, with the square, level, and plumb-rule inlaid in silver. The sounding boards were also of light oak. The above were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning. Bro. R. Swindells said he had great pleasure in presenting to the lodge three new collars. The W.M. said it gave him great pleasure in accepting them. Bro. J. Plowman presented a very handsome table-cloth for the use of the social board, which supplied a long-felt want. The W.M. expressed his thanks to Bro. Plowman, and the great pleasure it gave him in receiving such a handsome and valuable table cloth. Bro. J. Ormrod presented 12 lamps also for use at the social board, and the W.M. said it gave him great pleasure in receiving them. It was proposed and seconded, and carried unanimously—"That the best thanks of the lodge be given to Bros. Mends, Swindells, Plowman, and Ormrod for their handsome and useful presents to the lodge, and that the same be recorded on the minutes of the lodge." The W.M. gave notice that the annual ball would be held on Friday, December 15th, in the Schools, Higher-road, Urmston.

"Hearty good wishes" were expressed by the visiting brethren, after which the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the social board, where the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, interspersed with recitations and songs.

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

YORK.

Eboracum Lodge (No. 1611).—The annual meeting took place on Monday last, when there was a large attendance of members and brethren, including 23 Past Masters. Amongst those present were Bros. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett, D.P.G.M.; M. C. Peck, Prov. G. Sec.; W. H. Cowper, P.M., P.P.G.Reg.; J. Todd, P.M. 236, P.P.G.W.; M. Rooke, P.M. 236, P.P.G.D.; J. S. Rymer, P.M. 236, P.P.G.Reg.; Sir F. Milner, Bart., P.M. 1611, P.P.G.W.; J. T. Sellar, P.M. 1611, P.P.G.D.; G. Balmford, P.M. 236, P.P.G.O.; W. B. Dyson, P.M. 1611; J. Blenkin, P.M.; and others. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M., P.P.G.W., assisted by Bro. Geo. Lamb, P.M., P.P.G.D., the following forming the complete working staff of the lodge for the year: Bros. J. L. Spetch, W.M.; J. H. Shonksmith, I.P.M.; Jas. Smith, S.W.; F. W. Halliwell, J.W.; Rev. R. P. Tennent, Chap.; G. Balmford, P.M., Treas.; Jas. Kay, Sec.; W. S. Child, Org.; A. Archer, S.D.; F. H. Vaughan, J.D.; G. G. Pook, D.C.; J. T. Chambers, I.G.; W. Sykes and A. Humphries, Stwds.; and T. Dunlop, Tyler. Bro. Geo.

Lamb, P.M., is again the Preceptor for the year, whilst the valuable library, &c., is still in the hands of Bro. Whytehead, P.M. Bro. J. Blenkin, P.M., was again elected Charity Representative. The Auditors' report showed a good balance in hand.

The banquet was held at the Station Hotel, and was a great success.

Royal Arch.

St. Dunstan's Chapter (No. 1589).—The installation meeting of this civic chapter was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 9th inst. Among those present were Comps. Lieut.-Col. J. W. Benningfield, M.E.Z.; J. W. Gaze, H., M.E.Z. elect; F. Farrington, P.Z., Treas., acting J.; Capt. Walls, P.Z., P.P.G.P.S., S.E.; H. H. Nuding, S.N., J. elect; R. Evens, P.S.; W. E. Farrington, P.Z.; H. Clemow, P.Z.; and Lieut.-Col. H. Radcliffe, P.Z. (Hon. Mem.). Comps. Heath and Marvin were visitors.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, Comp. Lieut.-Col. H. Radcliffe impressively installed Comp. J. W. Gaze as First Principal, and Comp. H. H. Nuding as Third Principal. The installation of Comp. C. Moore, C.C., as H., was postponed. The following investitures took place: Comps. Capt. T. C. Walls, S.E.; R. Evens, S.N.; T. Anthony Woodbridge, C.C., P.Z., Treas.; and J. Gilbert, Janitor. A vote of thanks was passed to Comp. Lieut.-Col. H. Radcliffe for his services as Installing Principal. A Past Principal's jewel was then presented to Comp. Lieut.-Col. J. W. Benningfield, I.P.Z. Apologies for non-attendance were received from Comps. T. A. Woodbridge, C.C., P.Z.; C. Moore, C.C., H. elect; R. Skelton, and others.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to a well-served banquet, under the personal superintendence of Comps. A. Clemow and Evens, and which gave every satisfaction.

Upon the removal of the cloth, the M.E.Z. gave the numerous toasts with pith and humour.

The proceedings were not protracted, but were most enjoyable and entertaining.

SALFORD.

Starkie Chapter (No. 935).—The yearly installation meeting was held on Thursday, the 9th inst., at Adelphi House. There was a large gathering of companions to witness the different ceremonies, which were beautifully rendered by Comp. J. H. Sillitoe, P.G.H., installing the Z., and Comp. J. Armstrong installing the 2nd and 3rd Principals, the latter investing and addressing the officers, and the former giving the addresses to the Principals, officers, and companions generally. The following are the list of officers for the ensuing year: Comps. John Williams, M.E.Z.; W. H. Southern, H.; Wm. C. Royle, J.; Evan Williams, P.P.A.G. Sec.; Treas.; E. Meggitt, S.E.; Warburton, S.N.; W. R. Sharp, P.S.; G. W. Howe, 1st A.S.; and C. Coombes, 2nd A.S. Before the chapter was closed, Comp. E. Williams presented, in the name of the chapter, an exquisite P.Z.'s jewel to Comp. F. W. Lean, P.Z. He spoke in very high terms of the merits of Comp. Lean, who was one of the founders of the chapter, and had done wondrous work during its existence. The gift was graciously acknowledged by Comp. Lean. Comp. Lean, P.Z., proposed a vote of thanks to Comp. J. H. Sillitoe, who had on that and every previous installation meeting, always come to their aid, and had so ably performed the duties of the day.

Comp. Sillitoe responded, and commented at length upon the assistance he had received at the hands of Comp. J. Armstrong, P.Z., and he spoke in high praise of the manner in which he (Comp. Armstrong) had performed the portion of work allotted to him, and it gave him very great pleasure to see there was a companion who was taking such an interest in the chapter, and he predicted that if Comp. Armstrong continued his zeal in the Royal Arch Degree, he must become a very prominent officer in the important Province of East Lancashire. Comp. Armstrong responded, saying that what he had done that day was a great pleasure to himself, and if the companions appreciated what he had done it was very pleasing to himself. It was not much trouble to him to perform any ceremony in Masonry either in the Craft or Arch Degree, but what he did he always enjoyed.

The chapter was then closed.

The following were present: Comps. F. W. Lean, M.E.Z.; J. Williams, H.; W. H. Southern, J.; W. C. Royle, S.E.; E. Meggitt, P.S.; J. Armstrong, P.Z., P.G.D.C.; W. T. Warburton, J. J. H. Ormerod, John Jackson, Evan Williams, P.P.A.G.S.; C. G. Coombes, G. W. Howe, E. Bradbury, and W. R. Sharp. Visitors: Comps. Buckley Car, P.Z.; J. Marshal, P.P.G.P.S.; W. Godby, P.Z.; R. Broadhurst, G. S. Smith, P.P.G. Org.; G. V. Blaikie, P.Z., P.P.A.G.D.C.; and J. H. Sillitoe, P.G.H.

The jewel was manufactured by Comp. George Kenning.

Lodges and Chapters of Instruction.

RANELAGH LODGE (No. 834).—A meeting was held on Friday, the 10th inst., at the Six Bells Hotel, Hammersmith, when there were present Bros. H. Foreman, W.M. 1275, W.M.; Edward Fox, S.W.; H. Schariem, J.W.; J. Collings, P.M., acting Preceptor; F. Craggs, P.M., Sec.; R. Reid, S.D.; H. Bone, J.D.; J. Banks, I.G.; R. H. Williams, P.M., &c.; A. Williams, W.M. 834; W. Hinds, Rogers, J. A. Dennis, H. Pearson, W. Hyde, H. Clarke, D. Cronin, and H. Blackman.

The lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. H. Pearson having offered himself as a candidate for raising, was examined and entrusted. The lodge was opened in the Third Degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The lodge was resumed to the First Degree. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sections of the Lecture were worked by Bros. Bone, Hide, and Fox, under the direction of Bro. J. Collings. Bro. Fox was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and the lodge was closed.

CHISWICK LODGE (No. 1012).—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 11th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, King-street, Hammersmith, W. Present: Bros. W. Hillier, W.M.; T. Biggs, S.W.; Hide, J.W.; A. Williams, P.M., Preceptor; M. Spiegel, Sec.; Whiteley, S.D.; Bone, J.D.; Dennis, I.G.; J. Davies, P.M.; R. H. Williams, P.M.; F. Craggs, P.M.; J. Brown, P.M.; Powell, Gatlift, Reid, and Kirkham.

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. Reid being the candidate. The 7th Section was worked by Bro. Reid, the questions being put by Bro. J. Davies. The 1st Section was worked by Bro. Bone, and the 2nd by Bro. Gatlift, questions being put by the W.M., Bro. Hillier, and the 3rd Section by the brethren. After the usual rising, Bro. Biggs was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Several communications were received from various brethren of their intention to be present on the 25th instant, when the 15th Sections will be worked, and the lodge was closed in due form.

STAR CHAPTER (No. 1275).—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, on Friday, the 10th inst., when there were present Comps. Phillips, M.E.Z.; Grumman, H.; Patrick, J.; Dunn, S.N.; Cureton, S.E.; Plant, P.S.; T. Grumman, P.Z., Preceptor; Elgar, Salmon, Powell, and H. G. Martin.

The chapter was declared open, and the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Elgar personating candidate. Comp. T. Grumman, H., was elected M.E.Z. for next meeting, when an installation will be rehearsed.

Our Portrait Gallery of Worshipful Masters.



BRO. JOHN MASON.

Bro. John Mason who, on Saturday, the 4th instant, was for the second time installed Master of the Elliot Lodge, No. 1567, Feltham, of which in 1875 he was the principal founder and first W.M., has had a long, busy, and successful career in Masonry, his connection with the Order dating from the 5th January, 1865, when he was initiated into its mysteries in the Lodge of Harmony, No. 309, Fareham, of which he is at the present time one of the oldest members. In 1873 he joined the Ebury Lodge, No. 1348, and the Era Lodge in 1875; while in the latter and subsequent years, he assisted in founding the Chislehurst Lodge, No. 1531, the Covent Garden Lodge, No. 1614, and the Pimlico Lodge, No. 1772. In 1876 the late Bro. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., was pleased to appoint him one of the Prov. G. Stewards of Middlesex, and the year following conferred upon him the higher, yet well-deserved honour of Prov. S.G. Deacon. He was exalted to the Royal Arch Degree in the Domestic Chapter, No. 177, in 1875, being subsequently elected joining member of the Royal Middlesex and Mount Lebanon Chapters, Nos. 1194 and 73 respectively. He rose in time to the chair of First Principal in the latter, and in 1878 was one of the founders of the Era Chapter, No. 1423, and the Eclectic, No. 1201. In 1876 he was appointed Prov. G. Organist of Middlesex, and in 1888 Prov. G.D.C. In Mark Masonry his career has been even more distinguished. He was advanced in 1875 in the Thistle Lodge, No. 8, of which some years later he was installed W.M. In 1877 he was founder and first W.M. of the Hammersmith—now the Earl of Carnarvon—Lodge, No. 211, and in the year following was appointed Prov. G.M.O. of the late Province of Middlesex and Surrey. In 1887—the year of the Queen's Jubilee—his Royal Highness the Grand Mark Master conferred upon him the collar of G.S.B. of Grand Lodge. In May, 1875, he was installed as a Sovereign of the Order of Rome and Constantine in the Premier Conclave, and the following year was elected on the Grand Senate and appointed Inspector of Regalia. In 1878 he was made an Intendant-General Unattached, and, in consideration of his great services to the Order, was made Grand Junior General. At the present time he is Recorder of his mother conclave, and a

member of the Executive Committee of the Grand Council. He is also a Knight Templar, having been installed as such in the Holy Palestine Pieceptory in 1875, and also a Knight of Malta, while in 1875 he was perfected Rose Croix in the Palestine Chapter. In 1877 he became a member of the Rosicrucian Society, and subsequently, in recognition of the very material assistance he rendered during a number of years to the late Bro. Dr. Woodman, S.M., he was made an Hon. 8°. Lastly, he has rendered many and important services to our Masonic Institutions, the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, of which he has been the collector for nearly fourteen years, having very naturally claimed the chief share of his favours. He is a Vice-President of both our Masonic Schools, and a Vice-Patron of the Benevolent Institution, while altogether he has served as many as 23 Festival Stewardships, the bulk of which have been in behalf of the Charity with which he has been intimately connected for so many years. The Elliot Lodge is to be congratulated on being for the second time presided over by a brother whose services, both particularly and generally, have been so numerous and valuable, and have extended over so many years.



BRO. ARTHUR DIGBY GREEN,
W.M. Royal Athelstan Lodge, No. 19,

whose installation as W.M. of the above lodge took place at the Cannon-street Hotel in February last, in the presence of a large array of members and 56 visitors, was initiated and passed in the Crystal Palace Lodge, No. 742, in 1882, but owing to his lodge being in vacation and the unusual but interesting circumstance of his future wife desiring him to become a Master Mason before that happy event took place, he was raised in the lodge of which he has now become the W.M. Bro. Green has paid great attention to Craft ritual, and is an expert and impressive exponent of the Three Degrees, and has further qualified himself for the position he now holds by a faithful discharge of his duties in the various offices leading to the chair. This old lodge is somewhat exacting in its requirements as to the fitness of the W.M., the Past Masters especially looking closely into the matter. Bro. Green's qualifications for the office are not confined to the work of the ritual. His affable manner, his keen attention to the comfort of the members and visitors, together with his generous disposition render him one of the most popular Masters the lodge has had for some years. The installation ceremony above referred to was a notable one in consequence of the number of Grand Officers and other distinguished visitors who were present, the ceremony having been performed by Bro. W. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B., and P.M. of that distinguished literary lodge, the Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076, in a manner worthy of the position held by that brother in Freemasonry. At the banquet which followed, the toast of "The Charities" was a prominent feature. The lodge is already a Vice-President of the three Masonic Institutions, and on this occasion each Institution was further supported by Stewards, the W.M. going up for the R.M.I.G. with a list of £42; the I.P.M., Bro. Poston, with a list for the R.M.I.B. of £28 7s.; and Bro. Whadcoat, the J.W., with a list of £26 5s. for the R.M.B.I. In another column will be found a report of the November meeting of this lodge.

The Queen, accompanied by the Princess Beatrice, and attended by the ladies and gentlemen of her Court, left Balmoral early this (Friday) morning, and are expected to reach Windsor Castle to-morrow (Saturday) morning at an early hour.

At the annual meeting of the Croydon County Council, Mr. Alderman R. V. Barrow, M.P., announced that the Lord Chamberlain had approved of the appointment of Bro. Frederick Foss, solicitor, the retiring Mayor, as a Justice of the Peace for the borough. The Mayor (Mr. Alderman Rymer) said he was sure the announcement would be received outside the Council Chamber with as much cordiality and satisfaction as it was within.

DR. MORISON'S MASONIC LIBRARY.

The Grand Lodge of Scotland was fortunate in receiving a gift of Masonic works from the late Dr. Morison, of which the following extracts will give a clear notion, and prove useful as a register of that important event:

"6th August, 1849.—It was intimated that the valuable Masonic Library collected by the now deceased Brother C. Morison, M.D., Physician to the Forces, was about to be presented to the Grand Lodge by Brother Morison's widow 'on condition that the collection of 3000 volumes and upwards should be preserved intact, and that any books the Grand Lodge may not wish to keep shall be returned to Mrs. Morison, and not sold or destroyed.' The best thanks of the Grand Lodge were voted to Mrs. Morison for her intended liberality.

"5th November, 1849.—The following letter from Mrs. Morison, receipt of which had, on 12th September, 1849, been acknowledged by the Grand Secretary, on the part of the Grand Committee, was read to the Grand Lodge:

"Paris, 24th August, 1849.
"Sir,—It was the wish of my late lamented husband, Dr. Charles Morison, that his collection of Masonic books and manuscripts, which has occupied the last 25 years of his life, should at his decease be preserved intact, and that the same should, if possible, become the property of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, although he left no direction to that effect. It is, therefore, a melancholy satisfaction to me to pay respect to what I understood his wishes to be, and, in compliance with them, I beg to present such Masonic library to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, upon condition that the same be preserved intact, that none of the books or manuscripts be sold or destroyed, but that any that may be declined by the Grand Lodge be returned to me.

"If the offering prove acceptable to the Grand Lodge and to the brethren at large I shall be satisfied that I have done what I know would be agreeable to my husband. The Grand Lodge having expressed a wish to possess a likeness of my husband, I beg leave to inform you that I have an excellent miniature of him, which I will either have copied for the Grand Lodge, or by will I will bequeath to the brethren.

"Mr. de Bernardy, who was a friend of my late husband, and who kindly takes charge of the books to present in my name, knows exactly my wishes and feelings, and will act for me in all respects as I would myself.

"I am, Sir, yours obediently,
"EMILY MORISON,
"19, Quai Malaquais.
"To the Secretary of the Grand Lodge
"of Scotland.

"The Depute Grand Master (who presided at the Quarterly Communication), moved that the special and grateful acknowledgements of the Grand Lodge, subscribed by the Grand Master, be transmitted to Mrs. Morison, coupled with an assurance on the part of the Grand Lodge, that her own and her late husband's wishes as to the library's remaining intact in time coming, would be strictly attended to—unanimously agreed to.

The following is the Grand Lodge's reply:
"Edinburgh, December 14, 1849.
"Madam,—The very handsome present which, by your letter of 24th August last, you were pleased to make to the Grand Lodge of Scotland, of the extensive, rare, and most valuable Masonic library collected by your late husband, Dr. Charles Morison, of Greenfield, was officially intimated to the Grand Lodge at its Quarterly Communication on 5th ultimo.

"Be assured that the Grand Lodge is deeply sensible of the extreme liberality on your part, which has dedicated the bestowal of this gift, and while it justly prizes and has reason to be proud of the unique collection of books which it can now call its own, it must ever highly value that library, not only from respect to yourself the donor, but in remembrance of the eminent brother through whose indefatigable zeal, industry, and untiring perseverance, so varied a collection has been gathered together.

"The Grand Lodge, at the Quarterly Communication referred to, readily undertook to redeem the pledge come under to you on its behalf by the Grand Committee, viz., that your wishes and those of Dr. Morison, as expressed in your letter of 24th August, as to the library being preserved intact, should be rigidly adhered to.

"I am requested by the Grand Lodge to offer to you its sincere sympathy, on occasion of the afflicting bereavement with which the Great Architect of the Universe lately saw fit to visit you, and am,

"Madam,
"Your most obedient,
(Signed) "ATHOLE,
"Grand Master Mason of Scotland.

"Mrs. Morison,
"Quai Malaquais, No. 19, Paris."

"[Reporter,] Grand Lodge of Scotland."
"At a meeting of the Grand Committee (Grand Lodge of Scotland), held 27th October, 1887, the Grand Secretary (D. Murray Lyon) announced, as the result of his labours, &c., in response to the order of Grand Lodge, relative to the library, that

"The major portion of the books belonging to Grand Lodge are in foreign languages, so, taking advantage of his knowledge of Continental tongues, your reporter engaged the services of Dr. John Loth in making up the catalogue, which is now presented, and to that Brother,

Grand Secretary is indebted for the thoroughness of his assistance in the classification of the books and compilation of the catalogue.

"The library is composed of upwards of nine hundred handsomely-bound volumes in print and manuscript, in good order, composing about two thousand works, of which 12 are in German, 10 Italian, 10 Spanish, 6 Dutch and Swedish, 1860 French, 12 Latin, and the remainder in English. Many of these are held by Masonic students in England and on the Continent as of priceless value, and are rarely to be found in existing libraries, and could not be replaced. The library also contains duplicates of 50 works of lesser value.

"Though advertising widely and instituting personal enquiries, your reporter has been unsuccessful in recovering any of the Masonic medals that are known to have been in possession of Grand Lodge 20 years ago, and only some two or three volumes that were out on loan have been returned.

"26th July, 1888.—Committee reported in favour of the presses in Board Room being utilised and fitted with glass doors, &c.

"Also that it was 'unnecessary to print catalogue.' The report was approved, but many will regret the decision not to have the catalogue printed."

Obituary.

BRO. T. W. EMBLETON.

On Saturday, the 11th inst., the grave closed over the remains of a brother whose career, as a Mason, must be considered almost as unique, and whose loss is severely felt and greatly deplored by his brethren. A fortnight ago, in referring to the publication of "The Embleton MS.," allusion was made to our brother whose decease has since so quickly followed. Bro. Thomas William Embleton was born at Newcastle-upon-Tyne on the 4th of October, 1809, and was educated at Witton-le-Wear Grammar School, and subsequently at the Edinburgh University. Having qualified in his profession as a mining engineer, he was placed in an important post in February, 1831, and filled in succession other appointments of great responsibility, with conspicuous skill and ability, down to 1888, by which time he had more than earned retirement from the onerous work he had been engaged in for so many years. He still, however, continued actively to perform the duties of examiner of candidates aspiring to the management of mines, to which office he had been appointed by the Home Secretary in 1873. On the 7th of October, 1880, having then entered on his 71st year, he was initiated in the Friendly Lodge, No. 1513, Barnsley, and was passed and raised in the usual course. He was installed its Worshipful Master in February, 1884, and was appointed Provincial Grand Stwd. April, 1885, and Prov. S.G. W. (West Yorks) the following year. He was exalted in the Friendly Chapter, No. 1513, Barnsley, November 9th, 1882; installed M.E.Z. in May, 1888, and invested Prov. G.H. of West Yorks, May, 1892. He had also been advanced to the Mark Degree, and was W.M. of Portal Lodge, No. 127, Barnsley, in 1892, and was S.G.W. of the province at the time of his decease. Bro. Embleton was not content to be merely an office-bearer in the Craft. He was a munificent donor to the Masonic Charities, having at various times subscribed a total of nearly £500, and qualified as Vice-Patron for the R.M.I. for Girls and the R.M.B.I., and Patron of the R.M.I. for Boys. By his death the Province of West Yorks will lose the support of his 294 votes. He contributed to many useful and charitable institutions outside the immediate sphere of our Fraternity. To the poor, needy, and distressed he was ever a ready giver and warm hearted friend. He was also a generous donor and supporter of the West Yorkshire Provincial Grand Lodge Library, and only recently presented the valuable old parchment scroll known as "The T. W. Embleton MS.," above mentioned. He died on the 8th instant at his quaint and charmingly-situated residence, "The Cedars," Methley, near Leeds, and on Saturday last was laid at rest in the ancient churchyard in close vicinity. At the funeral there was a considerable and influential attendance of brethren. In the unavoidable absence of the Prov. G.M., the Right Hon. W. L. Jackson, J.P., M.P., who was called elsewhere on important business, and the D.P.G.M., Bro. H. Smith, P.G.D. England (who was absent through illness), the province was represented by Bro. Wilson, P.M. 289, Prov. S.G.W. There were also present Bros. W. F. Smithson, P.G.D. Eng.; H. G. E. Green, Prov. G. Sec.; C. L. Mason, P.P.G. Treas. and Prov. G.M.M.M. West Yorks; H. Oxley, P. Prov. G. Treas.; W. Watson, P.P.G. S. of W. and Hon. Librarian; B. F. Glover, P.P.G.P.; R. Jackson, P.M. 289; H. S. Childe, W.M. and P.M. 154 (representing also the Institute of Mining Engineers); P. C. Greaves, 154; and others. The deceased's lodge was represented by Bros. Chas. Lingard, W.M. 1513; W. R. Massie, P.M., P.P.S.G.D.; C. W. Fincken, P.M.; and others. The funeral arrangements were efficiently conducted by Bro. E. Wales Smith, P.M. 289, and the service impressively delivered by Bro. the Hon. and Rev. Philip York Savile, P.M. 495, P.G. Chap. England.

The Government has addressed itself to the Coal Owners' Federation and the Miners' Federation with a view to bringing about a settlement of the strike, which has now continued for upwards of 15 weeks. The idea has been accepted by both sides and a conference will accordingly be held to-day (Friday), under the presidency of the Earl of Rosebery.



Bro. Lord Carrington has taken No. 50, Grosvenor-street, W., which will now be his lordship's permanent London address.

A marriage has been arranged, and is expected to take place shortly, between Mr. Baillie, of Dochfour, and the Hon. Nellie Bass, only child of Bro. Lord and Lady Burton.

Princess Christian has consented to visit Reading on Friday next, the 24th instant, for the purpose of opening a bazaar and *Café Chantant* in aid of the funds of the Helena Nursing Home.

The Duke and Duchess of York have been pleased to accept three handsome pairs of skates from the Metropolitan branch of the National Skating Association, of which his Royal Highness is the President.

We regret to hear that Bro. Canon Wilberforce, who has just returned from Italy, where he had been in search of health, is lying so seriously ill at his residence—St. Mary's Rectory, Southampton—that all his engagements have had to be cancelled.

A bronze statue of the Queen, erected by the Royal tradesmen of Aberdeen, was unveiled on the 9th inst., and handed over to the Lord Provost on behalf of the city. It is the work of the late Mr. Birch, A.R.A. A luncheon followed, at which the Queen was represented by Dr. Profeit.

The Duke and Duchess of Fife and Sir Horace Farquhar arrived at Castle Rising on Monday and have been entertaining a large shooting party, among them being the Prince of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of York, who joined the party the same evening from Sandringham, and others.

We regret to hear that the Hon. Arthur Stanley, a younger son of Bro. the Earl and Countess of Derby, is lying seriously ill at Knowsley from typhoid fever, the illness being rendered all the more serious from the fact of his having only recently recovered from an attack of rheumatic fever.

According to intelligence received from St. Petersburg, a shell, dating from as far back as the Crimean War, which was found imbedded at a place in the Taganrog district, on being struck with a hammer by the man who found it, exploded, with the result that nine persons who were standing by were killed instantly, whilst several others were seriously injured.

The Duchess of Albany opened a bazaar in St. Andrew's Hall, Fulham Fields, on Tuesday, the object being to pay off the debt on the hall and provide for the maintenance of 12 Sunday schools in connection with St. Andrew's Church. Her Royal Highness was received by the Bishop of Marlborough, and experienced a hearty welcome from the assembled company.

A fire broke out on Monday on board the steamer Canada, which had been lying for several months in the Medway, with some 400 tons of coal stored in her bunkers. Several Government tugs responded to the call for assistance, and in time the fire in the coal, which is attributed to spontaneous ignition, was extinguished, though the wood-work underneath was reported to be still burning, and was not got under till some time afterwards.

A special performance of "Fra Diavolo" was given by the Royal Carl Rosa Opera Company at Balmoral on Monday evening, in the presence of the Queen, the Princess Beatrice, the Royal Household, and the visitors. Her Majesty repeatedly expressed her pleasure with the performance, and at the close of the performance personally thanked Madame Zélie de Lussan and Bro. Barton McGuckin, presenting the former with a brooch, and the latter with a pin, as a souvenir of the occasion.

The new Lord Mayor, Bro. Alderman Tyler, took his seat as chairman of the Court of Aldermen for the first time on Tuesday, when his lordship was very cordially greeted. On the motion of Alderman Sir Andrew Lusk, seconded by Bro. Alderman Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., M.P., a vote of thanks to the ex-Lord Mayor, Sir Stuart Knill, Bart., was passed by acclamation. Bro. Sir S. H. Waterlow, Bart., was re-elected and Sir Stuart Knill was elected a member of the governing body of the United Westminster Schools.

The opening meeting of the 26th session of the Royal Colonial Institute was held in the Hôtel Métropole, under the presidency of the Earl of Rosebery, on Tuesday evening, when Bro. the Earl of Onslow, recently Governor of New Zealand, read a very instructive paper on "State Socialism and Labour Government in Antipodean Britain." There was a very crowded attendance, among those present being Bro. the Earl of Jersey, the Earl of Stamford, Bro. Sir Charles Mills, Bro. Walter H. Long, M.P., and the Bishop of Brisbane.

A meeting of the Committee who have arranged for the past six years' balls in aid of the Mark Benevolent Fund was held on the 8th inst., at the Masonic Club, Plymouth. Bro. Frank R. Thomas was voted to the chair, and those present included Bros. A. Roberts, W. J. Pengelly, J. Jacobs, Willocks, G. Ewens, E. J. Leonard, J. Pittuck, J. Harvey, J. Endicott, P. Hannaford, and W. H. Dillon, Hon. Secretary. It was explained that the Chairman of the Committee, Bro. J. Leonard, was unavoidably absent, having to attend the Mayoralty election at Portsmouth. The balance-sheet of the Treasurer, Bro. P. Hannaford, showed a balance in hand of £15 over the last ball, and of this sum £10 10s. had been paid to the Mark Benevolent Fund to constitute St. George's Mark Lodge a Life Governor of the Fund. This was regarded as highly satisfactory. Bro. John Leonard was unanimously re-elected Chairman of the Committee, and also appointed Treasurer, Bro. P. Hannaford having resigned. Bro. W. H. Dillon was re-elected Hon. Secretary with acclamation, and Bro. E. J. Leonard consented to act as his assistant. It was resolved to hold the annual ball at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, January 3rd, under the banner of Charity Lodge, No. 76, under the same arrangements as hitherto. Unanimous votes of thanks were accorded to Bros. J. Leonard and W. H. Dillon for their past able and indefatigable services.

Bro. the Lord Mayor has become President of the St. Bride's Youths' Institute during his year of office.

Bro. the Marquis of Granby, M.P., and the Marchioness of Granby, who have been visiting the Marquis and Marchioness of Salisbury at Hatfield, have arrived in London.

Bro. Walter Peace, C.M.G., who has occupied the position of representative in London of the colony of Natal during the last 14 years, has been appointed Agent-General for the Colony, under the new constitution.

The Queen has been pleased to appoint the Right Hon. Sir Clare Ford, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., to be the Ambassador at the Court of Rome in succession to the late Lord Vivian. The name of Sir C. Ford had been previously submitted to King Humbert.

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.

Among the presents received by Miss Lilian Borthwick on the occasion of her marriage with Bro. Earl Bathurst was a solid silver two-handled bowl, presented by the Newspaper Press Fund, of which Bro. Sir Algernon Borthwick, M.P., the bride's father, is President.

A large audience was present at the London Institution on Monday evening, when Sir Robert Ball, the Lowndean Professor of Astronomy, gave a lecture on the radiation of light and heat from the sun, which was rendered a little more interesting and instructive from the assistance given in illustration by a number of lantern slides.

The 25th annual exhibition at the Crystal Palace of poultry, pigeons, and rabbits was opened on Monday, and closed on Thursday. The number of entries was 6300, which were arranged in 474 classes, the number of exhibitors being about 1500. The estimated value of the poultry is set down as £30,000, and of the pigeons £20,000.

The Colston anniversary banquets were held at Bristol on Monday. Mr. J. W. Arrowsmith presided at the Anchor dinner, Mr. Arnold Morley being the principal guest; and Bro. Sir M. E. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., at the Dolphin dinner, Bros. Lord Halsbury and the Right Hon. D. Plunket, M.P., being the guests.

The new County Hall at Kingston-on-Thames, which has recently been erected by the Surrey County Council, at a cost of over £60,000, was formally opened on Monday in the presence of the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of Quarter Sessions, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the County Council, and a large number of distinguished guests.

Lord Robert Manners, while riding with the Belvoir Hounds on Saturday last, and acting as field-master, was thrown, in consequence of the treacherous state of the ground, when taking a fence. His horse rolled over him, and his lordship, who received several severe injuries, was for a time unconscious. He was afterwards removed to a farm house and thence to Belvoir Castle, where he has since been making favourable progress.

On Saturday last a deputation from the inhabitants of Kensington, consisting of Rev. the Hon. E. C. Glyn, Mr. Frye, M.P., Bro. Jubal Webb, and others, visited the house of Bro. Sir Algernon Borthwick and there presented to Miss Lilian Borthwick a handsome brooch and bracelet of large turquoises set in diamonds, as a mark of their respect and esteem on the occasion of her then approaching marriage with Bro. Earl Bathurst, who was present at the presentation.

The will dated August 22nd, 1877, of Bro. Charles Fisher, late of Cromartie, 60, Pembroke-road, Clifton, and of Bristol, wine and spirit merchant, has been proved in London by the sole executrix, his wife, Mrs. Jane Fisher, of 6, Auburn-road, Redland, the gross value of the testator's personal estate having been sworn at £4277 19s. 11d., and the net value at £1394 16s. 6d. Bro. Fisher leaves all his real and personal estate whatsoever and wheresoever to his wife.

On Thursday, the 9th inst., Bro. John Broome died at his residence, 4, Raglan-place, Stockton. He was formerly a Unitarian minister, and subsequently had the Mill-lane Academy, Stockton. He had been a Freemason for nearly 30 years, was P.J.W. of the Philanthropy, and Secretary to the time of his death for three Masonic lodges, viz., Philanthropy, Fraternity, and Whitwell. For 17 years he took an active part in the management of the Stockton Masonic Club. He was a most unassuming, methodical, and estimable brother, and held in very high esteem.

The Empire matinées are becoming very popular, especially with ladies and children, the little ones being considered both as to entertainment and prices, as the management have conceded the half-price to them. The next Saturday programme is very strong, including Charles Tilbury, the original Edouardo Iroupe, Canary, Dietz French Quartette, Charles Morrill, Frantz Family, Lavater's Dogs' Orchestra, Armand Ary, Muhlmann Trio, Tom and Lily English, and the ballet, "The Girl I Left Behind Me." Doors open at 1.45. Carriages at 5.

A meeting of the General Committee in connection with a Masonic ball was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Friday evening, the 10th inst., over which Bro. G. A. Harradon, P.P.G. Treasurer, presided. The Secretary announced the receipt of a telegram from Bro. Lord Skelmersdale expressing his acceptance of chairmanship, and also of a letter from Bro. J. de Bels Adam, P.P.G.W., who consented to become deputy-chairman. It was decided by the Committee to hold the ball under the banner of St. George's Lodge, No. 32, of which Bro. Lord Skelmersdale is S.W. It is felt that with such an executive, coupled with the names of Bros. J. D. Murray, P.G.T. Eng., vice-chairman; J. Edwards, P.M. 1182, Treas.; and W. Rawsthorne, 1182, Sec., the success of the forthcoming ball is assured.

A MAN'S REIN, according to an ancient Portuguese proverb may be found in the three following pitfalls, viz., to be worth little and presume much, to have little and spend much, and to know little and talk much. Although these defects in any man's character are most objectionable, it is going rather too far to say they lead to ruin. In these days when true merit is often judged according to the noise it makes, the bombastic presuming man very often comes to the front, whilst his more deserving but timid competitor is thrust aside out of the race. Holloway's Pills and Ointment, however, have outdistanced all rivals in public favour for over half a century.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Cambridgeshire will be held at the Guildhall, Cambridge, on Monday, the 20th instant.

Mr. St. John Shadwell Clerke, son of the late Grand Secretary, has left the army and gone on the stage, and is now travelling in the provinces.

Bro. Horace D. Banks, J.W. 1897, will deliver a lecture this evening (Friday) at the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, entitled "England to America," visiting the World's Columbian Exposition, Chicago. It will be illustrated by lantern views and the oxyhydrogen light.

Mr. Herbert Terry, only son of Bro. Edward Terry, Past Grand Treasurer, has completed his education at Cheltenham, and it was intended he should go to Oxford and then study for the Bar, but he has decided on following his father's profession, and commence at once.

The show of chrysanthemums, opened by the Royal Agricultural Society in the Drill Hall, Buckingham Gate, was exceptionally fine, and included some magnificent specimens sent by the Duke of Northumberland from his gardens at Brentford, by Mr. James Veitch, of Chelsea, and others.

A new lodge, to be called the Vale of Eden, has just been formed at Appleby, at which the following brethren have been appointed officers. Bros. C. B. Rivington, P.M., first W.M.; George Thomas, S.W.; J. P. Watson, J.W.; Dr. Armstrong, Mayor elect, Treas.; Sergt.-Major Clear, Sec.; and Martin Couzens, Tyler.

We are pleased to see that Bro. J. Townley Trotter, of Manchester, has recently been admitted a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales. Bro. G. H. Russell, a newly-initiated member of the York Lodge, Manchester, and of the firm of Messrs. Russell and Walsley, accountants, has also been elected a Fellow of the same Institution.

On Thursday evening, in aid of the Metropolitan and City Police Orphanage, an entertainment was given at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, by the Metropolitan Police Minstrels. Several inspectors and sergeants were present, and, as the general public invariably supports the orphanage when appealed to, the excellent entertainment had a satisfactory financial result.

The Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, No. 1298, will celebrate its one thousandth meeting by a dinner at the Broad-street Restaurant, Broad-street, Fermanus, L. and N. W.R., instead of their usual place of meeting. The lodge will be opened at 6.30, and, after the reading of the minutes, will be at once closed. Upwards of 100 brethren have signified their intention of being present.

At the last meeting of the Zetland Lodge, No. 511, held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, Bro. F. S. Jarvis, S.W., was installed into the chair of K.S. There was a large gathering of the members of the lodge and also visitors to greet him and to wish him a happy year of office. The W.M. is greatly respected by all who have the pleasure of his friendship, and there can be no doubt the Zetland Lodge will prosper under his guidance. He works well.

The Duke of Cornwall Lodge met on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Tavern, under the Mastership of Bro. W. H. Foot, and after the banquet the brethren, as usual, had a first-class programme of music placed before them. The singing was very good, the songs of Mrs. Nugent Ensworth and Bro. Perrins especially being so admirably rendered, that the critical brethren unanimously demanded repetitions. The Duke of Cornwall may in every sense be called a musical lodge.

The shipping of Folkestone mostly had flags half-mast during the first half of the week on account of the death of Bro. J. N. Rogers, who has been for many years largely connected with the shipping interest of Folkestone. He was greatly esteemed for his benevolence among the seafaring population, and also by the local brethren. For the greater part of his life he was ardently attached to Freemasonry, and he was one of the oldest members of Temple Lodge, No. 558. He was one of the founders of the Temple Chapter, and took a prominent part in founding the Masonic Hall and the Masonic Club. Bro. Rogers died on Friday, the 11th inst., at Bushey Villas, Hampton Hill, aged 57 years.

At a meeting of the Bute Lodge, held at the Masonic Hall, Cardiff, on Tuesday, the 7th inst., Bro. Matthews expressed the regret of the members at the loss sustained by the Masons of Cardiff by the death of their lamented Bro. Fabian. He referred at length to the active interest taken in Freemasonry by the deceased up to the time of his death, and moved that a vote of sympathy and condolence should be sent on behalf of the lodge to the bereaved family. Bro. Ferrier, I.P.M., seconded the vote, both he and Bro. Pearce, P.M., paying a graceful tribute the memory of the deceased, and those sentiments were unanimously approved of by the members of the lodge. The brethren were also invited to attend the obsequies of their lamented brother, and it was expected that between 200 and 300 members of the Craft would attend the sad ceremony.

Bro. Sir Charles Dalrymple, of Newhalles, Bart., the Grand Master designate of Scotland, in a letter to Grand Secretary, intimating his acceptance, says: "It is very gratifying to me that Grand Committee should think of me for so high and honourable a position, while I myself entertain grave doubts as to my qualifications for it. I will accept this great honour in the belief that Grand Committee and the brethren throughout Scotland will, by giving me their support, make good my deficiencies; and in the hope that I may be able during a period of office to be of service to Grand Lodge." Judging from the experience of Grand Lodge of the able manner in which the duties of Grand Master Depute have been performed by Bro. Sir Charles Dalrymple, there can be no doubt of the wisdom of the choice. While the regret of the members of Grand Lodge, one might almost say of the entire Craft in Scotland, in the retirement of Bro. Lord Haddington from the Grand Mastership is most sincere, there is keen feeling of sympathy that in the interest of his health and family he has taken the wisest course.—*Mallet*.

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