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UNITED GRAND LODGE.

The regular Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge will be held in Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday next, the 6th inst., when the usual business, which includes the nomination of (1) a Grand Master and (2) a Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year; the appointment and investiture of a President of the Board of Benevolence; the election of the Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents of, and of 12 Past Masters to serve upon, the same Board; and the consideration of the Reports of the Boards of Benevolence and General Purposes, will be transacted. As regards the office of Grand Treasurer, we understand that two brethren will be nominated, of whom one—Bro. WILLIAM SHURMUR, P.M. of the Lodge No. 2374, Chingford, which bears his name, and of which he was the principal founder—may be taken to represent the Provincial candidate; while the other—Bro. W. M. STILES, a P.M. of the Strand Lodge, No. 1987—may be looked upon as the London candidate. For the Board of Benevolence 15 Past Masters have been nominated to serve, and, as only 12 can be elected, three of the former number will have to stand out, indulging in hopes of better luck at the election in 1894. The Report of the Board of Benevolence contains fewer recommendations than usual, while that of the Board of General Purposes, though exceedingly formidable in appearance, contains, in fact, only a few simple propositions, to which we venture to think that little or no exception will be taken. Thus as regards the case of the P.M. and late Treasurer of a London lodge who failed to hand over to his successor the balance of the moneys entrusted to his charge, and who, on being summoned to appear before the Board, first of all pleaded illness as an excuse for non-attendance, then pleaded no excuse at all, and finally treated with contempt a third and still more peremptory summons, the Board, under the provisions of Article 274 of the Book of Constitutions, report that they have passed a resolution to the effect that the brother in question "be suspended from all Masonic functions and privileges for contumacy," and there is little likelihood that Grand Lodge will hesitate to endorse the resolution. As regards certain lodges which "have failed to make returns for many years, notwithstanding repeated applications," the Board recommend "that these lodges be summoned to show cause why they should not be erased." The lodges scheduled are 14 in number, of which all but one belong to foreign parts, the list being headed by Pythagoras, No. 447, Corfu—one of the Ionian Islands formerly under the protection of Great Britain but now part of the Kingdom of Greece; this has made no return since 1877. The lodge Amistad Unida, No. 550, located at Santa Martha, New Grenada, which was constituted in 1848, has made no returns since 1857, while the lodge of the Southern Cross, No. 672, which was warranted in 1856, and is circumstantially in our Grand Lodge Calendar at "No. 7, Rue do Tropiche, Pernambuco, Brazil," has furnished no evidence of its vitality since 1871. Two lodges, located in the island of Mauritius, namely, British, No. 736, and the Lodge of Harmony, No. 1535, have failed to send returns since 1887 and 1884 respectively, and there is Lodge Phoenix, No. 1183, which was warranted in 1867 to meet in New Amsterdam, Berbice, but has sent no returns to head-quarters for close on 20 years. The six lodges entered in Grand Lodge Calendar as located in Smyrna, namely, Homer, No. 806; La Victoire, No. 896; St. John's, No. 952; the Dekran, No. 1014; St. George's, No. 1015; and the Sion, No. 1340; and the Eleusinian Lodge, No. 978, Ephesus, complete the roll of lodges in foreign parts, from which all attempts on the part of our Grand Secretary to obtain anything in the nature of evidence that they are doing, or in the case of the lodge at Ephesus, have done any work, have failed utterly. The last heard of the Homer Lodge was in 1888, and of Lodge La Victoire in 1880, but as to the rest, the very latest return belongs to the year 1876, and it is not surprising therefore that the Board should be desirous of clearing the roll of lodges of such as have furnished no evidence of their existence for so prolonged a period. There is also one lodge in the Province of North Wales—the St. Cybi, No. 597, Holyhead, of which nothing has been heard since 1889, but four years is so short an interval by comparison with those that have elapsed since some of the above derelict lodges have been heard of, that it is just possible we may learn some news of it, now that a determined effort is being made to ascertain what has become of it and its members. It is also reported that in the case of a warrant recently granted for the constitution of a new lodge to meet as No. 2445, at Blenheim, New Zealand, arrangements have been made which render its establishment unnecessary, and the warrant having been returned, the name will be erased. There is further a recommendation from the Board that, in consequence of the great increase in the work thrown upon the Grand

Secretary's staff, the salaries of the several members may be revised in accordance with a certain scale. The last revision took place in 1874, when there were 1380 lodges on the roll; the certificates issued by Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter in 1873 having been 8766, while the receipts of Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter amounted to £17,891. In 1892 the number of lodges was 2024, and of certificates issued 10,242, and the amount received in fees upwards of £25,118. In the interval, the third, fourth, and fifth clerks have had their salaries increased, and there have been appointed at different times four additional clerks, while the Grand Tyler's salary remains as fixed in 1874. It is now proposed to augment the salaries of the whole staff, taking the amount now annually received by each clerk and the Grand Tyler as the minimum, rising by annual increments of £20, £15, and £10—according to rank—to in each case a certain maximum; and it is also suggested that, as the Grand Tyler is also Sub-Librarian, receiving £20 a year for his services in the latter capacity, he shall henceforth be paid for this portion of his duty at the rate of £40 per annum. Under the new scale, however, there will be eight clerks instead of nine—though it is, of course, possible this diminution may be only temporary. But be this as it may, considering the length of service of the several brethren who hold these appointments, and the admirable manner in which, as far as we have had opportunities of judging, they perform their duties, we are of opinion that the improved scale of remuneration is both justified and deserved—justified by the greater stress of work imposed upon them, and deserved, as we have already said, by the length of their service, and the manner in which they have severally discharged their duties.

CONSECRATION OF THE CHANCERY BAR LODGE, No. 2456,

IN THE PRESENCE OF THE PRINCE OF WALES.

The consecration of the Chancery Bar Lodge, No. 2456 (which was postponed from Midsummer last on account of the engagements of the Prince of Wales precluding his attendance at the ceremony, which he had intimated his intention to give), was performed on Tuesday last, in the Library of the Honourable Society of Lincoln's-Inn. For some time past a Committee of the new lodge had been busily engaged in making arrangements for the proceedings of the day in consultation with the Grand Secretary, Bro. E. Letchworth, and the Grand Director of Ceremonies, Bro. Sir Albert Woods (Garter), and the result of their efforts was a ceremonial which was perfect. Lincoln's-Inn Library, from its very form, is an inconvenient chamber for a great ceremonial such as that on Tuesday, as the book-cases at right angles with the longitudinal walls, in the spaces between which many of the brethren had to be placed, interfered with a full view of the assemblage by several of the brethren whose seats were there assigned to them; still, there was enough to be seen by everyone to elicit an expression of satisfaction with the whole proceedings. The ceremony of consecration was fixed for six in the evening, and the brethren commenced to assemble an hour before that time. The Prince of Wales had appointed the Earl of Lathom, M.W. Pro G.M., to perform the ceremony, and it was an appointment which left nothing to be desired.

The list of brethren who attended at the ceremony comprised the following:

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., &c., &c., &c., &c., M.W. Grand Master; the Earl of Lathom, G.C.B., Pro G.M.; the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Dep. G.M.; the Lord Chancellor, G.C.B., P.G.W.; the Earl of Jersey, G.C.M.G., P.G.M. Oxfordshire; the Earl of Euston, P.G.M. Norths and Hunts; Lord Suffield, K.C.B., P.G.M. Norfolk; Lord Brooke, P.G.M. Essex; Sir Francis Knollys, K.C.M.G., C.B., P.G.W.; W. W. B. Beach, P.G.M. Hants; Lord George Hamilton, P.G.M. Middx.; Col. Caldwell, P.G.M. Cambs.; Col. Le G. N. Starkie, P.G.M. E. Lancs.; H. D. Sandeman, P. Dist. G.M. Bombay; Col. Noel Money, C.B., P.G.M. Surrey; Lord Halsbury, P.G.W.; Lord Ashbourne, Rt. Hon. A. Akers Douglas, J.G.W.; Mr Justice Romer, Mr. Justice Bruce, Mr. Justice Kennedy, Bonamy Dobree, P.G.W.; Victor Williamson, C.M.G., P.G.W.; R. Cunliffe, P.G.W.; Sir John Monckton, P.G.W.; Canon B Ilock, G. Chap.; Alderman and Sheriff Dimsdale, P.G. Stwd.; Rev. F. A. Macdonald, G. Chap.; Rev. C. J. Martyn, P.G. Chap.; Rev. H. R. Cooper Smith, D.D., P.G. Chap.; S. Cochrane, Grand Treasurer; F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar; T. Fenn, President Board of General Purposes; D. R. Littler, Deputy Grand Registrar; W. B. Coltman, P.G. Stwd., W.M.; R. Horton Smith, Q.C., P.P.G.R. Cambs. and Middx., S.W.; S. Hall, Q.C., J.W.; G. Pemberton Leach, Treas.; L. G. Gordon Robbins, S.G.D., Sec.; W. E. M. Tomlinson, M.P., P.G.W. W. Lancs., S.D.; E. Beaumont, P.G. Stwd., J.D.; E. Swinfen Eady, Q.C., I.G.; J. B. Dyne, T. L. Wilkinson, and R. J. Mure, Stewards; W. G. Lemon, P.A. G.D.C., D.C.; E. Cutler, Q.C., P.G.O., Org.; Sir Albert W. Woods, K.C.M.G., C.B. (Garter), P.G.W., G.D. of C.; E. Letchworth, G. Sec.; Robert Grey, Pres. Board of Benevolence; S. Pope, Q.C., P.G.D.; Judge Sir Horatio Lloyd, P.G.D.; Frank Richardson, P.G.D.;

Richard Loveland Loveland, P.G.D.; Thomas Weller Poley, P.G.D.; Major-General J. Crossland Hay, C.B., P.G.D.; E. P. Morrell (President Incorporated Law Society), P.G.D.; Sir Bruce Seton, Bart., P.G.D.; R. Vassar-Smith, S.G.D.; Clement Godson, J.G.D.; P. Waterlow, J.G.D.; J. W. Maclure, M.P., J.G.D.; J. H. Matthews, P.D.G.D.C.; S. Kirchhoffer, D.G.D.C.; W. de M. Sergison, G. Org.; W. H. Marsden, G.S.B.; B. de B. Lopez, P.G. Stwd.; E. J. Trimmer, P.G. Stwd.; Lieut.-Col. Hartley, P.P.G.W. West Yorks; Rev. C. J. Ball (Chaplain of Lincoln's Inn); F. Hinds, M.D., R. N. Arkle, R. M'Call, Q.C., H. L. Truman, W. Grellier, P.G. Steward; J. J. Darley, H. J. Hood, A. Meek; S. B. Pemberton, R. E. Johnson, H. H. Dobree, C. F. Millett, and J. Travers Smith, P.G. Stewards; Worshipful Master Apollo University Lodge; Worshipful Master Isaac Newton University Lodge; Worshipful Master London University Lodge; Rt. Hon. Sir W. Marriott, Q.C., M.P.; Rt. Hon. Staveley Hill, Q.C., M.P.; R. J. Biron, Q.C.; W. Gully, Q.C., M.P.; R. D. Poppleton, J. Chester, W. C. Fooks, Col. Harding, P.A.G.D.C.; A. L. Scott, S. H. Lofthouse, Rev. E. M. Tomlinson, P.P.G.D.C. Cambs.; Major Cary Borrer, P. A. Scratchley P.P.G. Reg. Middx.; C. Fletcher, Jas. Kennedy, F. K. Metcalfe, K. M. Metcalfe, M. C. Gossett, H. Sutherland, M.D., P.G. Stwd.; G. H. Hopkins, P.A.G.D.C.; Sir Douglas Straight, Judge Pitt Lewis, Q.C.; J. Napier Higgins, Q.C.; J. C. Bigham, Q.C.; J. Lawson Walton, Q.C.; E. J. Castle, Q.C.; Brynmor Jones, Q.C., M.P.; R. Turton, W. English Harrison, J. Wilkinson, Sir Jacob Wilson, F. Pownall, Sir J. Savory, Bart., M.P., P.G. Stwd.; J. G. Butcher, M.P.; Cecil Tennant, J. H. Farmer, H. C. Harris, I. M. Prichard, E. Sansum, M.D., P.P.G.W. Middx.; F. E. Lemon, Sir G. D. Harris, P.G.D.; Sir Forrest Fulton, Q.C., F. Lockwood, Q.C., M.P., E. H. Pember, Q.C., E. Ridley, Q.C., R. Rapier, G. R. Ingpen, M. J. Burn, Percy Wheeler, C. H. F. Christie, Lieut.-Col. A. Bircham, W. E. Davidson, Q.C., R. H. Clutton, P.G.D.; C. F. Matier, P.G. Std. Br.; J. H. Redman, P.P.G.W. Shropshire; W. Lake, P.P.G. Reg. Cornwall; C. A. Moring, H. R. Graham, M.P., S. Green, P.P.G. Reg. Gloucester; Ald. Sir Henry Knight, Dillon Lowe, Eugene Wason, M.P., P.P.G.D.C. Oxford; T. C. Tatham, P.G. Stwd.; Judge Lumley Smith, Q.C., P.P.G.S.B. Cambs.; R. O. B. Lane, Q.C., J. Forbes, Q.C., E. Macrory, Q.C., C. F. Simonds, R. C. Blencowe, F. Lazenby, J. S. Montefiore, A. Jessel, F. Gould, W. C. Beaumont, P.A.G.D.C.; Col. Tatham, R.A., C. G. Beaumont, H. Cockerell, F. Terrell, A. a'B. Terrell, P.P.G.W. Middx.; Fraser Rae, P.G. Stwd.; J. T. Winkfield, P.P.G.W. Bucks; W. Bohm, T. H. Gardiner, and P. de L. Long, P.G.D. The Press was represented by "The Times," "Freemason," "Graphic," "Illustrated London News," and the "Press Association."

The chairs for the officers were some of those belonging to Grand Lodge, and the one for the Most Worshipful Grand Master's use was surmounted by the Prince of Wales's plume.

The lodge was opened in the different Degrees by Bro. E. Letchworth, who appointed Bro. Thomas Fenn, as S.W.; Bro. Robert Grey, as J.W.; and Bro. J. H. Matthews, as I.G., and when the ceremony of opening was concluded, the procession, of which the Prince of Wales, the Earl of Lathom, the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, the Earl of Jersey, the Lord Chancellor, Lord Suffield, the Earl of Euston, and the other Grand Officers formed part, entered the lodge, Bro. Sergison, Grand Organist, playing the National Anthem. The Prince of Wales was escorted to the principal chair, the Earl of Lathom as Consecrating Officer, took his seat on the Prince's left, and the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe was on his right. His Royal Highness was then formally saluted. By command of the Grand Master Lord Halsbury took the S.W.'s chair, and the Right Hon. Akers-Douglas, M.P., the chair of J.W.; Canon Bullock and the Rev. F. A. Macdonald were appointed to act as Chaplains; Sir Albert Woods was directed to officiate as Director of Ceremonies; and Bro. Samuel Pope, Q.C., as I.G.

The first part of the proceedings was the singing of the opening hymn, and the Earl of LATHOM then announced to the brethren that the M.W. Grand Master had directed him to consecrate the lodge.

Then came the opening prayer, and the address by the Grand Secretary to the Consecrating Officer. The Consecrating Officer having given his directions, the founders of the lodge were then arranged in the following order: Bros. W. B. Coltman, P.M., P.G. Stwd.; R. Horton Smith, Q.C., P.M., P.P.G. Reg. Cambs. and Middx.; S. Hall, Q.C.; G. Pemberton Leach; L. G. Gordon Robbins, S.G.D.; Rev. H. R. Cooper Smith, D.D., P.G. Chaplain; W. E. M. Tomlinson, M.P., P.P.G.W. West Lancashire; E. Beaumont, P.G. Stwd.; E. Swinfen Eady, Q.C.; W. G. Lemon, P.A. G.D.C.; J. Bradley Dyne; E. Cutler, Q.C., P.G. Org.; T. L. Wilkinson, P.M.; R. J. Mure, P.M.; A. L. Scott, P.P.S.G.W. Surrey; H. J. Hood; H. P. Harris, P.M.; C. Fletcher; Samuel Green, P.P.G.D. Gloucester; J. Chester; W. Cracroft Fooks, jun.; Percy F. Wheeler; K. G. Metcalfe; A. R. Ingpen; and R. B. Turton, P.M.

The usual formalities succeeded, and Bro. Canon BULLOCK delivered the following oration:

As nearly as possible 100 years ago at a very large assembly of Masons in the year 1793 a petition was presented by the Prince of Wales to the reigning Sovereign, and in that petition the Masonic bodies are described as "unknown to the law." That is most carefully stated, and we may with deep gratitude in the year 1893 be at any rate sure of this, that henceforth the Masonic body if unknown to the law cannot be unknown to the lawyers. We shall henceforth have brought into our lodge learning which we largely stand in need of, and we may reasonably hope that in the future we shall be able to glean instruction and shall be able to learn many lessons from the now founded and constituted Chancery Bar Lodge. And it has further very great advantage—it teaches us what we are sore in need to learn in the present history of Masonry—the absolute necessity of constantly enforcing this great principle, that quality rather than quantity ought to constitute our Order—that it is of almost vital importance that we should, so far as we can be, sure of the character and of the quality, if I may use the expression, of those who are admitted into our Order. We are not a benevolent society, though we are a society which is ever ready and anxious at all reasonable opportunities to relieve the wants of those who when they enter Masonry might reasonably do so, and who through the changes and chances of life have suffered misfortune—have fallen away unfortunately in life—and have to appeal for that help which Masonry ever so readily, always so generously, and always in secret, too, administers. Now, further on in that petition there is one other word which I should very much have liked to have drawn in my sermon, but there is much in Masonry to learn, and I should not venture to

enter upon it now however it may be deserving of our efforts. Among the very beautiful lessons to be taught in our various sermons those which are most homely appear to be of great value, and none are of greater value than one which in that particular petition was presented to the Sovereign. We read in it that "the excellence of all human institutions is comparative and fleeting." Excellence, we know, belongs not to the works of man, but when we view the principles that govern other nations, which have recently obtained in other nations than that in which we dwell, we must reflect that we have about the best system of law that is known, that it is a system which works our protection and that it administers as far as possible impartial justice to all.

A special anthem composed for the occasion by Bro. Sergison was beautifully sung by his choir.

After the consecration had been completed, the Prince of Wales rose and formally constituted the lodge, and after an anthem and the patriarchal Benediction, Bro. Letchworth installed Bro. William Bachelor Coltman, P.G. Stwd., as Master of the lodge.

The following brethren were invested as his officers: Bros. R. Horton Smith, Q.C., P.M., P.P.G. Reg. Cambs. and Middx., S.W.; S. Hall, Q.C., J.W.; G. Pemberton Leach, Treas.; L. G. Gordon Robbins, S.G.D., Sec.; Rev. H. R. Cooper Smith, D.D., Past G. Chap., Chap.; W. E. M. Tomlinson, M.P., P.P.G.W. West Lancashire, S.D.; E. Beaumont, P.G. Stwd., J.D.; E. Swinfen Eady, Q.C., I.G.; W. G. Lemon, P.A.G.D.C., D.C.; J. Bradley Dyne, Stwd.; E. Cutler, Q.C., Past G. Org., Org.; and Chapman, Tyler.

The W.M. then rose and said: M.W.G.M., allow me to return to you, Sir, my best thanks for coming amongst us to take part in our ceremony. It is an honour, Sir, not only to the Chancery Bar and to the Chancery Bar Lodge, but to the whole Bar of England. I beg to thank you for the honour that you have done us.

The Prince of WALES bowed.

The W.M. again rose, and said: Brethren, I have the gracious permission of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to make the following proposition: "That H.R.H. the M.W.G.M. be invited by acclamation to honour the Chancery Bar Lodge by allowing himself to be named as its first honorary member."

Bro. R. HORTON SMITH, Q.C., S.W., seconded.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Bro. GORDON ROBBINS, Sec., having read a list of apologies for inability to attend the ceremony, and a long list of candidates for initiation and joining, the lodge was closed, and an adjournment immediately made to Lincoln's Inn Hall to a grand banquet.

The following is a programme of music played during the banquet by Herr Gottlieb's Vienna Orchestra: March, "Tannhäuser," Wagner; new waltz, "Wiener Leben," Strauss; "Wiener Lieder," Suppe; "Consecration March," Bro. E. Cutler, Q.C., P.G.O. (composed for the consecration ceremony of the Chancery Bar Lodge); "Pagliacci," Potpourri, Leoncavallo; waltz, "Wiener Mädel," Ziehrer; "Csárdás," Brahms; "Lohengrin," Potpourri, Wagner; "Waldina Mazourka," Strauss; and galop, "Im Sturm," Strauss.

After dinner the usual toasts were proposed.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in proposing the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," said: Brethren,—The first toast I have to propose to you to-night is the health of her Majesty the Queen, and as is the usual custom among Freemasons to couple with it "The Craft." Masons always are, and always have been, eminently loyal, but we have no monopoly of that quality. How universal the feeling of loyalty to her Majesty is, was plainly shown a few years ago at the time of her Jubilee, and that that feeling, far from diminishing, has been intensified, was at the time of the late auspicious Royal marriage most clearly demonstrated. Brethren, I ask you to drink the toast of the Queen and the Craft in the spirit that befits you as good Masons, and as loyal Englishmen.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER next said: Brethren,—The next toast upon our list is the toast of "The Grand Master." (Applause.) It is a toast that is always popular in Masonic lodges, but in a legal lodge it ought to be more particularly popular, because it is now more than 32 years since the Prince of Wales allowed his name to be enrolled in the list of the Benchers of the Middle Temple, thus showing even at that early period of his life the high esteem in which he held that noble profession of which we, the brethren of the Chancery Bar Lodge, are all members. Brethren, it is not for me in his presence, and on this occasion when so many Past and Present Grand Officers are present, to speak of the way in which the Grand Master has performed his Masonic duties, but this I may say on behalf of the members of the Chancery Bar Lodge that we are all of us proud of our Grand Master, because we believe that he has the feelings of a thorough Englishman, because we are convinced that he has a great admiration for the grand institutions of the country, and because we feel that in coming here to-day to take part in the ceremony of the consecration he has shown that he considers the Bar of England to be one of those great institutions. Brethren, I ask you to drink enthusiastically the health of the M.W.G.M., H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

The Prince of WALES, in reply, said: Brethren,—I am most grateful for the very kind and flattering terms in which the W.M. of the Chancery Bar Lodge has proposed this toast of the high position I am so proud to hold as the Grand Master of the Freemasons of England. It has not been my good fortune to meet the Masonic brethren for some time, but various circumstances and the duties I have to perform do not enable me to meet them as often as I could wish. They will, I am sure, feel on this occasion I am particularly proud and happy to meet them. (Hear, hear.) I have to-night taken part in a most interesting ceremony, viz., the consecration of this new lodge, and as has been alluded to by the W.M. my connection with

the Bar is of old date. Many years I have been a Bencher of the Middle Temple, and though an older Bencher than I am a Mason I am glad to think that on this occasion the grand legal profession and the Masonic brethren are more intimately connected to-night than, perhaps, they have been before. Since my installation as your Grand Master now nearly 19 years ago I have granted warrants for new lodges amounting to 1027. (Cheers.) None have been more prosperous or successful than the Northern Bar Lodge. You have had as members of it some most distinguished and leading members of the Bar. The new lodge which we have consecrated and established to-day has been founded on the same lines, and I most sincerely hope that it may be as successful and prosperous as the brother lodge. I can only thank you once more for the way you have received me and be assured that I always take the deepest interest in everything that concerns Freemasonry. I hope, especially as an Englishman, that Masons will continue to flourish in the way they have done hitherto. (Cheers.)

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER again rose and said: Brethren,—The next toast I have on my list is "The Health of the Consecrating Officers, and the other Grand Officers, Present and Past." Brethren, in the old days when Terms still existed the rule was inflexibly enforced in all Courts of Justice that all proceedings on the last day of Term should be short. I most sincerely trust that the Committee who have been to-day appointed to frame the bye-laws of the Chancery Bar Lodge will adopt an analogous rule in their bye-laws with regard to alter-dinner speeches. (Laughter.) But, whether it be so or not, as I know the Grand Master's time is valuable, even after dinner, I shall observe it strictly, and, therefore, I will merely tender to the Consecrating Officers my thanks, on behalf of the lodge, for the way in which they have performed (and to the other Grand Officers, Present and Past, for having come to grace the performance of) the very impressive and interesting ceremony that we have witnessed to-day, and I will couple with that toast the name of the M.W. the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom. Before I sit down I should indeed fail in my duty if I neglected to take this opportunity of thanking Bro. Sir Albert Woods, Grand Director of Ceremonies, and Bro. Letchworth, the Grand Secretary, for all that they have done for us previous to the ceremony. Their advice has been invaluable; they have worked, I might say, like horses; they certainly have worked prodigiously hard for us; they have been ever ready to smooth all difficulties that arose; and I tender them my best thanks. Any success that has attended the ceremonies has been very largely due to their efforts.

The Earl of LATHOM, in reply, said: Worshipful Sir, I tender you my hearty thanks for the very large body of the Brotherhood comprised in this toast. The first part of the toast you have so kindly drunk is that of "The Consecrating Brethren." The consecrating brethren are comparatively few. The part I took in the ceremony of consecration was very small, but I cannot help thinking in my own case that you must thank the Grand Secretary for the admirable way he did part of the work. With regard to the present and past Grand Officers, I am sure, Sir, you will agree with me in saying that they have always done their duty in the past; the present are doing their duty, and there is little doubt those in the future will be able to do the same. I will not dwell on this important toast, brethren, but if you will allow me I will give another toast, and that is "The Health of the Chancery Bar Lodge, and Long Life to it," coupled with the name of the Worshipful Master. Now, Sir, I think that the ceremony that we have performed here to-day marks a great epoch in our Masonic career. We include among the number of our lodges a lodge devoted to the Bar, a profession we all admire; but I admire it even more now to think that the Bar is rallying round Freemasonry. What we want about this country at the present time is intelligent and well-educated men who take an interest in Freemasonry. The more we have of them among the members of the Craft the more we shall find Freemasonry flourish and going in the right path; and I agree with what fell from the Grand Chaplain, that Freemasonry is not only an Order for benevolence, but an Order for the general dispensing of benevolence and doing good to mankind in general—men who have among them those of the learned societies, and, as I said before, well educated men in England—and if that is so the more must Freemasonry flourish, and the more we shall be able to congratulate you on the foundation of this lodge to-day. I beg to couple with the toast the name of the W.M.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER, in acknowledging the toast, said: Brethren—I beg to thank you most sincerely for the way in which you have drunk, and our Bro. the M.W. Pro Grand Master for the kind way in which he has spoken of our lodge. To-day has indeed been a memorable day in the annals of the Chancery Bar Lodge; emphatically *dies creta notandus*, a day which every member of the lodge will remember to the last hour of his existence. I trust that on the foundation which has this day been laid we may in future years raise a superstructure perfect in all its parts and honourable to the builders, and that in a few years this lodge may be recognised as a worthy sister of that other professional lodge of which the Grand Master has spoken and which has already, in the few years of its existence, obtained so eminent a position in the Craft. Brethren, I thank you most sincerely.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER next proposed "The Bench and the Bar." In doing so he said: Brethren,—My work is very nearly over, but there is one toast more, which in a legal lodge, especially on the day of its consecration, ought not to be omitted. It is the toast of "The Bench and the Bar." Brethren, when the historic New Zealander of Lord Macaulay, having finished his sketch of the ruins of St. Paul's and returned to his native land, shall sit down to write the history of civilisation in Europe, he will record as one, and not the least, of the many great blessings which England has bestowed upon humanity that she has shown to the natives that it is possible at all times to fill the judicial bench with a constant succession of men well qualified for that office—men at once incorruptible, impartial, learned, deeply read in legal lore, lovers of justice, haters of oppression and meanness—men who, unmoved by the smiles of the great or the clamours of the populace, spend their lives in dispensing, day by day, equal justice to rich and poor—men to every one of whom may be applied the noble words of the old Roman poet:

"Justum et tenacem propositi virum
Non civium ardor prava jubentium,
Non vultus instantis tyranni
Mente quatit solida, neque Auster.

Dux inquieti turbidus Hadriae
Nec fulminantis magna jovis manus
Si fractus illabatur orbis
Impavidum serient ruinae."

Brethren, we have at the present time—I say it without fear of contradiction—a judicial bench which is worthy of the best traditions of its predecessors, a bench "haud ulli veterum virtute secundus," and for that Bench I will ask the Lord Chancellor of Great Britain to respond. Brethren, for the other branch of the toast—"The Bar"—of which I am a humble member, perhaps it hardly befits me to speak in praise, but this I may say in the language of the psalmist, "Their sound has gone out unto all lands, and their words unto the end of the world." From distant Asia, from darkest Africa, from Australia, where a few years ago was "penitus toto divisus ab orbe," young men come in crowds to our ancient halls to study our system of jurisprudence, consecrated by the wisdom of ages, and, as we trust, to carry back to their distant homes, when their course of study is finished, some portion at least of that high tone which has ever characterised the English Bar, and a vivid recollection of those grand words of the late Lord Chief Justice Cockburn, that "while it is permissible for an advocate in defence of his client's rights to use the sword of a soldier, he must never condescend to employ the dagger of the assassin." With the toast of "The Bar" I will couple the name of our Bro. Pope.

The Lord CHANCELLOR, in acknowledging the toast, said: Worshipful Master and Brethren,—I shall be very brief in responding to this toast, although after the very kind manner it has been proposed by the W.M., it would be fit there should be a longer response. I shall be brief, especially for two reasons; first, because the W.M. has enjoined brevity, and filling the office I do, it is my duty to obey all constituted authority. (Laughter.) I shall be brief, because I believe it is the part of the judge to be silent; it is for the Bar to speak. (Laughter.) I do not not mean to say that this is rigidly observed. (Laughter.) There are no doubt occasions on which members of the Bar desire it were more borne in mind; but to one who has been on the bench as a judge, I may say I am conscious that it is far more difficult to hold your tongue. But inasmuch as I know the Bar has an excellent representative in the brother who is called upon to respond to the other part of the toast, I shall feel no difficulty. I feel it an honour on this occasion to return thanks for the Bench. I am going to regard them from the point of view of Masonry. It is a satisfaction to me to respond to the toast I am responding to, for two who belong to the Craft—two of my noble and learned colleagues with whom I am in the habit of sitting in the House of Lords judicially—are present among us, and I shall never forget that although I was not a founder of the Northern Bar Lodge—for I was not a Mason until the Northern Bar Lodge came into existence, yet I was one of its earliest members, and I am sure that all the members of the lodge will agree with me that it has fulfilled the objects for which it was founded, and that it has done an immense amount of good. It is a great satisfaction to me to think that of those who, like myself, were practising members of the Bar, there are now no less than three sitting on the Bench—Justice Cave, Justice Bruce, and Justice Kennedy.

Bro. SAMUEL POPE, Q.C., W.M. and Brethren: It is a little startling for one to become suddenly conscious that one must be the only member present to be entitled to the honour of returning thanks for the Bar when toasted. The truth is that all of us who, whether of the Northern Bar Lodge or in any other capacity, have become attached to Masonry, have felt that it was a good thing both for the Craft and for the profession that ties should be drawn closer between the two bodies. Speaking for myself, I can only refer to what has fallen from the Lord Chancellor, that the Northern Bar Lodge has done certain good services to the Craft. It has initiated as Masons some who have distinguished themselves as lawyers, and the circumstance that the Lord Chancellor of England owes his initiation in Masonry to that lodge is, I think, sufficient justification for the warrant which the Grand Master granted in the first instance. A good many of us owe our initiation in Masonry to the Northern Bar Lodge, but the reasons which have made the Northern Bar Lodge a success are special and peculiar. There have been social reasons connected with old Circuit associations which have made them peculiar and special among certain members of the legal profession, and I confess I have rejoiced at the consecration of the Chancery Bar Lodge, because it is an association more complete between the legal profession and the Craft than that which was formed by the Northern Bar itself. You have no Circuits in connection with Chancery practice; you do not have the social associations which absence from home and family ties for long periods as those who go on Circuit have in the pursuit of their profession in various parts of the country; you are always at home, and therefore your association with the Craft brings upon it a more legal influence than even the Northern Bar Lodge has done. (Laughter.) I think that that will be a great advantage to the Craft. I am quite sure that the ameliorating and beneficent influence of the Craft will be a great relief to the Chancery Bar, (laughter), and therefore I think that it was a happy idea, and, if I may venture to say so, a most gracious acquiescence in that idea by the Grand Master to grant the warrant for the Chancery Bar Lodge, which should make closer than ever before the connection between the legal profession and the Craft of Freemasonry. I must follow the example of the Lord Chancellor, and, in obedience to the chair, be as brief as I can be. Upon the part of the Bar, let me say this much, that I believe it is the dominant principle which governs the entire profession that they desire to advance the happiness and welfare of their clients, that they honestly hate all oppression and all meanness, and desire that their professional conduct should be governed by true Masonic principles as completely as any other members of the Craft can possibly do, and therefore, on behalf of the Bar, I thank you for having acknowledged their position, and allow me to thank you for allowing me to assist at the consecration of the Chancery Bar Lodge. (Cheers.)

The Prince of WALES, then, amidst loud applause, rose and said: The W.M. has allowed me to propose one more toast that is not set down on our list to-night. On the first evening a great many distinguished visitors, members of the Craft, have been present; but it would not do for us to separate without their names being toasted, and I have the greatest pleasure in coupling with it the name of a distinguished lawyer, a distinguished Member of Parliament, a distinguished Mason, and also one who, with the facility of the pencil, has the great facility of speech. Forgive me saying that I assure him of the pleasure it gives me to ask Bro. Lockwood to respond to the toast of "The Visitors."

Bro. FRANK LOCKWOOD, Q.C., said: W.M. and brethren, I assure you I feel fully that in rising to return thanks to-night for the visitors who have had the honour of taking some part in the ceremonial of to-day, it is with some considerable difficulty that I personally look upon myself as a visitor in this hall. In this hall, where I have eaten so many dinners that tended more or less to impair my naturally strong digestive organs; in that ancient library where I have for so many years studiously studied the great legal principles—(laughter)—which have

been of so much service to me, it is somewhat difficult to regard myself as a visitor in the Hall of Lincoln's Inn. So far as that is concerned, a kind friend reminds me that it must be so with all members of this Inn, and the sumptuous hospitality of Lincoln's Inn, especially in November. So far as the ceremonial is concerned, unfortunately it was not permitted to me to know all that took place to-night. To many of those to whom I am speaking are aware, it often occurs in a Court of Justice that the time has arrived when women and children are requested to leave the Court. (Laughter.) When that occurs all that is young, all that is beautiful, and all that is innocent withdraws itself and themselves from the legal court. Those that were innocent left when the time was arrived at in the ceremonies of the lodge when they were to leave, and what took place after their withdrawal I am not in a position to say; but if that which occurred after was as elevating and invigorating as that which took place in my presence, I can only heartily congratulate those that had the privilege to be there. W.M. and members of this lodge, let me in the name of those who have enjoyed your kindness and hospitality tender our most hearty thanks for your kindness.

Bro. CHAPMAN then gave the Tyler's toast, which was heartily honoured, and the proceedings terminated.

The M.W.G.M. and the other Grand Officers were enthusiastically cheered as they left.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

The following is the business to be transacted on Wednesday, the 6th instant:

1. The minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 6th September for confirmation.
2. To read acknowledgment of the Address from Grand Lodge to H.R.H. the M.W. Grand Master on the marriage of H.R.H. the Duke of York.
3. Nomination of a Grand Master for the ensuing year.
4. Nomination of a Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. Appointment and investment of a President of the Board of Benevolence.
6. Election of a Senior and Junior Vice-President of the Board of Benevolence.
7. Election of 12 Past Masters to serve on the Board of Benevolence for the year ensuing.
8. Report of the Board of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which there are recommendations for the following grants, viz.:

The widow of a brother of the St. Milburga Lodge, No. 1120, Ironbridge	£50 0 0
A brother of the Lechmere Lodge, No. 1874, Kidderminster	50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Lodge of Unity, No. 69, London	50 0 0
The widow of a brother of the Wickham Lodge, No. 1924, Brockley	75 0 0

And a resolution of a vote of thanks to the President, V.W. Robert Grey, for the courteous manner in which he has, during the past year, presided over the meetings of the Board.

9. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England. A complaint having been made in June last by the Stuart Lodge, No. 1632, Camberwell, against Bro. Henry Edward Vickers, P.M. and late Treasurer, for neglecting to hand to his successor a balance of £53 14s. 5d., the property of the lodge, which had been received by him in his official capacity, Bro. Vickers was summoned to attend the Board to answer the charge, but pleaded illness. He was then summoned to attend the next meeting, and again failing to appear, a peremptory summons was issued, with which he also failed to comply or to give a sufficient reason for non-compliance. It was therefore resolved—"That Bro. Henry Edward Vickers be suspended from all Masonic functions and privileges for contumacy under the powers of Rule 274 of the Book of Constitutions."

The Board beg to report that the following lodges have failed to make returns for many years, notwithstanding repeated applications:

No. 447, Pythagoras, Corfu	...	Last return 1877.
" 550, Armistad Unida, New Granada	...	" 1857.
" 672, Southern Cross, Pernambuco	...	" 1871.
" 736, British, Mauritius	...	" 1887.
" 806, Homer, Smyrna	...	" 1888.
" 896, La Victoria, Smyrna	...	" 1880.
" 952, St. John's, Smyrna	...	" 1863.
" 998, Eleusinian, Ephesus	...	" no return.
" 1014, Dekran, Smyrna	...	" 1876.
" 1015, St. George, Smyrna	...	" 1867.
" 1340, Sion, Smyrna	...	" 1876.
" 1183, Phoenix, Berbice	...	" 1874.
" 1535, Harmony, Mauritius	...	" 1884.

Lodge St. Cybi, No. 597, Holyhead, has also failed to make returns since 1889, no notice having been taken of several applications.

The Board recommend that these lodges be summoned to show cause why they should not be erased.

The warrant granted to a lodge to be called the Reunion Lodge, Blenheim, New Zealand, No. 2415, has been returned, arrangements having been made which rendered its use unnecessary. The warrant being therefore extinct, the Board recommend that the lodge be erased from the list.

The Board reported to Grand Lodge in June last that a Sub-Committee had been appointed in the previous year to enquire into the working of the Grand Secretary's office, and arising out of this report certain recommendations of the Board were then adopted. The labours of the Sub-Committee have now been completed, and their final report has been made to and adopted by the Board.

The President will move:

1. That the report be received and entered on the minutes.
2. That the 14 lodges mentioned in the report as having failed to make returns be summoned to show cause why they should not be erased.
3. That the warrant for a proposed lodge, to be called the Reunion Lodge, No. 2445, Blenheim, N.Z., having been returned unused, be erased from the list.
4. That the recommendations referred to in the report of the Sub-Committee for an increase in the salaries of the clerks and officials be adopted.

The Board have to report that the following presentations have been made to the library and museum since the last meeting of Grand Lodge, all of which have been accepted with thanks:

TITLE OR OBJECT.	BY WHOM PRESENTED.
Silver Medal, Nelsonic Crimson Oakes	J. S. Cumberland, P.M., &c.
Old Manuscript of Craft, Royal Arch, and K.T. Lectures, &c.	James Newton, P.M., &c.
Illustrations of the Emblems of the 33 Degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite	J. H. Forshaw, Prov. G. Master Aberdeenshire.
Freemasonry in Inverness, &c.	
History of the Aberdeen Incorporated Trades	James Terry, Past G.S.B. The Brethren of No. 291.
Past G. Deacon's Jewel, of the late Peter Thomson, S.G.D., 1844-5	
History of the Rural Philanthropic Lodge, No. 291	H. G. Gush, P.M.
Old Masonic Certificate	W. A. Feurtado, P.M., Jamaica.
Jubilee Reign of her Majesty Queen Victoria, in Jamaica	
Several French Masonic Books and Calendars	E. St. Clair, P.M.
Seven Masonic Prints	Arthur Betts, P.M.
Fifty years of Freemasonry in Luton	J. Gladwell, P.M., P.P.G.W. Beds.
An Old Apron, with Emblems, &c.	J. W. Freeman, P.M.
History of the Combermere Lodge of Union, No. 295	R. Brown, P.M., &c.
Portrait of Thomas Sandby, R.A., Grand Architect 1776-1798	William Sandby, Esq.
Old Masonic Certificate	George Powell, P.M.
Miscellaneous Pamphlets, Calendars, &c.	John Green, P.M.
The Shibboleth. A Templar Monitor	General G. C. Connor, P.G.M. Tennesse.

(Signed)

THOMAS FENN, President.

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.,
22nd November, 1893.

To the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 17th day of November instant, showing a balance in the Bank of England (Law Courts Branch) of £6648 19s., and balance of annual allowance for library £9 9s. 10d., and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for petty cash £100, and for servants' wages £100.

Names of brethren nominated for election to the offices of Senior and Junior Vice-President of the Board of Benevolence: Bros. James Brett, P.G.P., as Senior Vice-President; and Charles Alexander Cottebrune, P.G.P., as Junior Vice-President. And none others were nominated.

Names of Past Masters nominated to serve on the Board of Benevolence.

PAST MASTERS.	NOMINATED BY
Bro. George R. Langley, 2381	Bro. Wm. M. Bywater, P.G.S.B.
" Robert A. Gowan, 2029	" James Brett, P.G. Purst.
" Robert Harding Evans, 1139	
" William Fisher, 834	" Asher Barfield, P.G. Treas.
" William Belchamber, 193	
" George B. Chapman, 27	" Henry Garrod, P.G.P.
" Charles Dairy, 141	
" Ebenezer Charles Mulvey, 2353	" Wm. Peter Brown, P.G. Std. Br.
" Walter Martin, 879	
" George Read, 511	" Alfred C. Woodward, 1538
" George Graveley, 898	
" Simon H. Goldschmidt, 1329	
" James Bunker, 1158	
" William Vincent, 1194	
" Alfred C. Woodward, 1538	

List of lodges for which warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge:

- No. 2487, The St. Michael's Lodge, Stone, Staffs.
- " 2488, The Eccentric Lodge, London.
- " 2489, The Willesden Lodge, Willesden Green.
- " 2490, The Amphilodge, Bedfordshire.
- " 2491, The White Rose of York Lodge, Sheffield.
- " 2492, The Concordia Lodge, Wendover, Buckinghamshire.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

On Monday, the 27th ult., a Special Prov. Grand Lodge of the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire was held at the York Lodge, No. 236, York, for the purpose of electing a Grand Treasurer for the province, in the place of the late much respected and lamented Bro. Walter Reynolds, of Hull.

Bro. J. Todd, 236, P.P.G.W., was unanimously elected to the vacant position, as also to the same office in the Prov. Grand Chapter, which was also previously held by the late Bro. Reynolds.

Other formal business having been transacted, Prov. Grand Lodge was closed.

We heartily congratulate Bro. Todd on his well-merited appointment, and also compliment the Prov. Grand Lodge on their wise selection.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

There was a very large assemblage of Provincial Grand Officers and Craftsmen at the half-yearly meeting of the above Provincial Grand Lodge, held on Friday, the 24th ult., at the Assembly Rooms, Freetrade Hall, Manchester. Bro. Le Gendre Starkie, Prov. G.M., entered the capacious hall at three o'clock, attended by about 180 Provincial Grand Officers, and he at once declared the Provincial Grand Lodge open.

The minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting held last May were read and confirmed. Upon the roll of lodges being called, 101 were represented. All the Provincial Grand Officers were present with the exception of one or two who sent letters of regret.

Upon the selection of Auditors, the choice fell upon Bros. S. Shorrocks, Priest, and Brown. The nomination of a brother to represent the province at the Board of Management of the Boys' School, was deferred for the time being.

Bro. J. H. SILLITOE, P.G.W. and Chairman of the East Lancashire Systematic and Benevolent Institution, read a very satisfactory report of that noble Institution.

Altogether the meeting was a most satisfactory one.

ROYAL STANDARD LODGE OF INSTRUCTION
No. 1298.

The 100th meeting of the above lodge of instruction was held, by sanction of the Grand Secretary, at the Broad-street Station Restaurant (L. and N.W. R.), on Friday, the 24th ult., instead of its usual place of meeting, The Castle, 81, Holloway-road, N. Bro. Jas. E. Carver, W.M. 1298, presided, and Bros. W. A. Brown, P.M. 1567, P.P.G.S. of W. Middlesex, acted as S.W.; and W. Blankley, J.W. 1298, as J.W. Upwards of 100 brethren were present, amongst whom were Bros. W. Stiles, P.M.; Eccleston Gibbs, P.M.; S. Richardson, P.M. 183; Schultz, P.M.; J. C. Yates, P.M.; Cook, P.M.; F. E. Bailey, P.M.; G. W. Robson, W.M. 1426; A. Wilks, W.M. elect 73; and many others.

After the usual lodge business was concluded, the brethren adjourned to supper, which was admirably served under the able superintendence of Bro. F. C. Lockstone, W.M. 862.

The **WORSHIPFUL MASTER** gave the usual toasts, and, in proposing "Success to the Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction," gave a few details of the work it has done. Since its formation the average attendance has been 15 per meeting, and through its benevolent associations nearly £3,000 has been raised for the Masonic Charities. He then presented, on behalf of the members, a very handsome silver coffee service to the Preceptor, Bro. T. Cull, P.M. 1446, and a case of silver fish knives and forks to the Secretary, Bro. Robt. P. Angel, J.D. 179, as a mark of appreciation of their valued services. There was also a most useful case for Masonic clothing presented to each of these brethren on behalf of Bro. F. E. Bailey, P.M. 167. The W.M. also advocated the formation of Masonic banks, conducted on Continental lines, to assist Masons in failing circumstances and requiring temporary assistance.

A very good programme of songs and recitations was rendered by Bro. Lovett King, assisted by Bros. Loder, Linfoot, Angel, Cull, W. S. Lee, and Stone.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

A large party of ladies and gentlemen on Wednesday afternoon paid a visit to the School of this Institution at Battersea-rise, where an entertainment had been arranged to celebrate the centenary of the commencement of the first schoolroom possessed by the Institution. Altogether there were nearly 200 present. The visit arose out of that paid by the Institute of Journalists in September last, which it was felt by members of the press was not so numerous composed as those journalists who were Freemasons would desire, and means were adopted by Bro. T. Catling and others, but Bro. Thomas Catling more especially, to get a large representation of newspapers present, as they felt that the claims of the Institution, which they have very dearly at heart, should be as widely known as possible.

Among the many brethren, gentlemen, and ladies present were: Mrs. Collings and Mrs. Strugnell, N. G. Western, Eugene Monteuis, Sir Geo. D. Harris, Miss Mapleton, Dr. Ralph Gooding, W. Vincent, A. J. Friberg, George Fairchild, Philip H. Hemyng, A. T. Lewis, George Corble, James Boulton (of Stratford) and daughters, Mrs. Dan Richardson, Nathaniel Fortescue, W.M. 2374; Edgar Barnes, T. W. Whitmarsh, Jas. Fernandez, D. P. Bastel, P.M. 1636; J. S. Fleming, Dr. J. W. Hinton, Miss Bousfield, Miss Violet Hanson, Mrs. Dalwood, Miss Lovelock, Mr. Pullan, Mrs. Spelgate, Mrs. W. J. Barton, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Gardner, Bro. Carl Fleck, P.M. 616; Mrs. W. A. J. Hicks, Bro. Mager, N. L. Weston, Mrs. and Miss Hay, Miss Myers, Bro. H. Massey, Miss Massey, and Miss Charlotte Massey. Newspapers: *Camberwell News*, *Penny Illustrated*, *The Lady*, *The Observer*, *Middlesex Chronicle*, *The Mid Surrey and Battersea Herald*, *Citizen*, *Stage*, *Evening Standard*, *Daily Chronicle*, *Whitehall Review*, *Clapham Chronicle*, *South Western Star*, and *Sporting and Dramatic News*. The company was received by the following members of the House Committee: Bros. E. Letchworth (Chairman for the month), Sir J. B. Monckton, J. H. Matthews, Frank Richardson, Robert Grey, H. A. Hunt, A. C. Spaul, Charles Hammerton, F. R. W. Hedges, Secretary; Miss Davis, Head Governess; and Miss Buck, Matron.

To give a short history of the circumstances leading to the meeting, it may be stated that just a century ago—in November, 1793—the Freemasons acquired from the Corporation of London a plot of leasehold ground near the Obelisk, St. George's Fields, on which to build the first School house for girls. The Institution, originally known as the "Royal Cumberland Free Mason School," had been founded five years previously, the early pupils being taught in a hired building. Some difficulties, partly owing, it is believed, to difficulties with the builders, delayed the erection of the new School; but on its completion 30 girls were admitted. Additional rooms were built from time to time, the School existing for more than half a century. In 1851, a fresh site was secured at Wandsworth, and the School built thereon was occupied by between 60 and 70 girls in the following year. After H.R.H. the Prince of Wales presided at the Festival of 1871, the accumulation of funds enabled the number of children (which then stood at 100) to be steadily increased. There were 150 in 1875, when the Prince of Wales became President of the Institution. Additional ground

having been purchased, a new "Alexandra" wing, so named by permission of the Princess of Wales, was built and opened in 1878—thus providing for 200 girls. Lyncombe House was purchased in the following year for a junior School. There have since been other additions, including the Alexandra Centenary Hall, inaugurated by their R.H. the Prince and Princess of Wales; and the number of children now being provided for is 265. In addition to receiving a sound English education, the girls (who remain until they attain the age of 16) are taught type-writing, shorthand, needlework, practical cookery, and the domestic duties of the house. The Alexandra Hall is lighted by stained glass windows, presented by Grand Lodge and numerous private lodges. It has been suggested that the recesses in the Hall should be filled with stained glass, representing the works of some of the most admired of our English poets, two of the twelve have already been so filled (Tennyson and Sir Walter Scott) by the munificence of friends, the carrying out of this suggestion would be a unique addition to the fine Hall. It is satisfactory to add that the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Lathom, Pro G.M., has kindly consented to be Chairman of the next Festival, to be held in May, 1894.

There was first an inspection of the building by the visitors, conducted by the Head Mistress, Matron, and Governess. Afterwards calisthenics and marching by the girls, conducted by Mrs. Roworth; a club exercise; then music and singing; and in conclusion, an applicable speech by Bro. THOMAS CATLING, in which he assured the House Committee of the interest taken in the Institution by himself and colleagues, and their gratification with all they had seen of the admirable management of the Institution.

This was acknowledged by Bro. Sir JOHN MONCKTON on behalf of the Chairman of the House Committee, and the children's tea followed.

All the company left by half-past five o'clock.

CHISWICK LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 2012.

There was a good attendance at the meeting of this lodge of instruction held at the Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 25th ult., the attraction being the working of the 15 Sections, which were carried out in a manner reflecting the highest credit on all concerned. The chair of W.M. was occupied by Bro. J. Davies, P.M. 169, supported by Bros. Arthur Williams, P.M., Preceptor; Higginson, W.M., as S.W.; R. H. Williams, P.M., as J.W.; M. Spiegel, Sec.; Allman, P.M.; Gatliff, Hide, Powell, Rae, Dehane, P.M.; Reid, Hillier, and many others.

Lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed, after which the principal business of the evening was at once proceeded with. The Sections were worked by the following brethren: First Lecture—1st, Bro. Allman, P.M.; 2nd, Bro. Gatliff; 3rd, Bro. Hide; 4th, Bro. Powell; 5th, Bro. Higginson; 6th, Bro. Hillier; and 7th, Bro. Reid. Second Lecture—1st, Bro. Hillier; 2nd, Bro. J. Davies, P.M.; 3rd, Bro. Allman, P.M.; 4th, Bro. Higginson, W.M.; and 5th, Bro. Craggs, P.M. Third Lecture—1st, Bro. A. Williams, P.M.; 2nd, Bro. Carlston; and 3rd, Bro. R. H. Williams, P.M. After the First Lecture the lodge was called off for refreshments, which was generously supplied by Bro. Spiegel, the indefatigable Secretary.

Bro. ARTHUR WILLIAMS, P.M., Preceptor, proposed a cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Davies, P.M., for occupying the chair, and to Bros. Higginson and R. H. Williams for taking the positions of S.W. and J.W. respectively. The manner in which the questions had been put from the chair had not been beaten by anybody, for Bro. Davies had performed that arduous duty without a mistake and with that physical ability and good memory which was only equalled by Bro. Higginson, who had been at the right hand of every brother ready to prompt him if necessary. He also proposed that Bro. R. H. Williams, P.M., acting J.W., should be elected an honorary member.

Bro. SPIEGEL, Sec., seconded the proposition, which was unanimously carried.

Bro. J. DAVIES, P.M., thanked the brethren for this mark of their appreciation, but scarcely thought his services were worthy of it.

Bros. HIGGINSON and R. H. WILLIAMS also returned thanks, after which Bro. DEHANE, P.M., proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the brethren who had worked the sections, which was seconded by Bro. HAITON, and heartily accorded.

On the motion of the **WORSHIPFUL MASTER**, thanks were also tendered to Bro. Spiegel, Sec., for generously providing the refreshments and carrying out all the arrangements in such an admirable manner.

The **SECRETARY** responded, and drew the attention of the brethren to a concise history of the lodge of instruction compiled by himself, and bound in a handy pocket size with the bye-laws.

The lodge was closed after Bro. Davies, P.M. 169, had intimated his intention of working the consecration ceremony at the Plucknett Lodge of Instruction on the 6th inst.

According to an announcement contained in a Sussex paper, Bro. the Hon. A. E. Gathorne-Hardy, owing to continued ill-health, has placed the resignation of his seat in the hands of the local Conservative leaders, and it will be decided at an early meeting of the East Grinstead Division Conservative Central Council whether the resignation be accepted or not.

Royal Ark Mariners.

Prince Leopold Lodge (No. 238).—This lodge met for the dispatch of business at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on the 21st ult. Among those present were Bros. F. W. Driver, M.A., W.C.N.; W. H. Holroyd, J.; L. W. Harvey, S.; N. Prower, M.A., P.W.C.N., Treas.; Capt. Walls, P.G.C., P.W.C.N., Scribe; Rev. R. C. Fillingham, B.A., and T. O. Harding, M.A., P.W.C.N. Visitors: Bros. H. H. Shirley, M.A., Edwin Storr, and John Adams.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The lodge was then closed and adjourned. The members then dined with the brethren of the Prince Leopold Mark Lodge.

During the evening "The Health of the W.C.N." was duly toasted and responded to.

Scotland.

GLASGOW.

Glasgow Kilwinning Lodge (No. 4).—A special meeting of this lodge was held in their hall, Bishop-street, Anderston, on Saturday evening, the 25th ult., for the purpose of initiating into the Craft the Rev. Thomas Howard Twist, M.A. Camb., Rector of Blythswood Episcopal Church. The lodge was opened by the R.W.M., Bro. F. W. Larter, assisted by the S.W. and J.W., Bros. G. Duncan and Wm. Morrison, and other office-bearers. The Rev. Mr. Twist's application having been read, balloted, and accepted at the regular meeting on the 15th ult., he was conducted into the lodge and admitted to the First Degree, the Master officiating. On the conclusion of the ceremony, the R.W.M. expressed the pleasure he felt in initiating Bro. Twist into No. 4, a lodge which had such a long roll of illustrious names already written in her history, and trusted the rev. brother would have sufficient spare time to admit of his special study of matters connected with Masonry.

The lodge was thereafter closed in due form.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF THE LOWER WARD OF LANARKSHIRE.

The above Provincial Grand Chapter held its Quarterly Communication on Friday, the 24th ult., in St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street, Glasgow, Comp. Major F. W. Allan, Prov. Grand Superintendent, presiding, assisted by his office-bearers.

The chapter having been opened, the business as tabled was proceeded with. The Auditors' report of the financial condition of the chapter was very satisfactory. Thereafter Comp. J. R. Paton, Prov. Grand J., presented the Prov. Grand Superintendent with a baton for the use of the Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies. The baton was made from wood taken from the Bishop's Castle, Glasgow.

On accepting the present on behalf of the chapter, Comp. ALLAN spoke of the deep interest Comp. Paton had always exhibited in Arch Masonry, and this was another instance of his contributions. Comp. Allan then presented the chapter with a mallet made from the wood of a pear tree at Cathcart Castle, 200 years old.

The chapter showed their hearty appreciation of the token of Comp. Allan's interest in their welfare.

The **PROV. GRAND SUPERINTENDENT** then announced to the chapter his difficulty in getting a suitable successor to the late Comp. Major A. E. Black as Prov. Grand H., but he was delighted to say he had secured the assent of Comp. Jas. Provan to be nominated for the Commission Office of Grand H., which is in the gift of the Provincial Grand Superintendent. He then gave the chapter the qualifications which would entitle him (Comp. Provan) to the honourable position—viz., Comp. Provan was one of the founders of Lodge Princes, No. 607, and was R.W.M. from 1886 to 1888. He was also one of the founders of Princes Chapter, No. 189, and first Treasurer. The chapter was founded in 1881. He is also a member of the Glasgow Priory of Knights Templar and the Royal Order of Scotland, taking his 18th in the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

This announcement was received with acclamation; consequently he was declared Second Principal of the Prov. Grand Chapter. It was very kind of Comps. Paton and Sanderson to waive their claim in the routine of promotion to Comp. Provan.

Thereafter the office-bearers for the ensuing year (commissioned and elective) were as follows:

Comp. E. Macbean	...	Dep. Prov. G.Z.
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" A. Macalister	...	Prov. G. 2nd Soj.
" R. Bradshaw	...	Prov. G. 3rd Soj.
" Jas. Simpson	...	Prov. G.S.B.
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" J. A. S. Kerr	...	Prov. G.S. of W.
" R. M'Donald	...	Prov. G. Std. Br.
" Geo. Muir	...	Prov. G. Janitor.

At the conclusion of the formal business, harmony followed.

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The following communications, amongst others, unavoidably stand over:

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1893.

Masonic Notes.

Among the many notable Masonic events which have occurred during the 19 years in which the Prince of Wales has occupied the position of Grand Master, the consecration of the Chancery Bar Lodge, on Tuesday last, will occupy a prominent position. Although his Royal Highness has granted warrants for over one thousand lodges, this is the first occasion, we believe, on which he has been present at a consecration ceremony; and on no former occasion have we witnessed a more impressive rendering of the ritual, or a more imposing ceremonial.

The Pro Grand Master, Lord Lathom, performed the duties allotted to him with much ability, and with that courtly grace which always distinguishes him. The Grand Master himself constituted the lodge, while the Grand Secretary, Bro. Letchworth, no less impressively installed the Worshipful Master and delivered the customary addresses.

In a ceremony of this kind the responsibilities of the Director of Ceremonies are great, and Bro. Sir Albert Woods was fortunate in securing the services of two brethren, whom practice has rendered perfect. Bro. Frank Richardson has conducted more similar functions than he would probably care to count, and he and his colleague, Bro. J. H. Matthews, may well be proud of the success which has attended the latest of the series.

Bro. Sergison, Grand Organist, conducted the musical portion of the ceremony, assisted by vocalists selected from Westminster Abbey, the Chapel Royal, and St. Peter's, Eaton Square. He had also composed an anthem for the occasion, which showed much care and skill in its treatment, and which was both impressive and graceful. Bro. Cutler, Q.C., Past Grand Organist, had also composed a march which was perfectly rendered by Herr Gottlieb's Vienna Stringed Band during the banquet and received with great applause by the company, the Prince of Wales joining in the demand for its repetition.

It would be somewhat invidious and scarcely possible to mention the names of those who materially contributed to the success of the day, but we cannot withhold a word of praise for the Secretary, Bro. L. G. Gordon Robbins, whose arduous labour during the weeks of preparation and manifold duties during the evening in no way interfered with that courteous attention to the comfort of the visitors which was so marked a feature of the proceedings.

It is only last week we were in a position to announce the gratifying intelligence that Bro. Terry had at length succeeded in enlisting the support of Bro. Col. G. Noel Money, C.B., Prov. G. Master of Surrey, as Chairman at the approaching Festival of the R.M. Benevolent Institution. We are now authorised to state that Bro. Hedges has also been successful in his efforts towards the same end, and that Bro. the Earl of Lathom, Pro Grand Master, and Prov. Grand Master of West Lancashire, has very kindly consented to preside at the 106th Anniversary Festival in aid of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, which will be held on some day yet to be selected in the month of May, 1894.

It is hardly necessary for us to say that we heartily congratulate the Secretary and the friends and supporters of our senior Institution on this excellent piece of news. Bro. Lord Lathom has more than once acted as chairman at these celebrations, and on the occasion that he has done so, his Province have shown their loyalty and respect for his lordship, as well as their solicitude for the welfare of the Institution, for which he has been presiding by generously contributing towards its funds, the most recent evidence in support of this statement being the case of the Boys' School Festival in 1891, at Brighton, when West Lancashire beat the record by raising upwards of £6000 in support of his lordship's chairmanship. We can well imagine, therefore, that the Girls' School authorities are in high glee, and are looking forward—as, indeed, they are entitled to do—to a more than usually ample replenishment of the funds in their charge. We sincerely hope their anticipations will be realised.

Two notable Masonic events occurred at Brighton on Saturday last, when H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught was installed as Prov. Grand Prior of Sussex, and Bro. Percy Clowes, son of Bro. R. Clowes, the Prov. Sub-Prior, was installed W.M. of the Earl of Sussex Lodge, both of which ceremonies took place at the Hôtel Métropole. For the former meeting Bro. Clowes had issued invitations to a large number of brethren to meet his Royal Highness at luncheon, and under the presidency of the genial Sub-Prior, the six knights sat down to a sumptuous repast. The ceremony was performed with excellent effect by the Grand Sub-Prior, the Earl of Euston, his Royal Highness being duly installed with all customary ritual.

The evening ceremony, at which his Royal Highness was also present, was a great success. Bro. Percy Clowes was installed as W.M. in succession to Bro. Hudson by the Earl of Euston in the presence of over 200 brethren, of whom 130 were Installed Masters. Pressure on our space compels the postponement of the report until next week, when we hope to present a full record of the interesting proceedings.

We very much regret to hear that Bro. W. H. Lee, of the Grand Secretary's office, is detained at home by illness. He was in attendance at his post on Monday, but became so ill that it was considered desirable that he should return home. We hope that our worthy brother will be restored to health at an early date and able to resume his duties.

The regular Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons will be held on Tuesday next, the 5th instant, but the business to be transacted is of the ordinary character, and will include the nomination of a G. Master and a G. Treasurer for the ensuing year; the consideration of the report of the General Board, and the presentation of Charity jewels.

There were great doings at the celebration of the centenary of the constitution of the Combermere Lodge, No. 295, Macclesfield, in the month of October last, the brethren from Congleton, and very many of the lodges in Cheshire, Lancashire and Yorkshire mustering in great force in honour of the occasion. There was a procession to church, which was witnessed by a large concourse of people, and a special service with an appropriate sermon by Bro. the Rev. T. T. Higgins, P.P.G. Chap., Vicar of St. Peter's, Congleton. There was also much enthusiasm both in the lodge and at the banquet which followed, but what added mostly to the *éclat* of the meeting was the presence of Bro. Lord Egerton of Tatton, P.G.M. of Cheshire, whose sympathy with the lodges and brethren under his rule is well known.

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.]

CHRISTMAS, 1893.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

I have just received from my friend, Bro. Stephen Berry, Grand Secretary of Maine, U.S.A., according to annual custom, the Knight Templar International toast for Christmas, 1893, and shall be glad for as many *fratres* as possible to take part in this pleasant way of remembering old and new friends. The following is a copy of the official circular.

W. J. HUGHAN.

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"STEPHEN BERRY,

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PROPOSED LODGE FOR STREATHAM.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

The writer under this heading does not seem to be aware of the fact that there are many lodges quite close to Streatham. I can call to mind a few—Brixton, No. 1949; Avondale, No. 2395; Duke of Fife, No. 2345; Rye, No. 2272; Selwyn, No. 1901; Peckham, No. 1475; and several meeting at the Surrey Masonic Hall, which is about 20 minutes by train from Streatham.

In the concluding paragraph of a letter on the Royal Arch, Bro. Yarker must be mistaken about a brother reaching the 30° within a year of his becoming a Master Mason, as by the Regulations a brother must be a member of the 18° for three years before proceeding to the higher Degree, unless an installed M.W.S., which so young a Mason is hardly likely to be.—Yours fraternally,

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A CAUTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,

Should "W. H. Tunnickliff" apply for relief to any lodge, will the W.M. or Secretary kindly refer to this lodge before granting such assistance.—Yours fraternally,

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Reviews.

THOMAS AND PAUL SANDBY, ROYAL ACADEMICIANS; Some Account of their Lives and Works. London: Seeley and Co., Essex-street, Strand.

Under the above title, Mr. William Sandby, one of the descendants of Thomas Sandby, has compiled a very interesting volume, consisting of 230 pages octavo, and 17 well-executed illustrations, including portraits of the two Sandbys and their wives, the latter clearly evincing that the brothers had an eye to the beautiful in nature as well as in art. The book is well got up, printed on good paper, with plenty of space between the lines, and copious notes and useful references. A general and critical review of this work would be more suitable for a journal devoted to art and artists than for the columns of the *Freemason*, but as Thomas Sandby was in his day a distinguished and highly-respected member of the Craft, whose services have been, and still are, remembered with feelings of gratitude and admiration by those who have had an opportunity of witnessing the noble hall in Great Queen-street, in which the meetings of the Grand Lodge are held, we feel that we should be wanting in our duty if we allowed the advent of his biography to pass entirely unnoticed. For particulars of the birth and parentage of these two, to say the least of them, remarkable men, we must refer the reader to the book itself, wherein we find that very early in life, Thomas, the elder of the two brothers, came from Nottingham to London, where his artistic talents soon attracted the notice of those in high places, so much so, indeed, that in 1743, when he was only about 23 years of age, he was appointed "private secretary and draughtsman to H.R.H. William Augustus, Duke of Cumberland, and in that capacity accompanied him in his campaigns in Flanders and Scotland." "He was at the battle of Dettingen, in June, 1743, when the Duke was wounded, and, after accompanying him through the subsequent campaign, returned to England in November of that year." He must, as his biographer states, "have witnessed some striking scenes during the early part of his career," for he seems to have been the constant companion of his youthful and courageous, though not always victorious, patron through the whole of his active military career. He was with him at Culloden and made a sketch of the battle, which is now in the Royal Library at Windsor. The Duke being appointed to the Rangership of Windsor Great Park, he immediately selected Thomas Sandby to be Deputy Ranger, an office which he held for upwards of half a century. "For several years after his appointment a large part of his time was occupied in the construction of the Virginia Water and in effecting the extensive alterations which were made in Windsor Great Park." . . . "King George III., who ascended the throne in 1760, took great interest in these works, and honoured Thomas Sandby during his whole life in Windsor Great Park with his confidence and personal friendship, not only consulting him in his professional duties, but frequently visiting him at the Deputy Ranger's lodge without ceremony or previous announcement. One of Thomas Sandby's daughters used to tell how she and her sisters, on hearing the king calling for her father, stepped out of the window of the room in which they were sitting, and ran through the back of the house to change their dresses before making their appearance at luncheon with his Majesty." . . . "As far as can now be discovered, Thomas Sandby's only architectural work in London was Freemasons' Hall in Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields." Here follows an account of the acquisition by the Society of the premises and ground in Great Queen-street, on which the Freemasons' Hall and Tavern were subsequently erected, with an elaborate and, in the main correct description of the hall in its early days, quoted from standard and generally reliable authorities, although there are one or two little mistakes requiring correction in order to render the description perfectly accurate. For instance, the portrait of the Prince of Wales, afterwards George IV., was painted by William Peters, R.A., not by Sir Joshua Reynolds, as the author has been led to believe. Reynolds's connection with the portraits in the hall was of the faintest possible character. Peters, who was an enthusiastic Mason, probably a personal friend of Sandby's, certainly a warm admirer of his architectural talents, had already painted the portraits of Lord Petre and the Duke of Manchester and presented them to the Grand Lodge for the adornment of the hall, and had been made a Grand Officer by having the distinctive and

quite unique title of "Grand Portrait Painter" conferred upon him, the only person who ever held that office. The Duke of Cumberland dying during his Grand Mastership, in 1790, Peters, with his usual liberality, offered his services to the Hall Committee to paint a portrait of the late Grand Master, and stated that the Duchess of Cumberland had a portrait of the late Duke, by Gainsborough, which she had given him permission to copy, and that the Prince of Wales had another portrait of the Duke, by Reynolds, which his Royal Highness had also given him permission to copy for the use of the Society. Peters considered that the latter was the better portrait, and the Hall Committee wisely left the matter in his own hands, consequently he copied the one by Reynolds, and, it may be remarked in passing, the portrait now in the Hall was painted after the disastrous fire in 1883 from an engraving of the original by Reynolds. This was all that Reynolds had to do with the portraits. We find some little difficulty in reconciling the following with our knowledge of facts and figures. "It appears by the Grand Master's accounts in 1792, that above £20,000 had been expended on the edifice which for many years was used for public meetings and dinners, as many as 2000 persons being accommodated." With all due respect to the authorities quoted, we cannot help thinking that they are not quite accurate in their figures. It is not an easy matter to ascertain the exact amount expended on the hall prior to 1792, but a somewhat hasty examination of the Grand Treasurer's accounts for that period leads us to the conclusion that about £10,000 would be nearer the mark. The hall was undoubtedly used, as the writer states, for public meetings and dinners until about 26 years ago, but if he imagines that as many as 2000 persons have been accommodated at one time, we think he is mistaken, and we are of opinion that at the outside not more than 700 persons could be accommodated at an ordinary public meeting, and about 350 at a dinner. We have deemed it our duty to direct attention to these mistakes, however trifling they may appear, and, as a sort of compensation to the author for our fault-finding, we may state that, in our opinion, a greater and more graceful act of homage could not well be paid to the artistic genius of his ancestor than was paid by our Fraternity after the serious fire 10 years ago, when an influential section of the community considered the time opportune for pulling down the old hall and erecting a much larger one, but an immense majority of the governing body declared in a most unequivocal manner that they would rather submit to the inconvenience of occasional overcrowding than that their beautiful and time-honoured old hall should be abolished.



Cratt Masonry. METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Whittington Lodge (No. 862).—The 33rd Master of this lodge was installed on Monday evening, the 20th ult., at Freemasons' Hall. The chair was taken at the opening of the lodge by Bro. Thomas J. Collis, W.M., and the other brethren present during the evening were Bros. F. C. Lockstone, J.W.; G. H. Vavell, S.D.; T. H. T. Jarvis, J.D.; H. Kemp, I.G.; W. C. Tyler, D.C.; A. Clarkson, Steward; James Weaver, P.M., Sec.; Thomas Kingston, P.M., Treas.; A. V. H. Pauncefort, P.M.; J. Irvine, P.M.; C. E. Packer, P.M.; Sampson Godden, P.M.; John Collinson, P.M.; and several lay members. Visitors: Bros. J. H. Whatcoat, 1 and 19; J. C. Tilt, P.M. 1962; S. Hastings Miller, 2192; George Gregory, P.M. 1962; H. Salter, P.M. 181; G. Grice, 793; Horatio Saqui, I.G. 2264; R. James, P.M.; H. Massey, 160, P.M. 619 and 1928; L. S. Guy, S.D. 1612; R. Gregory, 2168; W. A. Scurrah, P.M. 107; J. E. Hambleton, W.M. 1319; T. C. Hayes, P.M. 617; F. C. Roberts, P.M. 392 (S.C.); Albert Fox, Henry Parkin, John Solomon, and S. Shepley.

The list of business to be transacted was a heavy one, there having to be performed, after the opening of the lodge, the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting, the reception of the report of the Auditors, the passing of Bro. Henry Williamson, the balloting for, and initiation of, Messrs. John H. Taylor, A. I. Taylor, and W. H. Godden, the installation of the new Master and the appointment and investiture of his officers. The whole of this work was done, occupying three hours and a half. Bro. A. V. H. Pauncefort, P.M., performed the ceremony of installation, and placed Bro. Frederick Clarence Lockstone in the chair of K.S. His carrying out of the lengthy and difficult ritual was universally admired, and he received for it hearty commendation. The following were the new officers appointed: Bros. Thomas J. Collis, I.P.M.; Wm. Bradford, S.W.; G. H. Vavell, J.W.; Thomas Kingston, P.M., Treas.; James Weaver, P.M., Sec.; T. H. T. Jarvis, S.D.; H. Kemp, J.D.; W. C. Tyler, I.G.; A. Clarkson, D.C.; A. V. H. Pauncefort, P.M., Org.; C. E. Müller, Stwd.; and John Gilbert, Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was voted to Bro. Thomas J. Collis, I.P.M.

After the transaction of the business, the brethren adjourned to Freemasons' Tavern, and partook of a choice banquet.

At its termination they honoured the usual toasts, and enjoyed a very pleasant evening with the aid of short speeches and some beautiful vocal and instrumental music by Miss Annie Matthews, Miss E. Riley, and Bros. Henry Parkin, Sutton Shepley, J. E. Hambleton, John Solomon, and James Weaver, with Albert Fox at the piano of Messrs. John Brinsmead and Sons.

The W.M. set the example of brevity in proposing the first toasts, and Bro. Collis followed it in proposing "The Health of the W.M."

The W.M. was as concise in his reply, simply stating, after expressing his thanks, that he trusted the work of the W.M. during his year of office would not, as he did not think it would, suffer in his hands. He then proposed "The I.P.M.," hoping that he would do his work as well as Bro. Collis had done his. Then he presented the handsome jewel which the lodge had voted, wishing him many years of life to wear it.

Bro. Collis, replying, assured the brethren that he had

the same wish—to enjoy long life still to be among the brethren, to be respected by them and by all the Fraternity.

The W.M., in proposing "The Visitors," among whom was Bro. W. M. Stiles, said that Bro. Stiles was a candidate for the office of Grand Treasurer of England, and he believed that Whittington brethren who had a vote in Grand Lodge would place it against his name. He hoped Bro. Stiles would be successful.

Bro. W. M. Stiles, replying, said if he should be elected Grand Treasurer by the suffrages of the Craft, he should not forget the reception he had had that evening in the Whittington Lodge. He hoped that on a future day he would be received in the lodge as Grand Treasurer.

Bro. W. A. Scurrah, who also replied, said he did not want to make an electioneering speech, but he could not help thanking the brethren of the lodge for the interest they had taken in their dear old friend, Bro. Stiles. There was one thing he would ask every one of them who had the privilege of attending Grand Lodge, that they should turn up on Wednesday, the 6th December, so that when Bro. Stiles' nominator read out the candidate's credentials there should be a large number of friends to cheer him. On the following meeting in March, 1894, he asked them to be there and elect him by a large majority.

Bros. James and Hambleton also replied. All three initiates responded to the toast of "The Initiates."

The W.M. having referred, in proposing "The Health of the Past Masters," to the fact that a great deal of a Worshipful Master's success in the working of a lodge depended on the Past Masters and on their readiness to assist him,

Bro. Godden said, in reply, that all the Past Masters desired to assist the Master as much as possible, and

Bro. Irvine, who had received a compliment from the W.M. for his ability as D.C., said there was not one Past Master of the Whittington Lodge who was not ready to render assistance. The Past Masters must be men of experience both of lodge work and of life. His experience of Freemasonry was that it had taught him more humanity to man than he could learn elsewhere, and a wider sympathy with human suffering and wants.

Bro. Pauncefort, replying to the toast of "The Installing Master," said he felt it a very great honour to place Bro. Lockstone in the chair, and he had done his best in trying to hand down the grand installation ceremony pure and unpolished. He was pleased to say the W.M. and many other brethren of the Whittington Lodge were well connected with lodges of instruction, and he recommended others to join the Whittington Lodge of Instruction, of which he was Treasurer. They would be well instructed there in all the duties of officers of a lodge. Some brethren fancied they could work up the ceremony by aid which was not the aid of a lodge of instruction, but that was not his experience.

Bro. Thomas Kingston, P.M., Treasurer, shortly replied to the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary."

The Officers responded to the toast given in recognition of their position, and the Tyler's toast having been given by Bro. Gilbert, and drunk by all, this meeting of the Whittington Lodge was brought to a close.

Capper Lodge (No. 1076).—The installation meeting of this important lodge took place at the Guildhall Tavern, on Thursday, the 16th ult., under the presidency of Bro. J. H. White, W.M., supported by a goodly list of Past Masters, including Bros. W. Dorton, J. Tytheredg, H. B. Holliday, W. L. Crow, T. Day, J. Taplay, W. Watkins, and A. T. Dale. The officers were Bros. F. C. Ward, W.M. elect, S.W.; W. H. Ware, J.D.; J. Dorton, P.M., Treas.; J. J. Roberts, Sec.; C. R. Sayers, S.D.; J. T. Oates, J.D.; C. R. Higgins, I.G.; M. Sherwin, Org.; and A. K. Turbfield, Tyler. The members included Bros. Jesse Lawrence, H. Battis, T. R. Grace, W. Nicoll, T. H. Maple, C. Ingram, J. T. Gumm, H. C. Wormald, W. M. Stokes, J. B. Livermore, J. Still, B. H. Spencer, R. Brown, J. T. Simpson, T. E. Whittaker, S. Tirney, J. E. Cramphorne, W. Viney, F. Trowbridge, and many others. Among the visitors were Bros. J. Jackson Spencer, 278; E. Aylmer Jones, 626; D. Painter, 2411; W. E. Gray, 898; T. Lewis, 758; J. H. Wood, 697; Thos. Morey, 1178; G. S. Creswick, 1593; T. Richards, 1185; C. Breden, P.M. and Sec. 781; W. Beechcroft, W.M. 1158; Evan Putter, 1601; Frank W. Tagg, 957; H. W. Whitehead, F. W. Prescott, P.M. 109, Prov. G. D. Kent; Sidney Fermor, 2411; J. Mills, 1765; T. Badcock, 781; J. G. Hammond, 2184; S. Barfoot, 2084; W. T. Partridge, W.M. elect 79; T. F. Noakes, 361; W. T. Coates, 1310; W. Robins, E. J. Crate and others.

The lodge being duly opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. Mr. T. E. Whittaker, who had been previously approved by the brethren, was then initiated, and Bro. J. Collins was passed. The main business of the evening was then proceeded with. Bro. Taplay, P.M., acting as D.C., then presented Bro. F. C. Ward, W.M. elect, to the W.M., who duly inducted Bro. Ward into the chair of K.S. The newly-installed W.M. invested the following officers: Bros. W. H. Ware, S.W.; C. R. Sayers, J.W.; J. Dorton, P.M., Treas.; J. J. Roberts, Hon. Sec.; J. F. Oates, S.D.; C. R. Higgins, J.D.; T. H. Maple, I.G.; J. B. Thompson, D.C.; Green and T. R. Grace, Stwds.; M. Sherwin, Org.; and A. K. Turbfield, Tyler. The Installing Master, Bro. J. H. White, I.P.M., then addressed the W.M., Wardens, and brethren. His working of the beautiful ceremony was throughout excellent, and his delivery of the addresses dignified and impressive. A Past Master's jewel was then presented to the I.P.M., and, on the motion of Bro. Crow, P.M., seconded by Bro. Taplay, P.M., an illuminated address on vellum was voted to the I.P.M., as Installing Officer to his successor.

All Masonic business being ended, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet as excellent in quality as bounteous in supply.

Due honour was given to the loyal toasts and that of "The Grand Officers."

The I.P.M., Bro. White, proposed "The Health of the W.M.," referring to his geniality and his anxiety to serve the lodge in all the offices he had previously occupied.

The W.M. returned his deepest thanks, and expressed his intention to do his duty.

In responding as Installing Master, Bro. White, I.P.M., said his reward was in the satisfaction of the brethren. He also expressed his gratitude to his officers for their untiring energy in assisting him through every ceremony during his year of office, and felt sure the present W.M. would be served in like manner.

For "The Past Masters" Bro. Holloway, replying to that toast for the 19th year, said his attachment to the lodge had grown with him, and he was resolved to stick to his old associates for another 19 years, if he might hope for it.

Bro. Taplay, briefly replying, said he was never more pleased than on the present occasion to see an installation ceremony performed with such dignity and feeling.

For "The Initiates," Bro. Whittaker returned thanks in a most eloquent speech.

For "The Visitors," Bros. Creswick, Prescott, Hammond, and Jones, briefly and aptly replied.

"The Officers" were worthily represented by Bros. Ware, S.W.; Sayers, J.W.; and J. J. Roberts, Sec.

Among the brethren contributing to the harmony were Bro. Wormald, with a pianoforte obligato; vocalists, Bro. Ware, "True till death;" Bro. Partridge, with "Blow, blow, thou winter wind;" of which the musical setting was composed by Bro. J. B. Sargeant, I.P.M., of 1765. He also sang several other songs, among which were "Ding, dong," Mr. H. Hawkes also sang several humorous songs, which were much appreciated. Bro. Sherwin, the ever ready Organist, besides accompaniments, played several obligatos, and sang "The Initiates" song, "Fra Giacomo," by E. Buchanan, was powerfully recited by Mr. Frank Tagg, who also gave a humorous piece from Max Adeler—"Who was the Mother-in-law of Moses?"

The Tyler's toast closed a pleasant evening.

Crusaders Lodge (No. 1677).—The installation meeting was held on Wednesday, the 15th instant, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, Bro. the Rev. John H. Rose, W.M., presiding. There was a large attendance of members of the lodge and visitors. The minutes of the last lodge meeting were read and confirmed, and the report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted, after which Bros. John Robinson and C. John Bailey were raised to the Sublime Degree. Bro. James Speller, Prov. J.G.D. Essex, who had been elected by the unanimous vote of the brethren of the lodge to fill the chair for the ensuing year, was duly installed, the ceremony being most excellently and impressively performed by Bro. the Rev. J. H. Rose. Bro. James Speller next appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Rev. John Henry Rose, I.P.M.; Thomas Taylor, S.W.; W. John Hunter, J.W.; James John Stockall, P.M., Treas.; Alfred Goode, P.M., Sec.; John Mansell, S.D.; Samuel James Fletcher, J.D.; Rev. W. H. W. Caseley, P.P.G.C. Herts, Chap.; A. W. Humphreys, D. of C.; Horatio A. Sheppard, I.G.; Ulrick B. Ladler and Barnett M. Moss, Stewards; and Henry Thomas, Tyler. The W.M. next ably initiated Mr. Alfred Bishop.

The brethren subsequently partook of a sumptuous banquet.

The W.M., in proposing the toast of "The Queen and the Craft," said it was one which took precedence over all others, and at all times met with a hearty response.

After the toast had been duly honoured,

Bro. Speller gave "The M.W.G.M., the Prince of Wales," and, in doing so, said his Royal Highness was one of the most popular men in Europe. It was now 21 years since he was installed as Grand Master, and during that time Freemasonry had been under his sway it had made gigantic strides. The great favour in which their Brotherhood was held was in no small measure due to the Grand Master, who had shown himself a good Mason in all respects.

The W.M. again rose to propose "The M.W. Pro G.M., the Earl of Lathom; the Deputy G.M., the Earl of Mount Edgumbe; and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past." He said those brethren who had the privilege of attending the Quarterly Communications of Grand Lodge could testify how earnestly the Grand Officers carried out their tasks. The Earl of Lathom was very popular in Masonry, especially in his Province of West Lancashire; while the Earl of Mount Edgumbe made a great name when he presided at the Jubilee Festival of the Old People, at which between £60,000 and £70,000 was collected. They were favoured that night with the presence of Bros. Hogard, James Terry, and the Hon. Massey Mainwaring, three Grand Officers, and to those brethren they gave a hearty welcome. In Bro. Terry they had a very ardent worker, and the brethren already knew that his name was a household word in Freemasonry. They knew he worked very hard for the Charities, but he also did a very great deal for lodges of instruction. Bro. Hogard was also a very hard worker, as was proved by the great interest he always took in the management of the different Institutions. They could always see him present at the Committees of Management. He would couple with the toast the names of Bros. Terry, Hogard, and the Hon. Massey Mainwaring, whose name had been submitted to them that night as a joining member.

Bro. James Terry, P.G.S.B., Secretary R.M. Benevolent Institution, in an interesting speech, told the brethren he had the honour of consecrating the Crusaders Lodge 16 or 17 years ago, and installing its first Master. He was glad the lodge had taken the position it had now assumed. He thought he was the godfather of the lodge, as, when he was told that the founders did not know what to call it, he informed them that as the dear old St. John's Gate was in the olden times the home of the Crusaders, he did not think they could do better than to call it the Crusaders Lodge. That the lodge was doing well was evidenced by the good it was doing at the present day, and his only hope was that it might continue as undiminished and untarnished as it was now.

Bro. C. F. Hogard said he could not go so far back as Bro. Terry in his recollections of the lodge, as the first instance when he was present was in Holborn, when the I.P.M. was initiated. The W.M. had alluded to the services rendered by the heads of the Order and other Grand Officers, and he would just like to say that the Earl of Lathom, while he devoted a great deal of time and attention to his own province, was also very attentive to his duties of Pro Grand Master. Within a short time he would consecrate the Chancery Bar Lodge, at which the Prince of Wales would be present, and he had occupied the chair of Grand Master on many occasions with advantage to the Craft, and on one or two occasions when very difficult questions had been brought forward. He had always given decisions which had met with the approval of Grand Lodge. He thanked them on behalf of the Grand Officers for the way they had received the toast. They one and all did the best they could for the interests of Freemasonry.

Bro. the Hon. Massey Mainwaring also responded. It gave him, he said, very great pleasure in being present,

and he hoped at the next meeting of the lodge they would elect him as one of their number. The I.P.M. had enabled him to be present that evening, and he could not say with what satisfaction he had enjoyed the ceremonies, which had been carried out in a manner which would be difficult to match.

Bro. the Rev. J. H. Rose, I.P.M., next wielded the gavel, and asked the brethren to drink to "The Health of the W.M." They had known Bro. Speller in that lodge to be of good repute, and Shakespeare, if he was a Mason, must have had someone like the W.M. in his mind when he said—

"A man of good repute, carriage, bearing, and estimation." They were not taking a leap in the dark when they put him in the chair, and if it was possible for a Master to make his year a successful one, Bro. Speller would do it. He was genial, kind, hearty, and Charitable. He had all the essences of a good Mason in him, and when they wished him a successful year of office they must all put their shoulders to the wheel, and do all they could to help him to make it a successful and prosperous one. He could perform the ceremonies with perfection, and all that was wanted was the opportunity to do them, and Bro. Speller would not disappoint them.

The toast having been very enthusiastically received, the W.M., in a short and pithy reply, said: I hardly know how to thank you, brethren, for the enthusiastic way in which you have received the toast of the W.M., or for the kind words which have been uttered by the I.P.M. I can assure you this is one of the pleasantest days in my life, and I thank you for conferring on me the highest honour a lodge can give. I shall do my utmost to carry out the duties, and at the end of the year I think I shall hand over the warrant as I have received it to-night.

In proposing the toast of "The Initiates," the W.M. said when he was informed recently that it would be his privilege to initiate Bro. Bishop he was more than delighted, as he had known him for many years and was quite unaware that he was going to join the Crusaders. He was a man of sterling worth and integrity and would do honour to his proposer and seconder.

Bro. Bishop said he was very much struck with the impressive ceremony, and it would be his aim to carry out his duties as a Mason in their entirety.

The Worshipful Master next proposed the toast of "The Installing Master, the I.P.M." He said the impressive way in which Bro. the Rev. J. H. Rose performed the ceremony of installation would make a lasting impression, and every one would agree that he had distinguished himself. He had had to work very hard during his year of office and on several occasions he had had to perform the ceremonies of initiation, passing, and raising on one evening. He had been called away from London to Sheffield in the morning but had returned in the evening in time for the opening of the lodge to carry out his Masonic duties. He was in every respect worthy of the jewel which he was about to present to him. It was a great pleasure to do so and he hoped he would have health and strength for many years to come.

Bro. the Rev. J. H. Rose responded, and said he heartily wished he deserved all the W.M. had said of him. After alluding at some length at the pleasure it had afforded him to install the W.M., the I.P.M. directed the attention of the brethren to the toast of the Masonic Charities. He did not in the least see why they should not enjoy the good things of this life, but he should not rejoice in the prosperity of the Crusaders Lodge if it had not that characteristic of Freemasonry—Charity.

Bro. Terry, Sec. R.M.B.I., in an eloquent reply, urged the claims which the whole of the Institutions had upon the brethren, and exhorted them to contribute freely to that good cause which all Freemasons had at heart.

The other toasts were "The Visitors," "The Past Masters of the Lodge," "The Treasurer and Secretary," and "The Officers of the Lodge," and a most pleasant evening was brought to a close by the Tyler's toast.

During the proceedings a charming selection of music was given by Bro. Egbert Roberts, P.M., P.P.G.O. Essex, assisted by Bro. Richard Evans, Miss Henriette Nicholson, and Miss Emily Foxcroft.

A portrait of Bro. Speller will appear in our Gallery of Worshipful Masters next week.

Clapham Lodge (No. 1818).—The installation meeting was held at the Criterion, on the 22nd ult. There was a large and distinguished company present, including Grand and Prov. Grand Officers. Present: Bros. Edward Gabriel, W.M.; Alfred C. Goodinge, S.W.; A. H. P. Dale, J.W.; Howard Smith, P.M., Sec.; S. G. Budd, S.D.; W. T. Snell, J.D.; Sackville Evans, I.G.; F. A. Jewson, Org.; G. T. Goodinge, P.Z., P.M.; D. Harrison, P.M.; F. Manby, P.M.; J. W. Goodinge, P.M.; J. Liscombe, P.M.; Dodd, and Manning. The visitors were Bros. Hastings Miller, P.G.S.B. England; Hayman, P.P.G.D. Essex; Wm. Vincent, P.P.G.S.B. Middx.; Capt. W. E. Williams, P.Z., P.M.; George, P.M.; Terry Ginger, S.D. 2361; Ball, 2361; F. H. Provost, Leyton, Hughes, Jobson, Baker; and T. Bowles, Tyler.

The lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, after which the ballot was taken for Messrs. J. A. Anderson and G. Wingrave, which proved in their favour. Bro. Alfred C. Goodinge, S.W., was then presented by the D.C., Bro. G. T. Goodinge, for the benefit of installation, which ceremony was performed in a most perfect and impressive manner by the retiring Master, and Bro. A. C. Goodinge was duly placed in the chair of K.S. The W.M. then appointed and invested his officers as follows: Bros. Dale, S.W.; Budd, J.W.; Howard Smith, Secretary; W. T. Snell, S.D.; Evans, J.D.; G. T. Goodinge, P.M., D.C.; Jewson, Org.; and T. Bowles, Tyler. The W.M. was deeply sorry to inform the brethren that in consequence of the continued illness of Bro. Nelson, he was unable to invest him as I.G. The newly-invested W.M. then proceeded to initiate Messrs. J. A. Anderson and Geo. Wingrave, which ceremony was impressively performed.

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

After the loyal toasts, The Worshipful Master proposed "The Grand Officers," remarking that they were honoured by the presence of a distinguished and prominent Mason, in the person of Bro. Hastings Miller, P.G.S.B., who would respond.

Bro. Hastings Miller, in thanking the brethren for the cordiality of his reception, said that he had witnessed some hundreds of installations, consecrations, and initiations, but he could say that he had never seen the ceremony of instal-

lation performed in a better manner, and he paid a very high compliment to the W.M. for the most efficient and impressive way in which the ceremony of initiation was worked.

Bro. Gabriel, I.P.M., in proposing "The Health of the Worshipful Master," stated that it was a great pleasure to him to have the privilege of giving that toast, more particularly as the W.M. was the third member of the same family who had his banner on the wall of the lodge. That fact was of itself unique, at least so far as the Clapham Lodge was concerned.

The W.M., in replying, thanked the brethren for the kind and cordial manner in which they had received the toast, and felt particularly indebted to Bro. Gabriel for speaking of him in such flattering terms, and trusted that the kind remarks would be fulfilled, and that the same kind feelings would be extended to him at the end of his year of office. He said it seemed hardly credible to him that only four years ago that evening he, together with the I.P.M. and S.W., were initiated by his father, Bro. J. W. Goodinge, P.M., and assured the brethren that they were proud to occupy the positions they held, and he hoped that, by following in the footsteps of the Masters who had preceded him, to uphold the prestige which the lodge had always maintained in the Craft.

The W.M. gave the toast of "The Visitors"—a toast always honoured in the lodge as expressive of the hearty and cordial regard they have towards the brethren who came amongst them. They were always pleased to see visitors at their meetings, and to do everything in their power to extend to them a cordial reception.

Bros. Hayman, Wm. Vincent, and Capt. W. E. Williams responded.

The W.M. paid a special tribute to the I.P.M. in proposing his health, and was proud of having the pleasure and privilege of presenting him with the jewel of the lodge as a slight token of respect and esteem, and to recognise the fact that the important duties had been performed by him through the year in such a perfect and courteous manner, and hoped to see him as a Past Master for many years to come.

Bro. Gabriel responded.

Bro. G. T. Goodinge responded on behalf of "The Past Masters."

The W.M. gave the toast of the evening—"The Initiates." He remarked that he had much pleasure in proposing the toast, and congratulated them on being received into the ancient Order, and trusted that the career they had entered upon would result in their becoming good and excellent members of the Fraternity, and honoured and distinguished ornaments to the Craft. From what he knew of the newly-made brethren convinced him that they would make good and trusty Masons, and in the names of all the members extended to them a hearty welcome.

Bros. Anderson and Wingrave replied in suitable terms.

Bro. Howard Smith, P.M. and Sec., responded on behalf of "The Treasurer and Secretary."

The W.M. gave "The Officers," saying that he could congratulate the lodge in being particularly fortunate in having brethren filling the different offices who were so thoroughly conversant with all the duties. It was a matter of great pleasure to him to have them occupying those positions during his year of office, as he felt sure he could rely on them to give him every assistance, and concluded by saying that when a Master had good officers it relieved him of a great amount of responsibility.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Jewson, and the evening was enlivened with songs and recitations.

The Tyler's toast closed one of the most successful evenings the lodge has had for some time.

Lodge La France (No. 2060).—On Monday, the 20th ult., La France had a busy day. The members of the Audit Committee met at 3.30 to go through the accounts, and thanks to the sound principles on which the lodge was started and continued, a balance of considerably over £100 was reported. The lodge was opened, and Bro. E. J. N. Pouard, W.M., passed to the Second Degree Bro. Guignon, who, two days before had specially come from Bordeaux to obtain his *Augmentation de Salaire* (French term for being promoted from an apprentice to a Fellow Craft.) The W.M. then requested Bro. St. Clair, P.M., first initiate of the lodge, who is also S.W. of the Tuscan, No. 4, and represents that lodge as G.S. of the year, to take the chair, and Bro. Simon was raised to the Third Degree, in perfect "Emulation" style (French translation.) In the meantime the brethren had been coming in quick succession, so that when the installation ceremony was begun, the pretty temple of the Café Royal was about crowded. Among the company we noticed Bros. F. A. Philbrick, O.C., G. Reg., T. Fenn, Pres. Bd. Gen. Purps.; F. Richardson, P.G.D.; and G. Hopkinson, P.D.G.D.C., all members of *Honneur* of the lodge; P. A. Nairne, P.G.D., T. Fenn, P.P.G.D. Middx., Alderman V. Morgan, Treasurer, of Christ's Hospital, A. King Farlow, Master elect, 1150; Summers, W.M. 1820; and others. Bro. St. Clair, as Installing Master, requested Bro. Monteuis, P.M., P.G.S.B., to take the S.W.'s chair; Bro. Bué, P.M., P.G. Std. Br., to take the J.W.'s chair; and Bro. F. Richardson, P.G.D., to act as D.C. Bro. Pouard, W.M., then presented his successor, Bro. H. Testard, Master elect, for the benefit of installation. Whoever has seen Bro. St. Clair perform a ceremony, knows that he is perfect on all points, and this proved no exception, for he acquitted himself splendidly. By a previous special request of Bro. H. Testard, the addresses were given by Bro. T. Fenn, P.B.G.P. The new W.M. well knew how proud all the brethren of his lodge are when Bro. Fenn is kind enough to take a part in their ceremonies, and as a member expressed it to us—"Le T. Fenn, c'est le clou de la soirée," i.e., "Bro. Fenn is the star of the evening," and so he was on this occasion. Every address was greeted with applause. It was pleasing also to see Bro. F. Richardson, P.G.D., performing his not unaccustomed duties of D.C. in the French language. The W.M., Bro. H. Testard, invested his officers as follows: Bros. J. Oppenheim, S.W.; P. F. R. Saillard, J.W.; H. Bué, Treas.; E. Monteuis, Sec.; G. Metzger, S.D.; L. Lehmann, J.D.; J. B. Bouyou, I.G.; E. St. Clair, D.C.; E. Béranger, Std.; and G. F. Mitchell, Tyler.

The lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to well-merited refreshment, after their long afternoon's work, and here Bro. St. Clair (we might say the indefatigable Bro. St. Clair) was again to the fore, this time as D.C.

The usual toasts were duly honoured, and the various speeches distinguished by their brevity.

Bros. Philbrick and Nairne responded for "The Grand Officers," and Bros. Alderman Vaughan, Morgan, King Farlow, and Lamigeon for "The Visitors."

We will simply further mention that, after proposing "The Health of the I.P.M.," the W.M. presented Bro. Pouard with the beautiful Past Master's jewel of the lodge. Altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent.

We append the list of the rest of the visitors: Bros. J. Hutchins, 1425; L. Verdier, Césaire; R. Stephenson, 1613; S. Lamothe, 1563; H. E. Peck, 1381; Dudson, 1681; H. G. Cubitt, I.P.M. 2020; A. Baume, 180; J. Culverwell, 1366; C. Bane, 2021; W. Cave, 2095; J. Western, 1613; and S. Coquerel, 12.

Hiram Lodge (No. 2416).—The election meeting of this the architects' and surveyors' lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday, the 22nd ult. Bro. Farrow, W.M., presided, and was well supported by his officers: Bros. F. A. Powell, S.W.; H. T. Bonner, J.W.; E. J. Ebbetts, P.G.S., as I.P.M.; H. Lovegrove, I.P.M., Sec.; G. Elkington, S.D.; A. F. Wrightson, I.G.; and others.

Bro. R. A. Rix was raised to the Third Degree. Bro. F. A. Powell was elected W.M.; Bro. F. R. Farrow, Treas.; and Bro. G. Austin, Tyler. A vote of condolence with the widow and family of the late Bro. J. O. Abbott, one of the founders, was carried amid many expressions of regret.

A dinner in the Gavel Club Room at Freemasons' Tavern followed.

Walthamstow Lodge (No. 2472).—The election meeting of this lodge was held on the 25th ult. at the Masonic Hall of the Chequers Hotel, Walthamstow, the W.M., Bro. William Shurmur, presiding. There were also present, among others, Bros. J. H. Wildash, I.P.M.; W. Harris, S.W.; W. Gower, acting as J.W.; S. H. Baker, P.M., Treas.; Samuel Herbert, Sec.; James Clark, I.G.; A. J. Stacey, as S.D.; T. Franklin and P. Felsenthal, Stwds.; and Stacey, Org. Visitors: Bros. Percy Luckett, 2374; S. C. Bateman, 1707; T. J. T. Horsey, 1861; H. Massey, 160, P.M. 619 and 1928; and Orlton Cooper, P.M. 211, who acted as I.P.M.

Bros. N. Fortescue, W. A. Gower, J. Inkpen, T. H. Hunt, and Geo. Taylor were passed to the Second Degree, and Messrs. George H. Perks, Joseph Ernest Price Thompson, and Thomas William Stroud were initiated. Bros. George William Holmes and R. H. Tongue were elected joining members. Bro. William Harris, P.M., S.W., was elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, Bro. S. H. Baker, P.M., was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Marx Gross, Tyler. All the elections were unanimous. On the motion of Bro. Baker, Treas., seconded by Bro. N. Fortescue, Past Masters' jewels were unanimously voted to Bros. Shurmur and Wildash. Leave of absence for six months was granted to Bro. Gower, J.W., he having been obliged to go to Demerara to look after his estates there, and he had asked for such leave of absence. The business of the evening concluded with the presentation of founders' jewels to all the founders of the lodge.

The proceedings of the evening were supplemented by a very nice banquet, provided in most excellent style by Bro. Allen, of the Chequers, and the customary toasts followed.

After honouring the loyal toasts, "The Health of the Worshipful Master" was proposed by Bro. Wildash, who regretted that the presence of Bro. Shurmur precluded his saying of him the many good things he so thoroughly deserved. They all regretted Bro. Shurmur's term of office was drawing to a close, although in their good friend, Bro. Harris they would have the fruits of the good efforts of Bro. Shurmur. They were very much indebted to Bro. Shurmur for the working of the lodge, for it was through him, and through him alone that the officers were so well up to their duties. It was no task for him to come week after week to the lodge of instruction and coach up the officers of the lodge.

Bro. Shurmur, when the toast had been honoured, in acknowledging it said the Walthamstow Lodge of Instruction had acquired a reputation for good working and the brethren could understand the gratification and pleasure it caused him when the opinion was expressed that the officers had that evening acquitted themselves in a manner worthy of the distinguished President of the lodge of instruction, Bro. Philbrick, O.C. Ashe (Bro. Shurmur) had been kindly selected by the brethren to preside over the Walthamstow Lodge as its first Master they had a right to expect that he would set an example worthy of imitation. If he had succeeded he was only too delighted. The Past Master's jewel voted to him was a proof that he had given them satisfaction. Bro. Shurmur then referred to his candidature for the office of Grand Treasurer of England, and said that if the brethren elected him as their ambassador to Grand Lodge he would strenuously endeavour to prove himself in every way worthy of their confidence; they might depend upon it that their interests in Grand Lodge would not be neglected.

Bro. Shurmur next, in very complimentary terms, proposed "The Health of Bro. Harris, W.M. Elect," who, he said, would lead the lodge in the paths of prosperity.

Bro. W. Harris, W.M. elect, in reply, said it would be his humble endeavour to follow in Bro. Shurmur's footsteps, through whom he had learned so much. He asked all the officers and brethren to give him their best support, and to bring him plenty of work. When his year of office came to a close that time next year, he trusted he should leave it in even a better position, both financially and otherwise, than it was at present.

All the initiates and the two joining members responded to the joint toast proposed in their honour.

To the toast of "The Treasurer and Secretary," Bros. Baker and Herbert responded.

Bro. Baker, P.M., Treas., in the course of his remarks, informed the brethren that he had been selected to nominate Bro. Shurmur for the office of Grand Treasurer. He at first refused when he was asked by brethren to do so, feeling himself incompetent to perform the duty properly; but the brethren insisted that he should, and he had to consent. He would nominate Bro. Shurmur, and do it as well as he could in that assembly which represented the nobility and aristocracy of the kingdom and the leaders of the arts and sciences.

Bros. Orlton Cooper and Buchanan responded for "The Visitors."

All the officers who were present replied to the toast of "The Officers."

The Tyler's toast closed the proceedings.

The jewels were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

PROVINCIAL MEETINGS.

HEATON NORRIS.

Egerton Lodge (No. 1030).—The first regular meeting (after the installation of Bro. Wilson as W.M. in October last) of this most prosperous lodge was held at the George Hotel, on Monday, the 20th ult. The brethren met at an early hour, having a large amount of business on the summons.

The lodge was opened by the W.M., and after the minutes were read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. Albert E. Broome as a joining member, and declared in his favour. Mr. F. C. Rogers was initiated by Bro. Abraham Pemberton, P.M., P.P.G.D.C. The ballot was then taken for Mr. W. B. Bale, and being declared favourable, he was initiated by Bro. H. Wilson, W.M., who afterwards raised Bro. Herbert R. Greaves to the Sublime Degree of a M.M., delivering to him the traditional history altogether in a manner which was much admired as showing the great ability Bro. Wilson possesses as an exponent of the ritual of Freemasonry. The charge in the First Degree was delivered by Bro. Thos. Knott, I.P.M., Sec., the working tools in this Degree being presented and explained by Bro. Alfd. W. Pemberton, J.W., and those of the Third Degree by Bro. G. B. Goodfellow, S.W. Bro. Wm. A. Vaughan, P.M., acted as Deacon for the three candidates in a manner which could not fail to impress them with the seriousness and responsibility of the duties of Freemasonry. The duties of Director of Ceremonies were admirably carried out by Bro. J. W. Abbott, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Charity Representative, who, during the evening, proposed that the usual annual donation of £10 be voted from the Charity Fund of the lodge to the East Lancashire Systematic Benevolent and Educational Institution, also that £5 be voted to the widow of a deceased brother in necessitous circumstances, both propositions being unanimously endorsed by the members, who, indeed, seem to be imbued with the virtue that Charity is the first principal of Freemasonry. "Hearty good wishes" were tendered by the Prov. G. Officers and the visiting brethren, and the lodge was closed after a most pleasant evening.

The following brethren were present: Bros. H. Wilson, W.M.; G. B. Goodfellow, S.W.; A. W. Pemberton, J.W.; the Rev. C. W. Lloyd Evans, Chap.; H. Smith, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., Treas.; T. Knott, I.P.M., Sec.; F. T. Burgess, S.D.; W. Marnoff, J.D.; J. W. Abbott, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., D.C.; F. Burdett, I.G.; Abraham Pemberton, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; W. A. Vaughan, P.M.; R. B. Preston, P.M.; Geo. L. Vaughan, P.M.; W. H. Vaughan, P.M., P.P.G.R.; H. R. Greaves, and H. T. Fisher. Visitors: Bros. Geo. Whittaker, Jas. Robinson, W.M.; G. Broome, Charles Shaw, George Roberts, C. Edmondson, Rev. John Henn, Chap. 2109; T. Thornhill Shann, W.M. 2109; George S. Smith, P.M., Prov. G. Org.; and W. H. Anderton, I.P.M.

At the social board, which was necessarily short (but most enjoyable) after the long evening of work, the supper being served in the well known *recherché* style of the George Hotel.

The toast of "The Queen and the Craft" was proposed by the Worshipful Master, and responded to by the brethren as true and loyal Masons.

The toast of "The Initiates" was proposed by Bro. Abraham Pemberton, P.M., P.P.G.D.C., who, on rising, said he took that opportunity of thanking the W.M. for having given him two great pleasures that evening, firstly in having asked him to initiate his esteemed friend, Dr. Rogers, into Freemasonry, and again in commanding him to propose the toast of the newly-initiated brethren. He had consulted Bro. Knott, their worthy Secretary, and was informed that upwards of a dozen gentlemen belonging to the medical profession had passed through the various offices of the lodge since its foundation, and he would like, with the Worshipful Master's permission, to claim the attention of the brethren to some remarks which were made by a renowned brother Mason (Bro. R. F. Gould, P.G.D. Eng., and the author of "The History of Freemasonry") at the conclusion of a most interesting paper read before the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, London, in June last, and which he would read from a copy of the Transactions of that lodge. The paper was entitled "Masonic Celebrities—Bro. the Rev. William Stukeley, M.D.," who was initiated January 6th, 1721, and, as the brethren who read that paper would know, was a very eminent Freemason. At the conclusion of the paper, Bro. Gould said: "It had long seemed to him (Bro. Gould) that there were ample materials—if any brother would take the trouble to look for them—for an essay or article 'On the Medical Profession in connection with Freemasonry,' and at some future time he hoped to read a paper before the lodge wherein he should attempt to show that the medical profession had contributed more eminent men to the services of Masonry than any other. Such was his (Bro. Gould's) belief. Freemasonry rose at a single bound into notice and esteem on the Duke of Montague accepting the Grand Mastership in 1721. The Duke was a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, as was also the fourth Noble Grand Master, the Duke of Richmond. The first Deputy Grand Master was Dr. Bale. The first initiate, after a Masonic torpor of some duration, was Dr. Stukeley. One final observation he would make, and it was that he (Bro. Gould) should be glad to receive particulars of any medical brethren, home, foreign, or colonial; in the present or past; who are or were eminent as Masons or practitioners, or in any way whatsoever." Bro. Pemberton added that on that evening they in the Egerton Lodge were in a rather unique position, for not only had they amongst their number an array of medical brethren, as he had before stated, many of whom had risen to eminence both as practitioners and in Masonry, instancing their W.M., Bro. Dr. Henry Wilson, who had risen from the I.G. of the lodge through the various steps of office to fill the chair of K.S. It would be invidious to mention names, but he could not refrain from giving the name of Bro. Dr. Wm. Bale, sen. (the oldest P.M. of the lodge and one of its founders), the father of their youngest candidate of the evening. He concluded by asking the brethren to join him in drinking "The Health of Bro. Dr. Rogers," his true friend, and one whom he had proved to be endowed with true Masonic virtues, before he had the pleasure of proposing him as a candidate for initiation, and that of Bro. Dr. Bale, as a "worthy son of a worthy sire."

The toast was received by the brethren with honours, and feelingly responded to by Bros. Rogers and Bale.

The toast of "The Newly-raised Bro. Herbert Greaves" (who shortly leaves England for India), was proposed by

Bro. Geo. B. Goodfellow, S.W., in appropriate terms, and after a *bon voyage* being given by the brethren.

Bro. Greaves responded, expressing the hope that on his return from Bombay he would be able to spend many pleasant evenings among the brethren of his mother lodge.

The toast of "The Worshipful Master" was proposed by Bro. Wm. A. Vaughan, P.M., and responded to by the W.M., who proposed the toast of "The Visiting Brethren," which was responded to by Bros. S. S. Shann, W.M. 2107, and the Rev. John Henn, Chap. 2109, who expressed their satisfaction with the working of the lodge, and their enjoyment of the hospitality extended to them and the other visiting brethren.

PENDLETON.

Albert Victor Lodge (No. 1773).—The annual meeting and Festival of St. John in connection with the above lodge was held at the Town Hall, on Friday, the 17th ult. The brethren met at an early hour in the day, and, after the ordinary business had been transacted, Bro. Joseph Harrop, P.M., P.P.G.D., with the assistance of several Past Masters of the lodge, installed into the chair of K.S. Bro. T. T. Sefton, S.W., W.M. elect.

A splendid banquet followed, to which the brethren did ample justice. At the festive board the loyal and Masonic toasts were varied by songs and recitations, a very pleasant evening being spent.

There were present at the lodge and subsequent dinner: Bros. Thos. Threlfall, W.M.; J. L. Smith, I.P.M.; T. T. Sefton, S.W.; W. Mosley, J.W.; S. Statham, P.M., P.P.G.T., Chap.; J. Clough, Sec.; J. Clarkson, S.D.; T. M. Brown, J.D.; W. Hardcastle, P.M., P.P.G.D.C.; Wm. Lambert, I.G.; Wm. T. Bleas and Wm. A. Smith, Stewards; J. Harrop, P.M., P.P.G.D.; R. Duxbury, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; B. W. Sefton, P.M.; E. Winterbottom, P.M.; T. Kay, P.M.; E. Holland, P.M.; F. Townson, P.M.; together with many other members of the lodge and visitors.

During the evening a very handsome gold Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Thomas Threlfall, I.P.M., in recognition of his valuable services during the past year. The jewel was manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

SUNDERLAND.

Fenwick Lodge (No. 1389).—The annual meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Park-terrace, on Friday, the 17th ult., for the installation of W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. John Robinson, W.M., presided, and there were also present Bros. Andrew T. Shepherd, S.W., W.M. elect; F. Wade, P.M., D.C.; J. W. Hedley, I.P.M.; Hartley Campbell, P.M., P.J.G.D.; J. Robson Pattison, P.S.G.W.; J. R. Cutter, P.P.G.T.; F. S. Cowper, P.G.S. of W.; G. W. L. Hudson, Treas.; J. D. Todd, P.P.G.S.B.; P. Salmon, Sec.; James Lee, W.M. 2039; W. D. Thompson, W.M. 94; Wm. Birch, P.M., P.P.G. Stwd.; W. C. Readhead, W.M. elect 97; W. Biggam, S.W. 80; J. J. Wilson, P.M. 80, P.P.G. Std. Br.; C. A. Hedley, S.W. 2244; S. W. Rackley, 80, P.G. Stwd.; T. Grieve, P.M., Tyler; T. Campbell, S.D.; F. Turvey, Stwd.; J. C. Moor, P.M. 97, P.P.G.D.; P. Maddison, and others.

The W.M. elect, Bro. Andrew T. Shepherd, was duly presented by Bro. F. Wade, P.M., D.C., and installed in the chair of the W.M. by Bro. J. W. Hedley, P.M., who performed the ceremony in a very efficient manner. The W.M., Bro. Shepherd, afterwards appointed and invested the following officers: Bros. John Robinson, I.P.M.; P. Salmon, S.W.; Thomas Campbell, J.W.; George W. L. Hudson, Treas.; J. P. Crawford, Sec.; H. Brown, S.D.; H. Hodgson, J.D.; F. Wade, P.M., D.C.; F. Turvey, I.G.; and Thomas Grieve, P.M., Tyler.

The lodge was afterwards closed, and the annual festival was held in the evening at the Grand Hotel, Bridge-street. The W.M., Bro. A. T. Shepherd, presided, and was supported by Bro. J. Robson Pattison, P.S.G.W., and many other distinguished brethren.

WEST GORTON.

Ashbury Lodge (No. 1459).—An unusually large number of brethren were attracted to the installation ceremony held at the Justice Birch Hotel on Thursday, the 16th ult. Preceding the general function of the day was the initiation of Mr. Tom. W. Downs, this ceremony being performed by Bro. S. C. Richardson, P.M. Bro. W. Bee, P.M., P.P.G.S., acted as Installing Master, and inducted into the principal chair Bro. John Smith, S.W., W.M. elect, who being an invalid, was conveyed to and from the lodge by special carriage, which was suitably furnished with warming apparatus.

At the festive board which followed the banquet, Bro. W. Beaslow, P.M., presented to Bro. W. Drabble, I.P.M., on behalf of the members, a handsome Past Master's jewel. Bro. C. Wallworth, P.M., also presented to Bro. J. Wright, P.M., a Past Treasurer's jewel, while Bro. Thos. Hughes, P.M., made a similar presentation to Bro. S. C. Richardson, P.M.

The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were followed by songs, recitations, and instrumental music rendered by Bros. W. Williamson, C. Jackson, W. Beaslow, F. W. Burgess, J. T. Trotter, J. McKinlay, A. Barber, and others.

The following, amongst others, were present: Bros. T. Aspinall, P.M.; J. W. Abbott, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C.; and S. Chamberlain. Visitors: Bros. Fred. Hilton, P.M., Prov. G.D.C.; Councillor Walter Newton, P.M. 1322, P.P.J.G.D.; Councillor Thos. Uttley, W.M. 2464; G. W. Barnes, W.M. 581; W. J. Melling, P.M. 2185; Geo. Parker, W.M. 1083; and C. Farrington, P.M. 1633. Fifty-two brethren sat down to the banquet.

The whole of the jewels were manufactured by Bro. George Kenning.

YORK.

Albert Victor Lodge (No. 2328).—The installation meeting of this lodge took place on Tuesday, the 28th ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, St. Saviourgate, when Bro. J. E. Jones was placed in the chair by his predecessor, Bro. C. E. L. Wright. Previous to the installation, Bro. T. B. Whytehead, P.M., initiated his eldest son, Mr. T. B. H. Whytehead, into Freemasonry. The officers were appointed and invested as follows: F. Shaun, S.W.; J. P. Carr, J.W.; Rev. E. Bulmer, Chap.; W. Lawton, P.M., Treas.; Chas. Turner, Sec.; E. R. Dodsworth, S.D.; C. E. Wood, J.D.; H. L. Swift, P.M., D.C.; W. C. Oldfield, I.G.; C. G. Padel, P.M., Org.; H. J. Rudgard, Stwd.; and R. Parkin, Tyler.

Subsequently the brethren enjoyed an excellent dinner in the banqueting room.

Royal Arch.

Covent Garden Chapter (No. 1614).—The installation meeting of this young and popular chapter was held at the Criterion, Piccadilly, W., on the 26th Oct., when there were present Comps. F. Kedge, M.E.Z.; J. Skinner, H.; W. Hancock, J.; C. O. Burgess, Treas., acting as S.N.; G. Reynolds, Scribe E.; A. Bullen, acting as P.S.; J. D. Graham, 1st A.S.; G. H. Foan, 2nd A.S.; R. F. Potter, Janitor; J. Coltart, I.P.Z.; S. Hewett, P.Z.; H. G. Walker, J. Rowe, W.M. Carter, J. T. Blyth, G. Stacey, P.Z.; J. Rusterholtz, J. Hansen, W. R. Faulks, Dr. A. Nutt, W. J. Thrussell, W. H. Hoggins, N. Dukas, J. Woodward, and others. Visitors: Comps. J. R. Harnell, G. R. Langley, 1326, P.G.T. Midx., and W. Cleghorn, P.Z. 185.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the convocation held on the 22nd June last were read and confirmed. Correspondence was read, which included letters from absent companions not being able to attend the convocation. A ballot was taken for the following brethren to be exalted: Bros. Walter Downes, 1614; Dr. Anthony Nutt, 2410; and Naphali Dukas, 2398. The ballot was unanimous, and Bros. Dr. A. Nutt and N. Dukas being in attendance, were exalted in a very impressive manner. The appropriate lectures were delivered by Comps. J. Coltart, P.Z.; J. Skinner, H.; and W. Hancock, J. The Principals were installed, assisted by Comp. J. Coltart, P.Z., as follows: Comps. John Skinner, M.E.Z.; W. Hancock, H.; and G. R. Langley, P.Z., acting as J. (in the unavoidable absence of Comp. G. Coleman, who was unanimously elected J. at the previous meeting). The officers for the ensuing year are Comps. C. O. Burgess, Treas.; G. Reynolds, S.E.; G. H. Foan, S.N.; A. L. Bullen, P.S.; C. A. Frommholz, 1st A.S.; J. D. Graham, 2nd A.S.; G. C. Bond, D.C.; W. Hoggins, Steward; and R. F. Potter, Janitor. The report of the Audit Committee, which is most favourable, was read, received, and adopted. A P.Z.'s jewel was presented to Comp. F. Kedge, I.P.Z., by the M.E.Z., in a few kind words, and the I.P.Z., Comp. F. Kedge, expressed his warmest thanks for the beautiful jewel, assuring the companions that he should always value it, and that he had the interest of the chapter at heart.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to the Prince's Room, where a choice banquet was served under the personal superintendence of Bro. E. P. Bertini, the popular manager, assisted by Bro. A. Oddenino, the new assistant manager.

After the companions had done justice to the good things placed before them, the usual loyal and Grand Chapter toasts were proposed and duly honoured.

The I.P.Z., in proposing "The Health of the M.E.Z.," said that it was his privilege to propose the toast of the evening, and was glad that it had fallen to his lot to do so, as it was a great pleasure. In their M.E.Z. they would find an excellent companion, an earnest Mason, a great supporter of the Charities, and a good ruler for the ensuing year. Words would be wasted for him to say more, and all present wished him health and strength, and a successful year of office.

The M.E.Z., in reply, thanked the I.P.Z. for the kind manner in which he had proposed his health. He had flattered him, but he assured the companions he had done his best for the Royal Arch Order, which he trusted had met with their approval. The chapter had been a great success, and he would do his best to maintain that success; nothing should be wanting on his part to sustain the high reputation the chapter had gained, and he hoped he would not be a disgrace to it.

The M.E.Z., in proposing "The Health of the Exaltees," said that two brethren had been exalted that evening, and he gave them a hearty welcome. He hoped that they felt they had received a good explanation of the Order, and would be spared many years, and become efficient members of the chapter.

Comp. Dr. A. Nutt, in reply, thanked the companions for the honour they had conferred upon him that evening. He said he was made a Mason at the Cape, and joined a medical lodge in London, of which he was S.D. Their worthy Scribe E. had taken much trouble, and had really introduced him to Blue Masonry in this country. He felt it was a great pleasure to be amongst them that evening.

Comp. N. Dukas said he thanked the companions for the bottom of his heart for the honour conferred upon him in admitting and welcoming him into Royal Arch Masonry.

The M.E.Z., in proposing "The Health of the Visitors," said they were well known amongst them, and he gave them a hearty welcome; he hoped they had had a pleasant evening, and that they were also pleased with the working of the chapter. Other visitors would have been present, but circumstances had occurred, over which they had no control, and prevented them. He was grateful for the kind assistance he had received from the visitors, not forgetting Comp. G. R. Langley.

Comp. W. Cleghorn assured the companions that he had enjoyed himself much, and wished the chapter every success.

Comp. G. R. Langley paid a very high compliment to the chapter and said that at any time, if he could be of service, they could always command him. He felt at home with them, and as if he were really a member, always having a kind welcome.

Comp. J. R. Harnell, in reply, said that he never remembered having spent such a pleasant time as he had that evening; the working was grand, the hospitality also. He felt at home, and he could assure the companions when he had an invitation he would be with them.

The M.E.Z., in proposing "The Health of the Past Principals," said they were all good and brave companions, and they had always taken a great interest in the chapter. He knew he could rely upon their support during his year of office.

In reply, the I.P.Z. said he had always felt and appreciated the proud position the companions of the chapter had placed him in. As a great and lasting proof of their love the beautiful jewel bore evidence. To the I.P.Z. (Comp. J. Coltart) he owed a deep obligation for the kind manner in which he had assisted him in his duties that evening.

Comps. S. Hewett and J. Coltart also replied. In proposing "The Health of the Officers," the M.E.Z. said that he was supported by very efficient officers. Their worthy Treasurer had given the chapter a good report, and their worthy Scribe E., Comp. G. Reynolds, whom he did not know much of) was a good and hard-working companion

of the chapter. In fact it was his chapter, and he loved everyone connected with it. He proposed the health of the officers with sincerity and a bumper.

Comp. C. O. Burgess, Treas., replied, saying that he was pleased to state that the funds of the chapter were flourishing and that all was going on well and prosperously, which was a great thing, considering that the chapter was not of long standing.

Comp. G. Reynolds, S.E., thanked the M.E.Z. for the very kind and flattering terms in which he had proposed his health, and the hearty manner in which the companions had received it. His heart was with the chapter, as he could say that he was the originator of the chapter, having proposed it in the mother lodge. It was a great pleasure to know and feel that the chapter was making good and quiet progress. All was going well and satisfactory. The M.E.Z. had said he did not know him, which was a query. When as his companion they had been put into a small cabin on board the City of Richmond steamer for New York, carrying a testimonial to the M.W.G.M. of Maryland, which the M.E.Z. and himself had done, he thought that the M.E.Z. knew more about the Scribe E. than most companions. It was a happy time and never to be forgotten, and he should not have the slightest objection to have such another time. The M.E.Z. made a charming companion, and he should always remember him for his kindness. One thing he could heart, and he (the Scribe E.) would do all in his power for say, that the M.E.Z. had the interest of the chapter at its future success, and assist him. He was sorry that Bro. W. Downes, of the Covent Garden Lodge, who had been unanimously elected, was not with them that evening. He had been called away in the country, but he hoped the companions would see Bro. Downes with them at their next meeting in March.

The other officers spoke, assuring the M.E.Z. they would do all they could in their power to assist him.

The Janitor's toast brought the evening to a most successful and enjoyable ending.

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Comp. W. J. Thrussell, and gave every satisfaction.

CHINGFORD.

Shurmur Chapter (No. 2374).—The first installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Royal Forest Hotel, on Thursday, the 23rd ult. The members present included Comps. W. Shurmur, P.P.G.J., M.E.Z.; Geo. Graveley, P.P.G.A.S., H.; W. E. Dring, Prov. G.H., J.; J. Pinder, P.Z., S.E.; J. Byford, Jun., S.N.; Jas. Speller, P.S.; F. White, P.P.G.J.; Ben. Johnson, W. Gower, W. B. Horseman, Rev. Dr. Dunbar, J. R. Carter, J. Holland, C. H. Bestow, J. Hamilton, S. C. Kaufman, A. Cumington, and G. C. Clark. Visitors: Comps. J. Boulton, P.Z. 933; C. G. Clutchey, M.E.Z. elect 1683; T. C. Edmonds, P.Z. 1307; H. Dehane, P.Z. 890; and W. W. Lee, J. 1524.

Chapter was opened and the minutes confirmed, after which Bros. Rev. J. R. Buchanan and Lowry were exalted into the Degree. The Principals elect were impressively installed into their respective chairs by Comp. W. Shurmur, P.Z., viz.: Comps. Geo. Graveley, M.E.Z.; W. E. Dring, H.; and James Pinder, P.Z., J. The other officers for the ensuing year are Comps. J. Byford, Jun., P.Z., S.E.; J. Speller, S.N.; N. Fortescue, Treas.; W. S. Wright, P.S.; C. McColla, 1st A.S.; C. Horst, 2nd A.S.; B. Nicholson, D.C.; B. Johnson, A.D.C.; Dr. Haskins, Org.; G. Pointer, W. C. Mann, and J. Holland, Stewards, and Ives, Janitor.

The M.E.Z. was appointed to represent the chapter as a Steward on behalf of the R.M.B.I., and 20 guineas were voted to his list. The Treasurer was authorised to draw a cheque for 20 guineas as a donation to the R.M.I.B. on Comp. Shurmur's list.

Other business was transacted, and the chapter was closed.

After a well-served banquet, the customary toasts were heartily honoured.

Comp. Dr. W. E. Dring, Prov. G.H., replying for "The Prov. Grand Officers," said they appreciated the fact that they held a honoured position in the hearts of the companions. Personally, he was sorry he had to leave them early that evening on professional duties, but thanked them in anticipation of their drinking his health as H. of the chapter.

Comp. F. White, P.P.G.J., also replied, and congratulated the companions on the progress made by the chapter.

Comp. W. Shurmur, I.P.Z., then said that as the Installing Principal it was his privilege to propose the toast of "The M.E.Z." Their distinguished Comp. Graveley held a high position in Royal Arch, Craft, and Mark Masonry, and in the latter he had been very properly rewarded with the collar of P.G. Warden. He was a very active member of the Board of Benevolence, and had again been nominated for that office, the election for which would take place at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, on the 6th December. They hoped his services would be secured for that Board, for they knew he was brimming over with benevolence, and was the right man in the right place. The M.E.Z. had gained the esteem and regard of every member of the chapter by his devotion to their interests and by the ardent zeal with which he had endeavoured and had succeeded in making that chapter a success.

Comp. Geo. Graveley, M.E.Z., responded, and said if he was only worth one-third of the encomiums passed upon him he should be satisfied, but he was afraid he should fail in that. In occupying his present position he felt he was following in the footsteps of the distinguished P.Z. who had placed him in the chair. During his year of office he hoped the companions would bear with his shortcomings, and he would render the ceremony as honestly, thoughtfully, and solemnly as he possibly could. He thanked them for electing him to represent them at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and for the generous donation voted, which was an excellent one for a young chapter.

Comp. J. Pinder, J., responded for "The H. and J.," and thanked the M.E.Z. for his flattering reference to their old friendship. He had always done his best for the chapter, and would continue to do so. The progress of the chapter had been equal to the progress of the Shurmur Lodge, and he hoped they should meet with equal success.

The M.E.Z. then proposed "The Installing Principal," and said last year he had the pleasure of seeing Comp. Shurmur installed as Prov. G.J., but next year he hoped to

see him installed in another direction. He alluded to the Grand Treasurership of England. He felt sure that if the brethren honoured Comp. Shurmur with their confidence, and he was carried in at the top of the poll as they thought he would be, he would do honour to the collar. On behalf of the companions he thanked the I.P.Z. for the hard work he had done during the past 12 months, and asked him to accept a P.Z.'s jewel, not for its value, but for the kind and hearty way in which it was voted. They hoped the day would be long distant before they failed to see him present.

Comp. W. Shurmur, I.P.Z., said it was quite impossible for him to express his grateful appreciation of this very cordial expression of their good feeling and friendship. With regard to the high encomiums which had been passed upon his rendering of the traditional ceremony of exaltation in the addresses to the Principals at the ceremony of installation, it afforded him the greatest gratification and pleasure to find that he had secured their approbation and given them satisfaction. He had taken a very deep interest in those beautiful ceremonies, and he saw his friend and Preceptor, Comp. Edmonds, present, whom he had to thank for his knowledge of the Royal Arch Degree. It had been said there was a slight difference in the working. He had attended two chapters of improvement, and in his opinion the meaning was the same, although the verbiage was different. He had faithfully endeavoured to carry out those ceremonies in the way in which he had been taught, and felt bound to say he thought he had succeeded in conferring the Degree in a manner impressive and making a lasting impression on the minds of the candidates. The M.E.Z. had referred to the exertions of a very large circle of influential friends who had determined that he should be nominated for the very important position of Grand Treasurer. That was of course the highest honour that could be conferred upon any brother. If by their suffrages he was elected to that important position he would strenuously endeavour to prove himself worthy of it. He regarded it as the blue riband of Freemasonry, and if it was their pleasure to confer it upon him he would work night and day to prove himself worthy of it. As to his exertions in this chapter he could only say it had afforded him very great pleasure, and if he had given them satisfaction he was more than repaid for the many hours he had spent in chapters of improvement. He could sincerely commend to those companions who were desirous of becoming proficient the Camden Chapter of Improvement, of which Comp. Edmonds was now the admirable and painstaking Preceptor. He had to thank them for the handsome P.Z.'s jewel. He valued it very highly, not only for its intrinsic value, but for the hearty way in which it was voted to him, and he should always regard it as a souvenir of a very happy year of office. He thanked them from the fulness of an overflowing heart.

Comps. Rev. Buchanan and Lowry replied for "The Exaltees," after which

"The Visitors" was given in kindly terms, and duly replied to.

"The Masonic Charities" was acknowledged by Comps. Dehane and White, two members of the Essex Provincial Charity Committee, and

"The Officers" having been honoured, the Janitor's toast terminated the proceedings.

HIGHBRIDGE.

Vale of Jehoshaphat Chapter (No. 291).—The installation meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Rooms, Railway Hotel, on the 24th ult. Among those present were Comps. R. C. Else, P.G. Supt., P.G. Std. Eng.; C. L. Thomas, M.E.Z.; H. B. Crouch, H.; A. W. C. Peskett, J.; T. H. Railton, S.E.; Hitchings Davies, S.N.; T. G. Coggan, P.S.; J. Bain Sincok, 1st A.S.; J. H. Sharpe, acting 2nd A.S.; W. Woodward, Janitor; B. C. Board, P.Z.; T. Floyd Norris, P.Z.; E. Wade, P.Z.; J. Cornwall, P.Z.; and A. E. Burnett, Visitors: Comps. E. A. Crosse, P.G.D.C., and R. Norton, P.G. Org.

The minutes of the previous convocation having been read and confirmed, Comp. R. C. Else, P.G. Supt., ably and impressively installed Comps. Crouch as M.E.Z.; Peskett as H.; and Railton, as J. The following investitures took place: Comps. J. Burnett, P.Z., Treas. (by deputy); Hitchings Davies, S.E.; T. G. Coggan, S.N.; J. Bain Sincok, P.S.; Chapman, 1st A.S. (by deputy); and J. H. Sharpe, 2nd A.S. The new Janitor, Comp. James Atkins Ashwell, was appointed in place of the aged Past Janitor, Comp. Wm. Woodward. A vote of thanks was passed to the Installing Principal and other Provincial officers who assisted in the ceremony.

The chapter was then closed, and the companions adjourned to a well-served banquet.

Mark Masonry.

HUDDERSFIELD.

Truth Lodge (No. 137).—On Friday, the 24th ultimo, the installation meeting was duly held at the Masonic Hall, Fitzwilliam-street. The lodge was opened by Bro. W. E. Smithies, W.M., supported by Bros. J. F. Dyson, S.W.; T. Jackson, J.W.; A. Rowe, Sec.; A. Armitage, M.O.; T. G. Howell, J.O.; J. Brook, Org.; R. Williamson, P.M., P.P.G.W.; T. A. Heaps, S.D.; F. W. Marriott, S. A. Radcliffe, T. Nicholson, P.M.; and the W.M., W.M. elect, and several brethren of Lodges Nos. 58 and 111.

After the minutes had been read, the Prov. G.M., Bro. C. L. Mason, P.G. Steward, entered, accompanied by Bros. John Barker, P.G.I. of W., D.P.G.M., and J. Matthewman, P.G. Sec. These brethren having been saluted, the Prov. Grand Master addressed the W.M. and brethren of the lodge, thanking them for their reception and salutation, and congratulating the W.M. on the success of the lodge under his rule. The Dep. Prov. G.M. also thanked the brethren for his reception. The W.M., Bro. Smithies, replied, thanking the illustrious visitors for their kind remarks, and expressed his pleasure at their presence that evening. The next business was the installation of Bro. J. F. Dyson, S.W., W.M. elect. Bro. Smithies vacated the chair and handed the gavel to the D.P.G.M., Bro. John Barker, who proceeded with the ceremony, and installed the W.M. elect in a most able manner. The newly-installed W.M. appointed the following officers: Bros. T. Jackson, S.W.; A. Armitage, P.M., J.W.; J. Marshall, P.P.G.

Treas., Treas. (elected); A. Rowe, Sec.; J. Naylor, M.O.; T. G. Howell, S.O.; T. A. Heaps, J.O.; J. Brook, S.D. and Org.; S. A. Radcliffe, J.D.; J. Sladden, I.G.; and H. Shaw, Tyler.

After the Installing Master had given the addresses to the W.M., officers, and brethren, and "Hearty good wishes" had been expressed by all present, the lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to partake of refreshment under the presidency of the new W.M., after which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and a most successful meeting brought to a happy conclusion.

STOCKPORT.

Benevolent Lodge (No. 67).—The installation meeting was held on Tuesday, the 28th ultimo, at the White Lion Hotel. Bro. H. Finch, W.M., opened the lodge; Bro. James Cookson, S.W., W.M. elect, acted as Secretary, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. T. W. Markland; Bro. John Marshall, G.S.B. England, acted as S.W.; and Bro. Rev. Chetwynd Atkinson, W.M. Stamford Lodge, acted as J.W. The ballot was taken for Bros. J. R. R. Jeffery and Wm. B. Flower, and, both being favourable, they, in company of Bro. Bourne, of the Alan Lodge, and who had previously been favourably balloted for, were advanced by Bro. Wm. Cartwright, P.P.J.G.W., who performed the ceremonies in a very distinguished manner. Bro. James Cookson, S.W., W.M. elect, was presented to the Installing Master, Bro. Cartwright, by Bro. H. Finch, I.P.M., and, after the usual formula, the brethren retired, and Bro. Cookson was duly inducted into the chair of the honourable Mark Degree, carrying with him that high dignity which he always maintains in whatever position he is elected to in Freemasonry. In fact he quickly illustrated his great knowledge by conducting the remainder of the lodge business in a masterly manner, and at the close of the lodge gave a most beautiful charge to the brethren before departing, which was much appreciated. The officers for the ensuing year were invested by the W.M., and they were addressed by Bro. John Marshall, P.G. Std. Br. Eng., who also presented the working tools and delivered the addresses to the Master, Wardens, Overseers, and brethren generally. Bro. Marshall appears to us a marvel in Masonic work. We have seen him at different times called upon at a moment's notice to perform ceremonies in the Craft, Arch, Allied Degrees, K.T., &c., and he is always ready to perform any ceremony in a most impressive manner. "Hearty good wishes" were expressed from many visiting brethren. There were present: Bros. H. Finch, W.M.; James Cookson, S.W.; Harry Gordon Small, J.W.; W. Cartwright, P.P.J.G.W.; Wm. Booth, P.M., P.P.G.D. of C.; P. D. Hayes, and L. Jagger. Visitors: Richard Newhouse, P.G.D. Eng.; John Marshall, G.S.B. Eng.; John Clayton, P.G.W.; Chas. Heywood, P.M., P.P.G.M.O.; G. S. Smith, P.M., P.G. Org.; and Rev. J. Cnetwynd Atkinson, W.M. 1st, Prov. G. Chap.

At the close of the business the brethren adjourned to a banquet, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. Bro. James Cookson presided.

Knights Templar.

Shadwell Clerke Preceptory (No. 154).—A convocation was held at 33, Golden-square, on the 16th ult., when Sir Knight W. A. Scurrah was assisted by Sir Knights Gregory, Shirley, McDowall, Treas.; H. Lovegrove, Registrar; J. Shilcock, T. G. Robinson, Capel, and others.

Sir Knight George Gregory was elected E.P., and Sir Knight Scurrah, Treas. A priory of Malta was opened, when Sir Knights Stuart Brown, M.S., and G. W. Capel were installed as Knights of Malta, the chief portions of the ceremony being admirably rendered by Sir Knight H. H. Shirley. A banquet at the Criterion followed.

Ancient and Accepted Rite.

SHEFFIELD.

Talbot Chapter (No. 16).—The regular meeting of this chapter was held at the Masonic Hall on Friday, the 17th ult. The M.W.S., Ill. Bro. W. C. Finken, 30°, was unable to be present. The chair was taken by Ill. Bro. W. Colver, P.M.W.S. Present: W. H. Brittain, 32°, P.M.W.S., S.G.I.G. North-Eastern District; Robert Arnison, 30°, P.M.W.S.; J. F. Moss, 30°, P.M.W.S.; W. Roddewig, 30°, P.M. W.S.; R. W. Wordsworth, P.M.W.S.; H. H. Andrew, 30°; H. Pawson, V. G. S. Dearden, W. Gray, W. Middleton, 1st General; Cornu, E. Holmes, Bassett, W. C. Fox, George Wilkinson, Equerry; and T. Leyton, Asst. Equerry.

The chapter was opened, and the minutes of the last regular meeting read and confirmed. Ill. Bro. W. H. Brittain, S.G.I.G. of North-Eastern District, was received under an arch of steel. The ballot was taken for Bro. E. J. E. Marples, W.M. Ivanhoe Lodge, No. 1779, which proved in his favour, and he was perfected in a very impressive manner by the acting M.W.S. Apologies were read from Bro. R. Roper, Prelate, on account of illness, also from Ill. Bro. Fisher Tasker, P.M.W.S., Recorder. The alms were collected, and the chapter was closed, and Ill. Bro. W. H. Brittain, G.I.G., retired under an arch of steel.

A sumptuous banquet followed, prepared by Bro. Turner, the Hall Steward.

The usual toasts peculiar to this Degree were proposed and heartily responded to.

The Duke of Saxe-Coburg Gotha (Duke of Edinburgh) presided at the final meeting which was held at the Marlborough Club, on Tuesday evening, of the Committee which took in hand the restoration of Burnham Thorpe Church in honour of Lord Nelson. The accounts showed a surplus in hand of close on £337, and it was resolved that this sum should be handed over to the rector to be used by him in completely restoring the tower of the church. His Royal Highness was subsequently presented with a photogravure of three notices in the parish book containing Nelson's name. Copies of these will, in due course, be sent to the Queen and the Prince of Wales.



The Lady Mayoress visited the head-quarters of the London Rifle Brigade on Saturday last, for the purpose of distributing the regimental and other prizes among the successful marksmen.

The Duke and Duchess of York have returned to York Cottage, Sandringham, from their visit to Bro. Lord and Lady Amherst of Hackney, and on Saturday last were joined by the Duke and Duchess of Teck.

The Owl Club had a Ladies' Night in the Great Hall of the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on Monday evening. There was a capital attendance and an excellent programme, which was carried out most successfully.

The Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, M.P., has been confined to his house for some days past by an attack of influenza, but he is reported to be going on most favourably, and will no doubt be able to resume his Parliamentary duties at an early date.

Duke Alfred of Saxe-Coburg returned to town on Sunday afternoon from Windsor Castle, where he had been on a visit to the Queen, and is now on his way to join the Duchess at Coburg, where it is expected they will continue to reside for some time.

Princess Christian, accompanied by her daughter, Princess Aribert of Anhalt Dessau, opened the handsome new library which has recently been erected in the Walworth-road by the Parish of St. Mary, Newington, at a cost of about £17,000.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, during his recent visit to Bro. Lord and Lady Wantage at Lockinge House, Berks, took the opportunity of inspecting the statue of Alfred the Great, which stands in the Market-place of Wantage, the birth-place of that illustrious monarch.

The remains of the late Lady Henniker were interred in the family vault at Thornham Magna, Suffolk, on Saturday last, among the mourners being Bro. Lord Henniker, husband of the deceased lady, the Hon. E. and the Hon. E. M. Henniker-Major, and other members of the family.

The Prince of Wales, having concluded his visit to Bro. Lord Suffield at Gunton Park, returned to Sandringham on Saturday last, where he was joined by the Russian Ambassador and Madame and Mdle. de Staal, Bro. Lord and Lady Randolph Churchill, and the Rev. E. Sheppard.

The Earl of Elgin, the newly appointed Viceroy of India, arrived on a visit to the Queen at Windsor Castle, on Saturday evening last. His lordship dined with her Majesty, and stayed for the night at the Castle, where he was joined the following day by the Countess of Elgin, who had also been invited.

Bro. J. Mowlem Burt presided at a livery dinner of the Loriners' Company on Tuesday, the 19th ult., at the Cannon-street Hotel. There was a large company of guests, including the Lord Mayor, Bro. Alderman Tyler, and Bros. Aldermen Moore and Dimsdale.

A performance of the late Michael Balfe's "Bohemian Girl" was given at Drury Lane Theatre, on Monday, it being the 50th anniversary of its production, the first performance having taken place at the same theatre on the 27th November, 1843. The house was crowded in every part, and Bro. Sir Augustus Harris had provided a most efficient cast, so that the opera went well throughout, and was from time to time vociferously applauded.

It appears that the excessive rains of Saturday last have caused a considerable amount of damage to the Manchester Ship Canal, water from the upper reaches of the Mersey and Irwell overflowing the sluices between Warrington and Runcorn. On Sunday morning last the water rose from 15 feet to 40 feet, making serious breaches in the embankment between La chford and Runcorn, and giving the country the appearance of a huge lake. The gap is about 60 feet wide.

Bro. the Duke and Duchess of Abercorn left Lambton Castle at the conclusion of their visit to Bro. the Earl of Durham on Saturday last, and on Monday they went on a visit to the Marchioness of Blandford and the Duke of Marlborough, in order to be present at the festivities in connection with the coming of age of the latter. The Duke completed his 20th year in November, 1892, but the then recent death of his father rendered necessary a postponement of the festivities in connection with the attainment of his majority.

The Prince of Wales, Supreme Grand Master of the Order of the Temple, has appointed Sir Knight the Rev. Dr. T. W. Lemon, Provincial Prior of Devonshire, to be a Knight Commander of the Temple. His Royal Highness has deputed the Great Prior of England and Wales, the Earl of Lathom, to hold an investiture of the Order at the meeting of the National Great Priory on the 8th inst., when the newly-appointed Knights Grand Crosses and Knights Commanders will be invested with the insignia of their rank.

At the National Cycle Show at the Crystal Palace, which opens to-day (Friday), a prominent position will be occupied by the Juno Cycles, which appear to be rapidly coming to the front. Upwards of 20 of these machines of the Metropolitan Machinists' Company's 1894 patterns will be on view, among which are a light Juno roadster safety, weighing the marvellously light weight of only 24 lbs.; a Juno road racer, 20 lbs.; a Juno lady's safety, of very neat and pretty build, and provided with an admirable dress-guard, which should recommend it to all lady riders; a Juno military safety, for either soldier or sportsman. We understand that cycling is decidedly on the increase not only at home, but abroad, there being hardly a district in the world, where the roads are tolerable, to which the Juno has not been exported during 1893. To the far East, India, China, and Japan, at the Cape, in the West Indies, it is well known to riders as a sound and reliable mount, besides in various places on the Continent of Europe. Incidentally we may mention that the total value of cycles exported during 1893, as shown by the Customs' returns, approaches a million sterling.

We find the following announcement in the columns of the Brighton Gazette and Sussex Telegraph: "We are very pleased to announce, for the information of the Craft, that the worthy and much esteemed Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Bro. James M. McLeod, will, on Tuesday next, the 5th December, lead to the altar the accomplished Miss S. Bonner, of Tunbridge Wells, the nuptial ceremony to take place in the latter fashionable town, and whereat there will be a large gathering of Masonic brethren." We share the pleasure of our contemporary in giving publicity to the announcement, and would like in addition to offer our congratulations and best wishes to the happy pair.

Bro. Lord Herschell (Lord Chancellor) has given orders that the County Courts may be closed on the 22nd, 23rd, and 26th inst., that is to say from Friday to Tuesday, both inclusive.

The bazaar which was recently opened at Glasgow in aid of the Hospital for Incurables at Broomhall, and remained open for four days, has resulted in the raising of the sum of £11,000 for that excellent Institution.

The Duke of Connaught has announced that a new company to be composed of men of the 2nd Devonshire, 2nd East Kent, and 2nd North Staffordshire Regiments will next week be added to the Regular Mounted Infantry Regiment at Aldershot.

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.

Mr. Spencer Walpole, the new Secretary of the General Post Office, made his first appearance in that capacity on Wednesday at a dinner given at Freemasons' Tavern by the conductors of "The Post Office Magazine." The dinner was representative of the whole of the General Post Office.

The action brought by M. Guffanti against the Empire Palace Company for alleged damage to the Monte Carlo Hotel, in consequence of vibration caused by working their electric engines, has resulted in favour of the Empire Palace Company on every point. All costs to be paid by M. Guffanti.

The services rendered by Bro. Henry Lovegrove, as honorary judge and lecturer at working men's clubs in South London, have been recognised by his election as President of the Peckham Fanciers' Association, and Vice-President of the New Leghorn Club recently formed at the Crystal Palace Poultry Show.

A meeting of the Fishmongers' and Poulterers' Institution was held on Thursday, the 23rd ult., for the election of three pensioners of £20 a year each. To each of the four unsuccessful candidates was given a gratuity of £2 2s. In the event of a vacancy occurring before next June, the candidate first on the list will succeed to it without another election. Bro. J. Larkin, Chairman, presided at the meeting.

Major-General Lord Methuen, commanding the Home District, distributed the prizes won by the successful shots of the West London (4th Middlesex) Rifles, at their headquarters, Abingdon Villas, Kensington, on Saturday evening, among those present being General Lord Chelmsford, honorary colonel of the regiment. The principal prize was the Daily Telegraph Cup, which was won by a team of the regiment under Capt. A. Sutherland Harris, at the meeting of the National Rifle Association at Bisley, in the past summer.

A new and original grand dramatic ballet in four tableaux, entitled "Don Quixote," will be produced at the Alhambra Theatre on Monday, the 11th inst. It is adapted by Mr. Athol Mayhew, the dances and action being invented and arranged by Signor Casati, and the music specially composed by M. Georges Jacobi. A strong company of artistes has been engaged. The characters of Don Quixote and Sancho Panza, it is stated, have been faithfully modelled after Gustave Dore's famous pictures, and the story of Cervantes' immortal work has been adhered to with fidelity.

Major-General Lord Methuen having in view the possible advance on London of an enemy coming by way of Croydon, and having posted an imaginary army in Battersea Park, sent out Lord Falmouth with three battalions of the Guards to cover this force. It was capital marching weather, and, between 10 and 11 on Thursday, the long thoroughfare that runs from the Brighton-road at Streatham through Norwood, and over Crown-hill, Central-hill, Gipsy-hill, and Westow-hill, past the Crystal Palace, down to Sydenham-hill station, was all alive with the scarlet coats and bearskins, having just a few of the 8th Hussars to help in keeping the touch of the several columns, while all the roads southward were patrolled by guardsmen and cavalry scouts. Lord Methuen is carrying out the principle that the defence of London should be an idea rendered thoroughly familiar to officers and men quartered in the metropolis.

Princess Christian, who was accompanied by Prince Christian, visited the Royal School of Art Needlework, South Kensington, of which she is President, to receive purses in aid of the fund for the new building which is to be erected hard by the Imperial Institute. Her Royal Highness was received by Lady Elcho (President of the associates of the school) and Miss Wade, the manageress, and among others present were Lady Dallas, the Hon. Mrs. Murray Smith, the Hon. Constance Hamilton-Russell, and Mrs. Culme-Seymour. The contributions, which amounted to over £150, were presented in blue art linen purses made at the schools, and the Princess, in thanking the donors, said she hoped their example would stimulate others to help forward an institution of which she was very proud. The school is at present filled with artistic and useful exhibits, suitable for gifts and Christmas presents.

COMMERCE WITH ITS SPREADING WINGS, has traversed the globe many times, and binds nations together with the strong ties of mutual self-interest. Through its influence London has become the metropolis of the world, and her merchants have amassed wealth sufficient to make them the envy of princes. Holloway's Pills and Ointment have now become essential articles of commerce with all parts of the world. They have effected cures which have seemed miraculous, and given relief in complaints when all hope had been lost. In all known diseases their success has at all times been wonderful. In cases of disorders of the stomach, bile, liver complaint, indigestion, fevers, ague, &c., they act like a charm, as the cure is speedy and certain.

The Prince of Wales left town on Thursday afternoon for Sandringham.

Bro. Dr. E. P. Philpots has retired from the management of Bourne Hall, Bournemouth.

Bro. W. J. Hughan, P.G.D., delivered a lecture at Torquay last week on "The Reading Room of the British Museum," a subject which was treated by our erudite brother with much ability.

The "Life of Pleasure," which has had such a successful run at Drury Lane, will be transferred on Monday, the 11th inst., to the Royal Princesses Theatre, Oxford-street, to enable the necessary preparations to be made for the Christmas pantomime, "Robinson Crusoe."

A meeting of the Cordwainer Ward Lodge, No. 2241, was held at the Cannon-street Hotel on Wednesday, the 15th ult. Bro. J. Robertson Reep, W.M., presided, and was assisted by Bros. F. W. Potter, S.W.; Greening, J.W.; H. Lovegrove, Sec.; Pimbury, J.D.; and Soper, I.G. Bro. Bauer was passed to the Second Degree.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. Sir Archibald Orr-Ewing, Bart., at his residence, Ballikerrin, near Glasgow. The deceased was born in 1818, and had sat in the House of Commons for Dumbartonshire from 1868 to 1892. He is succeeded by his son William, who was born in 1848, and is a Captain in the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

A letter, posted three months ago at Stockwell, for Hampstead, got inside a newspaper addressed to the manager of a gold mine in Swaziland, and remained there until the paper was opened at its destination. The letter was re-enclosed, and yesterday handed to the firm whose address the envelope bore. The distance between Stockwell and Hampstead included a voyage of some 15,000 miles.

Bro. Lord Roberts, in an address he delivered to the Lincolnshire Artillery Volunteers at Grimsby, on Monday evening, said it was necessary our principal ports and harbours should be properly protected by fortifications, guns, and submarine mines, and that it would be the duty of the volunteer artillery to man the guns in conjunction with the regular forces and the militia.

On Saturday, the 18th ult., the foundation-stone of the Titwood Established Church, Pollokshields, Glasgow, was laid with Masonic honours by Lord Blythswood. The church is at the corner of Glencairn Drive and Leslie-road, will cost about £10,000, and accommodation will be provided for over 1000 persons. Designed in the 15th century style, the structure is cruciform in plan.

MASONIC BALL AT CLECKHEATON.—On Friday night the second annual ball of the Zetland Lodge was held at the Town Hall, Cleckheaton, which had been splendidly decorated and furnished. The M.C.'s were Bros. James Clough and T. S. Dawson; and the Stewards were Bros. S. Law, F. Law, S. H. Stocks, H. Waddington, W. Agar, J. Birkhead, F. Hirst, S. Halliday, R. B. Hartley, and F. Newsome. Robinson's band furnished the music.

The Canadian mammoth cheese has been shipped by the Dominion Government on board the s.s. Laurentian, of the Allan Line, which is expected to arrive at Liverpool about the 29th inst. The American papers state that this gigantic cheese was one of the most attractive hits at the World's Fair Exhibition, Chicago. It weighs something like 24,000 25,000 lbs. (nearly 12 tons), and it has been shipped to Lipton, the well-known tea and provision merchant, who will, we understand, exhibit it throughout the country.

ROYAL AQUARIUM, WESTMINSTER.—The National Chrysanthemum Society will hold its last show of the year on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday next, December 6th, 7th, and 8th. The society this year has achieved phenomenal success—its last display having been pronounced the finest ever held. Next week, in addition to the ever popular chrysanthemum, Christmas flowering, and berried plants will be on view, and, altogether, an exceptional December show may be anticipated.

The Committee of the Masonic ball—which is to be held in the Town Hall on January 9th—met on Friday last, at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, under the presidency of Bro. T. H. W. Walker, P.P.G. Treasurer. The catering for the ball was placed in the able hands of Bro. Thomas Wood, of Bold-street, and the music entrusted to Bro. George Eytan. Bro. H. M. Molyneux, P.P.G.D., will again be M.C.—a post he has held a great many years. A large number of Stewards were nominated, and, judging by the activity of the members of the Committee, the ball seems likely to be a most successful and enjoyable re-union.

The Royal Amateur Orchestral Society gave its first smoking concert during the present season at the Queen's Hall, Langham-place, on Monday evening, among those present being the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Connaught, Prince Victor of Hohenlohe, Bro. the Duke of Fife, Bro. Lord Herschell (Lord Chancellor), the Russian Ambassador, Bros. Lord Carrington, the Earl of Lathom, Lord Suffield, Lord Amherst of Hackney, Sir Frederick Abel, and Sir Joseph Barnby, and Sir George Lewis. Duke Alfred of Saxe-Coburg Gotha occupied his old seat at the leader's desk.

The Crystal Palace has long been recognised as the finest and most luxurious show place in the kingdom, and this fact will never be more fully realised by the British public than when they visit the National Cycle Show, which will be open from the 1st to the 9th inst. Nearly 2000 machines of the newest pattern, by the oldest manufacturing firms, who have made a name all over the world, and whose new designs and latest productions are exhibited nowhere else, will be staged in the grand central nave and transepts, with surroundings which leave nothing to be desired in the way of picturesqueness and beauty. Every branch of the cycle industry will be represented, and as an exhibition solely connected with the sport of cycling, this will indisputably be the grandest on record. This attractive exhibition will be supplemented by vocal and instrumental promenade concerts, plays and comic operas, orchestral and military band performances, and amusing cycling, variety, and other entertainments.

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